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COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Rotary Club of St. John devoted the period of its luncheon on the last day of the year to a discussion of the club's relation to the individual member and the community, and to a consideration of ways and means of rendering more effective community service in the new year.

One member made a personal reference that is worthy of note. He frankly admitted that Rotary, its fellowship and code of ethics, had greatly changed his outlook as a business man and a citizen; and had made him more keenly conscious of his obligations to others and his duties as a citizen. Another, while heartily granting that such services as the club has rendered in giving money, aiding in raising funds for good causes, relieving distress, and encouraging forward movements have been of great value, declared that this was not enough. It was the duty of members to exert their influence in and through other organizations having special objects that are good, but he would have the Rotary Club put its strength behind a movement or movements where the community need is obvious, but where no organization is now on the job.

This is good counsel. There are in the Rotary Club more than a hundred men, each representing a different business or profession. Most of them are young and vigorous men, of good business training, and having as their motto "service above self." A Rotary Club ought to be the Golden Rule in working clothes. What might not a hundred of such men accomplish in this city in their leisure time—acting as committees and then as a solid body of citizens? The impact of such a force could not fail to produce good results.

The Rotary Club is at present behind the movement for a juvenile court. In the spring it will erect a pavilion at the Allison recreation field near Rockwood Park. The suggestion has been made that it take up the question of a Community Chest, to take the place of tag-days. Other suggestions will doubtless be made, for if the members are to be busy there are enough of them to form many working committees, and the way to keep men interested is to keep them busy. The question of the vocational high school is one of immediate interest that ought to command the attention of men who believe in education and in the proper care and training of boys. What has been said of the Rotary Club applies to the younger organization, the Gyro Club, whose members are also keenly interested in community welfare. Its members are younger men, but they, too, have a stake in the city and an obligation to the city who desire to make St. John a better city in which to live. Other organizations have a specific business or benevolent purpose. These two are free to add those others, but also to keep fresh trails. May good fortune attend them both throughout the year.

BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

The city of St. John will not grow toward Carleton but away from it, in the direction of Millville and East St. John. A vocational high school should be located with that fact in mind. There is also another consideration. A vocational school building should be planned for its special work. When it was proposed to use the old Oddfellows Hall, the utter unfitness of that building, and the cost of making it even an approach to what such a school building should be, at once provoked a storm of protest. St. John must build for the future. It has never hesitated to build a good house to be used as a public school. The penny-wise and pound-foolish policy should not now prevail. We are building not merely for the young generation of today, but those of the future. Let not St. John take second place to small towns in Ontario when it is a question of providing the means of education. Moreover, one quarter of the cost of a new vocational building, one half the cost of equipment, and sixty per cent of the salaries of the teaching staff are provided by Government grant. It is agreed that economy in expenditures is wise, but let us not economize at the expense of the children who have a right to such training as will enable them to become producing factors in the community, able to compete with those who receive their training in other provinces. vocational high school worthy of the name should be one of the city's aims this year.

LOWER TAXES; VOTE ON BEER

Some interesting adjustments of taxation were made by the British Columbia Legislature which has recently been prorogued. The Vancouver Sun says:—

"Of prime importance are the taxation changes. Business people will be called upon to pay just one-half as much in the matter of personal prop-

Press Comment

PRISON REFORM

(Victoria Colonist.)

There are suggestions that can be of basic to any nation contained in a report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons of Great Britain just published. It appears that very great advances have been made in the task of educating prisoners and weaning them away from a life of crime. The education and recreational facilities of British prisons are interestingly described in the report. The object of these, it is emphasized, is not to make prisons pleasant but to construct a system of training such as will fit the prisoner to re-enter the world as a citizen. The first requisite of this is held to be greater activity of mind and body and the creation of habits of sustained industry. Longer hours of harder work are regarded as the first item on the program. Next comes the removal of any features of unnecessary degradation in prison life, and the promotion of self-respect. There is education on broad lines calculated to arouse some intelligent interest and to raise the tone of mind and character of the inmates. Finally comes the endeavor to awaken some sense of personal responsibility by the gradual and cautious introduction of methods of limited trust.

