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CITY GOVERNMENT AND PROGRESS

One of the critics of civic government by commission has said that all persons who advocate a commission believe that it would cure all the evils or shortcomings that are complained of. As some of the people who believe in government by commission—that is, by commissioners elected by the taxpayers just as the aldermen are now elected but with additional safeguards—reasonable beings, they do not expect that any mere change in the form of government would result in any miraculous transformation of civic conditions, or would prove to be a sort of patent medicine cure-all.

THE SCHOOL CITY

A plan has been worked out in New York for the organization of children in the public schools into a miniature municipality or "school city." The children were organized into a perfectly miniature municipality governed exactly like large cities with a mayor, aldermen, police, street cleaning and health departments. The officers were elected or appointed as they are in New York and they performed their duties under the rules of the several departments of the municipal government of the city. The plan not only involves the question of discipline and control within the school, and of keeping school buildings and grounds in sanitary condition, but is of the greatest value in teaching by doing the duties of citizenship.

WHAT IS A COMMISSION?

There is published today in The Telegraph an article explanatory of civic government by commission. This article is the product of a careful and prolonged examination by the advertising committee of the Board of Trade which for some months past has been looking into the reasons leading to the adoption of the commission system in many cities, the nature of such commissions, and the results obtained by their adoption.

NOT AND COMMENT

Real estate is beginning to show signs of life. When the vacant lots are taxed the real estate market will be worth watching.

CITY GOVERNMENT

There is no more hopeful sign, so far as the affairs of St. John are concerned, than that the New Year should open with a very pronounced agitation for a better system of city government. It will be noted that those who have taken the most active interest in the study and discussion of the commission plan have not done so because they desired to attack the members of the city council, but because they desired a system under which any set of men could produce better results in civic administration than are possible under the existing system. It is said that a majority of the members of the city council are favorable to a plebiscite on the commission plan. They know the weakness and the inefficiency of the present system. They share in common with other citizens the desire that better methods may be adopted, if such better methods are available.

THE SCHOOL CITY

The city asks of its schools that they should assist each citizen to lead his best life in all that makes for civic citizenship. Every one feels that a city is great only as its members are developed. The city assigns particular tasks to different bodies of servants. The cure of disease and the direction of sanitation is given to the physician; the management of finance to the banker; the running of trains to the railway men; the leadership of the church to theologians and pastors; the direction of education to the teaching profession, and that education is not English up to the letter G, or even skill in mathematics, but citizenship. It knows very well what it wants and while it makes no effort to dictate the policy of any institution it yet calls upon each for a very definite service. Genuine growth is measured by the extent to which children recognize in the school the same moral motives and relations which obtain outside. This can be secured only when the school presents the same flexible, informal relations that obtain in every day life. When school duties and responsibilities are of a sort found only in the school, comparatively little is secured for the all-round development of character. When school conditions are rigid and formal as to be paralleled by anything outside, external order and decorum may be secured, but there is no guarantee of right growth in directions demanded by the ordinary walks of life. And right here has been the greatest failure of our schools. We have succeeded in securing external habits of attention and restraint, but no power of direction and initiative nor moral self-control. We have not succeeded in relating even the external habits of attention and restraint to conditions outside the school room.

NOT AND COMMENT

When giving aticky medicines to children, wear the spoon by dipping it for a moment in hot water; then pour in the medicine and it will slip easily from the spoon.

THE SCHOOL CITY

The citizens who in the first election had scattered their votes among the thirty or forty candidates would concentrate them upon the five best men and secure the election of all or a majority of them. This, at all events, would seem to be a perfectly reasonable supposition, and in fact the history of those cities in the United States which have adopted the commission plan bears out the statement that the plan works well.

NOT AND COMMENT

Scholars tell us that in investigations in the ancient city of Sertis, water mains have been discovered which were built five centuries before the Christian era, and are still in an excellent state of preservation. One wonders what would have happened some of the engineers and contractors had they lived in that age and attempted to pass upon the public some of the same class of work we are "standing for" today.

NOT AND COMMENT

The attendance of young children unaccompanied by older persons at moving picture theatres is condemned by the Montreal Society for the Protection of Women and Children. The society also hopes that attention will be paid by the legislature of the province at the coming session to compulsory education, prison labor, and inspectors to look after children who are placed in homes to save them from cruelty and neglect.

