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### THE WATER POWERS.

The government candidates in the by-elections may well point to the hydro-electric policy of the government as one reason why it should receive support. Referring to the province of Ontario, the Toronto Globe says:—

"The members of the legislature should give their most serious attention to the conservation of Ontario's water powers. Other assets of the province, such as the mineral deposits, perish in the using, but the waterfalls will remain for all time a source of light, heat and power."

What is true of Ontario is true of New Brunswick. It has been demonstrated that this province possesses water powers capable of development which "will remain for all time a source of light, heat and power." Their development is in the public interest. At present a very determined effort is being made to discredit the Musquash development. There are two reasons, one political and the other in the interests of the New Brunswick Power Company. Having successfully embarked upon its policy the government has no reason for hesitation, but every reason to go forward. The experience of Ontario is a shining example of what can be done for the public benefit by utilizing the water powers, not merely for the benefit of cities and towns but of rural communities. What Ontario has done New Brunswick can do, to the limit of its water power resources.

### THE MUSQUASH "HORROR."

Mr. F. L. Potts has made a horrible discovery. The cost of the Musquash development is now galloping on toward four millions, and as for the man Phillips—well, he is a failure. What really happened was that Mr. Potts had set out to save his country in St. John county. Hearing of an accident or something at Musquash, he rushed down there to get material which to bury Foster and Bentley and their gang of desperadoes. He saw what had happened to a short section of one of the pipes leading from the main dam to the power house, as a result of a blunder on the part of a man who had opened when he was instructed to close a small water gate. Mr. Potts naturally resorted to consult a mere engineer or any person who knew anything about the extent of the damage, or the time required to make repairs. He rushed into the city, emitting wild yells, and sought the Globe office, to warn the people of what would happen if the Foster government were left in power any longer.

Not long since an editor went to Musquash, and mistaking the flowage from three small brooks for the whole Musquash water power, without trying to learn the truth, and denounced the whole proposition. He has since been enlightened, but is still "agin the government." Mr. Potts now knows that the drainage to the pipe in question can be repaired within fifteen days, and that the cost will be about \$12,000, but he will go on offering warnings and filling the air with wild alarms until the by-election is over. Then some day he will return to Musquash, see the water turning the wheels to provide cheap light and power—and come back to reap his share of the benefit.

Incidentally it may be observed that Mr. Phillips had nothing to do with the wood-stave pipe. He was in no way responsible. Also it may be observed, as the Globe points out, that the accident to the water and the power are there. The citizens will not overlook this important fact, and they will remember also that an accident occurred when the water from Loch Lomond was first turned on and proper precautions were not taken. What is being done at Musquash is no experiment. It has been done elsewhere. The accident was due to a blunder and not to anything wrong with the work. Repairs will be made quickly and the next time the gate will not be turned the wrong way. The power is there, and the people will get the benefit. Meanwhile, Premier Foster and other members of the government will no doubt take occasion to pay some attention to the campaign of falsehood and misrepresentation concerning the Musquash development, which is a part of the opposition stock-in-trade in the by-elections.

### CHURCH UNION.

Addressing a Methodist Conference in St. Catharines, Ontario, last week, Dr. J. H. Ratcliffe, who is just closing 40 years' pastorate in the Presbyterian Church, "expressed the hope that the day would soon come when all sectarian lines would be swept away and the Church of God, united under one great whole, would go forward untrammelled in the great work of evangelizing the world."

The conference, we are told, vigorously applauded the sentiment. At another Methodist Conference, held in Kingston, Rev. Dr. Malcolm Macgillivray, former Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, declared with emotion: "I wish with all my heart I may live long enough to see the great United Church of Canada." Another

visiting speaker at this conference was Bishop Bidwell of the Anglican church, who said that formerly visits of this nature had been nothing more or less than courteous greetings.

"I hope," he said, "that this sort of thing has passed away, for a new atmosphere has been created throughout the Christian world, and I am convinced that before very long something will take place. The idea of a great Christian church, large and broad enough to contain all spiritual varieties, is rapidly spreading."

