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A FRIEND HATH DONE THIS.

According to the judgment of Mr. Justice Mabee, the moral forces of Owen Sound, that carried the local option bylaw, were inoculated insidiously with the virus of election brigandage.

By law, the ratepayers should have been allowed to vote in each ward in which they were qualified. The town clerk interpreted the law otherwise, showing that he was more of a town clerk than a lawyer. He proclaimed that voters must vote in the sub-divisions in which they reside. And the judgment saith, "He was a friend of the bylaw."

The abstemious friendship of the town clerk resulted in 257 ratepayers, who by law were entitled to 573 votes, casting only 257 votes. If it were a political contest, this deprivation would be characterized as "the theft of 316 votes." Ignorance of the law will not allow the friendly town clerk to escape censure.

Further, the judge saith that the very many omissions and irregularities appearing in connection with the vote leads to the irresistible conclusion that officials were selected without regard to fitness. That 316 votes against the bylaw were thrown out, which should have been counted, and that 100 illegal votes were recorded, prove that a fair test of public opinion was denied.

It is unfortunate that this state of affairs existed. A moral crusade cannot afford to be tainted with even the semblance of irregular practices. In this case, the taint was glaring, and that the friends of local option could wish to profit by such specious methods passes comprehension. The local option law is a good law, but no law is worth the paper it is written on if it is not backed by honest public opinion. It was the duty of the moral forces of Owen Sound to see that an honest vote was obtained; that they did not, adds no honor to them, and grieves their friends thruout Ontario. How often have the champions of a good cause to exclaim, "Deliver us from our friends!"

JOHN BURNS ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

John Burns, Labor member of the house of commons and president of the British local government board, attended in his official capacity the opening of a new and large municipal electric lighting station at Brighton. Like the vast majority of British working men he was and is a firm believer in the virtue and benefit of public ownership. In his speech at the luncheon, which, at his express desire was not provided at the ratepayers' expense, and in reply to the toast of his department, he referred to the extent of its duties, which included the supervision of more than 25,000 local authorities and the expenditure of $500,000,000 of the ratepayers' money. Incidentally he gave it as his opinion that tho "at times the pessimist might howl, the dyspeptic might grumble and the niggardly and economical complain that he did not get value for his money, the solid and substantial fact remained that in this country we had municipally the best-governed people in the world; we had from the point of view of the probity of our civil service and the efficiency of our staff, speaking broadly and generally, the most disinterested group of municipal councillors that could be found anywhere in the world." This is high praise coming from a minister cognizant of the inside working of British local authorities, but it has been repeatedly confirmed by the judgment of independent observers who are practically unanimous in attributing the success of municipal ownership and operation of public services in Great Britain to the excellent personnel of the town councils and the business ability brought to bear upon public business.

Speaking later at the ceremony of inauguration Mr. Burns advised the Brighton Corporation not to mind a deficit for a year or two or take notice of the critics who would no doubt be heard suggesting that the undertaking should be handed over to a company if they did not make a profit at once. "Probably," he said, "if the identity of those critics was disclosed it would be found that they would form themselves into an anonymous syndicate and be prepared to buy the undertaking, but the council should not listen to them for a moment. The concern was worth a good deal more than they had sunk in it and there were many far-sighted men in London, who came to Brighton to live, who would be pleased to see them sell for £300,000 more than they had spent." He advised them not to listen to any such proposals, but to stick to that heritage into which they had come, feeling convinced that it would be a great success.

The Brighton electric lighting undertaking has now been in existence for 14 years. During that time the number of consumers has increased from 213 to 4500 and the lamps connected with it from 11,000 to 300,000. The annual output has increased from 156,000 units to 8,000,000 units, the capital invested from $265,000 to $3,500,000 and the revenue from $23,000 to $455,000. The undertaking from the start has been entirely self-supporting and at no time has cost the ratepayers anything. The sum of $650,000 has been paid in respect of the sinking fund, the rates have been relieved to the extent of $71,000 out of profits and the reserve fund is now over $100,000. All this has been done while the average price charged was being steadily reduced. Starting in 1892 at 14 cents per unit—last year it was five cents. The new generating station erected at a cost of $1,750,000 has been rendered necessary by the growth of the business and is believed to be capable of meeting all possible requirements.

