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GIVE IT A FAIR TRIAL

In connection with the coming civic elections an effort is being made to persuade the friends of the commission plan of government that having got the new charter adopted there is nothing to be gained by voting for the candidates of the Citizens' Committee.

The friends of commission should not be deceived. Not only would it be unfortunate if five men who were opposed to the commission plan were elected as commissioners, but it would also tend to weaken the commission if two or three of its members were of those who had opposed the change. The members of the Citizens' Committee and all who voted with them to bring the new plan into effect owe it to themselves and to the city to see that the men who represent their views regarding it are elected to put its provisions into effect.

Only indifference or a mistaken view of the matter could cause the defeat of any of the five men chosen as candidates by the Citizens' Committee. The elections voted by an enormous majority for commission. It would be a most extraordinary thing if they should not elect of commissioners men who, either tacitly or openly, opposed them in that campaign.

Keep the commission away from the old influences and from any connection with the old methods at City Hall. That is the way in which to give it a fair trial. Having been adopted, it certainly ought to be given a fair trial.

All sorts of pleas and arguments will be put forward to split the vote and to divert attention from the main issue, which is that the new commissioners should be friends of the commission plan, pledged to do their best to make it produce better results than have been achieved under the city hall system. The people have approved of the action of the Citizens' Committee up to the present time. It cannot be believed that they will now withdraw approval and refuse to give the new system a fair chance.

Whoever wants a new deal at City Hall should support Mr. W. S. Fisher for mayor and Messrs. Schofield, Allingham, Agar and Allan for commissioners. They represent the commission idea.

CIVIC BETTERMENT

The Maritime Merchant speaks in approving terms of a policy recently adopted by the Halifax city council. It was proposed by one of the members of the council that the city take over a large area in the central part of the city, at present covered with a very poor class of buildings, and perhaps the most disreputable section of the city. The proposal was to re-plan and re-build or sell the reclaimed land to those who would erect a good class of buildings. The council received the suggestion with favor, and has unanimously asked for legislation calling for a plebiscite on the scheme. As the Merchant very properly points out, the city would gain by the improvement of the district, while the conversion of what is now a disreputable district into a decent one would have a good moral effect. A slum district would be replaced by one in which the city might regard with satisfaction and pride.

In another article the Merchant deals with the town of Amherst, declaring that there is hardly another town or city in all Canada that has such a good community spirit. It says that the steps that have been taken of late along various lines to promote social welfare, and the way people have come together of one accord, is truly marvellous. "The people are doing unitedly and with a conscious civic spirit a splendid work to make Amherst the best possible home of the best possible civic family." They are teaching a lesson in citizenship that it would pay any town to learn. For Amherst is not merely con-

tent to be a progressive and growing manufacturing centre. Its citizens have taken up work along various lines to improve social conditions and to advance the cause of education.

These illustrations of what is being done in the sister province should encourage the people of New Brunswick towns and cities to take similar action.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

A Detroit paper states that nearly a thousand men and women braved a storm on a recent evening to attend the dedication of a new technical high school. The same paper observes that "the questions of school method and administration, of discipline and study, are constantly renewing, and still leave unsolved the problem of how best to prepare for life; but the ability of the community to comprehend this in inclusive terms is the measure of that community's capacity for progress."

The remark of an automobile engineer is quoted as follows:—"People ask us how we can project ourselves far enough into the future to be constructing 1914 models of automobiles in 1912. There is much marvel at that. Yet, every day, in every city, we see the people in a very matter of fact way constructing the model of the nation of 1935 through the schools of 1912."

This is a very striking statement. If the nation of 20 years hence is to be great in character and accomplishment, it will be because of the work that is now being done in the schools, and there is great need of technical education to supplement that which is given in the ordinary school course.

The Times special cable from London today makes interesting reading.

The reports by the winter steamships to date are three and a quarter million dollars greater in value than for the like period last season.

The Citizens' committee is not "clique." It had the people on its side in the plebiscite for commission, and it has them now, for it represents the people.

Mr. Carvell sprung a sensation of some magnitude in parliament yesterday. The very head-hunters spent an unpleasant hour.

March has kept winter lingering in these parts too long. Let us hope April will do better. Before the end of April evidence of the forward movement in St. John should be discoverable on all sides.

An average of one large village per day is the record of immigrant arrivals at St. John at the present time, but these are western villages. We need some for New Brunswick, to share in its coming great development.

The Conservatives in British Columbia appear to have gained one seat in the provincial elections. There were only two Liberals in the last house, and one of them became a supporter of the government. "Die!" Malloch and his railway policy swept the boards.

The Carleton Sentinel says:—"Three hundred cars of hay have been shipped to United States points from this station during the last few weeks. Many Times of the flag-lapper brand, are among those selling hay to buyers from the American market. 'Why is this?'"

The Hartland Observer asks a question, thus:—"In this issue of The Observer more than a score of people are reported as leaving this vicinity to settle in the west. Is this the result of Premier Fleming's emigration policy?"