Features introduced systematically into prison life in Great Britain are lectures, debates and concerts. The inmates are kept informed of the main current events by a weekly summary of news read by the governor or chaplain in every prison. Reports testify to keen interest in the efforts toward improvement, but there are some prisons where the inmates show lack of intelligence and where but little can be done. The whole campaign is conducted on the basis of humanity and with the sole purpose of ameliorating prison conditions in the hope of eventual reform among a goodly number of the prisoners. Britain is well ahead in this work. No country has been quicker to introduce such reforms in prison life, and it is noteworthy that as these ameliorations grow the average period of detention is shortened, and as well, the number of recidivists on convictions, both absolutely and relatively to the population, has decreased. The average for the five years which ended 1918-1919, both as regards conviction on indictment and summary convictions.

GOVERNOR COX

(Boston Transcript.)

The people of this State will honor the motives which induce Governor Channing H. Cox to announce his intention to retire from the public service at the end of his present gubernatorial term. He has done the State good service. His record has been useful and honorable. His administration has resulted in noteworthy public economies; his influence upon legislative enactments and soundness of his appointments have been excellent, particularly so with reference to the bench. Judges all citizens, we believe, without regard to party, are glad that he has still more than a year to serve in that high office. His ambition might well look toward service to the nation as well as to the State, but his inclination, it appears, does not run in that direction. He leaves the senatorial field which might well have been regarded as open to him, to others.

It is a case of "well done, good and faithful servant," and by no means a farewell at that, for through in this case the servant of the State prefers to be not also the servant of fame, he will stand forth as a man of high character as long as he lives, and the Commonwealth will be the stronger for his counsel and his presence.

A NEW ANGLE ON ALCOHOL

(Boston Post.)

After two months of voting, the Scottish people have again turned back an attack by the dry forces. The wets have even captured an outpost, or two in the local option campaign. Moral issue, prohibition has not made much headway in Scotland.

It is inevitable that prohibition must come there as everywhere else throughout Europe, because of economic pressure. The necessity for it, in the January Century, calmly thrusts to one side the whole problem of the morality of immorality of prohibition. It makes no difference, he says, whether it is good or bad. Increased efficiency here, attributable to prohibition, makes it necessary for Europe to adopt it or fall hopelessly behind. Mr. Russell's ideas will be vigorously attacked, but his article is suggestive and provocative of thought.

BRAINY CHAMPIONS

(Vancouver Sun.)

Cables from Ireland carry the breathless news that South Tyrone's annual drinking competition has been won by a man who drank 15 quarts of stout at one brief sitting.

He poured the liquor into a basin, mixed eggs with it, and gulped it down.

Chances are that one exploit will live from five to ten years off his life. No human stomach could stand that sort of treatment without injury.

New York's annual drinking championship will be held about the New Year. It will be won by the man who can drink most bootleg whisky, and still live. The champion will probably be blind for the rest of his life, but what will that matter so long as he is champion?

So long as we have that queer kink in our mentalities that impel us to exalt the fellow who can do himself the most harm in the shortest space of time, the fool-killer is going to be kept busy.

THE ROAD TO RUIN.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

For a State as well as for an individual, one of the easiest things to do is plunge into debt. Reasonable indebtedness, based on probable capacity to pay and in actual need for the expenditure, is no worse for a Government than it is for one man. The expenditure should be sanctioned by reason; the debt should be assumed with the certainty of its payment; and, as well as will be paid.

SELF-SUPPORT

(Auckland Weekly News)

The ideal of a self-supporting empire may be a dream. There is still room, in spite of the adverse comments, to believe that it is a worthy dream, and that if a reasonable degree of preference can help its realization, the experience could be tried without anyone feeling that Britain's blight had been sold or her honor besmirched.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

A greeting called Christmas Memories is sent out by A. Maude Bailey, a former provincialist, now living in Boston.

