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#### MUST INVESTIGATE

The members of the city council are still playing with the Main street paving affair. Not one of them has offered any reply to ex-inspector Carleton's statement that they are accepting a foundation material fifty per cent cheaper than that on which the local contractors figured.

When the local contractors figured on the work they studied the specifications, which called for real concrete of a specified thickness. They tendered on that basis. They did not expect for one moment that they would be permitted to substitute a material fifty per cent cheaper. Apparently, only one contractor was able to read this meaning into the specifications. If this contractor and some of the aldermen had desired to devise a plan by which the other contractors could be side-tracked and the work given to him, they could not have adopted a better one than to have the others figure on real concrete of a specified thickness while he figured on a cheaper one, relying on the engineer and an apparently innocent figure in the specifications to have it accepted.

Was this what really happened? Did the other contractors know that the engineer would accept the cheaper material? Did the successful tenderer know it? Since one of the other tenders, based on the assumption that real concrete would be required, was but little higher than the one accepted, how much could the city have saved if that tenderer had figured on the cheaper foundation material?

These are some of the questions the taxpayers are asking, and they have a right to an answer. Mayor Frink has stated that he will call a special meeting to discuss the whole subject. What is really needed is a thorough investigation into the whole of the works matter. Some of the aldermen were gravely displeased with the Goble yesterday because it voiced public feeling in regard to this affair. Why did they not criticize Mr. Carleton, or assert that he was wrong when he declared that the council was accepting material fifty per cent cheaper than that bargained for?

Neither aldermanic indignation nor aldermanic evasion answer Mr. Carleton's letter, and Mr. Carleton enjoyed the full confidence of the aldermen until he dared to criticize the work which the city engineer had accepted.

This matter will not be settled till it is settled right. There is more street paving to be done.

So far as this paper is concerned, the statements made and questions asked have but one object, that equal justice may be done to the taxpayers, the aldermen and all the tenders for the work. Had Inspector Carleton not resigned, or public suspicion been aroused, the demand for an enquiry would not have arisen. But as the case stands it is necessary in the interest of all concerned that the city council probe the matter to the bottom. None should be so quick to see the force of this remark as the aldermen themselves.

#### ST. JOHN SHOULD TRY IT

Recent developments in civic affairs in St. John direct the thoughts of the citizens once more to the question of government by commission. The New York Evening Post lately summed up the benefits of such a system.

"Under the commission system, of efficiency and responsibility," says the Post, "we hear of municipal credit re-established, great sanitary improvements installed, business enterprises promoted, splendid park extensions, and so forth—all in this in a remarkably short space of time and without any increase of taxation. The system itself is nothing more than the application of the first essentials of general business success to the particular business involved in commercial life. It does not deprive the citizens of their right to govern themselves—rather does it enable them to do this with the maximum of efficiency and brings home to them their own direct, individual responsibility for the character of their civic government."

The city council cannot afford to provide public sanitation nor a patrol wagon. Now if it had the fifty per cent, which Mr. Carleton says somebody is saving on the Main street paving foundation it might provide both of these necessary conveniences.

The fountain on King Square was not playing last night, and the advertisement of Huxham pavement showed to excellent advantage. What revenue does the city derive from this advertisement?

At Regina yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that if the United States meet Canada in the right spirit he thought a better tariff arrangement than the present could be arranged. He also repeated that his government would appoint a tariff commission.

From Victoria, B. C., comes the report that the apple crop this year will be three times as large as that of any previous year, and that the \$200,000 new trees that are being planted make all reasonable speculation regarding the size of crops a few years hence quite out of the question.

The Victoria Colonist says:—"You can go from Toronto to Edmonton now in fifty hours, by taking the Canadian Pacific to Winnipeg and the Grand Trunk Pacific for the remainder of the distance. The advent of a three-day trip from Toronto to Montreal to Victoria is in sight."

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrives in Victoria, B. C., next month he will be formally welcomed by the mayor and city council. An address will be presented to the prime minister as he leaves the boat, and the following day he will be invited to make a trip around the city. Steps will be taken to decorate the wharf and make such other arrangements as are befitting the occasion.

It must be remembered that the aid which the federal and provincial governments may extend to Campbellton will not be given to help the people to rebuild their homes, but for civic purposes only. Hence the aid for the homeless families must come from other sources. It is pleasing to observe that contributions are being made freely and generally given.

The Portland Argus observes that while the fight against tuberculosis is waged from humanitarian considerations, the economic side should also be kept in view. In a bulletin issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, the statement is made that "the country loses at least \$200,000,000 each year from the incapacity of indigent victims of tuberculosis." Time, in a word, the fight against this scourge is part of the campaign for the conservation of national resources. A country's greatest asset is the healthy and enterprising citizen.

