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## DAWN OF A NEW DAY

By C. Mortimer Bezeau

Individual rights have never changed throughout the ages; though our concept of those rights has been continually changing. At times man's concept of individual rights has been crystalized into law, and the law as affecting individual rights has frequently been changed; but the eternal law of right has never changed. Right is right; and no law can make it otherwise. Laws do not make rights; they merely interpret our concept of those rights.

It is said that if a man invests his money in a business he should have the right to control that business; but such a thought does not take into consideration the right of the individual who has invested his toil and his life in the business; and is based on the assumption that money is more valuable than human life and human energy. The right of any man to undisputed and unlimited control of a business vested in his name stops just where the right of an employee to be something better than a mere wage slave begins. We may pass laws presuming to take away the rights of the individual employee; but such laws do not, and cannot, destroy those rights which were his from before the foundations of the world. No matter how much money a man may possess he cannot exist without the product of toil and human energy. Midas could not live because everything he touched turned to gold. Money is not wealth—it merely represents wealth which is the product of toil. Laws which protect should protect also the producers of wealth; and should recognize the right of these producers to be something more than mere wage slaves. Producers of wealth have a right to a share of the product of their toil; and if they do not get this, then some other person is getting what does not belong to him; and while he may have a legal right to it he has no moral right to it; because his right to it stops just where the producer's right to it begins.

I am moved to write in this strain by the fact that we are standing on the threshold of a new day. The old order of things is passing away; but it appears as though it shall not be allowed to pass without a struggle. The depression through which we are passing has increased the strangle hold which capital has on labor and the product of labor; and capital is trying to take advantage of the opportunities which the present situation affords of forcing the great mass of the people to be-

come mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for the benefit of the few. In this the few must not be permitted to succeed; they shall not succeed, for the struggle is but the dying convulsion of the old order.

The power of capital is great; and capital recognizes only the jungle law of might. Within our own city we have seen capital forcing small industries to the wall for the purpose of giving big business greater power and control, and increasing the strangle hold which capital has on toilers and the products of toil.

Whether this dying convulsion shall be but a localized rumble, and the new day be permitted to enter in an orderly manner, or whether it shall become sufficiently wide-spread to involve the whole country in a gigantic struggle depends to a large extent on the attitude of those who sit in high places. It is too much to expect that the old order shall pass away, and the world experience a new birth without a tremor; but there is no sound reason why this tremor should develop into a gigantic upheaval, which it is sure to do unless sanity directs the affairs of the nation and of the world. In the past we have been wont to look to federal governments to give direction in matters of great national importance such as the one now under consideration; but with the passing of the old order this system must pass also. In the birth of the new world, and in shaping and giving direction to the future policies of nations such as Canada it will be necessary to look for guidance to local bodies such as municipal councils, for these are in closer touch with the thought and sentiment of the people than federal or provincial governments can be. In the old world which is passing out the great mass of the people have bowed to the will of the few; in the new world, on the threshold of which we stand today, there will be no bowing of one class to another; on the contrary, those higher virtues which are born of the struggle for right and truth and justice shall prevail; and there shall be "unity of spirit and aims, and of purpose and ideals."

Toward this end may the mayor and council of 1934 give heed, so that at the close it may be said of Kitchener as it was said of Queen Victoria that

Statesmen at her council met  
Who knew the seasons when to take  
Occasion by the hand, and make  
The bounds of freedom wider yet.

and the K. - W. Hospital Commission, he having resigned from the former body some weeks ago. It is no secret that Mr. Ratz was in serious disagreement with the mayor on many matters that came before the Family Relief Board, particularly the increase in salary to the relief officer; and that there was serious friction over the way the mayor handled the coal situation at the hospital. It is believed by many that back of it all the retirement of Mr. Ratz is in silent protest against the methods employed in these two bodies to promote private interests.

THE DAWN believes that in time the electors will awaken to the real reason why good men are so reluctant to enter the public life of this city.

## Should There Be?

A stinging rebuke was recently handed out by William N. Hardy, manager of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, to those newspapers that are afraid to give full publicity to all public affairs and to the acts of public officials, in a speech published by the Linotype News of Brooklyn. The speech is commented on by the Brantford Expositor, and the comment is reproduced by the Daily Record. In its comment the expositor says: "Mr. Hardy believes that the relentless exposure of all transactions is the great remedy. Mr. Hardy says 'Let the newspaperman take his place in the scheme of things, especially in this democracy. Let him stand in the watchtower after first acquiring that intelligence to comprehend rules of conduct which work public evil and the motives which inspire proposals for law, rule or regulation. Then he should insist that the congressmen and legislators go the limit in using the columns of the newspapers in putting people on guard at all times and in all places where their interests are affected.'"

"There is a good deal of reason in this contention. There must be a greater interest taken in public affairs by the people in order to restrain the unscrupulous elements in society who would prey upon the unsuspecting public."

It would be amusing were it not almost tragic to read such stuff in some newspapers. The Brantford Expositor apparently believes that there should be "relentless exposure of all transactions" of a public nature; and we imagine the Record would have its readers believe that it feels the same way about it; but are these two papers prepared to do their share in bringing about the "relentless exposure" of matters which affect the public? Or do they want "George" to do it?

The present mayor of Brantford discovered, what has been discovered in other towns and cities with only one newspaper, that if he would get certain facts before the people of his city, and expose wrong doing in high places he would have to start a newspaper of his own. The investigation into municipal affairs of that city, and the revelations which resulted, showed how the people can be kept in the dark for years with regard to wrong doing in high places.

