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### LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

Something approaching controversy has arisen between the Mayor and Commissioners and the gentlemen writing on behalf of the 3,000 citizens who presented at City Hall a petition asking for a searching investigation of the assessment and taxation system, the workings of the various civic departments, and all questions pertaining to the collections and expenditure of civic revenue. It is unfortunate that the Council and any body of citizens should appear to be working at cross-purposes at the beginning of an inquiry so vital to the best interest of Saint John. In place of this misunderstanding, which is wholly unnecessary, there should be complete co-operation and agreement upon the end in view and the best method of reaching it.

If Doctor Brittain is to come here we should not receive him in an atmosphere of suspicion or hostility. The mere fact that Mayor White asked Mr. Olive to communicate with Doctor Brittain should not be interpreted as meaning that the investigator's mandate is to be limited in any sense that Doctor Brittain would be influenced by the opinions or the official position of Mr. Olive any more than he would be influenced by the opinions or the attitude of the gentlemen who present themselves as spokesmen for the 3,000 and more citizens who asked for a thoroughgoing investigation of civic affairs.

It is a mistake on the part of any citizen to assume that Mayor White is a public enemy, or even to suggest it directly or indirectly, that he is a party to any form of inquiry which may be necessary to ascertain why our taxes are so high or whether we are or are not getting a real return for the money we collect and expend.

There are whisperings about a recall. This is not the time to discuss any such measure, notwithstanding the fact that the recall is a weapon to which citizens have the right to resort in case their servants at City Hall come to be regarded as signally failing to give the taxpayers fair play and a sound administration. It is obviously wrong to assume in advance that the Mayor will accept a limited mandate, or that the Mayor and Commissioners will employ any investigator and then seek to prevent him from digging deeply into the assessment and taxation situation which so troubles not only the citizens at large—including incidentally the 3,000 signers of the petition—and the Mayor and the Commissioners as well. To talk about a recall at this moment is to draw a pistol which is not loaded. The time to discuss the recall may arrive, but that is extremely unlikely. If Dr. Brittain should come here, and if it should thereafter appear that the gentlemen at City Hall were not in earnest in reference to a complete investigation, we may apprehend that a man of Doctor Brittain's standing would decline to serve. Should he be engaged, it is only reasonable to assume that he will do his utmost to find out why taxation in Saint John is so high, and whether or not we are receiving a fair return for the amount of money we actually collect and expend.

The inquiry, we must assume, also will go farther than that. It will involve, necessarily, the relations in taxation matters existing between the city and the county, the failure to collect a proper proportion of the assessed taxes, the arrangement under which the citizens are taxed for school purposes by a body in no sense responsible to the city, by a non-elective board whose levy for school purposes is subject to review or to control not by the people who must provide the money but only by a Legislature which is in no sense rightly acquainted with Saint John conditions.

The gentlemen who are assailing the Mayor and Commissioners in advance of Doctor Brittain's visit for the purpose of consultation would do well to hold their horses until such time as they have just cause for believing that City Hall is not acting in good faith—a time which is unlikely to arise. Should it arise, they may then discuss a recall with some prospect of commanding public support. So much as to the plain common sense of the situation is due not only to the Mayor and Commissioners but also to the great body of taxpayers who are confidently expecting an inquest sufficiently searching to indicate what can be done to improve our methods of assessment and of taxation and also our administration of the various departments at City Hall.

Mayor White has been in office but a short time, and it is wrong to assume or to suggest that he will fall to employ his recognized ability and all the powers of his office to promote the welfare of the city, not only with respect to taxation matters but in relation also to the expansion of the port—one of the most vital of all questions before us—the securing of more industries, the betterment of our relations with the rural communities and the province at large, the beautifying of the community, the absorption of Lancas-

### Just Fun

NO, HORATIO, firecrackers are not Uneeda product.

DON'T borrow trouble, the interest rates too high.

GROGGER to applicant for job as a clerk: Have you ever done any clerking?  
Applicant: Yes, sir, I used to be a draft clerk.  
Grogger: What's that?  
Applicant: I opened and shut the windows.

THE new Shah of Persia was formerly a groom. Persia has long needed a stable government.

LET ME GROW LOVELY  
Let me grow lovely, growing old;  
The many fine things too,  
Lace and ivory and gold and silks,  
Need not be new.  
And there is healing in old trees,  
Old streets and glances old,  
Why may not I as well as these,  
Grow lovely, growing old?

THE only place to live happily is within your income.

TELL others everything you know and they soon will find you don't know anything they don't.

AM—That girl is a live wire, isn't she?  
METER—No wonder, she's an electrician's daughter.

HAS your husband given you golf?  
Yes, but he still retains the language for when he changes time.