A Baptist representative, Rev. G. H. Lafair, added his testimony that the Baptist church had not turned its back on the idea of Christian union. A report of some further remarks by Bishop Bidwell says:—

"There are new visions before the world today, he said, and the Protestant Church unity plan is gaining ground very fast. It may not come in our time, but it is a certainty that it will be a realization some day. He was becoming more and more convinced that the Church has a tremendous opportunity and tremendous duty to perform."

The continued growth of sentiment in favor of church union is everywhere apparent. The more the question is discussed the more clearly it appears that the obstacles are such as may be overcome within a relatively short period of time. The phrase United Church of Canada makes a very strong appeal to the imagination, and suggests a way out of many difficulties that now worry and perplex the different denominations.

### THE HOSPITALS.

An influential committee of Montreal citizens set out to raise \$750,000 for the financial relief of five hospitals, and the chairman of the committee told the Gazette on Friday that the objective would be reached and passed during the next week. The amount already subscribed warranted this statement. The Gazette makes some observations on the general work of hospitals which apply with equal force to other communities than Montreal, and present very clearly the reasons for public sympathy and financial support. We quote:—

"The financial difficulties of the hospitals are ever present, and the duty laid on all public-spirited citizens to come to their assistance has been referred to again and yet again, a deserving local charitable need. The hospitals render a conspicuous service to the community. The medical profession stands higher today than ever before in the esteem of the world, largely through the facilities afforded by hospitals, and their work therein, and this being so, it is essential that they should enjoy every opportunity for doing the good work which the development of medical science has assured. The hospitals cannot render to the community all the succor they willingly would if they have not the financial aid they require. The community cannot be educated sufficiently in the ever-present necessity for supporting the hospitals, nor yet can they adequately appreciate the spirit underlying the motives of those 'ministering angels,' who stand at all times and under all circumstances ready to do something noteworthy in the service of others."

The effort that is being made to secure the standardization of all hospitals is not in the interest of the staff and the medical profession, although it tends to make their work far more efficient, but in the interest of the people. To use a local illustration, everything done in St. John to improve the General Public Hospital makes it less necessary for patients to go to Montreal, or Boston, or New York. But it means more than that—since it improves the chances in all emergency cases, and ensures better treatment for those who cannot afford to go elsewhere. When every hospital is standardized, and the people come to regard it as a place to go for treatment rather than a place to be shunned by the sick, the percentage of quick cures will increase and the death rate will be reduced.

A gentleman from Scotland who recently arrived in Montreal gravely informed a reporter that prohibition had been a farce wherever it had been declared and that Scotland would never have it. There were those who said the United States would never have a prohibitory law, and it is still described by some as a farce. If there is one state in the union which might be expected to smile when prohibition is mentioned it is New Jersey, but the most outstanding candidate for governor in that state has announced himself an out and out supporter of the prohibitory law. Our Scottish friend may be shocked some day by prohibition in Scotland. He will be if he lives.

Hilton Belyea was third in the great race at Philadelphia, but he was so close to the second man, and both of them so close to the winner, that the St. John man, when the relative ages of the contestants are considered, deserves the most hearty praise for his splendid work. He has nobly upheld the traditions of this city and greatly stimulated local interest in aquatic sports. St. John is now better known today because of his achievements at the oar.

### PARK TREES.

The trees that live in forests are like soldiers, for they stand in solid, firm battalions set to guard a well-loved land.

The trees in little villages are prim and slim and neat. As they gaze in drowsy silence down the canyons of each street.

The trees that stand by rivers are a slender romance book. They bend to their reflections with an arching smile.

The trees that dwell in gardens are like mothers, for they grow with their gentle branches shading little plants that bloom below.

There are trees that break the loneliness, and beside dim, winding lanes, There are trees that break the loneliness of dusty, rolling plains;

There are fruitful trees in orchards—trees are welcome everywhere—But the trees that grow in cities are the answer to a prayer!

