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EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS

This is the eighty-fifth day since Hon. P. G. Mahoney was appointed Minister of Public Works. He is still Minister of Public Works—the big spending department—though rejected by the people. How much longer will the Gov. Wood permit this gross violation of the principles of responsible government to continue?

TONIGHT'S MEETING

The opposition meeting in St. John this evening is of interest to all who desire better government. It would be a fine thing if many of those who formerly supported the present provincial government but now oppose it would attend the meeting. They would thus encourage others to declare themselves openly. A partisanship which makes a man continue his support of a government whose acts he does not approve is very bad for the country. There is now an opportunity for independent electors to assert their independence and cut loose from a party which has failed to redeem its pledges. The men elected to represent St. John in the next legislature should not be men who approve of the course pursued by the present government in its conduct of public affairs. It is time for a change, and tonight's meeting should be regarded as a rallying point for all the friends of better government. Those who do not show an interest debar themselves from offering criticism. They also do the city and province a dis-service at a time when their best service is required of them.

ALONG THE RIVER.

At seven o'clock this morning, daylight time, a young man stood on the wharf at Public Landing patiently fishing for perch or other specimens of the finny tribe. Ten minutes later, down toward Craig's Point, the occupants of a motor boat were amazed to see a salmon leap into the air so close that they struck the surface again the water was splashed upon the sleeve of the man sitting on that side. A matter of three or four feet would have made the fish land in the boat instead of in the water. When the same boat was approaching its mooring at Westfield beach another salmon leaped out of the water some distance away, and went back with a great splash.

This was a glorious morning on the river. The sun rose in a cloudless sky. The air was crisp and cool—much cooler than usual at this season—but wonderfully invigorating as one walked along the country road. The farmers were early abroad, for this was the second fine day in succession, and the grass was awaiting the mower, or cut and rebed to be hauled to the barns before night.

On the river, running down to Westfield, a thin white mist close to the surface developed as the sun rose higher, and produced some really wonderful atmospheric effects. Apparently a heavy mist prevailed far up river, for Catton's Island stood sharply out against what appeared to be a wall of white pallidness encasing the farther horizon. Along the Reach, however, only a straggling mist was visible, rising in separate little steamers that sometimes presented the appearance of mists of ghostly figures in white, moving across the surface of the water, and again like thin white streams of smoke rising from a thousand wigwags on the plain. At one place the mist thickened so that it completely veiled the tug Admiral, with a rift of logs, which had just been passed until only the smoke from her funnel was visible above it; while on the eastern shore only the hills were in sight, the beach being veiled in white. Up the Nevers valley, beyond the trestle and bridge, a body of white mist lay embosomed in the hills. At Westfield the whole river was clear, and the surface, which in the Reach had been stirred by a slight swell, was as smooth as glass, in striking contrast to the condition the evening before, when white caps were tossing under a strong wind and the little tender shipped some water during the passage between the shore and the mooring place of the motor boat.

On such days as yesterday and today the reaches of the river call to those who know their charms, and they are fortunate who may answer the call.

The Deutschland has left Baltimore. The news of her capture or destruction would give as much satisfaction as that of another victory on the British front.

The Standard wants to know if the people would prefer Hon. Frank Sweney as attorney general, rather than the present incumbent of the office. This raises the question as to how much of the crown business of the province is attended to by the attorney general, and how much of it takes the form of plume handed out to lawyers of more or less ability who have "claims" upon the party. The publication by the Standard of the amount it has cost the province in the last few years to do work

which should be done by the attorney general would add much to the popular interest in a discussion of the whole subject.

Sir Sam Hughes appears to have invented a good conduct badge. Will it bear a miniature reproduction of the Ross rifle, or a picture of J. Wesley Allison?

The Kaiser is still straggling England, but Sir Douglas Haig says the British army will not be at its best until next summer. What will the Kaiser say, then?

The people of New Brunswick should respond generally and generously to the appeal for the British Sailors' Relief Fund. But for the British navy the prosperous trade of Canada would not exist today.

Of some nineteen opposition candidates nominated thus far in New Brunswick, how many have been members of the legislature? The Standard might pursue this line of enquiry and learn how silly are its remarks upon the subject.

On the 88th day since he ceased to represent anybody but himself, Hon. P. G. Mahoney, as minister of public works, asks for tenders for Marsh Road Improvement, to be accompanied by \$5,000 deposit, the tenders to close Aug. 8. Mr. Mahoney has nerve.