NOTHING causes so much confusion in the home as when father is ill—he isn't expected to be sick.

I HAVE two wooden legs. Is it possible for me to get life insurance?  
You don't want life insurance. You want fire insurance.

### His First Day At School



Rather trying for the new pupil. —From New York Times.

### Queer Quirks of Nature

JAPANESE TELL STORIES ABOUT THIS CRAB



WOSADA GANI

By AUSTIN H. CLARK  
CAN you make out the ugly, malignant little face on the back of this curious, harmless little crab? This is called the feike or mosada claw, and is the largest known crustacean, this curious creature holds an important place in the ancient myths and folk-lore of the Japanese.

along the shores or in shallow water. Like the taka asi sima gani, of giant crab, which measures some times almost 12 feet from claw to tail, this curious creature holds an important place in the ancient myths and folk-lore of the Japanese.

Other Views  
PLENTY FOR NOW  
(Calgary Herald.)  
We can do without any more elections for four or five years.

UNEASY LIES THE HEAD, ETC.  
(Toronto Mail and Empire.)  
After noting the manner in which Mr. Meighen and Mr. King have been rushing about this large country delivering speeches a half dozen speeches in a single day, some people may conclude that a party leader has not such an easy job after all.

RAILWAYS AND PEOPLE  
(Detroit Free Press.)  
More perhaps than ever before, despite the growth of the motor truck and the motor bus business, the economic prosperity and advance of this country are bound up with the prosperity and development of the railroads. The latter cannot be hampered and hurt without affecting badly the circumstances of almost every person in the United States. And while the roads must be supervised,

AS ADVERTISED  
TORONTO—Here's news. Jacob Kharmon is seeking the annulment of his marriage because his bride has a false teeth, false hair, steel corsets, hooped petticoats, high heels or false hips will be prosecuted for secrecy, and the marriage will be declared null and void if the accused is convicted.

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### POEMS I LOVE

"The Quiet Life," by Alexander Pope.

THE didactic poetry of Pope may seem old-fashioned to us now; but he has a value none the less. Who was it that said that life is nothing but discovering the truth of platitudes? And though Pope's homely rhymed sayings may seem stale now, they were fragrant young once upon a time, and cannot be dismissed as the mere energetic chatter of a verifying school-master.

Happily the man, whose wish and care  
In health of body, peace of mind,  
Content to breathe his native air  
In his own ground.

Whose herds with milk, whose fields  
With bread,  
Whose flocks supply him with attire;  
Whose trees in summer yield him shade  
In winter fire.

Blest, who can unconcernedly find  
Hours, days and years slide soft away  
In health of body, peace of mind,  
Quiet by day.

Sleep by night; study and ease  
Together mix'd; sweet recreation  
And innocence, which most does please  
With meditation.

Thus let me live, unseen, unknown;  
Thus unlamented let me die;  
Steal from the world, and not a stone  
Tell where I lie.

### DINNER STORIES

A YOUNG Indian student whose knowledge of English was not as good as it might have been had been good a Christian, and was writing to the missionary a letter which he wanted to end with the sentence, "May the Lord preserve you." After consulting the dictionary, he felt very pleased with himself as he wrote, "May the Lord pickle you forever."

THE stout old lady was struggling valiantly, but against odds of some 200 pounds, to mount the high step of the waiting jitney.

"Thus unlamented let me die; Steal from the world, and not a stone Tell where I lie."

AS REPORTED—The happy couple will make their home at the old Mart. As printed—The happy couple will make their home at the old Mart.

### Odds and Ends

Diary of a "Hard Luck" Salesman  
(Exchange.)  
9.11—Looked over racing results.  
9.46—Stopped to see show window circus put on by lady advertising hair tonic.  
10.05—Held curb-stone conference with old acquaintance.  
10.37—Helped one thousand other people watch messenger boy feeding pigeons.  
11.00—Called on prospect. No luck.  
11.02—Had measure taken for a new pipe.  
11.30—Phoned my favorite boyish book. Dosed big deal for Saturday night.  
12.18—Went to see about radio batteries.  
12.45—Time out for lunch.  
2.10—Joined excited posse watching man put on new tire.  
2.31—Called on prospect. This fish is dead and buried from the eyebrows back.  
2.38—Watched derrick lifting steel beams. Very educational.  
2.52—Had argument with guy for stepping on my foot.  
3.35—Called up prospect I forgot I had date with. No luck.  
4.48—Jobbed class studying modern methods of moving a safe.  
4.15—Called on prospect. No luck.  
4.17—Decided to cross street.  
4.32—Bulletin Landed safely!  
4.41—Quit for the day.

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The invalid pondered for a moment.  
"Then," said she, "I shall marry very chry."

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(Brantford Expositor.)  
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