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## ST. JOHN TRAVELLERS WILL NOT FORGET TRIP TO PALESTINE

Judge Armstrong Who Returned Yesterday Tells of Trying Experience Attempting to Board Steamer in Rough Sea—Many Well Known Places 'Round Mediterranean Visited.

Judge J. R. Armstrong and Commodore Robert Thomson returned to the city yesterday after a tour of the Mediterranean. In an interview with a Standard reporter Judge Armstrong gave an interesting description of the trip, and the various places visited. During their three months' holiday the two St. John tourists spent a day each in two of the North Atlantic Portuguese Islands, Ponta Delgada in the Azores and Puncal, Madeira, and visited various cities and places of interest in Europe, Asia and Africa, contiguous to the Mediterranean Sea, the Grecian Archipelago and the Sea of Marmora, travelling some 13,000 miles besides numerous side trips on river steamers, boats, donkeys, caucis, motors, tramways, steamers and carriages.

In Palestine.

"The country most different of access which we visited," said Col. Armstrong, "was Palestine. Perhaps this, together with its poor hotel accommodation, accounts for the fact that only a few of the hundreds of pilgrims who visit it annually outside of Jerusalem, while Egypt has many times that number. The one railway which calls there runs between Port Said and Alexandria on the one side and Haifa or Beyrut on the other.

"It often happens that the sea is too rough for the small tender boats to put off, in which case passengers are seeking to embark are disappointed, and the luckless travellers are carried on to the steamer's destination. Any further attempt to reach the promised land is at the passenger's risk and expense. As a landing on the return trip may be equally impracticable some persons give up after the first attempt.

"It is impossible to reach Jerusalem from Alexandria or Port Said except by water, but a few of those who happen to be carried on to Haifa or Beyrut proceed by rail to Damascus and thence back by carriage and horse back, a portion of the road being impassable for carriages, to Jerusalem, a long, tedious and expensive journey which to many makes it an impossible undertaking.

"We were fortunate on arrival at Jaffa in having comparatively smooth water which enabled us to land, but on our return from Jerusalem we found a heavy sea running. Our steamer was dodging about in the offing waiting for the possible calming of the waters. About 6 p. m. as the sun disappeared below the sea in the west so did our steamer to the east. This was the first and only occasion on which we got off our previously laid out itinerary.

A Long Delay.

"Fortunately it happened that on the next day, not by any means a daily occurrence, a steamer came along bound in the direction we desired to proceed. Signals were exchanged and we were informed that the steamer would wait for that day only to carry on passengers, provided they could reach her. After a long delay it was decided that the west bound tourists might make the attempt to board the steamer.

"We had been kept for some time in the landing and embarking enclosure surrounded by the jabbering, jostling, gesticulating, arm waving, noisy, shouting, pushing, obtrusive crowd of customs and government officials, wharfingers, porters, boatmen, sailors and what nots such as are always found in eastern ports. Through these we edged our way. The baggage was placed in the bottom of the boat. About twenty tourists were crowded between and on top of the luggage.

"There were several other similar boats and we put off from the landing stage. The boat was propelled by two immense oars or sweeps, two in the bow each manned by six stalwart rowers, and two in the stern each handled by a couple of men with which the steering was accomplished besides which there were two or three spare rowers in case of emergency.

"We got through the rocks of Andromeda in safety but soon found the sea extremely tumultuous, so much so that when we descended into its trough we completely lost sight of the steamer which awaited us some two miles or more from the shore. Most of the passengers became very ill and in consequence of the crowded state of the boat many were unable to reach its side—the result was most unpleasant and contagious.

Getting on Board.

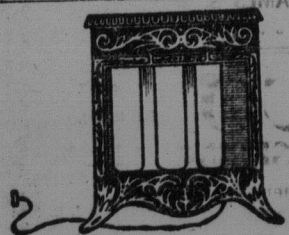
"Arriving at last at the ship's side we found the gangway lowered down, but in a horizontal position. Had it been lower the boat would surely have been crushed against its side. Passengers first abandoned all their superfluous valuable belongings such as greatcoats, shawls, umbrellas, handbags, kodaks, field glasses and so forth. Each passenger in turn mounted, many had to be assisted on the poop or raised stern and was then lifted up by two stalwarts and shoved up in the air by the legs, the arms upraised as though in supplication were seized as the opportunity permitted by the wrists and the unfortunate owner hauled up and landed onto the steamer, on the gangway and when raised to his feet was accompanied in a half dazed condition across the edges of the upturn steps.

"Not all of the ladies, but some of them, simply screamed from the time they were seized till landed as above, but was a case of do or die, that is do or back to Jaffa and eventually all the voyagers got safely aboard. A basket let down from the end of a swinging derrick which was used in Al-giers by means of which the passenger is landed on the deck like a bale of goods, is a much more civilized and comfortable proceeding.

