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spoke of her decline and predicted her  
fall.

As a politician, Mr. Dewar may  
have had some success; as a prophet he  
has proved a miserable failure, and some  
better arguments than those which in-  
duced Sir John A. Macdonald to en-  
brace protection will have to be used by  
Industrial Canada, if it wishes to per-  
suade the people of Canada to retain  
that fiscal policy.

This country needs tariff revision  
downward, for the benefit of the aver-  
age citizen, and with that revision  
downward our already rapidly expand-  
ing trade would take on new life and  
vigor. It is the duty of the Liberal  
party—and its opportunity—to make  
steady war upon special privilege. The  
country will respond to such a progres-  
sive policy. Indications of the truth of  
this are to be found in recent political  
events in Great Britain and in the  
United States.

MAKE THE LAND PRODUCE.

If the Germans can average thirty  
bushels of wheat to the acre when the  
Americans average fifteen, it is well to  
give attention to the German method.  
In New Brunswick we do not make our  
acres produce more than half a crop in  
many lines. We have plenty of land and  
we have no time for intensive cultivation.  
That is where we are wrong. An  
American commission has been investi-  
gating European farming methods. The  
Boston Transcript has this to say of its  
preliminary report:

"The first impression that President  
Butterfield received was surprise at the  
fertility of European nations, especially  
on the continent. He declares that it  
will be a mistake to longer declare Eu-  
ropean agriculture unproductive. Northern Italy, Ger-  
many and even France furnish wonder-  
ful examples of energy and progress.  
More human derelicts were seen upon  
the streets of English, Scottish and Irish  
cities than in any of those on the con-  
tinent."

"The Germans raise thirty bushels of  
wheat to the acre where we raise  
fifteen, and the best of their farmers can  
produce forty-five though the annual  
rainfall is only about twenty inches, or  
not more than half the amount that we  
regard as normal in this country. The  
people in the United States who fear we  
cannot feed our people in the future  
must change their attitude. Germany,  
smaller than Texas in area, is very  
nearly supporting its sixty-six million  
people. Their methods of intensive cul-  
tivation are those which we want Ameri-  
can farmers to understand." In research  
work the Germans are more thorough  
and often men devote their whole lives  
to one branch of it. The extension work  
is not done by the colleges, as he be-  
lieves it might better be, but by co-  
operative and State agricultural societies.

"We call agriculture our fundamental  
industry and such it is, and must re-  
main, but we have not yet learned the  
secret of treating it as it were. We  
have apothecized figures in our farm  
enterprises. The gang-ploughs tear up  
the soil over great areas with magical  
swiftness. Our crops fall before the great  
harvesters almost as they would before  
a prairie fire, but that is not the whole  
of farming or possibly not its best part.  
President Butterfield was forcibly im-  
pressed by the marvellous manner in  
which co-operative ideas are worked out  
in securing mortgage credit, personal credit,  
short-time loans. They co-operate in get-  
ting farm and home supplies, in manu-  
facturing, in dairying, in storage, in sell-  
ing, in insurance, even in their ordinary  
farming work. This spirit touches every  
phase of social and economic life. Both  
the government and private interests  
are not only friendly but helpful toward  
agriculture. The banker is the loyal  
friend and backer of the farmer."

"Finally, the one great lesson learned  
was this: Co-operation is the key to ag-  
ricultural success; co-operation will re-  
lease the farmer to get more from his  
land and feed the nation better. It is  
believed that the commission has en-  
tered upon its work at a very favorable  
time. The country life movement in  
America is taking form rapidly, espe-  
cially that phase which deals with fi-  
nance and marketing. In these branches  
we can particularly learn from Europe.  
Something, at least, has been accom-  
plished if we can be convinced of our  
own limitations and defects. Probably  
Europe can learn much from us, but  
evidently she has as much to give as  
to receive and the experience of many  
centuries are not to be lightly dis-  
carded."

STREET CAR EXTENSION.

The petition of citizens asking the  
Mayor and Commissioners to use their  
influence toward having certain street  
railway extensions made must tend to  
remind everybody of the existing situa-  
tion with respect to street railway ex-  
tensions in St. John and its sub-  
urbs. It must be taken for granted now,  
after years of disappointing experience,  
that the existing street railway company  
is owned by men who do not believe  
in investing money in extending their  
trails to the outskirts of the city and to  
suburban points, although they make  
organized resistance when other com-  
panies ask for rights covering such ter-  
ritory.

