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THE WHIG, SEVENTY-NINTH YEAR

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SOME MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

The council, at its meeting last evening, increased the pay of its employees, on the recommendation of the works' committee. The increase is material, and it is in recognition of a great and overwhelming fact, that the cost of living is going up, up, up. In New York it is proposed to abolish the middle men, as the source of all the trouble, as the persons whose butting in, unnecessarily, into trade is making everything so costly. But what a time the consumers will have to drive the middle men, practically all the commission men and some of the retailers, out of business. There is a side to this corporation question which will be discussed in a later issue.

The Canadian Locomotive Works is showing some of the prosperity of which the company gave promise in a recent prospectus. The council has given permission to the laying down of additional tracks at the foot of William street. Easy access to the property and egress from it is necessary, and the new tracks are laid accordingly. The works appear to be expanding in usefulness every day.

One thing the city council should do, without delay. It should amend its lighting arrangements so that common sense will assert itself. Last night was disagreeable upon the streets, and for the reason that there was no light. The moon was supposed to be shedding its silvery beams when, or as a matter of fact the moon was completely obscured by storm clouds. It is not difficult to determine when there should be light. Anyone who witnessed the closing down of yesterday realized that the moon would not be very much in evidence.

LOOKS LIKE SURRENDER.

Persistent agitation has its effects. In Ottawa, the Rideau canal, from the deep cut to the central station, has been wanted by the C.P.R. and C.N.R., and the press has helped them out with their plans. This agitation began some "months" ago with the C.P.R.'s application for an entrance to the city and with its promise to spend a million dollars or more in new and attractive improvements. Opinions differed on the merits of the proposition. The canal was an imperial enterprise originally, and it was a question whether the city could end it at Dow's Lake.

As a regulator of freight rates the canal had a large value, and for the time being the railway company's offer was not convincing. But time is on the side, usually of most schemers, and it has enabled the advocates of a change to think up all sorts of arguments in its behalf. The Citizen is now persuaded that the city end of the canal should be abandoned as a means of navigation, that all other suggestions have been unsatisfactory, that the canal hampers the expansion of the city, that it forces the erection of half a dozen high and expensive bridges when but for it lower and better bridges would be available, and that it costs too much to operate the canal for all the traffic it conveys, from the deep cut to the present terminus. "Generally speaking," says the Citizen, "the government would save money by making Dow's Lake the harbor for traffic between Ottawa and Kingston, and the city of Ottawa would save money by subsidizing the interests that desire to keep the lower locks open, rather than saddle itself with a debt of one million dollars to which the government would also have to subscribe."

Which looks as if Ottawa opinion was veering around to a surrender of the canal to the railway companies. "Generally speaking," they get what they want when they become persistent.

ARRAIGNING THE GOVERNMENT.

The Whig has pointed out that the government would not permit any one to discuss the bi-lingual schools during the last session of the legislature. The government had announced that it would amend its policy to suit the needs of the schools, as these needs had been revealed in the report of Dr. Merchant, that the inspector made a report in July which confirmed all that had been said or suspected with regard to the schools, and that it was kept in secret until the local elections were over. Indeed with the Merchant report in hand members of the government had said there were no bi-lingual schools, legally, and that there would be no toleration of anything that was contrary to the legislation. The government, we say, prevented the discussion of the bi-lingual school question during the session, and the premier made a statement in the last hours of the legislature which accentuated the situation. Mr. Rowell, unable to drag anything from the government which he could criticize before, and unable to elaborate the views of the opposition in the time at his disposal, has since spoken in Toronto, and outlined what the liberal party will stand for upon this question. Mr. Rowell holds the inspectors as primarily responsible for the condition which prevails and demands the dismissal of them. He demands, further, that schools be established for

the training of competent teachers, and favours government aid to the end that these schools may meet the purpose for which they are set apart. The laws of the province—providing for competent teachers, approved books, and teaching in English, the French as the language of instruction being confined to the first year—he insists, should be given to inspectors who are in sympathy with the plans of the government, and who will see that these plans are carried out. These teachers will see, of course, that denominationalism is not taught or exhibited and, therefore, there will be a repetition of the scandal which led to the closing of the public school in Springer township.

Incidentally Mr. Rowell has powerfully arraigned the government for its attitude towards the trustees of school No. 4, in Springer township. The trustees, he says, were acting within their rights, and the talk of holding them responsible for the teaching of the French pupils was an act of coercion for which there was no justification. In view of this statement one can realize the difficulty of the education department, and understand the refusal of the minister of education or his deputy to discuss it. The end has not been heard of that school outrage. It is one for which the government will later be called to account.

A STRIKE IS IMMINENT.