In the little parks their shadows are adored upon the grass, And they whisper tiny secrets to the winds that flutter past, They sell about the country to the children of the slums—They murmur through the springtime and they laugh when summer comes!

Just a tender bit of beauty, just a winter's dream, Where so little of the beauty of God's out-of-doors is seen—Just a world of fresh and fair—Oh, the trees that grow in cities are a romance and a prayer!

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Where They Are All Good. "I understand he's a great golfer." "Where do you see him play?" "I've never seen him play, but I overheard him playing a game in the lounge room of the club the other day."

Reasoning By Analogy. "Teacher—Willie, what is a cubic yard?" "Willie—I don't know for sure, but it must be a yard that them Cuban kids play in."

Poor Kid. Little Billy was interested in the new baby. He was quiet for a few minutes and then suddenly said, "That kid hasn't got much hair to comb, but he's got an awful lot of face to wash."

His Mistake. The editor of a magazine which is published by a New York bus company offers a prize each month for the best story turned in by an employee of the company on a topic pertaining to company affairs. Here is one which won this month:

"One seat on top and one inside," shouted a bus conductor at a stopping place. "Sure now, and you wouldn't be after separating a daughter from her mother," said the elder of two women on the sidewalk.

"Right ye are, I would not," said the conductor, starting the bus. "I did that once an I've been regretting it ever since."

Merely That. "Had a puncture, my friend?" asked the passer-by, with an air of interest. The chauffeur looked up and swallowed his feelings with a huge gulp. "No, sir," he replied. "It's just changing the air in the tires. The other lot's worn out, you know!"

### THE BY-ELECTIONS

(Montreal Transcript) The government candidates in the provincial by-elections will no doubt be elected. Unless a government has proved itself incompetent or worse, it is generally the habit of electors to return government supporters in by-elections. The Foster government has done nothing to forfeit public confidence while on the contrary it has done much to merit public support. That being so, it would do no good to elect opposition candidates anyway.

Madawaska is concerned. Mr. Bentley in St. John County will not have much difficulty redeeming a constant which he has before represented with ability. The principal interest centres in the election in Kings County, where the opposition has managed to maintain a fairly strong organization. The government, however, has in Mr. J. D. McKenna, a man personally and generally popular, who has made an excellent record in municipal politics, and who is very likely to carry the government standard to victory. Mr. McKenna has made a success of his private affairs; he has a fine income, and he has a fine insight into public affairs and he would make an able representative of the county and a notable acquisition to the ranks of the government supporters in the legislature.

The only criticism directed against the government is that it has been "extravagant." It is true the government has been extravagant in its public debt, but it is also true that these additions have been incurred to provide public improvements of first importance to the welfare of the province, and public works such as hydro-electric developments which are essential to the further progress of the province and which will be a burden upon the taxpayers. In fact the government has merely been making good and needed investments, not indulging in extravagance.

### FOUR NURSES SUSPENDED.

Scolding to Death of Boy Leads Newark Mayor to Act. New York, June 6—Four nurses at the Newark City Hospital were suspended by Mayor Brudenbach after an investigation into the death of a patient, Sherbourne Laird, a child, whose parents live at 15 Eighth avenue, Newark. The boy was scolded at the institution and died on Monday.

Miss Sara Van Steenburg, in charge of the children in the ward, and Miss Kathryn Shampore, an undergraduate, were suspended for carelessness, and Miss Annie Grayson and Mrs. Jennie Allison, both practical nurses, were suspended for withholding information. Mayor Brudenbach learned that the child was scolded fifty minutes after his admission to the hospital. Lillian Hooley, 12 years old, who was a patient, testified that Miss Shampore put the child into a bathtub and left the room. When the nurse returned, it was said, there was about five inches of scalding water in the tub. The victim's mother said the last another child, Robert, 12 years old, last Christmas at the same institution.

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### ANOTHER WAR IN MEXICO?



Gen. Felix Diaz, who is expected to move into Southern Mexico from Guatemala at the head of approximately 15,000 men and proclaim himself president of the Republic of Mexico within the next month.

