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The City Booster

For Good Streets
Good Citizenship

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"FOR OUR CITY"

April 9, 1920

GOOD NIGHT, LADIES! GOOD NIGHT, GENTLEMEN!

The "Booster" has run its race—it has finished its course—it has done its bit.
It has tried to illumine the path of duty for you.
It has tried to show you the folly of our city attempting to do what other cities equally capable have fallen down on.
It has tried to explain to you the principle of equity and of fairness upon which the Abutters' Act is based.
It has urged upon you the importance of seeing that every progressive man and woman in the city shall vote in favor of the Act.
Now, "The Booster" will retire. Don't think it is dead, however, for the boosting spirit never dies. There will always be those who will keep the home fires of boosting burning.
IT'S UP TO YOU as Citizens—as Rotarians—as Commercialites—as members of the Board of Trade—as people who "promote prosperity," to see that the Abutters' Act is carried at the polls—and to see that the right men are elected to enforce it.
It's been a pleasure to The Booster to talk with you. Thank you.
Au Revoir.
Yours for St. John's Prosperity,
THE CITY BOOSTER

P. S.—Be sure to run your pencil through the word "NO" at the bottom of your ballot. Let the "Yes" stand—unless you would be a "promoter of poverty." EYE-BYE, EVERYBODY. VOTE RIGHT.

"GLORY IN EXPANSION"

THERE'S A SONG in Rotary which begins this way:
"The Rotary contingent is advancing to the front."
We have lots of splendid singers and a few who only grunt.
ROTARIANS as citizens desirous of promoting their city's best interests will advance to the front on Monday next. With a reputation to sustain as singers and as workers—not as grunters and kickers—they should make themselves felt.
"He Profits Most Who Serves Best."

Scratch Out "No" at the Bottom of Your Ballot

"PROMOTING POVERTY"

What more expressive slogan could the opponents of the Paving Act employ than the one they use in defining their backward policy—"PROMOTING POVERTY!"
In following the course they are following they are certainly "Promoting Poverty" and promoting it to the limit.
The mission of "THE CITY BOOSTER" and of those behind it, is exactly opposite. They are "PROMOTING PROSPERITY."
Let's look into the arguments that the POVERTY PROMOTERS are employing:

1. They say the principle of taxing for benefits received is wrong. They believe that the rate-payer who lives miles away from an improved street, and who might never put his foot upon it, should pay as much for that improvement as the land-owner on the street whose property is improved and enhanced in value. The unfairness of this, the first plank in their "poverty" platform, is easily apparent.
2. They say that the Abutters' Act "departs from precedent." If a wrong precedent has been set, the sooner the city departs from it the better. The quicker a drunkard acquires the habit of sobriety the better for himself and everybody else.
3. They say that home building and expansion of industrial properties will be penalized by the abutters' tax. A false idea, surely! St. John has been operating under general assessment for many years. Has home building and expansion moved any more rapidly here than in cities such as Toronto, Hamilton, Brandon, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Vancouver, Philadelphia and other places where the abutters' tax has been in force? St. John has not been going forward as it should, largely because of the false and selfish principle of loading everything on general assessment.
4. They say the Abutters' Law is "unworkable in practice." It has worked all right on German street, hasn't it? The experience of the cities above named, and hundreds of others as well, has been that IT IS THE ONLY PRINCIPLE THAT IS WORKABLE in practice. Montreal tried the general assessment plan, and the "Poverty Promoters" there succeeded so admirably in their poverty promotion that the government of Quebec had to come to the city's rescue.
5. Again, they say the abutters' law "increases rentals out of all reason." It is the prevailing impression that the rent profiteers have already increased rentals beyond all reason. Under general assessment, where the whole load of street improvement is thrown upon the city, profiteering there would be little justification for increased rentals, except in the improved areas where both landlord and tenant would enjoy benefits.
6. They again say the abutters' tax is "inequitable in the extreme,"—that it is unfair to the poor man and favors the rich. The inequity of general assessment is that the poor man who is compelled to live on side and back streets and in the suburbs, where paved streets may never come, is forced to pay additional taxes to improve the property of the rich men on valuable thoroughfares. Could anything be more unfair and inequitable than this? The people who receive benefits are the people who should pay for them.
7. Finally they say that the abutters' tax is "altogether unnecessary"—that the present by-law makes ample provision. If there is such an effective by-law, why has it not been put in force? Answer—Because the existing law isn't effective, and doesn't meet the situation,—a fact clearly proven by the rotten streets that we find almost everywhere in St. John.

