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A CIVIC NEED

There is room in St. John for the development of a larger measure of civic pride than is at present manifest. The city needs a little more of the assertiveness of the newer western communities. There is too much of that spirit of dejection which lets things drift. Perhaps also there is too much of a disposition to say that it is somebody else's business to do what is position to let the law do this or the institution do that, eliminating the element of personal responsibility. Is there not much that could be done to improve the appearance of the city which could easily be accomplished by voluntary organization for the purpose? Is there not much that could be done for the boys and girls who through neglect are learning evil lessons? Are there not many ways in which energy now wasted on mere idleness or unsatisfying personal gratification could be turned to good account, conferring benefit upon the community and bringing the people into closer sympathy in effort for the common good? To the citizen who has regard for the law of service, and who sees the need for a wider recognition of individual responsibility, and more of sympathy between those who would be, alike interested in the common welfare, there are no obstacles so great as the scornful curl of the lip of class, and the dead weight of indifference typified by the individual who thinks but of self and selfish ends.

THE DREDGING

The city council will hardly be deterred by the new-found zeal of the Globe from advocating whatever course, with regard to the dredging, may be deemed essential to the rapid construction of the 600-foot steamship berth. The city knew what it wanted when it appealed to the government. If the city is still what it wants, and ought to have, the course to pursue is perfectly clear. If, on the other hand, the conditions have changed, or it is now made clear that another course is necessary, the council should govern its action accordingly. But neither what may have been decided in Ottawa nor what may have been decided against the interests of this or that contractor should stand in the way of the rapid prosecution of this needed work. There has already been much delay, and the interests of the port will suffer if the work in hand is not now rushed. The matter is of sufficient importance to command the attention of the citizens' harbor committee and business men generally. This is no time for doubt or hesitation. There should be a clear-cut programme, capable of fulfillment, and every energy should be bent to the work. There has been too much of haphazard and of bending to circumstances. He is the really successful man who bends circumstances to his purpose. The like is true of communities.

WESTERN GROWTH

A glance through the Winnipeg and other Western Canadian newspapers gives the eastern man glimpses of a wonderful progress. For example, the Winnipeg Free Press says:

"The bank clearings for week ending Thursday amount to \$12,309,640, or 41.38 per cent. greater than for the corresponding week of last year for which the total was \$8,770,877. In 1905 the total was \$8,046,822. The rate of gain over last year is being steadily maintained."

Passing on to the coast, we find at Vancouver a new flour mill, turning out 250 barrels per day of "the finest flour produced in Canada," and able, by working night and day, to double its output. The manager of this mill says: "We are going into the export business and already have booked several orders for flour for China and Japan. But next fall the Vancouver Milling & Grain Company will have its flour in every important city and centre of population in Japan and China."

The Victoria Colonist tells of a new departure in building in that city, an apartment house, which is thus described: "The building will be four stories in height, occupying an area of 120 feet square. Double roofed with an ornamental front, bow windows will be a feature of the frontage. The entrance will be reached by means of a flight of steps flanked on either hand by pillared porticoes. Sixty-five suites of rooms, capable of accommodating 150 people, are planned, while on the ground floor there will be a restaurant capable of seating 200 people. The building will be fitted with an elevator, heated by steam, and fitted with electricity throughout. The furnishings will be of the most modern character. In front will be a palm garden, while the rear grounds will be laid out by a landscape gardener. Tennis courts will be provided."

We learn also from the Colonist that "it would be hard to count the substantial men of Winnipeg and other places in Manitoba who have their minds set on coming to Victoria to reside. This summer and fall will see them here in great numbers, and all with money to invest in homes."

