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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 25, 1907.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT.

A plan for civic government which
has been discussed of late by a num-
ber of citizens has been placed before
the Star, for the consideration of the
people. While details have not been
fully worked out, the system as out-
lined would seem to be one worthy of
a fair trial, and might possibly over-
come many of the unpleasant features
now found in the method of conduct-
ing public business.

It is recognized that the mayor of
St. John is little more than a figure
head, that he is seldom looked upon
as a leader, that he holds his auth-
ority, and maintains his dignity only
sufferance of other members of the
council. This, it is suggested, should
be altogether changed, and the mayor
given all those powers to which he
is entitled by his position of chief
magistrate. This would involve the
shouldering of all responsibility for
the carrying out of the public policy,
and would necessitate well applied and
continuous devotion to business. Place
the mayor in the position of premier,
and surround him with a cabinet, the
whole system of government to be
modelled after that existing in the
Dominion—regardless of the senate—
or in the provinces.

There are four principal departments
of public affairs, safety, treasury,
public works and water and sewer-
age. Add to these one other, say the
ferry department, or by dividing the
public works make a new branch to
include the street department.

Over these five, place the best men
in the council, and make every one
of these chairmen responsible to the
people for the proper administration
of his share of affairs. Form, as at
the present time, governing boards for
each department, but make the num-
bers of aldermen on such boards
smaller than those now existing,
though not in any case less than five.
Let none of the five chairmen appear
on any of the boards other than those
over which they preside.

This organization being completed,
with the mayor in the position of
premier and the chairmen of commit-
tees as a cabinet, the council as a
whole would of course represent the
legislature and would receive for con-
sideration and pass upon all questions
of policy proposed by the cabinet. The
members of the latter should report in
executive session all matters dealt
with by the various boards, and the
decisions of the executive be placed be-
fore the full council. Meetings of such
an executive would of course be of a
private nature; the discussions of the
various boards would be condensed and
either agreed to or rejected, but in any
case the chairman making the report
should state not only the views of his
board but his own ideas as well, and
make his suggestions as a member of
the executive rather than as one of an
advisory board. Upon placing any
proposition before the council it would
be the policy of the executive to appear
as a unit, for even though differences
of opinion might exist, the decision of
the majority should be accepted.

It is thought that by following such
a plan, rather loosely outlined, civic
business would be greatly facilitated,
the interminable discussions particu-
larly in by members of unwieldy
boards could be done away with, and
responsibility for losses methods de-
voted on the proper parties. As the minister
of public works at Ottawa has prac-
tically no authority in his
own department, subject only to the
advice of his leader and to the ap-
proval of the people, so should the chairman
of public works be given control in his
department, merely consulting the
mayor and members of the executive
on important undertakings.

This method is proposed for the con-
sideration of St. John electors.

THE JURY ACT.

It is nearly time for someone to wake
up and force through the federal and
provincial legislatures a bill amending
the existing jury acts. Those by
which the high sheriffs in Canada are
now governed were made many years
ago, and should have been discarded
very soon afterwards. Under present
conditions, taking St. John as an ex-
ample, those men eligible for jury ser-
vice comprise about one-fifth of the
ratepayers. No one assessed on income
alone may be chosen; personal and real
property only are recognized; the ma-
jority of the leading professions are ex-
empt, as are also militiamen, firemen
and various others. In Queens ward,
the richest in St. John, there are about
a thousand taxpayers, only three hun-
dred of whom pay on real or personal
estate, and from these three hundred
must be taken all men over sixty years
of age, all doctors, lawyers, ministers,
militiamen, firemen and some others.
The fact that a man has ability to earn
a living is not sufficient to qualify him
for the service of the people, but the
individual whose father left him a
piece of property, has all the attributes
necessary. A merchant whose business
demands close attention is summoned
to court, but the lawyer, with a mind

trained especially in reasoning such
matters as come before juries is ex-
empt. Why should the most highly
educated men, those whose lives have
been spent in the training of their in-
tellects and in the application of logical
principles to questions on all subjects,
be considered undesirable and asked to
give place to others to whom jury
duty is a strange and mysterious task?
The many exemptions included in the
old acts tend to selection of by no
means representative juries; hinder the
court officials in the proper adminis-
tration of their office; and prove an in-
justice to those who go before the
courts for settlement of their difficul-
ties.

The Star, which in common with other
St. John newspapers, has given the
freedom of its columns to the extent of
several hundred dollars, to the Man-
nion Club rejoices in the knowledge that
the manager of the hockey team and
one or two others exhibit a proper feel-
ing of appreciation, as evidenced by
their remarks on Saturday night. Such
gratitude for favors extended is as
pleasing as it is rare, and the sugges-
tions made regarding the conduct of
newspapers, by men with so compre-
hensive a knowledge of the business
will be received at their true worth.

Washingtonboro, Pa., March
23.—The Church of God at this place
was blown up this evening by an
acetylene gas plant that was instal-
led in the church when it was rebuilt in
1885 by the Rev. Ira McDonald, the
former pastor.

About thirty members were in the
annex of the church holding prayer
services, when a defect in the plant in
the cellar under the church caused a
terrible explosion. The floor of the
main church was torn up and the long
benches, fastened to the floor by iron
castings, were tossed into the air.
Some of the broken castings being
blown through the building.

One thousand dollars will not replace
the glass windows that were blown
over the adjoining cemetery.
Josephine Staman, Jacob Kane and
the present pastor, the Rev. J. H.
Gervin, were badly cut by flying glass
and all the members present were
suffered more or less about hands,
face and body.

The pulpit Bible, the organ and
other chairs were all blown into a
corner of the church. Fire broke out
in the cellar, and the whole town
responded to an alarm sounded by the
ringing of the church bell.
Fifteen minutes afterwards the fire
was extinguished. Members made
their escape by leaping from the win-
dows, as the doors were all fastened
by the upheaval of the flooring. If
the explosion had happened when the
main church was occupied a disaster
similar to the Iroquois Theatre fire,
Chicago, would have occurred, as
there was no means of exit.

The annex has no cellar under it,
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by heavy sliding doors, and this seem-
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DEATHS.

LOCKHART.—In this city, on March

24th, Rose A., beloved wife of Wil-

liam Lockhart, in the 46th year of

her age, leaving a husband and one

son to mourn their loss.

Funeral to take place from her late

residence, Barker street, Tuesday

morning at 8.30 to Holy Trinity

church for high mass of requiem at

nine. Friends are invited to attend.

CHURCH BLOWN UP BY GAS;
MANY INJURED BY DEBRIS

At Washington Borough Acetylene Explosion

Uproots Flooring, and Bars Exits—Fire

Rapidly Extinguished—No

Loss of Life.

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