IF THE OBJECT of the plebiscite is to "Promote Poverty," and to hold up the improvement of our streets until all the present residents are dead, then by all means vote for the General Assessment plan.
But if the object is to "PROMOTE PROSPERITY"—to build up our city as other progressive cities have been built up—to establish a principle that should be permanent, and a policy that should be adopted for all time—THEN VOTE FOR THE ABUTTERS' ACT.

A FINAL WARNING

At the bottom of the ballot which will be placed in the hands of voters at the polls on Monday next, there are these words:

"Are you in favor of owners of properties abutting on streets proposed to be paved being assessed for a portion of the cost as provided for in Bill now before the Legislature?"
"YES."

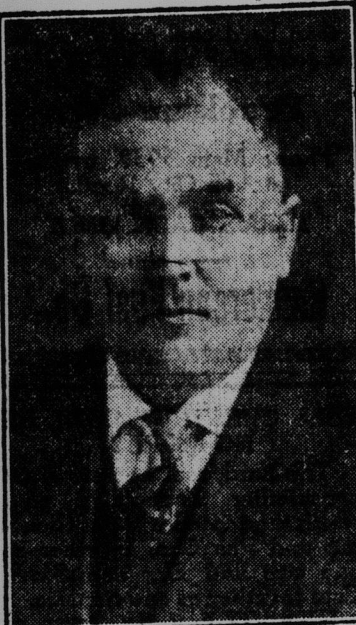
There is another word, "No," immediately below the above words. BE SURE TO RUN YOUR PENCIL ACROSS THE WORD "NO." Beat it out of existence—unless you would be a "promoter of poverty."

STRIKE OUT "NO"

Let No Such Guilty Word as "No" Escape Your Pencil
N. B.—Use a black pencil.

ELECTION CARDS

VOTE FOR LABOR CANDIDATE



F. A. CAMPBELL,
Labor Candidate for Commissioner.

To the Electors of the City of St. John:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
Having been nominated as a candidate for re-election at the forthcoming election, I have decided to accept.
Being unable to call upon each and every voter as I would desire, I take this opportunity of respectfully soliciting the co-operation and support of the electorate.
Having held the office of Commissioner of Public Safety but a short time I have been unable to complete all the work I had planned, but should the electors still retain their confidence in me and elect me for another term I shall do my utmost to carry on the work to the best of my ability, doing all in my power for the furtherance of the city's interests.
Respectfully yours,
JOHN THORNTON.
118400—4—12.

TO THE ELECTORS:

Ladies and Gentlemen—
Upon solicitation of many friends, I have decided to become a candidate for the office of Commissioner in the forthcoming civic election. If favored with your support, I promise to devote my full energy to forwarding the interests of the City with a view to making St. John a better place to live in.
Sincerely,
HUGH H. McLELLAN
8—24—12

To the Electors of the City of St. John:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
Having been nominated for the office of Commissioner in the coming Civic Elections, I respectfully solicit your votes and support.
On the question of taxing abutters for paving, my view has not been changed by the alterations made in the proposed Act. I believe as firmly as ever that it would be in the best interests of this city to continue to pave the streets at the general expense.
Regarding daylight saving and shorter working hours for clerks in stores, two matters which have been before the Common Council, efforts are being made to effect a settlement by agreement in each case and I hope that, in a give and take spirit, both matters will be settled in this way.
Sincerely yours,
GEORGE FREDERICK FISHER.
118872—4—12

To the Electors of the City of St. John:

Ladies and Gentlemen.
Being a Candidate for election on Monday, I would respectfully ask my friends and supporters to go to the Polls and vote. It is quite evident that the number of candidates will divide the vote to a greater degree than ever, and if it is your desire or intention to vote for With nine candidates in the field, five of them must be left at the gate in the Primary election. The field of Candidates is large, and if you have not got government the fault is yours, not theirs. Trusting your interest and support, I am,
Yours truly,
JAMES H. FRINK.

