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## A PRACTICAL STEP

The playground movement received an impetus yesterday that must yield practical results.

Mayor Frink deserves to be highly commended for his course in this matter. At a meeting at his residence one evening last spring the question was fully discussed. Later, at his instance, the city council approved of the principle of municipal playgrounds. Yesterday the citizens' meeting, which he called, endorsed the movement and formed a committee, to which the city council and school board will be asked to add each two members, for the purpose of formulating plans and forwarding the movement.

This movement has behind it the mayor, the chairman of the school board, the police magistrate, the Y. M. C. A., the Women's Council, members of the city council and school board, the clergymen and teachers of the city, leading business and professional men, and indeed all classes of the community. All that is required is that a definite plan be formulated, and public sentiment will be found highly supporting the movement.

Those who were instrumental in securing the first supervised playgrounds in this city are able to reflect upon their labors with a great deal of satisfaction. There was indifference and some prejudice to be overcome, and private effort provided the funds to make the experiment. The ladies who worked so hard and persevered so bravely are now assured that the seed sown has borne good fruit. To provide all that the city requires in playgrounds will take some time, but once a good start is made it will be surprising to many to observe how quick the response will be and how rapid the progress made. It may be taken for granted that both the city council and school board will approach this question with hearty sympathy and a desire to meet the wishes of the citizens in the most generous spirit. The joint committee, however, must take the suggestion made by Mayor Frink, and provide itself with a definite plan and recommendation.

## BLAMING THE FARMER

The Standard does not display that gratitude toward the farmer which might be expected. In fact it lays upon him and Mr. Borden jointly the burden of providing this province with good roads, leaving Mr. Hazen out of the count altogether. A long article approving of Mr. Borden's daring leap to the rescue of the Hazen government, which is deeply mired in the country roads, concludes as follows:—

"Mr. Borden's policy is a good one and will do much to assist the farmer in getting his produce to market. It will also demonstrate to the farmer what good roads really mean to him in dollars and cents and lead to greater local interest in road making. Up to the present time the farmer has not shown any serious desire to improve the roads in his vicinity but if it is demonstrated to him that good roads will put more dollars in his pocket he will be more willing to be assessed for road improvement than he is at present for what is merely road maintenance."

## IN QUEENSBURY

It is to be regretted that the Conservatives of Queensbury permit so much of personal bitterness to enter into their politics. Not less important than to be able to achieve victory is to be a good loser when the fight does not go as expected. It is folly for the Conservatives of that constituency to assume the role of pious gentlemen, who have been deceived and badly used. They themselves resorted to every possible device to defeat Col. McLean. They failed, and should accept the result as cheerfully as they would expect the Liberals to do it their candidate had lost. No other constituency has shown so vindictive a spirit as that displayed in Queensbury, and the people of other constituencies look on in amazement. The Conservatives know perfectly well that an enquiry into their methods would show that they had exhausted every political device to win the fight, and it is therefore not an impressive spectacle to see them dancing about and denouncing their opponents. That scenes of hypocrisy, and is not at all creditable to the party.

## CHURCH UNION

At the Ecumenical Methodist convention in Toronto yesterday it was stated that the church is not making such gains in membership as are desirable. The like is true of other denominations, and the fact should have an important influence in the development of sentiment in favor of church union. A Japanese delegate made a forcible plea for such union when he observed that the Japanese mind could not understand the need of so many religious denominations. There is an increasing number of persons, not Japanese, who read widely and think deeply, to whom the divisions of Christendom do not commend themselves as desirable or necessary. The remarks of Rev. Dr. Sprague on this question of church union are right to the point: "Such a merging of Christian forces means lessened waste of men and means."

There is some prospect of a very pretty fight over the New Brunswick seat in Mr. Borden's cabinet. Monday or Tuesday next should tell the tale.

The question which, more than any other, is occupying the public mind at present relates to the effect of the change of government will have upon the projected harbor developments here. It would be

The western farmers are scanning American wheat market prices with much interest at present. The Canadian wheat market is dull and the crop is large.

HOPE  
The stars keep watch upon the distant hill,  
Suspended, soft in airy ease,  
They lift above the solemn trees,  
Their vigil fires; whilst all is sleep and still—

Down in the valley moves the goulsh stream,  
A drowsy lullaby it sings,  
As night upon its black breast clings,  
Rocked to and fro in dark dependent dream.

Dark stream thou holdst my aching heart tonight,  
Cold death hath brought me to thy shore,  
Forlorn, forlorn, forever more,  
No beacon stars, the darkness blinds my sight—

Still as I peer into the deepest depth,  
The shadowed shining stars I see,  
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## IN LIGHTER VEIN

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Montreal Tramways sells \$10,000,000 of bonds to Boston and Chicago bankers.  
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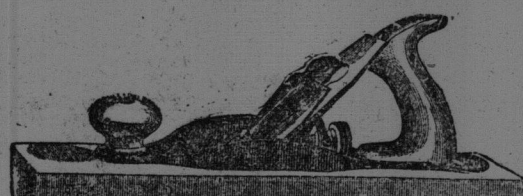
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