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WITH FINE WEATHER MONDAY SHOULD BE A GRAND HOLIDAY

St. John Citizens Will Have the Choice of Many Pleasant Attractions—Green Fields, the River and the Country Side for Some—Parks Open for the Season—Baseball, Sports and Theatres Will Cater to City Crowds.

Monday, May 24th, Victoria Day, will be generally observed as a public holiday and there will be plenty of amusement for those who stay in the city, while those who go outside will doubtless spend the holiday pleasantly. During the past week loads of furniture have been sent to suburban cottages and today many people will leave for their summer homes, utilizing this afternoon and evening and Monday to get things in shape for the season. The holiday commencing as it does on Monday gives an excellent opportunity for many to spend two and a half days in the country.

The suburbanites will not be the only ones to go away, however, for dozens of fishermen have been looking forward to the 24th with pleasurable anticipation of the good time they will have whipping the streams and lakes for trout and some tall fish stories will doubtless be related next week.

A special suburban train service has been arranged by the C. P. R. and special trains will apply on all railway and steam suburban trains over the C. P. R. today and tomorrow will leave at 10 p. m. today and will send

Point. The steamer Hampton will run an excursion to Hampton on Monday. The Artillery Band has been engaged by B. W. Dean, of Lorneville, to give a concert on Monday at the Sea View Hall. Buses will leave the end of the electric car route in Fairville at 11.30 a. m. For those who remain in the city numerous attractions are offered. There will be two performances by John Griffith and his company in the Opera House. As the matinee "The Bells" will be presented and in the evening "Macbeth" will be the bill. There will be special programmes of motion pictures and songs, etc., at the Nickel and Star Theatres.

The baseball season will open in earnest with two games in each of the local diamonds. The Marathons and the Maryville Crescents will play on the Every Day Club grounds; the morning game at 10 o'clock and the afternoon at 2.30. On the shoreward grounds the St. Joseph's and the Fairville A. O. H. teams will play in the morning and the St. Peter's and St. John nite Baptist in the afternoon. A feature of the programme at the Every Day Club grounds will be the athletic sports which are scheduled to take place on Monday.

The vessel was disinfected by the port physician and permitted to proceed.

McKEOWN AND BARRY WILL BE NEW JUDGES

S. S. VERASTON IN PORT WITH A NEW CREW

British Steamer Which Arrived This Morning, Left Fifteen Men in Hospital at Kingston Jamaica With Malarial Fever

CRIMINAL DOCKET IN COUNTY COURT

Judge Forbes Will Preside Over the County Court Session Opening on Tuesday Morning

JUDGE McKEOWN From information received by the Times today it would appear practically certain that Hon. H. A. McKewon, M. P., of this city and Mr. J. H. Barry, of Fredericton, will be appointed to the Supreme Court of this province in succession to Mr. Justice Gregory and the late Mr. Justice Hargrave.

ST. JOHN RAILWAY CO. TO EXTEND BUILDING

Plans are Now Being Prepared for Extensive Improvements to General Offices

A ST. JOHN CLERGYMAN CHOSEN MODERATOR OF TORONTO PRESBYTERY

Rev. W. T. Wilkins, B. A., of Trenton, Ontario Was Born in St. John in 1843

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER INFORMATION FOR ANGLERS.

DAIRY INTELLIGENCE.

SPECIAL EXCURSIONS.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, Who Was Also Mentioned, Declines the Honor.

Consequently Mr. J. H. Barry of Fredericton Will Be Appointed With Mr. McKewon—Appointments May Be Made in Ottawa Today

While some South African veterans in the city and vicinity sold their South African scrip almost immediately after the grants were made and shortly after, those who still hold their scrip are in no hurry to sell. Maynard Reynolds, of Halifax, has in hand the formation of the South African Veterans' Mutual Protective Association to take in the S. A. veterans who have not already disposed of their scrip, the scheme being to keep up the price of scrip through co-operation and a trust and guarantee company has been authorized to transact all business for the association, the company being formed in connection with it. Mr. Reynolds plan is to have veterans place their scrip in a stock. With this control the fact is that the scrip will increase in value when money could be borrowed on the scrip should the holder require it. The scheme seems to have taken hold generally. In St. John it is understood it has not been so successful as it is said most of the scrip has been disposed of. Those holding here, however, look with favor upon Mr. Reynolds' plan.

