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UTILITIES IN DANGER.

The resignation of Ald. Craig from the council is the most emphatic protest that has so far been offered against the pirate methods of certain utility men. The resolution of 1903, which the council repealed, on motion of Ald. Hoag, seconded by Ald. Kent, was the result of careful thought on the part of the water committee. It was submitted by those who desired to see a sound policy established and pursued in connection with the water plant. A commission, a better form of government—essentially a commission—can hold up the council when its majority have lost their heads for the time being—would have made a similar declaration, and it is well it should be quoted here.

"That this council affirms the practice that when the revenue of the department is raised wholly by rates levied upon, and paid by a section only of the people, any surplus revenue of that department shall be used exclusively for those who pay these rates; and that, therefore, any surplus revenue of the Public Works Department, over and above the running expenses, shall be devoted exclusively to the benefit of the waterworks system."

It may be argued that the system is complete, and that the surplus earnings are not now needed for maintenance purposes. Far from this. It is said that of the \$316,000, which the plant originally cost, \$106,000 has been paid, and that the debt of the department is being paid off as fast as it falls due. One wonders if the average citizen is aware of what the situation is. Ald. Craig tried to let in the light at the city council meeting, but it did not seem to influence the fourteen members who had their eyes upon the water department's treasury and were determined to raid it. Look at these figures:

Debiture debt \$316,000

Debitures paid 106,000

Balance due 209,000

That is the statement of the raiders, but it does not take in all the facts.

According to the information which is contained in the auditor's report the exhibit is as follows:

Water debiture paid \$109,199.99

Interest paid 263,692.00

Total \$372,891.99

In other words the account runs thus:

Owing on the plant 209,100.00

Paid, principle and int. 373,692.00

Total cost to date \$581,192.00

Mark these points and mark them well. The plant is deteriorating all the while. In 1902 there was a general revaluation, and the depreciation up to that time was figured at \$63,566.93. It should have been more, but to write down the value of the plant beyond this sum would have invited the serious attention of the people to the debt which at that time was estimated at \$237,000. Deducting the depreciation up to 1902, however, leaves the full value at \$278,520.44. Since then there has been added \$18,001.19 in new works, less two years depreciation, and the result is a plant that is worth now not more than \$275,000.

In most cases a business that is run on borrowed capital is in a perilous condition, and that condition is intensified by the grading of earnings and the lack of restoration. The outlook of the utilities in this city is exceedingly gloomy and the sooner the people demand that the property which the council does not know how to manage is put under the control of a commission the better.

HE SCORES THE TEACHERS.

The premier of Ontario acted hastily when he handed out a statement, in reply to the criticism of the teachers, and in effect that he despised their judgment, and that he had it on the authority of a Cambridge man that the school readers were superior in their literary excellence. The primer, too, which had been the object of special commendation, was, he said, the product of a committee of teachers, and it was going to remain. He prided himself that it was the only book that had been attacked of the new educational series.

He spoke, again, too hastily, and the teachers, who are not afraid to talk back, who called the minister of education to attention a year ago as they now call the premier and acting minister, submitted the spellers to an unmerciful overhauling, and the critics—the competitors to judge of the work, because they have to use it, and realize its weakness—could probably go through all the precious productions of the Education department, and point out their defects. The premier makes the mistake of his life when he supposes that any teacher is afraid of his bluster. An occasional one, who is looking for an appointment, may tatty the minister of education and his colleagues, but as a body the teaching profession is singularly independent.

The motion of the teachers, duly moved, seconded, and carried, is "that as the new Ontario Primer is devoided of no assistance in the teaching of reading, and as the Morang Primer has been used with success for the past eight years, the government be asked to authorize the Morang Primer." Sir James had intimated, in advance of this action, that the government will not respect this request. There will only be one book in the public schools, the primer, which his editors (all good conservatives, of course), have prepared. But the education department has backed down in other respects and will have to back down in this one. Sir James professed a while ago to have such a profound regard for the teachers and their advice. He had better be consistent and act on a recommendation which is based on the experience of the teachers. The Cambridge man, or the party man, is not in it with the whole teaching profession.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Grand Trunk railway company will only get busy on the Smith's Falls line when business interests make it necessary. But it should not be allowed to hold a charter and make no use of it.

Sir James Whitney has learned something he should not forget, namely, that the school teachers will not stand his scolding. What do they care about his proclamations?

The revenue of the dominion for the fiscal year is over \$100,000,000, and the surplus in consolidated account will be about \$20,000,000. The country has entered upon another period of prosperity.

