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## THAT PUBLIC MEETING.

Mayor Schofield has postponed the meeting on harbor commission because it was not sufficiently advertised and because only one speaker had indicated a desire to address the meeting.

Who is at fault, if not the city council, for lack of advertising? And why should there be a lack of speakers when the mayor and commissioners have not as yet taken the platform to explain the harbor commission act?

That is what the people want. They do not care a hoot about somebody's opinion of harbor commission in Montreal or elsewhere. They want the mayor and his colleagues, with the harbor commission act in their hands and that alone as a text, to tell exactly what it means; what it will do and will not do; what various changes the revenue of the harbor under commission would have to bear; how these would compare with present charges; what the harbor surplus has been for a period of years; what the real condition of the wharves is as shown by an expert engineering report; how much money would be required to be spent in the next few years; and what for; how the work would have to be financed under the harbor commission act; and how many millions of past expenditure by the government the harbor revenue would have to provide interest on; what the cost of administration under commission would be; how the act would affect river traffic, and what powers the commission would have apart from approval of the government at Ottawa.

The mayor and commissioners have not yet given this information. It is known that Commissioner Thorburn does not like the present act. Commissioner Frink has declined to say whether he is for or against it. This leaves the discussion to the mayor and Commissioner Bullock and Jones. The citizens want to hear them explain the act. If the act is adopted it leaves the city powerless to make any further appeal to Ottawa, for everything will then rest with the commission and the government of the day, and the government will be able to say—

"You voted for the act, and the act settles it—what are you kicking about?" But if the members of the city council will not discuss the act, meetings should be called by others for that purpose. There is another matter which should be very fully discussed. An effort is being made to frighten the people by the taxation bogey. The wharves are said to be in a wretched condition. They are not. Engineers have not said so. The revenue of the harbor will take care of repairs, and there is absolutely no ground for fear on that score. If the people will keep to the facts, and to the truth about the harbor commission act, they will bury that document and call for a square deal.

## GET BACK TO THE ACT

In the public notice published in the press over the name of Mayor Schofield the following paragraph appears:

"The said harbor commissioners are authorized to borrow money and issue debentures to provide for the purchasing, constructing, extending and improving wharves, dry-docks, elevators, warehouses, railways, bridges and other accommodation and structures in the harbor, the principal and interest of the money so borrowed to be repaid out of the revenue arising out of the rates and penalties imposed by the said harbor commission act."

This paragraph is misleading in the most important particular. While it makes clear that the cost of all improvements would be a burden on the harbor revenue, it does not say that the harbor commission must get the approval of the government before it does anything. But the Act reads:

"The corporation may, with the approval of the governor-in-council" (at Ottawa) do the things the paragraph refers to. This is very different from saying that the commissioners "are authorized." They are not. They must refer even their by-laws to Ottawa, for the act says: "No by-law shall have force or effect until confirmed by the governor-in-council and published in the Canada Gazette."

Will the citizens endeavor to get the facts clearly in their minds? Some of them appear to think the harbor commission will have full authority and go right ahead to develop the harbor. It can do nothing of the sort.

But there is a much more serious aspect of the case. Suppose the harbor commission act, which throws the whole

cost of all improvements upon the harbor revenue, is adopted, and thereafter a delegation goes to Ottawa to appeal for public expenditure to provide national port facilities, what will members of parliament from other provinces say? They will flash up the harbor commission act and say:

"You people voted for that—did you not? It was quite satisfactory to you—was it not? Very well—take your medicine."

If such a result followed, and it undoubtedly would—what would the gentlemen now shouting for harbor commission have to say?

The thing to do with the harbor commission act is to bury it. Then the city can go to the government—or its successor—and ask for justice to this national port.

## THE FARMERS TRIUMPHANT.

The farmers are triumphant in Alberta. In the provincial elections yesterday they defeated the Liberals, wiped out the Conservatives and came through with a clear majority over all other parties. As soon as they have chosen a leader Premier Stewart will hand over to him the reins of power. The premier himself was elected without opposition, but three of his six colleagues appear to have been defeated, and apparently there will not be more than fifteen or sixteen Liberals altogether in the new house, compared with thirty-six or more farmers, four labor men and four independents. Later returns may alter some of these figures, but there is no doubt that the farmers have won a remarkable victory.