Dear old home down East
How cheerful and cosy you used to be,
The pantry was full, the lamps were bright
How happy we were on Christmas night.
But now, poor home, I pity you so
Cold and alone 'neath your blanket of snow
Our loved one's voice, the stamping of feet,
From far and wide we all would meet.
For Christmas meant so much to us then,
And how we loved to live it again.
But things have changed since we closed your door
The ones we loved have gone on before.
No Daddy to hold us on his knee,
And care for us oh so tenderly.
No mother to make the cakes so sweet,
The pie, and bread we loved to eat.
But we'll carry on Christmas wherever we are,
And let those memories be our guiding star.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Should Have Known Better.
"Hello, Jones, what's up?"
"Gunsight wound, old man."
"Great Scott! How did it happen?"
"Out hunting?"
"No, I was home—learning the correct answers (London)."

Pity the Poor Man!

Magistrate—You are accused of stealing twenty reams of Yoolcap and a gallon of ink. Have you any defence?
Prisoner—Yes, your honor. I am a novelist. I simply was collecting material for my new story—Exchange.

Pretty Close.

Trate Individual—It seems to me, as if you are not far removed from an idiot.
The Other—Only about a yard—Selected.

Too Much Grace.

Mistress—I told them 7 o'clock for dinner, Mary, but I think we'll give them a quarter of an hour's grace.
Mary—Well, mum, I'm as fond of religion as anyone, but I call that rather overdone. It—Bis (London).

Girls Deserting Stage.

London—There's a dearth of pretty chorus girls in London now. Higher wages in the business world are attracting them into offices and shops. Many beauties have quit the stage in recent months, according to one old timer who's been in the theatrical business half a century. And it's going to be a long time before the girls are again as charming.

London's Traffic Deaths.

London—London's traffic death toll is appalling. Life after life is being sacrificed on the "altar of haste and recklessness." In three months, there were 19,368 street accidents, according to Scotland Yard. In them, 158 persons were killed. The death toll is still rising. Yet there are fewer traffic policemen here today than 10 years ago.

TWO N. B. MEN ARE ORDAINED IN ONT.

Ordinations to the various orders leading to the Catholic priesthood took place at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, Saturday, Dec. 22. All parts of Canada, the United States and even China were represented. The ordaining prelate was the Rt. Rev. Alex. MacDonald, D. D., Titular Bishop of Hebron, assisted by the Rt. Rev. John T. Kidd, D. D., president of St. Augustine's Seminary; Rev. F. J. Morrissey, D. D., and Rev. Georges Cabana. Among those ordained were as follows: Second Minor—James Chisholm, Angus MacIsaac, Antigonish, Community of St. Basil. Diaconate—Rev. Charles Boyd, St. John; Rev. Paul McNell, Antigonish; Rev. Vincent Morrison, China. Priesthood—Rev. Thomas MacDonald, Community of St. Basil. His elevation to the priesthood will take place next summer.

Rev. Thomas A. MacDonald celebrated his first high mass on Christmas morning in his native parish at Bayville, N. B. The young priest is a nephew of Mr. John A. Buckley, Belhurst, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. R. MacDonald, Bayville.

MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IS MADE IN THIS PROVINCE'S ANNUAL FIRE LOSS

Property Loss is Reduced from \$3,004,000 to \$1,924,000.

The fire loss in New Brunswick was reduced last year by more than \$1,000,000, according to the annual report of the Provincial Fire Marshal, Hugh H. McNeilan, of this city. The property loss in 1923 was \$1,924,000 as against \$3,004,000 in 1922, the exact decrease being \$1,080,000. The insurance loss in 1923 was \$1,200,000 as against \$2,200,000 during the previous year, a decrease of \$900,000. The loss on dwellings in 1923 was \$922,400 as against \$913,244 in 1922. In 1922 the loss on farm buildings was \$498,744 as against \$416,208 in 1923. The following are the 1923 statistics for dwellings:

	Un-Insured	Insured
Farm, propertied	\$416,208	\$228,051
Not farm, propertied	268,540	206,862
Not farm, unprotected	267,745	132,732
	\$952,493	\$566,645

TIME CHANGES ON C. N. R. LINES JANUARY 6TH.