The rain that has been so general throughout the province this summer has to some extent affected the crops. It is plain that because of wet weather the enormous hay crop of this year will not be so harvested as to preserve the highest quality. The grain crop may also be somewhat affected. It is too early yet to determine the character of the potato crop, but it will not be up to the average on wet lands. With the exception, perhaps, of blueberries, small fruits have not yielded quite as well as usual, while apples will be a light crop. On the other hand, the season has been excellent for the dairy industry. On the whole the crop yield will doubtless provide the farming community with a good average year's profits.

Should the federal government loan money to the provinces for purposes of highway construction? This question was raised at the Good Roads Congress at Niagara Falls last week, by President Youham, of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, who declared that federal aid should be granted to the different states. A Boston paper, commenting favorably on the suggestion says:—"The country can, and should, lend the use of its credit to states which are ready to enter upon the task of good-road construction with intelligence and energy; and Mr. Youham's proposal that congress enact a law authorizing the federal government to extend its credit to each state in an amount equal to that expended by such state under a joint commission of federal and state authorities, will commend itself to thoughtful people as at once feasible and wise."

#### INDIANS HOLD BIG POW-WOW

Seven Hundred Sioux Redmen of Manitoba Have Big Time at Fair

Brandon, Man., Aug. 2.—What will probably be the last big pow-wow of the Manitoba Indians was held at the Brandon fair this week. Seven hundred Sioux Indians, many of them having travelled hundreds of miles, gathered at the fair. Their Indian encampment was a most interesting sight.

The Indians are many of them, fine specimens of manhood, and look as though they had just stepped out of a Remington picture. The pow-wow was interesting, as there were many historic characters to gather who will probably never meet again. The most famous probably is old Chief Antoine, who was the chief lieutenant of Sitting Bull during the days of the Indian wars in the Black Hills of Dakota. He is now eighty-seven and very feeble. Others are Padunka and Au-Kee-Ha. A number of famous Indian painters are here, including Morris, of Toronto.

Politician—"I tell you, sir, our candidate will sweep the city at the next election." Voter, "I'll vote for him, then. The city needs sweeping pretty badly."

When it comes to inventing excuses a woman demonstrates superior intellect.

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Toronto News prints this poem in memory of John A. Egan of the Toronto Globe editorial staff, who died last week:

BOOTS and Saddle! The warning note Rings in the drowsy night, What's the meaning, what of pain! On, to the flaming fight. So we march to the star-lit West, Oh for home and the joys of rest!

Only a young recruit am I, Stern are the army's ways, Comrades falling on either hand, See how the guns outblaze. Hark! the shells! How they shriek aloud White is the stifling powder-cloud.

Is it sin, though I shrink and fail, Tear in my frightened eyes? What to me is the King's command Why should I seek their rise? Life is love, I am just a boy, Daisies bloom in the valleys of joy.

What has come to the trooper old Riding in yonder file? Scans and bruises, while timid Love Flees from his iron smile. Must I fight till I sink and die? Is it sin, should I turn and fly?

Look! My Captain! He rides ahead, Calm in the helmet's noise. See, he stoops, and his glance of pride Rests upon us, his boys. "Stand," he says, "for a little while, Oh, the charm of his manly smile!

Can I falter before his eye? Crimson my coward cheek, Over the field my pride must roam Dangerous posts to seek. He has fought at the King's command, Surely a young recruit can stand.

Came a day when My Captain fell, Fell on the trampled hill. Soft we lifted his noble head, Look! He was smiling still. Dead! But he lived and played his part, Boots and Saddle! The equinox start.

IN LIGHTER VEIN  
CLEARLY SEEN.  
Mike—"Why do thin false eyes be made of glass, now?"  
Pat—"Shure, an' how else could they say thoo' 'em, ye thickhead."

HIS CHOICE.  
Riley—"What would you rather be run over by a trolley car than a horse?"  
Flannery—"Neither; me choice would be an airship."

A MONTHLY.  
Seymour—"Fourley must be a great reader; he told me he subscribes for twelve magazines."  
Ashley—"He does—one comes every month."

A SUPREME COURT FISH STORY.  
The late Justice Brewer was with a party of New York friends on a fishing trip in the Adirondacks, and around the camp fire one evening the talk naturally ran on big fish. When it came to him turn the jurist, began, uncertain as to how he was going to come out:—"We were fishing one time on the Grand Banks for—er—for—"

PAYING FOR HIS FUN.  
"Now, Flaherty," said the magistrate, sternly, "the evidence shows that you threatened to assault these men, Murphy and Finnigan, and that you actually assaulted Murphy. You are fined two pounds ten shillings."  
"Plaze, yer honor," said Flaherty, "if I had assaulted Finnigan, too, would it have been five pounds?"  
"Certainly it would," replied the magistrate, firmly.

