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CIVIC MATTERS.

It does not seem necessary—just now, at least—to animadvert upon the candidates for election in the coming civic contest. That there is some ambition and public spirit in the town, is evidenced by the fact that a few new men are coming into the field,—notwithstanding the generally creditable manner in which those already in it have performed their duties in the past two years. This is a good and wholesome sign of the times. The fact shows that some citizens have a desire to do better than well, and that several think they can. In it we have an earnest of civic progress and improvement. An occasional change even in good civic government may do no harm. At any rate it is not always prudent to be dependent upon one set of men to carry on the business of the public. As to the Mayoralty it is an honorary position, and it ought to be held by the citizens as a reward and distinction to public-spirited men of ability who, either directly or indirectly, either in the City Council or out of the Council, have performed services deserving of special recognition. For this reason it should not, in any circumstances, be given for a series of years to any one person, though there may, of course, be circumstances in which it may be well to give a Mayor a second term.

As to the civic questions to be considered by the electors at the present juncture, it may be taken for granted that a large majority of the people of Charlottetown are in favor of that internal development and improvement for which there is so much room. Within the past two years we have all but completed an efficient system of sewerage, and we have brought credit upon the city by the construction of Victoria Park roadway. Let the good work go on. Have Black Sam's Bridge replaced by a permanent stone structure, have permanent sidewalks laid throughout the city, beginning at Queen Square and vicinity, and have all the streets macadamized. If anything can be done by the corporation to promote the establishment of manufacturing industries in the city, if anything can be legitimately done to encourage hotel keepers to erect and maintain hostleries attractive to summer tourists of the wealthier class—by all means let these things be done.

But we are not in favor of action that will necessitate any material increase of the public debt. This is a small city, a city without revenue resources other than those which are possessed by individual taxpayers, many of whom have, even now, as much as they can do to make ends meet. For this reason we think that any addition to the civic debt, other than that which may be incurred for a work that will prove financially self-sustaining, is to be deprecated. If, upon careful consideration and investigation, it should seem to be advisable to procure an electric light plant, affording light to the citizens at smaller cost than is now paid and lighting the streets for nothing, for such a purpose the civic debt might properly be increased. But for streets and sidewalks—unless it can be shown that the interest of the money can be saved—we think that no addition to the civic debt should be made.

There is one public question, which has been long in coming to a head and yet remains to be dealt with, viz., the abolition of the ward system. This system has been abolished in towns larger and wealthier than Charlottetown. We incline to the opinion that a movement to give each of the civic electors a vote for each of the Councillors would not, at this juncture, be very strongly opposed.

—The Montreal Star says it is difficult to determine which had most to do with causing Mr. Le Baron's defeat in Sherbrooke, the Grit whiskey (which is to have been pretty bad) the Grit campaign literature, which was worse, or the Grit stump speeches.

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INNOCENTS ABROAD.

Some Interesting Notes of a Recent Visit to Sydney.

Being afflicted with "Sydney" fever, so prevalent just now, I with many others boarded the mail express for Georgetown on the 18th inst., left Georgetown on the good boat "Minto" on Friday the 19th and arrived at Pictou in three hours, in time to lunch and board the Sydney express.

The "Minto" in our opinion is superior to the Stanley in many respects, especially the saloon and berths which are very comfortable. The mail room however, is disgraceful. The boat has yet to prove her self in heavy pack cargo by her action in a large field of board ice she has more power than the Stanley and goes through 1 1/2 to 2 feet of ice quite easily and fast. With such an efficient and painstaking staff of officers it is a pleasant trip and exciting.

Pictou is the same quiet, lazy old town. Hamilton & Son's biscuit and confectionery factory employs about 130 hands. The hope of the people is on the copper smelting plant about complete and a coal mine said to be discovered on Cariboo Island.

Westville and Stellerton next about 12 miles inland situated in the heart of the coal mining districts. The high smoke stacks of four mines can be seen in which are employed about 1,500 men. Large quantities of coal are being shipped to Montreal in box cars. The country here is uninviting and apparently of little use for farming, but remarkable level. Everything is begrimed with coal dust.

