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## CITY GOVERNMENT

The Trades and Labor Council last night voiced the discontent of its members with the existing form of city government in St. John and asked for a referendum on the board of control system.

The commission system was referred to, and one speaker expressed the fear that it would not be operated in the interest of the people. Such a fear appears to be groundless. By the adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall, the voice of the people is absolute in its power. They can at any time compel an objectionable commission or commissioner to resign another election, while the public interest is safeguarded at every turn. There is direct and undivided responsibility under this system and if anything goes wrong the people know who is at fault and have in their own hands a prompt and effective remedy. With regard to boards of control, the only reason this system was adopted in certain Canadian cities appears to be that they regarded the commission plan as a Yankee notion, and wanted something different. As a matter of fact the board of control system does not work out well. There is constant friction between the city council and board of control. In Montreal this has reached almost the proportions of a deadlock. In Ottawa there has been an agitation to go back to the old system. Of the glaring of the public in Toronto, the World of Tuesday says:

"The Evening Star is also now in favor of government by commission, only, like The Telegram, it dislikes the name. The title preferred is government by permanent heads of departments. We are glad people are getting the idea. That is the main thing."

It would be most unfortunate if St. John adopted a system that other Canadian cities have tried and found wanting. The cities and towns of western Canada are going straight for the commission plan, which is more democratic, more workable, and which has never been abandoned where once adopted. More than a hundred American cities have adopted the commission plan. It has been adopted in Lynn and Haverhill, Massachusetts, with the hearty approval of the working classes. More than a dozen states have adopted similar laws, enabling cities in the state to vote on the commission plan. The change amounts almost to a revolution in civic matters.

St. John, if it adopts a new system, wants the best.

## WHAT ABOUT THESE DRUNKARDS?

"How can men, who fall into the hands of the police because of drunkenness, be treated with the greatest advantage to themselves, their families and the community? The suggestion has been made that confinement without the alternative of a fine, the confinement to be upon a prison farm, where men could be employed and receive some pay for their work, would meet the case. It has also been suggested that when a man might be thus confined, money in his possession at the time should be taken from him and sent to his family, if he has one, or kept for himself to be handed over to him after serving his term."

In the above paragraph the Victoria Colonist presents for consideration a problem that presses upon the mind of every individual who has made an effort to reclaim a drunkard. Only yesterday afternoon a citizen of St. John followed a man into a saloon and warned the bartender that the man was an interdict. For a year friends have done all that sympathy could do for this man. Work has been secured for him, where he had steady employment and more wages than was required to meet his personal needs. This has been done several times within the year. At other times his living expenses have been paid, and at no time was he beyond the reach of a friendly hand. Yet he has been twice locked up during the year because of drunkenness. Direct personal effort, in the face of every discussion, has been continued in this man's behalf. He has been treated with more consideration at all times than he deserved, or he has borrowed sums from a dime to dollar from scores of citizens, to be spent

for liquor and not repaid. For nearly half the year 1910 he has subsisted without working, when he might have been steadily employed; and all the time he was idle he lived—and drank—at some body's expense. He is fairly well educated, clever, and able to work. He could today be a respected citizen of St. John. Instead, he is an interdict, and a man who makes pledges to those who pity him only to get away in the end with a little more of their money.

This man is a product of social conditions in St. John. There are men today who stand ready to help him, but know from bitter experience that unless he can be kept away from the opportunity to get liquor they are merely wasting thought and time and money.

What is to be done in such a case? Apparently this man cannot be arrested and dealt with as his case demands. Even those who have done most for him do not desire to punish him. They would save him from himself, and there is no available means.

There should be an institution, and a law by which on the demand of reputable citizens such a man could be summoned and on sufficient evidence compelled to spend a term on a farm or in a workshop, where physical and perhaps moral regeneration might be accomplished. There is today in this city, and everybody knows it, sufficient material to establish a small colony of such persons. Social conditions that exist have contributed to rob them of their manhood and self-respect, and society should provide as much of a remedy as their varied stages of degradation would permit to be effective. They should at least be removed from the streets of the city and compelled to earn a living.

Attorney General Hazen has lately had some experience with a man of this class, who is today walking the streets of St. John. It may be in his power to aid materially in providing a legal remedy to protect the public and save such men from themselves. The thing is worth trying.

## THE FARMERS SPEAK

That is a hair-raising series of resolutions the farmers adopted at Ottawa yesterday. Mr. Borden's hair must have stood up like the quills on the fretful porcupine. Mr. Foster, who has been deluged with periodicals of protest against reciprocity, must have experienced a severe shock. Those Conservatives who have asserted that there was no reciprocity sentiment in Canada must revise their statements. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is in a better position than Mr. Borden to reply to the appeal of the farmers. He has already assured them that he favors tariff reduction in some lines, and negotiations for reciprocity have been begun. The farmers answer the manufacturers by asserting their willingness to accept direct taxation, and they answer the protest of the ultra-imperialists by declaring for eventual free trade with the mother country. They have projected a new issue into Canadian politics that makes the outlook for the Conservatives more gloomy than ever.

