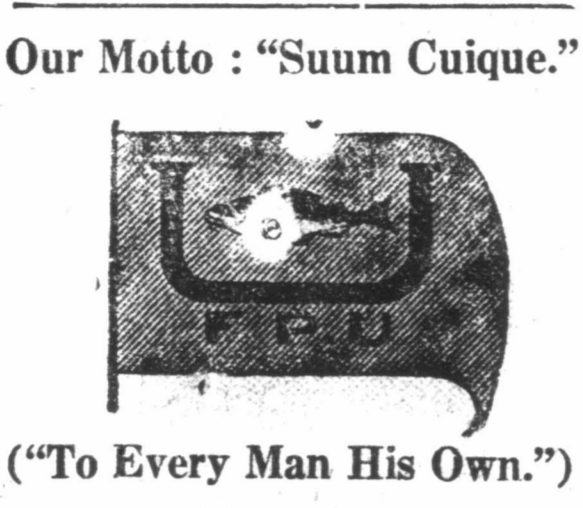


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MUNICIPAL MATTERS

THAT the court does not ask counsel to sit down before he has finished his argument may be the correct but we think it is also correct that no court will condemn a man until it has given him an opportunity to state his case. This is our position on the forthcoming Municipal election. We ask that both sides of the question be given a fair and square deal by the press. Now the Telegram last evening thinks we have misunderstood its utterance of Friday last. But have we?

The Telegram said on Friday: "So far they (meaning the gentlemen who are running out side the Commission) have merely told us generally that they will do the best they can for our welfare. Let them tell us what their best is, or at least outline a policy. Unless, and until they can do this, we respectfully decline to prefer them to those who have given such an excellent one."

"Unless they tell us what their best is we will refuse to recognize them" is what the Telegram says. How can they tell us what their best is when they have not had an opportunity to show us what that best is?

Now last evening The Telegram is worried because they claim we charged them with inconsistency in crying for candidates and then deriding those that have offered themselves outside of the Commission. Well if telling those gentlemen who are not associated with the Commissioners that they refuse to accept them after expressing on a previous occasion the regret that there was not any public spirit amongst our citizens is not deriding them we don't know what is.

To our mind The Telegram has only succeeded in proving that they would have liked to see the Commissioners come forward and no others. That it is to be regretted that the election should have been held now may or may not be correct; view to take we have nothing to say but seeing that it is ordered so we think all who aspire for Municipal honors should at least be given equal rights. To adopt a course otherwise under the circumstances would not be in keeping with our motto "Suum Cuique."

Great Activity On British Front
LONDON, June 26.—Latest British and German communications showing increased activity on the British front are attracting attention here and receive unusual prominence in the London morning papers which also publish conspicuously the fact that King George received General Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at Buckingham Palace last night.

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Takes Exception to Comparison Against the Commissioners

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir:—"Higher Levels" in his article in yesterday's "Mail" endeavors to draw a comparison between Mr. Gosling and Mr. Kelly with the advantages all in favor of the latter. Because Mr. Kelly is bright, brainy and intelligent in the particular business which he follows, is an expert in computing estimates and can deal with contracts generally, therefore, according to "Higher Levels," Mr. Kelly should be mayor. I am quite willing to concede that all these good qualities are possessed by Mr. Kelly, and will go further; not only does he possess all this but an abundance of pluck as well which many young men may do well to emulate; a pluck that is not without its advantage to the citizens of St. John's.

We will have to thank Mr. Kelly that in contesting the mayoralty he has played a part in awakening an interest in municipal affairs that spells good for the community and is indeed proving of great educational value to our citizens. In this municipal contest we are being made alive to the fact that each citizen is largely responsible for the other's well-being. Mr. Kelly is doing his bit in driving this truth home. But what we have conceded to Mr. Kelly is also true of Mr. Gosling, and not only does Mr. Gosling possess all this but he possesses a knowledge of municipal matters second to none and to which Mr. Kelly does not nearly compare if we are to judge by his letters to the press.

Mr. Kelly in appealing to the citizens asks for support on his sanitation policy. He has offered nothing else in these letters. If Mr. Kelly thinks that is all needing particular attention in our municipal life he certainly shows

he is not qualified for the mayor's chair. His criticism of the Commission's handling of this problem is so weak that it is not necessary to dwell on it here. Mr. Gosling I think has well satisfied the public that if the catch basins were as bad as Mr. Kelly makes out he would not have tolerated their existence 24 hours. As he said, the Commissioners were governed by the Board of Health and by the people living in the localities where the "basins" were placed. Would Mr. Kelly if in Mr. Gosling's place remove an improvement the people welcomed?

Now for comparison. Mr. Kelly's platform has only one plank, sanitation. No reference to the housing problem, absentee landlordism, municipal ownership of electric light, telephone, etc. Nothing about lease of properties or methods to be employed in the raising of taxation.

The Commissioners' platform, not only includes sanitation, but in addition, the placing of "absentee landlords" in their proper place, better housing for the poor, municipal ownership, improved methods of taxation by a more equitable distribution of the same, improved water supply for the protection of all the people against fire and a reduction of insurance rates.

