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## COUNCIL AND BOARD

It is unfortunate that the efforts of the Board of Trade to secure new industries for St. John are not more heartily seconded by the city council. Take the case of the Philadelphia company. The Board of Trade, through its secretary, was in correspondence with this well known firm for more than a month before it brought the matter to the attention of the city council. The correspondence was conducted during August, and a representative of the company visited the city. They asked on what terms they could buy or lease a lot 100x100 feet at the foot of Broad street or in that locality. This request was laid before the city council at its September meeting. No definite action was taken, and the question was again brought up at yesterday's meeting. In the meantime a citizen who had a lot for sale, having learned what the Board of Trade had done, communicated with the company. It was incorrectly stated at the council meeting yesterday that the Board of Trade had interfered with the citizen's negotiations with the company. The exact opposite is the truth, since he did not communicate with the company until after the Board's communication had been submitted to the city council at its September meeting. Nor is it true, as seems to have been stated yesterday, that the company wanted a long lease of property. They made no such stipulation. It was a plain request to know on what terms a lot 100x100 feet could be bought or leased. The twenty-one year term existed only in somebody's imagination. Then one of the aldermen suggested that the council needed more information about this company. Any corner grocer in St. John could give him all the information which he as a business man would require as to the standing of the company.

Why does not the city council adopt business principles? In August last a reputable firm asked on what terms it could secure a site for a small factory which would be enlarged if the experiment proved a success. Now, in the middle of October, the city council wants to know what it is all about. This reminds us of the fact that last year a carriage manufacturer stated to Board of Trade officials that if he could secure a site which he desired near the foot of Broad street he would, within thirty-six hours, make arrangements to begin the erection of a large factory. The matter was like the factory in the alderman, who turned it down. The factory is now being erected in the city of Vancouver.

Of what use is it for the Board of Trade to continue sending out letters of enquiry and corresponding with manufacturers with a view to securing industries for St. John if the city council declines to deal in an intelligent and public spirited manner with proposals which are presented? If, for any reason, a site that is desired should not be granted, the city should be ready to offer another. A small factory which may grow to large proportions is just as much worthy of consideration as any other.

## HELPING THE FARMER

The Canadian Department of Agriculture, in Bulletin No. 15, presents some very interesting and valuable observations upon government assistance to agriculture in certain countries of Europe. The author of this bulletin is Mr. H. S. Arkell, B. S. A., assistant live stock commissioner, and is based upon notes made by him while on a visit to the United Kingdom, France and Belgium in 1909. Mr. Arkell goes quite fully into the new system which has produced such remarkable results in agriculture in Ireland, and treats also of horse breeding in France and Belgium, and the work done by the government of Holland during the past fifteen years to develop the butter and cheese industry.

Mr. Arkell in his conclusions says that the fact emphasized more forcefully than any other by the experience of foreign countries, and of Canada as well, is that there must be intensive effort in a definite direction and with particular application in individual communities. That which most impressed him in observing the methods of work in Europe was the fact that the government activity was carried directly to the country districts. There was contact with the people by actual demonstration to secure their support and co-operation. This he declares to be the right policy. The information obtained by scientific research and practical investigation must be taken direct to the farmer, not merely in lectures but by practical demonstration, and preferably by demonstration which the farmers themselves may set in operation. The individual community must be dealt with, and its members encouraged to co-operate among themselves. This is the system which Mr. Jones is introducing in Ontario, where district representatives are sent into the counties, as described in an article in The Times a few days ago. Copies of the Bulletin referred to in today's article may be secured by those interested, on application to Mr. J. G. Rutherford, the live stock commissioner at Ottawa.

Along with this bulletin has come the Times report No. 3 of the Department of Agriculture on the Canadian record of performance for pure bred dairy cattle. This also is a valuable publication, which may be had on application to Mr. Rutherford. It shows that good progress is being made in raising pure bred dairy cattle in this country, and gives much valuable information to those interested in the industry.

## ITALY AND TURKEY

The Commercial Adviser of New York is disposed to regard as reasonable and proper the desire of Italy to expand on the shores of Northern Africa. It points out that the population of Italy has become so dense that a large emigration has become a necessity, and that the nearby territory of Tripoli, which is only a few hours from Sicily, offers an excellent field for expansion not far from home. It appears that the Turks have done little or nothing to develop Tripoli, and the New York paper takes the ground that their claim is not valid against the claim of the more numerous people who can and would put the territory to better use.

