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#### PREMIER POSTER'S ADDRESS.

The address of Premier Foster before the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities yesterday presented in a very clear manner the difficulties which confront not only the provincial and municipal authorities, but the business interests and the wage-earners during the present period of depression. So far as the province is concerned, its revenues are depleted by the stagnation in the lumber industry, and it must carry the enormous burden of railway debt, while the demands for public service are always urgent. There is therefore need not only for the largest possible degree of economy, but for special measures to meet the existing financial situation. Referring to the municipalities, the premier made a very strong argument in favor of an equalization of assessment which would provide better means of keeping up schools and highways, and he frankly told the meeting that the time must come when the system in other provinces under which a larger part of the cost of upkeep of by-roads and bridges falls upon the municipalities, will be adopted in New Brunswick. The premier also dealt with the question of unemployment, told of what the government had already done to get a survey of conditions, and invited the Union to join in a conference on the subject. This is most important, for though this province has been more fortunate than most others in that respect, St. John more so than most cities, there is a nationwide problem of unemployment and it must be faced in New Brunswick during the coming winter. The time to prepare is now, and it can best be done by joint action of the provincial and municipal authorities. The address of the premier is of interest to the people at large as well as to the Union which he addressed. He expresses the fullest confidence in the ability of New Brunswick to win to better times, but during this period of universal depression and readjustment a word of caution as well as of hope is fully warranted.

#### LOOSE MUNICIPAL METHODS.

The Citizens' Research Institute of Canada declares that "The future of public ownership depends solely on publicly owned utilities giving service equal or superior to that given by privately-owned utilities, while carrying all their own costs." These costs should include cost of operation, interest on debt, depreciation, and provision for contingencies and depreciation, as well as an amount equal to the taxes that would be paid if the utility were privately owned. How many municipalities adopt this basis of accounting, and how many charge to capital what should be charged against ordinary revenue? On this point the Ottawa Journal says: "The loose practice of showing into capital account charges which properly attach to ordinary revenue is responsible in considerable degree for the increase which is everywhere taking place in municipal indebtedness. It has the immediate effect of suggesting good administration to the unsuspecting taxpayer, while all the time a debt is being rolled up which is bound to cause trouble some day; for we must all see that public debts not only persist, but grow. The situation throughout Canada at this very moment is serious, although few people appear to be taking any notice of it. A recent dispatch from Cobalt, intimating that the rate in that municipality had reached nearly six per cent, is merely an illustration of a situation which in some measure applies to scores of communities in the Dominion. For example, the annual per capita cost of municipal government in five western cities is now as follows: Edmonton \$48.55, Saskatoon \$44.08, Vancouver \$42.56, Victoria \$42.69, and Calgary \$40.01. A steadily rising percentage of taxes is being absorbed by municipal indebtedness. The rate of taxation is at the same time rapidly increasing in nearly all our cities. It does not call for special prudence to foresee a time not far distant when the limit will be reached. The line of prudence has already been passed in many instances, and unless genuine economy is soon asserted an ugly day is reckoning with the inevitable. The looseness which prevails is due to the shifting character of municipal administration from year to year, and the indifference of taxpayers to the selection of men of business judgment and the courage to reconsume to city councils. Every year that the easy-going methods which now obtain are permitted to continue will make the ultimate task of retrenchment harder. Yet drastic retrenchment is as certain to be necessary as that two and two make four." The failure of the average citizen to take an interest in municipal affairs is well illustrated by Canadian Finance, which says: "Some months ago the people of Winnipeg voted on a by-law involving the expenditure of \$200,000. Out of a total of nearly 30,000 entitled to vote, about 2,000 used the privilege. In Moosejaw the other day five money-bills were voted on and only 184 voters cast their ballots out of a total of 2,857 resident property owners entitled to vote. These

are illustrations of government 'of the people, by the people, for the people.' As a remedy Canadian Finance says: "We should concentrate on the selection of our public men, and not worry so much about directing them when they are elected." This is very excellent advice, but how are the people to be persuaded to do their part?