Coming eastward again we read of Lloydminster, in which St. John people have a special interest, because it was named after Archdeacon Lloyd, formerly of Rothesay, and because the first settlers in that region landed at St. John on their way from England to the new land of promise. Of Lloydminster we read: "All fear of an injurious result from the late spring is now forgotten and nothing is

heard of in this district but a forecast of a bountiful harvest. Each day settlers are leaving for their homesteads, expressing their opinion that Lloydminster ranks as one of the best districts in Canada. The Lloydminster district has had three excellent wheat and oat crops in succession. Last year the marks for the average quality of wheat took a very high rank and the second prize for the best wheat in the province was gained. The town is growing very rapidly with private residences springing up in considerable numbers while the old shack, the sign of the early days, is fast disappearing. During the month of May there were 250 homestead entries at the Lloydminster land office. An enterprising merchant is now opening a cement block factory which will add not only to the safety of the town from fire but much to its beauty. It is noticed that the board of trade are holding frequent meetings and are very energetic in their work."

Add to these statements the following from the Omaha correspondent of the New York Herald, and we have some further explanation of the fact that times are good in Canada:—"In the first half of April 428 persons from Nebraska and Iowa moved across the border and became citizens of Canada. They carried 79 carloads of household goods and their combined property was worth \$324,805. The movement from the central west into western Canada has become so serious that the census bureau of the United States reports that the middle western States have gained in population in five years, despite the thousands of new settlers who have arrived from the east. According to this census the outgoing settlers just about balanced the incoming ones—and the principal destination of the out-going settlers was western Canada. Twice last month full trains were run from this section to Canada. One went to Calgary, the other to Regina. From these points the people in the trains scattered to their destinations. Saskatchewan received the largest number of any one town of the train destined to Regina, while Red Deer, midway between Calgary and Edmonton, got the lion's share of those who went to Alberta. The men going into Canada from Nebraska and Iowa are not those who have made failure and are moving along, hoping for something to 'turn up.' On the other hand, they are the best farmers in the country, and in most cases have sold their lands here and are moving to Canada, expecting to buy larger farms than they had in this country, using only part of the money for which they sold."

History appears to be repeating itself in the city of Quebec. Quite a number of years ago the demand of the ship laborers was such that a very large portion of the shipping business was transferred to Montreal. The laborers are again making demands which the steamship people say they cannot meet, and some of the steamers are going on to Montreal. In Montreal the dispute between the laborers and the shipping firms is not yet settled, as the award of the board of conciliation has not been accepted; but work is proceeding on the wharves as usual.

There are still evidences of friction in the conduct of the affairs of the water-works department of this city. This was made very clear at yesterday's meeting of the water board. That board should assert its authority in unmistakable language, and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure harmony and co-operation among the officials of the department.

The evidence at the enquiry into the cause of the Crystal Stream disaster is of a nature to leave a most painful impression on the public mind, with regard to rivalry and ill-feeling in connection with river traffic. It is to be hoped the mystery of this tragic occurrence will be cleared up so that no shadow of wrongful suspicion will rest upon any individual.

WILL ENTERTAIN
HIGH COURT I. O. F.

Central Committee I.O.F. Complete Arrangement for Outing On the River.

At a meeting of the central committee I. O. F., held last evening in the Orange hall, Simonds street, arrangements were completed for the contemplated excursion to be given by the courts of St. John and Fairville to the High Court of New Brunswick on the occasion of the annual meeting here, the following committees having charge:

Boats: M. E. Grass, Thos. Hastings and F. Allingham; tea: E. W. Rowley, E. J. Neve, D. H. Melvin; grounds: W. F. Cronk; band: John A. Brooks, J. M. Scott, Jr., Hazen Hamilton; sports: R. Steeves, C. E. McMichael, W. E. Grass; tickets, etc.: D. G. Lingley, W. A. Erb, P. Allingham, Aaron Hastings, John A. Brooks, Jas. Stephenson; welcome committee, all the central committee with President Lingley as chairman.

The street cars will leave King square at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, July 2, for Indian-Point, where the May Queen will sail for Watters' Landing. Two or three enjoyable hours are to be expected there. All delegates will be presented a free ticket entitling them to the trip on the boat and their supper. It is expected to reach St. John on the return trip in time for the evening session of the high court.

The high court will open in the assembly rooms of Keith's Theatre at 10 a. m. Tuesday. H. C. R. Woods will preside. The S. C. P., Hon. Elliott G. Stevenson, will be at the morning session.

