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THE HOUSING PROBLEM

The meeting that was held in City Hall last evening to discuss the proposition to open up city lands on the Gypsy Settlement Road for building purposes was only useful to the extent that it placed additional emphasis upon the need of better housing facilities and of closer union between the city and the outlying parishes. After hearing all the various speakers had to say the commissioners said that no action would be taken until a comprehensive scheme for town planning had been arranged. Before this can be done a town planning commission must be appointed, with the approval of the governor-in-council. The commissioners are doubtless more deeply impressed after hearing the various speakers last evening with the need of prompt action in this matter. The suggestion that a workingman's house could be erected for \$600 did not appear to be generally accepted, even if the workingman himself should do a good deal of the work. The sum of \$600, when we consider the present high cost of material and wages, and the movement for a shorter working day, would certainly not go very far, nor would a house built for that sum offer very much comfort or attraction to a family in which there were a number of children. It is very desirable, however, to have this matter discussed, and to have the attention of the people generally directed to the question of better housing accommodation. Unless all signs fail there will be a considerable addition to the population of St. John this year, and since a state of congestion, so far as housing is concerned, exists at the present time, it is perfectly clear that much worse conditions will exist next winter, unless immediate steps are taken to provide more houses. The extension of the street car lines into the suburbs will encourage people who have a little money to provide themselves with homes in the outskirts, and thus improve the conditions in the city itself.

THE PURISTS AT OTTAWA

Political reform as it is understood by the Conservatives in power does not appear to be the kind of reform which they advocated when in opposition. There is a fine illustration in the records of the department of Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, and member for St. John. The facts have already been set out in the press of Nova Scotia, but were once more spread before an admiring country yesterday in the house of commons. Briefly it was shown that on the recommendation of a defeated Tory candidate a man who had been convicted of forgery and was undergoing a sentence of imprisonment for twelve months was appointed to office in the marine department and was released from jail long before his sentence expired. One can easily picture the purists of the Tory party boasting of their great work in purifying the public service, and citing the case of this Nova Scotia gentleman as the proud proof of their success. Doubtless the fact that an army of more than a thousand villainous Grit postmasters fell under the scythe of the reformer and that the Atlantic to the Pacific the head-hunter has achieved great victories would also be cited as indisputable evidence that the axe had been even more successful in the country than the steam roller in the house of commons. Political reform is a great achievement. Any Tory politician would assert the fact, and most of them appear to be willing to prove their fidelity to the cause by seizing any office within their reach.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT

The United States Bureau of Education tells of an interesting experiment that is being made in Kansas city for the benefit of school children over fourteen years of age who have only reached the fifth grade and to whom the ordinary work of the public schools is distasteful. What has been called the Lathrop Industrial School has been organized for the special benefit of such pupils. Of its course an exchange says:

"Courses in bench wood-working, shop drawing, pattern-making, printing, carpentry and shop electricity are provided for the boys; cooking, sewing, millinery and embroidery for the girls. Classes in plumbing, bricklaying and concrete work will be formed as soon as the demand warrants. The academic branches are also taught in this continuation school, but they are taught in close relation to the industrial subjects. Arithmetic concerns the problems of the shop. English consists of practical instruction in necessary business forms; no attempt is made to teach technical grammar. Geography and history are taught from the commercial viewpoint, and local government is an important subject. The course is three years. During the first two years the teacher directs the choice of the pupils, but for the last year each boy is allowed to select his work in the trade he wishes to learn. Time is about equally divided between industrial and academic branches. Work such as that done in the Lathrop School promises to make valuable citizens out of children who might otherwise never find themselves."

The backward pupil presents a problem that is receiving more and more attention from educational authorities everywhere. The plan of having in a school one ungraded class where individual teaching may be given to each pupil has been tried

with good results in some places, and has been introduced in Canada, though only in one or two places. In time no doubt we shall have such classes in connection with the public schools in St. John, for it is alike unsatisfactory to these pupils and to their more clever and studious fellows to have them all in one class, and it also presents to the ambitious teacher a problem which is very discouraging, and which cannot be solved except by the introduction of the ungraded classes.

Premier Fleming has great faith in the future of St. John. He believes this city is in the lead in the race for a shipbuilding plant.

St. John men are everywhere. A tornado in Nebraska or a flood in Ohio or an earthquake in San Francisco brings to light the fact that St. John people have relatives in the place.

