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PLAYGROUNDS

When attempts were being made last year to have the best possible use made of the public playground in Queen square, West St. John, the ball players were urged to join in the movement to form a West End Improvement League. On one occasion those interested went to the ball ground to invite co-operation. Their efforts were entirely ignored. Now we are told a baseball league has been organized, and has calmly appropriated that public playground for its own use, without any reference to the city council. Playgrounds Association or anybody else. Is that the spirit which will prompt a proper regard and care for the play interests of the boys and girls of the west side? Of course if the fathers and mothers of the west side feel they have no interest in providing recreation facilities for their boys and girls the rest of the city will not feel concerned in the matter, but if they do desire to make the best public use of a public playground for their children they will not lack the fullest measure of support. The claims of grown-up men are secondary, not primary, in regard to the few playgrounds the city possesses. The boys and girls have the first claim.

CAPITAL AND LABOR

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, recently set forth his views regarding the relations between capital and labor necessary to cure industrial life. He set down as a basic principle:

"General adoption of a genuine partnership system between the capital and the labor engaged in any given work or plant, whereby the return to capital and labor alike after the wages are paid shall vary with the profits of the establishment, the percentage of the profit to go to the laborer being always much larger than that going to shareholders or owners, and payroll being called on to make good losses. As a means of securing to employees full knowledge of the partnership accounts they should all be represented in the directorate."

Dr. Eliot, like many others who have spoken, asserts that following the league of nations there should be a just settlement of industrial strife. A report of his address says that he advocated universal adoption of co-operative management and discipline, increased welfare provisions for employees, abandonment of the conception that capital is the natural enemy of labor and that unorganized laborers are traitors to their class; of the idea that it is desirable for workers of any sort to work as few hours in a day as possible; and that absolute rejection of the notion that less work should be done than is necessary for the main object of life. His summary of the principles that should rule capital and labor is as follows:

"1.—Willing adoption by both parties of the methods of conciliation, arbitration, and ultimate decision by a national government board as sufficient means of bringing about just and progressive settlements of all disputes between capital and labor."

"2.—Recognition by both parties that a new and formidable danger threatens civilization, and that all good citizens of the republic should unite to suppress anarchy and violent socialism and to secure to all sorts and conditions of men life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

"3.—General acceptance of the view that American liberties are to be preserved just as they have been won. They have been slowly achieved by generations of sturdy, hardworking people who value personal independence, industry, thrift, truthfulness in thought and act, respect for law, family life, and home, and were always ready to fight in defense of these things."

"4.—Acceptance of the truth that the democracy which is to be made safe in the world does not mean equality of possessions or powers, or a dead level; homogeneous and monotonous society; but on the contrary the free cultivation of indefinitely diversified human gifts and capacities and liberty for each individual to do his best for the common good."

To find a practical method of application of these principles is the task that confronts the leaders of industry and of labor. They must get together, to avoid the "new and formidable danger"—Bolshevism—which threatens the very foundations of human society. If, now the war is over, there is a reversion to the old scramble for wealth rather than concerted action to advance the welfare of society as a whole, the unrest that is one of the fruits of the war will soon grow to formidable and very threatening proportions. The people want what they have been fighting for—a better world.

The longest step that has ever been taken in Canada toward a better understanding between capital and labor was announced by Hon. G. Robertson, minister of labor, in the senate yesterday. He said:

"We propose appointing a small commission of five men who will absolutely command the confidence of the public, asking them to proceed to all centres of industry, to survey the situation, to get all the facts and to let us have their

recommendations as to what should be done in the interests of both labor and capital before May 15, and upon that report, upon these recommendations we propose basing a government policy for the promotion of greater harmony in the industrial and labor world. The inquiry will go so far as to find out what are the possibilities of joint control and operation of certain industries by labor and capital. It may not be feasible in certain industries, may not be feasible in some industries as in others, but I am convinced as a result of conferences with industrial leaders that complete democracy in our industrial life is just as feasible and just as necessary as complete democracy in our political life."

Senator Robertson pointed out that as a result of a conference of representatives of labor and capital at Ottawa last year twelve principles had been adopted which greatly improved the relations existing, and now with the approval of both capital and labor the proposed commission is to be appointed. He further pointed out that the Whitney and Rockefeller plans for industrial councils have already been adopted by the Imperial Oil Company, the International Harvester Company, the Canadian Shoe Manufacturing Company, and the Toronto Builders' League and other firms are following their example. The shipbuilding and western mining interests have found great benefit in conferences of employers and employees. The senator declared that joint control of industry is bound to come and that it will put an end to industrial conflict.

A COMMON DUTY

Speaking in Toronto the other day, Sir Herbert Ames said:

"Every man, woman and child who has a share in the securities of the country is another bulwark against Bolshevism."

A report of his speech says further: "The losses of the war, in men who will never return and in men who return maimed in body and shattered in mind, we can never estimate, he said, but there are certain losses that we can estimate and tabulate, such as the financial losses. The cost of the war to Canada was approximately \$1,400,000,000, and when everything is calculated, it will mean a war burden of two billion dollars, which probably amounts to one-tenth of the whole national wealth we have accumulated and is equal to a mortgage of \$1,000 on every family of four members. This enormous wealth has been destroyed and the people of Canada have got to put back that two billions, to do which there is no other way but saving. We must become a thrifty nation and not spend as much as we earn."