When he visited St. John, J. M. Roby was appointed a director but has since found it necessary to resign. Through the flooding of the market, the price of scrip has fallen a trifle. It was at first sold as low as \$75, and is said to have gone as high as \$100. Its present selling price here is about \$85. It is believed by those here interested in the new organization, that with a special agent out among the farmers of the west they will appreciate the value and with the money from their wheat, they will possibly purchase shares. This fall and spring chances are that values will take a jump.

ACTORS IN HARD LUCK

The Hustler Company Stranded in St. John, May Give a Benefit Performance

An organization of players who have been presenting the Hustler advertised as the "autocrat of farce" through the Maritime provinces for a number of years, has been stranded here on the shores of St. John. Almost two weeks ago the company played the Monoton Opera House in Boston. The company was expected to purchase their tickets. This disabled the company and two members departed until last Monday when they were scheduled to open a three night engagement at the Opera House here. They obtained the tickets for the Opera House and rehearsed at the Hotel Edward where they were registered. On Monday night less than three hundred seats were secured and after the close of the first act the audience diminished over sixty per cent. On Tuesday night less than a hundred occupied seats and the management of the theatre ordered a cessation of the engagement.

The company were booked to play in Fredericton on Victoria Day at two performances but as the fares were an insupportable proposition they concluded to disband in St. John although they would have profited to the extent of enough to ensure their arrival with funds in Boston. The company has been playing to extremely small receipts on their tour. The play was confined to the Monoton amateurs and a very limited stock of advertising matter also contributed to the disadvantages under which the aggregation was laboring.

The lower provinces have been the scenes of numerous such standings as the latest addition to the number. The following of the Hustler organization are in the city at present, Jack Vernon, and his wife, Robert Meredith and his wife, R. Howard, Manager Cooper and Agnes Cooper. It is proposed that a benefit concert should be conducted here to finance a trip to Boston for the party as they are certain that they can obtain situations there without delay.

WILL MAKE A RECORD.

AWFUL CALAMITY.

A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

Mr. Peter Binks states that he caught a man removing some rubbish from a back yard yesterday and will report the matter to the board of health.

HOW THE "SCREENLESS BAR" REGULATION HAS WORKED

Three Weeks Under the New Order of Things Show Less Drunkenness on the Streets on Saturday Night—Some Ingenious Plans to Prevent a View of the Bars—The Effect of Saturday Early Closing

All things considered, the amendment to the St. John Liquor License Act, which makes it incumbent upon saloon keepers to remove the screens from the windows of their saloons so as to provide a clear and unobstructed view of the interior of the premises, is being fairly well observed. It all depends upon the interpretation placed upon the phrase "clear and unobstructed."

Three weeks ago today the amended act came in force and in that period the St. John people have, in a manner, become accustomed to seeing the rows of bottles, the polished counters and the white covered "bar-keepers" plying their trade. All the dealers have removed their screens as the law requires, but some of them have shown considerable ingenuity in providing means whereby their customers may not be readily recognized by passersby. One saloon keeper has not washed his front windows since the screens were taken down and the consequence is that he is gradually acquiring a natural gasp on his glass front which, in time, will prove fully as effective as the ones used before May 1. As far as known there is nothing in the license act to force saloon keepers to have his windows washed. Other saloon keepers, possibly of a more artistic turn, but equally ingenious have taken to decorating their premises with palms or other plants of luxuriant foliage. One of the palms is usually stood near the window—of course this is merely to provide it with the most sunlight—and the result is that a curious person has to peer through the foliage to get a glimpse of those who are at the bar. One saloon has a cigar counter in the front of the store, and although all the screens are removed, it is not easy to distinguish customers at a passing glance.

The saloons on the north side of King Street, without exception, open to public view and the same may be said of the most of the saloons in North End. In at least two cases the "no screen" provision has led to changes in the interior arrangement of the saloons, the bars being placed across the rear of the store instead of running along one side. By this means passers can only catch a glimpse of a row of human faces the faces of the customers not being visible.

Liquor dealers have varying opinions as to the effect the removal of the screens has had upon their business. Some of them say that trade slackened a little when the screens first came off, but that it has now improved again until it has about reached the normal condition. Others say that they noticed no difference, and the hotels where the bars are not on the street are probably drawing a larger trade. One saloon keeper whose trade is largely drawn from the ranks of business men in the centre of the city tells a story of a customer who entered his saloon the day the screens were removed and ordered a glass of beer. Desiring to give him the benefit of all the privacy possible, the bartender invited him to move to the rear of the store where the view from the street was not quite so plain. The customer, however, took his stand at the front end of the bar and quaffed his beer, saying as he did so, "I am not ashamed to be seen buying anything I can pay for."

