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HIGHER CIVIC AIMS

The present agitation for a change in the system of city government in St. John is the result of years of dissatisfaction in the results of the existing system. Attempts have been made from time to time to get better results, but never with the success hoped for, and never for any length of time. There have been councils which did much valuable work, but the best of them were hampered by the system, and every council has contained certain number of members who were either ornamental or useful, while the influence of some has been positively harmful to the city. More than one member of a council has candidly stated that at the election he found that unless he fell with the wishes of the group in control would soon find himself very much out of the cold. There has been too much petty politics and patronage, and not enough business system. The demand is therefore for a complete change in the system, so that every member of the council should be a business man, and not a politician.

It is not forgotten that the Unionists in Great Britain denounced the Liberal government for giving the Boers so large a measure of political freedom after the war. The answer is a united South Africa. The Unionists now see a new terror in reciprocity.

An Ottawa ladies' deputation suggests as a cure for ineffectual plenty of farm work, open air, a quiet mind, good food, and Turkish baths. And the experience of several hundred years tells, says the Ottawa Journal, to have found any better process in dealing with this wide-spread social evil.

The Victoria Colonist. Conservative says: "Mr. Fielding has been the subject of a highly favorable notice in the London Express. We are sure that nothing that can be said of W. S. Fielding as a man and a Canadian will be too flattering to meet with the hearty approval of his political opponents."

One argument that is gravely presented as an objection to the adoption of the commission plan in St. John is that conditions here are not as bad as they were in Cedar Rapids. Even if it were true, this statement would not cause any taxpayer to overlook the fact that conditions in St. John are bad enough to call for a radical change, and for such a system of government as is provided by the commission plan.

On the subject of good roads the Toronto News says: "Mr. A. W. Campbell puts the case for good roads in a new and strong light when he points out that but for the wagon roads which lead up to railway stations the railways themselves could not remain in business. It is also informing if not startling to learn that with the \$40,000,000 in cash and labor which has been wasted on Ontario highways in the last twenty years, he could have macadamized every road in the province."

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THE LITTLE GHOST

The stars began to peep;
Gone was the bitter day;
She heard the milky ewe
Bleat to their lambs astray.
Her heart cried for her lamb
Cold in the churchyard sod;
She could not think of the happy child
Who lay so still and cold.

At play with the Lamb of God.
She heard the calling ewe
And the lamb's answer, alas!
She heard her heart's blood drip in the night
As the ewes' milk on the grass.
Her tears that burnt like fire
No hotter and slow ran down;
She could not think on the new woe
Children.

Playing by Mary's gown.
Oh, who is this comes in
Over her threshold stone?
And why is the old dog wild with joy
Who all day long made moan?
This fair little radiant ghost,
Her one little son of seven,
New-seared from the hand of merry children
In the nurseries of Heaven.

He was all clad in white.
Without a speck or stain:
His curls had a ring of light
That rose and fell again.
'Now come with me, my mother,
And you and I have great ease.
For you shall see the lost children
Gathered to Mary's knees.'

Oh, lightly sprang she up,
Nor waited her sleeping man;
And hand in hand with the little ghost
Through the dark night she ran.
She is gone with a fern,
As a bird homes to its nest.
She has seen them lie, the sleepy children,
Twist Mary's arm and breast.

At morning she came back;
Her eyes were strange to see.
She will not fear the long journey
However long it be.
She goes in and out
She signs unto herself:
For she has seen the mothers' children,
And knows that it is well.
Katherine Tynan, in the Spectator.

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Kind Old Lady—Little boy, I would
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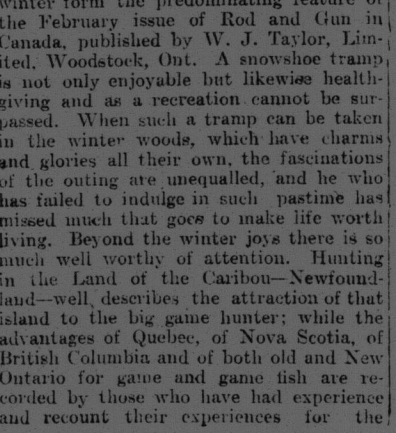
BEFORE A SHOP WINDOW.
Billy—Buy me that little rocking-horse,
Papa—If you are a good boy you shall
have it next Christmas.
Billy—No! Buy it now. I may have
a new papa before next Christmas.—Neg-
gendortier Blaetter.

REAL GOBLINS.
Once there was a little girl
Who tried to smuggle things,
And when the dock inspectors came
She up and hid her rings;
And when they asked her what she had
She just said, 'Nuthin', sir!'
Although she knew it wasn't true—
She had 'em all on her.
And when they had her searched, O, my!
They found 'em in her hair!
And the customs men'll get you
If you don't declare.

Then there was a little boy
Who bought a lot of clothes,
And handkerchiefs and shirts and things,
And underneath and loose;
And as he landed on the dock
He looked just like a saint.
When asked if he'd bought things abroad,
He said, 'No, sir, I ain't!'
But when they opened up his trunks
The things they found in there!
And the customs men'll get you
If you don't declare.

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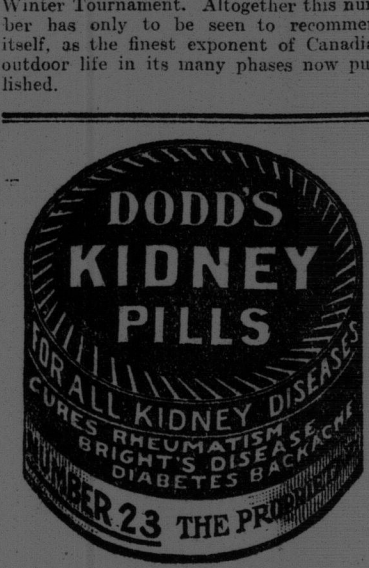
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