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HARBOR COMMISSION

The question of harbor commission is forever recurring because the city council does not reject the impossible scheme which was prepared at Ottawa without consulting the citizens. The two or three advocates of commission keep on assuring the people in anonymous letters that great benefits would be derived from handing over the harbor from Green Head to Red Head without any assurance from the government that anything whatever would be done along the line of harbor improvement. If the government does not now see the necessity of providing terminals here for its own railway and steamship lines, and if it regards its signed agreement with the city as a scrap of paper, a harbor commission would not change its attitude. Nor is a commission at all necessary if the government redeems its pledges and provides the terminals needed for the traffic of its own railways and steamships. The citizens must bear in mind that not only is harbor revenue under the commission scheme called upon to pay the increased cost of administration and the interest on past government expenditure here, including the marine wharf and grain elevator, but the interest and sinking fund on all new expenditures. We are told by the two or three advocates of commission that the government would be generous and absorb all deficits, but who would be willing to depend on the government's generosity? There is no talk of harbor commission in Halifax. If the city council will pass a resolution rejecting the scheme the way will then be paved for a demand for harbor improvement.

THE U. S. AND THE LEAGUE

Just how far was Col. Harvey, the American ambassador in London, justified in declaring the United States have nothing to do with the League of Nations? Did he express the real views of President Harding? Senator Hitchcock thinks not, for he says: "I shall be very much surprised, however, if President Harding gave him the authority to do so. Neither the ambassador to Great Britain nor the ambassador to any other country is in any mission to declare the foreign policy of the United States."

There is a suggestion that the president and his advisers, especially Hughes and Hoover, may be moving cautiously in the direction Col. Harvey says they will not take, and that they are moving thus cautiously to avoid a break with the senate group which was responsible for the rejection of the League of Nations proposal. Col. Harvey was quite as emphatic in declaring the desire of his government to co-operate with that of Britain as he was in repudiating the League of Nations. He said: "I shall fall miserably in my mission if I do not so greatly strengthen those bonds of friendship and mutual helpfulness that have been our respective governments will not only prefer durable agreements to tentative compromises, but will instinctively approach all world problems from the same angle as of common sense and inseparable concern."

One American writer declares that "what our new ambassador is preaching, as the capital sees it, is a real reality of purpose and action between the English-speaking peoples" and he adds, "It is in connection with his further statement that he could personally testify that the king and president see eye-to-eye, Col. Harvey's address was accepted as having great significance as an indication of not merely static agreement between the two countries but dynamic co-operation between them."

One Washington correspondent suggests that the president may gradually swerve toward the League of Nations, perhaps in a modified form, but such a move to ensure American participation in world affairs, instead of attempting to maintain a policy of isolation. The Manchester (Eng.) Guardian is by no means discouraged. It says: "We have heard that even President Harding favors an association of nations. If we cannot gain the goal in one leap we must proceed little by little. On the whole we welcome Ambassador Harvey's words as quite comforting after the bleak reports of complete American isolation."

The Bangor Commercial agrees with the Guardian that the case is by no means hopeless. It says: "The main fact is that the United States, with or without its consent is a participant in European politics. Our position would be much stronger if we are a member of an association of nations that is moving along a definite channel, an association in which our influence would be felt and in which the influence could be used for the benefit of the world generally and not be confined to acting as a possible umpire on one side or the other of the contentions arising from personal interests in the Allied Council. Col. Harvey may have been speaking by the card when he told Europe that the United States would not enter the League of Nations in any guise, but we believe, whatever may be the present intention, that the time will speedily arrive when the administration will find that American interests demand an association of nations to straighten out European controversies and powerful enough to make any nation hesitant in making its decisions."

