

Around the City

RAIN OR SNOW.

C. G. R. ELEVATOR. The contractors of the new C.G.R. elevator state that it will be in operation about the first of the month.

BACK TO SCHOOL. The public schools reopened yesterday after the Christmas holidays and the scholars are hard at work again.

TWO HOUSES RELEASED. The two houses on Britlan and North streets were released from quarantine yesterday by the Board of Health.

MEETING OF CREDITORS. At a meeting of the creditors of Wm. H. Pyne and Mrs. Elizabeth Cronin, held Saturday, it was shown that the assets were \$1,600 and liabilities \$1,600.

HOSPITAL WATER SERVICE. On account of the city service being frozen the St. John County Hospital has been getting only four-fifths of the quantity required and the supply from an artesian well is available.

LAW SCHOOL RE-OPENS. The King's College Law School reopened after the Christmas holidays yesterday afternoon. Dr. W. W. White lectured to the senior year on medical jurisprudence.

SUBSTANTIAL SUBSCRIPTION. The president of the Navy League has received from James F. Robertson his subscription of \$1,000.00 for the British Sailors' Relief Fund, which will be forwarded with other amounts to the Montreal branch.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. That no inquest would be held on the death of Stanley Reid, the longshoreman who fell into the hold of a steamer on the West Side Friday evening, was the statement made to The Standard last night by Dr. F. W. Kennedy. He stated that the death was purely accidental.

JAMES SHAW INJURED. James Shaw, employed by Mr. Geo. Cunningham in the city market, was badly burned about the face and hands in a gasoline explosion yesterday morning. He was taken to Mr. George K. Bell's drug store and temporarily fixed up and sent to his home on Britlan street.

CONTRACT AWARDED. The contract for the rebuilding of Robertson's upper wharf, for which tenders were called by the Dominion Coal Co., Ltd., has been awarded to Mr. D. C. Clark of West St. John. The restoration will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, and work will be started at an early date.

POPULAR PRESENTATION. In the near future M. J. Poter, assistant postmaster, will sever his connection with the service. Yesterday he was made the recipient of a beautiful engraved gold watch by Postmaster Seals on behalf of the staff. The timepiece was accompanied by a well worded address. Mr. Poter made a suitable reply. He has been in the service 55 years and has proved a faithful official.

LIQUOR CASE POSTPONED. The case against John Durant before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court yesterday afternoon was postponed until Wednesday afternoon. The defendant is charged with importing liquor other than for personal use and in dealing with same contrary to the provisions of the provincial prohibition act. W. M. Ryan appeared for the defendant.

LEFT FOR ST. JOSEPH'S. The following St. John boys have left for St. Joseph's College yesterday to resume their studies, having spent the holidays with their parents: Stephen Mooney, Frank Cronin, Robert Nugent, George Breen, William O. McDonald, Alphonus Harris, Joseph Floyd, William Osborne, William Crowley, Paul Quinn, Melville Nichol, Joseph Butler, J. E. Dolan, W. Bridge, Louis Dalton, J. Brown and J. Murphy.

THE TURNER FAMILY. Mrs. L. Turner of 161 Rodney St., has two sons overseas. Private Holly Turner, with the 26th Battalion, and Corporal R. M. Turner with No. 5 Army Service Corps; two grandsons, Charles Roberts of No. 5 A.S.V.; and William Stone of the 140th Battalion; four nephews, Arthur Banks of No. 5 A.S.V.; William Banks of the 140th Battalion, recently killed in action, and Abney F. McLeod, a member of an overseas unit, who has lost both legs in the war.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS. The Union Teachers' Training Class of the Sunday School Association held their first meeting in Centenary school room last evening. The teacher is Rev. F. H. Wentworth and the meeting lasted from 7 until 7:45 o'clock. The new standard of the teacher's training course was taken up and nearly all of the Sunday schools of the Protestant denominations in this district were represented by teachers who were desirous to learn more about the methods of teaching. The meetings will be held every Monday evening and those interested in Sunday school teaching are invited to attend.

