

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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AROUND THE CITY

A New Year's Reception.
The annual gathering of Oddfellows will be held on New Year's morning in Oddfellows' hall, West End. All brothers cordially invited.

Carleton Cars Tied Up.
The car service in the West Side was held up for about twenty minutes last evening by the breaking of a trolley wire at the head of King street. The company however rushed men to the spot and temporary repairs were made.

Nova Scotia Bark Ashore.
Word was received in the city yesterday afternoon by Fairbank, Capt. Morrell, which is bound from Glenora for Gullport, Miss., is ashore at Ship Island. No further particulars were received.

College Social.
The college social to be held in the Y. M. C. A. this evening promises to be one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever held in the association. The rooms have been prettily decorated in honor of the occasion and everything has been done to give the guests a good time.

The Harbor Fisheries Sale.
A meeting of the fisheries committee of the common council was held yesterday to receive reports from the sale of fishing privileges on the first Tuesday in January. The committee decided to appoint F. L. Potts auctioneer of the fishing privileges, and the sale will take place at 10 a. m. at the Court House.

There Was No Quorum.
A meeting of the committee on the charges against Ald. Kierstead was called for yesterday afternoon to prepare a final report, but a quorum failed to turn up at the time appointed. Ald. Scully, chairman of the committee, was out on a fair with Ald. Potts inspecting the property which Randolph & Baker wish to buy from the city.

Christmas Concert in Fairville.
A pleasing Christmas concert was held on Wednesday evening by the Sunday school of the Baptist church. Instead of the usual Christmas tree the children made contributions towards aiding the missionaries of Western Canada. Following the entertainment a delegation waited on J. H. Allingham, choir leader, and presented him with a fur cap. Mrs. A. J. Miss Donaldson, organist and the assistant, Mrs. Long, received gifts of gold.

Entertainment in St. Jude's.
The St. Jude's church school room was crowded last evening when the annual Christmas entertainment was held and an excellent programme given by the children. There was a large Christmas tree and when Santa Claus appeared he presented each of the children with a present. Each child who attended the entertainment took a money offering and this money will be put towards the fund for Christmas offerings which were distributed to the deserving poor.

A Pleasant Evening.
There was a good attendance at the Exmouth street church Sunday school last night when the Sunday school scholars of the Glad Tidings Hall school were given a Christmas treat. An excellent supper was served for the scholars and all enjoyed themselves. James Myles the superintendent of the Glad Tidings school, presided and there was a musical and literary programme. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Harold Roe, Rev. Mr. Ewart and Rev. W. W. Brewer.

A. O. H. Initiations.
A largely attended meeting of the A. O. H. No. 1, was held in their rooms last evening. Following the business meeting there was initiation of new members and conferring of degrees. Fred J. Barrett presided and on the degrees seven new members were initiated, after which the first and second degrees were conferred on a class of twelve receiving the degree. The ceremony was carried out most impressively. A number of visiting members from other places were present and addresses were heard by several of the visitors.

Real Estate Men to Advertise.
A movement is in progress among the real estate men of the city to form an association for the advancement and protection of their common interests, and to make arrangements for advertising the real estate possibilities of the city in other parts. The interest being manifested in England and the West is said to have forced upon the real estate men the advisability of forming an association, and taking measures to secure a better system of listing properties and providing for advertising opportunities for investment.

Insurance Men Object to Mergers.
The merger operations which are going on in the insurance business are not met with the unqualified approval of some of the local insurance men. It is said that the chief object of the amalgamations which are being reported to be to enable the companies to evade paying the specific tax charged by the city and province. It is pointed out that two of the companies recently amalgamated, had specific tax of \$100, each paying percentage tax, as well as the amalgamated companies will only have to pay one specific tax here and may appoint many agents as they like without having to pay a specific tax. This is said to be unfair to some of the other companies.

YOUNG MEN DECIDE TO AFFILIATE WITH THE BOARD OF TRADE

PLAN TO ADMIT EMPLOYEES TO FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR \$5.00 FEE.

Largely Attended Meeting Held Last Night at Which Matter was Discussed — Members Will Work to Boost City.

At a meeting last evening of young men interested in the advancement of the city, a proposition from the council of the board of trade to admit employees to membership in the board for a fee of \$5 provided 100 applications were received, was presented and given consideration. It was explained that the \$5 fee would give young men the full rights of membership in the board of trade, and that they would be able to form committees of their own and make recommendations and suggestions for the good of the city to the board as a whole.

A discussion on various matters took place, but no prospectus was mapped out, as it was considered that the first step should be to secure a sufficient number of applications to enable the young men to become members of the board.

W. E. Anderson spoke enthusiastically of the possibilities of good service open to an organization of the character proposed, pointing out that St. John was on the eve of great development, as projects were now under way which would involve an expenditure of \$20,000,000 in the city and vicinity.

Roy Crawford was elected chairman and W. E. Anderson secretary. Mr. Anderson presented the proposition of the council of the board of trade stating that it did not consider a separate branch composed of young men was feasible.

