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THE CITY'S LOSS.

Death has removed within a few hours of each other two men who have been prominent in the commercial life of St. John for many years. Mr. Howard D. Troop was one of the leading shipping men of New Brunswick. The firm of Troop and Sons was established to take over the business founded by J. V. Troop, father of Howard. At one time this firm possessed perhaps the fastest sailing fleet out of St. John and were remarkably successful in the engagement of these vessels. When it was evident that steam would replace wooden sailing ships, Mr. Troop organized a company and built the Cedar Grove, the first iron steamship owned in St. John and placed her on the Liverpool-St. John route. She was lost on her second trip to St. John and the company was dissolved. Mr. Troop enjoyed great personal popularity among his fellow citizens and was long prominent in public affairs.

Mr. George S. Fisher, whose death is also chronicled, was one of the pioneers in improving the construction of buildings in this city. It was he who introduced gravel roofing, and he also laid the first asphalt sidewalk in the city of St. John. So great was the prejudice against the innovation that the Council ordered the new experiment to be plank over, and it was not until these planks had rotted out that the present class of sidewalks were finally adopted by the city. Since retiring from active business Mr. Fisher has devoted a large part of his time, in fact the whole of it, to the improvement of Rockwood Park. His services were given gratuitously and it is to his good judgment and careful oversight that the public owe the present excellent roads throughout the park.

MR. BENTLEY'S RECKLESS STATEMENTS.

Mr. Bentley has been heralded by the Opposition press as one who is always fair and truthful in his statements. Nothing could be further from the fact. During his speech on the budget Mr. Bentley was made responsible for a statement that the provincial debt was only increased by two millions of dollars between 1883 and 1908, the term which the old Government was in power. At the close of 1883 the permanent debt of the Province was \$1,000,000; at the close of 1908 it had been increased to \$5,334,533, an addition of \$4,334,533, or more than double what Mr. Bentley said it was. In the last eight years of the old Administration they added \$5,759,887 to the permanent debt. Of this addition permanent bridges are made responsible for \$374,482, but it is a well known fact that under the interpretation of the law by the past Administration almost everything in the way of a bridge was classed under the head of permanent and that at least \$50,000 of permanent bridge money was used in making repairs to structures erected in previous years, a distinct violation of the spirit and letter of the law under which these bonds were authorized.

This was made possible under the system which the old Government handled the expenditures for public works. Until the Audit Act was passed by the Hazen Administration in 1908 the Receiver General gave the Secretary for Public Works a warrant for the total grants passed by the Legislature and the amount of the warrant was placed to the personal credit of the Secretary of the Public Works Department, who drew his own cheques for all expenditures and when the money was exhausted the Government authorized the Chief Commissioner to borrow from the bank a sufficient amount to pay the bills, which was paid out in the same way. It was rather a loose way of doing business, but it was the one chosen by the old Government. Since the Audit Act has been in operation every expenditure of all the departments passes under the view of the auditor, who signs every cheque that goes out and in this way prevents advances being made for work that had never even been commenced, which was a common occurrence during the last eight years of the old Government was in power.

Had Mr. Bentley been anxious to make a truthful comparison of the increase in the public debt under the old and present Administrations, he would have consulted the Auditor General's report of past years and looked into the borrowing powers given the Government by the Legislature under various acts of Assembly. By taking this course he would have discovered that of the \$2,759,787 bonds issued by the late Administration between 1900 and 1908, \$857,451, were on account of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway scheme, one of the most disgraceful transactions that had ever taken place in the history of New Brunswick, and sufficient in itself to relegate all who had any part in it to private life. Furthermore he would have found that during the same period the Government of the day had issued bonds to the extent of \$774,034 for services that under even a half way honest Administration would have been paid out of the current revenue of the Province. The items of these over-expenditures are as follows:

Provincial Hospital improvements.....	\$ 10,000
Smallpox epidemic.....	49,500
Provincial Hospital overdraft.....	22,502
Public Works overdraft.....	197,065
Over-expenditure 1907.....	215,781
Interest charged to capital.....	15,798
Deficit of Surveyor General.....	12,382
To repair damages by freshets.....	150,000
Permanent bridges 1902.....	100,000
Total.....	\$774,034