There is expected—it may now be on—a strike of the engineers of fifty American railroads, and because the managers of the roads have not agreed to the increase of wages which the engineers demanded. The matter was under negotiation for several days in New York and a crisis was then reached somewhat suddenly. The managers pointed out that they had to make many improvements in the roads, that there had to be double tracks, block signals, the elimination of grade crossings, and the adoption of safer appliances, in the public interest, and an increase of wages was not possible at the present time.

The engineers were ready with an answer. They said that the railway companies in the west, the north-west, the south-west and the south-east had under consideration the same improvements as the roads in the east, and they were paying practically the tariff of salaries that were now demanded. The financial reports showed an increase in the earnings and value of

business. Nothing could contribute to the safety of travel more than the service of the 28,000 trained engineers who were interested in this appeal, and the head of the organization announced that on Friday night the negotiations would be considered closed and the members of the committee would leave New York to look after the interests of the organization. The forty-eight hours, two hours' notice would be given of the withdrawal of the men.

The decision was no sooner reached than a committee of financiers called on the engineers and represented that their position involved great loss to 40,000,000 who had no part in the controversy, and would be seriously inconvenienced by a strike. This was followed by the arrival in New York of Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labour, and one of the two arbitrators appointed by the government under the Erdman Act. It corresponds with the Lemieux act, of Can-

ada, and may have been inspired by it since Hon. Mr. King was summoned to Washington a couple of years ago to explain the operation of it. Under the Erdman Act, conciliation may be accepted, but only with the consent of both sides. It cannot be forced. It may not be of any avail in any case. "If," says the New York Herald, "the railroads do not advance the pay of the engineers, a strike will be called. The railroads declare they will not grant an increase as they cannot afford it." As this article is going to pass the conflict will go on.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Med, mud, everywhere, and will be until Kingston has the asphalt streets of which Ald. Caran has dreamed.

The Montreal Gazette had better not praise Ontario's legal department too much with regard to the Nesbitt case. It is not measuring up too well in its contest with Nesbitt's counsel. The Roosevelt party spent \$50,000 in a futile attempt to carry the primaries. If proportionately as much money were paid in the states in which Roosevelt won out what a chinking of coin there must have been.

Major Peachen would have been as well without the written order which he asked from the second officer who put him in a small boat. He is the only one who seems to have thought of souvenirs in the work of saving people.

The Ottawa Journal is troubled because Sir James Whitney has been pictured as a "reactionary." That is not the word. "Non-progressive" is better, and the records show that every forward step made by him last session was forced upon him. Some of his "reforms" are half-hearted affairs.

Orissa is now reported to have failed to make its municipal lighting plant a success. The council should produce electricity, and set it at cost, plus depreciation, interest, etc., at a lower rate, than a private corporation. Public ownership is suffering in several directions.

Peter Lamarsh, of Winnipeg, Alta., finds by experiment, and sale, that the lowest grade wheat in the west sold in Minneapolis for 82c. Reducing the freight rate the price to the Canadian homesteader would be 67c, and he got 46c. The consumption of wheat in Canada is, at eight bushels per head, 57,000,000, out of 180,000,000 raised in the west. A little calculation follows, and as a result, Mr. Lamarsh figures that on wheat, oats, barley, rye and flax, the Canadian farmers have lost on last year's crop, through the defeat of reciprocity, \$42,000,000. Mr. Lamarsh lost alone on 2,800 bushels, 8000, and so writes feelingly. His article to the Globe is headed "The Cost of a Political Panic."

REVIVAL OF INTEREST.

They're Dreaming of a Smokeless London. London, April 23.—The conjunction of the coal strike with the holding of the International Smoke and Fog Abatement Exhibition has caused a great revival of interest in the campaign for a smokeless London. In the matter of smokelessness London has made enormous strides in late years. This has been due mainly to the use of gas and electricity for fuel and power, the stringent rules of the metropolitan authorities and the consequent reduction of waste smoke. Some of the experts at the exhibition are predicting that within twenty years London will become as clear as rural England.

The popular liking for the open coal grate is hard to overcome. To discourage this sentimental affection for the coal fire, Mayor Hazell, of Holborn, is sending to every resident of that borough a circular calling attention to the necessity of doing something to solve the smoke problem. Just at the moment the strike has done something to enforce economy in the consumption of coal, and the results are already apparent in a knowledge that there are other fuels than coal.

WILL NOT COMPETE.

Girl Guides Are Unlike the Boy Scouts.

London, April 23.—Girls of all degrees, from the nobility to factory operatives, are joining the Girl Guides, organized by Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout movement in this country. Many titled women have become patronesses of the organization and some of their daughters are serving in various corps. Miss Baden-Powell declares that there is nothing military or boyish in it, and that no attempt will be made to compete with the Boy Scouts. Ambulance work is taught to the various corps, but their chief concern lies with the essentially feminine arts. Already, however, three silver life saving medals have been awarded to Girl Guides, one for stopping a runaway horse and two for saving drowning children.

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