That many business men are of the same opinion will hardly be generally believed. The shorter hours, especially the five o'clock Saturday closing, has been found to be of great benefit to the trade in drinks sold over the bar but has, if anything, increased the bottle trade. When a man leaves work a few minutes before five o'clock on Saturday he has but little time to accumulate a "bottle." Consequently if he is so disposed, he buys as big a bottle as the saloon keeper's license permits him to sell, and ambles away with it. The police, however, report that the earlier closing hour on Saturday has decreased the amount of Saturday night drunkenness on the streets, while the records show a smaller number of arrests.

The saloons will close this evening at five o'clock and will remain closed until 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. Under the new amendments to the liquor license act all bars must be closed on public holidays. It will be the first time that St. John has been "dry" on the 24th of May.

MIKE "TWIN" SULLIVAN CHALLENGED WINNER

Frank Mantell Defeated Frank Mayfield at Sacramento Last Night

Sacramento, Cal., May 22—Frank Mantell, of Rhode Island, defeated Frank Mayfield last night in the 13th round of a 20 round bout. Mayfield's seconds threw up the sponge. A telegram from Mike (Twin) Sullivan challenged the winner.

Six burial permits were issued by the police division, announcing the present week for deaths from the following causes: (Cystitis, uremia, tuberculosis, myocarditis, epitheloma of jaw and post dipht. diphtheria, paralysis, one each.

BIG BLOCK BURNED IN GRAND RAPIDS

Seven Story Business Block Valued at \$400,000 Destroyed by Fire Today.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 22—The Gilbert block, seven stories high, containing the Hiram Smith Department Store, and scores of office suites, was practically destroyed by fire today with a loss estimated at \$400,000. The south wall of the store fell to the ground, crushing beneath it two frame residences, whose occupants awakened just in time, were rescued by the police and firemen.

Sergeant Kilpatrick, of the north end police division, announces that 29 dogs are without licenses in that precinct.

ONE SUNDAY EVENING IN THE STREETS OF WICKED BOSTON

A Times Man Visiting the Hub Writes His Impressions—Scollay Square District Presents an Appalling Contrast to Quiet, Orderly St. John.

When a man accustomed to the Sabbath quietude of St. John is plunged into the feverish current of life that swirls around Scollay Square Boston on a Sunday night, the contrast strikes him with the force of a shock.

Two weeks ago tomorrow night a Times man mingled with the tide of humanity along that tiny square and adjacent streets until a late hour taking note of incidents that would be considered shocking in St. John on any night of the week.

Some seven streets branch out from Scollay Square, and on the square and adjacent streets are some half dozen or more cheap theatres, like the Howard, the Palace, Astor and Stone's, Bowdoin Square and others. The front of every one of these was a perfect blaze of electric lights, and "sacred concerts" were announced in all of them. Crowds swarmed on the sidewalks and in front of these places, and crowds passed in and out, showing that they were doing a great business.

The Times looked in on one of these concerts. The programme included moving pictures that would be "censored" in St. John, and vaudeville musical sketches and monologues of a sort a St. John audience would regard as highly improper. Yet women as well as men were in the audience, and the entertainment appeared to be quite to their taste. And this on Sunday evening, when across the street from one of these brilliantly lighted theatres there shone out in front of a small church, in letters of light, the words "Christ is Here."

A block or two down one of the streets leading out of the square was a large church, and as the Times man passed, just about service time a gentleman who stood on the sidewalk courteously invited him to enter. Such invitations had little effect upon the thousands parading the streets that Sunday evening. They were caught by the glare and glitter; the fever of excitement, the lure of the places where liquor could be procured without difficulty by men and women.

The saloons in Boston are closed on Sunday, but any person can go into a restaurant of which there are many in the Scollay Square district) and by sitting down and ordering a sandwich, get all the liquor required. These restaurants were open. There were no screens on the windows. They were crowded from early in the evening until toward eleven or twelve by men, and in some of them women were to be seen. Liquor was to be had in abundance, smoking was permitted in some of them, and no matter how often one passed along they were always filled with young men.