Someone has said that "Necessity is the mother of invention." We will say also that necessity is the mother of THE DAWN. People who have written letters to the Daily Record exposing some wrong doing in high places know how difficult it is to have such letters printed in that paper. It shall be the mission of THE DAWN to relentlessly expose wrong doing in high places and keep the public informed on matters of public interest.

It was a minister of the crown in the Dominion Government who said that newspapers are too often gagged by the revenue that is taken in over the advertising counter; and THE DAWN has not yet seen a newspaper contradict the statement. In our opinion the minister in question might have gone further and stated that many newspapers not only fail to expose wrong doing themselves; but they won't allow others to do it through their columns.

## MORE OPTICAL DUST

This is not the kind of dust that opticians use. In fact we don't know that opticians use any kind of dust unless they have some kind of a fine powder that they use for polishing. Ald. Gordon says, You can't be optimistic with misty optics; so we suppose the work of the optimistic optician is to remove the mist from the optics.

The kind of dust to which we refer is the kind that is fixed up in some newspaper offices and thrown into the eyes of their readers to blind them to certain facts. Perhaps it would be more correct to call it optic dope, because dope has a deadening effect. To illustrate what kind of dust this is we quote from the Daily Record of December 30th as follows: "Indications are that all council committees will complete operations within their budget allowances.....In spite of the record made by committees there will be, as estimated somewhat earlier, a deficit on the whole of about \$30,000. This is attributed directly to relief costs and the costs of maintaining indigent patients in various hospitals."

"These two accounts are uncontrollable as far as council is concerned. The relief account is over spent because in estimating at the beginning of the year the Family Relief Board called for an appropriation of \$70,000 instead of \$100,000 in the belief the relief drive put on by the relief fund organization would net at least \$50,000."

With the exception of the estimated deficit everything in the statement quoted above is sufficiently colored to dim the mental vision to the facts of the case. The fact is that the mayor and council were told privately and publicly that \$70,000 was not sufficient to put in the estimates for relief;

\$80,000 had been spent for relief the year before, and with relief costs going up there was no ground for hope that they could get through with less. They were told also that less than \$40,000 had been raised in the previous drive for funds; and there was no ground for the belief that more could be raised in the second drive. The council were determined to bring down the mill rate in order to get a pat on the back at the time. We heard the mayor boast during the last campaign that the council had reduced the mill rate; but he did not tell the people how, nor why it was done. Now the council has a huge deficit on which we are paying interest.

The Record says the cost of relief and the cost of indigent accounts are two items over which the council have had no control; but the Record would have been nearer the truth if it had stated that they are two accounts over which the mayor and council voluntarily relinquished control. In the case of indigent hospital patients the mayor never made any pretense of investigating them before admitting them to the hospital. In fact he was accused by a member of the K-W hospital commission of playing politics in the matter.

The facts related here are known to the Record just as they are known to THE DAWN; but you would read that paper a long time before you would see them presented there.

A great many people wonder why so many electors vote, or appear to vote blindly when they are selecting their mayor and council; but the reason is that the information which they have had in the past has been so colored that the electors were in the dark regarding the true situation.

## THAT REDUCED ASSESSMENT

At the council meeting Monday night when Ald. Meinzing was pointing out how a millionaire insurance company was able to have a \$60,000 reduction in assessment on a certain building in this city while the poor man could not get a dollar reduction, Ald. Hearn asked Ald. Meinzing where he got his information about the reduction. Ald. Hearn was chairman of the Industrial Committee of last year, and it is said that the Industrial Committee worked the reduction for the insurance company. It is said also that there is a secret agreement for a fixed assessment at the reduced rate for a period of three years. Under the law only a vote of the people can fix any assessment; but apparently the Industrial Committee is above the law.

It is due the people of Kitchener that a complete statement of this transaction be made public. The reduction in the assessment on the building in question has to be made up by an increased tax rate on other property. There is one thing that should not be overlooked, and that is that such a reduction does not end with the reduction; but whatever burden is lifted off the shoulders of this millionaire corporation is placed on the shoulders of other people who are less able to carry it.

Ald. Hearn in asking where Ald. Meinzing got his information appeared to think that the matter

had no right to be public property, and should be kept a secret; and he wanted to know Who let the cat out of the bag; at least that was the meaning of his question. But this is the kind of treatment the common people get when they are driven to the polls like so many dumb animals and vote for men whose names are handed to them on a paper prepared for the purpose.

## WHO IS THIS ALDERMAN?

Mr. Edward Lippert has placed in the hands of council a statement in which he makes many charges relative to law enforcement in this city. In the statement he says, "On one occasion I was warned by an alderman of this city that a frame-up was planned, and that I should be on my guard." Then he goes on to relate how the alleged attempt was carried out.

What we are interested in right now is; Who is the alderman that tips off hotel keepers regarding intended raids? Is this alderman still in the council?

This, in the opinion of THE DAWN is the most serious charge which Mr. Lippert makes in his statement; and the council cannot well do other than demand an investigation into it.

## Mr. E. E. Ratz Retires

It has been rumored for some time that E. E. Ratz, chairman of the K-W. Hospital Commission would retire from that body at the end of the year; and this rumor was confirmed when his resignation was presented to council. Mr. Ratz gives as his reason for leaving the commission the demands upon his time made by his private business interests.