NOT AND COMMENT

While we in Eastern Canada are making a more determined effort than ever before to arouse a new spirit of enterprise and develop our resources we do not regard with envy the progress of the west. The Victoria Colonist quotes Premier McBride as stating that fully \$100,000,000 will be expended in British Columbia in railroad construction and large industrial works within the next four years. He believes that half that sum will be spent on railway construction, \$20,000,000 on productive public works, and \$30,000,000 spent in the exploitation of timber areas, coal fields and fisheries.

NOT AND COMMENT

The council of the board of trade is so favorably impressed by the report of the advertising committee, on the commission plan of city government, that after a full and free discussion of the whole subject last evening it endorsed the report and declared itself in favor of a plebiscite. In other words, it wants the citizens to do what it has done, study carefully the commission plan, and then decide whether it should be adopted in place of the present unsatisfactory system for city government. This brings the subject forward in a manner to invite the attention of every citizen. The campaign is now fairly launched.

NOT AND COMMENT

The question of municipal house building was discussed by the recent international housing congress at Vienna. The view of a delegate from Liverpool that when housing conditions reach a low level the municipality was bound to interfere, not only by making rules but by building examples of what the houses should be, was generally approved. There is a difference between the German and the new English system of housing artisans. In Germany they are housed in blocks, but in England the preference is for single cottages, with a bit of land connected with each. It is possible in England to secure money at low rates for the erection of working men's houses, and this is a condition which might well prevail in other countries, Canada included.

NOT AND COMMENT

Mr. John T. Hawke, of the Moncton Transcript, in an article reprinted on another page today gives further attention to rural conditions, to the condition of the country roads, and to the Hazen government's responsibility for existing evils. The local administration has enjoyed a large and constantly increasing revenue—but the roads are worse than ever. The new government's chief duty—self assumed—was to give the province good roads. It has not done so, or come near doing so. Worse yet, it has so demonstrated its incapacity since 1908 that few people now believe Mr. Hazen and his colleagues deserve anything but defeat at the hands of the electors. Mr. Hawke in his article exposes the absurdity of the old plea that Mr. Hazen's predecessors are somehow responsible for the bad roads of today. The electors who accepted Mr. Hazen at his own valuation have been badly fooled. Today they know it.

NOT AND COMMENT

The press of Montreal and Toronto is devoting a very large amount of space to the reciprocity negotiations at Washington. The general tenor of the reports appears to indicate that the United States government is so anxious for reciprocity that it will meet the Canadians at least half way. It is pointed out that the Democratic victory of last year showed that the people of the country were determined, if possible, to reduce the cost of living by getting food products cheaper, and that there is also a very general desire for freer entry of raw materials other than food products. Interviews that are published show that United States politicians generally recognize the importance of reducing the tariff, and of making, if possible, a trade treaty with Canada that will be of benefit to the consumer in the United States. Apart from this general statement of views there is nothing to indicate what concessions the United States government is prepared to make. Opinions differ on this point, but there appears to be a general consensus of opinion that an agreement will be reached within a very short time.

NOT AND COMMENT

When I had charge of Standard I, I received my scholars at the age of seven from the infant school, and they would then have a working knowledge of the Tonic Solfa Notation with easy intervals and time. Every day had its twenty minute singing lesson, including at convenient intervals, time and tune tests separately and combined, exercises in voice production, and the correct singing of suitable songs, folk songs and national airs being of late in special favor. The upper classes, massed, would sing chorals in two or three parts, such as Wagner's Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, and Schubert's Hunting Chorus, from Rosamund.

