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**BOSSISM IS IN EVIDENCE.**

The Central Conservative Association in Toronto will propose, at a convention shortly to be held, that all elections in the city, municipal as well as federal and provincial, be run on political lines. The idea was shaped at the Albany Club, which is the headquarters of the professional politicians. It is obvious to them that a liberal should occasionally get into office, and it is desired that an accident of this year shall not occur again—if it can be prevented.

The city council represents the working power, or managers, as Mr. Ellis put it in a recent address, of a large business, in the direction of which the only desire should be for worth and capacity. Ability is not confined to any party, and the people, who want their civic offices run efficiently and well should not care about the political leanings of any one. The political test is not the best. That has been demonstrated over and over again.

Moreover it has been proven to the satisfaction of a good many people that the electors cannot be forced or dragged into voting the party ticket in municipal elections. They will vote for the party generally, when politics are in form and the dividing issue, but the personality of candidates in municipal contests counts for more than party ties.

Toronto had this object lesson clearly presented in the last city election. Bossism was signally defeated. The Albany Club may seek to revive its power, but the Albany Club does not control the electors of Toronto, and if necessary they will repeat the shock of a few weeks ago.

**WHERE THE MONEY GOES.**

A powerful argument has been supplied against the continuation of iron bounties by the evidence which iron companies produce. One, in Hamilton, has been flourishing to such an extent that it has been making vast improvements with the current revenues, without drawing upon the shareholders, and it is proposed to water the stock so that without touching the pocket at all the capital stock will be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

The bounties during the last two years have been respectively \$1,290,000, and \$2,000,000, and the Hamilton firm has been getting its share of this money and has been putting it to general use. The demand is that this aid to infant industries be discontinued, and there is a great deal in its favour.

Then the report of the dominion comptroller of railways makes very interesting reading. Canada has contributed in money to railways, in subsidies (not including the Intercolonial and Temiskaming), \$129,000,000; the provinces have given \$35,000,000; and the municipalities, \$17,346,000. The dominion and the provinces have given land which has sold at an average of \$4 per acre, and its value is estimated at \$160,000,000, or a total, in cash and land, of \$341,000,000. It is further considered that the aid has been equal to \$15,500 per mile, which is all the roads would probably cost.

In view of all these facts force is given to the demand for lower fares. Cannot the roads give a two-cent-per-mile rate? The commission should examine the books of the companies and state what they can afford to do, and public opinion will see to the rest.

**HOLDING UP BUSINESS MEN.**

The Hydro-Electric commission was the creation of the Whitney government for a supposedly specific purpose—to advance the public interests. Its aim was to get the manufacturers and municipalities the cheapest illumination and energy obtainable.

Private interest and capital were not to be injured. The plan of the party of a few years ago, that every inducement should be offered for the investment of capital, was not to be ignored. The commission was to be used simply in developing the electric power of the province and in preventing any monopoly in connection with it.

The discovery that the Cataract Power company is interested in the Hamilton Radial railway, that it is acquiring electric lines now in service and may through them get access to certain cities in the west, has caused a commotion. The Cataract company may sell power cheaply! What's the harm of that? And yet it is declared that Mr. Beck will stop it, if he can, and he is in Ottawa for the purpose of holding up the Radial railway bill. The Toronto News discusses this point with some spirit, thus:

"If the radial railway or the Cataract company sells power and light in competition with the hydro-electric commission, it must be at lower prices and the public will benefit. It is hard to think that this result should be prevented by legislation. A year ago legislation was demanded to prevent extension of the Electrical Development company's transmission system throughout Western Ontario. Later it was proposed to confine the operations of this company to Toronto. The fact that the company has a contract with the government to generate and sell electrical energy throughout the province and is guaranteed against government competition by one of the vital provisions of the contract carries no significance with the provincial authorities. The government in Queen's park seems to be degenerating into a nest of amateur anarchists. Surely it is possible to establish public ownership of Niagara energy without repudiation and confiscation and a blow at the public credit for which we will pay a heavy price in the future."

Pretty plain talk, but it is justified. The Hydro-Electric commission is not surely going to suppress the efforts of capitalists to extend their business reasonably. The people can be trusted to buy the power they want in the cheapest market.

**KITE-FLYING IN RUSSIA.**

The Russian douma is described as a lazy and indifferent body if it is not absolutely inefficient. Its president is the greatest complainant against it, and he cannot understand its inattention to public duty.

It is not difficult to account for the lethargy to some degree. The douma is not composed of most active men in Russia. The restless men, restless mentally as well as physically, were very numerous in the first two doumas. But they were elected from a larger constituency, and represented the discontent of the people. They wanted reforms in a rush, and they failed because of their impetuosity. One large division of the last douma is now languishing in prison because of its alleged treasonable action, though what is called a treasonable utterance, in Russia, is called "free speech" in other countries.

The third douma has simply lost all interest in public affairs. The members were not so long ago informed by the czar's representative that it was not their function to criticize so much, or offer opinion on imperial practices, as to do so they were told, and to vote through the supplies of the nation financially without a grievance. They are not quite eager to serve the czar as he demands, and perhaps it is as well if current reports be true.

His majesty is blind to the poverty of the people, and their inability to stand heavy taxation. Yet he calls for \$500,000,000 for naval purposes, against the protests of his council, and notwithstanding that \$40,000,000 has been wasted since the Japanese war in the maladministration of the naval department.

Indeed, it is declared that word has been passed to the douma to "knock" the naval estimates, presumably on the ground that they are suggested by insane ideas. The douma may not be so indolent or sleepy after all. Or there may be real method in its sleepiness.

