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G. FRED FISHER'S PLATFORM

- No. 1—(a) The completion and signing of the contract with the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission for Musquash Power.
(b) The appointment of an independent Civic Hydro Commission to construct a Civic Distribution System.
No. 2—Completion of Plans and Specifications for a Civic Distribution System.
No. 3—That an offer be made by the city to purchase the entire property of The New Brunswick Electric Power Company, at the sum named by the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, March 2, 1920, \$2,577,653.56. This sum to be the maximum, and the offer to remain open for ten days only.
No. 4—In the event of the offer not being accepted by the Power Company, in the time specified, the city to proceed immediately with the construction of its own distribution system.

A CLEAR ISSUE

Mayor McLellan urged the city council to give the New Brunswick Electric Power Company's property a value of \$3,908,000.

Mr. G. Fred Fisher declares in his platform that the figure named by the supreme court in 1920, which was \$2,577,653.56, is the limit of what the city should pay for the whole property.

Mr. McLellan would have the city become liable for interest and dividends on \$1,881,944 more than the amount of the supreme court valuation. Mr. Fisher would save the city from that unnecessary burden.

Mr. McLellan would give the power company all it asks. Mr. Fisher would be willing to offer it what the supreme court named as the value. He sees no reason why the city should be bled any longer.

In view of the attitude of the two candidates on this question, it is not surprising that the citizens are rallying to Mr. Fisher's support. They too, believe the city has been bled long enough for the benefit of the company.

They see that the Musquash development has opened the road to freedom, and they propose to traverse it. Either the city or the company must win. If the latter, then good-bye to hopes of industrial expansion which cheap light and power would bring. If the former, then the city will enter upon a new era, freed from monopoly and the necessity of paying dividends on watered stock, and enjoying rates for light and power which will encourage industry and lighten the burdens of the people.

The citizens are not merely asked to make a choice between men, but to reaffirm a principle already established at the last civic election, free themselves from monopoly, get light and power at cost. The choice between candidates is the more important because of their respective attitude toward the power company. In this respect Mr. Fisher stands on solid ground, and the citizens will best serve the present and future interests of St. John by giving him their undivided support. False assertions about taxation, threats of ruinous competition by a company which knows it cannot successfully compete, and all other tactics adopted to hoodwink the people and prevent them from getting cheap light and power will not conceal the fact that if the power company wins the people lose. They must prevent that by defeating the candidate endorsed and wildly championed by the power company and its group of interested sympathizers.

THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE.

The list of names signed to the nomination paper of Mr. G. Fred Fisher is instructive. It shows that he is not the candidate of any clique, but of the citizens at large. The list might have been extended to great length, but that was not necessary. The people are with Mr. Fisher and the cause for which he stands. The working organization in his interest is becoming daily more active, and should be joined by a large number of active workers in every ward, in order that no stone may be left unturned to bring an overwhelming victory at the polls. It is not Mr. Fisher's cause, but the cause of the people who want cheap light and power and freedom from monopoly. In Mr. Fisher they have a candidate who will stand four-square for the policy he has laid down, and which they approve. He will not be influenced to turn aside from the straight road to the accomplishment of that which the people desire. He is dependable. He has had, moreover, most valuable experience at City Hall, and will not go there as a novice. All the city's interests will be safe in his hands. Business men give him their confidence, and every citizen knows that he stands for the square deal. It should therefore be regarded as a pleasant duty to work for his election, and to make his majority a record one.

OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, M. P., in an interview this week made some interesting remarks to the Ottawa Citizen on the subject of immigration. We quote:

"Speaking of British emigration to Canada, Mr. Chamberlain said that while a few years ago, and particularly in his father's day, when the 'colonies' as they used to be known were talked of as places to emigrate to, Canada used to be the first thought. But of late there had been a silence, he said, with regard to Canada, while some astute advertising had been conducted in the Old Country by Australia and New Zealand. The result was people seemed to think first now of Australia and New Zealand, for the impression seemed to be abroad, he said, that Canada did not want them, for some reason or other, while the doors of the other two dominions mentioned seemed to be wide open. He suggested Canada should take a little trouble to advertise itself."

Addressing the Canadian Club of Ottawa, Mr. Chamberlain also discussed the question of immigration, and urged joint action by governments to transfer some of Britain's surplus population to Canada. The Journal report says:

"Britain had more than she could feed; Canada needed more people to develop her resources, to share her debts. If she needed more people, then surely she would see that they were of British blood. The special gifts of Britons did not all come through training. It was in the blood. Canadians did not risk swamping the breed of their fine herds of cattle by mixing them with inferior strains. Mr. Chamberlain urged that Canada should not do less for her people than for her cattle. He did not advise that all other immigration should be excluded. If Canada, however, wanted to keep the qualities that characterized the British race she must see that the main current of her immigration was from British sources."

Canadians generally will be in hearty agreement with the views of Mr. Chamberlain.

LIGHTER VEIN.

In No. 100, He-I have a presentation that our engagement won't last.

She—Oh, Harry, don't say that; I hope it will last forever.—London Opinion.

Diagnosed. Young Lady—Were you pleased with the new school, little boy? Little Boy—No, they made me wash me face 'n' when I went home de door bit me 'cause a didn't know me.—The Antidote (Peekskill).

Friction. The insurance adjuster who had been investigating the fire turned to go. "I came down here to find out the cause of this fire, and I have done so," he remarked.

Her Plan. Father—Betty, I'm shocked! Your mother tells me you are engaged to three young men.