LADY TILLEY

Lady Tilley, whose passing is universally mourned today, would have been an outstanding figure in any society. She possessed the qualities that make for leadership, and her broad human sympathy would have rendered it impossible for her to remain apart from the life of the people. It was her happy fortune to begin her married life in the year that saw the union of the provinces, and to become the wife of one of the founders of the confederation. Thus she was thrown into the midst of the political and social life of the new Canada, with which for nearly thirty years thereafter, until the death of Sir Leonard Tilley, she was most intimately associated. Upon his death she went into retirement, but never lost touch with the causes which it had been her great joy to promote for the alleviation of human suffering. Her name is associated with the Red Cross, the Boys' Industrial Home, the hospitals, the Seamen's Institute, the Council of Women, the Women's Canadian Club and other organizations. Her life was full of good works. She was not merely content to be a social leader, but sought ever to exert the influence of social position to advance those causes which merited her devotion. Whether in Ottawa, Fredericton, St. John or St. Andrews, her heart and mind were ever busy over matters related to community welfare, and it was always a delight to her to learn of the good work of others. To forward the movements in which she was interested called for tact, patience and organizing ability of a high order; and all these she possessed in a marked degree. The name of Lady Tilley will be best remembered, however, in connection with the work of the Red Cross. She organized the New Brunswick Red Cross Society at the time of the Boer war, and reorganized it at the beginning of the last great conflict. For her services she received royal recognition, as well as the high regard and affection of the people of her native province.

As typical of the work accomplished by Lady Tilley may be cited the Boys' Industrial Home. One of the daily newspapers printed a series of articles describing the conditions under which mere boys were herded with criminals in the common jail. The whole news of the city joined in urging reform. Lady Tilley, through her influence with the powers at Ottawa, secured the use of the building at East St. John, gained also the sympathy and support of the provincial government and legislature, and the Boys' Industrial Home was established. When she essayed a task there was no pause until real results were achieved. The influence of such a life cannot be measured. It is both an example and an inspiration. Lady Tilley lived a long life and retained her interest in all that pertained to the welfare of Canada and its people until the last. The women of this province, who best know her, will not let her memory fade. She was a worthy help-mate to a man the people delighted to honor in his life and in his death; and the sum of the labor of these two lives, measured in its effect upon public welfare, will stand as a inspiration to those who come after them.

A NOTABLE TRIBUTE

Hon. George H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, has received a remarkable and well deserved honor at the hands of the people's representatives in the legislature. Not only have they by unanimous vote extended their congratulations on the approaching twenty-fifth anniversary of his rise to the premiership of the province, but they have granted him an annuity of \$5,000 per year, to begin on his retirement from public life, which all will hope may not be for years to come. Politicians are very frequently denounced as a class, and without real justification, for they are not all cast in the same mould. Here was a man whose sincerity and high-mindedness so appealed to the people that for twenty-five years they have followed his leadership. The Halifax Chronicle well says: "The occasion was unique. Never before in the history of the British Empire has one man for so long a time guided the destinies either of the mother country or any one of the states which go to make up the great British commonwealth. Twenty-five years a prime minister; a quarter of a century to guide the affairs of his fellow countrymen; twenty-five years in which he labored and watched and sacrificed for the love of his native land."

In the house of assembly members of both parties paid their tribute to Mr. Murray and sunk all their differences while they praised the leader who is to die a national figure, and one of the most beloved men of his generation. His most ardent admirers would not contend that Mr. Murray never erred in judgment, but even his opponents agree that his motives were always above suspicion. That he may be restored to health and to the public service which he adorns will be the hope and the wish of all Canadians.

The U. S. General Presbyterian Assembly urged President Harding to call a conference of the nations for progressive disarmament.

DAFFODIL FROM VIMY RIDGE

Daffodil, springing from field so grim,
Daffodil, kiss me, kiss me from him.
And give me his message! Answer me!
How did he fall on that piteous day?
Say.

Was it on crest of the highest hill?
Where he lay lying—Daffodil?
"O tender compassion of sun and of rain,
For this we have blossomed on Vimy again—"

"For this—without cements' gleaming grace
We have covered the fallen in every place—"

"Yes, with billowy flutter of pale, pale gold
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THE COMMODORE HAD A BIRTHDAY

(J. L. Stewart in Chatham World.)