Two miles further New Glasgow, "twenty minutes for lunch," and we "size up" the town. One long street constitutes the main town which is smart looking, with fine stores and a general air of prosperity. Nearby are the steel works and boiler shops, etc. We recall the "boom" here some years ago when the steel works were established.

Twelve miles further on is Merigomish, a good booming section resembling part of P. E. Island, near Elliot's or Hunter River. Further on an old mill dam and furniture factory, rather rickety, reminds one of "relics of old dacency" etc. From here to Antigonish the country is rough and mountainous and farming must be carried on under great disadvantages—lumbering seems the greatest industry.

Antigonish is about forty miles west of Canso and is a tidy looking country town in a valley surrounded by high hills. The land seems to be well cultivated and well adapted for grazing. It has a Roman Catholic College and Bishops residence.

Tracadie, twenty miles further east is a very pretty place, well cultivated farms, very level with the Gulf of St. Lawrence in sight and the high mountains of western Cape Breton like heavy thunder clouds in the horizon makes a fascinating landscape.

Now this place is a monastery of trappist monks, about 50 in number, who own a fine farm of 500 acres. It was founded in 1820 and is the only one of this order in this part of the world. They farm extensively, keeping about fifty cows and some grist and saw-wood cording mills, etc., and do all their own work. The discipline is very rigorous.

Next, 19 miles further, is Mulgrave on the Straits of Canso, where we leave the cars and cross in a small steamer to the other side at Point Tupper. The Straits are about one mile wide here and 12 miles long. The water here never freezes owing to its great depth (60 fathoms) and very swift current. This must be a perfect paradise in summer. The land gradually sloping from the water, rises to a great height and the sides of the great hills are dotted as far as the eye can reach with tidy cottages. From Point Tupper to Sydney is 90 miles, and the first part of the journey is not interesting—miles and miles of spruce fence poles with odd patches of cleared land on the hillsides. Some fine comfortable looking homes and some huts with the stove pipe through the roof with a hungry looking pig singing his tuneful song with his "bow" towards the kitchen door. Lots of sheep and hungry looking cattle are roaming on the hillsides in the cold January weather.

As we near Grand Narrows the country improves rapidly. Here the scenery is beautiful beyond description. Huge mountains in the distance with their tops gilded with the rays of the setting sun, while darkness pervades the valleys beyond. Miles and miles of beautiful lakes with islands and high headlands as free from ice as in summer and inhabited by thousands of sea fowl all make a scene long to be remembered. This must be an ideal summer resort.

Now we are at Sydney, the goal of our ambition, just thirteen hours from Georgetown and we look for an hotel. The streets are dark and muddy, no sidewalk, but we find the Sydney and secure one of its 170 rooms at \$2 per day. Several fellow passengers had difficulty to get a place of moderate cost as almost all the places were full.

After a good sleep we start out to do the town. We first engage a team at \$1 per hour to drive out to the works of the D. I. & S. Co., located across Muggab Creek over which the company have recently erected a new bridge. We first noticed the machine shop under construction, which is 460 feet long, 93 feet wide and 46 feet high. The castings for the coke ovens are now being made here. Next the coke ovens which consist of 8 batteries of 50 ovens each, a shed 400 feet long for grinding and preparing fire bricks, a condensing house, ammonia house, a one million foot gas house. The capacity is 16,000 tons of coke per day. It will take about 60,000 barrels of cement and 22,000,000 brick to construct the works. The blast furnaces are immense structures and are in course of construction.

To describe this vast work would take more space than we can afford sufficient to say that the magnitude of the work must

be seen to be appreciated. It is estimated that at least \$9,000,000 will be spent in the construction and upwards of 4000 skilled workmen will be employed. It is not expected the work will be in full blast inside of 1 1/2 or 2 years. We understand the company intend erecting next summer about 2000 homes for their workmen. They have already secured the land for this purpose in a suburb named "Ashby." These homes some of which are now complete are nice cottages costing from \$1800 to \$1,200 each.

