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VOTE THE TICKET

Every reactionary in St. John would like to see the commission candidates defeated in the civic election on Tuesday next. Every progressive citizen should, on the other hand, desire the election of those candidates in order that the commission plan of government may be given a fair start, by men who believe in it and have consistently advocated its adoption. The question is not one of a personal character as between candidates, but there are practically two tickets in the field. Those friends of commission who split their vote for a change. It would not be fair to elect some candidates favorable to commission and some opposed to it. The results of such action would not be satisfactory.

The safe thing and the right thing for the citizens to do on Tuesday is to vote for Messrs. Schofield, Agar, Allan and Alingham.

DISAPPOINTING THE PEOPLE

At the time of the immigration conference, and when there was much general discussion of the New Brunswick forward movement, it was expected that the provincial government would get in line and take such action as would help very materially to build up the rural sections of the province. Mr. Fleming expressed great personal sympathy with the aims and purposes of the people who advocated a general forward movement, and they hoped that his sympathy would take practical form. The session of the legislature has closed, however, and the only contribution made by this government in the matter of a new policy is the ready made farm project, which will bring a few settlers to the province each year. Of course a government which had a deficit of \$30,000 last year and will, no doubt, have another one this year, might find it difficult to provide for its taxation in the usual way and at the same time carry out a progressive policy, but the people must experience a keen sense of disappointment when they review the proceedings of the legislative session and find so little in the way of practical aid to the forward movement. In view of the fact that the provincial elections are expected to occur soon, the Liberal party should now get together and formulate the policy on which it will appeal to the province. That policy should be bold and progressive, and calculated to give a fresh impetus to the movement which promises to be of so much general benefit. There are still too many of our people going to the west. There is a fine opportunity for a progressive government to encourage the development of rural New Brunswick, which is so essential to the growth and prosperity of the cities and towns. Mr. Fleming has not risen to the height of his opportunity, and his government should be replaced with one more able and willing to interpret and give effect to the desires of the people.

THERE IS STILL HOPE

The Globe is in a state of anxiety, bordering on deep dread for the future of St. John. This is sad but not new. The present mental disturbance is due to the rash act of the citizens in adopting a new form of city government that had not been stamped with the Globe's approval. The citizens have acquired the unfortunate habit of making up their minds without placing their ear to the

ground on Prince William street. This is no doubt very reprehensible, and Mr. Agar has even had the temerity to offer a mild criticism of the course pursued by the Globe. The fact stamps him as a rather reckless person, and marks him out for special chastisement, which is duly administered by the Globe.

What has the Globe to say against the four gentlemen who have been put in nomination by the Citizens' Committee? It does not intimate that they are incompetent persons, or unfitted to perform the task of commissioners. They are the representatives of those who voted for the commission plan, and are pledged to devote themselves to the utmost to prove that it is a good plan, of civic government.

Since those who voted for the plan were a very large majority of the citizens who exercised their franchise when the plebiscite was taken, it is reasonable to assume that the four will be elected, as they should be. Mr. Agar may be a bold bad man, but the other three will be able to restrain his violence, and there is reason to believe that he will make an excellent commissioner.

With \$300,000 to spend on bridge contracts the Fleming government will be able to give the people solemn assurances of its desire to put down graft and extravagance.

Thanks to the C. P. R. New Brunswick will have an illustrated farm. Thanks to half a dozen boards of trade the province will have a string of commercial orchards. Thanks to Mr. Fleming—well—what?

The Titanic disaster has already borne fruit. A London cable today says that all the Allan and C. P. R. steamers are being equipped with enough lifeboats to accommodate every soul on board.

It begins to look as if tourists should not come to the beautiful St. John river this summer, unless they bring their own steamers along. That's not a promising outlook.

Mr. Bruce Ismay at the bottom of the "Atlantic" would be a far more heroic figure than the same gentleman telling how he came to save himself when there were so many passengers lost.

Signor Marconi knows no good reason why the Carpathia failed to answer the wireless message of enquiry sent to her before she reached New York. Why, then, was the world kept waiting in agonized suspense? The official enquiry should get an answer to this question.

The evidence of the second officer shows that the Titanic was going at high speed, and the officers knew about the ice-field but did not expect to reach it so soon. No special precautions were taken. Practically, they seem almost to have cornered disaster. Were they acting under orders to make a speed record?

When his friends learned that Major Peuchen was among the survivors of the Titanic, they were certain the fact was due to cowardice. Two days before the explanation came the Ottawa Press said:—"Major Arthur G. Peuchen, of Toronto, is reported among the saved. His friends think that because of his skill in handling small craft he was placed in charge of one of the life boats which left the Titanic." This is exactly what happened. Otherwise Major Peuchen would not have entered the boat.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall have subscribed \$100, Mr. J. R. Booth \$800, and Mayor Hopewell \$50 to the Ottawa Women's Council fund to establish a supervised playground in one section of that city. The late Controller David proposed a system of properly equipped civic playgrounds, and a vote of the ratepayers was taken, but they declared against it on the ground that the money was needed in other directions. Now the Women's Council have taken up the work, and having secured permission from the city to use the grounds desired for one playground are raising a fund for equipment. The news will encourage the friends of playgrounds in other cities to persevere in their efforts. Sooner or later, civic playgrounds will be regarded as a necessity in every centre of population. St. John has made an excellent beginning, and should go on and set the pace for other Canadian cities.