The Brooklyn Eagle, on the other hand, finds no parallel in modern history for Italy's attack upon Turkey, and charges that Italy, encouraged by French policy in Morocco, is trying to rob Turkey of territory which that unfortunate country is unable to defend. The Eagle denounces the theory that any excuse for war is good enough when territorial aggrandisement is to be derived from victory, and declares that there is no clear evidence of justification for this war.

In the meantime, while the critics disagree, Italy has begun to occupy Tripoli, and the other powers are doing what they can to narrow the zone of the fighting. It is alleged that Italy is willing to pay Turkey a large indemnity but that the right to expand in Tripoli must be recognized.

## THE EASTERN QUESTION

The members of the Triple Alliance have each had their grab at Turkey. The method of Italy is only a little more that of the highwayman than the others. Their method and activities do not solve the Eastern question. They only bring it a little nearer. This Eastern question rises before the nations of Europe like a great shadow at the least commotion. Here it is discussed as long ago, said: "How it rises before us, at the least commotion, like a mocking spectre. If we try to anticipate and obviate the dangers which threaten us, we find ourselves involved in war; if, on the other hand, we are content to sit and patiently watch the progress of evil, the result is certain slavery. It is a fearful dilemma. Pursue what course she may—this poor maiden Europe—whether with wisdom she ever remain watching by her lamp, or like the foolish virgin falls asleep and lets it go out, for her there is no day of joy."

It has long been a common saying that: "In Rome are kept the keys of the kingdom of heaven, but in Constantinople are the keys of the kingdom of earth; whoever obtains possession of it will be the master of the world." The covetous glances of the Muscovites have long been directed toward the banks of the Bosphorus. There the emperor would bring all nations of earth under the apple and strong sceptre of the knout.

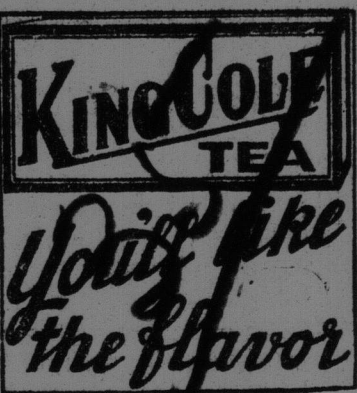
The roots of this question are set far back in history. They are found in the ancient contest between the political and intellectual ideals of Greece and Asia, and in the perennial rivalry of the powers for the control of the trade routes to the East. It was always to the fore through the impending break up of the moribund Ottoman power and through the difficulty of maintaining the integrity of Turkey.

An entirely new situation was created by the Turkish revolution of three years ago. The young Turks seemed to have united the heterogeneous elements composing the Empire, and formed a unified state on the constitutional model of the west. But fresh complications of the whole question are now being produced by the activity of Austria, Germany and Italy. Can the renovated Turkish state now maintain its prestige? or will the present activity of Italy raise the Eastern question once more in its acutest form? The annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria almost destroyed the whole concert of Europe; and the different activities of Germany—in the Bagdad railway concession, in trying to control the trade routes of the Euphrates valley, and in Morocco—opened up new and perilous phases in the near and middle East. Will they be able to maintain the status quo while Italy is conducting her mimic warfare around Tripoli? If that warfare become serious it is almost sure to spread among the nations. The time may be near when the status will not quo any longer.

The increased cost of the work being done by the water department of Dock street is perhaps serious, but the prolonged interference with traffic on that much travelled thoroughfare is also very serious, and the most strenuous efforts should be made to finish the work at the earliest possible moment.

The meeting of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities which opens at Newcastle today should be of general interest, and St. John might well have had a larger delegation. The various municipalities by keeping in touch should derive mutual profit.

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**THE EXILE'S SONG**

Oh! why left I my home?  
Why did I cross the deep?  
Oh! why left I the land  
Where my forefathers sleep?  
I sigh for Scotia's shore,  
And I gaze across the sea;  
But I cannot get a blink  
Of my ain country!

There's a hope for every woe,  
And a balm for every pain;  
But the first joy of our youth  
Comes never back again!  
There's a track upon the deep,  
And a path across the sea;  
But the weary ne'er return  
To their ain country!

## IN LIGHTER VEN



**EASY**

Teacher—Now, Johnnie, I am going to give you something hard; take these three words, please, say and hatchet, and put them all in the same sentence.

Johnnie—Aw! dat's easy. How'd da: A Plane hen saw a egg and went to hatchet.



**STUCK UP**

"Whatever is the matter with your dog?"

"Isn't he horrid? I sent him to my laundress to be washed and she starched him."



**SAM HAD BEEN IT**

Dick—Bill writes that he's living in a magnificent cottage.

Sam—Why, it's so small that you can stand on the roof, reach down the chimney and open the front door.