The situation is by no means credit-  
able to a city of St. John's business im-  
portance and prospects. There has been  
so little actual improvement in street  
railway matters during the last few  
years that the case has long been one  
demanding united action by the Mayor  
and Commissioners and the Board of  
Trade. These two bodies are supposed  
to be watchful of matters affecting the  
public at large; and there is no ob-  
stacle to St. John's growth at present  
more serious than the lack of adequate  
transportation facilities as between the

city proper, its outskirts and suburban  
points of importance.

Public sentiment runs strongly against  
the existing company because of its fail-  
ure to make extensions long promised,  
and whenever the subject is mentioned  
citizens are reminded that, because of  
careless or defective legislation hitherto,  
they lack the power to exercise a proper  
degree of authority over the street rail-  
way company whose very existence de-  
pends upon the use of our streets. The  
city has even neglected any real effort  
to cause the company to bring the ser-  
vice within the city proper up to a mod-  
ern standard, and, having so long per-  
mitted the transportation company to  
do as it pleased, it has come to be taken  
for granted that nothing can be done to  
bring about an improvement within a  
reasonable time. This course and this  
spirit of helplessness are not good assets  
for an ambitious and vigorously growing  
city.

The question is one to which the  
Mayor and Commissioners, and the  
Board of Trade, might well address  
themselves with energy. Capitalists who  
own public facilities, and whose money  
is employed in public utility enterprises,  
are by no means so far beyond the  
reach of active public opinion as our  
recent experience in St. John might be  
thought to indicate.

THE DEFEATED BUILDING BY-  
LAW.

Tuesday's civic election resulting in  
the defeat of the proposed by-law to  
prevent the erection of three-story  
wooden buildings showed that there was  
little general interest in the subject.  
Only a very small percentage of the  
registered voters—about one in six—  
thought enough of the question at issue  
to go to the polls, but of those who did  
go a large majority condemned the pro-  
posed restrictions. The verdict was  
reached by about three to one.

It has been said that so small a vote  
as that of Tuesday is evidence against  
the usefulness of the referendum. That  
is a wrong assumption. A referendum in  
connection with any subject in which  
the public is keenly interested would  
bring out a large vote at any time, and  
the referendum in such cases is a use-  
ful civic safeguard, though one not to be  
employed except in really important  
occasions.

Tuesday's vote certainly kills the  
proposed restriction, but it does not  
register the opinion of the electors at  
large, inasmuch as most of them neglect-  
ed to go to the polls and so indicated  
their idea that the question at issue was  
not worth voting upon. To some extent  
the issue was not understood, and to  
some extent it was misrepresented. But  
undoubtedly a considerable class of per-  
sons, who believed themselves likely to  
be injured by the by-law, actively can-  
vassed against it, and they were only  
expressing their right, and their energy  
and activity were worthy of a better  
cause.

Those who favored the proposed by-  
law did so principally because they be-  
lieved it to be in the interest of the gen-  
eral safety in respect of fire and health.  
One feature of the election ought not to  
be ignored, and that is the fact that the  
forces believed to be actively interested  
in better housing, better public health,  
and better regulations for the reduction  
of the risk from conflagration, are either  
by no means powerful in St. John or are  
utterly lacking in the capacity for organ-  
ized effort.

There is the same necessity to-day  
that existed Tuesday for more careful  
provision against the erection of unsafe  
and unhealthy tenements, and for more  
effective supervision over those already  
erected and occupied. One serious fire  
in any quarter of the city would show  
building as the rule would throw a  
new light upon the very question which  
citizens generally found so uninteresting  
Tuesday.

A STRONG PLEA NOTE.

A strong plea for sanity and peace  
was made at the Congress of Canadian  
Clubs at Hamilton on Monday last, by  
the President of the association, Mr.  
W. M. McClelland. It was said at this  
great meeting that the association has  
now enrolled almost one hundred indi-  
vidual Canadian Clubs throughout the Do-  
minion, with an approximate total mem-  
bership of 25,000.

Mr. McClelland spoke strongly against  
militarism, and urged his hearers to re-  
member that Canada ought to avoid the  
very thought that it is necessary con-  
stantly to expect war with Germany. It  
was a monstrous thing, he said, that a  
country like ours should propose to di-  
vert yearly larger and larger sums from  
their peaceful arts of husbandry to war.

"I am told," he said, "however, that  
the only guarantee of peace between  
Great Britain and her enemies is this  
constant preparation or readiness for  
war. If both contestants adopt that  
mode of reasoning, one fails to see the  
true logic of it all, and how much longer  
each will succeed in keeping its hands  
off the other. If Canada accepts the  
same logic the significant question with  
her is, before she enters upon the policy  
of this country's wealth and the final  
commitment of the Canadian people, hith-  
erto peaceful, to a permanent military  
and naval policy."