The misuse of trust funds by the council ought to affect the credit of the city, to some extent. It is an indication of the high financing which obtains in connection with our municipal affairs.

The secret ballot is only now looked for in the rural districts of Quebec for the municipal elections. There is a great love in Quebec apparently for antique things and for the excitement of the open vote.

The Royal Arcanum, a fraternal society, has been sustained in its laws, barring from membership those sustained in the liquor trade. A reflection upon the innocent respectability of the license holders.

The councils and water commissioners all over the country are surprised with the action of the city council in misappropriating the water department's trust funds. They expect something to happen, and they will not be disappointed.

F. Hugh O'Connell, in a book which is finding a large sale in Ireland, says the Irish are being demoralized with American money. This is the thanks of the American people are receiving for the financial aid they have given the Irish party in successive elections. But who in thunder is F. Hugh O'Connell?

The Toronto News says that Mr. Monk is an impossibility and that either he or Mr. Borden must go. The Ottawa Citizen says the party needs organizing. The Mail wakes up long enough to enquire what all the talk is about! It's a family quarrel, and, of course, others are not supposed to know anything about it.

The Quebec legislature is proceeding by law to abbreviate the hours of servants and of women and children in the factories. The cotton mill men are excited and have sent deputations to Quebec to protest, but the scandals reported by the factory inspectors cannot be waived aside. Eleven and a half hours is too long a day for anyone.

The paper which is supposed to reflect conservative sentiment in Ontario, which usurps, if it does not fill, the place of the chief conservative organ, is moved almost to tears over the proposal to dispose of Borden. But it charges this against the "Quebec wing of the grip party." By the way, when did Sir Alexander Coste become a grip? He is the leader of the insurgents.

The Boy is a Noisemaker. Ottawa Citizen. The Ottawa small boy will have his fireworks and firecrackers for the celebration of the good old 24th of May. It is only right that it should be so, for the Canadian small boy is crazy enough not to blow himself up in order to add éclat to the holiday.

Bibby's \$2 hats for mine. The Hamilton Steel Works have been shut down owing to the strike of laborers. The strikers showed up at the works and the police had to charge them with batons to disperse them. You may not realize it now, but in your old age you will want the comfort of a home of your own. Don't wait. We can interest you in Kingston property. McCann. See Bibby's elegant \$1 shirts.

IN BUILDING LINE

VERY BUSY SEASON IS LOOKED FOR.

No Strikes are Anticipated in Any of the Trades—A Compromise is Expected in the Carpenters' Request.

"The outlook in the building line, for this season looks fine," remarked a prominent labor man, to the Whig, to-day, but I cannot say as to whether there will be any strikes or difficulty to meet with. You know it is early yet, and there is time for lots of things to occur before May 1st. But still, I do not expect that there will be trouble.

"What about the demand of the carpenters, for more money?" he was asked. "Well, I think that matter will be settled with a compromise on both sides," he replied.

The contractors have, until May 1st, to consider the request of the carpenters, for an increase, and as far as can be learned no action has been taken as yet.



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The man replied, "I threw the nigger overboard." "The nigger was not dead, was he?" the captain asked. "He said he was not," the man replied, "but he is such an infernal liar that I could not believe him."

The Dutch Treat.

In New York the habit of each member of a party paying for food and drink led to the formation of a Dutch Treat Club. The practice is getting to be more popular. One up-town restaurant keeper says of it: "Four men came here the other evening and to do something new, as they thought, agreed to pay for the meal individually. They did so, and thinking to startle the head waiter one of the diners told him of the innovation. He smiled and said: 'That's nothing new here. One party, numbering from four to seven, comes here regularly once a week, has a big dinner and then each one pays his share to the man who acts as treasurer for that evening. The Dutch habit is growing and no one likes it better than the waiters for the tips at a dinner where four or six pay are always larger than when one man foots the bill.'

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Montreal La Presse. The News and some of the conservative newspapers of Montreal, who hold common ground with the Toronto paper, reproach Mr. Monk above all for his attitude on the naval question. They hold that it was a political manoeuvre directed against Mr. Borden. We have always for our part recognized the right of a representative to express his views freely, and we have always applauded the courage of those who dared to brave the party spirit to follow the dictates of their conscience. All are willing to recognize Mr. Monk as a man of conscience and of rare sincerity.

