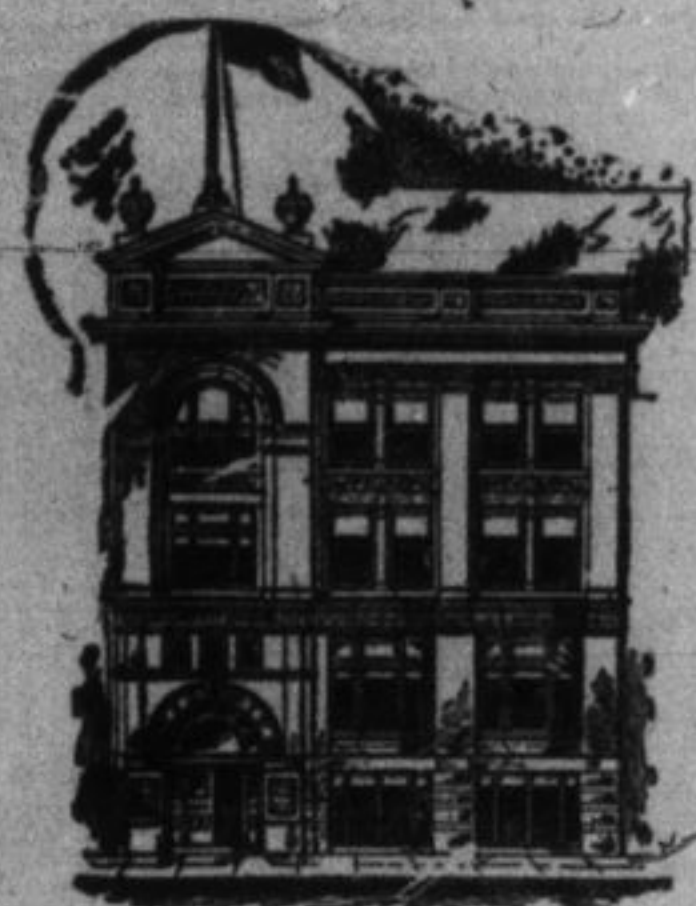


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THE PAVING QUESTION.

The council is going extensively into paving this year, much more extensively than the circumstances seem to warrant. The city has purchased a paving plant at a cost of about \$8,800, and wants to use it. It is a natural inclination. There is something of a boy about the average alderman, and so he wants to try out his new machine, as the lad must put his toy boat or top or jackknife to the test. But paving is an expensive thing. It is easy to talk of putting down a concrete base in a dozen of blocks and of surfacing them with a suitable material later on.

This material has not yet been defined or decided upon. It may be bitulithic or sheet asphalt, but whatever it is the cost will be considerable, and probably a good deal more than the council may want to spend this year. Two things have to be considered, and either or both may offer a hindrance to the carrying out of the work. Labor is scarce; that is the labor that can be organized and worked as methodically and efficiently as the machinery which it will be feeding. Money is scarce. At least the disposition of the average municipality is to limit the public expenditure as far as possible, and to engage in no contracts which can be conveniently laid over until after the war.

Some of the paving must be done, because the streets, in anticipation of it, have been allowed to fall into disrepair, and their improvement cannot be deferred. There are some streets on which the work can be laid over for a year or two, and prudence suggests economy and caution at the present time. It would be gratifying to see what the new plant can do in a season, when fully and industriously operated. But an off year, (off the war), is to be preferred.

NO ASSURANCE OF CHANGE.

The Whig reads that President Wilson is inclined to accept the explanation of Germany upon the submarine question, or the reply to his note demanding a cessation of Germany's illegal attacks on merchant ships and the inexcusable loss of life thereby. It is admitted to be irritating, but it is all that can be expected from the Germans while under the stress of war.

The impertinence of the reply calls for criticism from the American press. It is not willing to let the insolence of Von Jagow pass without a challenge. But the president is reminded that the pith of his last note is really ignored. The German government does not condescend to discuss the Sussex case. It cannot be discussed, perhaps, without acknowledgment of wrong doing. In place of dealing diplomatically with the point at issue Von Jagow gives advice to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing with regard to Great Britain.

The Allies have restricted the traffic of the oceans so far as Germany is concerned, and as Britain has the navy she is blamed for conditions against which Germany has thus far protested in vain. Germany now wants the United States to become her tool and to be so good as to threaten serious things unless the British blockade is modified or lifted. Germany goes further and intimates that unless the United States rakes the nuts out of the fire at her bidding, the promised suspension of submarine atrocities may be of short duration.

The American press realizes in the situation no change of heart or plan on the part of Germany. The president may see something on which he can rest content for a while, but his

peace of mind will not be long continued if he depends on anything he can find in Germany's official correspondence.

SAVING OF DAYLIGHT.

An immense momentum has been given to the movement for the saving of daylight or the greater use of daylight in the working day by the action of the British government.

The Whig recalls the rebellion which followed the introduction of the earlier day into certain shops in Ontario. The desire was strong with certain of the working men to rise earlier and begin work an hour sooner each day, the effect being to give a larger leisure in daylight for the pursuit of such occupations as were enjoyed the more without artificial light.