The town itself formerly had a population of about 4000 but some claim it is now doubled which statement we are inclined to doubt. The wharfs are a jumbled down lot of rubbish with few exceptions. The streets are poorly lighted with "incandescent lights" the same as are used in houses. There is a good water works system. But the town, as a whole, is very antiquated and the stores are, as a rule, not up to date. The site of the town being on a peninsula jutting out into Sydney Bay is beautiful and the land is high must be pleasant and healthful in summer.

The old settlers all wear a very "broad smile" and we think they can afford to if they realize the prices they place on town lots. People in very humble circumstances have suddenly become rich owing to the tremendous boom in land value. Thousands are being paid for lots now which last spring could easily have been bought for as many hundreds.

People are flocking in confusion to get a foothold, and the happiest men in Sydney (if not on earth) today are the real estate men, the hotel men and the rum-sellers.

Our opinion is that land values are too high, and as yet there is nothing to justify such inflated prices. We doubt if retailers are at present making money very fast. We noticed that although there were many people in the town and on the streets yet the stores did not seem to be doing the business one would think should be done. When several big stores get agoing we fear some of the smaller ones will be gobbled up. This is our impression, but we may be wrong.

We may mention that the town gave the D. I. & S. Co. a bonus of \$85,000 to induce them to locate there and it may happen that the dose may have to be repeated to induce other industries to locate. We shall see. Meantime the real estate men and hotel keepers are getting in their fine work. It is not the first time that people have in Canada become mesmerized by a boom. We trust it will not be so in this case.

On the other hand the location of the town is a happy one. Beautiful of situation on a fine harbor with natural resources in unlimited supplies of coal and lime stone, with easy access of the greatest iron ore deposits in America, with good farming land in the vicinity, it should be the greatest city in Canada and it may be. If so P. E. Island, the Garden of the Gulf will find a market at her door for her peerless agricultural produce.

Should Sydney become the Clyde of Canada and there is no reason why it should not and a great iron shipbuilding yard be located there the "boom" will extend to P. E. Island as the great store house of food supplies to feed the thousands of workmen and their families. This is a possibility; but it will not come in a day.

The employment of 4000 workmen in our opinion is not sufficient cause for such a boom. There will require to be many other industries established employing many more men before there can be any justification for paying such enormous prices for lots.

The "Boom men" says this is going to come and that "Sydney" will be the Pittsburg of Canada. We hope so; but that is only "prophecy." We are inclined to believe that the land values will prevent the establishment of these industries unless the town gives a "bonus" as an offset.

There are several well-known Islanders in Sydney, some of whom have invested in property. Prowse Bros. in our opinion, have secured the best business site in the town. Mr. Schurman of Summerside is well and favorably known as a reliable and skilled architect. Mr. Larkins of Richmond has great faith in the future of the place, and is a large dealer in lumber and produce. He has secured a fine wharf. There are several other Islanders whose names we forget who have invested money in town lots. We trust their most sanguine expectations may be realized. We now bid adieu to Sydney, but hope to return ere long and be able to note substantial prosperity. We forgot to mention something at Canso that interested us very much. While passengers cross in a steamer, freight in car-loads is transported in scows. This scow has two tracks and can hold eight loaded cars of fifteen tons each. We also noticed that the I. C. R. time tables revised (?) to "16th January," have the time table of P. E. Island on the summer arrangement. This is very annoying to travellers and the cause of considerable profanity.

King's County, Jan. 27, 1900.

P. S.—The only daily paper in Sydney is the Record, a sheet just half the size of THE EXAMINER. It will likely grow if fed well, but there is room for improvement.

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 9. Contralto Solo..... Give Me a Freshening Breeze
 10. Song..... Miss Amy Earle
 11. Violin Solo..... Miss Maisie Clout
 12. Song..... Mr. E. Mitchell
 13. Vocal Duet..... What Ye Was in Yon Town—by request
 14. Vocal Quintette..... Song of the Old
 15. Reading..... Miss Estlin
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