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THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND AFTER.

Ald. Platt's most sanguine friends never predicted that he would be elected by so great a majority. He fought his contest without any organization; he had no hack service to draw voters to the polls; he was, owing to the epidemic of sickness now prevailing, obliged to forego practically all personal canvassing.

Ald. Woodley's defeat is a sharp rebuke, administered to those who seek to mix dominion and municipal politics in this city. The attempt to make Ald. Platt a "Laurierite" candidate was deeply resented by those who wish to see municipal elections decided upon the merits of the individual candidates and the local issues they represent. To try to drag in federal questions and seek to reap advantage from partisan prejudices is in reality an effort to have the decision at the municipal polls based upon that which has nothing whatever to do with the men and the problems voted upon. Such methods of campaigning are almost invariably stupid and mischievous in their results.

To Ald. Woodley's credit, be it said, that he never encouraged the political campaign in his behalf. He fought a clean and creditable campaign but was queered by the rip van winkle and jonahs who have not yet wakened to the idea that Belleville has moved forward and now proposes to work under a new order. That Ald. Platt should receive the highest honor in the gift of the citizens of Belleville, after only four years of service in the council, is a fine tribute to the straightforward, manly course he has taken in public affairs. He has kept himself clean and in the right. He has had the courage of his convictions. He has not always shouted with the mob or allowed himself to be shifted about by the last man to whom he was talking. He has a mind of his own and the courage to express himself. He can call a spade a spade, if occasion demands plain speaking. These are qualities that mean much in a chief magistrate. There is more danger, indeed, of a mayor becoming too complaisant than too independent.

In the year to come and until the conclusion of the war we cannot reasonably look for elaborate programs of construction in the way of new pavements or other expensive public works. All we have the right to expect is inexpensive extensions and repairs. But the incoming council is not because of that limitation debarred from doing good work. A strong, business-like, economical and efficient management of the city services and local processes of government will commend itself to every thinking citizen.

We trust Ald. Deacon's good work in the Waterworks department will be continued and a complete electrical installation of pumps carried out as has been already arranged.

We have been disappointed that Ald. Robinson did not introduce a more searching inquiry into the gas service. The citizens would like to know, by the fullest and most reliable information, if it pays to maintain this service as a public undertaking. If it is a losing game or a white elephant, the sooner we step from under, the better. If, on the other hand, we are getting any adequate return for our money, we ought to be furnished adequate data establishing the fact.

A semi-annual collection of taxes, would be a great convenience to many and result in no loss to the city. It should be introduced without delay.

The rigid policy carried out by Mayor Ketcheson in reference to the collection of taxes should be as rigidly adhered to in the future.

We would like to see our council introduce a strong industrial policy and appoint one of its members a chairman of industries. Since

the demise and departure of our board of trade we have had no one on the outlook for new industries or opportunities for industrial development. Never has there been a time in Canada when there was so much money afloat and industrial movements were so prominent. Only last week we read of Toronto securing a new ship-building plant with 2000 employes on the start. Many such organizations have been located in Canada the past three years but Belleville, has slumbered on content with past achievements. We would like to see the new council appoint its most wide-awake member to look after an industrial department. The new council has hundreds of opportunities to make its tenure of office notable. We trust it will arise to the occasion.

Austrians are feeding on horse soup. If it gives them some horse sense it may bring peace nearer.

The kind of peace which Russia is enjoying is not calculated to create any envy in other countries.

If Trotsky would make good his threat to resume war on Germany, it would help, but threats are far removed from actions.

Von Hertling may become sick to make room for von Buelow. Doesn't seem possible for Germany to get away from these von's.

Clothiers in New York hear a lecture on economy in cloth from Mr. Cutter. He's cutting out all pleats, yokes, etc., from man's attire. More power to his shears.

Now, Government officials at Ottawa are doing without grate fires and taking comfort solely from the central heating system in order to save coal. The acme of self-sacrifice.

Be prepared for reverses in the west and a temporary stalemate in Palestine. That is the advice of Major-Gen. Maurice. But all this matters not if the victorious ending be kept in sight.