Many a storm could be so easily averted if we only watched the barometer that hangs on the walls of the human

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A HEART AWAKE

(By Ruth Young)

The moon had set.
The grass with glittering dew was wet.
I heard a little bird wake in the night;
One tiny twitter, it made
As though afraid
It had slept too long to welcome the light.

I heard a little heart wake in the light.
One tiny prayer it prayed
It had forgotten to thank God for delight.
And the light where the moon had set
Paled, till shadow and darkness met.

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THE KIND OF BOOK HE WANTED
Long-Haired Clerk—"Do you want a highly-exciting book?"
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A STARTER, NOT A REPEATER.
"She repeats stories about her women friends, doesn't she?"
"Not often; she usually starts them."

ORGANIZATION
(Overheard at a small race meeting under local control.)
"Do you know what's going to win the first race?"
"It 'aint settled yet; but I'll tell you after the stewards' meeting."

ANOTHER SOCIAL SCANDAL
"More trouble in high life."
"What now?"
"A New York millionaire deserts his club for his home."

A HYMN FOR THE JAIL.
There is no truth in the report that Rev. Dr. Chambers, the new governor of Toronto jail, opens devotional exercises at that institution by giving out the hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have."

EVIDENCE
"Do you believe that the good die young?"
"I think they do, if all my wife tells me about her first husband is true."

NEAR TO NATURE
Church—"Did you ever try any of these 'close to nature' methods?"
Gotham—"Well, I've used a porous plaster."

A BAD SIGN
Tired Tattler—"I saw do new moon over me left shoulder last night. I wonder what dat's a sign of?"
Weary Walker—"It's a sign dat de nex' place you ask for work you'll get it."

EMINENTLY ELIGIBLE.
"But," asked the proprietor of the Bontong apartments, "do you think this man is the best one you can get for janitor?"
"The best one?" replied the manager; "he has been at various times an ironman, a coachman and a street car conductor. He's easy and independent as he can be."
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RYAN MAKES A
FINE SHYLOCK

Excellent Performance of The Merchant of Venice at the Opera House Last Night.

A good sized audience greeted the first performance of the Merchant of Venice by the Daniel Ryan Stock Company in the Opera House last night and witnessed a splendid performance. The scenes were good and the costumes very pleasing, especially Portia's in the third act, scene two, at the choosing of the casket, and in the court of justice in act four.

Daniel Ryan as Shylock was in excellent form and at the close of the scene in the court before the Duke of Venice, in which he was particularly strong, he received an ovation. This act was the most forceful in the piece and Mr. Ryan did the added honors with Miss Gilmore as Portia in a performance that was all that could be desired.

The change from absolute confidence in himself and his assurance of an immediate revenge upon his debtor Antonio, to complete dejection at seeing his victim actually withdrawn beyond his baneful influence was well portrayed by Mr. Ryan and constituted the finest piece of acting throughout the play.

Chas. Breckenridge, as Launcelot, the Jew's servant, was very funny and brought out the humor of his lines to their fullest extent.

Clinton Ferris as Bassanio was very good and read his lines with much effectiveness.

Antonio, the merchant of Venice, was well portrayed by Mr. Hick.

W. J. Bowen, as Lorenzo, in love with Jessica, the Jew's daughter, gave his usual S. F. Cairns, as Gratiano, was good in the trial scene and lent a lightness to the general tone of the act.

The play went very smoothly and in parts was exceptionally strong. Though the light and attractive scene in which the wives of Bassanio and Gratiano get back the rings which they had sworn never to part with till death, was left out it did not detract from the completeness of the play. Altogether the performance was a finished one and deserves a crowded house. It will be repeated tonight.

LOST IN THE ALPS IS
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The thrilling rescue of two little children by the wonderfully sagacious dogs of the famous St. Bernard monastery in the Alps will be the great card at the Nickel today and for the remainder of the week. This is one of the most popular films now in use in New York and London, and though an expensive European importation the wisdom of securing it is demonstrated in the business bringing qualities.

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