**MILLIONS IN GOOD WORKS.**

No man could be more optimistic than the late Hon. Israel Tarte. He had bright visions respecting this Canada of ours, and when he became the minister of public works he seemed to have higher impressions of what the policy of expansion meant. Spend much money? he asked. Of course the country must spend, and large sums, too, if it is to take on the importance that really belongs to it.

One thinks of him as he reads of the immense sums which are to be raised in this year of grace, 1908, and expended on railways. The Canadian Pacific company will put \$20,000,000 into improvements, in its railways and steamship lines; the Grand Trunk company will put \$20,000,000, perhaps more, into its lines, and principally the Grand Trunk Pacific; the Canadian Northern company, the most remarkable of all because of the amazing enterprise of its leaders, Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, will distribute \$10,000,000 at least in its extensions, while on street railways, civic schemes, and provincial and federal services there will be several millions more, the whole aggregating over \$100,000,000.

Mark this, as the distinctive feature of the announcement, that which is specially characteristic of the Tarte spirit: "Almost every dollar of this money will go into development, and bring about an earning power of considerable magnitude from the very start, or nearly so. The expenditure at least of all these millions brought in by the different railways means so much more producing power added to the already fine capacity of Western Canada, and when this operation adds so materially to the value of everything in sight, it will be seen at once how comparatively small the interest account, even on \$100,000,000 will appear at the end of the year's expenditure."

There are those who will denounce the larger expenditure of the government as an evidence of extravagance, but let it be understood that the government is raising for the time being large sums of money for the Grand Trunk Pacific, but that it is secured, and that in time Canada will get the benefit in the earnings of the road and of the road itself.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The Beck commission is not aiming surely at becoming a great monopoly, the success of which means the snuffing out of all private enterprises.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt will now have something to say. Had he been elected there would have been no reduction of licenses. He would have seen to that.

Is a man of the Thaw type worth the sacrifices of any woman? His wife has tried to save his life, but at the sacrifice of her reputation and self-respect.

Evelyn Thaw must have her moments of depression. Generally she is regarded with disfavour. The pose of the artist or actress has lost its glamour.

Because a man makes some money which others did not count it is not to be supposed that he is a traitor. Rich men may be envied by some people, but they should not be suspected of wrong-doing.

The Hamilton Spectator cannot imagine how Hon. Mr. Beck can defend the policy that would prevent competition with the Hydro-Electric Commission in the matter of cheap power.

The board of health is doing well in considering the garbage system. The city cannot be safe from a sanitary point of view while so much garbage is allowed to accumulate within "the city limits."

The socialists have pushed the suffragettes into the background in England for the time being. The condition of the people, the awful poverty that prevails, is making for the discontent on which the socialists stake so much.

**TALE OF THE SEA.**

**Nova Scotia Sealers Have Thrilling Experience.**

London, Jan. 23.—Nineteen Nova Scotia sealers of the schooner Baden-Powell, landed at Liverpool, yesterday evening. They left Nova Scotia on September 6th, 1907, for the South Shetland Islands, where they were wrecked. The crew rowed to an island seventy miles distant, where they remained three weeks, enduring great privation. They were observed by a schooner, which conveyed them to the Falklands, from whence they were sent to Montevideo. Four men married and settled down in the Falklands.

**Likely To Be Disturbance.**

London, Jan. 23.—Prof. Belaire, the well-known seismologist, telegraphs from Ljubach, Austria, that "the earth's unrest began on January 25th and has been increasing since; now all pendulums are swinging so violently and continuously that it is impossible to make seismic records. He deduces from this that critical disturbances will occur within the next few days."

**Labor Conference Act.**

Sydney, N.S.W., Jan. 23.—The New South Wales labor conference passed a resolution in favor of socializing the means of production, distribution and exchange. The vote stood 118 to 27. The result was received with cheers and shouts of "common sense prevail."

"It's a shameful thing that people should leave their windows unprotected to tempt poor people," was the answer of a homeless man to the charge of smashing a plate-glass window in Chapside, London.

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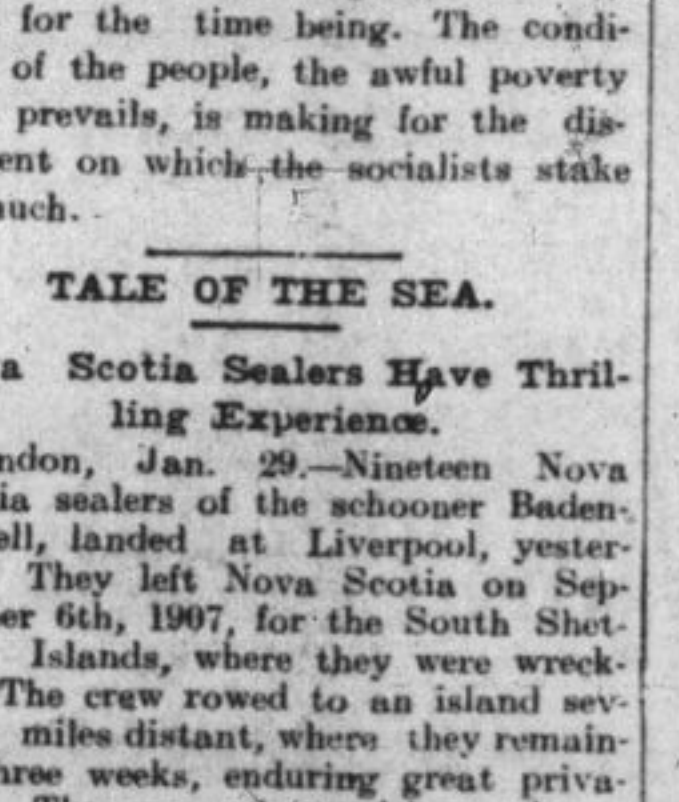
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