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THINK IT OVER.

If the next St. John city council should prove to be less intelligent, less experienced and less able to deal with important civic problems and the general administration of civic affairs than the present council, the fault will lie entirely with the citizens. Think it over.

THE CITIZENS' LEAGUE.

The Citizens' League is an accomplished fact, having a very large and influential membership, and with good officers and a strong executive. While it is true that five additional members of the executive are to be chosen, the personnel of those elected last night is a guarantee that the various localities and interests will not be overlooked in the selection.

In Mr. W. M. Jarvis, the president, the League has a man whose thoroughness and capacity for work make him an exceptionally good officer, while the selection of Mr. G. Fred Fisher as vice-president is a fitting recognition of his earnest and successful efforts in connection with the League. The ten other members of the executive chosen last evening are men of standing and influence in the city, and include some of the most active and successful business men, with very large interests and a very large stake in the welfare of St. John.

Seldom in the history of the city have such thoroughly representative gatherings been held as the three meetings which have resulted in the organization of this League. It was not that they were large in numbers, for they were large in many ways, but that they were representative. It was very clear that they meant business, and that behind them was a strong body of public opinion, approving the course they pursued. There was no friction whatever last evening, but a unanimous desire to see a strong executive, and so many desirable men were present, willing to lend a hand, that the mere question of choice became a matter of some difficulty, resulting in a number of ballots before the list was completed.

A very gratifying feature of the result is that the two political parties are about evenly represented, by leading members. This dispenses entirely of any possible suspicion of a desire to exploit the League for party advantage. All parties are as one in the desire for a better civic administration.

It is extremely gratifying to the Times, which since its first issue in October last has steadily urged the need of a greater public interest in civic affairs, that this organization is a guarantee of better conditions, and better government for the city. It is quite true that the League has until to choose its candidates, and that much will depend on the choice; but with a strong ticket, and an active campaign its support, there need be no fear of the result.

It is also pleasing to note that the executive as at present constituted a majority favor the district system of elections, and it may therefore be hoped that a report favorable to the League next week. At all events, the question will be discussed, and those who have expressed the view that some objections to the change might be discovered will be able to announce the result of their search. Up to date no grave objection has been seriously advanced. Nothing more than a doubt or a fear of possibilities has been urged. There is no reason why the district system should not be adopted before the coming civic elections take place.

AGAINST THE TRUSTS.

When the state of Texas decided to do a little "trust busting" on its own account the trusts asserted that the state had not the necessary power. But the state legislature went on with its programme, and has won a decided victory. A Washington dispatch says:

"The validity of the anti-trust laws of Texas and the judgment of the Texas courts declaring forfeited the licenses of the National Cotton Oil Company and the Southern Cotton Oil Company have been affirmed by the supreme court. Both are now in liquidation. The Texas courts have been raising them to do business in Texas. The attorney general of Texas brought suit against them at San Antonio. The Taylor Cotton Oil Works, alleging that they had entered into a combination fixing the price of cotton seed throughout the state at \$14 a ton in violation of

the anti-trust law of the state and asked that their permits to do business therein be cancelled. The lower court found against the companies and declared the permits cancelled, which judgment was affirmed by the Texas supreme court. The companies then appealed to the supreme court of the United States on the ground that the anti-trust law in effect deprived them of property without due process of law. In affirming the judgment of the Texas courts Justice McKenna said the anti-trust act of the state did not offend the fourteenth amendment to the constitution, the contention that it deprived the applicants to their property without due process of law being untenable.

THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE.

The following paragraph from the Montreal Gazette is pertinent to the present agitation in the city of St. John for a better civic administration:

"The Municipal League of Buffalo sent out 2,500 post cards to as many representative men and asked them what they would recommend for the bettering of the city's government. A very large proportion of the replies favored the abolition of the City Council. Evidently the representative man of Buffalo is not a deep thinker, or else he would have recognized that his condemnation of the city council was merely a condemnation of the medium and not of the cause of the bad government he deplors. No city is badly governed which possesses a population which wants good government, and really wants it. There is no municipal system that will give good government to a people who do not care whether they have it or not."

