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THINKS ST. JOHN MIGHT DO THIS

President of Boston Canadian Club Commends Old Home Pilgrimage.

Writing to a friend in this city, Fred R. Basley, president of the Boston Canadian Club, states that he is soon to proceed to Halifax to co-operate with committee there for the carrying out of the details of the old home week which will be so notable a feature in Nova Scotia next summer.

There will be other Canadian-American representatives. The sister city is evidently getting down to basic work good and early for its gathering of the clans. A long and varied programme is being constructed and all branches of national, patriotic, civic and governmental activity are collaborating.

The idea of bringing Canadian Club officials and others from the United States to help co-ordinate the plans is a new one and an excellent one, it would seem. Mr. Basley of Boston, who is former St. John man, thinks this city might do well to start a similar old home pilgrimage scheme if not for this immediate summer for the next one.

As it is there will doubtless be a large number of tourists stopping off in St. John and other N. B. places en route to or from the Nova Scotian celebration. The motor traffic, it is expected in Boston, will be very heavy eastwards this summer.

President Basley himself motored to St. John last year and was warmly here by the Governor Cox party. He found the thoroughfares in both countries satisfactory and looks for a thorough "seasoning" of the new Charlotte county roadways in another few months of sunshiny weather.

STORM HOLDS UP BOAT COMING HERE

Sydfold Arrives Day Late—Two Others are Delayed on Voyage.

The steamer Sydfold, which arrived in port today at noon from New York to load potatoes for Havana, was over a day late owing to the storm which raged along the coast since the last night. The heavy gale in the bay drove the steamer back down the bay.

Local agents of the steamer reported this morning that the ship was still 1,400 miles from Saint John. The last word received from the steamer was at noon yesterday. Receptionally heavy weather was encountered, but it was not known here yesterday whether or not the storm yesterday affected the steamer.

No word has been received from the Manchester Division which is out eleven days from Manchester for this port, and which unless held back by storm or other trouble should have made the trip in eight days.

The office of the Marine and Fisheries Department reported this morning, that as far as they then knew the storm and heavy blow of yesterday had in no way affected them.

TOTAL IS LESS

Lumber Shipped From Here to U. S. in Last Quarter.

A statement of the lumber and lumber products shipped from St. John to the United States for the quarter ended December 31, 1923, shows a falling off in valuation of some \$200,000 as compared with the same period in 1922. The total for the 1923 period was \$816,546, and for 1922, \$1,112,026.

The following are the figures as compiled at the office of the U. S. Consul: Rough spruce pulpwood... 1,354,000; Rosed spruce pulpwood... 2,688,000; Spruce piling... 1,800,000; Clothes poles... 404,000; Spruce staves... 6,837,000; Christmas trees... 4,844,000; Hardwood flooring... 2,780,000; Hemlock... 11,494,000; Pine... 186,748,000; Laths... 2,208,000; Shingles... 1,740,000; Birch and maple... 296,138,000; Wood pulp... \$816,546.00.

ODDFELLOWS HAVE OPEN NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

The third open night entertainment of the city lodges of Odd Fellows was given by Jewel Tebekah Lodge No. 6 at the rooms of Golden Rule Lodge No. 26 I. O. O. F. last evening and was presided over by Miss Ida Belyen.

The following programme was thoroughly enjoyed and many encores given. Selection by the harmony six orchestra, Miss Leland, pianist, Messrs. Maxwell, Ellis, Belyen, Thompson, J. McAndrews; solo, Miss Marion Stevens; reading, Mr. Rupert; speech, W. R. Sanderson, deputy grand master; reading, Miss Verta; Roberts; quartette, Messrs. Long, Fowler, Osborn and Fiewelling; dance, Miss Angelina Gregory.

All the performers were heartily encored. A beautiful supply of refreshments was served to the audience and much enjoyed. The evening was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JAN 17.

A.M. High Tide... 8.20 High Tide... 8.50 Sun Rises... 7.08 Sun Sets... 6.10 P.M.

