

REFERENDUM NOT ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL

Commissioner Bennett, of Cedar Rapids, Cites Cases where this Commission Feature Did Not Work Out Well

The following letter in the series from Mr. Mackinnon dealing with the commission plan of government, as found in Cedar Rapids, is interesting for the reason that it quotes one of the commissioners to the effect that the referendum which is pointed to as a positive safeguard against any possible mistakes in the system, does not always work out satisfactorily. It also shows that the people of Cedar Rapids are not as well off under commission as some of the enthusiastic advocates of the plan would have the people believe.

Commissioner Bennett also states his opinion that as good results can be obtained with a small council as with a commission. After all, it is the man rather than the plan which counts.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Commissioner Bennett, of the public safety department, discussing several phases of the commission plan has given me the following information:

"The referendum is a fine thing in theory, but it is not of such value in practical application. Recently, we have given away, through the referendum, two valuable franchises which would never have been granted by the commissioners. Of course, I do not say that there may not be occasions when the commission will feel disposed to grant franchises which would not be granted by the people. On the occasions of which I speak, the voters took practically no interest in the contests, but corporation lawyers engaged by those who sought the franchises worked the game and won out for their companies. The difficulty seems to be that the voters do not seriously acquaint themselves with the merits of the propositions before them. A recent franchise was supposed to be worth \$100,000 to the corporation asking it, and in spite of its great importance, only one voter in five turned out to vote. You may take it from me that the people are not so deeply interested in these matters as some persons imagine they are, and in this form of government as in any other, real success lies in the true personality of the man at the head of affairs.

"The commission plan is all right, but you can do just as well by electing a council of eight or so, and choosing them at large. Certainly, to my mind, you get much more for your money than under the large system but if three out of five are crooks, no plan or franchise can make any difference. The chief feature of the commission is that the form of government has nothing at all to do with it, then depends almost wholly on the attitude of the people. The introduction of an improved form of civic government does not necessarily imply the introduction of a perfect system. The commission scheme by itself must not be supposed to bring perfect men with it."

Touching upon the financial affairs of the city, Mr. Bennett said: "We are not so well off in Cedar Rapids as some of the more enthusiastic among our citizens would have us believe. By glancing over the accounts you will note that our assets have increased on paper by some \$400,000. You may take from me that this is only a paper increase. It is ridiculous to suppose that we have carried on the government for three years without any very great increase in revenue and have at the same time added 55 per cent to the city's assets.

"As a matter of fact, the first commission went into the thing far too heavily and in a few more years at the same rate, would have left the city bankrupt. Perhaps the excessive operations they carried on were a very great misfortune for they aroused a wide civic interest, but the doings of the first commission have made a successful administration on our part far more difficult in that we are compelled to meet the obligations which they incurred and, at the same time, to satisfy the demands of the people with a shrunken revenue. When the new commission came into office they had on hand something like \$185,000 in cash according to their own signed declaration. Their last balance sheet showed a cash balance on hand of less than one-third of this amount.

"Yet in spite of these faults you must not suppose that I am opposed to the commission plan. Merely I do not look upon it as anything very wonderful. I believe it has been a good thing for Cedar Rapids, but I also believe that under the conditions existing in your Canadian cities and judging from what I know of Canadian laws, you can bring about whatever improvements you desire without adopting such drastic measures as we considered necessary in Cedar Rapids."

E. V. MCKINNON.

Mrs. Smith Trites. The death of Mrs. Smith Trites, widow of the late Truman Trites, took place on Saturday at 12 Wright street. She was formerly Miss Smith Blakeney of Petfordic. She had been ill during the greater part of the winter and had been confined to her bed for the last six weeks. Besides one sister, Mrs. Kate Thorne of Havelock, she is survived by two sons, Fred G. Trites of Winnipeg and Arthur of Massachusetts, and two daughters, Miss Lillian and Miss Bird residing at home. A funeral service will be held at her late residence tonight and the body will be taken to Petfordic on Tuesday morning by train.

To Start Temperance Campaign. A meeting of delegates from various churches and temperance organizations of the city will be held in the Every Day Club rooms this evening for the purpose of making arrangements for an aggressive temperance campaign.