This is wise counsel. Canada is bearing her burdens very well, but there is money in abundance, but there is the stern fact that the war left an enormous debt, which the people must in time liquidate. Their plain duty is to practice thrift and to invest in thrift and war savings stamps, to enable the government to carry on great works without embarrassment.

It must have required a considerable degree of nerve for Hon. B. Frank Smith to deliver a speech last night in criticism of the government, but not more than his potato record shows him to possess. The Standard printed only a short summary of his speech this morning. Has it taken the Gleaner's hint about the necessity for new leaders?

The distillers of Canada, now that the open bar has gone forever, have declared themselves opposed to the open bar. All their former arguments in its favor were therefore worthless. The like is true of their new plea for a strictly regulated liquor business under license. The country will not have it.

The official opening of the soldiers' hostel of the Salvation Army in Prince William street adds another to the Army's beneficent institutions in St. John.

The four censured members of the legislature have not yet resigned their seats. Such a disregard of public sentiment was never before witnessed in this province.

Canada cannot afford to isolate herself from other progressive nations by refusing to adopt daylight time.

"At least the war has taught us economy," remarked Ex-Sec. McAdoo recently. "I call to mind a friend of mine who works in New York, but lives in Brooklyn. He has been lecturing his wife on the gentle art of saving, and she, after deep pondering, advanced a really bright idea. Quite often the husband was not able to get home in time for dinner at night. He told his wife that he would phone her every day as to whether he could leave the office or not. Mrs. Benson was of a very thrifty disposition and the following was her solution of the problem: 'Sam, if you find that you can't be home for dinner, phone me at exactly six o'clock. If the telephone rings at that hour I'll know it is you and that you are not coming for dinner. I won't answer it and you'll get your nickel back!'"

THE HEAVENLY HILLS

Oh, come out with me to the heavenly hills,
Away, away, away,
Where great rivers begin in the tiniest rills,
Away, away, away,
Away from all care and worry and strife,
To where everything is as it is with life.

Oh, come out with me to the heavenly hills,
Away, away, away,
Oh, the sky is so blue o'er the heavenly hills!
Away, away, away,
And the bright sunlight gleams in the tiniest rills,
Away, away, away,
Our nostrils are filled with the resinous pine,
And we tread a rich carpet of needles as fine.

Oh, the sky is so blue o'er the heavenly hills!
Away, away, away,
Broken hearts will find balm in the heavenly hills,
Away, away, away,
They will find there a cure for life's various ills,
Away, away, away,
Where the birds and the bees sing a wonderful song,
And the wind whistles gaily, the grasses among.

Broken hearts will find balm in the heavenly hills,
Away, away, away,
—Breath-o'-Pine.

CARCASSONNE

(Gustave Dadaud.)
How old am I I am eighty years!
I've worked both hard and long,
Yet patient as my life has been
One dearest sight I have not seen—
It almost seemed a wrong.
A dream I had when life was new,
Alas, our dreams they come not true.
I thought to see fair Carcassonne,
That lovely city, Carcassonne.

One sees it dimly from the height
Beyond the mountain blue,
Pain would I walk five weary leagues
Through moon and evening's dew,
But bitter frosts would fall at night,
And on the grapes—that yellow light!
I could not go to Carcassonne,
I never went to Carcassonne.

They say it is as gay all times
As holidays at home,
The gentle ride in gay attire,
And in the sun each gilded spire
Shoots up like those of Rome.
The Bishop the procession leads,
And generals curb their prancing steeds.
Alas! I know not Carcassonne,
Alas! I saw not Carcassonne.

Our vicar's right! he preaches loud,
And bids us to beware,
He says "O, guard the weakest part
And most the traitor in the heart
Against ambition's snare!"
Perhaps in autumn I can find
Two sunny days with gentle wind,
I then could go to Carcassonne,
I still could go to Carcassonne.

My God and Father, pardon me
If this my wish offends!
One sees some hope more high than he
In age, as in the children's hands,
To which his heart ascends!
My wife, my son, have seen Narbonne.
My grandson went to Perpignan.
But I have not seen Carcassonne.

This sighed a peasant bent with age,
Half dreaming, half awake,
I said, "My friend, come, go with me.
To-morrow, then, thine eyes shall see
Those streets that seem so far away."
That night there came a fall of rain
The church bell's low and mournful toll.
He never saw gay Carcassonne,
Who has not known a Carcassonne?

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CAMPAIGN WEEK FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERS

And Annual Subscriptions or Donations to the Local Y. W. C. A.

The local Y. W. C. A. feels greatly indebted to the city citizens and merchants of St. John, who so generously contributed last November towards making possible the present comfortable boarding house for employed girls, recently opened at 23 King street, and now dedicated to a service for the young womanhood of our city.