Last night's cables appear to indicate that there is some friction between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, because the former seeks to shelve the fiscal issue. Of course a breach would be fatal to the government, which on several divisions the common last evening had majorities ranging only from 24 to 28. A cable this morning said that "Mr. Chamberlain himself and many Chamberlainites were absent from the house without having paired off last night and the last attendance on the first day of the session's real business had an ominous aspect for the government."

The London Times this morning warned the British government that there will be redoubled dissatisfaction unless the opportunity offered in the existing cabinet vacancies is taken to reconstruct the Irish administration, since the combination of the Earl of Dudley, Mr. Wyndham and Sir Antony Macdonnell entirely fails to secure the confidence of Unionists.

Judge Winchester finds that the G. T. P. made efforts to secure Canadian engineers to locate its line, although plenty could have been got, while very earnest efforts were made to obtain American engineers. There was, he says, discrimination against Canadians. From a Canadian standpoint the G. T. P. made a bad beginning.

A gentleman familiar with dry docks informs the Times that no portion of the water would go out by the action of the tide, because that process would be too slow. He states that the whole dock could be emptied by pumps in an hour and a half. There would be no chance, whatever, for the water to freeze.

Gas consumers in this city who when they think that in Montreal gas for lighting can be got at \$1.20, and for heating at \$1. And the company are willing to reduce these rates to \$1 and 90 cents respectively if they can get their franchise extended for 15 years.

One of the great battles of history appears to be now raging near Mukden, with the initial fighting in favor of the Japanese. If, as is stated, nearly a million men are involved, the slaughter will be frightful.

Taxes are to be further increased in this city. There is all the more need for a wise council to direct the expenditure in such a way that the citizens will at least derive some additional benefit.

If the D. A. R. company take as long a time to pay their rent as the city did to provide them with a drop in their wharf the bill should have whistles.

Tomorrow in Russia is the anniversary of the emancipation of the serfs, and there is fear of trouble. The serfs have not all been emancipated.

Green—"Gray rather flatters himself that he is a light-hearted fellow. He says there is a good deal of bounce in him. White—"But he can't bounce the character of a boaster."

A DEMAND ON THE CZAR.

Labor Delegates Representing All St. Petersburg Re-affirm Their Position.

Bomb Thrown in Warsaw—Pupils On Strike In Baku—General Situation Is Growing More Serious.

St. Petersburg, March 3, 12.45 a. m.—Black clouds are again lowering over the industrial situation of Russia. The strike at Moscow has been resumed on a large scale, anarchy reigns in the Caucasus, and at St. Petersburg, the measures which the government advanced to quiet discontent and restore good relations between masters and men appeared to have failed, with the probability of causing the storm to break anew.

The labor delegates, representing the whole of the industrial population of St. Petersburg, and who were elected to choose fifty members of the Schidlovski reconciliation commission, met again yesterday and re-affirmed the resolution adopted the previous day.

A practical ultimatum was delivered, calling for an answer today. There is little expectation that the government will grant the conditions demanded.

The strike already has assumed large proportions here, about 50,000 men being out. Among those who struck yesterday are the employees of the St. Petersburg shops of the Warsaw railroad. The strike has not yet extended to the tramway, but the leaders may decide to order them out in order to paralyze one of the most important railways in Russia.

Warsaw, March 2.—11.15 p. m.—A bomb was thrown from a window overlooking the courtyard of the Muranoff district, police station at 8 o'clock, this afternoon.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—All the schools in Baku are closed on account of a strike by the pupils.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The late General Maximovitch has been appointed Governor of Warsaw, and Count Vorontzoff has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Caucasus.

Boston-on-on, March 2.—There were some disturbances here today, and a few people were injured. The uneasiness amongst the population is increasing.

Boleodostok, Russia, March 2.—The workmen in all the factories here to the number of ten thousand, have struck.

FOR A NEW BRIDGE.

The C. P. R. Has Been Making Some Surveys at St. John.

It is stated that surveys have been made by the C. P. R. of proposed sites for a new railway bridge in this city, and the plans sent to the head office of the company at Montreal. C. P. R. officials when seen this morning, declined to discuss the matter. However, it has been learned that surveys have been made and that the company has decided on one of the routes proposed is from Strait shore, via Navy Island to Carleton, and the other is between the present Carleton bridge and the cantiver.

