

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

Taken to the Hospital. The ambulance was called to the West End about five o'clock yesterday afternoon to convey a sick woman passenger from the steamer Corisican to the General Public Hospital.

Lost His Watch and Chain. Frank Furlong, the driver for Chief Kerr of the fire department, is mourning the loss of his watch and chain. He lost it on Carmarthen street Friday evening and is anxiously awaiting word from the finder.

Lecture on Paris. Joshua Clawson will read the Bickmore lecture on "Paris" before the members of the Natural History Society this evening. The public are invited to attend, especially school teachers, as this lecture is said to be of great educational value.

St. John Art Club. Studio, 140 Union street, Dr. Eliza Ritchie, of Halifax, N. S., will give her lecture on The Art of Venice, Wednesday evening next, 14th instant, at 8.15. Miss Ritchie's clever lectures are highly appreciated by art lovers here.

Knocked Down and Injured. Yesterday morning about 11.30 o'clock Rachel Murphy, of 73 Erin street, was knocked down on the corner of Waterloo and Union streets by a team owned by Colwell Brothers. The woman was quite badly injured and was conveyed to her home.

The Work on the Lily. The work of raising the sunken tug Lily has proceeded in a satisfactory manner with the result that a wire sling has been passed under her fore foot. Today those in charge expect that they will be able to roll her up the incline down which she slid to the river bottom.

Taken to the "Bone Yard." About 7.30 o'clock last night while J. McNamara was leading an old horse along Union street, the animal fell and could not regain its feet. A large crowd gathered about the horse, but as soon as they lifted it up it would fall back again. It was in such a state that its time for usefulness had ended and there was nothing to do but load it on a sled and it was then hauled out to the bone yard and killed.

North End Police Reports. Although the guardians of the peace in the North End very seldom run anyone in, yet they are great hands at finding lost articles on the street. The following is a list of their efforts in that line so far this week: One bunch of keys, found at the back of the Willis meat store, on Wall street, and a lady's belt, on Main street. The owners can have the same by calling at the North End police station.

A Premature Report. Among the reported real estate transfers enumerated in one of the morning papers of Monday was that of the Hetherington property in Lancaster near the Provincial Hospital. According to the paper referred to the property which consists of about eight acres was transferred to D. F. Pidgeon. The deal, however, was not effected, as The Standard has been authoritatively informed last evening, and although several tempting offers have been made, the matter is still in abeyance.

Slow In Responding. The police authorities in Sussex appear to be in no hurry in attending to their duties. Monday morning they sent a wire to Chief Clark to arrest two youths who were wanted for robbing a girl of \$10. The two were arrested Monday afternoon and it was expected that some official would call for them and take them back to Sussex yesterday morning. No person arrived to take charge of the prisoners and they were still being looked after at the central police station last night.

The Immigration Congress. Arrangements for the Immigration Congress at Fredericton next month are well under way. In reply to invitations to attend the congress sent out to boards of trade and agricultural societies throughout the province, Secretary Anderson of the Board of Trade has received already over 75 letters of acceptance. So far he has only received one letter disapproving of the idea of the congress and that is from a man on the North Shore, who says that the province does not need immigration of any kind.

Wandering Horse Found. Last night the police found a horse attached to a sled wandering about Nelson street and they placed the animal in Love's stable on King Square. About an hour after the horse was found, a young man who claimed to be the owner, called at the central station for his team. He said that he left the horse standing in front of a building on the Market Square while he assisted a companion to fix up the fire in a furnace in one of the buildings and while he was in the building the horse strayed away.

Plans for Old Home Week. The executive committee of the 1917 Club of the Board of Trade met last evening and made some progress in working out the details of the scheme to bring New Brunswick back home in June, and increase the population of the city to 100,000 in five years. It is said that the attractions which will be arranged for the Old Home Week will be of a novel and impressive kind, and calculated to convince the returned wanderers that St. John is one of the most enterprising and up-to-date cities on the continent.

MAKING PLANS FOR GREATER ST. JOHN

Bill Giving City Power to Lay Out More Streets and Squares will Go to Council.

A meeting of the town-planning committee of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, and a draft of a bill to give the city power to lay out streets and public squares and regulate building operations in the suburbs was adopted. The draft of the bill will be submitted to a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade this morning for approval or amendment, and will then be sent to the city and county councils, with a request that it be passed on by those bodies and sent to the legislature.

If passed by the legislature the bill will give the city powers similar to those possessed by up-to-date communities, and enable it to appoint a superintendent of town-planning, in view of the possibility of a rapid extension of the city, it is felt that the sooner the city secures the power of plotting streets in the suburbs the better, because if the street plotting is now carried out on a comprehensive plan and in harmony with the street arrangements of the city, and the requirements of water and sewerage extension, the city will save a good deal of money in the long run, besides facilitating traffic and making possible a future system of rapid transit.

CALCUTTA ELECTRICIAN MAY FARM IN PROVINCE

Englishman Residing in India Desires to Test Fruit Raising and Farming Possibilities of New Brunswick.

An English electrician, now working in Calcutta, India, has written to the superintendent of immigration, stating that he wants to buy a farm in New Brunswick and start raising fruit and poultry. In his letter to Mr. Wilmut, he says that a friend of his who is now operating a leased farm of about 1000 acres in England, is coming to New Brunswick in the spring with a view to purchasing a farm here. The man in Calcutta wants to know if arrangements could be made to allow his friend to take up a farm on his own account, although he has £1,000 to invest, he is under contract to stay two more years in Calcutta.

It is understood that the attention of the Calcutta man was directed to New Brunswick by a letter on the farming possibilities of the province written by Maj. B. R. Armstrong, of St. John and appearing in the Canadian Overseas Mail.