Food Controller Hanna now has power to seize foodstuffs held in cars more than four days. This is only one of his many powers, but the trouble is he fails to live up to his opportunities.

It is about time the Government issued a statement of the precise accomplishments of the food and fuel control departments, together with an account of the money expended on and by them.

No more rice-throwing at weddings is the rule in the United States, the idea being to conserve food. Newly-married couples will be grateful if the rule is extended to include old slippers and shoes.

The advent of conscription will serve one good purpose at least. It will do away with the training of youthful soldiers who have been taken overseas at no small expense to the country only to be returned.

Canada must go dry while Canadian farmers raise grain to be manufactured into beer in Great Britain. The old saying that "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander" might be applied either way here.

LESSON FROM THE OLD YEAR.

Are we better, are we wiser Then we were a year ago? Turn the pages that are written— Does their record tell us so? Looking back on Time's swift passage And life's discipline severe, Do we find our courage stronger As we face another year?

With a fixed and steadfast purpose Striving toward some goal afar. Where ambition's high ideals Beckon like a radiant star. Are our inspirations purer For the ever upward flight? Does the New Year find us stronger— Pressing forward for the right?

All along the backward journey— Life has been no idle quest; There is joy in work accomplished. Pleasure where we did our best; And the forward march seems easy— Spirits tried grow brave and strong. Glad to give the future welcome. In a happy New Year song.

Looking forward, we are ready For the joy or heart-break sore. Ready whatsoever to-morrow As our portion has in store. Ready for whatever fortune May be our appointed lot— Strengthened, happy in the present, Well content, complaining not! Margaret Scott Hall in Christian Observer

Other Editor's Opinions

FOOD CONSERVATION AT TWEED

Our local Food Commission has already taken some steps looking to food conservation. On Sunday, public announcement was made from our village pulpits calling upon the people to serve brown or war bread exclusively on their tables, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The message also stated that our local bakers would make every endeavor to meet the demands. It will, of course, be impossible for the bakers to meet the demands in full, should the people generally take to eating "war bread," but they are already taking steps to secure what is called "war" flour and they will be in a position to serve their customers with war bread.

There is no doubt that we people eat—stuff ourselves—too much, not only with white bread, but meats, pastries, etc. Go into the average Canadian home and you will find upon the tables today just as many luxuries as in the days before the war.

The quicker we begin to conserve in our food supplies and cut out the expensive luxuries the better for us.

If the war continues much longer we will have to come to it and we will show our wisdom by starting now to save by eating less.

Don't let us try to keep up with the Jones'—News.

CANADIAN GRAIN FOR BRITISH BEER

War history of the past three years attests the devotion of this Dominion to the Mother Country. No sacrifice by Canada is shirked or grudging toward supporting and strengthening in stress the Old Land she loves or the noble cause for which civilization has taken up arms. But it is undeniably a source of deep disappointment and pain to her patriotic people at the time when they are earnest and eagerly placing themselves under war restrictions and inaugurating increased war endeavors—when prohibition has been directed under the War Measures Act, when food regulations are operating, when the nation is organizing for a record campaign of harvest production in order to respond to the overseas appeal for such service—that the Government of Great Britain is still permitting, and even increasing, the supply of grain to breweries.

The old world, we have been told, is getting hungry. There is not enough food to go around. Canada seeks to serve by doing a substantial share toward replenishing Britain's bread bins. She has no ambition to fill Britain's beer vats. And she asks the traditional exponents of British fair play to "play the game."

Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, in his message to this country, stated that the Motherland looked to the enterprise and energy of Canada and the United States to shatter Germany's threat of starvation. Canadians are determined, so far as they are concerned, that this trust shall be more than justified. They propose, to the limit of their capacity and resources, to pour the output of a great harvest into the reservoir of food supplies available for Britain and her allies. But they are unable to understand the grounds upon which, in this time of need, the brewers of Britain are permitted to tap that reservoir for 600,000 tons of grain each year.