But it is evident that the naval question is not the only thing that separated Mr. Borden from Mr. Monk, and the other members from the province of Quebec. It is a light between different mentalities. It is the slow prepared divorce between the French-Canadian liberal spirit and the Ontario tory spirit. These two were united in 1854 in order to make up the liberal-conservative party. But for several years past the conservatives of the province of Quebec have thought that the other members of the party, the conservatives of Ontario, have not respected the old party conventions. And to see that they are right, it is only necessary to follow the development of the policy of the News, which is also that of Mr. Borden. Little by little the chasm has grown larger and larger until it is now so large that it will separate the liberal-conservatives and the tory-conservatives. This, in our opinion, is an explanation of the present crisis, and it may be found that it has considerable historical importance.

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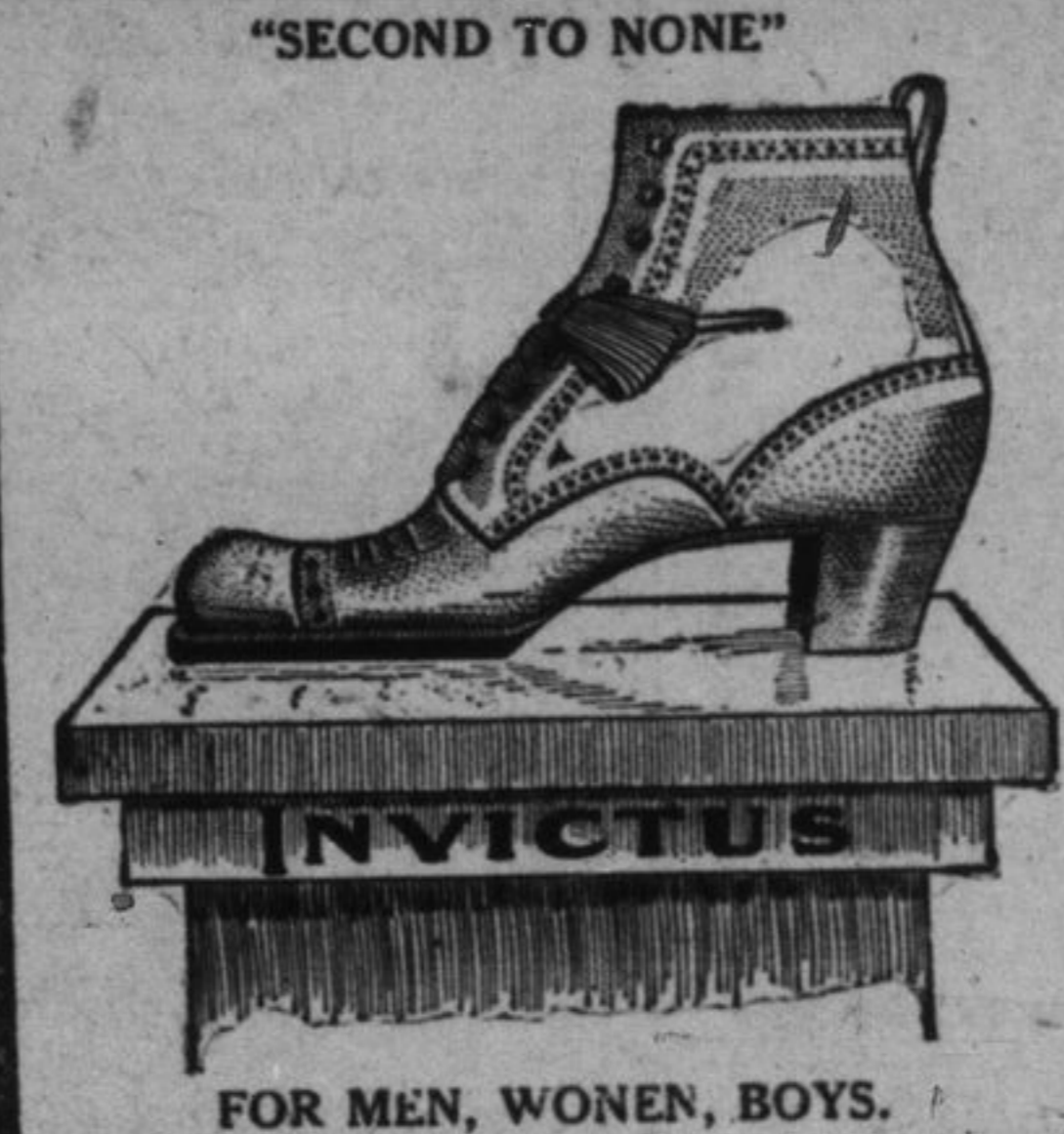
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