THE DAWN does not claim to be in the confidence of Mr. Ratz; but it is significant that he has retired only from those bodies of which Mayor Sturm is also a member, i.e. The Family Relief Board



## INVADING OUR RIGHTS

Sir William Mulock recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday, and on that occasion he delivered an address which should be carefully studied by every Canadian. Among other things he said: "I desire to bring to your attention a subject of the greatest importance, one which concerns the liberties, the rights, the happiness of every citizen in Canada and the welfare of Canada itself."

"I refer to the ever-increasing practice of the parliament of Canada and of our provincial legislatures of depriving our people of the protection of the law and of the courts, by vesting in autocrats the power to arbitrarily deal with matters affecting our liberties, and our rights without the intervention of any court."

Sir William said much more along the same line without naming any specific body or commission which he had in mind; but in saying what he did he spoke from a wealth of experience and observation, and in doing so he confirmed what a great many people have long suspected. "Most people in Canada," said Sir William, "are of the opinion that everywhere throughout the land the rule of law prevails and is sovereign guardian of their rights. It is not so." Continuing Sir William said: "Let this invasion of the people's rights continue, and the ultimate result must be despotism, a Frankenstein we shall cease to be a free people, and our condition will be like that of unhappy Russia, not of England of old."

## THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

THE DAWN believes that Reeve Bingeman of New Hamburg was quite within his rights, and quite justified in his criticism of the charges made at the Old People's Home.

If conditions at the Home were nearly as bad as those described by Mayor Sturm during the election campaign we wonder why the mayor has not demanded that the inspector be placed on the carpet and asked to explain how such conditions could exist. The inspector says he has a lot of work to do; but if the conditions described by Mayor Sturm actually existed it would appear that a lot of work was left undone. We can readily understand why certain persons were opposed to a judicial investigation. Mayor Sturm said the reason why he opposed a judicial investigation was that he did not want the facts spread over the country; then he proceeded to broadcast them over the radio. Not very consistent.

Reeve Ratz's defense of the

Some of us who have watched the trend of municipal politics in Kitchener know there is a great deal of truth in what Sir William said, though it is quite possible that our experience is quite different from anything which he had in mind. We have seen aboard created by the city council, and made the largest spending body in the city with powers greater than those possessed by the council which created it - so great were these powers assumed to be that certain members of the council expressed the opinion that the council was helpless with regard to certain expenditures with which they did not agree. Of course these members were wrong, because the council cannot legally create a body such as the Family Relief Board and endow it with powers greater than those possessed by its creator. But it is the creation of such a body, followed by the assumption that the body is a law unto itself regardless of any law on the matter, that is likely to make of such a body a "Frankenstein" with power to destroy its creator.

That the board believed it had powers greater than its creator was evident when the relief officer said to council, "Ald. Gordon is not running the relief department and that goes for every other alderman as well." Not an alderman dared to rebuke him for his impudent statement and assumption of authority. Sir William did well to remind the people that there is such a thing as a "Frankenstein" in real life.

stoker was not very convincing. He is reported to have said. "Yes it is working, and is satisfactory. The only thing is this, the heating system needs some readjustment, the temperature at times in parts being high and low in others." We wonder how much more than that he would want to have wrong with it before he would say it was not satisfactory. Uniform temperature that is high enough to keep the people warm is as important to old people as is milk and butter.

It is the opinion of the THE DAWN that the councils of Kitchener and Galt will get a real shock when they receive a statement of their respective shares of the cost of the changes that have been made. It is opinion also of THE DAWN that these changes were "capital" expenditures; and that under the agreement which Kitchener has with the county this city will not be legally bound to contribute to the cost as the council did not approve the expenditure before it was made.

## SEES HUMOROUS SIDE

Editor THE DAWN: I am thankful that I am the kind of person who can see the humorous side of things. Every time Mayor Sturm talks for publication I get a great kick out of it. His latest outburst is in connection with the suggestion that a committee of ex-mayors and a former treasurer assist the mayor and council in solving our financial problems. He is reported in the Record as saying: "To me the suggestion is absurd and ridiculous. Were the aldermen to put themselves on record as favoring such a plan they would be discounting their own ability. The responsibility rests entirely with the aldermen, and I am surprised there should be any suggestion to delegate that responsibility."

It seems to me that Mayor Sturm is rather late with his surprise party. Was it not Mayor Sturm

who, last year, suggested to council that a former treasurer act in an advisory capacity to the council in striking the estimates? Did Mayor Sturm not go to Toronto and consult Mr. H. L. Brittain with a view to engaging his services in striking the 1933 estimates. Did Mayor Sturm not have a former treasurer "sit in" with the finance committee last year when striking the estimates?

Mayor Sturm likes to talk about consistency. I am saving all Mayor Sturm's public statements, and will seal them up in a package to be opened in the year 2034 to let my descendants know the kind of mayor Kitchener had 100 years before; and in doing this I express the hope that those who open the package will have inherited some of my ability to see the funny side of things.

Funny Bone.

You can understand a lot of things when you remember that it was the Dunker Construction Co. that got the contract for the sewer disposal plant at a price \$14,000 higher than the lowest tender, and was the Dunker Construction Co. \$12,000 additional for extras.

## Riding Demands The Best

Under the above heading the Daily Record on January 19th said "With the certainty of a provincial election this year.....political speculation is rife, particularly under surface. Indications are that there are two or three Liberals and a like number of Conservatives who will be seeking the nominations of these old time parties."