TIDE TABLES AND REPORTS. The Standard acknowledges receipt of copies of the tide tables for ports in eastern Canada, also the small edition containing the daily tables of the elevation and times of high and low water for this port as well as tidal differences for various Bay of Fundy waters, which adds to the usefulness of the tables. This little booklet also gives the time of the arrival of the bore at Moncton for the months of open water. The tables are calculated and compiled under the direction of Dr. W. Bell Dawson, who has for many years been scientifically investigating the tides and currents of our Canadian waters, the tidal and current surveys being a branch of the naval service, Department of Marine and Fisheries. Application may be made to Mr. D. L. Hutchinson, director of the observatory, Douglas avenue, through mail or telephone by those requiring copies of these handy and most useful booklets.

INTERESTING PAPERS READ

The Subject Aply Dealt With by J. A. Grant of Grant and Horne—Another Paper by J. K. Scammell—Rupert W. Wigmore, M. P., Says Members of Cabinet Fully Alive to Need for Increased Accommodation Here—St. John Will Be Looked After.

Commissioner Rupert W. Wigmore, M.P. elect for St. John-Albert, made the statement at the Board of Trade meeting last night that prospects for the nationalization of the port were brighter than they had been at any time in its history, and that he and the other members of the cabinet fully alive to the need for increased accommodation here. The meeting was held at 8 o'clock and the papers on the subject were read, one by J. A. Grant of Grant and Horne, and the other which was written some time ago by J. K. Scammell, was read by the secretary of the board.

The meeting was very thinly attended, but those who were there seemed highly interested in the matter and passed a resolution favoring the preparing of a comprehensive scheme of harbor development. A. H. Wigmore, president, was in the chair, and had on the platform with him Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Wigmore.

A communication from the New Brunswick Automobile Association asking the board to communicate with the government with regard to the curtailment of the operation of pleasure cars in view of an expected shortage of gasoline, and calling to their attention that many so-called pleasure cars were used for business purposes, and the secretary instructed to send a memorial to the government along those lines.

John Jackson was elected a member of the board. J. A. Grant of Grant and Horne was then invited to read his paper on "Harbor Development."

Mr. Grant said he was not posing as a harbor expert but he had some experience in harbor construction under some of the best harbor engineers in the world, and had general knowledge in a large number of cases of the use of some use to the board.

The first thing to be considered was the future development of the harbor, and as this was assured, it became necessary to provide adequate outlets for the resultant trade. St. John occupies a unique position and it was the duty of every citizen to back up any movement looking to the developing of facilities at this port.

Among the reasons why St. John had a great future before it as a port were: the almost certain growth of Canada, the short haul from western points, available return cargo, and the fact that it had already received considerable attention as a port from British engineers.

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The present condition might be summed up as follows: Development of the work as planned in the past was at a standstill, the present wharves and warehouses were inadequate, and there was no scheme of expansion for the future.

The first and most important thing to be done was to make a comprehensive scheme of development for the future and in this should be included the resumption of the Courtenay Bay shipbuilding scheme and the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island.

The annual meeting of the Rotary Club was held last evening at Bond's Luncheon was served at 6:35 o'clock. H. L. Gaster, president. The following officers were elected for the present year: T. H. Estabrooks, president; R. D. Paterson, vice-president; G. S. McBeath, secretary; and E. A. Everett, treasurer. The trustees elected were: H. L. Gaster, E. C. Brown and George H. Warwick. Corresponding secretary, R. G. Schofield.

The reports of the secretary and the treasurer were read and adopted. That of the secretary showed the present membership to be 68. The treasurer's report showed the finances to be in good condition with a neat balance on hand. An interesting discussion took place on the subject of strengthening the club, making it more interesting for the members and more valuable to the city. It was decided that hereafter the meetings would open at 1:10 p.m. and close at 2:30 p.m., opening and closing sharp on time. The last meeting in each month will start at 6:15 p.m. except during June, July and August.

E. A. Schofield gave a report of the fund in aid of returned soldiers, giving a striking illustration of the manner in which it is expended for the benefit of the men and their dependents. A lively discussion took place regarding the best manner of showing the interest of the club in the sons of the men at the front. No definite action however was taken.