Hon. W. T. White, finance minister, appears to have something to learn in the matter of parliamentary courtesy. We are told that twice within twenty-four hours he was compelled to withdraw statements which the speaker ruled out of order.

The storm of the last few days has done a good deal of damage along the streams of this province, but when a comparison is made with some other parts of the continent we may consider ourselves fortunate.

There is a report to the effect that Mackenzie & Mannes after a loan of \$35,000,000 or \$40,000,000 from the government. Naturally a government which proposes to send \$30,000,000 out of the country without any thought of using it to develop Canadian industries might be expected to have other millions to loan for the convenience of great corporations which are very useful at election time.

The University of Toronto now has a course of instruction for highway engineers. It is taken as a part of the course of the final year in civil engineering. The Montreal Witness observes that this is a progressive step, but it fears that small advantage would be taken of it, since there are so few municipalities or communities in Canada sufficiently enlightened to engage a highway engineer and pay him a salary worth having. There is some force in the comment of the Witness, but it will probably be found that during the next few years in Canada a good deal more attention will be paid to the construction of permanent highways, involving the services of trained engineers. A beginning is about to be made in New Brunswick, at the instance of the provincial government, and it may well be followed by the various municipalities. Without highway engineers we shall not have good roads.

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London, March 27.—The object and scope of the Anglo-American exposition, which is to be held at Blenheim's Park in 1914 to celebrate the centenary of peace between the two English speaking nations was explained by the lord mayor at a meeting of men prominent in the public eye.

It was said originally that the scope of the exposition would include demonstrations of the progress of arts and sciences in the two countries for a century, and also a strong historical section. The lord mayor said today that the exposition also would include demonstrations of the progress of education, navigation, railroad building, bridge building, tunneling, electricity and hygienic food.

Resolutions adopting the scheme were passed as well as a motion that the profits shall be devoted to some as yet undefined object of national utility in the United States and the United Kingdom.

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The Hon. J. H. Gallinger, a Canadian who has achieved prominence in the political life of the United States, was born in Cornwall, Ont., on March 28, 1837. In early life he was a printer; then he took up the study and practice of medicine. He entered public life in New Hampshire in 1872 as member of the State House of Representatives, rising to be United States Senator in 1891, an office he still holds.

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NOT THERE.

There is a good deal of complaint because people don't walk more, but it does not come from the head of a large family with shoes to buy.—Athens Globe.

A commercial traveller was bragging about the magnitude of the firm he represented.

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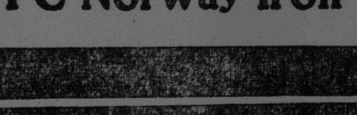
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THE LANCASTER LANDS MATTER

The proposals to open up the city land on the Gypsy Settlement Road for building purposes was discussed at a meeting of about thirty citizens with the mayor and city commissioners last evening. Some suggestions were made, but the commissioners took the stand that they could undertake no such work until the town planning scheme had been completed.

Mr. Hatheway outlined his plan which was that the land should be laid out in lots 50 by 100 feet with 66 foot streets and the lots sold from \$100 to \$200 on easy terms to workmen who would be required to erect houses costing not less than \$800 in order to retain the title. Mr. Hatheway had been assured that if fifty families settled there the St. John Railway Company would extend its line to the district.

Commissioner Schofield said that, as the district was not within the city limits, the city could not undertake the laying out of streets or supplying water and sewerage.

Mayor Pritch suggested that development work might be undertaken more easily if the parishes of Simonds and Lancaster were included in the city limits.

Commissioner Wigmore urged the need of developing the land back of Fort Howe and in Stanley ward. He understood that some of those who were advocating selling the city lands, at low prices were holding tracts of land elsewhere for fancy figures.

Commissioner McEllen referred to the necessity of coping with the housing problem, saying that in one place he found seven persons living in three rooms.

Among those contributing to the discussion were: James Sugrue, president of the Trades and Labor Council; Charles P. Stewart, of the carpenters' union; Rev. J. J. McCaskill, J. E. Tighe, of the home-shoppers' union, Councilors Golding and Bryant, Alex. Wilson, of the Wilson Box Company; J. Lynch and J. J. Hughes, of the plumbers' union; M. J. Burns, of the machinists' union; Rev. J. H. Anderson and Rev. Miles McCutcheon.



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The premier referred to the suburban railway bill and pointed out the great advantages to the city of having the opportunity for expansion offered by the new company's projects.