"Later the various impediments before mentioned were placed in a confused pile on the deck and the owners when able to sort out and cleaned as best they could their various belongings. From our experience none but the robust willing to put up with discomfort and some hardships should attempt to visit the Holy Land.

"The weather we met with, with the exception of that in Palestine and other parts of Syria was fine through out the trip. We made many most agreeable acquaintances. We encountered seven different languages for eign to our own and as many separate currencies.

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## APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SECRETARY TO J. KING KELLEY

Municipal Council Filled Vacant Office at Quarterly Meeting Yesterday—Salary Fixed at \$2000—Robert Connolly Elected Warden—Requisition for Medical Health Officer.

At the quarterly meeting of the municipal council yesterday afternoon J. King Kelley was elected county secretary, and voted an allowance of \$2000 a year to cover salary and all office expenses. The matter of choosing a warden occasioned a warm discussion, in which it was charged that an effort was being made to introduce party politics into the council. When it was put to a vote, Robert Connolly obtained a large majority over his opponent, Wm. Fox. It was decided to ask the Provincial Government to appoint a medical health officer for the City and County of St. John, under the act recently passed by the council over the death of Edward VII., and pledging loyalty to King George was unanimously passed. Officials and committees for the ensuing year were appointed, and other business transacted. E. Elkin, the warden, presided, and there were present: Councillors Frink, Ald. Baxter, Kelley, Vanwart, Potts, Elkin, Russell, Christie, Willet, Wignmore, Sprout, Lively, Holder, of the city; Councillors Wm. Fox, L. M. Curran, M. D. P. Barnhill, of Lancaster; J. M. Donovan, F. K. Adams, R. G. Stewart, of Simonds; F. M. Cochrane, C. Fred Black, Robert Connolly, of St. Martin; J. K. Corcoran, Wm. J. Dean, of Miramichi; and the deputy clerk, L. A. Curry.

The warden said that before proceeding with the business of the council he would like to have an expression of opinion as to whether they should adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of the late King.

Councillor Potts said that the King had asked that the council should be allowed to interfere with the conduct of the public business.

After some discussion it was decided to proceed with the business before the meeting.

The Election of Warden.

The Warden—"The first business is the election of a warden, but before proceeding with the election, I wish to thank the members of the council for the honor they have conferred on my person, and for the kindness towards me while in the office. I have not felt that I was well qualified to fill.

"Today we have mourned the loss of our secretary, Mr. Geo. R. Vincent, a man who had endeavored himself to all of us by his faithful discharge of his duty. Today also we must mourn the loss of our King.

After some further remarks, the warden asked for nominations for Councillor.

Councillor Cochrane nominated Robert Connolly, which was seconded by Councillor Lively.

Councillor Baxter nominated Wm. Fox, of the City of Lancaster. He thought the councillor for the Parish of Lancaster deserved better treatment than he had received in the past.

Councillor Potts said that Councillor Connolly had been looking forward to the wardenship, and it was unfair to place the wardenship in the hands of Councillor Baxter said that if Mr. Connolly had agreed to appoint Mr. Fox to the highway board he would have no objection. He would not agree to that.

Councillor Cochrane said it was unfair to insinuate that Mr. Connolly could not be trusted to act fairly. Some members sought to bring politics into the council.

Councillor L. M. Curran—"The municipality should not interfere with the role of the majority in the parish. Dictation from outside is unnecessary."

Councillor Fox said he only wanted to be considered as a candidate. He cast last year. He sought the wardenship to reassess his rights, but was prepared to withdraw if guaranteed a position on the highway board.

Councillor Connolly said he did not want to see any bad feeling arise over the election.

Councillor Kelley said that as he understood the law the majority of councillors from the parishes were entitled to the control of highway matters.

Nominations were then closed, and Councillors Vanwart and Curran were appointed scrutineers.

The vote resulted as follows:

Connolly, 17  
Fox, 8

Coun. Connolly was declared duly elected, and was escorted to the chair by the members of the council.

Resolution on King Edward's Death.

After the new warden had expressed his appreciation of the action of the council, Coun. Cochrane moved the following resolution:

"Whereas it hath pleased the Divine Ruler in His infinite wisdom to call our Sovereign Lord King Edward VII. from his temporal to the eternal throne.

"Now therefore, we loyal and devoted subjects of the Crown, in this period of national and universal mourning and recognizing the irreparable loss of the Peacemaker King to the Empire, and the world, his high ideals of statesmanship and his earnest endeavor to follow the teachings and governmental paths marked out by his beloved mother, Victoria the Good, and his wonderful achievements in the promotion of universal peace.

