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THE LAW AND THE CITIZEN

AN AMAZING REVELATION

The condition of the finances of the The Financial Post puts its finger on city of Halifax was such last year that two dangers that threaten the world. an independent audit of the books and It says:accounts by a Montreal firm was de- "Society on this continent, as reprecided on. The result of the investiga- sented by the forces of law and order, tion amazed and shocked the citizens. is today confronted with two danger-A summary given out yesterday tells ous and hostile elements. The first is

"Defalcations by the former city mob violence, or direct action, as it collector, as far as has been possible has been euphemistically termed in to ascertain, amount to approximately Great Britain, involving the subversion \$83,000; the greater part of the civic of the existing form of governmen mess is the result of laxity on the and the substitution for it of the rule part of the city auditor; the most of a violent minority. The second is a pressing need is that of a competent more insidious evil in that its miscity auditor, a man who is capable and chievousness is not so apparent, and energetic; a complete re-organization it has its Jrigin within the body poliof the accounting system in the various tic of democracy itself. It is the un present growth of Vancouver grain civic departments is an absolute neces- veiled disregard of the law evinced by shipments is not at the expense of sity; the total of outstanding and un- many whose first care it should be to other Canadian ports. collected taxes up to April 30, 1923, uphold respect for it."

is \$1,661,578.18; the whole system of Referring to the latter danger, which kept on 'revenue' basis; tax rolls are laws, and who apparently do not refound to be in a deplorable condition; gard it as a disgrace to be brought practically no effort has been made into court for the offence. What can rolls to collect arrears in water rates; im- they expect of others, who would dis-

mediate steps must be taken to collect overdue assessments."

It is an extraordinary thing that such a condition of affairs could develop under any modern form of city government. If there is here any lesson for other cities it is that only by the application of strict business principles and a city's affairs be conducted in the interests of the people. The citizens of St. John may congratulate themselves that they have a watchdog of the justified in breaking the particular that they have a watchdog of the justified in breaking the particular (Presbyterian Witness).

It is an extraordinary thing that wheat crop in the West therefore could route via Vancouver 100,000,000 bushels of that wheat with vante with variety in the West therefore could route via Vancouver 100,000,000 bushels of that wheat with out diverting a single bushel from Eastern Canadian ports.

Canada, unfortunately, is a one-crop country. A development of Alberta and Saskatchewan wheat fields, without impairing to the extent of more property of the East, can place in a new era of prosperity of the East, can place in a new era of prosperity of the East, without impairing to the extent of more property and ownership, because he disagrees with them. If the first man is that they have a watchdog of the justified in breaking the particular (Presbyterian Witness). rears of taxes, while always existing, other man? are not allowed to run away with the It has always been our boast that the anti-govern

for further helpful activity. They can this hitherto leading Pacific port in develop and keep alive a genuine civic volume of business. spirit, and give a fresh impetus to

speak English at all. He has applied himself assiduously to the mastery of the tongue. Today he speaks with the same facility in English as he does in French. He is one of the big men of the cabinet whose utterances command respect. No one will be disposed to question his competency for the department to which he has been assigned. He goes there with a clean record. His political virtue is intact."

Of the new Minister of Marine and Eisberies, in whom the Maritime Prov-

nd gesture that is peculiar to the but for the numerous smaller ones, all now a the department remains to be seen. see who know him intimately speak f his high capacity, and it is possible ren for a lawyer to make a good adwhich fits over the head of the club scale lies within the reach of the averunistrator."

Press Comment

P. R. IN MANITOBA.

oon take steps to carry out its promise to provide the proportional representa-tion method of voting in Alberta elec-Is not for me.

tions. The alternative vote in constituencies outside of the city of Winnipeg will be put into effect in Maninipeg will be put into effect in Mani-toba by the passing of legislation which The hollyhock nods to the rose

toba by the passing of legislation which the Bracken government will introduce. This is a sensible move and it may be expected to be a forerunner of other such measures which aim to eliminate the now common of courrence of members of legislative bodies being elected by a minority of votes when there are more than two candidates.