A. R. Crooksbanks said the \$5 fee might be considered too much by the majority of young men. Many perhaps might be willing to help in the movement to boost the city who would not care to pay the fee.

Mr. Anderson remarked that as the city grew in population and opportunities increased, the young men would have no cause to regret the expenditure. The higher the fee the more interest the members would be likely to take.

One of those present suggested that the young men might come in in numbers sufficient to enable them to control the board of trade.

Mr. Anderson—That would be a good thing.
R. W. Campbell moved that the proposition of the council be accepted and that an effort be made to secure 100 applications under the provisions of the proposition. He thought the council was making a big concession to the young men.

Mr. Anderson asked that they have their application ready before the regular meeting of the board on Jan. 8th, so they would be elected to membership at that meeting.

In reply to questions Mr. Anderson said the young men would be able to resolve themselves into committees for specific purposes and could consider any subject they pleased and make recommendations to the council and full board. His thought the council would appoint the young men to the regular committees of the board and they would have all the rights and privileges of employers paying the fee of \$10.

HE PREDICTS RAPID GROWTH FOR ST. JOHN IN NEXT TEN YEARS

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MORTON, GRIFFITHS & CO. LTD., IN THE CITY.

While Contract is Not Yet Signed He is Sure that the Work will Soon Start—Sees Big Boom Ahead.

That although the contract for the development of the Courtenay Bay terminals is not yet signed, the firm of Norton Griffiths and Co., Ltd., will do the work and that the chances which the Hudson government have made in the plans prepared under the direction of the former government, will result in more work and better work with a considerable saving in the total cost, is the opinion of W. Burton-Stewart, managing director of Norton Griffiths and Company, Ltd., who was in the city yesterday and left last evening for Fredericton after spending the afternoon at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. Burton-Stewart, while he speaks with the cautious reserve of the man who undertakes big things, is enthusiastic over the future of St. John as a result of the projected development in Courtenay Bay, and the building of the Valley Railway. He expects that the Valley Railway will result in a vast increase in the business of the port as well as the building up of the entire province and particularly the section through which the railway will pass.

"The St. John valley is a wonderful country," said Mr. Burton-Stewart, "and should be able to support a population much in excess of that now there. Our firm are greatly interested in the Imperial family reunion plan which I see, you are taking up in this province. Mr. Norton Griffiths has done much in the way of bringing new settlers to Canada on his own account and we intend to do more of the same work. While I am not familiar with the plans for the undertaking which Mr. Norton Griffiths will do something along the line of lending money to practical farmers who wish to take up farms here. We will not buy land, but will furnish the money for them to do it on mortgage, they to pay it back, without interest."

Speaking of the work to be done in Courtenay Bay, Mr. Burton-Stewart said he understood it would be on a very large scale and employment would probably be given to 2,000 or 3,000 men. As far as possible the company will employ men from the city and province, so it is very evident that when the operations start there will be no scarcity of work.

He also spoke of the city's growth which would result from the operations in Courtenay Bay, and the use of that harbor for the increased traffic which must come here, basing his opinion on other cities of similar size and situation where works of like magnitude had been carried on. Mr. Burton-Stewart would not venture to believe that the population of the city would reach the 100,000 mark in ten years, but he thought it might go to 50,000 in that time with a steady growth thereafter.

"The port development will attract other industries of which I know of, and it is difficult to say just to what extent this is likely to affect the population of the city, but I can say to you that I believe St. John will become one of the greatest ports on this continent with all the growth and prosperity that this position will bring with it. St. John's future is certainly very bright," said he.

He could not state just when work would be started, but did say that the contract was practically certain to go to his firm, that the operation would be carried out to the extent stated. His company was prepared to complete the work in three years if the government so desired, and in this event the number of men employed would be very large indeed.

In Montreal there was a great deal of interest in the development of the port of St. John and the opinion was prevalent among financiers and big business men there that this port is destined to be one of the busiest and most prosperous in Canada. "St. John is very much in mind in Montreal just now," said he.

SENDING MORE FLOUR TO THE WEST INDIES
C. S. Pickford, of Pickford & Black, Says Shipments of Canadian Flour are Increasing Rapidly.

C. S. Pickford, of the Pickford & Black steamship line was at the Royal yesterday.
Asked if there was anything new in connection with the movement to have his company resume the fortnightly sailing from St. John, he said he had nothing to say at the present time.
Speaking of trade conditions he said that the export of flour to the West Indies was increasing at an encouraging rate, and that Canadian exports were getting a good deal of the business with the West Indies, which was formerly done by way of New York.
There has been a good deal of talk in the British West Indies about reciprocity with Canada, he added, but there does not appear to be much hurry to put forward definite propositions.
Our information is that the sugar crop in most of the islands this year will be up to the average. The new crop will not be ready before February, but a good deal of it will come to Canada. Our boats bring a good deal of sugar to St. John from whence it is sent to the factories in Montreal.
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