Had the affairs of the Crown Land Department been efficiently administered and the revenue honestly collected, not a single dollar of these expenditures would have been added to the permanent debt. When the old Government went out of power they left the present Administration several rather expensive legacies. The International Railway was unfinished, the New Brunswick Coal and Railway property had to be kept in operation, and several permanent bridges were in course of construction, which had been authorized by an act passed in 1907, intended to help out the Government in the forthcoming general election. This act provided for an issue of bonds of \$350,000, but this amount proved insufficient to carry out the work undertaken before the change of Government,

as an additional loan had to be made by the present Administration to finish what their predecessors had undertaken. According to the statement published in the Auditor General's report the total amount of subsidy to the International Railway is \$275,000, and of this the present Government has paid \$175,000. It would be a wild stretch of imagination to fix any portion of the responsibility for this item on the present Administration. The New Brunswick Coal and Railway proposition of the old Government is responsible for \$123,643 of the permanent debt added by the present Administration. The total addition to the permanent debt since 1908 amounts to \$831,445, and of this the legislation of the present Administration is responsible for less than \$250,000, of which \$68,281 are still unexpended. The additions are for permanent bridges and the St. John River Valley Railway survey, the latter amounting to \$28,106. Under the terms of the contract the constructing company is to repay during the present year. Although the present Administration has enormously increased the expenditures for education, agriculture and public works during the past four years, it has succeeded in collecting sufficient revenue to meet all these expenditures and has only added to the permanent indebtedness of the Province for works of a permanent character.

Current Comment

(Toronto Telegram.)

Now that both the North and the South Poles have been discovered, will some kind explorer kindly make an effort to locate the whereabouts of spring, gentle spring?

(Mail and Empire.)

Premier Borden will spend his vacation at Hot Springs, the Opposition having failed throughout the session to keep him in hot water.

(Toronto Star.)

By calling each snowstorm the last, the weather prophet is bound to hit it some time.

(Western Farmers' Advocate.)

Every young country has to fight against importations. Western Canada can put up a fight that will win without any disruption between the East and the West.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

It will have to be reluctantly admitted that on March 17 and July 12 there are many citizens who commit excesses in the matter of refreshments and neckties that they would not be guilty of on any other occasion.

(Moose Jaw Times.)

The city of Prince Albert has engaged a publicity commissioner at \$5,000 to spend an appropriation of \$15,000. Add to the salary the office and incidental expenses, and it will be found that it costs a dollar to spend a dollar, a proposition that only Board of Trade financing can stand.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

A New York magazine is advertising for an editor, and specifies that he must be broad-chested and virile. Advertiser would hear of something to his advantage by addressing Tom Sharkey, care of the New York Clipper.

(Pittsburg Gazette Times.)

Harry Furness, the English humorist, just arrived at New York, says you can pick out the husband of a suffragette who has been sentenced to two months in prison by his care-free countenance. But he didn't say it until he was 3,000 miles from London.

(Montreal Herald.)

The Toronto News wants the Toronto University Glee Club to give up its name and its gay programme, and to call itself the University Choral Union and sing Bach. Is there never to be an end to this business of turning Toronto into a funeral in order that fugue and counterpoint may reign supreme? Why must Toronto pour ashes on its head at the very name of Glee?

(Vancouver Province.)

Now, no authority fixes the population of China at less than four hundred millions, and many put it much higher. The lowest estimate gives, therefore, a possible army of forty millions under conscription, or nearly twice the number that all Europe could bring into the field. We can scarcely conceive what would happen if some Chinese Napoleon were to rise with the power to create this appalling weapon and the ambition to use it. With practical certainty he could make himself the master of the world.

(Ottawa Journal.)

The Humane Society may well rejoice in the tower of strength their cause enjoys in the moral and practical support of His Royal Highness, the Governor General. Seaton has the custom of docking horses' tails received stronger condemnation than was heaped upon the Duke in addressing the Ottawa society last week. The power of a good example is always beyond exact computation, but the impetus lent by those in high position, especially by royalty, goes without question.

(Montreal Star.)

One of the sad consequences of the "disaster" of the 21st of September last, seems to be that a certain gentleman in the Senate has been compelled to resume his "blue rule" spectacles once more. "Blue rule" spectacles were his daily wear while Sir John Macdonald misled the nation; but he managed to get a fine rose-colored pair during the fifteen years of Liberal rule. Now, however, his eyes have gone bad again, and the "blue" pair have been fished out of the medicine chest. It is more than pathetic—it is pitiable.

(Montreal Star.)