It is said that some of the most prosperous farms in Missouri are owned and managed by women, who are growing rich through their successful cultivation of the land. These women have formed a club and meet once a year to discuss systematic methods of agriculture and live stock raising and breeding.

An American exchange says:—"The war upon tuberculosis is gaining strength annually and already the death rate in the United States for every 100,000 of the population has been decreased from 1902 to 1906 to 1903 to 1910. This means more than the saving of life for, according to the estimates of Professor Fisher, of Yale, the total cost of tuberculosis to the United States annually is in excess of \$1,000,000,000."

The Ontario government has introduced in the legislature a bill which gives to municipalities the power to compel boys and girls between the ages of fourteen and seventeen to attend school. In the case of young people between these ages who have gone to work, they must either go to night school or remain away from work for a certain time each year to attend school. The act will not come into force in a locality until the local board of education passes a by-law to make it operative, and it within thirty days a petition is presented protesting against its adoption the question must be submitted to a vote of the people. An Ontario newspaper prints some interviews with teachers and others relative to the proposed new law, and the substance of their views is that while it is desirable to have the young people between fourteen and seventeen attend school, the teaching given to them should be of a more practical nature than is provided for in the present school course.

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Till vernal verse is now a perfect bore To editors (who get extremely sore)

At Springtime poets, and kick them out the door;

And eke a few I call to mind who swore So what's the use of rhyming any more?

On Spring: I'm sure I don't know, unless it be that it gets to be a regular habit with one, and that we all like Spring in spite of the Spring poets, and that, no matter if it is five thousand years old, Spring is the youngest and fairest thing under the sun today.

—April Lippincott's.

THE MARTYR

The politician now appears Armed for the coming fray;

He's overcome his modest fears But says he's in to stay

He hates campaign publicity; He's very thoughtful, too,

But with a heart like his, you see, He can't refuse his friends!

—April Lippincott's.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Dogs, the human beings, don't always like what is good for them.

The other morning Mrs. Jones came to see her neighbor, Mrs. Smith. It was obvious that she was greatly upset about something. At last she spoke of her worries.

"I'll have to get rid of Fido," she burst out. "He broke into the laundry yesterday."

"Dear me," said Mrs. Smith sympathetically. "Did he eat much?"

Mrs. Jones tried hard to speak calmly, while her eyes blazed with righteous wrath and burning indignation.

"Every single thing," she replied, "except the dog biscuit!"

HIS SPEAKING EYES

Amst Caroline and the partner of her woes evidently found committal bliss a misnomer, for the sounds of war were often heard down in the little cabin in the hollow. Finally the pair were haled into court, and the dusky lady entered a charge of abusive language against her spouse. The judge, who had known them both all his life, endeavored to pour oil on the troubled waters.

"What did he say to you, Caroline?" he asked.

"Why, judge, I see 'cain't tell yo' 'll dat man do say to me."

"Does he ever use 'bad' language?" "Does he?" Yesss, Yesss, not with his mouth, but he's always givin' me dem cussory glances."

—April Lippincott's.

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The cashier looked first at the check and then at the man and then back at the check again.

"You're a stranger here?" he asked doubtfully.

"I am," replied the man.

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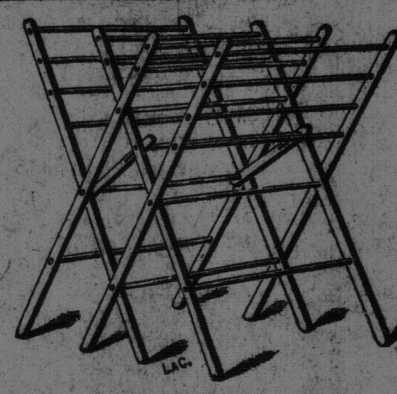
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Anti-Slang Society

The girls in a certain town have an anti-slang society. A certain miss was elected president. Asked if she would accept, she replied:

"Sure, Mike, but gosh girls, I'm so rattled in my cupola, that I'm really short on gab. We are certainly hitting the places and I never tumbled to such a pulse before, but when I give you the high ball I expect you to get there, Eli, and whoop'er up for all that's out; I think I'm up to snuff enough so the flies won't light on me while doing the president's part of this society act, but I won't stand for any monkey doodle business from you gals while I am running the ranch. We gals ought to extend an invite to the married ladies to get out and help shoot this slang business, it's getting to be fierce."

Albany, March 29.—The Murray women suffrage bill passed the assembly today by a vote of 76 to 67.

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RECENT DEATHS

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The death of D. Morrill, for many years clerk of Colaba, occurred at his home yesterday. He was seventy-six years of age. The death of Miss Madge Malouphay occurred at the home of Joseph Foley in

Pockshaw, N. B., on March 29. She had been in failing health for some time. She is survived by her mother, four brothers and five sisters.

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