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## A HINT TO HIS WORSHIP

There is, perhaps, nothing that more largely contributes to the business prestige of the City Council than prompt, vigorous, business-like methods of doing the city's business and an absence of long-drawn-out, useless, windy discussions—of times out of order.

Unfortunately, presuming upon the characteristic courtesy and good-nature of our Mayor, there is a tendency developing among the aldermen to indulge in tedious and tiresome gallery gymnastics, thereby monopolizing time which could be put to better use in the transaction of city business or the business-like discussion of matters of moment.

Take, for example, last Monday night. After a motion to purchase waterproof coats for the firemen had been passed and before a motion concerning the purchase of supplies by tender was introduced, just twenty-two and one-half minutes of valuable time was occupied by five members of the Council in a useless and wearisome discussion, that even the gentle tappings of the Mayor's gavel and the unmistakable yawns of their colleagues failed to terminate.

It was doubtless thoughtlessness on the part of these gentlemen, but lapses of the kind should not be encouraged, and it could be suggested with propriety that the rappings of the Mayor be louder and more peremptory if a similar misfortune occur again.

## "TIME TO CALL A HALT."

The following, which was published as an editorial in the *Sault Ste. Marie* on Feb. 19th, loses none of its significance from the fact that not only is the *Expositor* a staunch Liberal paper, but its publisher, Mr. M. X. McLean, ex-M. P. P., was a former partner in journalism with Premier C. W. Ross, the two having been at one time associated together in the publication of the *Expositor*.

Mr. McLean's article confirms what Conservative speakers have frequently said about Ontario Government fallacies regarding their surplus and Provincial finances generally. A paper like the *Expositor* rising to object to the Ross Government's deceptive presentation of the financial subject, is a fitting accompaniment to the turn-overs in North Renfrew and North Oxford.

The *Expositor* says, and bear in mind the Provincial Treasurer who is assailed is Premier Ross himself:

"The speech recently delivered in the Legislature by the Provincial Treasurer, while rosy hued and reassuring on the surface, was not so satisfactory when thoroughly analyzed and the figures he produced balanced up and inquired into. These figures show that the Province is progressing at a rapid rate, and that its financial responsibilities are increasing even more rapidly than the program justifies. It is true the figures given by the treasurer show a very comfortable surplus of assets over liabilities and also a surplus of revenue over expenditure. But it is equally true that while every possible item that could at all be considered as an available asset was included, there were some liabilities that might have been included, that were not mentioned. For instance, it is well known that a liability of two and a half million dollars has already been incurred on account of the Temiskaming railway and this very considerable amount was not included by the treasurer in his statement of liabilities. A liability of at least a quarter of a million dollars has also been incurred in paying the wages of the Soo operatives. It is very doubtful if any part of this will ever come back into the treasury again and yet this was not included as a liability in the statement of the treasurer. Had these and other amounts which actually exist as liabilities, although not presently payable, but none the less liabilities, been included, the surplus which was claimed would be more than wiped out."

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many years. Deducting this exceptional item and the expenditures would have exceeded the income by over half a million dollars. During the past five years this expenditure has increased by \$1,188,000. This is a very large increase. Although the financial condition of the province is not as yet, by any means alarming, we are sure that every careful, thoughtful person who will study the situation, will admit that there is a great need for caution and that instead of looking for new sources of expenditure we should, rather, inaugurate a more conservative financial policy. It will require very careful and prudent administration if the much dreaded resort to direct taxation is to be much longer avoided.

"But what we desire to direct attention to, particularly is the fact that the bulk, if not the whole of the provincial debt is due to our generosity in aiding railway enterprises. Canada has dealt more generously with the railway promoter than any other country in the world, and it is not too much to say that Ontario has been more generous along the same lines than any Province in the Dominion. By the time the Temiskaming railway is completed our railway debt will amount to at least ten millions of dollars. That is a very respectable amount for a Province even as rich as Ontario. Of course it may be said that in the Temiskaming railway, which will be owned by the Province, we will have a valuable asset. That may be so in a sense. It may yield indirectly more than it cost, but if it affords a revenue over working expenses and maintenance, it will do better than most enterprises of the kind have ever done. The probability is that for many years to come it will be a charge to some extent on the revenues of the Province. However, be this as it may, it must be evident to every person that with the very generous aid rendered so many other railway enterprises in the past which now form a liability against the Province, and with the completion of this road, the Province should call a halt in so far as aiding railways is concerned. We have done all in this direction that we should do, and really more than we could properly afford to do, as the existing state of the finances clearly prove. From this out, therefore, the government and the members should take a firm and deliberate stand on this matter and without equivocation say to the obsequious railway promoter, no matter from whence he may come or who he may be, 'stand thou behind me, we have done all for your kind that we intend to do and more than we could afford and we must now call a halt.' We do not know what the intentions of the government or legislature are for this session, but we do most assuredly say that if the government propose and the legislature sanction a railway bonus of any kind or under any conditions, they will do a very wrong thing, and something for which the province should hold them to the strictest account. No excuse or pretext can justify any further obligations on the part of the Province in this direction. If additional railways are needed the promoters should be allowed to finance them on their own responsibility, and if they cannot do this, it is very good evidence that the enterprises are not badly needed and that even should aid be given by the Province, the promoters will profit by it a great deal more than the Province will."