#### MR. CHARLES F. CRANDALL.

The announcement that Mr. Charles F. Crandall has taken over the publication and management of the Vancouver World is of particular interest in St. John, where Mr. Crandall received his early newspaper training, and where he has a wide circle of personal friends. They watched with deep interest his successful career on the Montreal Star, and will now extend to him the most hearty good wishes for the success he anticipates on the Pacific coast. His friends here have known for some time that he was contemplating the change, now announced, and that he had recently visited Vancouver. In that city he will meet his old chief, Mr. S. D. Scott, who edited the St. John Sun when Mr. Crandall joined its staff quite a number of years ago, and who is now one of the brightest lights in British Columbia journalism. There are many other former St. John men in Vancouver who will heartily welcome the newcomer. It is announced that eastern as well as western interests are associated in the purchase and publication of the World, and Mr. Crandall says in an interview published today that it will be "independently progressive." The success of his career while connected with the Montreal Star is the best assurance that he will make the World an enterprising and interesting newspaper. His former associates on the press of St. John and of the maritime provinces generally join in hearty congratulations. They remember that in the old days Mr. Crandall was a clever writer, a genial comrade and a young man who had the instincts of a good newspaper man. He has now a great opportunity in a new and promising field; and he is still a young man. It is not by any means complete loss to the maritime provinces when one who knows and understands their position, their aspirations and their difficulties goes to a sphere of influence in another province on the other side of the continent. Mr. Crandall is now a man, and his eastern training will make him in the west a better all-round Canadian.

#### AND NOW—A WOMAN.

Premier Meighen's troubles increase. He is now urged to appoint a woman to the senate. The women in the caucus would make an excellent senator, for nobody doubts the capacity of "Janey Canuck," the juvenile court judge of Edmonton, and she has the enthusiastic support of women's organizations, but there are so many men in the next objective—and who shall they name? Will Mr. Meighen have the hardihood to refuse? But if he should consent, what would the venerable gentlemen in the Senate do? Their slumbers would be rudely disturbed, and even a divorce case would seem less attractive as an entertainment with "Janey Canuck" taking the stage. If course the premier might take refuge in the plea that a bright woman should not be condemned to the lullaby of the senate chamber, but would the women accept this as pure gallantry or studied artifice? There must be moments in his life when Mr. Meighen wishes he could appoint himself to the senate and thus get rid of all his perplexities.

In connection with the encouragement of clean sport it is worth while to quote the ten commandments of sport compiled by Mr. Hugh S. Fullerton, a New York sporting writer, as follows: "Thou shalt not quit; thou shalt not alibi; thou shalt not gloat over winning; thou shalt not be a poor loser; thou shalt not take unfair advantage; thou shalt not ask odds that thou art unwilling to give; thou shalt always be willing to give thine opponent the shade; thou shalt not underestimate an opponent, nor overestimate thyself; remember that the game is the thing and he who thinks otherwise is no sportsman; honor the game that thou playest, for he who playeth the game straight and hard wins even when he loses."

#### W. U. LINEMAN IN NOVA SCOTIA HAS CLOSE CALL.

Pictou, N. S., Aug. 25.—Allen McDonald, Pictou, a Western Union lineman, narrowly escaped death when a trolley on which he was riding was struck by a special freight running between Oxford Junction and Pictou, yesterday. McDonald is suffering with three fractured ribs and numerous contusions.

#### HACK AND HEW

Hack and Hew were the sons of God in the earlier earth than now; One at his right hand, one at his left, To obey as he taught them how.

And Hack was blind, and Hew was dumb, But both had the wild, wild heart; And God's calm will was their burning will, And the gist of their toil was art.

They made the moon and the belted stars, They set the sun to ride; They loosed the girde and veil of the sea, The wind and the purple tide.

Both flower and beast beneath their hands, To beauty and speed outgrew— The furious, fumbling hand of Hack, And the guiding hand of Hew.

Then, fire and clay, they fashioned a man, And painted him rose brown; And God Himself blew hard in his eyes: "Let them burn till they sounder down!"

"Well rest, for our toil is done," But "Nay," the Master Workman said, "For your toil is just begun."

"And ye who served me of old as God Shall serve me now as man, Till I compass the dream that is in my heart, And perfect the vaster plan."

And still the craftsmen over his craft In the vague white light of dawn, With God's calm will for their burning will, While the mounting day comes on.

Yearning, wind-swift, indolent, With those shadowy two, The faltering, restless hand of Hack, And the tireless hand of Hew.

—BLISS CARMAN.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

The Loafer.

Most any tramp along the way Can tell you this is true, It's tedious from day to day To have no work to do.