A MUSICAL EVENT OF GREAT EXCELLENCE

Selections from The Messiah to be Sung in St. Luke's Church Tonight by Special Chorists.

The Oratorio selections to be given in St. Luke's church this evening by the combined choirs of St. Luke's, St. Jude's and St. James' churches and other singers, promises to prove of exceptional interest and should draw a large audience. The programme will consist of selections from Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," and will be carried out under the direction of E. S. Poole, choir-master, and instructor of St. Luke's choir. It will include the following numbers:

Recit. (Tenor)—"Comfort ye, my people." Aria (Tenor)—"Every valley shall be exalted." Chorus—"And the glory of the Lord." Recit. (Bass)—"Thus saith the Lord." Aria (Bass)—"But who may abide the day of His coming?" Recit. (Alto)—"Behold! a virgin shall conceive." Chorus—"Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion." Recit. (Soprano)—"There were shepherds abiding in the field." And the angel of the Lord came upon them. "And the angels said unto them: "And suddenly there was with the angel."

Chorus—"Glory to God in the highest." Aria (Soprano)—"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion." Recit. (Alto)—"Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened." Aria (Alto)—"He shall feed His flock." Aria (Soprano)—"Come unto Him." Chorus—"Behold the Lamb of God." Aria (Alto)—"He was despised and hated of men." Chorus—"All we like sheep have gone astray." Chorus—"Lift up your heads, O ye gates."

Chorus—"Why do the nations rage so furiously together." Chorus—"Hallelujah." Aria (Soprano)—"I know that my Redeemer liveth." Quatrain—"Since by man came death."

Chorus—"By man came also the resurrection of the dead." Recit. (Soprano)—"For as in Adam all die." Chorus—"Even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

The names of the chorists who will take part follow:

Soprano—Mrs. A. G. Brown, Mrs. H. I. Gentry, (soloist) Mrs. Joseph Irvine, Mrs. E. S. Peacock, Mrs. W. Wilks, Misses E. Allen, E. Bridger, Lucy Coster, Gertrude Coster, J. Crommelin, Mrs. A. G. Dyer, J. Dyer, M. Dunham (soloist), H. L. Dyer, M. Hingham, A. L. Farmer, A. Morgan, A. Moore, M. Murray, Mowry, H. McKay, E. Ramsey, G. Smalley, M. Foster.

Alto—Mrs. H. Cannon, (soloist) Mrs. S. Harrison, (soloist) Mrs. S. E. Skinner, Misses Grace Coster, E. Dodge, E. Harrison, M. Harrison, B. A. Irvine (soloist) A. Knight, C. Lamb, A. McKim (soloist), H. Taylor.

Tenor—Messrs. S. A. Coster (soloist) J. Dix, T. Kingsmill, C. A. Munro (soloist) A. G. Pringle, W. A. Smith, H. A. Shaw, A. J. Titus, Geo. Thibault, W. R. Wilks (soloist).

Bass—Messrs. J. W. Armour, A. G. Burham (soloist) J. C. Cole, A. R. Brown, A. H. Ellis, R. C. Farmer, H. Hoyt, F. Hardiman, F. H. Howell, H. Harrison, G. S. Hayes (soloist), H. Post, A. B. Smalley, S. I. Smith.

Accompanists—Piano, Miss Bessie Farmer; Organ, D. Arnold Fox. Conductor—Ernest Scott Peacock.

ROOSEVELT SPEAKS OUT

Says He Is Aspirant For No Office As He Has Enjoyed All The Honors The U. S. Can Offer.

Spokane, Wash., April 8.—Theodore Roosevelt made his first public declaration regarding his possible candidacy for the presidency at a luncheon given in his honor today by the commercial club.

"I am not an aspirant for anything because I have had everything," he said. "No other man alive has had a good run for his money."

"You have nothing I want, except your respect and good will, and all I desire, is so far as the chance arises where I am able to do so, is to help in any movement for the good of our common country."

FACTORY CLOSED BY STRIKE. Lynn, Mass., April 8.—One thousand workers were thrown out of employment today by the closing of the factory of the A. E. Little Company. The shut down was caused by a strike of the fasteners for an advance in wages.