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## IMPORTANT DECISION.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The question as to whether a passenger on a train, riding on a free pass who loses his life on account of an act of carelessness on the part of a railroad company, stands on the same footing as a passenger who pays his fare, to-day was decided by the United States Supreme Court against the free passenger. The case in which the opinion was rendered was that of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company vs. Louis H. Adams and Frank H. Adams, heirs of Jay H. Adams, an attorney at law, of Spokane, Washington. The case was killed while riding on a pass, which contained a stipulation exempting the railway company from liability in case of accident. The Supreme Court held that there is nothing in public policy to prevent a contract between a common carrier and a free passenger exempting the carrier from liability in case of accident.

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Study Your Skin.

An old sage who understood human nature pretty well advises women in the terse language of his day to "study first the effect produced by the face, the hair and the head gear." It holds good now just as much as it did more than a hundred years ago. It is wise to study the points of the face. The low style of dressing the hair is supposed to show off the profile to advantage. In some women a touch of color lights up the complexion wonderfully, while others are better without. The point is to learn what suits you.

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Balm. It is an anesthetic and unequalled as a quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by All Druggists.

You are in my paw, sir, said Mr. Upjohn, sitting in the seat of the scornful, replied the stranger, getting out of it with alacrity and taking a seat further back in the church.

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What made her faint? asked the sympathetic old lady. "The sour-faced magnanimous," replied the good looking young man standing right behind her.

Blotches—That fellow who gets along is the one who paddles his own canoe. Blotches—Fudge! The fellow who gets along generally hires someone else to paddle it for him.

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## THE FAT STANDARD.

Claim That the Government Chemists Have Made It Too High.

The results of the fourth Iowa contest again verify the assertion made some time ago that the standard adopted by the committee of government chemists—viz., 82.5 per cent fat—is much too high. A study of the score of the second highest tub in this last scoring, together with a number of other scores, and also the standards adopted by other countries prominent in the production and consumption of the world's best butter should be sufficient to convince any one that 82.5 per cent fat as a standard is too high.

Iowa and Minnesota are the two states which suffer the most from such a national ruling, and those who are interested in the welfare of the butter producers within the borders of these two states should try to convince this committee of officials that the standard of fat in butter should not be above 80 per cent.

If butter with a high percentage of fat was demanding the highest price on the world's butter market, there might be some object in raising the fat standard, but it is just the opposite.

Danish butter contains on an average nearly 15 per cent moisture.

New Zealand butter especially is noted for being dry butter.

In the face of this, the public demands the butter (Danish) which contains the least fat at a higher price. This proves that butter is eaten chiefly on account of its relishing effect, rather than for its nutritive value.

If a standard of 82.5 per cent fat is set by the government there will be a constant violation of this law, and in order to enforce such a law a great many inspectors would be necessary.

It seems that it would be a great deal better to fix a maximum standard of moisture, rather than a minimum standard of fat.

Some markets demand about 4 per cent salt in butter. In such a case the maximum standard of moisture allowed by such a ruling would be only about 12 per cent. This is not an average case, but such cases do exist, and it shows the possible results of fixing such a high fat standard.—C. Larsen in *Creamery Journal*.

## Creameries in the Northwest.

"The creamery business in the north and west is developing wonderfully. It would surprise you to see what is going on in the Red river valley in Minnesota and up in North Dakota, too," said Arthur Simmons, St. Paul agent of the New York Dispatch, at the Iowa buttermakers' convention, "while far north in timbered Wisconsin they have chopped down a few pine trees, upon the stumps of which have sprung up creameries, growing and thriving as the wild roses among the underbrush and soon home at night to give a tub of butter that we railroad men have to go out and find. And that is the reason I don't get into Iowa as far and as often as I used to."