LOCAL NEWS

BANK CLEARINGS HIGHER Bank clearings for the week just closed totaled \$2,907,161, as compared with \$2,217,514 for the same week last year and \$2,408,989 for 1922.

The total in Halifax was \$2,751,141.

WIRELESS REPORTS. The direction finding station at Red Head reported that at 12 o'clock noon they got in touch with the S. S. Canadian Runner, which was 120 miles eastward bound.

NEW WATER MAIN. A four-inch water main is being installed at the High School, Commissioner Wigmore reported this morning replacing an old two-inch main which has been down for over 30 years.

MONTLAURIER DUE SATURDAY. From latest advices received at C. P. headquarters the Canadian Pacific Steamship Montclair will arrive in port Saturday morning from Liverpool and Glasgow. She has 511 passengers, a large amount of cargo and a consignment of mail.

C. P. R. FOREMAN HURT. Henry McEldan, yard foreman of the C. P. R., was slightly injured while at work in West St. John this morning. He was superintending the placing of some cars of grain in the elevator when he got caught and jammed. His injuries were not considered as serious.

NO POLICE COURT CASES. There were no cases heard in the police court this morning, no arrests having been made by the police yesterday or during the night.

Magistrate Henderson arrived and saw that there was nothing to be taken up in the police court immediately took up the cases to be heard in the city court.

HYDRO MATTER NEXT WEEK. Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, said this morning that the matter of the bill of the city and the compromise agreed upon some months ago but not retained by the Government would probably come up next week as it was expected the commission would be in session here then.

MRS. GEO. DONNER DEAD. The death of Alice May Donner, wife of George Donner, occurred at her residence, 21 Clifton street, West St. John, Monday after a long illness. She was a daughter of the late Herbert Clark, and is survived by her daughter, Florence, and two sisters, Mrs. Annie Clark, and Mrs. Robert Wilson and Miss Edith Clark. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

HAD HAPPY EVENING. A very pleasant time was spent last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Beckett, 96 Kennedy street, in the company of a large number of their friends.

During the evening Mrs. Blake Ferris sang solos, Mr. Beckett gave violin selections and Mrs. F. M. Watson entertained with excellent piano music. During the evening dancing and cards were in order, and a very dainty luncheon was served.

SUNSHINE CLASS ELECTS. The Sunshine Class of the Pleasant Point Sunday School was organized at meeting held on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Sylvia M. Haines. The following were chosen as the officers:—Miss Blanche Northrup, president; Miss Cynthia Irvine, vice-president; Miss Marena Urquhart, secretary; Miss Elva Melanson, assistant secretary; Miss Sylvia Haines, treasurer.

The meeting was very much enjoyed. Adjournment was made at an early hour.

IMPROVEMENT ON SHORE LINE. J. M. Woodman, general superintendent of the C. P. R., New Brunswick district, announced this morning that the new telephone system on the Shore Line Railway has been completed and covers the entire district between Bay Shore and St. Stephen. He also announced that an addition has been made to the station at Musquash to be used as living quarters for the station agent. During the freshet in the spring the station agent's house was washed away.

TO START BADMINTON. Following a demonstration of the game by a Trinity quartette, consisting of P. J. Wright, Bartach and Messrs. Dixon and Price, at St. Jude's Hall, last evening a number of the younger people of the church decided to organize a badminton club. P. J. Wright was elected chairman, L. J. Maxwell, secretary, the executive to consist of J. Wright, Miss Gertrude Hare and Miss H. Wilson. The club will hold another meeting on next Wednesday evening when they will organize teams and begin practice.

BRIDE IS HONORED. Mrs. Charles Johnston, a recent bride, was delightfully surprised last evening at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Daniel Morrison, when about 30 friends gathered and tendered her a novelty shower. A large basket, trimmed with blue and decorated with real orange blossoms brought from England, was brought in. On top rested a doll dressed as a bride, while inside was a glittering array of silver, cut glass and china, which was presented to Mrs. Johnston with the best wishes of those present. Tasty refreshments were served and the evening was pleasantly spent with music, dancing and singing.