Journalist in the Pulpit. Frederick Campbell, the famous journalist and lecturer, occupied the pulpit of Brussels street Baptist church at both the morning and evening services yesterday, and his address was much appreciated by the large audiences. While in Halifax Mr. Campbell formed a close friendship with Rev. A. B. Cohen, and it was the instance of the former pastor that he consented to speak at the Brussels street church. He will address the Amherst Canadian Club on Tuesday and return to St. John at the end of the week.

Paris, April 8.—The twenty round here tonight, between Willie Lewis, the American welterweight, and George Gunther, of Australia, ended in a draw. Gunther forced the fighting throughout, but Lewis showed much more science.

PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR MARITIME PROVINCES

Frederick Campbell, English Journalist, Says Provinces "By the Sea" are Destined to Become the Most Important Part of Canada--A Serious Mistake to Rush to the West.

"The young men who are leaving the Maritime Provinces for the west are making a mistake, at least that is my opinion," said Frederick Campbell, an English journalist, who has spent the last year in Nova Scotia, and who intends to do a good deal to advertise eastern Canada in the Old Country.

"In my opinion the Maritime Provinces are destined to be the most important part of Canada. I can not say very much about them, but I have made a pretty extensive study of conditions in Nova Scotia, and I am convinced that province is going to have a great future. Its mineral and other natural resources are great and little as yet is being done to develop them, compared with what might be done."

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"The great developments at Sydney are only the promise of what is to come. Most of the business men here has taken place in the last ten years, and it really is a matter of some surprise that within a radius of 12 miles of Sydney there is now a busy and prosperous population of 75,000."

"As a result of the success of the big steel works there a large number of subsidiary industries are being developed, and it seems to me steel ship building will be started in Nova Scotia sooner than most people imagine."

"The future of the Maritime Provinces is bright. It is destined to be something more than the granary of the Empire. Before many years it is likely to have a larger population than the Mother Country, and many well become one of the most important manufacturing countries in the world. Geo. Johnston, formerly Dominion statistician, has pointed out that Canada possesses one-half of the world's water power, and water power will be a very important factor in the future development of industry. In the little town of Liverpool, N. S., they produce power so cheaply that they keep the lights on all night, because it does not pay to hire a man to stop the plant."

Mr. Campbell expects to return to England for the coronation but will come out here in the fall and spend some time studying conditions in New Brunswick. He is a brother of the celebrated Rev. J. Campbell of City Temple church, London, and has had a consistent career in the newspaper life. Aside from an editorial position on the York Herald (Eng.), he has been on the editorial council of the Canadian Magazine, the Mail, London, and editor-in-chief of The Statesman, the powerful Indian-English paper in India. Mr. Campbell who is in Canada during the

SUDDEN DEATH OF COLLECTOR GRAHAM

Collector of Customs of St. Stephen, Fell in Street, on Saturday Evening, and Died in Few Hours.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephens, April 9.—This community was shocked Saturday evening to hear of the very sudden death of Henry Graham, collector of customs of the port of St. Stephens. The collector had been driving with Mrs. Graham in the afternoon, and although he had suffered with his home for some years none anticipated so sudden a summons to the unseen land.

At about 6 o'clock he was walking up Marks street to his home, had crossed Union street, and was hurrying to overtake his wife, who was a little in advance. Mrs. Graham heard him call, and on looking back saw that he had fallen.

Fred E. Murchie was passing in his team, into which Mr. Graham was lifted and conveyed to his home a short distance away. Dr. Blair was summoned, but found that life was extinct.

The deceased was a native of England, where he was born May 6, 1840. He came to St. John when a boy with his father, who was for some time in charge of the Provincial Assylum. When a young man, Mr. Graham was engaged in business in Fredericton, afterwards going to New York, and coming from there to St. Stephens about 40 years ago to become account for Jas. Murchie & Sons, of Calais, which position he held about 20 years.

On the death of the late collector, Henry Webber, he was appointed collector of customs in 1901. He was mayor of St. Stephens in 1886 and 1887, and warden of the county during the same years. He always took an active part in public affairs. He was a past master of Sussex Lodge F. and A. M., and a past senior grand warden of that order. He was also a vestryman and former warden of Trinity church. He was recently elected president of the Board of Directors of the Chipman Memorial Hospital.