When the Standard sets out to discuss the revenue from crown lands it does not permit itself to be trammelled by facts. There was one famous occasion when the lumbermen turned in fat rolls of money—but these never reached the provincial chest. Has the Standard forgotten? The people remember it very well.

If the British estimate of German losses on the western front is at all within range of the facts, even the lesser estimate of \$60,000 in July, the enemy cannot stand the pressure long without giving up much more territory and shortening his lines of defence.

New Brunswick has provided 8,405 recruits since November 4, 1915, and it is believed she has provided altogether about 16,000. That is a good showing, but not enough. The heavy toll of casualties calls for constant reinforcements at the front. The war is still far from an end.

The war news continues to be satisfactory to the Allies. The Russians are apparently on the eve of another great victory, and German attempts to regain ground lost to the British and French have failed, despite repeated violent attacks; while the Italians continue to improve their position on the Austrian front and the Serbians are making some headway against the Bulgarians.

As long as the game of politics is left in the hands of a few, we shall have royal commissions and such revelations as have in the last few years disgraced the province. Attend the opposition meeting this evening and assist in forming an association that will aid in restoring honor to public life, and serving notice on the grafters that their game is played out.

If a vote of the people of St. John were taken today it would endorse by an overwhelming majority the stand taken by the majority of the city council regarding the elevator site. Despite the assurances given by one of the government railway officials the cards are not all on the table. Their experiences with Mr. Gutelius have developed the Missouri habit among St. John people. They want to be shown. They want to know what is behind the selection of the Water street site for the elevator, and they want to be told what the government plans are with regard to Courtenay Bay development. The government cannot not build an elevator on any site to be ready to handle grain by next March unless it were a hastily constructed wooden fire-trap. The city council did well to withhold its approval of the proposed site.

Boots and the Soldiers. Talking of leather says a writer in the London Globe, the manufacture of nine million pairs of boots in this country for the Russian army is a war industry worth noting. The stamp "Made in England," imprinted by desire of the Russian government, should go a long way to upset that German commercial dominance which has too long held the industry in its grip. We have here also our own men to look after in this respect. It is to be hoped that the British output is being taxed to its utmost before any favor is shown to neutral countries. We shall have a good deal of leather to make up after the war, and every little helps, even such trifles as nine million pairs of boots.

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A Kansas family, so relates Ex-Senator J. L. Bristow of that state, moved to town, and when the boy presented himself at school he was asked by the principal, among other things, as to his favorite poem.

"The Village Blacksmith," was the response. "I recite it every time we have company."

"Does your father ask you to do it?" "Yes, indeed," said the boy. "He says he thinks it keeps us from having much company."

"What you want to do first," said a Boston man to a New England farmer, whom he was advising touching certain needed improvements in and about his place, "is to have that mudhole in the road fixed."

"You experts and reformers don't understand local conditions," said the farmer, scornfully. "Why, I've partly paid off a mortgage with the money I've made haulin' automobiles out of that mudhole!"

A politician not a thousand miles from Chicago is of a somewhat cynical turn, which sometimes gets the better of him though he tries to refrain from the expression of his pessimism.

One day his twelve-year-old son, who had been reading, suddenly put down his book and, looking up at his father, asked:

"Dad, is it true that there is honor among thieves?"

"No, my son," said dad. "Thieves are just as bad as other people."

Two wretched looking tramps were brought before a justice of the peace, addressing the wome looking one the justice said: "Where do you live?"

"Nowhere."

"And where do you live?" said the justice to the other.

"I've got the room just above him."

Little June's father had just returned from the store and was opening up some sheets of sticky fly paper and placing it about the room. June watched a minute and then burst out with:

"O, papa, down at the corner grocery you can get the paper with the flies already caught. They have lots of it in the window."

"I just stopped in to tell you about the flour you sent me the other day," said Mrs. Newstead.

"Why, madam," answered the grocer, "that was the best flour I carry in stock. What was the matter with it?"

"Matter, indeed! Why, it was so tough my husband couldn't eat the biscuits I made with it."

"Walter," called the angry man at the corner table, "have you ever been to the zoo?"

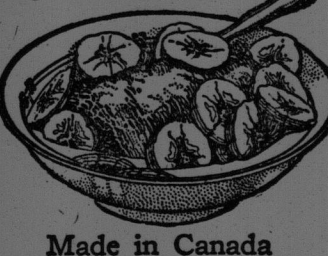
"Why, sir, do you ask?" returned the astonished server.

