

AROUND THE CITY

SHOWERS

IS IMPROVING. Commissioner Fisher, who has been ill, was reported to be improving yesterday.

EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS. The Corona Confectionery Company are planning extensions and alterations to their factory on Union street.

HAVE ENGAGED ARCHITECT. Commissioner Bullock announced yesterday that Charles Archibald had been engaged as architect by the city housing commission.

COMING HOME. F. W. Sumner, agent-general for New Brunswick, is due to arrive at Quebec today on his way to Montreal. He is accompanied by Mrs. Sumner.

STATIONED AT HALIFAX. Capt. W. Wray Barracough, son of Rev. W. A. Barracough, has been given charge of the Department of Neurology in Military District No. 6, and is now stationed at Halifax.

WANT MISSED DAM OPEN. A meeting of the All New Brunswick Tourist, Game and Resources League will be held this week to discuss the matter of having the Misses dam opened to allow salmon to reach the spawning ground.

TO VISIT NEWCASTLE. Charles Robinson, secretary of the New Brunswick Returned Soldiers' Commission, will leave tonight for Newcastle to attend the soldiers' reception at that place.

ENGAGED FOR MONCTON. The St. John Pipe Band has been engaged to play at the parade at Moncton on Labor Day, the final arrangements having been made with Pipe Major Ross yesterday.

THE ROTARY CLUB. At the Rotary Club yesterday B. A. Shoufield, F. A. Dyer, and E. J. Terry were appointed a committee to take up with the Board of Trade the drafting of an act to better street conditions in the city. The committee will also be asked to address on social welfare work in England. H. D. Paterson presided.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES. The secretary of the Board of Trade yesterday received from a Boston man an enquiry as to the possibilities for the establishment of a blueberry canning plant in this vicinity. This gentleman is interested in a similar establishment elsewhere in Canada, but wants to locate near his home at Boston.

SEVEN DAYS IN "GLINK." The court-martial which was held on August 25th, charged with wearing the uniform of a British officer without permission, met on Saturday morning and heard the evidence. The result was promulgated in the afternoon and he was sentenced to seven days' detention. It was said that his physical condition was such that he would be unable to do sentence with hard labor.

POLICE ACTIVITIES. Four drunks were gathered in by the local police last night. Fred Rooney was arrested on a warrant of assault. Stanley Herlin was arrested on suspicion of breaking and entering the premises of A. Gibbs, 208 Brussels street, and stealing three suits of clothes, one woman's coat and child bag. The two later arrests were made by detectives Hiddiscombe and Donohoe.

Provincial Bank Annual Statement

Steady and Continuous Progress is Shown Despite Adverse Conditions Created by the War - Branches Opened in Different Centres.

The annual statement of the Provincial Bank of Canada published elsewhere in this paper is another chapter in the story of steady and continuous progress. The past year despite adverse conditions created by the war has been a profitable one and not only has the bank felt encouraged with the business enjoyed by the existing establishments but has deemed it wise to extend its sphere of activity. Branches have been opened in different centres throughout Ontario and Quebec while in the Maritime Provinces, New Brunswick and Charlottetown have received similar additions and in New Brunswick in addition to the branches in the north and south ends of this city sub-agencies have been opened at Clarendon Station and St. Quentin.

It will be noted in this statement that the Provincial Bank enjoys a reserve fund of one million dollars, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars having been added during the past year, or rather eighteen months. The net profits for the period covered in this report amount to \$250,000, a considerably larger amount proportionately than for any previous period in the history of the bank. It is notable that the position which the Provincial Bank enjoys in Canada today has been so recognized by the investing public that the stock issue of the bank in the summer last was seventy per cent over-subscribed within a period of three weeks, almost a quarter of a million in applications being reported. The board of directors of this institution are interested in the business life of the eastern provinces not merely through association with the bank, for it is worthy of mention that the president, Sir H. Laporte, is one of the senior directors of the Canadian National Railway and that the vice-president, G. M. Bowdler, is chairman of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Steamships.

ST. JOHN-ST. STEPHEN HIGHWAY AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT

American Automobile Party is Mired in the Much Talked of Shore Road—New Jersey Doctor Says It's Worst Road He Ever Travelled Over—Will Ship Car Back to States by Steamer—St. John Man Damaged Car on Disgraceful Highway.

