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THE HARBOR COMMISSION SCHEME AND THE BRITISH

Our esteemed contemporary the Fredericton Capital has some timely remarks on the defeat of the harbor commission scheme last Tuesday in the course of which it expresses the opinion that the scheme is a failure.

We believe that the defeat of the harbor commission is a temporary one. It is quite evident that the policy was the cause of the defeat, judging by the attitude of the St. John press, the conservative papers favoring opposition, while the Liberal papers supported the commission project.

It is not surprising that the St. John press, which has always been in the position of a Liberal paper, should have supported the commission project.

We are very sorry that the citizens of St. John know their own business best, and are the best judges of what will advance their interests; but being hostile to the government of St. John Macdonald is no evidence of broad progressive large ideas.

The leading principle in St. John politics is the impelling force which directs its local affairs, and we venture to express our belief that until the politics of the people of Saint John is a body reacting in other things than mere opposition to every enterprise calculated to advance the prosperity of the city, merely because the property of the city, merely because they have their views only to blame if the city does not make as rapid progress as it should.

There is far too much truth in the Capital's remarks although being a spectator viewing the contest at a distance, there are some features of it which were not fully discerned. If the writer for the Capital had been in St. John he would have known that in the Harbor Commission fight, it was not the Sun which took the lead but the Gazette, and that this paper took the field earlier and has held it later than its highly favored contemporary which steadily supports the Dominion Government.

The Sun has already abandoned the harbor commission; the Gazette has not changed its views as to the desirability of placing the harbor in commission, but it will loyally support any plan of improvement which will place St. John harbor in a proper position to do the work required of it. In taking this position the Gazette has had no other aim in view than to benefit St. John and its people. No one connected with it expects or desires a harbor commission, a secretaryship or any other office, or any contract or other benefit from the scheme.

The Gazette advocated placing the harbor in commission, because the Common Council had done nothing for harbor improvement for many years, and because there did not seem to be any probability of our people being willing to assume the burdens which the expenditure of sufficient money to improve the harbor would entail upon them.

We must take issue with the Capital in its assertion that St. John is still right up to the hounds. At the next Dominion election when we hope to have a candidate about whom the loyal sentiment of St. John can rally, we will show the world that St. John is not right, and is neither anti-British nor anti-Canadian. That such things should be said about this city is, however, a part of the penalty we pay for having an annexationist and a later of British institutions to represent us in Parliament.

THE COMMON COUNCIL AND HARBOR COMMISSION

The Common Council will meet on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and it is not too much to say that this meeting will be one of the most important ever held by that body. Our civic representatives have asked the electors of St. John whether they desired to have the harbor placed in Commission or not, and their response has been a decided No. This answer may not be final one, but it is the popular will, and it must be accepted for the present, as the only one.

The responsibility of doing something for the harbor now rests on the Common Council, and that something must be done at once. We commend the rid of the delinquent idea that the expenditure of a few thousand dollars, they can make the harbor what it ought to be. They must be prepared to face large expenditures, and they must acquaint themselves with the necessities of the situation in such a way as to be in a position to justify such expenditures before the taxpayers. There is but little time left now to do anything this season for our harbor, so that the necessity for speedy action must be very apparent.

RHODE ISLAND PIRATES

"Rhode Island Pirates" is the title which the Massachusetts newspapers are now giving to the Rhode Island fishing boats which are inflicting damage on the fishing boats of the State of Massachusetts. Buzza's Bay is a pretty big sheet of water; it is thirty miles in length and nine or ten in width, and although small

WHEN WERE YOU BORN.

girls claim this Astrological Table for their characters.

An old astrological production gives the character of a girl according to the month she is born in, as follows:

If a girl is born in January, she will be a prudent housewife, given to melancholy but good tempered and fond of fine clothes.

If in February, an affectionate wife and tender mother, and devoted to dress.

If in March, a frivolous chatterbox, somewhat given to quarrelling, and a connoisseur in gowns and bonnets.

If in April, inconstant, not very intelligent, but likely to be good looking and staid of fashion plates.

If in May, handsome, amiable, and given to style in dress.

If in June, impetuous, will marry early, be frivolous and like dressy clothes.

If in July, possibly handsome, but with a saucy temper and a penchant for gay attire.

If in August, amiable and practical, likely to marry rich and dress strikingly.

If in September, discreet, affable, much liked, and a fashionable dresser.

If in October, pretty and coquettish, and devoted to attractive garments.

If in November, liberal, kind, of a mild disposition, and an admirer of stylish dress.

If in December, well proportioned, fond of novelty and extravagant, and a student of drossy effects.

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