In his defence of municipal enterprises of this class Mr. Burns offered some valuable criticism on the complaints made by municipal ownership opponents regarding the increase of what they call the public debt. "When a company," he said, "asks the public for money, the capitalists call it capital, but when a municipality does the same thing they label it debt. Why should that be? There is no distinction between the two. They are both devoted to the same purposes, but in the case of company capital, of money taken from the public for enterprises of this kind, a few men get a relatively large profit out of catering for a municipality in a region in which municipalities are capable of acting for themselves. A company makes large profits its business, but a municipality makes a small profit out of low prices for public services for the benefit of the ratepayers. The capitalists say, this is not carried out on business principles and is not according to the best dictates of private enterprises. But what does it matter to the ratepayer if he gets a small profit on his undertaking as a whole and gets it out of lower prices for the commodity which the municipality supplies to him. The ratepayer gets it every way. He gets a small profit for the common good and he gets it by the best way: that is, by extending the area of the use of the electric light, which is the chief consideration of the lighting committee." This is the situation in a nutshell and the remarks of the president of the local government board should be carefully considered by all Canadian ratepayers.

TORONTO IN LINE.

Mayor Coatsworth has named Toronto's representatives to attend the convention of the Western Union of Municipalities, at Galt on July 24 and 25. He has also put the city on record as asking the government, in conformity with recent legislation, to furnish an estimate of the cost of transmitting and distributing power here. All he has done has been done with the intention of showing interested municipalities that Toronto desires to profit by the government's power policy and to support a united effort to hasten the day of cheaper power.

While it would have been quite within the dignity of the mayor to have nominated himself as one of Toronto's representatives, yet the press of executive duties may be pleaded for his reluctance, when it is known that he is an ardent supporter of the policy and plans of the power commission. His nominees will be spokesmen for him, and Toronto may rest reasonably sure that her interests will be taken care of by Messrs. Shaw, Noble and Keeler. Yet it would have been a graceful tribute to his own sincerity and the earnestness of western municipalities had he chosen to be in Galt in person.

Toronto's interest is one with that of the Western Union of Municipalities, and what will benefit them will benefit her. She appreciates that in union there is strength, and that only a united stand will crown the power campaign with success. In this she is a shining example for Galt and any other municipality that may have been or may be benefited by the electrical combine.

THE PENSIONERS' PROTEST.

Sir Adolphe Caron, for himself and his co-pensioners, has addressed a protest to the governor-general-in-council against the proposed repeal of the clause confering pensions on ex-ministers. The ground of the protest is the familiar one of vested right, any interference with which is maintained to be a breach of faith on the part of parliament.

For the present government at least it will scarcely be possible to plead that the pensions granted by the act of last year were purely gratuitous and subject to revision or recall. It has employed the argument of vested interests on cases of surrender of public rights indistinguishable in point of principle from that of Sir Adolphe Caron and his brother pensioners. A ministry whose spokesman approves of saddling the people with liability to pay dividends on watered stocks is not in the best position to cancel grants of public money to recipients, many of whom neither needed it nor had earned it.

This has been an unfortunate session for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. Their chickens are coming home to roost and they are finding it increasingly difficult to conciliate the contending sections of their heterogeneous party. The difficulties in which they are involved are bringing them into strange places where they can neither go forward nor backward without risking popularity and loss of prestige which, with them bulks far more considerably than honor and reputation. The premier is the author of the aphorism—he is a great phrase-maker—that the twentieth century is Canada's. If it is to be justified some higher standard of administration must be adopted by those responsible for the administration of the Dominion.

ROJESTVENSKY'S CHIVALRY.