"The main thought should be that a riding such as North Waterloo should be well represented in the legislature. The party standard bearers should be the best possible men, citizens who are outstanding, not necessarily in a political way, but men who command respect in the legislature, on a committee or when they rise to speak.....North Waterloo is a prosperous and important section of Western Ontario, and should be represented in the house by an outstanding representative."

The above was the expressed opinion of the Record on January 19th; but who can tell what opinion that paper will express a few days before the vote is taken. We remember how the Record started out in the last municipal election by advising the electors to make a careful study of the ability and accomplishments of the candidates and make sure to select the best men. We remember also how, a couple days before the election these very important matters were pushed into the background, and "traditional" rights were pushed to the front.

It is not unusual for some newspapers to change their expressed opinions just before an election without giving any explanation for the change. Hon. H. H. Stevens has been throwing some light on newspapers recently; we wonder if he could throw some light on why some newspapers change their opinions just before an election. Perhaps he would say that the reason here is the same as why they don't expose wrong doing.

## V. O. N.

The Victorian Order of Nurses stands out prominently as an organization which resulted from a Divine inspiration. At the annual meeting of the V.O.N. held recently at the Y.W.C.A., Dr. J. W. Fraser said that the \$1,200 grant to the order did not equal the city's responsibility to the order; and he might have gone further and said that the splendid work carried on by this organization cannot be measured in dollars and cents. But this fact should not relieve the city council of the responsibility of seeing that those at the head of the order do not have to worry about the deficit of nearly \$600. incurred last year. It is remarkable that the order was able to finance as closely as it did in view of the increased demands made upon it. This is one organization that makes every dollar count; and the council would do well to increase the usual grant sufficiently to wipe out the deficit. Were it not for the V.O.N. the indigent hospital costs would be greatly increased; and money granted to this organization should be looked upon as an investment rather than an expenditure.

If more electors would attend council meetings, or other public functions, where they could see their public servants in action, they would be better able to make an intelligent selection on election day, instead of having to depend on what some person with an axe to grind tells them. It is safe to say that of those who think they are called to public service, only a very few would be chosen from among those who now get elected if the public had first-hand information as to the kind of public servants they are.

## C.K.C.R. PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY

A.M.  
9.00—Bethany Mennonite  
9.30—Moment Musicale  
10.00—Eugene Ormandy  
10.30—Raymar  
11.00—Organettes  
11.15—Piano Moods  
11.30—Dance Time  
11.45—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
12.00—Luncheon Dance  
12.30—Salon  
12.45—Duke Ellington  
1.00—Rex Battle  
Silent  
5.00—Symphonic Hour  
5.30—Tea Dance  
5.45—Stock Reports  
6.00—Songland  
6.15—Waltz Time  
6.30—Dinner Dance  
7.00—Salon  
7.30—Raymar  
8.00—German Trio  
8.30—Irish Balladeer  
9.00—Neilson Hour  
10.00—Tommy Mack

### FRIDAY

9.00—First Mennonite Church  
9.30—Martial Airs  
9.45—Star Dust  
10.00—Eugene Ormandy Presents  
10.30—Raymar  
11.00—Organettes  
11.15—Piano Moods  
11.30—Opera  
11.45—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
12.00—Luncheon Dance  
12.30—Salon  
12.45—Glen Gray  
1.00—Rex Battle  
Silent  
5.00—Symphonic Hour  
5.30—Tea Dance  
5.45—Stock Reports  
6.00—Songland  
6.15—Hawaiian  
6.30—Dinner Dance  
7.00—Quiet Harmonies  
7.15—Hoedown Pals  
7.30—Raymar  
8.00—Beatty Merry-makers  
8.30—South Sea Revellers  
8.45—Glen and Norma  
9.00—Irvin Lang

### SATURDAY

A.M.  
9.00—Varieties  
9.30—Moment Musicale  
10.00—Eugene Ormandy Presents  
10.30—Raymar  
11.00—Organettes  
11.15—Piano Moods  
11.30—Musical Comedy  
11.45—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
12.00—Luncheon Dance  
12.30—Salon  
12.45—Duke Ellington  
1.15—Rex Battle  
1.40—Silent  
5.00—Children's Hour  
6.00—Songland  
6.15—Waltz Time  
6.30—Dinner Dance  
7.00—Salon  
7.15—Tropical Serenaders  
7.30—Raymar  
8.00—Blue Jackets  
8.30—Arm Chair Reveries  
9.00—General Motors Hockey

### SUNDAY

A.M.  
10.30—Hawaiian  
10.45—Salon  
11.00—St. Matthews  
P.M.  
12.15—Musical Masterpieces  
12.45—Silent  
5.30—Eugene Ormandy Presents  
6.00—Bethany Choristers

6.30—Paul Snider  
7.00—Benton St. Church  
8.30—German Music  
9.00—Quartette & Chorus

### MONDAY

A.M.  
9.00—Varieties  
9.30—Martial Airs  
9.45—Star Dust  
10.00—Eugene Ormandy Presents  
10.30—Raymar  
11.00—Organettes  
11.15—Piano Moods  
11.30—Dance Time  
11.45—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
12.00—Luncheon Dance  
12.30—Salon  
12.45—Glen Gray  
1.00—Rex Battle  
Silent  
5.00—Symphonic Hour  
5.30—Tea Dance  
5.45—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
6.00—Songland  
6.15—Hawaiian  
6.30—Dinner Dance  
7.00—Quiet Harmonies  
7.30—Raymar  
8.00—Sunshine Gospel Singers  
8.30—W. R. Mason  
9.00—Playboys  
9.30—Yodelling Bill  
9.45—Sue and Sal