Not all that I would like, Mr. Editor, for we haven't measured up to that progressive Scottish City Glasgow, but still ahead of anything yet proposed in St. John's. It is on the lines of a progressive policy and should commend itself to every intelligent citizen and for that reason I stand for the Commissioners for two years more of service.

—PROGRESSIVE.
St. John's, June 27, '16.

COMPLAIN OF DEPREDAATIONS.
By the Prospero we learn that the people of Hr. Deep complain that certain men from the neighbourhood of Twillingate who come there, set fire to the woods, took a quantity of logs owned by Mr. Osmond and that they also seized trap berths held by the people of the place and generally took charge. It is feared that serious trouble will occur as a result between the visitors and shore folk.

GOOD LABRADOR FISHERY
The Marine & Fisheries Department had a wire yesterday evening saying that there is extra good fishing along the Labrador coast at Battle Hr., Grady, Domino, American Tickle and Venison Islands.

FIRST TIME TO SEE CITY.
By the Sagona to-day there arrived a man named Learning. He is over 50 years of age, came from Cartwright, where he had lived all his life time and was never off the Labrador coast before. He has two brothers here and the sights and sounds of city life were very strange to him.

THE S.S. NEPTUNE HERE
The S.S. Neptune, Capt. Joyce, arrived here last night after a run of 6 days from New York with a cargo of hard coal. The ship while in New York was on the dry dock and received a deal of repairs to hull and machinery and is now in first class condition. She is also painted up and will later go to Sydney for coal.

LOCAL ITEMS
The S.S. Stephano left New York today for this port via Halifax.
A ten year old girl of Pleasant St. was removed to Hospital last evening suffering from diphtheria.
The owner of some trout cast nets picked up by Const. Forsey today can get them from that officer.
The S.S. Sam Blandford, which has undergone extensive repairs at New York will leave for here in about 10 days hence.
The S.S. Florizel sails tonight at 10 o'clock for Halifax and New York, taking 45 passengers in saloon and 12,000 barrels freight of fish oil, etc.
The schr. Saratoga, Capt. Bartlett, arrived at Gibraltar yesterday after a good run, fish-laden by the Smith Co. Ltd.

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RÉVEILLE BY CALCAR

WE have discussed the civic question in these columns quite at length, but we hope this is not so, for the question of civic improvement is an all important one, and one which should be ventilated and agitated till people are at last impressed with the notion, and have been imbued with the splendid idea that labor for the improvement of our city is both a duty and a pleasure.

People in every civilized community to-day are being more and more aroused to the call of the age which urges co-operation for the eradication of all that is unsightly and inimical to health. It is realized that the status of the working man demands that he be surrounded with that which in every way marks both the emancipation of the worker from his former state of almost slavery, and the dignity of labor.

Slowly, but surely people are beginning to get things in the right perspective in regard to labor. We are coming to a full realization of all that "dignity of labor" implies, which formerly was but an empty phrase. Democratic ideas are taking hold of the minds of all men, and the lords of creation to-day are the men who toil, where formerly they were the men who neither toiled in the field, the factory or the forum. In Newfoundland we had a

class, and have them yet to some degree, that put on the ways of the superior class (?) and for long usurped the ways of feudal lords. They assumed control of parliament and trampled on the rights and liberties of a people who were too innocent to know that they were being robbed in purse and of that liberty which a free constitution gives. But the school master, got abroad in spite of them, and sons of working men began to awake to their true position.

The idea began to form in the minds of certain more advanced minds among the masses that things were not exactly as they ought to be. This idea, a little rill at first began to accumulate in volume and force, till now it flows as a majestic stream irresistible in its power.

Man began to realize that like the mighty river which irrigates the valley they might gain power by uniting all the individual rills to form a river. Labor unions began to form, and men learned that in union there is strength. Onward goes the march of ideas, and now we find an union of fishermen sending their own selected candidates to the assembly.

So successful has the movement been that there is now a strong desire among the trades and labor unions to hitch up forces with the fishermen's party in the assembly, and we find the working men of St. John's calling on their tried and trusted friend Mr. Gibbs to lead a labor party. And why not? Direct representation is just what people want to-day, and the working people of this country could have many disabilities removed if they send delegates to

the House of Assembly, under Mr. Gibbs, just as the fishermen are removing theirs through their delegates under Mr. Coaker. Workingmen are beginning to realize their own potentialities, just as politicians had long ago understood, but kept to themselves, for they knew that once a people understood their own powers, it was beyday to further bamboozlement of the masses. They know that once the masses awake from their age long slumber, that they would begin to stretch their mighty limbs and stretching shake the very foundation on which the classes had so long built. It was therefore the aim of the wily politician to administer gentle doses of the peculiar nostrum, which so distinguishes political quackery, and labeled political sedative.

This dosing has had its own remedy in time and now generally fails to take effect. People are too wide awake now to be set off to sleep by the seductive voice of the unctious politician. They have had so many proofs of the tremendous strength of a people united that he will be a very clever fellow who ever he may be that can ever scatter or set asunder a people united for the attainment of their own social and political advancement.

NORWEGIAN FISHERY
The following figures of the Norwegian fishery, which is now closed, were received yesterday by Deputy Minister of Customs LeMessurier:
June 30th, 1915 66,800,000
June 26th, 1916 51,400,000

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