#### Safety First.

Jud Tunkins says the most valuable sense of humor is the kind that enables a person to see instantly what it isn't safe to laugh at.—Washington Star.

#### Swimming Encouraged.

"Everybody should learn to swim," "I'll say so," replied the life-guard. The more of these folks submerge, the better the ocean looks.—Washington Star.

#### Knew Her Will.

Customer—I want a pair of gloves for my wife. Saleswoman—Yes, sir. What color? Customer—Doesn't matter. Saleswoman—What size? Customer—Doesn't matter. She'll be certain to change them in any case.—Passing show.

#### Woman's Privilege.

Mother (to daughter)—No, I can never give you my maid. I have quite made up my mind. Daughter—Then I'm doubly disappointed. I hoped that I would have a lovely wife and a young-looking mother-in-law.

#### Regretted His Absence.

A chaplain was noted for his ready wit. While traveling on a steamerboat a notorious sharper who wished to get to know the chaplain, said to him: "I should like very much to hear one of your sermons." "Well," said the clergyman, "you could have heard me last Sunday if you had been where you should have been." "Where was that, pray?" "In the county jail."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

#### His Profession.

Miss Coleman was very much admired at the wedding reception yesterday. I noticed one gentleman never took his eyes off me the whole evening." Miss Sharp—"Had he a black moustache waxed at the ends?"

#### "I know him. He is a detective. He was there to watch the presents."

#### PRIZE ABROAD AND AT HOME FOR SIR SAM.

London, Aug. 25.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Continuing in the Canadian General Sir Sam Hughes, the Westminster Gazette says he was the kind of man who gets sworn by and sworn at. His critics said he lacked repose and dignity and was too familiar with his inferiors, but he was always a fighter and undoubtedly was mainly responsible for the fine showing made by Canada in the war. The Evening News says: "Like most men of a thrusting, active temperament, he made mistakes but with all his faults he rendered Canada and the empire an unforgettable service." Says the Standard: "Sir Sam Hughes was one of the very few dominant figures in the war who liked being interviewed, but although he talked freely, he never revealed war secrets. Canada and the empire will never forget the wonderful mobilization of the first Canadian contingent." Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 24.—(Canadian Press.)—Premier Meighen paid the former minister of militia the following tribute: "A truly remarkable man has passed from us in the death of Sir Sam Hughes. His mind was alert and well informed, his heart was big, his patriotism intense; he was a dynamo of energy. Fear was something he knew nothing of at all; indeed, courage was his ever-mastering characteristic. It dominated his other faculties and directed his career."

"That he has done much for Canada and for the empire he loved no one would dare to doubt. At a critical time his sense of duty and his extraordinary personality constituted a vast service to this country, for which all are grateful and the memory of which will live as long as our history is read."

R. B. Maxwell, president of the Dominion Command, G. W. V. A., said: "I am certain I voice the feelings of my comrades of the G. W. V. A. in saying that they sincerely deplore the death of Sir Sam Hughes, the man who did things which will live as long as our history is read."

Islanders are said to live longer than persons living on the mainland.

#### NEW HOUSING PLAN

Community of Dwellings at \$6,500 Each to be Erected in Montreal—Hope to Build 50 Cottages This Fall.

(Montreal Herald.)

In an endeavor to meet the housing shortage in this city and neighboring municipalities, computed at 28,000 tenements, local builders and municipal experts have decided, after long study of the problems involved, to launch a project in this city similar to one which is already proving successful in Chicago under the direction of Messrs. Miller, Kornack and Schenck. Frederick Wright, editor of the Canadian Municipal Journal, when asked by the Herald as to the details of the project, replied that full particulars would shortly be given out, and in the meantime gave the following summary: "As no one seemed willing to set the house building ball a-rolling, the Canadian Municipal Journal, with the aid of a number of builders' supply dealers and The Sun Trust Company, is about to launch a building company for the purpose of building a community of cottages to sell around \$6,500. If all goes well we hope to build fifty cottages this fall, and from others already received there is every prospect of every cottage being sold before completion. But this project is for the man who wishes to buy on favorable terms a ready built house of moderate size. But what about the man with a lot?"

There are approximately 22,000 vacant building lots within a few miles of the city hall, and while a large number, even when owned by workmen, are held for speculation, a big percentage of the 22,000 lots is held by men who bought to build. Unfortunately, these would-be home builders have not been able to carry out their plans, principally for the reason that after paying for their lots usually by installments, and keeping up their taxes, they have not been able to save sufficient to put up a house on their respective lots. These men by their very self-sacrifice are the very men who, given the opportunity, will make the best citizens.