### TUESDAY

A.M.  
9.00—Waterloo Baptist Mission  
9.30—Moment Musicale  
10.00—Eugene Ormandy Presents  
10.30—Raymar  
11.00—Organettes  
11.15—Piano Moods  
11.30—Opera  
11.45—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
12.00—Luncheon Dance  
12.30—Salon  
12.45—Duke Ellington  
1.00—Kiwanis Lunch  
Silent  
5.00—Symphonic Hour  
5.30—Tea Dance  
5.45—Stock Reports  
6.00—Songland  
6.15—Waltz Time  
6.30—Dinner Dance  
7.00—Salon  
7.30—Raymar  
8.00—Brunk Bros.  
8.15—Xylophonist Harvey Smith  
8.30—Rudy Roth  
9.00—Rhapsodies in Blues

### WEDNESDAY

A.M.  
9.00—Pentecostal Tabernacle  
9.30—Star Dust  
10.00—Eugene Ormandy Presents  
10.30—Raymar  
11.00—Organettes  
11.15—Piano Moods  
11.30—Musical Comedy  
11.45—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
12.00—Luncheon Dance  
12.30—Salon  
12.45—Glen Gray  
1.00—Rex Battle  
Silent  
5.00—Symphonic Hour  
5.30—Tea Dance  
WEDNESDAY  
P.M.  
5.45—Stock Reports  
6.00—Songland  
6.15—Hawaiian  
6.30—Dinner Dance  
7.00—Quiet Harmonies  
7.30—Raymar  
8.00—Wandering Cowboy  
8.15—Travelogue  
8.30—Bible Study  
8.45—Old Log Cabin Boys  
9.00—Novelty

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## NO CROWD HERE

Editor THE DAWN:

Sunday evening I heard a sermon entitled "The Overcrowded Life." As I listened to that sermon I thought of our municipal life; and of the straight and narrow path which so few find. I thought of what we call "mob psychology," and how easy it is for some people to follow the crowd, and how difficult for these same people to choose a path for themselves.

Looking in retrospect at the civic life of this city for the past decade I find that at no time have we had in council more than a couple men with backbone enough to leave the crowd and fight steadfastly for what was undoubtedly the best interests of the taxpayers. I have observed also that when the majority of aldermen could not meet the arguments of the one or two who dared to stand alone, someone of the majority would sneeringly tell the story of the mother who said that everybody was out of step except her son John.

Every age has had its man who was brave enough to step out from the crowd and fight alone for what he knew to be right. Had it not been for such men the world never could have made progress. Many of these men gave their lives for

the cause which they knew to be right; some were stoned to death; others were burned at the stake. Years after, the children of the generation that threw the stones or lighted the fagots gathered up the scattered ashes of the men whose lives had been taken and placed them in a golden urn of their nation's history.

We don't stone men or burn them at the stake today; though men do occasionally get bumped off for daring to expose wrong in high places. The modern method is to sneer at them, and tell them they have "lost their guide," or some other similarly slurring remark. The road that leads to the protection of the taxpayers is not overcrowded. Broad is the road that leads to destruction and thousands walk together there; while narrow is the path that leads to life and few there be that find it.

I would like to enlarge upon the subject; but space forbids. Having barely opened the subject I leave it for your readers to think the matter out for themselves. If they watch closely they will see plenty of examples of the crowd upon the broad highway, and of the few who tread the straight and narrow path in council during the coming year.

—H.O.Y.

## WHAT A SIGHT

The Family Relief Board have authorized me to request your cooperation. Please send all transients who call at your door for either food or money to the Government Employment Office, cor. Duke and Queen Sts., hours 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or to the Police Station after 5 p.m.

(Signed) H. W. STURM, Mayor

The above is a copy of an advertisement which recently appeared in the Daily Record. What a sorry spectacle. "The Family Relief Board have authorized me," the mayor of the city of Kitchener "Authorized." Who are the Family Relief Board that they should "authorize" the mayor to spend the taxpayer's money?

Then the mayor proceeds to spend your money with a lavish hand. Six inches of space in the

Daily Record at, we suppose 70c. per inch, to insert the above advertisement carried the city crest and all the frills, for which you pay.

Soon we may expect to find the Family Relief Board "authorizing" the city council. But that will be easy; for in the past they practically "told" the city council. Chairman Smith of the finance committee said, "The Family Relief Board have approved the increase in salary; and there is nothing we can do but pay it." How the mighty have fallen.

This paper did not support Sturm in the last election, consequently we don't expect he will "authorize" us to publish the advertisement. We therefore publish it "free gratis" for the good of the cause, believing that more people will read it in THE DAWN than have read it in the Daily Record.

## TAIT AND EBY

At the council meeting on Jan. 26th, some nice things were said, as well as some things that were not so nice. It is usual to say the nicest things one can about a man after he is dead - whether physically or politically. Of course the dead man is not supposed to say anything back because he is dead; but if he should, perchance, show some life and do a little kicking one must still go on saying nice things about the man who is supposed to be dead.