"If peace is the ultimate end sought  
by all this military and naval rivalry  
between Germany and Great Britain,  
one Canada means constant expenditure  
of this country's wealth and the final  
commitment of the Canadian people, hith-  
erto peaceful, to a permanent military  
and naval policy."

He thought it a matter for regret  
that neither Great Britain nor Germany  
had ever made any supreme effort to  
secure peace between themselves by

some definite, organized, peaceful  
method, and he reminded Canadians that  
our Parliament, either under Conserva-  
tive or Liberal control, has never offered  
any aid in the direction of international  
peace, and especially peace between  
Great Britain and the German Empire.  
Taking into consideration the fact that  
a great majority of the people of Great  
Britain, of Canada, and of Germany, are  
unquestionably in favor of peace, Mr.  
McClelland asked his hearers to consider  
whether or not a vast improvement  
might be made in the existing attitude  
toward this significant question. He  
proceeded to voice his own conviction  
in the matter eloquently and boldly as  
follows:

"Is it an international possibility to  
organize through and by means of the  
churches and financial interests, the trade  
unions of workmen and social and  
fraternal societies and associations com-  
posed of the masses, and common to  
Great Britain and Germany alike, a pub-  
lic opinion utterly opposed to war and  
appropriation of their public moneys for  
the maintenance of both nations think  
it a real possibility."

"Were the Parliament of Canada to  
be induced to vote thirty-five millions to  
supplement Andrew Carnegie's gift for  
world-wide peace organization, believe  
it would receive the hearty approbation  
of the great majority of the Canadian  
citizens."

One-half of the brain power and  
enthusiasm of the British, German and  
Canadian public press spent in  
spreading among their readers the  
gospel of peace between Germany and  
British peoples that is being spent by  
its Parliament from year to year for  
the maintenance of militarism in Ger-  
many and Great Britain, and her col-  
onies voted and devoted in the future to  
the propagation of education of the Ger-  
man and British workmen and for the  
organization of their vast forces and  
of the individual peacefully-disposed  
navies, in both countries against this  
military spirit and naval rivalry, the  
British and German crowned heads, rul-  
ing classes, war-jingles, military and  
naval officers and aspirants would soon  
lose all interest and credulous rank and  
file to fight their battles or carry on  
their military and naval rivalry. If those  
who make the war were required to  
fight in the naval rivalry or on land, the  
arbitration take its place and settle  
(with no sacrifice of life or the extrava-  
gant and foolish waste of the resources  
of peaceful husbandry) the occasional  
national differences between Germany  
and Great Britain. A commencement  
along these lines must be made some  
time soon by either of the contestants  
in this naval rivalry or on land, the other  
party, will come to it with financial  
bankruptcy has overtaken them.

"It is the boasted pride of the Cana-  
dian, where we live in a country of  
illimitable space of land and treasure  
of wealth, and breathe an atmosphere  
productive of robust, sturdy manhood  
and intellectual prowess. The feudalism  
of militarism and naval rivalry, the  
European lands have found thus far un-  
genial soil here in Canada in which to  
root and flourish. Ours is essentially a  
peace-loving people, and democracy should  
come into its own. Class and caste, and  
military aristocracy have found em-  
ployment and glory and achievement by  
rank in the great game of war. The old  
lands. But freed and unfettered  
democracy in this new land of liberty,  
wealth and opportunity should have no  
time or lack diversion, while so many  
national problems, more real and pressing,  
are seeking a solution."

This is an address which might well  
be repeated before every Canadian Club  
in this country. It rises far above the  
level of mere party politics. It was de-  
livered by a loyal subject of King George  
and a sterling Canadian who only de-  
sires to advance and preserve the honor  
and integrity of the Empire. His words  
will find approval in every province of  
Canada.

UNDER COMMISSION.

St. John, which likes commission gov-  
ernment better than the kind it used to  
have, will hear with interest about some  
features of the commission plan as  
worked out in Oregon. The Portland  
Oregonian says:

"A remarkable illustration of the  
benefits accruing from commission gov-  
ernment, where one man has full charge  
of each department of the city's affairs  
and devotes his entire time to it instead  
of making his office a mere side issue, is  
the purchase of the city by the city. On  
the face of it, the sale by the city at a dis-  
count of bonds amounting to one fund at 4  
and 6 per cent, while the city has  
money in another fund drawing only 2  
per cent, is absurd. The city can save  
the discount on the bonds it sells, and  
can increase the interest accruing to  
the sinking fund for which it buys them  
by causing one department to work with  
the other in financial affairs."