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FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE A UNION UPON PARCHEMENT By Daniel O'Connell

I WILL never be guilty of the crime of despairing of my country. And today, after two centuries of suffering, here I stand amidst you in this hall, repeating the same complaints, demanding the same justice which was claimed by our fathers; but no longer with the humble voice of the suppliant, but with the sentiment of our force and the conviction that Ireland will henceforth find means to do, without you, what you shall have refused to do for her. I make no compromise with you; I want the same rights for us that you enjoy; the same municipal system for Ireland as for England and Scotland. Otherwise, what is a union with you? A union upon parchment! Well, we will tear this parchment to pieces and the empire will be sundered.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

To the Editor of The Telegraph. Sir,—I have read with great interest the letter from Appreciator in today's issue entitled Music in St. John. I am the Methodist minister in Oranmore, and I can endorse from my experience all Appreciator says. I am convinced that he is right in calling the teaching of music in the public schools the key of the situation. I came here this fall, after eleven years' experience as a class teacher in English elementry schools—city schools, although it is hardly necessary to specify, as country and city schools alike reach a high standard of proficiency in the divine art. This delightful state of affairs is due as much to sheer hard work and systematic training as to natural gifts in the children. There were a few scholars who appeared to lack a singing voice, and these had to be either trained up or fired out. The great majority, however, regarded the music lesson with pleasure.

A NEW COMPANY. Arthur H. Hilyard of Dalhousie, George A. Hilyard of St. John, Gilbert G. Murdoch of St. John, and W. H. Harrison and J. A. Powell solicitors, are applying for incorporation as the Hilyard Dock and Construction Company, Ltd., with capital of \$250,000. The powers asked for include the right to buy and sell lands and timber limits, trees, timber, pulpwood, etc., to cut and manufacture; to own and operate steam and sailing vessels, to acquire wharves, docks, water rights, water and electric powers and to construct and purchase apparatus for loading and discharging vessels.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher The housewife, tired of the beastly grind, turned loose some thoughts that were in her mind, when her husband came from his toil at night; she said the world didn't use her right. "I'm MONOT- always doing the same old chores, I'm always sweeping the same old floors, I'm always washing the same old frocks, and darning holes in the same old socks. I'm sick and tired of this wretched life! There is no joy for a poor man's wife!" The wife of the rich man sighed and said: "Gee whiz! A dame might as well be dead! I'm always doing my social chores, I'm always wearing by stately bores; I'm always choosing the proper gown, I'm always motoring through the town! I'm always doing the same old things! I wish, I wish I had ten-foot wings! I'd fly away to some lowly cot, and do a stunt with a coffee-pot!" We all grow tired of the work we do, and sigh and rant till the air is blue. But it does no good, and it takes no hay, and the wise man chases such troubles away. The world improves with each passing year, because each man in his little sphere, takes off his jacket and grins and sings, and keeps on doing the same old things.

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Maritime Growth Package for The rapid development trade import attention being box packing. By her reputation in the union that employ are the ones that in regard to retailing the apples was paid obtain a still get the box in the price. The fact that the apples were sold \$8 a box shows of course, not exceptional sell for twice as in barrels. Our British C. the best selection of fruit, constantly say, retailing apples for letter that the state provinces in the valley, the red Scotia will not a cause "she can't this is so. Another wake up. But at all rights? Men who business many a umbria was thought and she comment only package the the harvest and the tion through its, have changed at gradually calling package, she is packing in Scot. But it is a stage that at where the fruit a time the most worth in the fr states. In Onta more and more the co-operative tions are using. While the ne in more gener the place and Only No. 1 an placed in boxes grades in barrels established and in the trade sners is first and only first should form the mere in box for doubt in g sale or purcha the barrel he new most and but the box sh package for d The can be do

THIRTY MILLIONS OF CARIBOU Thompson Seton tells us that the Barren Grounds caribou, between the McKenzie River and Hudson Bay, number more than 30,000,000, and maybe double of that. He says that in the very largest estimate the number killed by the In-

THE SCHOOL AND CITIZENSHIP A traveler reports that he noticed a sign in China indicating that English would be taught there up to the letter G. This may suffice in China, but for full-fledged Canadian citizenship it is necessary to carry the children beyond that stage—to

One objection that has been made to the commission plan is that very poor men might be selected as the commissioners. As a matter of fact, however, conditions would be no worse than now, while the probability of getting good men is much stronger than under the present city council and ward system. It must be borne in mind that under the commission plan there is a double election. Let us suppose that there were thirty or forty candidates in the first election for the five offices. When the vote was counted, if it was found that in the ten highest who would be the candidates in the second election, there were persons whom it would not be desirable to elect,

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