GRAND LAKE MAY BE SECOND PITTSBURG

English Capitalists May Establish Enterprises in New Brunswick's Soft Coal Areas—District to be Surveyed.

In addition to the extensive development work on the coal areas near Grand Lake, which will be undertaken in the near future by the company which has chartered to build the railway from Minto to Fredericton, it is expected that English capitalists will shortly start independent enterprises there. Local brokers who have been acquiring property in the coal-bearing region of Queens and Sunbury for English capitalists, say that a survey of the whole district will probably be made this summer, and boring operations carried on with a view to determining the extent and nature of the coal seams.

Very little reliable data exists as to the extent of the coal fields in the two counties. It has been estimated that in the vicinity of Grand Lake the coal beds contain 154,000,000 tons of coal. Some of the coal in this district is said to be superior to the Nova Scotia product; one user reporting that seven tons was as far as ten tons of Springhill coal.

For the last four years between 30,000 and 40,000 tons annually has been mined in the vicinity of Grand Lake.

The Exhibition. A meeting of the live stock committee of the exhibition association was held yesterday afternoon at which work was started on the prize list for this department of the big show. H. A. Porter, secretary of the association, reported that he had received \$100 from the Clydesdale Stock Association of Canada to be distributed in prizes at the exhibition.

A. B. V. P. U. Sleigh Drive. Over fifty young people of the Baptist Young People's Social Union, of Fairville Baptist church, enjoyed a sleigh drive last evening. The party left the city shortly after eight o'clock and drove out the Marsh Road. Returning to the vestry of the church, refreshments were served and with music and a social hour an enjoyable time was spent.

DESIRE TO CONTROL LAKES OF PROVINCE

The Fish, Forest and Game Society will Make Representations on this Point to Provincial Government.

In the Oddfellows' Hall, Union street, last evening, a largely attended meeting of the Fish, Forest and Game Society was held. The attendance numbered over fifty. In the absence of W. H. Thorne, who, owing to illness, was unable to attend, the chair was occupied by W. F. Fitzroy, P. E., in addition to whom two other representatives of the provincial legislature were present. Hon. Robert Maxwell and J. E. Wilson, M. P. P.

The chief business taken up at the meeting was the question of throwing open the South Oromocto Lake to the public. The lake at the present is under lease to private parties. Some time ago the Fish, Forest and Game society asked the provincial government to turn the lake over to the society they agreeing to protect it, keep it in good condition, and allow the public to use it. Recently, however, obstacles arose preventing compliance with the request. The object of the meeting last evening was to consider ways and means of surmounting these obstacles. A committee of five was accordingly appointed to look after the matter. The government when they next meet in this city, and to submit a proposition for their consideration. The committee was also empowered, in the event of the failure of other measures, to petition for an act empowering the Fish, Forest and Game society to assume control of other lakes in the province to protect them in the interests of the public. The committee named to look after the matter, is J. Fraser Gregory, W. W. Gervy, Dr. H. B. Nase, R. J. Cochrane and J. C. Chesley.

The matter of communicating with Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries relative to having a shipment of trout fry placed in some of the lakes which have become depleted was also taken up. It was also decided to take steps to see if the minister of marine and fisheries would establish departments in the three salmon hatcheries in the province for the propagation of game fish. This, the meeting thought, could be done at small expense; the men now operating the hatcheries could undertake the work inasmuch as it is very similar to that of propagating the salmon.

As the time was taken up with these matters, the other plans for the approaching season had to be deferred until a further meeting.

CANADIAN BUSINESS MEN VISITING WEST INDIES

Letter Received from St. John Man on Business Men's Tour of the West Indian Islands.

That the tour of the Canadian business men in the West Indies, which is being conducted under the auspices of the West India League, though numerically not as strong as could have been wished, is proving a success in every other respect is evidenced by letters from Fred A. Fisher of this city, a member of the party. Mr. Fisher's last letter was dated from Panama. He writes that instead of 200 as was expected, the Canadians on the tour number only 18.

Havana, Santiago and Kingston, Jamaica, are among the points visited so far. At Kingston, Mr. Fisher writes, the governor had arranged for a special train to convey the visitors across the island. Unfortunately none of them were apprised of this honor, and as the day was devoted to visits to the botanical gardens and elsewhere the opportunity was missed.

The following day was spent by the Canadians in a conference with the Board of Trade with reference to promoting trade between Canada and Jamaica.

NEW NAMES HEARD FOR COMMISSION

T. H. Estabrooks as a Possible Majority Candidate the Latest Rumor—Some Other Names Mentioned.

Although the commission fight has hardly warmed up as yet, the matter is the subject of much comment upon the streets. There is of course talk of tickets and tickets but most of this is without any apparent foundation as yet. The most interesting rumor which was heard last evening had to do with the majority, and was to the effect that T. H. Estabrooks had been approached with the request that he should be a candidate. Whether Mr. Estabrooks had consented or not could not be learned. A majority contest with Mayor Frink, ex-Mayor Bullock and T. H. Estabrooks all seeking the suffrages of the people would be interesting indeed.

It was also stated that H. B. Schofield and G. S. Fisher may be found in the lists as commission candidates and that the same people who were desirous of having them run, also approached W. P. Burditt, but Mr. Burditt refused to consider the idea. There is little doubt that there will be almost as many candidates for St. John's first commission as there were on the original Cedar Rapids ticket which numbered 57 names, thereby gaining the sobriquet of the "Heinz ticket of 57 varieties."

Selling City Dredges and Scows. A meeting of the board of works will be held this afternoon for the purpose of determining the conditions of the proposed sale of the city dredges and two dump scows.



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