CAPT. RACKET TONIGHT.

People have been asking "What are the W. E. D. C.?" the letters appearing on posters about the city. W. E. D. C. means West End Dramatic Club, and they will produce, at the city Hall, west end, this (Friday) evening, the comedy entitled "Capt. Racket."

THE HUNGARIAN CRISIS.

Vienna, March 3.—Emperor Francis Joseph has decided to receive here, and consult with sixteen Hungarian political leaders to learn their views and obtain information that will aid him in furthering his efforts to effect a solution of the Hungarian crisis. The sixteen include representatives of all the principal Hungarian parties forming together the United opposition.

CARNIVAL TONIGHT.

Everything is in readiness for the V. S. Club's Big Carnival tonight. There is a big advance sale of tickets and a large crowd is assured. To avoid the rush at the door, tickets may be secured at the following places: A. C. Smith's, S. H. Haynes, or A. C. F. Wade's, W. I. Moravits, and from members of the club.

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GRADES ON G. T. P.

Canada's New Railway Will Have Easier Passage Through Mountains Than Its Rivals.

Montreal, March 2.—It would look as though in respect of the grades which it is to encounter, the Canadian Pacific has the advantage of all the other great transcontinental lines now established. Compared with those which characterize the C. P. R. route, the disparity in favor of the projected railway is at once apparent.

The highest grade on the C. P. R. is that through the Kicking Horse Pass, which is 414 per cent. to the mile, or in other words, about 250 feet to the mile. Outside of this excessive grade, however, the maximum grade throughout the mountainous is 12 per cent. or 103 feet to the mile.

The maximum grade on the G. T. P. in the mountain district will be 14 per cent., or 78 feet to the mile. This will mean that in a locomotive of 2 per cent. grade, and make better the difference of an additional engine.

To state the situation differently, a G. T. P. engine will be able to carry twice the load of an engine operating on a 2 per cent. grade, and make better the difference of an additional engine.

At no point on the G. T. P. is it expected that the rails will be over 3,000 feet above sea level. What this means will be seen when it is stated that the next lowest among the transcontinental lines is the Great Northern, which goes as high as 5,200 feet.

The other transcontinental lines follow in this order: Northern Pacific, 5,500 feet; Santa Fe, 7,600 feet; Union Pacific, 8,200. It will thus be seen that in length of grades and in total height the advantage in the mountain district is all in favor of the G. T. P.

THE CARLETON LIGHT PURCHASE.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—I observe by the reports in the morning papers that the Carleton Electric Light purchase is not yet an accomplished fact. There is something strange about the manner in which this question has been disposed of by the council, and there seems to be much doubt as to whether the council has purchased the plant or not.

If it has not been bought it certainly should not be now until the larger question of civic lighting which arises out of the purchase of the Mispic water rights is disposed of.

If Alderman Macrae is correct, the company have a good thing in their franchise and would not object to holding on to it for a few months longer. There are, however, a few people who say that the Carleton light business is not likely to be a profitable investment for the city, and requires much fuller investigation than has ever been given it.

It is not to public ownership these people object, but to the excessive price demanded for the plant, which if not worn out altogether is certainly not sufficiently up-to-date to produce electric light at low price.

The question of civic lighting is bound to come up before the new council, and an expiring council should not hamper the incoming body with a scheme which may have to be entirely cast aside when the whole question is considered.

WANT FREE LUMBER.

Baltimore, March 2.—At the session of the box and box-shocks Manufacturers' Association today, one of the principal topics discussed was reciprocity with Canada, with a view to the importation of lumber free of duty.

A HOCKEY RECORD.

The Lunenburg hockey team played the Crescents here Feb. 28, and left the next morning for home via Middleton. F. A. King, who played in the team, returned here this morning and says the team is still snow-bound at Middleton awaiting an opportunity to get home. He says there are about 60 people snowed out of Middleton—Halifax Recorder, Mar. 1.

NOVA SCOTIA'S BIG LOSSES.

Estimated Damage from Snow \$2,000,000—Evenly Divided Between Railroads and Merchants.