THE WIDOWED BLACKBIRD. (London Times)

On one of the cold, rainy days of summer, a blackbird was observed working furiously in a suburban vicarage garden. Although wet and bedraggled, she sought no shelter, but toiled on with feverish haste. First to a wet bank in the garden, then to an apple tree on the lawn, she passed backwards and forwards rapidly and unceasingly, carrying at each journey to the tree a little moss and mud.

During a slight break in the down-pour, the now keenly-interested observer passed quietly across the lawn, and saw that the foundations of a home had been well and truly laid in a fork of the apple tree. The rain descended, but the industrious builder continued her work, undeterred by the state of the weather, and untrammelled by any question of rates of wages or trade-union rules.

Soon the new house became a home, occupied by a thriving family. What, then, had become of the male blackbird, just when his love affairs had reached their crisis, and his responsibilities of matrimony lay immediately before him? The howling of cats among the bushes suggested the grin solution of the difficulty. Blackbirds have enemies, "red in tooth and claw," and the male blackbird at the height of his happiness had fallen a victim to the malice of one of his four-footed foes.

His mate received from the dwellers at the vicarage sympathy and help. With tender interest she was watched over during the brooding period, and nothing was allowed to disturb her. Then, on a certain Sunday evening, came trouble and anguish. The little blackbird, instead of sitting quietly on the nest, was dashing wildly from tree to tree, and calling in angry and staccato notes, "Chit! chit! chit! chit!"

Beneath the tree was a feebly caw, evidently a personal and well-recognized foe, for the brave bird swooped down at it again and again, with the obvious intention of driving it away, and at each swoop the cat, with its outstretched claws, uttered a low, muffled growl.

Pap appears to have been a great favorite with Sir Kenelm. Several sorts were given him particularly careful review. Oatmeal put was made by boiling a little oatmeal in water, and then adding a little butter and egg. It was beaten in it, and the whole flavored with orange-flower water and anbergris.

LOCAL NEWS

PICTURES, BEGINS MONDAY

The children's week begins Monday morning, Oct. 23. Bring the little folks and receive a \$4.50 picture of your child free. The Reid Studio, cor. Charlotte and King streets.

Best place in town to eat is the Up-town Tea Shop. 2083-10-25

LOYALTY TEMPLE, No. 13, Pythian Sisters, regular meeting Monday evening, Oct. 23. The temple will hold Halloween tea and sale, Tuesday, Oct. 24, Temple Building, North End. Tickets 25c.

YOUR "GYM" SHOES ARE HERE.

Why Waste Coal.

THE STUDY CLASS OF PORTLAND METHODIST CHURCH, W. M. S., met last evening at the home of the president, Mrs. Allan Lingley, High street. Those taking part were Mrs. David Morrow, Miss Jane Henderson, Miss Vera Corbett, Mrs. Y. R. Henderson, Mrs. C. E. Cowan, Mrs. D. G. Lingley, Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. James Ferguson, Mrs. John Chown, Mrs. Melvin Irons. Mrs. Herbert Breen and Miss Kirk assisted with the refreshments.

LAYS MURDER INCREASE TO FEWER EXECUTIONS

Chicago Penologist Tells the Prison Association Capital Punishment is a Deterrent.

NO INCREASE IN TAXES FOR HYDRO

Not a Single Hydro Municipality in Ontario Has Ever Paid One Cent in Taxes Toward Up-keep of Hydro System, Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission Says in Telegram.

The following telegrams will explain themselves. They should serve to convince the citizens of St. John that the attempt by the Power Company to group to create the impression that increased taxes might be needed to keep up the hydro system is a deliberate attempt to mislead the public and confuse the hydro issue:

F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, 190 University Avenue, Toronto. It has been publicly stated that if the city of St. John contracts for hydro at cost the citizens will be required to pay additional taxes. Do you know of any instance where a single hydro municipality in Ontario has paid one cent towards the upkeep of their hydro system?

Fed Chickens Ale To Make Them Fat

(New York Post.)

"Good Cheer," by Frederick Hackwood, quotes at some length from the book written by Sir Kenelm Digby. The quaint title of this work is "The Closet of the Excellent Learned Sir Kenelm Digby, Kt. Opened."

We are told in the preface that the volume practically consists of Sir Kenelm's private recipe book, and is full of learned disquisitions on the drinks and dishes which then found favor with English palates—a sufficient of solids as well as liquids for the satiating the curiosities of each, or the nicest palate.

Advocates of the simple life will be horrified to read how "to fatten young chickens in a wonderful degree." Part of this runs: "A good drink must be only milk, in another little trough by a meat-trough. Let a candle (fly-dipped) stand by them all night, for seeing their meat, they will eat it all night long." Another poultry-fattening recipe advises: "Let them have a very strong ale to drink. They will be very drunk and sleep; then eat again."

FOREIGN PORTS.

Vineyard Haven, Oct. 20—Arr. schrs Hartley W. New York for St. George (N. B.); Alansie, New York for St. George (N. B.).

BRITISH PORTS.

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Southampton, Oct. 19—Arr. str Andania, from London for Montreal. Oct. 20, str Eousa of Britain, from Hamburg for Quebec.

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Blyth, Oct. 20—Arr. str John Bulmer, Quebec.

Manchester, Oct. 20—Arr. str Manchester Division, Montreal.

Halifax, Oct. 20—Arr. strs Manchester Producer, Montreal; cable ship Robert Clowry, Canada (N. S.).

SHIPPING

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LAYS MURDER INCREASE TO FEWER EXECUTIONS

Chicago Penologist Tells the Prison Association Capital Punishment is a Deterrent.

Detroit, Oct. 21—The murder rate is increasing in the United States because, in the opinion of leading statisticians, capital punishment is not inflicted.

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