"I repeat," demanded the angry one, "have you ever visited the zoo?"

"Well, no, sir," said the waiter.

"You ought to go," growled the peevish one. "You'd enjoy seeing the tortoises while past!"

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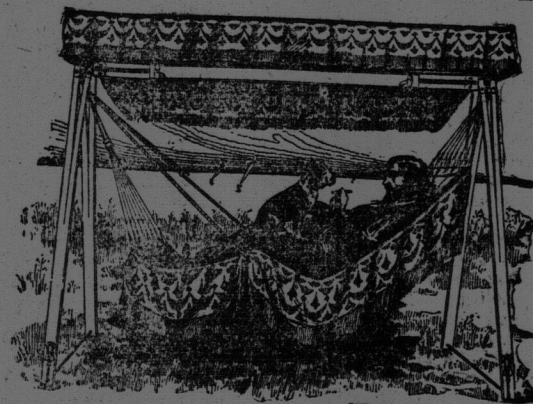
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ON THE VOTE, MAYOR DECIDES AGAINST WATER STREET SITE

Situation in Council Re Elevator Unchanged—Other Matters Before Commissioners

The common council is still divided on the elevator site, and remains unbridged in its deadlock. For over an hour, yesterday afternoon, the mayor and Commissioners McEllan, Fisher, Wigmore and Russell attempted to decide upon approving the site suggested by the government railway officials, but with Commissioners Wigmore and Russell in favor of the Water street location, and Commissioners Fisher and McEllan strongly opposed, the matter was temporarily settled by Mayor Hayes, when he cast the deciding vote against the Water street site. Other matters of a more or less routine nature were also considered by the council.

Authority was given to the commissioner of public works to proceed with the construction of retaining walls at Chesley street, cement, \$2,000, and Canon street, cement, \$500. He reported that the wall in Rockland road has been completed at a cost of \$400, and that the work at the corner of Portland and Camden streets will cost about \$600.

It was intimated that special provision will be made for dealing with the taxes of returned soldiers, to provide that they shall not be taxed on more than they are earning.

Cast Iron Pipe.

A report from Commissioner Wigmore contained the information that the tenders for cast iron pipe which were referred to him and the commissioner of finance and public affairs with the power to act, had been opened, and that they had accepted the bid of Vroom & Arnold, which was the lowest. It is as follows: 2,200 feet of 8-inch cast iron pipe at \$37.50 per ton; 2,200 feet of 8-inch cast iron pipe at \$39 per ton; 1,000 feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe at \$39 per ton.

By a vote of the council the action was confirmed.

A communication was read offering the use of the barn on the Tucker property near the city park for a reasonable length of time, for such purposes as the city might deem fit in return for shingling the building. This was referred to the commissioner of public works with power to act.

Commissioner Fisher read a petition from residents of Protection street, asking for sewer extensions and a sewer to each house, because the former was blocked by the work of the C. P. R., and the waste matter was backing up. Commissioner Wigmore said that he believed it would be a waste of money to extend sewerage to these houses for they would probably be soon bought by the C. P. R., and that the gradings made by the engineers, and the gradings made by two different men were almost identical.

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WARNING BY INSPECTOR

To the Editor of The Times:

Sir,—With your permission I desire to express through the columns of your paper my sincere appreciation of the prompt manner in which a number of merchants doing business in this city have complied with the section incorporated into the New Brunswick Factories Act, at the last session of the legislative assembly. This amendment calls for chairs or seats being provided for the exclusive use of female help, to be used by them when they are not necessarily engaged in their work. This will meet with the commendation of all citizens who have any consideration for the health and welfare of the girls and women who are obliged to work in shops for a livelihood.

This is in marked contrast to some I have interviewed with reference to this important matter. They have not only been impertinent, but have refused to place suitable seats for the use of their female employees, and whose only apparent desire seems to be to get all the work possible from their female help. They give little or no thought to their health.

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Thanking you, I am,

Yours truly,

JOHN KENNEY,

Inspector.

St. John, Aug. 1.

Many messages of good cheer were sent July 11 to John Wamaker upon the occasion of his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary. He celebrated his natal day very quietly. His employees sent to him a telegram, which said: "We especially desire to express our veneration for your power, our devotion for your devotion, our loyalty for your loving kindness, our pride for your achievements, our rejoicing for your pure fame, and our renewed determination to follow straight on in the forward path illuminated by your genius." Mr. Wamaker was enjoying the best of health.

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