Well, at this particular council meeting each alderman in turn showed that he had been searching the recesses of his memory and city records to find something nice to say about Ald. Tait before he took his departure from the mahogany horse shoe. Ald Tait then exercised the prerogative of one who is about to pass out of giving one last kick, so he accused Ald. Eby of having the happy faculty of saying the right thing at the

wrong time. As Ald. Tait is only politically dead there can be nothing wrong in saying that Eby has nothing on Tait in that respect, as Tait had the faculty of voting the right way at the wrong time, to wit:

On May 9, 1932 Ald. Tait voted against a resolution to dismiss the road foreman for the good of the service. Having succeeded in having that motion voted down he then moved that a committee be appointed to investigate rumors to the effect that the road foreman had used grossly insulting language to the mayor. On May 16th, Ald Tait voted to dismiss the road foreman; and a few weeks later he voted against a motion to dismiss the road foreman. The road foreman is still on the job. The trouble with Ald. Tait was that he either did the wrong thing, or did the right thing at the wrong time.

EX-ALDERMAN

Ald. Eby says it is a good thing for him that Tait dropped out of this year's council, otherwise he (Eby) might have been eleventh man. Ald. Eby's nearness to slipping out at the bottom when he really expected to be near the top should have a salutary influence over his attitude toward certain matters likely to come before council this year.

The relief officer has not been able to even reduce the cost of hot air. When the DeLuxe Upholstering Co. heated the relief building it cost the city \$60.00 per month; but the heating was taken away from the DeLuxe people and given to the Dunker Construction Co., of which W. H. Dunker is a member, and now it costs \$70.00 a month to heat the building. That may be good business; but not for the city.

## A THINKING MACHINE

The Daily Record says: "A man has invented a thinking machine. His fortune is made. All he has to do is set up the gadget at some street corner and inquisitive folk will insert a penny for its thoughts."

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Editor THE DAWN:

The stand taken by Ald. Eby at the pre-inaugural meeting of the city council in connection with appointments to the Family Relief Board will be of unusual interest to the women of Kitchener and the members of the Taxpayer's Association.

First: He was agreeable to having two women appointed to the board provided they were appointed in an advisory capacity only and not given the power to vote. He was voted down on this.

Second He opposed the appointment of a member of the Taxpayer's Association to the board, and refused to accept appointment himself to the board if a member of the Taxpayer's Association were appointed. He won out on this.

Taxpayer.

Editor THE DAWN:

The Daily Record sometimes says some pretty good things; but it does not seem to understand the significance of what it says. Recently it said, "Truth may sometimes lose a battle, but it has never lost a war."

Those who have followed closely the editorials in the Daily Record over a period of time must have observed one editorial in particular in which it was suggested that because a certain candidate had lost a couple of battles by telling the unvarnished truth he should "take the hint" and retire from the field of politics. "Truth may sometimes lose a battle, but it has never lost a war." I repeat that for the benefit of the Daily Record; and I hope it soaks in. But the unfortunate thing is that in all probability the man that wrote the above quotation is not the man who determines the editorial policy of the Daily Record, consequently there is little hope of the real significance of the saying soaking into a spot where it will do any good.

Truth never loses a war because truth will ultimately prevail. Truth never knows defeat. It keeps on fighting until it wins. The man who knows that he has truth and justice on his side may lose a battle or several of them, but he never loses a war.

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## West Ward Storm Drain

When Mayor Sturm criticised the Board of Works for incurring an expenditure of \$95.00 in connection with the West Ward storm drain before ascertaining all the facts in connection with the matter he merely showed his own weakness as a member of the board. Mayor Sturm was the one member of our civic administration who kept pushing this project to the front. What Mayor Sturm has now learned nearly two months after the election was pointed out to him and to the electors by the mayor's opponent during the campaign.

Mayor Sturm may have desired to proceed with the job to give work to the unemployed. At one time he told the council that the government would pay part of the cost of the tile; and there is a strong suspicion in the minds of many who have been watching this project from the beginning that the main reason for starting it was to give a nice contract to some tile manufacturer; and this suspicion was not lessened any by the visit of a certain tile manufacturer to certain of the aldermen in connection with the matter. In any event it was noticed that enthusiasm for the work began to weaken when it was learned that the government would not help to pay for the tile if they were made under contract. Up to that time Mayor Sturm gave interviews regularly in which he said the West Ward storm drain would be proceeded with no matter what else would be dropped.

The government has not refused to pay their share of the cost of the labor involved in making the tile if made by the city; and if the work was intended to give work to unemployed, and not to give jobs to contractors, it should be proceeded with, not under sec.8; but as a general work the same as was done in the case of Edna St. sewer.

INTERESTED

## KIWANIS GOOD WORK

Citizens of Kitchener have reason to be proud of and grateful to the service clubs of this city. Too often service clubs serve only their members; but not so the service clubs of Kitchener. Prominent among the service clubs is the K-W Kiwanis Club which recently staged an entertainment to raise funds to continue the boy's camp at Paradise Lake. Only time and eternity will reveal the results of the splendid work carried on by this organization in helping to build up true manhood.

Some aldermen appear to believe they may act as they like during the early part of the year; then have a "death-bed repentance" just before the next election, assuming that the people will forget before that time. But THE DAWN will not forget; and the sins of omission and Commission recorded in its Book of Remembrance cannot be blotted out thus easily.

One reason why so few fully qualified men offer themselves for public service is because they cannot humiliate themselves sufficiently to bow before the Great Mogul; and they know that if they refuse to bow, their chances of being elected are slim unless they spend a lot of money, and they don't see why they should have to sacrifice money for the privilege of serving the public fearlessly and honestly.