RATHER'S HOLIDAY.  
Allus there's a lot us fun When it's summer, an' the sun Is so hot 'at farver's fun. "Guess I'll take a holiday!" Then my murrer, she replies: "Do, dear!" laughin' will her eyes. "Cause there's lots us things to do I've been holdin' back fer you."

Well, that don't make farver glad, But he's not exactly mad; Set us hearin' so, she sez, "Things 'at come as patient ez Man can be expected to. In this world we're all through; 'En Maw asks him just to please Help her dreen the cottage cheese!"

'En she wants a cupboard mad, Somewhere in the cool and shade, For the butter and the milk: They a gate fixed—fine as silk. Way my farver gets his fun When it's summer, an' the sun Makes him feel like breakin' way Fer a little holiday!

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### CHARACTER SKETCH OF KING GEORGE V

King's Personal Character Revealed in An Article by W.T. Stead, Editor of Review of Reviews

"The Personal Character of King George" is the subject of an interesting article by W. T. Stead, in the July number of the Review of Reviews. Mr. Stead deals with the subject in The Daily News on May 9th, last, but the new article is much more comprehensive, and claims to be an authoritative reply to certain calumnies which have been circulated concerning his Majesty.

The subject is admittedly a very unpleasant one to raise, but as it has been raised Mr. Stead says it must be settled once for all. "Is it, or is it not, a fact," he asks, "that King George is a person of intemperate habits? Or is he, as Lord Roseberry and the Dean of Norwich have proclaimed, a man of exemplary life?"

For answer, Mr. Stead points to his Majesty's excellent reputation among those who know him most intimately. Punctual and Temperate

"The King," he says, "has always been remarkable for the punctuality and unflinching regularity with which he has always performed all his functions. He has kept all his appointments and he has kept them on time. Nor has there ever been, so far as I am ascertain after a rigorous examination of the stories current, even the shadow of a foundation for the cruel calumny of which he has been the subject."

Continuing, Mr. Stead declares that so far from being given to intemperance, King George V. is probably "the most abstemious King who has ever ascended the English throne." It is recalled that the King's record as a youth at sea was exemplary, "and as he is now, so he has been."

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been all his life—sober, temperate, and abstemious." Further, Mr. Stead points out that the King could not be a man of the best of the best in the kingdom, as one of the best of the best in the kingdom, a distinction requiring for its winning great sureness of aim and steadiness of arm, if he were not a very temperate man.

Stead Disproved  
Then there is the more malignant falsehood described by Mr. Stead as "a Maltese myth," according to which Prince George was married to an admiral's daughter at the Mediterranean island at a time when he never expected to be called to the throne. In a letter quoted by Mr. Stead, Sir Henry Ponsonby, for many years the private secretary of Queen Victoria, dismisses the story as ridiculous, pointing out that similar stories have been circulated by idle gossipers about all the royal family. But Mr. Stead is able to bring indirectly an even more emphatic repudiation by King Edward.

"I submitted to a mutual friend," he writes, "a series of questions to the late king, who was then Prince of Wales. They were very precise, categorical, and covered the whole ground from A to Z. The King, then as now, was very courteous, and expressed his utmost readiness to go into the whole matter. In reply I received a most categorical, definite, emphatic repudiation of the whole story. He denied absolutely the story of the alleged marriage, morganatic, or otherwise. He asked, not unnaturally, if the Prince were married, as was alleged, where was the ceremony who performed the illegal ceremony? If the lady in question was an admiral's daughter, as was alleged, where was her father? He also pointed out the various other inherent improbabilities of the story, and finally gave me his most positive assurance that the story was a lie from beginning to end, and what is more, a lie so ridiculous that it could not impose upon anyone with the slightest knowledge of the Royal Family, or of the navy or of the Church."

Without foundation  
Dealing with King George's personal traits, Mr. Stead declares that "no monarch has ever ascended the English Throne with a higher sense of public duty or a more humble dependence upon his Maker" as one of those absurd fictions apparently invented for the purpose of testing the gullibility of the public.

Keen Politician  
"His Majesty is a much keener politician than his father, for whom he cherishes the utmost filial affection as the 'best' of the world. He has his own views, which he knows how to express with vigor and emphasis. He has also a knack of picturesque description of scenes in which he has taken part, and his public speeches have shown that, as he has an eye to see, so he has a tongue to describe scenes which impress themselves upon his imagination which is fitted by the greatest of the position of England in the world, a lofty ambition to play his part worthily in carrying on that great providential mission which has been entrusted to Britain and to Britain beyond the seas."

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