O. A. MARTIN IS PRESIDENT. The annual meeting of the Water Works Employees' Association was held last evening in their rooms in the Water Works Department building. The meeting was more largely attended than any since the association was formed two years ago. A most successful year was predicted by the speakers. The election of officers for the year resulted as follows: Hon. president, Hon. R. W. Wigmore; president, O. A. Martin; vice-president, E. Ricketta; recording secretary, R. H. Pearson; financial secretary, W. McAndrews; treasurer, C. Ducey; and sergeant-at-arms, H. Howe. Retiring President James McCarthy presided at last night's meeting.

PROVINCIAL OFFICE FOR SCOUTS ASKED

District Council Leaves Financing Plans in Committee's Hands

The suggestion that the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association might consider the advisability of reopening a provincial office in New Brunswick with a full time secretary in charge was advanced at the special meeting of the St. John District Council last night in the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria. This suggestion will be forwarded to the Canadian Council.

A provincial office is now established in Ontario. Because of its remoteness given the Boy Scout movement in this province by the work of the Dominion organization was felt a New Brunswick office was much to be desired. There was a provincial Boy Scout office in St. John for several years but it was closed two years ago.

Dr. L. DeV. Chipman, district president, was in the chair last evening, and the meeting was largely attended, about 80 being present. Finances were a matter of serious consideration and ways and means of raising funds to fill a depleted treasury were discussed at length. It was left to the ways and means committee, of which J. E. Simpson is the convener, to formulate a definite scheme of raising funds to carry on the work of the association.

LOSES HER PURSE AND RETURN TICKET

Lady Visitor in City Prevented From Returning Home Today.

Mrs. Arnold Reid of Tracey Station, while in the city yesterday visiting friends, had the misfortune to lose her purse, containing about \$60 and her return ticket to Fredericton Junction, and as a consequence was unable to go back to her home this morning as she had planned.

Mrs. Reid was returning from Fairville about 6:30 o'clock, and the last she remembers of having her purse was when she opened it on entering the car to pay her fare. She left her car at the Union Depot, and on arriving at the home of friends in the city, where she spent the night, the pocket-book was missing.

At the office of the New Brunswick Power Company this morning it was said that no report had been received of the purse being found on the Fairville car.

COL. A. McMILLAN MAY BE SENATOR

Ottawa Says He is Favored for New Brunswick Appointment.

A special despatch to The Evening Times from Ottawa says:—It is understood that deadlock between the supporters of the rival claimants for the vacant New Brunswick senatorship in prospect of being broken by the appointment of Colonel Alex. McMillan, D. S. O. of St. John. Colonel McMillan has never been an applicant for the senatorship but his long and prominent association with the Liberal party in New Brunswick and his fine war record has secured him strong popular support.

GOING INTO DRY DOCK. The schooner Cashier was towed to Courtney Bay yesterday afternoon, and will go in dry dock for general overhauling.

MORE GRAIN COMING. Grain shipments from the C. P. R. elevators in West St. John are beginning to pick up after a lull during the last two weeks. Orders are being received and from all indications will be quite heavy during the remainder of the season.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I see there is more trouble in the Cape Breton coal mines. Would you be willing to go over and arbitrate?"

"No, sir," said Hiram, "I wouldn't. I guess they don't want to settle it. I tried one time to get Zeke Files and his wife to stop quarrellin'—an' I found out it was just natural to 'em both an' they wouldn't be happy without it. After that, when I went by an' heard her screamin' an' Zeke yellin' I just jerked on the reins an' broke into a trot to get by."

"But their quarrels did not hurt anybody else," said the reporter.

"That's so, too," said Hiram. "It didn't raise the price of firewood in the Settlement. Still, I don't see how you're gonto get them fellers over to Cape Breton to agree. It's beyond me. It's been tried, an' tried—an' tried—an' it don't seem to be no use. They've had committees—they've had soldiers—they've had preachers—they've had politicians—they've had red flags—what hant they hed? That there Nova Scotia coal must be grea' stuff. It makes things hot afore it ever gets near the stove—By Hen!"

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