The Parliamentary Guide gives the strength of the parties in Alberta last year as follows: Liberals, 34; Conservatives, 18; Labor, 1; non-partisan, 2; soldiers' representatives, 2; United Farmers, 1; total, 58.

The figures given out last night show: United Farmers, 36; Liberals, 16; Labor, 4; independents, 4; to hear from, 2; total, 61.

As already observed, these figures may be slightly changed, but the United Farmers' majority is not likely to be cut down. From one member in the last house to thirty-six in the new is a remarkable gain.

But if the Liberals have been defeated, the Conservatives appear to have been wiped out. This will be a severe blow to the hopes of the government at Ottawa, for it is an indication of what the west will do to the party in the federal elections.

Two women candidates were elected in Alberta, and one of them, Mrs. Nellie McClung, has a national reputation.

One result of the campaign will be a more vigorous organization of the farmers in other provinces, with an eye upon Ottawa. The farmer government of Ontario has proved its quality, and there is no reason why the coming administration in Alberta should not make a good record. Much will depend upon the extent to which it is willing to get away from purely class legislation and consider the needs and rights of all.

The verdict of Alberta makes more uncertain the prospects of the old parties in the federal arena, but it is of special significance to the government and the party which stand for a tariff. The latest figures, received this afternoon, indicate that the United Farmers have 38 seats out of a total of 61. There are 16 Liberals and no Conservatives.

## IS IT A DEADLOCK?

Sir James Craig's application of the phrase "self-determination" to Ulster is logical enough, but the assertion of the right at the present moment may add to the difficulties of the situation. Sir James adds, however, that when Great Britain and southern Ireland have come to terms Ulster will cordially co-operate with the latter on equal terms concerning matters affecting their mutual interests. For the moment the hope of a joint conference between Lloyd George, De Valera and Sir James Craig is dashed, and there seems to be a deadlock. It may be hoped a way out will be found, for unless a working agreement is now reached the conditions in Ireland may be worse than ever. The world at large will not be unmindful of the fact that it is Ireland and not England which is responsible for the deadlock, and that it is Ireland and not England which refuses to be reconciled. De Valera demands a parliament at Dublin to legislate for all Ireland and Craig stands for an Ulster parliament which is not to be in any sense subordinate to Dublin. Until these conflicting claims can be reconciled, the deadlock will continue, and apparently both sides are obstinately determined to stand by their claims. Mr. Lloyd George and Gen. Smuts will have need of all their powers of persuasive reasoning to overcome the difficulties which stand in the way of peace in Ireland.

## DIES TO DEATH.

Gloucester Bay, July 18.—Gordon McIntyre, twenty-one, was drowned at Mira Ferry yesterday when he dived from a row boat into the water. He is thought to have taken a cramp immediately upon entering the cold water and he did not come up.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Some men were sitting in a village inn yarnning on various experiences. One of them had just concluded telling how he had killed a great South African lion with a revolver.

"That's nothing," said another man, rising from his seat. "Why, when I was in South Africa, walking through the jungle, I saw a great lion, but I had no revolver to shoot it with."

"What happened?" asked the startled crowd.

"Why, I simply took out my pocket knife and cut off its head!"

"What?" exclaimed the man who had first spoken. "Cut off the head of a lion with an ordinary pocket knife? Fiddlesticks, sir—fiddlesticks!"

"Indeed, I did, sir," answered the second speaker. "But perhaps I ought to say it was a dandelion."

He was the meekest of the meek. He was so very small and so very mild. "You'll find me quite easy to please," he said to a landlady, where he had applied for a room.

## Shore His Opinion.

"Goodness gracious!" exclaimed the girl in blue. "That talk goes so fast I don't see how the umpire can tell whether it is a ball or a strike."

"A great many people think he can't," replied her escort.—New York Sun.

## Helpful Laundryman.

"Did the laundryman find those cuffs he lost last night?"

"No, John."

"The shirts are no good to me without the cuffs."