The innovation, so simple and yet so radical, was resisted by the older men. They refused to get out of the rut which they had followed, as a matter of habit, for many years, and the daylight saving scheme proved a failure. Briefly the proposal is to push the clocks ahead one hour on May 27th at midnight to Sept. 2nd at midnight. This gives one hour more of sunlight at the end of the day's work, which, at the end of the fourteen weeks amounts to ten days of ten hours each. The chief advantages of the system are three.

1. Economy in artificial lighting. Assuming that people will retire at their usual time, the gas or electric light bill will be saved in every house in the city for 98 hours, or the equivalent of twenty nights, of more than four and a half hours each.

2. It will open the shops and factories one hour nearer to sunrise, when the air is cooler and more invigorating, and close them one hour earlier in the sultry afternoon.

3. It will permit an extra hour at the end of the day for work in the garden, for sports, or for recreation in the country.

The movement is not new. It has been in Germany and France for many years. Britain has endorsed it in her industrial centres and in over seven hundred cities. By royal proclamation the daylight saving scheme was pronounced a good thing when the labor men clamored for it, and now it is declared to be a national necessity in order to save in coal, in the production of gas and electricity, and to the estimated value of \$15,000,000 annually. The United States and Canada have been least affected so far by the daylight saving scheme, and because no concerted action has been taken by the industrial classes. The larger cities have experimented with it. In certain of the cities of Canada west the people have come to recognize it as regularly and as readily as they do the earlier closing movement. Australia and New Zealand have adopted it, but they are always in advance of Canada, in public sentiment, and for some reason which no one has been able to explain satisfactorily.

If no colony and no country had the earlier day it is worth an experiment, and in Kingston it is hoped Ald. Newman will revive his daylight saving by-law, and that the council will pass and enforce it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Brandon and Port Arthur have tried the earlier day, the daylight saving scheme, and pronounce it a success. Alderman Newman will be glad to have this information.

The Whig reads of one who lives sumptuously on dandelions, and prefers them to any other reasonable luxury. Would that he had them all, including the splendid crop which Kingston will presently offer.

The new Welland canal is expected to open in April, 1918. Will Kingston's improved harbor be ready for the greater grain trade at that date? Not unless the government and the city council get very busy, and at once.

Kingston has a very good by-law, affecting the control or direction of traffic. It is not being enforced, however. During the camp season there will be serious mishaps unless the law is reasonably and equitably applied.

The Toronto News says that for twenty years the Liberals controlled the railway situation. The Conservatives control it now, and will be responsible for one of the worst deals of the age if they carry through the Saguenay railway scheme at Senator Forget's behest.

The Toronto Telegram says that recruiting is running itself. That is, each regiment or district is doing the best it can, without much, if any, help from Ottawa. How would it do for Sir Sam Hughes to turn over this business to his mascot, Col. John Wesley Allison?

Natural gas is being supplied in Saskatchewan at from 17c to 25c per one thousand feet. In Medicine Hat it is sold at 5c per thousand feet. In Kingston it could be sold for one cent per thousand feet if, at the council meetings, it could be safely reserved and put to practical use.

The New York Commercial advocates the erection of state elevators at Oswego, Buffalo, and New York, in order to deflect the grain trade that is expected to flow eastward with each recurring season of navigation. A federal elevator at Kingston is necessary and in conformity with the government's plan of national harbors.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Unemployment at Ottawa. (Toronto News). The mobilization of lawyers at Ottawa would look like a rally of the unemployed.

Will He? (Hamilton Times). Having succeeded in getting the Kaiser to climb down, now watch Mr. Wilson point his diplomatic guns at John Bull.

Not Used To It. (Hamilton Times). Dr. Michael Clark is in the awkward position of having the Tory newspapers say nice things about him.

Property Named. (Quebec Mercury). Mrs. Peter Shanley, of Elizabeth, presented her husband with twin sons. Of course they'll call one of them Pete, and probably the other one Repeat.

It Seems So. (Ottawa Citizen). Each of the bilingual teachers on strike has sent a bill for back salary to Mayor Porter, the total aggregating \$4,000. Just now this is the height of fattery.

Hard On the Farmer. (Toronto Globe). Canada, Mr. Sanford Evans says, has a perfect genius for selling her wheat at a low price. This ruinous practice is never imitated by the people who sell supplies to the grain-grower.

Costly Machines. (Hamilton Spectator). Germany's thirtieth Zeppelin was destroyed yesterday by a British cruiser. This means a loss of fifteen million dollars in Zepps, alone, besides numerous other aircraft. Let the good work go on.

Canadian Hit Hard. (Toronto Globe). Sir Sam Hughes told T. A. Russell to get busy on fuse calculations. The Toronto manufacturer did get busy at once, only to discover that Allison's American friends meanwhile had got all the orders. Is it any wonder Canadian manufacturers feel sore?

Lincoln Must Go. (Toronto Mail). Lincoln, formerly member of the British House of Commons, and a self-confessed German spy, must go back to England to stand his trial for forgery. It will probably be found that somewhere in the statute books there is a penalty of hanging for forgery.