TORONTO SOLDIERS SOON MINUS CLUB QUARTERS

Toronto, April 10—Soldiers in this city may soon be without a down-town club. The Red Triangle Club will close soon, and the Salvation Army Hostel is expected to close in about a month.
A meeting has been called by Lieut. Col. John A. Currie, M. P., for this afternoon to discuss the question of providing a club for the returned men. A suggestion has been made that the city secure the old Palmer House, a well known hotel for many years, and use this as a club.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE \$100,000 LIBEL CASE

San Francisco, April 10—A libel action seeking \$100,000 damages was filed here yesterday by David B. Ogden of Brookline, Mass., representing the board of trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society, against the board of trustees and certain individuals of the Fourth Church of Christ Scientists, in San Francisco, as the result of resolutions said to have been adopted by the church ridiculing the society.



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One thousand Suits and Overcoats must be sold at once to enable us to occupy our new store, 87 Charlotte St. (next to Bond's).

These Suits and Overcoats are the season's latest production—all our regular goods. We don't guarantee to have your size or pattern. If you find what you want, it's yours at a small price.

Men say our prices are worth while waiting for.

SOME OF THE PRICES:—

Fancy Suits	Spring Overcoats
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\$35.00 Suits..... Now \$28.00	\$35.00 Overcoats... Now \$28.00
\$40.00 Suits..... Now \$32.00	\$40.00 Overcoats... Now \$31.50
\$42.00 Suits..... Now \$33.50	\$45.00 Overcoats... Now \$35.75
\$45.00 Suits..... Now \$35.75	\$50.00 Overcoats... Now \$39.50
\$48.00 Suits..... Now \$38.50	
\$50.00 Suits..... Now \$39.50	

All Blue and Black Suits at 20 per cent. off regular price.
Men's Trousers. \$4 to \$10 per pair

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\$15.00 Raincoats, Reduced \$13.50
\$20.00 Raincoats, Reduced \$18.00
\$25.00 Raincoats, Reduced \$20.00
\$28.00 Raincoats, Reduced \$23.00
\$30.00 Raincoats, Reduced \$25.00

All Dress Suits, Tuxedos and Frock Coats have been marked at lowest prices.

Fifty Mackinaw Coats to clear. Values up to \$22.00.

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All Winter Overcoats and Ulsters at Big Reductions. Buy your next winter overcoat and save \$ \$ \$. . . Prices ranging from \$25 to \$80
Boys' Suits and Overcoats on sale at lowest prices—some below cost.

Semi-ready Wardrobe

GEO. T. CREARY

Cor. King and Germain St.

Yours Hopefully,

A POOR WIDOW

The Widow's Appeal

TO THE ELECTORS:

On the eve of the election which is to decide the fate of the unjust bill which imposes a heavy special Abutters' tax for paving purposes let me make a last appeal on behalf of myself and several hundred widows owning property in St. John. For many of us this property represents our only source of income. The return from the property is at present scarcely sufficient for many of us to keep body and soul together. If a special tax of from \$600 to \$1,000 is imposed on us we cannot hope to pass this unjust and unwarranted tax on to our tenants, especially in the poorer districts where the rents are higher now than many people can actually afford to pay.

If "Yes" carries on Monday the city will have to take my own property and do what they like with it. I cannot bear the burden and there are many more of my unfortunate sisters in the same position. The widow's mite helps to pay the city taxes but the great bulk of the civic revenue comes from the men of wealth and the business interests. These latter escape almost scot free in the paving of the remaining streets of the city if the bill goes through, although the streets they are using have all been paved by General Assessment. Surely this new law is a rich man's law with a vengeance and when the streets are paved, as they should be paved, let everyone pay according to their means. My own house is worth possibly not more than \$2,000 but I must pay as much as the business man who owns a house on my street worth \$12,000, whose teams are carrying loads past my door and who wants paving for the use of his automobile.

Another man doing half a million dollars' worth of business a year and using my street for his teams and trucks pays nothing—because he lives just around the corner.

Is this fair? The poor man who has struggled to build a home is in the same position as myself and the other widows. Surely in Lower Cove, Brussels street, City Road, the North End and the West Side, all to come under the operation of the proposed act as the Common Council dictates, there are enough fair-minded citizens to turn out on Monday to vote NO and save the property of