Band at Victoria Rink tonight and every night this week, also Saturday afternoon.

J. FRED BELVEA SHED SOME LIGHT ON FACTORY QUESTION

Was Heard at Informal Meeting of Council—Said City Could Not Deal with Booth Proposition Until His Application Was Dealt With—Was First in Field and Intends to Build.

After the Common Council had adjourned yesterday afternoon, an informal meeting was held at which J. Fred Belyea shed some light on the factory question, and answered a number of questions submitted to him by the councillors. Mr. Belyea stated that the council could not deal with the Booth proposition on the basis of a new industry unless they dealt with his application, as he was the first in the field, and still intended to build. He also referred to another proposition which he intended to make to the city, to buy the lots under lease to him on the West Side, and said he was prepared to offer the sum of \$100 each for the two back lots, and \$500 for the front lot.

In regard to the capacity of his work at Courtenay Bay, Mr. Belyea said that for 28 days last summer it would have supplied the needs of the factory as the Booth concern proposed to erect here. He stated the Booth Canneries intended to build a new factory for their Canadian factory and about 250 for their American factories, and they used the preference clause to get Canadian fish for their American factories.

Chairman Wigmore called on Commissioner Wigmore, who has just returned from Ottawa where he had been in conference with the cabinet on harbor matters.

Commissioner Wigmore said he and Mr. Elkin had held conferences with Hon. Mr. Carvell and other members of the cabinet, and he had been surprised at the knowledge of conditions and the needs of the port shown by the minister from New Brunswick. He also found the other ministers present at the conference most sympathetic and the general feeling was that the time had come to make St. John a national port under a commission, and he intended to bring the matter before the Common Council and ask them to submit an offer to the government.

He personally was of the opinion that all the citizens could expect was to get back what they had put into the wharves, but this could be taken up in the council.

He was glad the board had taken the lead in the agitation for a comprehensive scheme of harbor development. The shipbuilding plant at Courtenay Bay should be carried on even if it were war time so as to be ready for business at the ending of the war.

Mr. Carvell had taken the grip in connection with port development and the speaker was sure our interests would be well looked after.

R. C. Carvell, put into a national winter port, particularly during the war, being second in the list of Canadian ports for combined exports and imports.

Believing that the port under a well ordered and comprehensive scheme of development would be capable of greater achievement and that no time should be lost in preparing such a scheme, the board approves the action of the council in conferring with Hon. Mr. Carvell and thanks the hon. minister for his sympathetic consideration given.

This was seconded by W. F. Burditt and carried.

Mayor Hayes and W. F. Burditt spoke in support of the proposal, and the commission form of control for the harbor.

Notes of thanks to Mr. Grant and Commissioner Wigmore was passed.

R. E. Armstrong then read a paper prepared some time ago by J. K. Scammell on harbor development, in which he advocated the making of St. John a free port.

On the motion of E. A. Schofield those papers were referred to the harbor committee and they will back up the resolution of the council looking forward to the nationalization of the harbor.

The annual meeting of the Great War Veterans Association was held last night in their rooms on Union street, and the following officers were elected for the year: Major Gordon Johnston, president; S. T. Tibbitts, 1st vice-president; Lieut. W. G. Brown, 2nd vice-president; E. J. Puddy, re-elected secretary by acclamation; J. J. Barbour, assistant secretary; C. B. Mansfield, financial secretary (re-elected); J. G. Jordan, treasurer; George Curran, trustee; F. P. Peckham, marshal (re-elected); P. K. Moore, George Parise, William Cooper, Joseph Jordan, E. G. Robertson, R. Logan and John McMullin, executive committee.

The financial report showed that, after all expenses had been paid up, there was still left the sum of \$336.16 on the general account, and on the business fund there was the sum of \$3,333.92. Twelve new members were initiated into the association last night.

PASSED ESTIMATES. The commissioners of the Municipal Home met yesterday and passed their report for the coming year. They will ask for something over \$30,000 this year as against \$28,800 for 1917.

MEETING POSTPONED. The meeting of the International Longshoremen's Association which was to have been held last night in their hall on Water street was postponed as most of the members were at work.

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