The Hamilton Spectator, voicing this strong Canadian sentiment, suggests that Canada and the United States protect their grain shipments against abuse by specific provisions of prohibition for such purpose. It says: "If Canada and the United States see fit, they can earmark all grain sent to Great Britain so that not an atom of it shall be used for the production of liquor. Let Britons use their home grown grain for the making of intoxicants if they please; let them not so use ours. This question must be settled in a way that will satisfy the people of Canada before the Canada, for Imperial benefit, will consent to the introduction of food cards."

The Spectator's remedy would not

sure. If Britain's brewers are permitted to continue to filch their substantial supplies, and are merely restricted to home-grown grain, the result must necessarily be that Canada and the United States will have to furnish increased quantities for the genuine food consumption of the country. The result will be indirectly the same.

But Britain ought to be big enough to resolutely grapple with "the trade." The nation which so sensed its war-time obligations as to give world leadership in the handling of transportation and shipping problems will surely not much longer endure the stigma of tolerating the costly and shameful profiteering of so-called vested interests which now prey upon the very sustenance of the people. By permitting 600,000 tons of grain to be diverted each war-time year by brewing interests Britain not only makes food more scarce and increases the task of her grain-producing Dominions, but she also forces up the price of bread at home and augments the hardship of everyone using that necessity.

"No man in his senses," declared Premier Lloyd George, "would sacrifice the food of this country for any drink." The Dominions who strive to maintain the food supply of the Motherland cannot be charged with impertinence if they appeal to the Premier to heed his own words and wipe out the waste. Canada feels keenly concerning it. If she had her way not a grain from the food reservoir which she shares in filling would go to the brewing interests to be by them perverted to the detriment of her soldier sons.—Toronto Globe.

ONE THOUSAND TONS OF COAL FOR PETERBORO

Last week the twenty cars of coal came into Peterboro over the tracks of the Grand Trunk railway. In addition to this at least five cars were handled by the Canadian Pacific railway, bringing the approximate total up to well over one thousand tons of coal for this city in one week. One dealer brought in a car containing forty tons and he candidly admitted that he made over one hundred deliveries out of this car. The coal was doled out in five hundred pounds and even smaller lots. In another week this same dealer will have to do this work all over again, and yet the people are wondering why the cost of coal is soaring and the delivery end of the business is breaking down. It has frequently been suggested that the dealers pool their orders, if such a miracle were possible and combine to minimize a delivery and continual duplication.

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. JOHN H. HELM AT PORT HOPE

Port Hope, Jan. 7.—One of Port Hope's most prominent and public-spirited citizens, Mr. John Henry Helm, passed away suddenly at the hospital yesterday. He had been in failing health for some time, but was not confined to bed until Thursday, when he developed pleuro-pneumonia and he was taken to the hospital on Saturday. He was born in Cobourg in 1845, and was educated at Victoria College. When quite a young man he moved to Port Hope, and was engaged in the foundry and machine business with his father, the late John Helm, taking over the same when the latter retired. He was married to Emily L. Bell on September 9th, 1868. For the past fifteen years he has been managing director of the Midland Loan and Savings Company.

He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Land Mortgage Companies Association of Ontario. He always took an active part in municipal affairs, being a Public School Trustee, Treasurer of the Benevolent Society, a Director of the Port Hope Gas Company, and a member of the Hospital Board. He was an Anglican and a Liberal.

On Wednesday, January 16th, Doreenwanda of Toronto (Canada's Greatest Hair Goods Store) invite you to see their display of Fine Hair Goods at the Hotel Quinte. Switches, Pompadours, Transformations, Self-Dressing Waves, etc. for ladies, and Toupees and Wigs for Gentlemen, who are Bald. There is no charge for demonstration.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

South Marysburg:

Reeve—Peter Collier. Councillors—Albert Collier, Arthur McCrimmon, Frank Ackema, Hamilton Welbanks.

Bloomfield:

Reeve—S. Edgar Mastin. Councillors—J. E. Baxter, B. R. Leavens, C. E. Brooks, Silas Green.

Bangor:

Reeve—Jno. Green. Councillors—Herman Gutz, J. J. Gannon, August Sellers, P. Dupuis, all by acclamation.