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## MUZZLING THE PRESS

On Monday, January 15th, Hon.  
H. H. Stevens delivered an address  
to a gathering in the Royal York  
Hotel in which he made the state-  
ment that the press is often muz-  
zled by the receipts that come over  
the advertising counter, and fails to  
denounce flagrant abuses in busi-  
ness and public life.

Recently two advertisements ap-  
peared in the Daily Record which  
THE DAWN considers to have  
been a wanton waste of public  
money. One of these advertise-  
ments requested people to send  
transits to the employment office or  
the police station for assistance  
instead of handing out assistance  
at the homes.

The second advertisement direct-  
ed attention to the tax pre-pay-  
ment plan by which taxpayers who  
paid their taxes before January 15,  
would be allowed interest at the  
rate of 5 percent per annum; and  
the advertisement went on to say  
that this was of benefit to both  
the city and the taxpayer.

The plan of allowing 5 per cent  
benefitted both the city and the  
taxpayer in former years when the  
city had to pay the bank 5½ per  
cent on current account; but since  
the drop in interest rates, and the  
city pays 5 per cent. on current  
account the city loses money under  
the plan. There is the cost of ad-  
vertising the plan and the cost of  
printing forms, etc. In any event  
the paper gets the price of the  
advertisement, whether the city  
gets any benefit or not.

A couple days after the last el-  
ection the Record, under "Com-  
ments" said "To the victor belongs  
the spoils." We leave our readers  
to add one and two together and  
figure out for themselves what the  
Record meant by that. In any  
event we are not expecting the Re-  
cord to join us in denouncing the  
waste of public money in unneces-  
sary advertising.

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THE DAWN  
Our Advertisers will  
appreciate it.

## Record Does Not Publish Letter

Editor: THE DAWN:

The enclosed is a copy of a let-  
ter which I left with the Daily Re-  
cord nearly ten days ago, and  
which that paper has failed to pub-  
lish up to the time of this writing.

People will have to form their  
own conclusions as to why the Re-  
cord fails to give its readers the  
very information which they want.  
If this letter had been written in  
criticism of something said by Ald.  
Gordon or Meininger there would  
in my opinion, have been no ques-  
tion about its publication. In fact  
had such statements been made by  
either of the two aldermen named,  
as were made by the mayor, it is  
quite possible that the Record would  
have become so excited that it  
would not have waited for criti-  
cism from readers, but would have  
criticised these statements editorially.  
C. Mortimer Bezeau

To the Editor:

One does not usually expect to  
find a political campaign speech  
embodied in a mayor's inaugural  
address; but in his address to  
council Tuesday afternoon Mayor  
Sturm appears to have broken all  
precedents, or set a new one, in  
this respect. The majority of citi-  
zens have awakened to the fact  
that the election is over with all  
the losers taking their respective  
defeats philosophically, and most  
of the successful candidates prov-  
ing themselves to be good winners;  
and having been elected are now  
ready to settle down to a serious  
consideration of the problems  
which confront the city.

As evidence of how little he un-  
derstands and how incapable he is  
of following the advice contained  
in the words which the mayor read  
to council at the inaugural meeting  
may I quote:

"There has been too much des-  
tructive criticism from a small  
number of would-be politicians  
which has discouraged many promi-  
nent and responsible citizens  
from entering public life."

Reading that in the light of  
Mayor Sturm's public criticism of  
Ald. Gordon and his garbage col-  
lection scheme I am led to wonder  
if someone did not play a joke on  
the mayor when those words were  
put into his mouth. It is the kind  
of criticism that Ald. Gordon re-  
ceived from Mayor Sturm because  
Gordon was trying to save the city  
a few thousand dollars a year,  
which discourages "prominent and  
responsible citizens from entering  
public life."

Then the mayor slams the in-  
dependent boards, such as the  
school board, library board, police  
commission and "some other  
boards," and says they "may be  
forgetful of the serious plight of  
the taxpayers." In this connection  
may I point out that both the  
school board and the hospital com-  
mission were sufficiently mindful of  
"the serious plight of the taxpay-  
ers" to withhold payment for coal  
which did not come up to the spec-  
ifications; and to force an adjust-  
ment which saved considerable  
money to the taxpayers.

It might also be pointed out that  
it was not one of these independ-  
ent boards of which the mayor  
speaks that so far forgot the in-  
terests of the taxpayers that they  
permitted a disputed account for  
\$1,600 to be passed for payment  
without the head of the board and  
seven other members knowing any-  
thing about it. Nor can it be said  
that any one of these boards is re-  
sponsible for such waste of the  
taxpayer's money as is involved in  
the present relief quarters. On the  
contrary, both the public school  
board and the collegiate board have  
spent many anxious days and  
sleepless nights trying to find ac-  
commodation without increasing  
expenditure.

C. Mortimer Bezeau

## ALD. TAIT'S RETIREMENT

Ald. Tait has retired from mun-  
icipal politics; but whether he in-  
tends his retirement to be perm-  
anent, or hopes it only temporary,  
remains to be seen. The game of  
politics as played by some politic-  
ians is a thing fearfully and won-  
derfully conceived, and few can tell  
what may develop at any time.  
When a few weeks before election  
Ald. Tait announced that he did not  
intend again being a candidate for  
a seat in council it caused no sur-  
prise among his intimate friends,  
for the reason that he had made a  
similar announcement to them at  
each election for several years.