"This is only one of many economies  
which are being effected by the City  
Commission. All contribute to, rather  
than detract from efficiency. They  
prove that it pays to hire a \$6,000 man  
for Mayor and four \$5,000 men for Com-  
missioners. It takes a \$5,000 man to  
think out such economies and to have  
the devotion to duty required to carry  
them out. If the commission goes on  
as it has begun, those persons who  
threw up their hands in dismay at the  
suggestion of paying the Commissioners  
such a salary will soon acknowledge that  
Commissioners are cheap at the price."

LORD HALDANE.

The Right Honorable Viscount Hal-  
dane, Lord High Chancellor of Great  
Britain, who is due in New York this  
evening or tomorrow on a visit to the  
United States and Canada, is coming out  
on the Lusitania, and will return on  
that great steamer when she leaves New  
York next week. But although the dis-  
tinguished visitor is to be on this side  
of the water for a very short time he  
is to be a very busy man. The first  
object of his visit is to deliver an ad-  
dress before the American Bar Associa-  
tion on the afternoon of September 1  
in Montreal. His subject is to be  
"Higher Nationality, a Study in Law  
and Ethics." Among his auditors will

be William Howard Taft, the Chief Jus-  
tice of the United States, and scores of  
the most eminent men in the legal pro-  
fession in that country and in Canada.  
He is to inspect the United States mili-  
tary academy at West Point and to at-  
tend banquets in New York and Mon-  
treal, and he will accept an honorary de-  
gree from McGill University.

There is no Britisher of our day, with  
the exception of Lord Morley, more dis-  
tinguished than Lord Haldane, as a  
student and a man of letters, and the  
Lord High Chancellor is a distinguished  
statesman and a jurist of distinction. He  
is now fifty-seven years old. Very re-  
cently he went to Berlin on a mission of  
great importance, the full result of which  
may not be disclosed for a long time to  
come. Lord Haldane is a man of pro-  
found learning and a writer of marked  
achievement. He is known as a transla-  
tor of Schopenhauer's World as Will and  
as Idea, and he is the author of The  
Pathway to Reality, A Life of Adam  
Smith, and many other works of mark.  
This country will give him a great wel-  
come.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The bears in Wall street are working  
the Mexican war scare overtime. As a  
matter of fact Woodrow Wilson is not  
going to shoot up Mexico except as a  
last resort, and there are still some in-  
fluential Mexicans alive who are anxious  
that their country shall save itself by a  
return to something like civilized be-  
havior.

Hon. Mr. Hazen's efforts in Victoria  
and Vancouver, however welcome they  
may be there, are not of great assistance  
to St. John which is confronted by very  
serious port and transportation problems.  
Sooner or later—let us hope it will not  
be too late—Mr. Hazen must give atten-  
tion to these matters referred to him  
by the Borden Club and the Borden  
club members who have developed since he  
began to ignore the Borden Club's  
danger signals.

Speaking of the financial outlook, the  
London correspondent of the New York  
Evening Post cabled on August 28:

"The fact that Thursday's statement  
of the Bank of England was distinctly  
the strongest published at this date in  
any recent time, has set the money  
market at work revising forecasts for  
the autumn. The present popular notion  
is that really easy money is approaching.  
This view is not yet endorsed in the best  
quarters, although the genuine improve-  
ment of the position, here and on the  
Continent, is admitted."

The Engineering News says that of  
the total capital stock outstanding for  
the railroads of the United States \$2-  
905,688,578, or 84.88 per cent, paid no  
dividends for the year. The amount of  
dividends declared during the year (by  
both operating and non-operating com-  
panies represented in this statement)  
was \$400,482,752, being equivalent to  
7.20 per cent on dividend-paying stock.  
The average rate of dividends paid on  
all stocks outstanding pertaining to the  
roads under consideration was 4.78 per  
cent. No interest was paid on \$808-  
466,701, or 7.52 per cent of the total  
amount of funded debt outstanding  
(other than equipment trust obliga-  
tions).