"If you were a man, Timothy Toddlerville," said his wife, "you would go right straight to your employer and demand a raise. The trouble with you is that you haven't any courage."

"I know I haven't," admitted Mr. Toddlerville, "and the worst of it is that I can't afford to buy any on my present salary."—New York Sun.

## CIVIC DEMONSTRATION.

FOR K. C.'S AT MEET OF SUPREME COUNCIL.

San Francisco, July 18.—As a fitting acknowledgment of the splendid peace and war achievements of the Knights of Columbus, a citizen committee of 200 prominent professional and business men of San Francisco, who are arranging for a civic participation in the coming thirty-sixth annual international supreme convention, are preparing a magnificent patriotic demonstration when the thousands of visiting "Carys" come to San Francisco for their Supreme Council, August 2, 3 and 4.

The details of the citizens' committee activities in the approaching supreme convocation are now being worked out by a committee representative of every race, creed and color in the city. The executive finance committee includes Joseph L. Sullivan, chairman; C. Harold Caulfield and Smith, O'Brien, vice-chairmen; Albert Kitchin, secretary; and Edward J. Tolson, treasurer. The general committee is under the honorary direction of Mayor Jos. Ralph, Jr., and John J. Ryan is chairman of the citizens' general committee; Edward Rainey, secretary; and Joseph L. Sullivan, assistant secretary. The various sub-committees of the citizens' division are headed by Harry I. Mulvey, reception and ball; William A. Newcomb, decoration; Jos. O'Connor, publicity; Major Jesse Colman, parade and civic centre ceremonies; I. Silberstein, arrangements.

## MOTOR BOAT TRIP TO NEWFOUNDLAND FOUND TO BE TOO RISKY.

Halifax, N. S., July 19.—Having found passage to Newfoundland in a five-ton motor boat too hazardous, Earle Hopkins, with his wife and child, are making it in the orthodox manner by train and big boat.

When Hopkins decided to move to Newfoundland, he sold some of his stock of dry goods and packed the rest of the things he had in his store. Cornwallis street into his motor boat. With his family and an engineer he sailed for Newfoundland from Halifax harbor, and got as far as Lawrence town, some miles down the coast. Here the engine stalled, and the whole crew on the rocks. Unable to attract attention from the shore by ordinary means, Hopkins finally hit on the expedient of sending out S. O. S. messages in corked bottles which floated to land. Some body picked one of the wandering bottles up, and assistance arrived in the nick of time, as the motor boat was beginning to pound heavily.

## THE WESTERN CROPS.

Winnipeg, July 19.—(Canadian Press) Rust menace throughout the prairie provinces is temporarily halted, according to the weekly crop report of the C. P. R. yesterday. While both red and black rust is reported in odd areas, it is neither serious nor extensive.

## LOCAL NEWS

My store will close Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at six during July and August.—Percy J. Steel, Better Footwear, 511 Main street.

S. S. SIBBOD.—Public Landing dance.—S. S. Sibbodo leaves Indian town 1:15 Wednesday evening. Engulfed Main 2016 or Captain Rowan, Main 2292.

Ladies' two strap white slipper, \$2.35 a pair.—Percy J. Steel, 511 Main.

PICNIC POSTPONED.—Portland Methodist Sunday school picnic postponed on account of unfavorable weather, will be held tomorrow (Wednesday), at Grand Bay.

Hot biscuits, oh my; but use "Perfect" Baking Powder. 7-20

Infants' barefoot sandals, sizes 4 to 7, \$1.15; child's barefoot sandals, sizes 8 to 10, \$1.25; bare foot sandals as big as size 2 large, \$1.45 a pair.—Percy J. Steel, 511 Main street.

NOTICE.—Waterfront District Council will meet at their hall, Water street, at eight o'clock tonight. Business of importance. By order president.

Wanted—Sealed, only those with experience and who can furnish good references need apply.—C. J. Baesen, corner Union and Sydney streets.

## MILLION LOSS, 12 EXPLOSIONS.

People of New Jersey and Staten Island Have a Night of Anxiety.