Few will oppose the introduction of the alternative or single transferable vote in all elections, because it is so eminently logical and fair. It simply means that an elector is allowed to indicate to whom his vote shall go, in case his favorite candidate (or first choice) is at the bottom of the poll. It eliminates the absurdities which requently arise in three-cornered conrequently arise in three-cornered con-

ALL CANADIAN BUSINESS.

(Vancouver Sun.) Whatever the development of the Western grain route may be, Canadians should bear in mind the fact that the

During 1922, 100,000,000 bushels of Canadian grain left the head of the time you want to you won't have to? handling the fortnightly payrolls of the is the most serious of the two in Can lakes for world markets in American board of works must be changed; if ada, the Financial Post cites the ex- boats, to American ports, then over the best interests of the city are to be ample of those reputable citizens who American railroads to American Atlanconsidered all civic accounts must be break the speed and traffic and liquor considered all civic accounts must be break the speed and traffic and liquor in ships provisioned and equipped in ships provisioned and equipped in American cities to the benefit of American industry and American pay
The arrivate of American railroads to American railroads

A normal wheat crop in the West therefore could route via Vancouver 100,000,000 bushels of that wheat with-

ating for the públic good. The Rotary its continuance. They even admit that of the coming months will be a testing and Gyro Clubs of St. John have good Vancouver, already a close rival of time in the development of the new works to their credit, and a wide field San Francisco, will shortly outstrip Indian constitution

now affords, are forty times greater than the original investment.

Not only does the Franklin fund of-fer a picturesque lesson in the power that lies in thrift; it demonstrates also

(Clarence Mansfield Lindsay in New York Tribune.)

Oh, not for me the rough-paved marts (Calgary Herald.)

Of urban toll!

The provincial government should The tramp of men, the roar of carts. The dusty air men breathe, Is not for me.
I would be free!

And starry evenings, when With pearls which spill From the pale moon's soft beams, The sleeping lily gleams! Be this my lot

"I don't want to." "Go on, give me one now and nex

Papa-"I hear that Charles Green is thing to eat that he asks for, don't Island

Mothers Should Not REGLECT BRONCHITIS

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waiting for its cargo or parcel of lumber. This company have 1,400 acres of timber at Camscot, 68 railes up the Canadian National Railways line, where they have been operating, but the timber here was found to be too heavy for a caterpillar tractor, so the railway are putting in a special spur for them.

Logging Camps and Saw
Mills on Vancouver I.

Very Busy.

All logging camps and saw-mills on Vancouver Island are running at full blast. There has been little or no severe weather this winter and an increasing demand from all markets in the world for lumber which British Columbia can supply.

New Camps.

This company are building new camps at Mile 70, which will be working at the end of January, also at Mile 54, where they have 50,000,000 feet of standing fir and cedar to come out. Also at Mile 54 there is a crew getting out telegraph poles.

At Mile 53, Colpman's, a company from Alberta, are opening up a new mill. There is another mill at Mile 51 operated by the Napier Lumber Company, and two more at Derholme.

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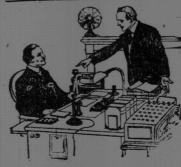
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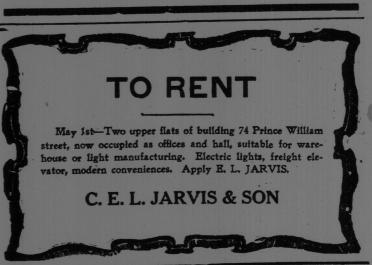
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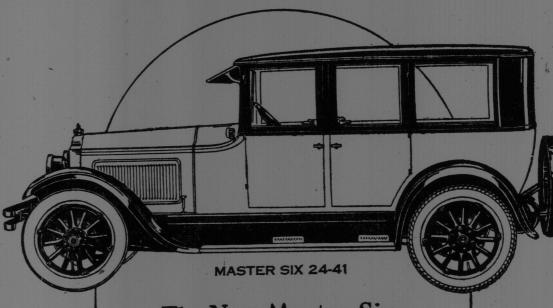
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