An observer of events in the United  
States writes of President Wilson that  
he has not yet gone out on the steps of  
the White House to call any man a liar.  
This, of course, in itself carries some  
distinction—it is so different. The  
writer adds:

"Such effects come by cause, yet it  
may not be easy to analyze the cause.  
The work which President Wilson has  
done ranks him among the skillful poli-  
ticians, in the high sense of that term,  
and we are always trying to get at the  
sources of a politician's power. . . .  
Whatever his secret—and we can only  
guess at it—the fact remains that in the  
deftest yet most unpretentious manner  
President Wilson has thus far more  
powerfully shaped more important legisla-  
tion than any executive of our time."

Only a few American jingoes are  
favoring intervention in Mexico, let  
alone an attempt at annexation. The  
more thoughtful Americans are not seek-  
ing further entanglements. When the  
late President McKinley acquired the  
Philippines, in a burst of rhetoric, he  
described them as "the gems and glories  
of the tropic seas," but his successor  
spoke of them as a "great burden," and  
the whole country has come to be of  
that opinion. The vexation, expense  
and bloodshed which this light-hearted  
enthusiasm will give pause to others  
who would embark on a similar adven-  
ture. President Wilson will not grasp  
the hornet's nest rashly. The jingoes  
are crying for intervention, but nothing  
except the roving hands of outlaws who  
call themselves holders and who destroy  
lives and property all over the country,  
can bring it about, and even they can-  
not do so unless, unfortunately, fresh  
proof is provided that Mexico is entering  
upon a prolonged period of general an-  
archy and blood-madness.

MONCTON BAPTISTS  
DECIDE TO BUILD  
A \$75,000 CHURCH.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 28.—At a meet-  
ing of the First Baptist church con-  
gregation tonight, it was decided to ac-  
cept the tender of the new church for a solid  
stone church at a cost of \$75,000. The  
building committee recommended a brick  
and stone building at a cost of \$82,000,  
but the congregation decided in favor  
of stone.

The trustees were instructed to pro-  
ceed with the work at once. Including  
furnishings, the new church when com-  
pleted will cost about \$75,000.

## OLD PENSION SYSTEM FOR CIVIL SERVICE

Government Decides to Abandon Re-  
tirement Fund Plan

BILL IS BEING DRAFTED

Will Be Introduced at the Next  
Session of Parliament by Prime  
Minister—The Recommendation  
of Sir George Murray is Adopted

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—The government has  
decided to abandon the retirement fund  
system for civil servants, which has been  
in operation for the past thirteen or four-  
teen years, and revert to the old pension  
system, as recommended by Sir George  
Murray, the royal commissioner brought  
to Canada last year to report on civil  
service reform.

Under the present act all members of  
the permanent service are obliged to  
contribute five per cent of their monthly  
salaries to the retirement fund. On leav-  
ing the service they are paid back the total  
amount thus contributed, with inter-  
est at four per cent compounded half  
yearly. The Civil Service Association  
has been agitating for years for a re-  
version to the old pension system.

Premier Borden has agreed that the  
latter system is more equitable and satis-  
factory in the case of men who give  
their lives to the public service.

A bill based on the pension principle  
is now being drafted, and will be intro-  
duced at the next session of parliament  
by the prime minister. It is understood  
that the provisions of the new act will  
require a monthly contribution to the  
pension fund of five per cent of the sal-  
ary paid to each civil servant. On re-  
tirement from the service he will re-  
ceive a yearly pension proportional to  
his length of service and salary received.

Under the old pension act the amount  
paid into the pension fund each month  
was a somewhat smaller percentage of  
the salary. The restoration of the old  
system, despite the higher percentage  
now required to be contributed, will be  
welcomed by practically all civil serv-  
ants, as it insures permanent and more  
generous provision for old age than the  
present retirement fund now provides.

## FOSTER'S TRIP TO AUSTRALIA FOR NOTHING

Minister of Commerce Back  
in Ottawa, Says the Trade  
Treaty With Canada Cannot  
Be Negotiated for Some  
Time.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster  
returned today from his tour to Aus-  
tralia and the Orient, with the an-  
nouncement that while both the rival  
parties in the former are favorable to a  
policy of mutual preferential trade with  
Canada, political conditions there make  
any such agreement impossible of nego-  
tiation at present. There is little likeli-  
hood of developments for some time.  
Of discussed the matter of mutual  
preference with Hon. Mr. Tudor, minister  
of commerce, shortly after my arrival  
in Australia," said Mr. Foster. "He was  
wholly in sympathy with such a policy,  
and the decision was on the result  
was the defeat of the government and  
six weeks delay while returns were  
gathered. The new administration is  
also in favor of mutual trade with Can-  
ada, but it has a majority of only one,  
including the speaker, in the house, and  
the senate is two