A Halifax correspondent writing under date of Feb. 28, to the Boston Transcript, says:—
"The snow blockade which paralyzed the railroads of Nova Scotia has caused enormous losses not only to the transportation companies, but to the whole province. The blockade has been raised on the government intercolonial railway line, and partly broken on the Dominion Atlantic. But nearly all the other railroads are still tied up solid, and have been since the end of January. The Sydney and Louisburg road, of the Dominion Coal Company, is the only one that was kept open. The mileage in Nova Scotia, not counting sidings is approximately 1125 miles. Of this only about 350 miles, part of the intercolonial railway, can be said to have been in operation. The loss to the roads in operation is not within the range of calculation. On the intercolonial some income was received, but it is far below the ordinary and small compared with outlay.

At least \$8000 a day, for removing the snow, was added to the intercolonial's operating expenses this winter. An experienced manager says that a million dollars will not put the roads of Nova Scotia in had either to curtail their operations or close down because of lack of fuel or inability to ship their products.

As for the loss of business to the province, perhaps another million dollars—for the losses everywhere have been enormous—will be within the mark in making an estimate. The losses in trade, particularly in lumber and freights, is tremendous. Lumbermen all over the province will suffer the greatest losses because of the heavy snow in the woods, which compelled them to cease operations. The loss incurred by manufacturers, who had either to curtail their operations or close down because of lack of fuel or inability to ship their products, cannot at this time be even guessed. Even farmers have suffered severely. Owing to scarcity of fodder many cattle have been slaughtered."

AN OIL TRACT IN ALBERTA.

Abundance of Coal and Oil East of the Rockies.

A new oil field in Alberta, situated near Waterbury Lake, some seven miles north of the international boundary and near the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains, has been known for many years to be rich in petroleum. The extraordinary seepage observed. A Moraine of oil was seen in the water, and when it was taken to the laboratory by the Canadian geologists, Dr. Selwyn and Dr. Dawson.

The development of the oil fields of East Kootenay and Alberta during the five years has enlarged all expectations, though the demand is still much beyond the supply. Mr. J. B. Ferguson, of Vancouver, who is at the head of the oil and oil coal in the province, has been known for many years to be rich in petroleum. The extraordinary seepage observed. A Moraine of oil was seen in the water, and when it was taken to the laboratory by the Canadian geologists, Dr. Selwyn and Dr. Dawson.

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RAILWAY MAN DEAD.

New York, March 3.—Richard Somers Hayes, the railroad capitalist, died after a lingering illness at his home here yesterday. Mr. Hayes was 52 years of age, and had been ill for more than two years.

For over 30 years, Mr. Hayes had been in the railroad business, in which period, he was at one time or other, the president of St. Paul and Duluth railroad Company, Vice-President of the Missouri Pacific, president of the N. Y., and Northern, and managing director of the Atchafalaya, Santa Fe and Topeka.

AMERICAN PRELATES OBJECT.

Rome, March 3.—Several American archbishops and bishops have written to the Vatican Propaganda expressing dissatisfaction at the mission entrusted to Mgr. Broderick, auxiliary bishop of Havana to urge them to increase the offerings of Peter's Pence. This means they contend seems not to be adapted to reach the desired object. The American prelates recall that such powers are within the jurisdiction of the apostolic delegate at Washington.

CAPTURED TWO TOWNS.

Constantinople, March 3.—The towns of Aab and Yerin, southward of Sanna, the capital of the province of Yemou, Arabia, have fallen into the hands of the insurgents. All Rifa Pasha, with five battalions of Turkish reinforcements left Akaba February 28 for Roddele.

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THE NEWS OF RESTIGOUCHE.

Progress on International Railway—Tel. Co. to Sell Out—New Factory.

Work will be resumed on this line of railway when spring comes.

The Restigouche Telephone Co., will, it is said, sell out to the New Brunswick Telephone Company, and the latter will complete the line from Campbellton to Newcastle, including the town of Dalhousie, and will extend the line to the settlements of Rattorial and Dundas.

Over thirty men are employed clearing here for the erection of the new factory. The number will be doubled next week.

"Is smoking offensive to you, m'am?" asked the man at the desk.

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