Even more tragic than the story of the forlorn hope Admiral Rojestvensky led from the Baltic to the Straits of Tsushima, was his appearance before the court-martial appointed to try his surviving officers for surrendering the gunboat Bedovi to the enemy. In an heroic effort to save them from the consequences of an act prompted by affection for their wounded commander, he accepted the whole responsibility and asked that he alone be subjected to the death penalty imposed on an officer who struck the Russian flag to a hostile vessel. His attitude cannot but deepen the sympathy which had been freely extended to him when the circumstances attending his ill-fated expedition become more fully known.

That the duty imposed upon him was an impossible one, at least for the nondescript and wretchedly manned and equipped fleet supplied to him, can hardly be denied. Its inadequacy must have been realized by no one better than himself, and despite his unfortunate encounter with the Hull fishing fleet, the fact that the admiral actually pursued his voyage to the bitter end, and made at the last a show of fight, however ineffectual, spoke volumes for his own ability and personal courage. Admiral Rojestvensky has now displayed the chivalry of a true seaman, and it is hardly conceivable that his self-immolation as a victim of departmental corruption will or could be accepted. There lies the ultimate responsibility, and if a scapegoat is needed it should be found elsewhere.

Justice Mabee has given knock-out drops to the local option bylaw in Owen Sound.

It was not like that in the olden days, says Ned Hanlan, several times champion oarsman of the world.

Is it possible that the Lord's Day bill has overlooked animal Sunday? What about fish and fowl Sunday?

Would it be too much to ask Hon. Adam Beck to send a marked copy of the hydro-electric power commission report to Mayor Coatsworth?

THE OTHER SIDE.

Editor World: My attention has been called to the letter of "Brant Policyholder" in your issue of yesterday, in which he has so grossly misrepresented the facts about his policy in the Ontario Mutual (now the Mutual Life of Canada) that I beg leave to be permitted to reply thru your columns.

He states (1) that in no less than six different years he received no dividend at all; (2) that in the other years the dividends ranged from 23 cents at the lowest point to four dollars and ten cents at the highest; (3) that the total amount of dividends he received in 26 years was $24.65 on a policy of $2000; (4) that this is due to "robbery" on our part; and (5) that we maintain a reserve for new business!

I have before me a statement of a policy similar in all respects to that of "Brant Policyholder," the facts and particulars of which are as follows:

1. The gross premiums paid in 26 years were	$1,597 44
2. The total amount of dividends was	447 23
3. The net amount of premiums was	1,150 21
4. The average net annual premium (for the insurance carried between the ages of 41 and 67) per $1000, was.....	22 12
5. The present cash surrender of the policy is..	913 62
6. If the policy were surrendered for its cash value the net cost of 26 years' insurance for $2000, from ages 41 to 67, would have been $1,150.21—$913.62, or	236 59

7. Or $9.08 per annum for $2000; or $4.54 for $1000.
8. The dividends were paid annually in reduction of premiums. The first was $6.29, paid in 1883; the last was $24.98 for the current year (being 46 per cent. of the annual premium).
9. The company paid a dividend every year without exception, and the total amount for the 26 years is, as above stated, $447.23, instead of only $24.65, as your correspondent asserts.

If policyholders are being "robbed," no evidence of the fact has so far come to light; but if "Brant Policyholder" is sincere in believing that the dividend record as given in his letter is correct, he doubtless feels the charge to be true in his case. Let him, however, turn up his renewal receipts, on which the dividends from year to year are plainly stated, when he will find that instead of the dividends being a few cents in each of the years 1902-6, as stated in his letter, they were $24.01, $24.25, $24.49, $24.73 and $24.98 respectively, and that relatively large dividends were paid in all the previous years since 1883.

George Wegenast,
Manager.

Waterloo, July 3, 1906.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS WATER SUPPLY FOR JUNCTION

Negotiations Will Be Open for Supply From Artesian Wells 20 Miles Distant.