Linden, N. J., July 19.—Fire that did one million dollars damage to the Warner Quilston asphalt plant here was under control today after thousands of residents at nearby points in New Jersey and Staten Island had spent a night of anxiety lest the flames spread. Their fears were increased by flames mounting high during the night and by explosion of seven asphalt stills and five oil tanks blew up since the fire started yesterday afternoon.

Firemen from Linden, Elizabeth, Rahway and Perth Amboy worked through the night, while private and New York City fire departments sent three Island Sound to save shipping menaced at times by burning oil that flowed on the sound and the Rahway river. Firemen battled with the flames over a radius of a mile from the local danger point. Some of the fifty U. S. shipping board vessels tied up at Livingston had steam up ready to dash for safety.

Linden, N. J., July 19.—The loss from fire which destroyed 33 of the 34 oil tanks and fifteen asphalt stills here was estimated at \$1,000,000 today. In addition to the tanks and stills the entire plant was ruined with the exception of small structures. Three hundred thousand barrels of oil were burned. While the fire was under control, firemen estimated that some of the oil might continue to burn for days.

## HUSBAND TO BE SILENT FOR NINE YEARS MORE.

Wife May Talk All She Wishes to Under Strange Agreement.

New York, July 19.—Women's prerogative is fully protected in an unusual domestic agreement just signed by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Y. Bauman. Under its provisions Mrs. Bauman may talk when, where and as much as she pleases. The husband, however, agrees that, though replying in the name apartment with his wife, he will not speak to her for nine years except when it is absolutely necessary.

## GUARD AGAINST LIQUOR GETTING INTO OTTAWA.

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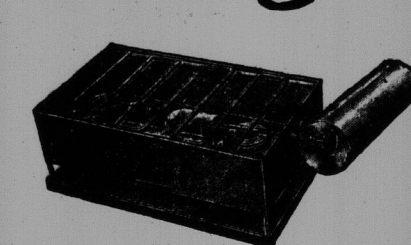
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## MATTER OF LIQUOR LATE IN ARRIVING.

Toronto, July 19.—Discussing a report that expiration of John Baerger's legal life in Ontario found a large number of shipments in transit, Attorney General Rancey intimated that the department would listen to reason. There would be no stop to prolong the period to import, he said, but added—"If individuals come to us and say they have liquor in transit because of such and such happening, their case will be considered on its merits."

## QUEBEC LIQUOR CASES.

Montreal, July 19.—Several cases of infraction of the Quebec Liquor Act were dealt with by Judge Basin yesterday. A fine of \$1,000 was imposed upon Edmond Stewarts, found guilty of transferring liquor illegally. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram were tried on a charge of selling liquor without a permit. Ingram was sentenced to a month in jail and costs or, in default of the latter, to serve another three months in jail. His wife was acquitted.—Ingram's said to be a seaman, now on the high seas.

## ON CABLE WORK.

St. John's, Nfld., July 19.—Three weeks out from Cherbourg, France, the cable ship Colonia is in port here. While en route here she effected repairs to the cable. Valence-New York cable. It is understood she will make repairs to cables of this port, after which she will be employed in laying a new cable between Heart's Content, Nfld., and Sydney, Nova Scotia.

## C. N. R. WAGES.

Moncton, N. B., July 19.—The general executive board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, in the Maritime C. N. R. district are meeting here considering the wage matter.

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St. John's Greatest Mercantile Event Starts July 21st

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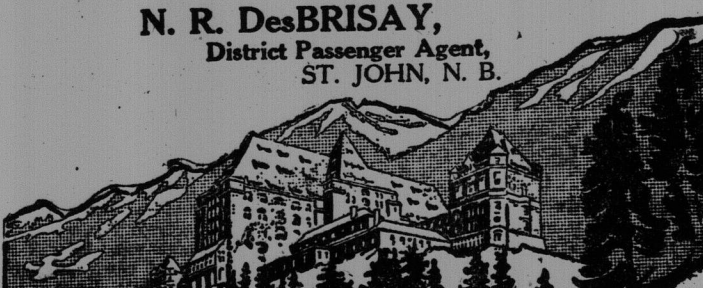


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