On July 23 last the members of the Retail Merchants' Association held a meeting and complained bitterly about the state of the roads in the city and the highways in the province, especially the highway between St. John and St. Stephen, showing that much trade was being kept away from St. Stephen. After considerable discussion a committee was appointed to wait on the Commissioner of Public Works for St. John and take up the matter of the city streets, and also to wait on the Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works for the province, and other members of the government. The committee had a conference with Commissioner Fisher and when through they were satisfied that under the circumstances this city neither was doing all he could. They then waited on the members of the local government and when this conference was through the committee left quite satisfied that the St. John-St. Stephen highway was not as bad as had been claimed, that the old road was not the highway to be used but that the new or the shore road was the proper one for automobilists to take with safety and comfort, that the road complained of was not the main trunk road and travelers on it were misdirected by a road sign at St. Stephen. The members of the government promised that the work on the road would proceed as rapidly as possible. This meeting was held on Tuesday, July 23rd, and the road between St. Stephen and St. John are just as bad if not worse than ever.

The retail merchants were objecting to the road being in such a bad state owing to the fact that it was keeping the tourist travel from coming to St. John and therefore a large amount of business was lost. The merchants were satisfied with the explanation given them and the matter was allowed to drop.

Some men have been working on the roads during the past few months but the roads are still in a disgraceful state and this Standard has it on good authority that American tourists are being warned from coming to St. John over the St. Stephen road.

A gentleman who returned to the city on Saturday from an automobile trip through Maine and Massachusetts was in conversation with a Standard reporter yesterday, and when asked how he enjoyed his trip, said that as far as the roads through Maine and Massachusetts were concerned they were grand, but never again would he attempt the trip over the St. John-St. Stephen road. He said that on his way to the States he travelled over the road known as the old road, and from L'Esperance to St. George this highway was in very bad shape in different sections. When he arrived at Digby he found that the bridge had been carried away about three weeks ago and was still out. Coming towards this bridge there was no sign other than a log party on the main road to tell that there was anything wrong. When he arrived at the place where the bridge used to be he found an American automobile party there, and together they were trying to make a detour through the woods to get along with considerable loss of time.

Coming back last week he spent a day at Bangor and in the large garage he found about one hundred and fifty touring cars there, and the man in charge informed him that this was a comparatively bad day for the cars that travelled east to New Brunswick was very small as they would not take a chance over the roads from St. Stephen to St. John. Other tourists who had made the trip stated that they would never again make the journey and of course no person in St. John would do right in advising a large travel through St. John and this city, as well as the whole province, would be better off.

As for the roads in the other sections of New Brunswick the gentleman said that they were pretty good, especially in the south shore and out to the coast. He said that the roads between St. John and Fredericton were in pretty good shape, but the principal road to bring tourists to New Brunswick and through St. John was that from St. Stephen and it was a shame that something was not done to put it into shape for safe travel.

HACKMEN LEAVE EMPRESS DOCK

Object to New Stand Placed Against the Warehouse—Every Vehicle Left Dock as Ship Arrived—Passengers Inconvenienced.

A new stand for hackmen has been erected on the Digby boat wharf and has been placed up against the warehouse. On previous occasions the hackmen were allowed on the outside of railings near the gangway. As the steamer Empress reached the dock yesterday afternoon the police ordered the hackmen to get behind the new railing; they refused and in a body left the pier and all drove away. There was a large number of passengers from Digby, many en route to the States or Upper Canada and these were considerably inconvenienced when they found there was no conveyance to take them to the depot. They were obliged to carry their baggage to the street and stand in crowded cars.

There was considerable stir about the dock as the boat was approaching and the hackmen refused to obey the orders of the police. If they were not behind the new railing when the passengers come ashore they were liable to be reported and fined, so feeling this was not being treated fairly and not wishing to figure in the police court, the hackmen rushed to catch the boat and in a remarkably short time Water street was filled with a string of empty vehicles all heading towards the depot to await the arrival of the steamer from Halifax and the steamship dock was deserted.

It is said the hackmen intend to remain firm and will not attend the arrival of the Empress until some other arrangements are made. On the other hand it is believed the agent has had considerable difficulty on the arrival of the steamer in keeping the gang way clear. At the present it means a loss to the hackmen and much inconvenience to the travelling public.