One of my many pleasant memories of the pilgrimage to the Marquet was the birthday party at which I was the guest of honor. It was organized without my getting the slightest hint of it. It was simply told that, instead of dining as usual at our quartette table, we were to dine at the Marquet. I was told that a large table, I was shown a seat at the right hand of the lady who did the chairmen's place and was asked to cut my birthday cake. There was the cake before me, a fine specimen of the confederation cake, and it suddenly dawned on me that this was my birthday and this a birthday dinner in my honor. I cut the cake, one cut, and left the rest of the carrying to the chairman. The guests were all ladies (imagine my blushes) except two. There was a presentation and a poetical address. One of the ladies read the address and Mr. W. Davidson of Rousesay made the presentation speech. The presents included a cane and a miniature yacht, and on board the yacht was a pink-gowned lady with golden hair. She was supposed to be going on a yachting cruise with me, the orator of the evening, said, and I noticed that she had been passing a large picture hat, and carrying a bride bouquet of ophelia roses, entered the church leading on the arm of her brother-in-law, Percy. More than the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Miss M. Mullin. Mrs. Percy Butler and Mrs. Kelley Parker, sisters of the bride, acted as bridesmaids, and Kelley Parker supported the groom. During the service Robert MacInnes effectively sang "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." After the ceremony the bride party proceeded to the home of Mrs. Kelley B. Parker, where a bounteous wedding supper was served to the guests. Mrs. Kelley B. Parker, recipients of many beautiful presents, including a check from the bride's father, Mrs. Verna Dempsey of Auburn, N. S., and a check from the bride's mother, Mrs. E. R. Kelley of Kentville, mother of the groom; Miss Reta Kelley, Mrs. H. J. Wyman and daughter, Treva, of Kentville.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Kelley-Dempsey.
The Ludlow St. Baptist church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday evening, May 23, when Rev. Isaac Brindley united in marriage Miss Hilda Kithewyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dempsey of Auburn, N. S., to Wallace Harold Kelley of Kentville, N. S. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a suit of navy blue tricot with white and red trimmings, wearing an ermine stole and large picture hat, and carrying a bride bouquet of ophelia roses, entered the church leading on the arm of her brother-in-law, Percy. More than the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Miss M. Mullin. Mrs. Percy Butler and Mrs. Kelley Parker, sisters of the bride, acted as bridesmaids, and Kelley Parker supported the groom. During the service Robert MacInnes effectively sang "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." After the ceremony the bride party proceeded to the home of Mrs. Kelley B. Parker, where a bounteous wedding supper was served to the guests. Mrs. Kelley B. Parker, recipients of many beautiful presents, including a check from the bride's father, Mrs. Verna Dempsey of Auburn, N. S., and a check from the bride's mother, Mrs. E. R. Kelley of Kentville, mother of the groom; Miss Reta Kelley, Mrs. H. J. Wyman and daughter, Treva, of Kentville.

AT SACKVILLE YESTERDAY

At Sackville yesterday Miss Gladys Allison Borden, daughter of Dr. B. C. Borden, president of Mount Allison University, and W. Roy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith, of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. William Ryan, pastor of the Sackville Methodist church assisted by Professor Desbarres, of Mount Allison University.

AT NORTON ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Mabel Greenleaf, of Midland county, and Frank Hyland Mason, of St. John, were married by Rev. I. E. Vanwart.