Toronto Junction, July 5—The town council met to-night and dreceived a petition from the residents of Pacific-avenue asking the council to prevent the completion of a two-storey iron-clad building being erected by the Batt Lumber Co. The council recalled the permit and the work will be stopped for a week. A motion by Councillor Baird that the cement sidewlak be laid on the local improvement plan, the owners to pay one-half the cost, was voted down by 6 to 4. A motion was carried that engotiations be opened with a company for a supply of pure water from artesian wells, a distance of 20 miles north of the town. The mayor, Councillors Haines, Bull and Baird were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the AAAssociation of Ontario Municipalities at the city hall, Toronto, on Aug. 28, 29 and 30.

The Toronto Junction Gun Club held its annual meeting to-night and the following officers were elected: President, P. Ellis; vice-president, W. Wakefeild; secretary, J. G. Wright; official scorer, W. Speers; field captain, J. Handy; executive committee, P. Wakefield, P. Ellis, D. J. Taylor and D. C. Walton. P. Wakefield was presented with a gold watch and locket and J. Hardy with a gun case and 500 loaded shells.

The line-up of the Shamrocks on Saturday with Brantford in the intermediate C. L. A. League will be as follows: Goal, W. Atton; point, C. Gilbert; cover point, Camplin; 1st defence, E. Doane; 2nd, Rountree; 3rd, Carswell; centre, A. Gilbert; 3rd home, B. Brown; 2nd home, J. McGraw; 1st home, B. Gilbert; outside home, J. Gilbert; inside home, F. Barker or G. Patterson; field captain, R. Bond.

Worcester Lodge, Sons of England, met to-night in Campbell Hall.

The Industrial Workers of the World held an open air meeting to-night on the corner of Dundas ad Keele-streets. Addresses were deliverd by four or five of the members. They are seeking to form a branch of the organization here.

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Mimico.

J. McIntosh, who was working on the Etobicoke Bridge yesterday afternoon, signaled one of the cars to stop. Thru some mistake the motorman omitted to respond to the signal and McIntosh fell from the bridge, a distance of 30 feet. He was taken to the residence of F. Death. Dr. Godfrey was calledd and found him suffering from shock and internal injuries.

North Toronto.

Engineer Gibson handed in his report re laying sidewalks on different streets. In the matter of a brick wall on Glen Grove-avenue the engineer reported unfavorably, as in his estimation the brick walk would injure the trees and perchance kill them, and the trees would injure the brick walks. He recommends a plank walk; also a tar and gravel walk for Hawthorne-avenue, Earl-street, Crescent and Sheldrake-avenues, Davisville-avenue, south side, and Eglinton-avenue, east.

Miss Lottie Klinck of Yonge-street and Sherwood-avenue is making a trip to the Northwest.

The Sunday School of Christ Church, Deek Park, held their annual picnic at Long Branch yesterday.

On Wednesday evening the pupils of Miss L. G. Pugsley gave a piano recital at the town hall, which was of a high order, and was well patronized, especially as the collection, which amounted to $14, went in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital. Dr. Jeffs occupied the chair acceptably. Those who took part in the entertainment were: Councillor W. J. Lawrence, Masters Fred McLachlan, Ernest Brown, Howard Jeff; Misses Gertrude and I. Perry, Edna Atkinson, Vera Rundle, Marguerite Armstrong, Ruby Pugsley, Annie Quinton, Lilian Armstrong, Essie Pugsley, Myrtle Armstrong, Bessie Scrace, Edna Irish, Ada Calhoune, Jean Shaver, and Edna Bevan.

the resignation of Miss E. M. Henderson was considered. Inspector Fotheringham, Principal Moore and Miss Moore took part in the discussion. Miss Henderson resigned because she and the principal couldn't get along. The principal said that her June (1905) examination was a failure and the last examination was not a success. Miss Henderson stated that in the last year there were four changes in the room on account of overcrowding, and that she was handicapped. The resignation was accepted.

Contracts for school repairs went to Fisher & Ramsay for $195, and Paxton got the contract of concreting Davisville school pavement for $130.

Civic Holiday at Bond Lake.