Mr. H. L. Spencer, by his poems and prose writings has delighted thousands of readers for more than a generation. It will be a fitting Christmas tribute to crowd the opera house at the benefit entertainment next Monday evening. Would it not be a reflection upon our sense of appreciation of the poet's gifts if it were otherwise?

Each day brings fresh evidence that the country market has been conducted on anything but business principles. The like is true in other departments, as an enquiry would prove.

Rev. Father Helbert presented to Premier Hazen yesterday substantial evidence that there is a prohibition sentiment in this province: Eighty-two per cent of the electors of Wellington parish, Kent county, want prohibition.

There appears to be some ground for criticism of the fact that while the clerk of the market is dismissed the director, who was the more responsible official, remains in unimpaired enjoyment of the director's office and salary. This, however, does not necessarily imply that the old conditions in the market should be restored. The council should not have any serious difficulty in discovering its duty in the matter. It cannot leave matters as they are.

This bit of cheerful political philosophy comes from the Pacific coast: "In these troublous days when a lot of people pick up their paper in the morning with fear and trembling lest they may read that the world has gone to ruin during the night, there is a heap of satisfaction in the statement attributed to Diarrell: 'Everybody knows more than anybody.' Perhaps you remember what the disappointed Irishman in Texas said after an election. He exclaimed when the returns were all in: 'The people don't rule any more. The majority's again us.' Just comfort yourself when you feel anxious with the thought that in the long run in British history the people have been right. It is pretty hard to think so sometimes, no doubt; but then remember that you will have to keep on living with people, if you live at all, and that if you cannot have your way, they must have theirs."

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## HOW GREEN ARE THE LEAVES

(C. E. Pickett in December Canada Monthly.)

The snow lay white upon the streets, The wind gave joy varying.  
The sky was dark and overcast, And it was Christmas morning;  
And, as I briefly walked along The sidewalk's icy coating,  
There came an old familiar tune Around the corner floating.

It was the music of a band Round the city straying,  
One of those Little German Bands, A block away a-playing.  
They played that old, old Christmas song, (I've heard it played much better)  
"O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, Wie grün sind deine Blätter!"

I knew how hard it was to play There in the freezing weather,  
Their lips were blue, their fingers stiff, Their shoulders drawn together.  
Small wonder that the music might Give critics ground for saying,  
"I've heard great music, greatly played, That was not half so moving."

Each player's heart was tendered That to the old and humble home Each soul had somehow entered.  
Where yonder man, that old-time song That day was gladly ringing,  
Parents and children, young and old, Joining in merry singing.

And so, in spite of instruments, Cold wind and numbing fingers,  
They put a pathos in that tune That in my soul still lingers,  
And as we hear it, that old German heart, Wherever they went, grew tender,  
That every one who heard them play Some Christmas gift might render.

Oh, Christmas tree, thy leaves are green In snow and wintry weather!  
I hope thou mayest be green for them For many years together,  
I know that hearing them that day Has somehow made me better—  
"O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, Wie grün sind deine Blätter!"

IN LIGHTER VEIN  
STILL WAITING.  
Little opera tickets,  
Make the young man's tailor Wait and wait and wait.  
"How'd you like to join our athletic club?"  
"Wouldn't be worth while, I expect to swear off the first of the year."—Washing-  
ton Herald.

TOO LATE.  
"You have three pairs of glasses, professor?"  
"Yes; I use one to read with, one to see at a distance, and the third to find the others."

HER OWN.  
Mistress: "Look! tell me, Mary, that you wish to go out with a friend to-night. Is it urgent?"  
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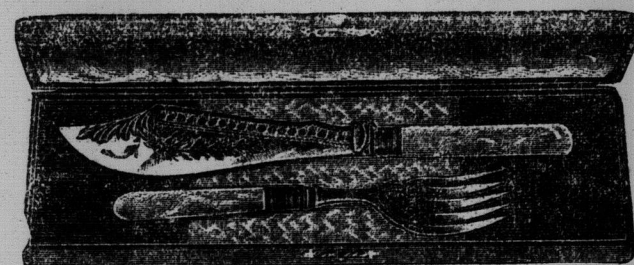
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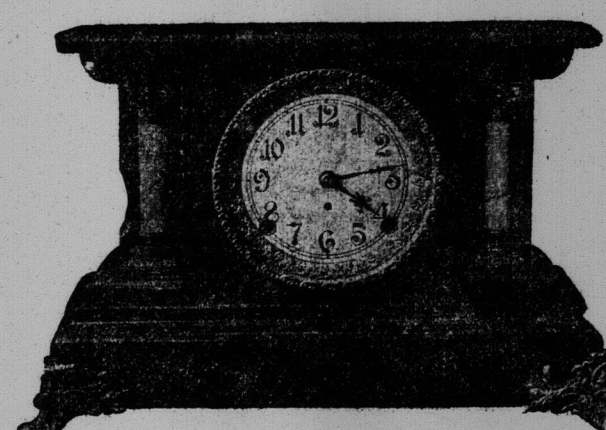
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