Passing the door of a restaurant the attention of the Times man was attracted, late in the evening, by a torrent of profanity from a woman's lips. Two men and two women came out of the place, one of the latter so much under the influence of liquor that her companion was compelled to take her arm and steady her steps. The four, talking recklessly, moved down the crowded street, attracting attention wherever they went.

Still later in the evening the Times man saw policemen warn three different women, one of them under the influence of liquor, because of their brazen conduct. And this perversion of the use of the day of rest continued until well on to midnight, although after eleven o'clock the crowd gradually thinned. To one accustomed to a quiet and orderly Sunday, it seemed a veritable nightmare.

On one of the street corners, in the midst of this crowd, early in the evening, the Times man was accosted by name, and recognized one of three St. John youths who had gone up on the same steamer with him a week before. The young man stated that all three had secured employment. If any of these young men should yield to the allurements of the Scollay Square district on Sunday evenings, and be caught in the befoiled eddies of the tide that sweeps that part of Boston, it would have been better for them had they consented to subsist on bread and salt in their native town.

TOURIST TRAVEL IS EXPECTED TO BE FAIRLY LARGE THIS YEAR

Already the Secretary of the New Brunswick Tourist Association Has Many Letters of Enquiry From Intending Visitors—Boston Men to Form House Boating Party.

Although the season is yet very early indications are that the tourist travel in New Brunswick will reach or surpass in volume the travel of last season.

The first hot weather in the neighboring republic creates a desire for the comparatively cool atmosphere of the Maritime Provinces.

The secretary of the Provincial Tourist Association has received many enquiries from New York city and state, Massachusetts and other eastern states, but with the two states mentioned predominantly, inquiring for New Brunswick's pleasure and sightseeing features and asking advice of the secretary in selecting routes. These queries are mostly from those who have never visited the province. The season is not far enough advanced for a prediction, but the local hotel proprietors are preparing for an influx of visitors commencing in three weeks and extending until October. No bookings have yet been received from the promoters of party tours.

The Royal hotel is being enlarged and the improvements will be completed in a few weeks. The cafe will be greatly appreciated by the tourists, who have only a few hours to remain in the city. The capacity of the Dufferin hotel has also been extended by the acquisition of the opposite building on Charlotte street formerly known as the Metropolitan hotel. The hotels on the rivers will be popular resorts for the visitors from over the border.

In letters requesting information of the various beauty spots of the province the favorites seemingly are the Reverend Falls, Rockwood Park, Bay Shore and the drives in St. John; the attractions at St. Martins, the Bore at Moncton, fishing in Charlotte County on the line of the New Brunswick Southern, and the ever popular St. John river and its tributaries.

A number of young men from Boston are planning to construct a houseboat here and instal a gasoline motor. They propose to cruise up the St. John and the Kennebecasis, Washademoak and Belleisle for a period ranging over five weeks. Boating and canoeing in Lily Lake have been largely indulged in by visitors to this city, and few of them have missed a backboard drive through the city and suburbs. It is expected that auto tours will increase each summer, when those who have experimented on maritime roads have informed their friends of the pleasures of such outings. The fish tales emanating from provincial streams have aroused the palatry of veterans of the Hudson, Adirondacks, Catskills, White Mountains and even the Rangeley Lakes in Maine. Although the fishing resorts in Maine are in closer proximity to their homes than those of New Brunswick, the number who prefer to visit the province is gradually increasing.

Cottages are being erected at many of the lakes and streams, including Deer, Magaguadavic, Skiff and North Lakes in York County. Those who have penetrated to Skiff Lake, located ten miles from Canterbury station on the C. P. R., some eighteen miles below Woodstock, have invariably succeeded in capturing a string of speckled beauties which few other lakes could surpass in quality and dimensions. A Digby hotel man, who was in the city yesterday, claims that the larger portion of the tourist traffic this season will go to Nova Scotia. Digby and Yarmouth summer hotels will be opened shortly and summer cottages are being re-occupied.

Among the distinguished men who visited the province last season were Dr. Seward Webb, the railroad millionaire, who is connected with the Vanderbilt interests; William Travers Jerome, New York's district attorney; General Bingham, New York's strenuous police commissioner; Judge Allen B. Parker, the Democratic presidential candidate in 1904 against Theodore Roosevelt, and President Schurman of Cornell University.

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