Editor World: I had my attention drawn to the heading of a letter in the columns of your paper of the 4th inst., regarding overcrowding on Metropolitan cars on July 2, written by some gentleman who is evidently not accustomed to traveling on public holidays, when every available car is crowded to its utmost capacity. I feel I ought to inform this gentleman that the next time he honors Bond's Lake with his presence, he apply to the railroad a few days ahead for a special car.

As regards restaurants, there is not one within five miles either way of Bond's Lake, to be "cleaned out" of provisions. Probably this same gentleman had not enquired at the refreshment booth, where there is always a liberal supply of tea, coffee and sandwiches.

Speaking of farm houses being "cleaned out" of provisions, there is only one farm house at Bond's Lake where meals are to be had, and were served till 9 o'clock that night. It seems this gentleman must have spent more time counting the people waiting for cars than looking for this farm house. Over 500 were satisfied to my knowledge, and plenty remained for 150 more.

One Who Knows.

Bond Lake.

Bond Lake, July 5.—(Special.)—One of the largest and most enjoyable picnics ever held at the lake was that of the city and Newmarket staffs of the Office Specialty Co. this afternoon. More than 1000 of the employes and their friends were present, and under an efficient games and music committee, everything passed off most enjoyably. Music was furnished by the Newmarket band and an orchestra provided for dancing. Luncheon was served during the afternoon. Every athletic event was keenly contested and for these prizes were donated. Gustave Erbe, general manager; J. F. Wildman, manager; R. F. Schmidt, superintendent, and J. D. Collie, chairman, were indefatigable in promoting the comfort of the party.

Todmorden.

Corby Lodge, L.O.L., No. 361, initiated two candidates on Wednesday evening. On the morning of the twelfth three more candidates will be made members of the order.

Fred Delavigne of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, quartered at London, Ont., and who has been on furlough here, visiting his mother, has returned to duty.

The late rains put money into the pockets of the market gardeners on the "Plains," owing to the sandy soil, which would swallow up all the water. In no former year have the crops looked as well and promising as this season.

Mr. Eadie, late principal of the "Plains" school, has not received his salary, due him at time of his resignation. This fact is causing considerable comment among the ratepayers of the school section, as legal proceedings are threatened by Mr. Eadie to recover not only his salary up to the time of his resignation, but even up to the present.

Chester.

The Baptist Sunday School held their annual picnic at Island Park yesterday.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Jos. Mills of Toronto is one of the speakers at the Society of Friends' International Endeavor Convention in Indiana.

H. C. Woodward, editor of The News, Chatham, Ont., is in the city for a few days.

Rev. Dr. Chambers, pastor of Parliament-street Methodist Church, is spending a few days at Port Severn.

A new C.P.R. appointment is announced, Samuel Hewitt succeeding H. A. Young, who has resigned as traveling freight and passenger agent for the territory west of Kingston.

Miss Mildred Robinson of Montreal is the guest of Miss Ethel Piper of Bernard-avenue.

Miss Hazel Pentecost, who left here last Christmas for a trip thru England and France, is expected home this week on the Empress of Ireland.

Miss Nettie Peterson of Waltham, Mass., is spending the holidays with her cousin, Mrs. Rothwell, Morse-street, Riverdale.

Hon. Dr. Reaume was at the parliament buildings yesterday for the first time since his illness. He is in excellent health, and has regained 22 pounds of the 24 he lost while recovering from his operation.

Lorne Macdougall, the ex-auditor-general of the Dominion, is now improving, and is likely to recover sufficiently in a week or so to attend to business.

Rehoboam Lodge's Outing.

Arrangements have been completed for the joint picnic of Rehoboam Masonic Lodge of Toronto and Eric Masonic Lodge of Buffalo, at Paradise Grove, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on July 14. The lical Masons, with their families, will probably number about 600, while Erie Lodge usually turns out about 800 strong. The 9 o'clock boat of the Niagara Navigation Co., will carry the Toronto excursionists, and M. C. R. cars will be at the wharf to convey them to the park. There will be a baseball match between the officers of the lodges and another between the members, besides a good program of other sports.

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