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Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

MARC ANTONY. Marc Antony was a distinguished Roman citizen whose principal business seems to have been to fall in and out of love. No record of the number of times Antony fell in love has ever been kept, as there were no multiple adding machines in those days, but from what we know of him he made Nat Goodwin look like a twenty to one shot.

Antony was one of the handsomest men that ever wore the Roman toga draped gracefully about his neck. Wherever he went he was recognized at once by his nose, which protruded from the rest of his face like some beetling cliff. Whenever Antony became enraged his nose would beetle in a very threatening manner, and cause timid people to regret having brought up the subject. He was a brave man, and was not afraid to die when he was not falling in love with somebody he could be found at the head of the Roman hollow square, charging into the very midst of the enemy with his aquiline nose at "present arms."

Antony had a good chance to become dictator of Rome after Julius Caesar died in the impetuous manner so pleasingly related by the late W. Shakespeare, but about that time he met Cleopatra and fell in love again with a low, vibrating gurgle. The Roman Senate did not like Cleopatra or the way she wore her hair, and they decided to expunge Antony from the minutes of the preceding meeting. This was done in 31 B.C., in a brilliant naval battle, during which Antony's fleet was sunk with considerable ardor off the coast of Greece. Antony escaped by pinning up his toga and swimming an incredible distance on foot, and spent the following winter telling Cleopatra that she was the only pebble on the beach. The pictures of Cleopatra which she her leaning against a nine-foot divan, wearing an incredulous look and not much of anything else, were taken at this time.

Antony's finish came the following spring, when his army deserted, thus leaving his flank exposed. When Cleopatra was seated on Cleopatra's divan, teaching her how to play "The Rosary" on the lute, and when he looked around and saw the condition his flank was in he was overcome with remorse. Uttering a graceful apology, he retired and soon afterward was found to have committed suicide with both hands.

The lesson taught by the life, services and public career of Marc Antony is that love which fits from flower to flower is bound to get stung.

Rippling Rhymes

TIN CANS. In olden days, the which I praise, as warmly as I'm able, we raised our beans and other greens out back fernst in the stable. A garden plot behind his cot each man inaugurated, and there he'd raise his peas and maize, and vines with pumpkins weighted. There dad would toil, and slug the soil, his busy boys around him, and he'd have beets and kindred eats when wintry tempests found him. This good old plan by modern man, no more, alas, is followed; but at the store he blows his ore for everything that's swallowed. He used to pluck the garden truck, and eat it fresh and juicy, and there was lots for all the tots, for Jake and Bill and Lucy. His grocer's bill then didn't kill, it was no grief to meet it; his bill of fare was rich and rare, and no hotel could beat it. In those old days the poorest jays set up the best of tables; but now man eats his green and beets from cans with gaudy labels.

LIBERAL PRESS.

A Call to Borden.

Ottawa Free Press. We believe Sir Robert Borden is big enough and broad enough to deplore the workings of the patronage system when the business of the country should be conducted with a view only to efficiency and success. But, whether through a lack of sufficient control by the Premier over his followers, or through other reasons, the patronage evil has continued. Its tentacles have extended and closed upon war jobs and war contracts. It may be that Sir Robert Borden would have the Conservative government act as Dr. Clark appeals to the Liberal opposition to act, but there are men in the Borden ministry who still play the political game. There are dozens of followers of the government in Parliament who are daily requesting them to play it in their behalf.

There are plenty of big men in the Conservative party who deplore the patronage curse as inflicted by the government upon the country just as much as Dr. Clark deplores the petty partisanship of some of his colleagues on the Liberal side of the House. The mass of Conservatives throughout the country deplore it. Only the job-hunting, pap-seeking camp-followers and the men who expect the support of these camp-followers in the next election can view it without distaste. The war to them is not a life-and-death struggle of the nation but an opportunity for selfish gain.

Dr. Michael Clark has sounded the call to the Liberal party. Let Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Robert Rogers and the other members of the ministry, sound it for the Conservatives. And if an appeal to their followers is useless, let them exercise their authority and stamp out this curse of patronage till the war is over.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Party Should Be Saved. Toronto Telegram. Canada admires the personality of Sir Robert Borden. The country never for one moment doubts the good intentions of Sir Robert Borden. Still Canada has a right to demand that the Premier of Canada should be Premier. Sir Robert Borden is not expected to dwarf his followers in Parliament or his associates in the Cabinet to the size of office boys. Nor is Sir Robert Borden expected to permit himself to be effaced as the authority of the premiership was effaced in the whole procedure of the Shell Committee. The clobberation of the premiership in the time of Canada's great need may be explained, by Sir Robert Borden's lack of health. The country should not be deprived of its industrial opportunities, the Conservative party should not be run on the rocks because a leader lacks health and strength to fulfil the duty of the premiership. Sir Robert Borden should either regain his health and strength or Sir Robert Borden should make way for a leader who will not submit to being pushed into the background and made part of the scenery by the Shell Committee.

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