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Citizen's Meeting A Great Success.

The meeting of citizens held in the city hall last night was a great success in that it was one of the few occasions of recent years when the people took the trouble to turn out and talk matters over. Although attempts were made on several occasions to turn it into a political meeting, the attempts did not seem to succeed. Those present passed the resolutions they wanted and doubtless the mayor will see that they are forwarded to the places designated by the movers and seconders, although no provision was made by the meeting for any fund to take care of the cost which will be very considerable.

It was good to see the fishermen and others out, men who seldom take part in public affairs but who, urged on by the force of circumstances, were bent on trying something new, the old having failed. It is to be hoped that this interest in public affairs continues and that the men who were there last night will be there again.

Criticisms Of Board Of Trade.

When something goes wrong, somebody has to be the scapegoat. The bottom went out of the fishing industry and people are wondering who is to blame. Among others they seem to have turned their attention to the Board of Trade. That body is supposed to represent the business interests of the city. It does that to some extent although it is not as representative as it might be, if those who are not members would join and attend its deliberations.

As was explained last night, the members of the Board pay twelve dollars a year for the privilege of working for the city. In that they differ from the mayor and aldermen who are paid for their services. Some of the members of the Board of Trade give many hours of their time preparing public matters, looking up data, and doing other work in the interests of the city, in addition to paying their annual fee. For doing this they get little but abuse, but they keep right on in spite of the criticisms. Suggestion was made last night that they be turned out. This cannot be done except by the talking patriots themselves joining, paying the annual fee and preparing themselves to do the work which is now being done by the others. The present members, we believe are not anxious for the job but they refuse to let go the work just because a few people who know little about what is being done sometimes criticize them. It is always the case that a few people do the work and the majority sit around and tell them how it should not be done.

Majority Do Not Vote At Meetings.

At the meeting last night nothing like a majority of those present seemed to take enough interest in the proceedings to hold up their hands either for or against the resolutions. When a resolution was declared carried unanimously only a few of the people had voted. The others sat in their seats like a bump on a log. They did not oppose, so they were considered to be in favor. That is the only inference that can be taken but it may not be correct.

Passing Resolutions Is An Easy Matter.

One of the chief complaints against the Board of Trade in past days is that it passed too many resolutions. Last night a great many were passed at the public meeting, too many to be very effective. When a meeting expresses itself on so many subjects at the same session it is apt to do things which may not be wise. However, most of the resolutions passed last night were all right. The difficulty will be to make people on the outside think so.

When the government at Ottawa gets a sheaf of resolutions all at one time they will not prove as effective as if just one on which the people were united had been sent through.

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Interesting Address Given by Famous Author in Boston Hall Yesterday

"Canada started with little more than energy, brains and imagination but there is no limit to what heights she may attain if she will crush out that great foe to progress, sectionalism," declared Charles G. D. Roberts, the famous Canadian author at a luncheon given by the Canadian Club yesterday afternoon in Boston Hall, W. S. Fisher presiding.

Mr. Roberts said that divergent interests were always at work. Each district tried to develop its own resources, and this was as it should be. No progress could take place without that. It must be borne in mind, however, that the interests of the other sections of the country also had to be considered. In injuring one part the whole was injured. Hurt one member of the body and the whole suffered and the same was true of the state. All parts were interdependent.

Divergent interests were too much in the hands of politicians, Mr. Roberts thought. They were hampered by the fact that politicians had to consider their own constituents. This was necessary because, unless a member looked after his own constituency he would not long be a member.

Non-Political Duty

In view of this condition it lay with the non-political organizations such as the Canadian Clubs to bring about harmony. These could do a great deal in bringing together the divergent interests. He found that the Maritime provinces had grievances and so did other provinces but any of the difficulties could be quickly settled by a group of level-headed businessmen unhampered by political considerations.

Mr. Roberts gave as an example the controversy over free trade and protection. As Canadians their efforts should be toward conciliation of the divergent interests.

In opening his lecture Mr. Roberts told humorously and interestingly about his own efforts to join the army when war broke out. He first applied to General Sam Hughes and asked for a job doing anything from major general down to grooming a mule. He could not get even the least of these jobs. He then turned to the Imperial army and joined as a Tommy. After a while some of his friends thought he ought to be an officer instead of a trooper and he was told to fill out some forms. He did everything truthfully until he came to his age. As a matter of fact he was born in 1860 but he left the space on the form vacant and wrote a note saying he would leave that to the medical officer who had examined him and who had pronounced him in first class physical condition. He sent in the papers and they came back with the date filled in as 1870 and a note saying some of the papers had evidently tampered with the paper, committing perjury on his behalf but they could settle that after the war.

Unusual Precocity

Then Mr. Roberts filled out another paper in which he had to give the date of his marriage and the ages of his children. He filled this out truthfully, never thinking they would be compared but an officer sent for him and the two papers were together showing that he was married at the age of nine and was a father at the age of eleven. The officer looked over the papers and made no remark except to say that as his record showed unusual precocity he was sure he would make an excellent officer.

If another war came along Mr. Roberts said he feared he would have to knock off thirty years.

There was a good attendance of members of both Canadian Clubs. Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Fraser and S. K. Campbell. W. S. Fisher presided.

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SOME people lose their memory and grieve over it; others would lose their memory if it were only possible.

THE other day a book agent called on me and when I told him I did not want his wares, he was quite nice about it and left me alone. I received this as one of the great events of the year.

A spinster is a person who knows too much about married life or who has not had an opportunity to display her courage.

THE windmill seems to have a greater vogue than ever in the East, according to press reports of the House of Commons debates.

I remember the time when a dollar looked just about as big as a five-spot does today. But who wants a big dollar?

It looks to me as if rainmaking would be a pretty profitable industry in this part of the country. Hatfield ought to make a fortune if he came here.

Ever since I was twenty years old I have made my living off the land—a long way off.

Everything comes to an end if you wait long enough—even the moanings of the pessimists.

Women ought to make good architects for there are plenty of designing women who might turn their talents in that direction.

Since the war the weather does not seem to have settled down and returned to normal.



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May 1, 1915.

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Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney general, returned yesterday on the steamer Prince Rupert from a trip to Anxox and proceeded south on his return to Vancouver. William Manson, M.P.P., accompanied him to Anxox.

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