A Naval Officer Writes From Egypt

St. John Man in British Navy Describes Some of the Curious Things to be Seen in the Far East.

A St. John officer in the British navy wrote the following letter describing some of the many curious things to be seen in Egypt:

"We reached Alexandria this afternoon and anchored in the harbor but haven't got ashore yet. We had not even disembarked before the greatest collection of the most extraordinary people came alongside in all manner of small boats. One little boy, very fat he was, in a yellow gown with a brown vest on top has been hanging around the gangway and salama whenever he saw an officer. Several very important officials in gorgeous uniforms have visited us with long forms to be filled in and much loud talk to discuss our work. A few turbans but nearly everyone wears a fez, a rather taller one than seems to be the fashion in Constantinople.

Next Day. "Have just got back from a cruise around the town. It is quite a big place and except for the native part very clean and the streets are straight and broad. I never saw such a variety of color as the people here are, everything from as black as your boots to white.

"The natives mostly wear a long gown like a nightgown down to their ankles. There is no collar and it is open at the neck, inside they wear a pair of trousers with a row of little round buttons. A great many go barefoot, but some wear sandals. A few wear European boots. Some sport the Turkish rig with baggy breeks. Any one who wants to be sportsy wears over his other clothes a coat that looks exactly like a long, light spring overcoat.

"The native streets look and smell exactly like Constantinople except perhaps they aren't so smelly. I didn't see many women on the streets. What they wear is not different from the black flowing robes, with a hood over their heads, and a veil covering all but their eyes. You ought to see the way they look at you out of their big black eyes. Some of them had a little round affair fastened over their nose between their eyes, someone said this meant the woman was married.

"We went out to the gardens. They are very large but not so fine as Kaw except for the palm trees which are perfectly magnificent. There was one avenue of them with quite thick stems and leaves that all came out from one place like a fan. There was a small dog with several policans with their funny big mouths. We had tea out there and listened to the band and watched the curious people. There were men with big baskets of nuts and donkey carts loaded with lettuce, the men wandering about selling their wares or sitting at the sides of the paths.

"There are street cars all over which have special first class places that are only used by white people. I visited the museums and saw mummies, coins, jewelry and statues. The mummies were all brown and the statues were of a horrid looking things. The mummy cases were most interesting, they were all gorgeously painted with pictures of gods and gods. There was a mummy of a crocodile, some cats and birds. Most of the statuary was cut out of granite and beautifully polished.

"I went to see the catacombs in the south of the city which are called Komel-Shogala. They are by far the most spacious inside of any I have yet seen. In the centre were the tombs of a king and queen marvellously carved out of the solid rock. The tombs were little square rooms with tombs on each side with two sets of vaults for the bodies. Every here and there were little square rooms with tombs in the wall. One of these our guide told us was a high class family tomb. The ceilings of these were finished for the walls were very red and a design in red paint had been marked out on the ceiling. There was a banquetting hall with divans running around three sides.

"Another interesting thing we saw was Pompey's Pillar. It is 99 feet high, 20 feet in circumference and has a huge Corinthian capital on top 10 feet across. It is of a dark granite and has niches for urns containing ashes. The streets of the native town are very narrow and children. It will be good to get back to a clean country again.

"The new vandeville program opening at the Opera House this afternoon offers The Three Beauties in a novelty offering pleasant introducing 'Baby Doll' sensational child dancer, Earl and Muffin in their own original miniature musical comedy, 'A Little Bit of This and a Little Bit of That,' Henry Kelly, Irish songs and stories; Bruce Morgan and Franklin Gates in a comedy skit, 'Two Men of Note'; (reville Stamm, late physical instructor in the United States Navy, in a novel exposition of physical culture and tests of strength; and the last and final chapter of the serial drama, 'The Man of Might.' This afternoon at 8.30. This evening at 7.30 and 9.

JUST A WORD OF ADVICE ABOUT FALL COATS. There is going to be a tremendous scarcity of ready-made Ladies Coats when the rush commences. This is largely due to the strikes that have taken place in the garment trade in all manufacturing centres. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have been fortunate in getting an early shipment of a considerable portion of their Fall Coats. These are now on sale at prices that were made before the new scale of wages. All repairs to the serial drama, 'The Man of Might.' This afternoon at 8.30. This evening at 7.30 and 9.

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