They seem to know their own minds out in British Columbia as to the sort of Government they want; they seem to have secured that sort of Government. The absolute annihilation of an Opposition is almost without precedent under British institutions; and the Government now shoulders an especially heavy burden of responsibility to use its power with discretion and to find in its own caution a substitute for criticism. Hon. Richard McBride has made a good Premier, and his Government has done much good work; so that we may look forward to a future without an Opposition with some degree of optimism.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Moose Jaw is so happy over its prosperity that a big carnival of joy will be held on Easter Monday, when there will be automobile and band processions, and shows, hand concerts, Indian pow-wow processions, and confetti battles on the gaily decorated and illuminated streets. And Moose Jaw is in Saskatchewan, from where the Grain Growers are wont to issue lamentations and warnings as to the poverty of the people brought about from lack of free trade with the country to the south, whose people are leaving in large numbers to improve their condition in our north land. The facts contradict the doleful statements.

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OBITUARY.

Otto Le Roy Wilson.

Vancouver, B. C., March 26.—The funeral took place today, from the family residence, 2239 Pine street, of Otto LeRoy Wilson, aged 9 years and 7 months, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wilson, late of Chipman, N. B., who died on the morning of March 24, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He left to mourn, besides his father and mother, one brother, and four sisters, the youngest his twin. His mother, himself and twin sister came west last October to join two older sisters. His father, brother and other sister arrived here Monday, 18th inst. to find him very low with pneumonia and his twin sister in the hospital, where she had, a few days before, undergone a delicate operation on the lungs. She is steadily improving.

He appeared to rally for a few days after his father's arrival, and there were slight hopes of his recovery, but late Saturday night he weakened, and early Sunday morning died of heart failure.

He was a lovable little fellow and made many friends during the short time he was in Vancouver, as was shown by the many beautiful floral offerings received. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Ann Carmichael.

The death of Mrs. Ann Carmichael, wife of the late Alex. Carmichael of Pearsonville, Kings Co., N. B., occurred March 29th. She is survived by one son Frederick, one daughter Mrs. J. Langley, nine grand children, five great grandchildren.

ST. JOHN BILLS CONSIDERED

That to Give City Control of Poles is Killed—Single Tax Measure—Art Club Incorporated.

Fredericton, April 2.—The Municipal Committee met this morning and took up consideration of the St. John bills. There was a large delegation of Moncton citizens present including Mayor Robinson, Mr. W. F. Humphrey, ex-M.P., Messrs. H. H. Warman, W. H. Price, T. F. Forbes, D. W. Wilbur, W. K. Grant, W. M. R. Rogers, Dr. Ayer, W. H. Mather, E. P. Hoar, B. Lutz, Senator McSweeney and W. B. Chandler. The committee agreed to bills to authorize the Police Board of Moncton to issue debentures and to enable the City Council to sell land in the city and parish of Moncton and to fix the valuation on the Maritime Hat and Cap Company and the Havelock Street Springs Company; also bills to authorize the City Council to issue debentures for permanent sidewalks and to provide for the extension of boundaries of Moncton with amendments.

There was considerable discussion on the bill to change the assessment of Moncton providing for a single tax. Mayor Robinson and others spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. W. B. Chandler represented those opposed to the proposed legislation. The committee went into private consideration of the bill and decided to report progress.

The bill to enable the City of St. John to control the erection of telegraph and telephone poles etc., was also considered. Mr. R. B. Hanson and Mr. F. R. Taylor opposed the bill on the ground that it would be a hardship on the telegraph and telephone companies. The committee decided to postpone the bill and adjourned at 1:15 o'clock.

The Corporations Committee this morning agreed to a bill incorporating the St. John Art Club and also two other bills.

The Grand Trunk Railway System received today another diploma for their exhibit which was installed at the Coronation Exhibition in the White Street Sheppard's Bush, London, Eng., during 1911. Latest reports received from Prince Rupert, the Pacific coast terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, shows that during the month of November, 1911, there were 73 vessels reported inward and 59 departures, which is considered an exceptional record for that time of the year.

A prominent member of the Board of Trade, Toronto, writes to Grand Trunk Railway System as follows: "The members of the Board that took advantage of the dining car on your railway on their return from Winnipeg last evening were delighted with the accommodation, and service given on the car, and we are sorry that our party did not include more members to take advantage of the splendid service we all enjoyed."

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