Time changes on Canadian National Railways, January 6th, affect the time of several of the trains in and out of St. John, particularly those on the Valley Railway.

On the main line between here and Truro there is a change in the service of the morning local train. No. 44 will leave at 7:10 a.m. instead of No. 48 will run to Sackville and Cape Tormentine, making the Prince Edward Island connections. At Moncton connection is made the same as at present, with the Maritime Express. Or, the passengers may connect at Sackville with local train No. 18 leaving at 5:00 p.m. for Truro.

No. 17 train leaving Truro at 9:15 a.m. connects at Sackville with No. 44 train from Tormentine to St. John, reaching here at 9:00 p.m.

There will be no service to Quebec via the Valley and Transcontinental after Jan. 6th. This service will be via Moncton, train No. 51 leaving at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, carrying buffet sleeper as far as Edmundston. Connection for this train is by No. 14 leaving St. John at 1:40 p.m.

There will also be the regular daily (except Sunday) service to Quebec via the Valley and Transcontinental after Jan. 6th. This service will be via Moncton, train No. 51 leaving at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, carrying buffet sleeper as far as Edmundston. Connection for this train is by No. 14 leaving St. John at 1:40 p.m.

No. 48 will leave Centreville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6:00 a.m., and arrive in St. John at 1:00 p.m. (Atlantic Time). There will be mixed train service on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. No. 242 leaving Centreville at 6:00 a.m. and arriving in St. John at 6:00 p.m.

Other trains are not affected by the change.

FAIRVILLE NEWS

Mrs. J. Armstrong and daughter, of Digby, N. S., are spending the Christmas season at the home of Mrs. Armstrong's daughter, Mrs. Samuel Taylor, of St. John. They are accompanied by Joseph Hennessey, son of J. J. Hennessey of Main street, Fairville, attending the holiday time with his parents.

Margaret Stout, the little daughter of M. M. Stout of the Mahawapung road, is recovering from a recent accident. She fell on the ice about a week ago.

Miss Grace Dromie of Boston is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldie, Main street, Fairville.

Mrs. David Linton of Sand Cove road who has been spending the Christmas season with her sister, Mrs. Fred Hazen and Mr. Hazen at their home in Somerville, Mass., has returned home.

Thatcher Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Townsend of Fairville,

Can't Be Sure Even Then.

"Daughter," said the pompous old gentleman, "you must never listen to flatterers."

"But, papa," she replied, "how can I tell they are flatterers unless I listen?"

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LIMIT NUMBER TO U.S. FROM CANADA

Secretary Davis Presents a New Immigration Plan to Senate and House.

Washington, Jan. 2—A draft of a new U. S. immigration bill providing for selection of immigrants abroad, for extension of the quota restriction to all countries in the western hemisphere, and for various modifications of the present entry requirements, was sent to the Senate and House immigration committees yesterday by Secretary Davis.

Under the selective plan every prospective immigrant would be required to secure from a U. S. consular officer abroad an immigration certificate showing that the immigrant is admissible under the U. S. law. These certificates would be issued in the following order of preference:

"Husband, wives and minor children of alien residents who have declared their intention to become U. S. citizens; immigrants who served in the military or naval forces of the U. S. during the world war; ministers of any religious denomination; professors or members of recognized learned professions; skilled laborers; other laborers, including domestic servants."

The secretary made no recommendation as to the figure that should be fixed as a quota limitation, but advocated application of the quota arrangement to Canada, Mexico and South and Central America which are not included under the present quota law.

Order Your Farm Help Now

IN VIEW of the great demand for farm help existing in Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway will continue its Farm Help Service during 1924 and will enlarge its scope to include women domestics and boys.

THE COMPANY is in touch with large numbers of good farm laborers in Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Holland, Switzerland and other European countries and through its widespread organization can promptly fill applications for help received from Canadian farmers.

In order to have the help reach Canada in time for the Spring operations farmers needing help should arrange to get their applications in early, the earlier the better, as naturally those applications which are received early will receive first attention.

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INVESTED ASSETS	over \$8,250,000
INCOME	over \$2,000,000

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