Next they came down to the neighborhood of the Opera for fish, which consisted of fished sole with mushrooms. Next they went to another famous house near the Madeleine for a veal cutlet, and to an open-air restaurant in the Champs Elysees for a chicken specially.

Vegetables—a plain dish of onions, exclusively cooked—were obtained at a small restaurant on the left bank of the river.

Not far from Concorde the party had chivalry salad, and near the Ecole they ordered fruit—expensive fresh pineapple.

After entering their car, they drove to a most fashionable establishment in the Bois de Boulogne, where they had coffee, liqueurs and cigars.

#### CONSTANTINE OF GREECE IS ILL

King Stricken in Asia Minor—Unconscious for Twenty Minutes.

Paris, Aug. 25.—King Constantine of Greece, who has been visiting the battlefields of Asia Minor is ill from intestinal trouble at Izmir-Sherer, says a dispatch received here. It is said he fainted yesterday and was unconscious for twenty minutes.

#### LIEN ON COLLIERY.

Miners Allege Wages Have Not Been

Port Hood, N. S., Aug. 25.—Because they allege the company owes their local membership about \$30,000 in unpaid wages, the United Mine Workers of America, District 26, have put a lien on the Port Hood colliery.

J. B. MacLachlan, secretary of Districts, has been at Port Hood, and after negotiations with the owners, instructed the United Mine Workers' attorney to seize the property as security for the alleged debt.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong, minister of mines for Nova Scotia, will visit the scene in an endeavor to straighten out the tangle.

#### MUCH ATTENTION TO MILK QUESTION

Augusta, Maine, Aug. 24.—The inspection of and improvement of the quality of milk and the condition under which it is produced and handled is given more attention in Maine than in any other province.

The Bureau of Dairy Inspection, under the Department of Agriculture, and his assistants are putting in all their time this week, with many miles of travel and many a score of places visited with the consequent work of examination and reports on the samples taken with action following cases demanding or requiring it.

Mr. Brown is much pleased with a new device for ascertaining the amount of dirt and sediment in milk now in use. The device is a sediment tester which he has had the benefit of during July and August. It strains all the milk tested through a specially prepared cotton filter which retains on its surface foreign matter in solid form. The value of such an exhibit in a court case can be seen at once, when it is understood that all the inspector could previously was his own evidence and argument upon which the judge should base his decision, with the defendant or offender having an equal chance of verbal evidence. With the new tester, the dirt or foreign substance itself can be taken into court and laid before the judge for his own observation.

The value of it was shown very forcibly in our town where the local inspector told the dealers that another appearance of such dirty milk in their stores would result in the cotton filters and deposited dirt, with the dealer's name would be placed in the store window. He has no trouble with dirty milk from those dealers since his emphatic notice.

#### COURT DECIDES AGAINST BRIDGETOWN LAWYER

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 24.—Oliver S. Miller, a Bridgetown lawyer, has lost his suit against Stuart S. Jenks, R. C. charging false imprisonment. Judgment was handed down by Chief Justice Harris of the Nova Scotia supreme court yesterday. The case arose from a contempt of court charge brought against Mr. Miller, on behalf of the Bar Society, for whom Mr. Jenks acted. Mr. Miller had written a letter to the chief justice, amounting to contempt of court, and was sentenced to pay a fine or spend thirty days in jail. He refused to pay, and his commitment to jail followed, the charge of false imprisonment being brought in this connection.

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### SEES SUCCESS FOR C. N. R. IF LINES ARE REORGANIZED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—The Canadian National Railway system, properly administered, will permit and encourage the development of the country, and the railway system, in the opinion of Sir Joseph Flavel, who since May last, has been director of the Grand Trunk Railway system. Patience by all concerned will be necessary in the present alarming losses and heavy fixed charges and the ultimately successful operation of the system. Sir Joseph in a letter to the prime minister, sets out a plan of reorganizing the railways, and says: "The government will permit and encourage the development of the country, and the railway system, in the opinion of Sir Joseph Flavel, who since May last, has been director of the Grand Trunk Railway system. Patience by all concerned will be necessary in the present alarming losses and heavy fixed charges and the ultimately successful operation of the system. 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