Forty-eight years ago he was married to Elizabeth (later, of Fredericton, who survives him. Two sons, Walter and Harry, both of Calais, and one daughter, Mrs. H. S. Petrick of Charlottetown, also survive.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon under Masonic auspices.

ONCE ESCORT TO AN EMPRESS.

Providence, R. I., April 8.—Once a constant member of the Legion of honor, Henry A. Dolph died at his home here yesterday. He won the cross of the legion of honor in the African campaign of the French army, and was for a time a personal escort to former Empress Eugenie. He was 78 years old.

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WILL BE A BUSY WEEK IN CAPITOL

Local Legislature May get Through with its Business on Wednesday. Important Measures Yet to Come up.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 9.—A public temperance meeting is being held this evening at the Opera House. An address is being delivered by Rev. W. H. Smith.

The legislature will conclude its session this week, prorogation being reached on Thursday if not on Wednesday. The business for the session has pretty well been completed, although there are several rather important measures to receive attention, including the bills to grant aid to the Fredericton and Grand Lake Coal and Railway Co. and to the Southampton Railway Co. The bonds of the latter company are to be guaranteed to the extent of \$10,000 per mile or the company working on or after the road as the C. P. R. to operate the road as a branch paying 40 per cent. of the gross earnings as rental.

On Monday evening the agricultural committee will take up the question of agricultural education in the rural schools, and an address will be delivered by Dr. W. S. Carter, the chief superintendent of education.

On Tuesday evening there will be a live stock convention in committee room No. 1, when breeders and others will hear addresses preliminary to the sale on Wednesday of Ayrshire cattle imported by the provincial department of agriculture from Ontario and the first provincial sale of horses and other stock arranged by the department for the breeders and others.

SPANISH LEGISLATORS LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Madrid, April 8.—The chamber of deputies after a debate lasting from 3.30 o'clock this afternoon until midnight, rejected by a vote of 129 to 23, a republican motion demanding that the government introduce a bill modifying the code of military justice and abrogating the law of jurisdiction.

The premier announced that the modification of the military code was already on the programme of the government and that the law of jurisdiction could not be abrogated before the military code was modified. The projected debate on the Ferrer case thus ended as anticipated in a non-committal verdict.

NEW AUTOMOBILE RECORD MADE IN 24 HOUR RACE

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—The Fiat car won the 24 hour race which finished at the Plaza Del Rey Motor-drome at 4 o'clock this afternoon, having covered 1,491 miles and established a new world's record. The Cadillac was second with 1,448 miles and the Cole third with 1,219. Seven of the ten starters finished.

FIGHT CENTRES ON NAME OF AUBE WINE

Troyes, France, April 9.—Twenty thousand wine growers in the department of Aube held a demonstration today in protest against the report of the committee on agriculture of the chamber of deputies, which recommends that the law of delimitation with reference to the champagne region be modified so as to permit wines made in Aube to be labelled "champagne" but with the sub-title, "made from grapes grown in Aube." The demonstration was orderly. Many of those who took part in it came 20 or 30 miles on foot to record their opposition and to hear the speeches of the leaders. At nightfall all dispersed to their homes. The statement is made that the wine growers will never agree to adopt the sub-title as suggested, but will fight until they obtain the right to have their wine legally called champagne as always in the past.

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HAZEN.—On April 9th, to the wife of Arthur P. Hazen, Manager of the Bank of British North America, a son.

DIED.

WETMORE.—At Worcester (Mass.) on March 31st, William Albert Wetmore, formerly of Bloomfield, Kings Co., New Brunswick, in the 71st year of his age, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their loss; also one sister, Mrs. I. B. Wetmore, and one brother, G. A. Wetmore, in New Brunswick.

TRITES.—At 12 Wright street on the 6th inst., Smith, widow of the late Truman Trites, in her 76th year, leaving one sister, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Service at the house at 8 p. m. Monday evening. The remains will be conveyed to Petfordic on Tuesday morning's train.

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by the choir. Taking as theme for his remarks, the parable of the Lost Sheep, the Bishop delivered a beautiful address.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burke and two children of Stanley, York Co., who have been spending a week with Mrs. Burke's sister, Mrs. J. N. Golling, Jr., left on Saturday night for Vancouver. They will reside in the West.

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