AT THE MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Yesterday, Miss Laura Albert Mott, of Baysville, was united in marriage to Roy Sterling Henderson of Henderson Settlement, Queen's county.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

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FORMER ST. JOHN MAN HONORED

E. D. Farmer, Who Left Here Ten Years Ago, Now a General Manager—Complimentary Dinner by Fellow Employees.

In a recent issue of the New York American was given an account of a banquet tendered to E. D. Farmer, vice-president and general manager of the J. S. Bailey Company. Mr. Farmer is a St. John man and left this city about ten years ago. He has been associated with his present company as general manager for the last five years. Henry Farmer, of the local staff of the Western Union Telegraph Co. is a brother. The many friends of Mr. Farmer will be delighted to learn of the success which has attended his efforts in New York. The following is part of an account contained in the N. Y. American:

Executive and buyers of the J. S. Bailey Company had a get-together dinner recently, and used the occasion to show their esteem for E. D. Farmer, the vice-president and general manager. Mr. Farmer was congratulated upon the completion of five years as general manager of the enterprise, and upon the enviable record he established. He was then presented with a beautiful gold watch and chain, the gift of the Buyers' Association.

Mr. Farmer was completely surprised and was filled with emotion. He thanked the diners and then declared that in his opinion the Bailey Company were worthier of the honor than he was in the next five years.

Mrs. A. D. Bailey, president of the firm, made an address, in which she reiterated Mr. Farmer's remarks, and added that the plans under way to expand the business would result in accomplishing in ten years what ordinarily could be done only in fifty years.

ACTRESS MET DEATH IN STEAMER TRUNK

Despondent "Movie" Aspirant Enclosed Herself and Inhaled Gas Through Tube.

New York, May 26.—Despondent because she had not achieved fame as a motion picture actress, Miss Mary Caprea enclosed herself in a steamer trunk, after she had a run a gas tube from a stove in the kitchen of her apartment at 182 East Fifty-fifth street. On pulling a string which she had attached to a jet in the stove she awaited death by suffocation. Her body was found on a closet last evening by John Stabola, a roomer, in the apartment, when he entered the kitchen and found her crumpled in the center of the floor.

Stabola told Policemen Keaveny of the East Eighty-eighth street station that Miss Caprea, whose parents live in New Rochelle, had said a week ago that she was tired of life because of her failure as a motion picture actress and would do it in a manner to avoid making a fuss for anybody.

When Stabola entered the apartment he saw the ten-halo and half a dozen dresses which Miss Caprea had recently purchased, strewn on the bed in her room. The dead woman kept her clothing in the trunk, he said, and when he examined it in the kitchen he found that the lock had been removed and a gas tube and a length of string ran from a hole in the trunk to the gas stove, less than two feet away.

Throwing up the cover of the trunk he saw the body of the young woman in a stiff posture. She had been dead but a short time, he believed. The policeman called an ambulance from the Reception Hospital and the surgeon pronounced the woman dead.

Policemen Keaveny found a note in which the dead woman requested that her clothing be delivered to her friend, "Alice," and that her brother, J. H. Caprea, of 210 Halsted street, Chicago, be notified.

LOCAL NEWS

Allan O. H. Wilson of 208 Chesley street has been appointed Dominion fish inspector for this district and entered upon his duties yesterday. He will inspect all picked and cured fish.

The dramatic club of St. David's church last night presented its most successful play, "Very Much Married," before a delighted audience in St. James' Sunday school.

Edward S. Crawford, a former resident of St. John, who is now agent for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Porto Rico, arrived in the city on Saturday and will visit his mother, Mrs. G. Crawford at Woodman's Point for a month.

ST. JOHN NAME IS IN THE LIST

Paul M. Daly Receives B. S. in Agriculture at McDonnell College.

Montreal, May 26.—Students of McDonnell College to the number of twenty-seven will, on Friday afternoon, receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, granted by McGill. Two of the bachelors are women, Miss Mary L. MacAloney of Falmouth, N. S., and Miss Dorothy S. Newton of St. Anne de Bellevue.

The fourth year students who will receive degrees, include P. D. Bragg, Moncton; H. A. Butler, Kelligrews, Nfld.; Paul M. Daly, St. John; S. J. Hetherington, Cady's, N. B.; Mary L. MacAloney, Falmouth, N. S.; J. M. F. Mackenzie, Coxheath, N. S.; W. L. Perry, Butterfield Ridge, N. B.; and A. M. Simmonds, Amherst, N. S.

Mr. Daly is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Daly.

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