**GREAT**

Mrs. Knagg—I'll have the last word even if I never speak again.

Mr. Knagg—You can have it on those terms with pleasure.

Mr. Whiddow—What fine dark hair you have, Miss Knox. My wife, who is younger than you are, has her hair quite grey.

Miss Knox—Yes, and if I'd been your wife no doubt my hair would have been grey, too.

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**BORDEN UNFAIR TO MARITIME PROVINCES**

Practically Only One Portfolio: Entirely Out of Proportion to the Population

(Moncton Transcript)

Mr. Borden's cabinet is not only a distinct disadvantage to the maritime provinces, but it is a disappointment which will rankle in the minds of our people, because it is based upon manifest injustice. According to the last dominion census the total population of the maritime provinces was 892,933 people and that of Ontario 2,187,000.

Of the 892,933 people of the maritime provinces, there is only given one portfolio, that of marine and fisheries. Mr. Borden sitting in the cabinet without a virtual portfolio.

Ontario gets no less than six portfolios and one cabinet minister without a portfolio.

Taking the six portfolios, Ontario has one cabinet minister for every 365,491 people, as against one portfolio for 892,933 in the maritime provinces.

In other words, in Mr. Borden's estimation each man in Ontario counts more than double each man in the maritime provinces.

Even if we look to the province of Quebec, we find that according to the last census there were 1,648,888 people, and that Quebec with four portfolios has one portfolio for each 412,224 people, as against one portfolio for 892,933 in the maritime provinces.

This is manifestly unjust. It is a condition of affairs which the people of the maritime provinces, irrespective of party leanings, should not submit. There should be a united protest.

Out of only fourteen portfolios in the cabinet, exclusive of the premier, Ontario gets no less than six portfolios, or within one of exactly one-half. It is to be an Ontario dominated cabinet, in which the maritime provinces of the dominion are at the outset denied fair play and proportionate consideration.

Under Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the maritime provinces had the portfolios of Finance, Militia and Public Works, three very important portfolios, in one case from the standpoint of influence and prestige, and in the two others from the standpoint of spending ability.

Both the portfolios of railways and canals and public works, which were held in the maritime provinces at one time or the other, during the entire fifteen years of Liberal rule, have passed from them to Quebec or Ontario. The only portfolio these maritime provinces get is that of marine and fisheries.

**GIFT OF \$25,000 TO ACADIA COLLEGE**

New York, Oct. 10.—The will of Charles F. E. M.D., D.C. who died on August 22, last, filed in the Surrogate's office today, bequeaths an estate, the petition declaring, worth "more than \$10,000 real property and more than \$10,000 personal property."

William W. Myers, of Boston, a brother is left \$10,000, and his sister, Margaret E. Baker, of Brookline (Mass.), \$1,000, the same amount being left to several nephews and nieces.

The Newton Theological Institution is left \$1,000, the income of which is directed to be used yearly to help students.

To the church, "known as Baptist, in Boylston (N. S.), \$1,000 is left.

**LOCAL TEMPERANCE WORK**

The first fall meeting of the St. John county branch of the New Brunswick Temperance Union was held last night in the Christadelphian hall, in Union street, at which a large and representative gathering was present. The president, Mr. McTavish, was in the chair, and spoke upon the work and objects of the union. He was followed by E. N. Stockford, Rev. Mr. Thomas, E. Campbell, Mrs. Seymour and others.

The first speaker drew attention to the forward step being taken by the St. John county branch of the union in urging prohibition, and announced that a committee of seven members had been appointed to inquire into the best and most effective means of so doing, and that they would give a report upon their work at a special meeting to be held next Tuesday.

Reports were received and plans for the season's work discussed at the quarterly meeting of the St. John district division, Sons of Temperance, in Granite Rock Division hall, west side, last evening, with Robert Carson, D. W. P., in the chair. Mr. Carson and Kenneth Spear were chosen delegates to represent the district at the annual meeting of the grand division at Newcastle on the 23rd inst.

**TRAFFALGAR DAY**

At the monthly meeting of St. George's Society, held last evening, with Mayor Frank presiding, a committee consisting of F. E. Hanington, F. A. Kinnear, Mayor Frank and W. A. Church, were appointed to arrange a programme for the celebration of Trafalgar day, Oct. 20. It is likely, in keeping with the custom followed in past years, that the celebration will take the form of a smoker.

John Frodsham, Walter H. Goding, George C. Wetmore, George H. Waring, Jr. and D. Burton were elected members of the society. Other business transacted was of a routine nature.

The incompetent bookkeeper, who weighed in the balance is found wanting.

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