Ald. Tait has often expressed the  
view that no man should stay in  
politics too long, for it he does he  
is sure to get bumped out and that  
a wise man will step out when he  
can do so voluntarily and grace-  
fully. Perhaps in retiring at this  
time Ald. Tait is taking his own  
advice and getting out while the  
getting out is good. On the other  
hand his retirement at this time  
may be but a part of the game to  
escape the limelight for a season,  
and return at the end of the year  
and run for the mayoralty. Many  
politicians believe that a period of  
rest is a good thing for it gives  
the electors a chance to forget. It  
is well known that the "group"  
have their eye on him for the next  
mayoralty; but what will actually  
happen only time can tell.

During the nine years that Ald.  
Tait has been in council he has  
gone through some strenuous battles  
and we believe, always on the  
wrong side, though on the winning  
side at the time. It was Ald. Tait  
backed by ex-alderman Hagedorn,  
who led the fight to dismiss Mar-  
tin Mikel from the road foreman-  
ship in 1925 on charges which THE  
DAWN believes were absolutely  
unfounded. It was Ald. Tait who  
fought against cleaning up the  
building inspection and assessment  
departments; though he lost out  
here. It was Ald. Tait, we believe  
who moved a resolution of apology  
to the Old Boys' Reunion Commit-  
tee for the criticism of the way  
\$30,000 was spent to put on that  
event. It was Ald. Tait who led  
the fight to engage consultants  
and build the sewage disposal plant  
at Doon which costs the taxpayers  
approximately \$35,000 a year in  
principal and operation charges.  
It was Ald. Tait who led the fight  
in defense of the payment of  
\$1,600 to the consultants which a  
great many people believe should  
not have been paid under the  
agreement; and who defended the  
manner of putting the account  
through the council without the  
mayor or the chairman of the fi-  
nance committee, or any other mem-  
ber of the council apart from the  
sewer committee knowing anything  
about it. notwithstanding that the  
account has been in dispute for  
over a year.

Had Ald. Tait been on the right  
side in all these fights his alder-  
manic record would have been a  
brilliant one; and the historian of  
the future would have placed a  
halo of glory about his head and  
given him a place in the sun. But  
he will not be forgotten even as it  
is; for those who pay taxes will be  
paying on the Doon sewer plant  
for the next twenty year; and  
every time they receive a tax bill  
they will have cause to remember  
the man who was largely respon-  
sible for the building of the monu-  
ment to the most bitter fight that  
ever took place in a Kitchener city  
council.

It is said that W. H. Dunker  
was put on the Family Relief  
Board because he is a good busi-  
ness man. Maybe so. But right  
now, who is getting the benefit of  
that ability - the city or the Dunk-  
er Construction Co?

## A LESSON FOR KITCHENER

Brantford has had an experience  
which should be a real lesson for  
the people of Kitchener. Brant-  
ford, like Kitchener, had its clique  
which controlled elections; and  
candidates like Mayor MacBride  
who were opposed to Clique Rule,  
certainly had a hard time of it.  
The electors were fed such crumbs  
of information regarding municip-  
al affairs as the clique was willing  
to let them have; but were kept in  
the dark regarding what was actu-  
ally going on.

To overcome this handicap Mr.  
MacBride started a newspaper of  
his own and gave people the real  
facts, and was finally elected mayor;  
and one of the first things he did  
was to start an investigation. The  
result of that investigation reveal-  
ed a deplorable state of affairs.  
Huge shortages were discovered;  
and it was revealed that a former  
mayor had been paid for his influ-  
ence in swinging a certain deal.

If Kitchener has any citizen who  
does not believe that our elections  
are controlled by an organization,  
call it clique group or what you  
like, that citizen must be very  
dense. Every year the same men  
select the candidates to be voted  
for. Cards are prepared with  
names of these candidates and dis-  
tributed by this organization to the  
electors. The automobiles used in  
their campaign are controlled on  
election day by this organization;  
and the drivers are paid by the or-  
ganization or a member of it.

After the Brantford election it  
was easy to understand why the  
election of Mayor MacBride was  
opposed so strenuously. Mayor  
MacBride had promised a clean-up  
which was the last thing his op-  
ponents wanted.

THE DAWN believes that the  
legal election machinery under the  
control of the city clerk is oper-  
ated honestly and efficiently; and  
believes there has been nothing  
wrong in that respect since the  
election in 1924 when irregularities  
were discovered. But who can tell  
what might have happened had  
there not been a strenuous fight kept  
up by one man to keep our munici-  
pal life free from corruption, and  
it is this fight that has made the  
clique so anxious and determined  
to drive this man from the public  
life of this city.

May I express my appreciaitoion  
for the splendid work THE DAWN  
is doing in giving the people the  
real facts regarding the activities  
of our public servants. It fills a  
long-felt need.

A Reader.,

If you want to get the real "low  
down" on what's is going on in  
municipal circles you should read  
THE DAWN regularly. You get  
more information about Kitchener's  
municipal activities with their side-  
lights in one issue of THE DAWN  
than n all the other papers circul-  
ated in Kitchener combined.

From the attitude of a majority  
of the members of council toward  
the Family Relief Board and the  
Hagedorn increase in salary it is  
evident they are relying on the  
"group" to stand by them at the  
next election; otherwise they  
would scarcely flout public opin-  
ion the way they did.

Relief Officer says he has saved  
thousands of dollars for the city in  
the cost of relief administration.  
Sometime ago he tried to prove  
that statement by the use of fig-  
ures; but before he got through he  
found that his figures did not prove  
anything except that certain kind  
of men can figure.