"And whereas the death of the municipality of the City and County of St. John in council convened, place on record its appreciation of the loss of the great King, and its pledge to uphold a sovereign both to the state and the people and express our heartfelt sympathy to his illustrious and beloved widow and other members of the Royal Family who have assisted his late Majesty so much in maintaining in its integrity and three estates of the realm, and to pledge his son and successor, His Majesty King George V., who is personally known to many of us, and who has so well qualified himself for the exalted position of King and Emperor by coming in intimate contact with the people, and conditions of the vast Empire over which he is called upon to rule, on his fealty, devotion and loyal support.

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The council then proceeded to elect a secretary, the three applicants being J. King Kelley, Dr. L. A. Curry and J. A. Sinclair.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

Sinclair, 7; Kelley, 12; Curry, 5.

The Warden then declared J. King Kelley duly elected secretary.

Mr. Kelley in a brief speech said he regretted that he would have to tender his resignation as a councillor of the county and city of St. John. He would try to fulfil the duties of his new office with impartiality.

Coun. Baxter in moving that the resignation should be accepted, said he thought all would entertain most kindly feelings to their new secretary, even those who had voted against him.

The motion accepting the resignation was passed.

The council then took recess.

**Election of Officers.**

On resuming business, the following officers were elected:

Auditor—L. Olive Thomas.  
Marshal and Keeper of Dead House—Thomas Coughlan.

**PARISH OFFICERS.**

Musquash.

Parish Clerk—G. A. Anderson.  
Collector—D. H. Mahoney.  
Assessors—C. T. Mahoney, F. Thompson, T. Randolph.  
Revisors—W. J. Dean, J. K. Corcoran.  
Highway Board—W. J. Dean, J. K. Corcoran.

**Simonds Parish.**

Parish Clerk—A. F. Johnston.  
District Clerk—S. Poole.  
Assessors—James Lee, J. Horgan, A. R. Wood.  
Revisors—F. K. Adams and J. M. Donovan.

Highway Board—R. G. Stewart and J. M. Donovan.

**Lancaster Parish.**

Assessors—Daniel Cronin, J. Donohue, R. Cunningham.  
Collectors—A. Anderson, T. J. Galbraith.  
Revisors—Dr. L. M. Curran, Wm. Fox.  
Constables—A. Taylor, Wm. Hanson, Jr., Robert Lawson, J. Boyd, J. Smith, F. Gerriery, James Lyons.  
Poundkeepers—H. Kierstead, B. Ogden, F. Gerriery.  
Weight Master—J. E. Bryant.  
Wood Measure—T. H. Wilson.  
Boat Masters—B. F. Baker, J. L. Poir.

**Fire Wardens—J. J. Hennessey, F. Allingham, J. Mills.**

**Fence Viewers—J. Wood, G. Harris.**

**Saint Martin's Parish.**

Assessors—W. W. Skillen, S. J. Shanklin, T. Hoey.  
Collector—Wm. J. Morrow.  
Highway Commissioners—H. W. Brown, S. C. O'Connor, S. J. Shanklin.  
Highway Board—Robert Connolly, Fred M. Cochrane.  
Revisors—C. Fred Black, Robert Connolly.

**Committees.**

The following committees were appointed:

Finance and Accounts—J. B. M. Baxter, chairman, the warden, and Couns. McGoldrick, Elkin, Barnhill, Cochrane, Donovan, Dean, Christie, Frink, and Willet.

Buildings (Committee)—John McGoldrick, chairman, the warden and Couns. Russell, Holder, Sprout, Curran, Vanwart, Corcoran, Black, Stewart and White.

On Bills—F. M. Cochrane, chairman, the warden and Coun. Willet, Christie, Frink, Wignmore, Potts, Curran, Dean, Adams and Donovan.

On Assessments—F. L. Potts, chairman, the warden and Coun. Willet, Hayes, Elkin, Corcoran, Fox, Stewart, Russell.

To act with sheriff in regard to hard labor sentences in jail—J. M. Donovan, chairman, the warden and Couns. Holder, Sprout, Vanwart, Black, Adams, Corcoran and Barnhill.

For Relief of Indigent Taxpayers: J. A. Lively, chairman, the warden and Couns. White, Wignmore, Hayes, Adams, Fox, McGoldrick, Baxter and Dean.

Wm. Amos was appointed a policeman on the Bay Shore.

Coun. Baxter moved that ex-Councillor Lewis be asked to take charge of the labor rank from the jail, and be voted the sum of \$100.

Coun. Potts moved in amendment that ex-Coun. Lewis be given \$200 for his former services.

**DEATHS**

Gaunce—At Carletonville, Kings County, on Sunday, 8th inst., Cora Belle, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tilly E. Gaunce, aged 15 years.

Toole—On Monday morning at her home 226 Union St., West, Mrs. Edward W. Toole, in the 46th year of her age, leaving a husband, a mother, and three sisters to mourn their loss.

Service at her residence at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Funeral at 2:30 p. m.

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