Next week the board of directors are planning to give the ladies of the city, young and old, a chance to place a "sustaining fund" in their hands to "carry on" this work, now well begun.

Beginning Monday, April 7, a personal canvass of the homes of the city will be made, with the hope of gaining sustaining memberships at \$5 each, from each home and at the same time collect such annual subscriptions or donations on life memberships, as have formerly been obtained through church or private collections.

AN ILLUMINATING SPEECH

Address in the Budget Debate by Fred Magee, Westmorland

(Fredericton Mail).

Fred Magee, the young and energetic member for Westmorland, contributed an able and illuminating address to the budget debate in the legislature last evening. Mr. Magee is a gentleman who takes his politics seriously. He is a splendid type of the successful business man who believes that he owes a duty to his native province, and he is conceded even by his opponents that he is endeavoring to discharge that duty faithfully and conscientiously. His speech of last evening was one of the ablest and most business-like that the House has listened to in a period of twenty-five years. He warmly commended the government for its efforts in its putting forth to give the province a wise administration of affairs, and then proceeded to give his own views as to the means which might be adopted to bring about an improvement in conditions. His suggestions were the result of careful study and thought and were followed with intense interest by the members on both sides of the House.

In plain language Mr. Magee stated that New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were not now receiving and never had received a square deal from the federal authorities at Ottawa. They were small expense and property fenced at an expenditure of \$1,250. The necessity for such a playground was shown by the fact that under the trust deed by which the city accepted Queen's Square as a playground, it was bound to have it converted into a suitable recreation ground. No action was taken in respect to the project, but it was said that the city council would reach a decision tonight.

FOR CLEANER POLITICS

(Fredericton Mail).

The government which went out of power in February, 1917, as already stated, was a government of scandals. It did more in one year to drag the good name of New Brunswick into the mire and make it a by-word throughout Canada than all previous governments since Confederation. There is now not the slightest doubt that had the legislature in 1915, on the receipt of the report of the royal commission on the timber land scandal, taken a stand such as that taken by the house last night, the Valley Road way and the patriotic potato scandals would never have been heard of. Instead of condemning the bootlickers, a severe government following applied the whitewash brush, thus giving to rascals in office and scoundrels out of office a license to continue their nefarious work. Premier Foster and his colleagues and supporters are to be sincerely congratulated on the stand they have taken on behalf of clean politics. They have set

BIG PLAY GROUND FOR FREDERICTON

(Fredericton Gleaner).

A large group composed of representatives of the Older Boys' Association made up of members of organizations connected with the Fredericton High School and the various churches in the city together with members of the Advisory Committee in charge of Boys' Work in Fredericton, as well as representatives of the Board of Trade, Fredericton Brass Band, Fredericton Branch of the G. W. V. A. and Fredericton Labor Council, appeared before the city council last night to urge the city to purchase a large tract of land for a playground.

Mr. Magee is a credit to the county which he represents, and New Brunswick would be proud to have him as one of its citizens in public life.

Your countrywoman,
LUCRETIA M. HILL.

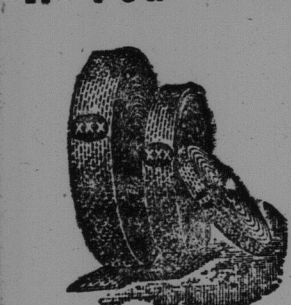
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4th Southern General Hospital, Ford Section, Plymouth, Eng.

To my kind friends in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada:
I wish to acknowledge, through the columns of your valuable paper the receipt of money and beautiful boxes of "noodles" at the Christmas season, from the following:—Money and boxes from all the members of my Khaki Club; Mrs. McDonald, Miss Clark, Mrs. Wm. Burton, Mrs. Bridge, Miss Logue, Miss Thomas, Miss Sturdee, Miss Cougle, Miss Morrison of Sussex and several others. Needless to say how much I enjoyed them and it gave me such pleasure to be able to pick up a large Christmas treat for the eight Canadian boys who were in the hospital then, as well as a treat for each of the twenty-four patients who were under my care, and who came from all parts of the empire. The council last evening and placed their project to have that portion of Queen Square not used for railway purposes made an enclosed public playground.

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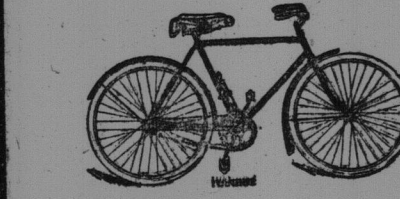
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the pace for future governments and their action will be warning for all time to those in the political arena who would wander from the straight and narrow path.

N. B. FRUIT GROWERS

Fredericton, N. B., April 2.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association came to close tonight. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Jas. S. Nell, Fredericton; president, Colonel

O. W. Wetmore, Clifton; vice-president, T. C. Clark, Chartersville, Westmorland county; secretary, A. G. Turvey, Fredericton; additional members of the executive, W. B. Gilman, Fredericton; R. A. Filmore, Burton.

Resolutions were adopted favoring greater development of the small fruit markets of Montreal and other large cities, and the incorporation of the association.

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