## St. Louis Demonstration

Nothing can do more to bring great cattle shows into the contempt of average cattle growers and exhibitors than the widespread publication of the methods employed to secure and fit into abnormal condition cattle of certain breeds for exhibition purposes. One such publication regarding a herd of cattle to be exhibited at the St. Louis world's fair now lies before the writer, and one short extract from it will illustrate the point this article hopes to make.

"First, it is told how the individuals were selected by the most skillful experts and regardless of expense from all parts of the United States, how they are already assembled, and then follows:

"Unequaled care and attention are being given these cattle. No athlete trained for an event requiring the development of strength, endurance and skill ever received more attention than these being groomed and trained. When the Louisiana Purchase exposition opens its gates on April 30 the herd will have been in constant training for a full year and will be in the pink of condition."

These cattle are to enter a breed test for milk and butter production. Of course no one will blame the champions of each breed for making the best showing possible. But what will the showing signify to the man who is looking to this contest to guide him in the selection of a dairy herd? It will not be a breed test, but a test of skill in selecting the individuals engaged in the test. It will be a test of judges of cows and not of breeds, and not of judges alone, but of trainers, of caretakers. The cows to be tested are not breed representatives performing under ordinary or even possible farm conditions, but are abnormal or unusual types—so unusual that the whole nation is raked with a fine tooth comb to find twenty-five of them and they are trained and maintained in a manner absolutely impossible to any dairy farm.

What this sort of thing means to the average dairyman is self evident, and if all dairymen treat the result of the contest as it deserves no harm will be done. But if it be accepted that the group of cows making the best showing indicates that the breed of which the group is selected is the best dairy breed, and that therefore all one need do is to buy cows of that breed to insure possession of a fine and profitable dairy herd, then great harm may be done. And so it follows that while exhibitions and contests of this kind cannot do any good they may do harm.

The grand stand, the spectacular, the artificial and theatrical element in all live stock shows has come to be altogether too large and too universal—farm, stock and home.

Execution at Butte.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 24.—James Martin was hanged today for the murder of J. R. Williams at Silver Bow Junction in May, 1902. The trap was sprung at 4.42 a. m. in utter darkness, and the only indication that the trap was sprung was the thud. Martin killed Williams in an attempt to rob him. Martin has refused to tell what his real name is. He said he had a father and a sister and did not want them to suffer for his disgraceful end.

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## New Carpets at Old Prices.

We have just received a large shipment of all wool and union carpets and now standing the big advance in prices of wool and cottons, we are prepared to quote you lowest prices of former seasons on these new goods. Buying in large quantities for our stores means a big saving to our customers. Would advise early buying as higher prices are bound to prevail later, besides you get best choice now. See these:—

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Union Carpets, in heavier weight, splendid wearing quality, full yard wide, handsome reversible designs, new colorings, good value, at 35c a yard, special at 30c.	Extra Super, 2 Ply All Wool Carpets—In elegant new designs and colorings, guaranteed in wear, good value at \$1.00 a yard, special per yard 85c.	New Matting—Excellent quality firm weave choice new reversible signs, pretty colorings, full yard wide, special at per yard 18c and 20c.
Extra heavy Union Carpets—Firm weave, choice designs and colors, reversible, good value at 45c to 50c a yard, special at 40c.	Best Quality 3 ply All Wool Carpets—Made from superior quality pure clean wools in rich reversible designs and color combinations, extra heavy firm weave, special per yard \$1.00.	Japan Matting—Superior quality fine soft finish weaves in plain fancy woven designs, pretty colorings, extraordinary values at per yard 25c and 30c.
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	New Japan Matting—Just arrived. These goods were ordered from Japan several months ago, and bought away below the prices which are asked for them to-day by the makers. Would advise you to buy your matting now as war prices are bound to prevail later.	400 Square Yards Heavy Scotch Linoleum—Splendid wearing quality, thoroughly seasoned, beautiful new floral, tile, and block designs in 3 yard and 4 yard widths, special a yard 50c.

## SEVEN STORES The NORTHWAY COMPANY, Limited TWO FACTORIES

German Army Decadence. —Considerable sensation has been made in Paris by the appearance in The Gil Blas of an article entitled "The Greatness and Decadence of the German Army." The author is evidently very familiar with conditions in that service. The points he makes are that the general discontent and spirit of revolt in labor circles are extending to the army, being taken there by the youths from the towns and cities. By them it is communicated to the youth from the country, who, at the end of their service, take it home with them. The immediate results are seen in the increasing unwillingness of the youth of the country to join the colors, and the army before long will receive severe treatment they are likely to receive. The author says also that the average German officer is not only lacking in enthusiasm in his duties, but is actually cold toward them, accepting them as the dull routine.

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