### SAYS AMERICA'S GERMAN POLICY DISTURBS FRANCE

Charles M. Muehnic, of U. S. Locomotive Co. Argues for Cancelling War Debts.

"France has become frankly pained by the attitude developing in America toward her policy with regard to Germany and the fulfillment of the peace treaty," declares Charles M. Muehnic, vice-president of the American Locomotive Sales Corporation in an article in one issue of the "Our World" magazine. Mr. Muehnic has recently returned from a business trip through France and Germany which brought him into close touch with conditions in both nations.

"I have been struck by the evidence in France of anxiety for the future and earnest effort to rebuild the national life," he says, "and by the evidences in Germany of hostility to France and desire for the cancellation of the war debts."

"France has lost none of her friendship for America and faith in the people of the United States. She feels that Americans are perhaps her best and most disinterested friends. But she feels that the French people are perfectly consistent and clearly logical in their policy and scrupulously adhere to the terms of the Versailles treaty. If that treaty is bad, it is not of her making alone, and the question of reparations is the most widely discussed and least understood part—has been left by the authors of the treaty to a Reparation Commission on which France has only one out of several votes.

"France is no more militaristic than the United States. The average French peasant, who has just fought through a conflict for national self-preservation, desires war far less, if possible, than the average American farmer. The nation, having lost the best of her able-bodied men and needing every available one in the field or factory, can not wish to keep many of them training under arms.

"What causes France to maintain her army? Is it fear of a German revival of power and distrust of the German intention to fulfill the obligations of the peace treaty of Versailles? Impenetrable to the German mind to confirm that distrust. In the German theatres the joke most related is the one which contains a dig at France or which ridicules the idea of meeting the obligations of the peace agreement. The most popular speeches and articles are those which singe out France as Germany's aggressive foe or which attack the provisions of the Versailles treaty. France is anxious, and her anxiety is increased, naturally, by the prospect of a possible development of a hostile German-Russian alliance out of the economic accord recently signed at Rapallo at the very outset of the German conference on the reconstruction of Europe.

"France is carrying a great burden of payments for restoration of the districts devastated by German armies. There is a limit to what the French Government can do in this direction; and if Germany does not make a more sincere effort to discharge her obligations under the peace treaty soon, it is likely to create a serious crisis. I am convinced that if Germany honestly desired to do so, she could go a great deal further toward meeting the payments of reparations which have been required.

"This evasion of taxation in Germany is notorious. A second factor which arouses French anger and distrust is the unwilling transference of German capital abroad.

"This is one of the major causes leading to Allied requirements for heavier taxation and control of capital and for financial reforms and supervision against which Germany is protesting. Indeed the real cause of Germany's currency depreciation is not solely, as is generally believed, in the United States, the reparations payments exacted by the Allies, but false economic measures indulged in by the German Government ever since the end of the war, its failure to impose adequate taxes immediately after the armistice, and dissipation of the national wealth through the maintenance of a fictitious value of the mark by granting subsidies.

"But when France insists on enforcement of reforms, she meets charges of militarism and requests for more leniency toward Germany. At the same time there comes the American debt-funding proposal, the Congressional provision for liquidation in twenty-five years and the termination of the agreements to defer payment of interest.

"It is time for us in America to realize that insistence on the money due us does not tend to modify the French policy toward Germany, but to make it more severe, since it is to German payment that France must look for funds to pay interest to recover her reconstruction loans. There is growing realization in the United States that we would be commercially from the increase of confidence and release of buying power which would result if the war debts from Continental Europe were cancelled."

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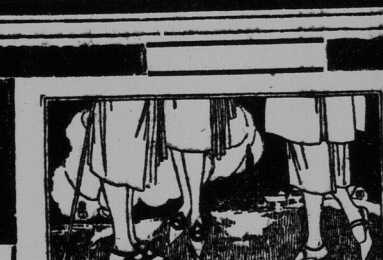
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