In an article in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, Samuel G. Blythe says:—"Theodore Roosevelt did two things when he became an open candidate for the Republican nomination for president. He made the renomination of President Taft as certain as anything political can be certain. And he lessened to a large extent the already slim chance President Taft has for re-election next November. After a second trip across the country from coast to coast, a trip that included every debatable state in the union, and following Mr. Roosevelt's Columbus speech and his open candidacy, I find no reason to modify the conclusions I reached following a similar trip last year. I said then that Mr. Taft will be renominated by the Republicans, and that is still the fact. I said also that Mr. Taft will not be elected in November if the Democrats make the right sort of a nomination against him, and that statement still holds good."

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(Samuel-Waddington, in the Westminster Gazette.)

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Tired watcher for the Dawn, that brings the Light,
Whose spirit, in rapt vision, ever sought
To view the shadowy realm beyond our sight,
The powers eternal, and the Infinite,—
Say, was thy quest in vain? Was it for naught
To garner truth thou labored thro' the night,
Thy life unfruitful and thy work unwrought?

Nay, not in vain,—if Hope, and Joy, and Love,
Together watched thy journey on the way;
Oh, not in vain,—if voices from above,
Calling thee onward, led thee day by day;
His life alone is vain who never strove,
Nor theirs who for the Truth still watch and pray.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



NOT ON PURPOSE.

"Tell me, did you come to be bit by that auto?"

"I didn't come to get hit by it. I come to see my nephew at the Island thing bumped me!"—Fun.

MOTIVES SUSPECTED

"Your tickets were complimentary, were they not?"

"Well," replied the man, who had seen a painfully amateur entertainment, "I thought they were until I saw the show."

She—"But, Harold, why are you in such haste? We can be married a little later, be gone as long as you like on our honeymoon, and—"

He—"Yes, and the first thing I know the honeymoon will open while we are away!"—Puck.

THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING

Learning at eleven o'clock Saturday night that the wrong package of laundry was delivered at your house.

Going on a Sunday excursion, and having your train addressed to let all the freights go by.

Getting a letter addressed in feminine handwriting and finding that it contains a bill from the plumber for \$187.50.

Having a man aboard on Tuesday when he had asked you to take an automobile ride with him on Tuesday morning.

Getting out your perfectly good last summer's two-piece suit and finding that the moth has made it resemble a piece of Swiss cheese.

HIS BAD LUCK

"I do believe my brother will die a bachelor. He has such bad luck. Every time he wants to marry a girl for love, she has too little money."—Fleming Blatter.

IN ENGLAND

Just a little brisket.
Just a little pane;
Just a little suffragette
Back to jail again.

A MILKMAID

"You have too much rage on, my dear, to enact properly a milkmaid. I give you five." But I thought a milkmaid should be rosy-cheeked!"

"On the contrary, a milkmaid is naturally a pall girl!"

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COMEDIAN PLAYS PART

THOUGH WIFE IS DYING

It Would Be Her Wish, Says Weber & Fields Actor, if She Could Express It

New York, April 20.—Though he convulsed his audience with laughter in his characterization of Jeremiah McCann, a reform politician, in the performances of the Weber & Fields revival in the Broadway Theatre this week, John T. Kelly was not in the jovial mood his role would indicate.

On the contrary, behind his smile and witticisms Mr. Kelly concealed a leaden heart, for his wife, who as an actress is known as Flora Zeffirelli, of the noted Zeffirelli family of Pantomime, is dying at her home in Elmhurst, L. I.

Ten days ago, while Mr. and Mrs. Kelly with friends were playing bridge at the Kelly home, Mrs. Kelly was taken with a fit of laughter over a joke her husband told. She had been in ill health from an attack of heart disease for more than a year, and the exertion due to laughter, was too great for her weakened condition.

Mrs. Kelly was removed to her room, where she became unconscious. Physicians who were summoned to her bedside were unable to revive her. Dr. William Broadus Pritchard, a specialist was called and asserted there was no hope for her recovery.

Though he has known of her precarious condition for several days, Mr. Kelly refused to disappoint the audiences that nightly attend the Weber & Fields production. When he was informed that his wife was likely to die at any moment Mr. Kelly declared that, inasmuch as it would be impossible for the management to obtain a comedian to take his place on such short notice, he would continue to play his part.

"Flora has been my guiding spirit for

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

In a communication received by clerk James W. Kimball of the House of Representatives from President Shoup, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company declines the invitation of that body to extend its lines to Boston, stating that the road is under obligation to do what it can to promote the interests of Canada.

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"In the early days the Canadian government did a great deal to assist the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and, naturally, we are endeavoring to the best of our ability to recognize the obligation and show our appreciation."

"It is, however, a great pleasure to be able to say that our relations with our connecting railroads in the United States are satisfactory. The facilities afforded by such connecting roads whereby passengers and freight are transported between all parts of New England and points on our system are entirely sufficient in our judgment, so that a duplication of tracks to Boston, or other places in Massachusetts would be an absolute waste of capital. Joint use of tracks sometimes may be necessary, but we have no complaint to make of the service rendered by the Boston & Maine, and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads, and we see to advantage which could be obtained either by the people of New England or by ourselves in using our own lines instead of those of our connections in hauling our traffic between the port and Boston. We therefore, with full appreciation of the courtesy of the invitation, feel constrained to decline the same."

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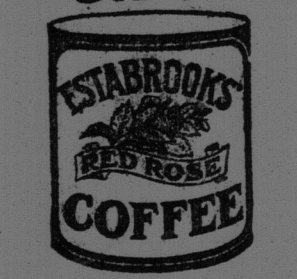
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