Hallowell:

Reeve—Clarence Mallory. Deputy Reeve—J. W. Whattam. Councillors—Grant Thompson, S. J. Foster, Morris Huff, all by acclamation.

Hillier:

Reeve—Wm. H. Clapp. Councillors—J. H. Davidson, R. W. Ireland, Thos. W. Boyle, Wm. H. Morton, all by acclamation.

North Marysburg:

Reeve—O. W. Hicks. Councillors—T. Slater, Clarence Bett, R. Mordaunt, all by acclamation.

Mt. Pleasant:

Reeve—Simon Fox. Deputy Reeve—Wm. H. Kells. Councillors—H. Rollins, H. Jones, Miller.

Tweed:

Reeve—S. B. Rollins, R.E. Councillors—Jas. Murray, R.E.; E. R. Huylek, F. E. Houston, J. J. Quinn.

Pub. School Trustees—W. H. Hicks, Sam McGee, W. E. Gartley, J. F. Houston, Wm. Arber, D. W. Rollins.

Brighton Village:

Reeve—F. R. Whitton. Councillors—Chas. Ross, T. H. Tweedle, H. B. Phillips, Robt Wade School Trustees—Peter Covell, Sheriff Nesbitt, R. J. Ross, Ed. Oakes.

Tudor and Cashel:

Reeve—J. A. Gunter. Councillors—J. H. Sprackett, H. Walker, J. McEwen, H. Ray.

Havelock:

Havelock had no election this year, the Council and School Board having been returned by acclamation. The Council for 1918 consists of Reeve Mathison and Councillors Jones, Davidson and Mathison of the old Council, with the addition of Mr. S. T. Wilson in place of P. Hagg. The three trustees are Messrs. Job Coop, Robert Jack, and Dr. Watson.

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MORE SUGAR FOR CANADA

7,700 TONS COMING

International Sugar Committee Arrange for Two Shipments—Conditions Are Serious

New York, Jan. 7.—The International Sugar Committee on Thursday announced two purchases of raws for Canada. These consisted of 1,700 tons San Domingo from Bertram Bros., afloat on the steamer Inca, at 4.79c c.i.f., and 6,000 Perus at 4.79c c.i.f., the latter crop also being afloat but the name of the vessel not given.

Brokers in both refined and raw sugar, while not expressing alarm as to present conditions, are unquestionably concerned over the movement of both Cuban and Porto Rican raws of the new crop to the Atlantic seaboard. The volume of receipts is much below expectations; and, as a result, seaboard refiners are not working at the output that has been predicted a month ago for this time.

Causes of Delay

From authoritative sources it has been learned that the delay in receiving the sorely needed supplies is due to two distinct factors. One of these is the lack of tonnage available, the direct result of the scarcity of bunker coal, which prevents vessels needed to move sugar supplies from reporting at the ports to which they have been assigned in both Cuba and Porto Rico, to move raw sugar supplies. The second factor is found in delays incident to the failure of prompt ratification of import licenses.

As a result of the influences exerted by both factors the stocks of raws at all seaboard refining points are very low, and the refineries, up to the present, have been unable to resume operations, except on a very limited schedule. Consequently, the stringency in refined supplies remains acute, and in the opinion of many well-informed sugar men, the shortage existing in the North Atlantic coast territory will very likely continue for another thirty days.

Raise Beet Prices?

A matter that is the subject of much conjecture is whether the advance in cane refined to a 7.45c basis, operative next Monday, will automatically raise the price of beets to the same level. Under the terms of their contract with the Food Administration producers of beet sugar are entitled to a 10-point differential, but whether they will elect to sell on the 7.35 basis Atlantic seaboard, or raise their quotation to the level of that at which cane refined is to sell hereafter, is a question that is agitating the trade and one for which a solution is being sought through Mr. Hoover.

Clean Stomach, Clear Mind.—The stomach is the workshop of the vital functions and when it gets out of order the whole system closes in sympathy. The sprits flag, the mind droops and work becomes impossible. The first care should be to restore healthy action of the stomach and the best preparation for that purpose is Farnesole's Vegetable Pills. General use for years has won them a leading place in medicine. A trial will attest their value.