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THE MARITIME OUTLOOK

In the discussion of an interesting paper read by Mr. Edgar E. Kelley of the Busy East, at the meeting of the Maritime Press Association last evening, the whole tone was one of decided optimism with regard to the future of these provinces. At the same time attention was directed by different speakers to some matters of great importance in connection with the forward movement. The harvest excursions were denounced as an injury to these provinces. The failure of those who plan excursions of old country visitors to Canada to recognize the lower provinces was sharply criticized. Methods of securing more effective publicity in the mother country were considered, and Mayor Frank forcibly directed attention to the evil results which follow misrepresentation of intending settlers, who as a result come here with grotesque notions of the conditions and are therefore very greatly disappointed.

Mr. McKenna of the Sussex Record gave a good illustration of the change of sentiment which has come over the people of these provinces generally with regard to provincial prospects. When he decided in his paper to devote attention to matters of local development, many were skeptical because they apparently had little faith that the coast could make much progress in the face of the competition of the west, but as time passed eastern development did begin, and today the people are convinced that the east is to have its day. Mr. McKenna was able to clinch his statement by telling of men who sold out their property in Kings county and went west, but are now returning to the old home, satisfied that the conditions of life are much better than they found them in the west.

It is a gratifying fact that these newspaper men from various parts of the provinces, men who have a knowledge of the conditions around them, and who are able to make comparisons between present and past conditions, are filled with the spirit of optimism with regard to the maritime provinces. Mr. John T. Hawke made two interesting statements in the course of his admirable address. One was to the effect that the first important delegation of British journalists who came to Canada, and who after going through the west were prevailed on to pay a flying visit to these provinces, declared that nowhere in Canada had any part of the country appealed to them as strongly as did the maritime provinces. The other was that the members of the International Geological Congress who recently visited this province declared that the day they spent in Albert county, N. B., the region of the oil and gas wells, was from their standpoint the most enjoyable they had spent in Canada.

More than one speaker paid a tribute to the St. John board of trade for the action it took several years ago in calling a conference of the newspaper men of the province to consider what might be done to promote the welfare of the city and province. Mr. Hawke expressed the view that very great benefit came from the conference, and that no board of trade in Canada had taken any more progressive step in the interest of the community in which it was located. This is doubtless true, for, as a result of that conference, all the newspapers of the province devoted more attention to development in their own localities and in other parts of the province, and this had the effect of arousing a feeling among the people generally that real progress was being made, and that the general outlook was growing brighter year by year; and with such a feeling universally experienced progress inevitably came more rapid and the conditions constantly improved.

The citizens of St. John will be stimulated by the optimism of the men from other cities and towns who are now in their midst, and they in turn will go home even more pronounced in their views of maritime progress from what they will have seen during their visit to this national port.

The maritime board of trade has adopted a resolution asking that International freights be reduced to the rate. One more straw to show the direction of the wind.

One of the most interesting speakers at the maritime press meeting last night was Mr. Gallant, the representative of L'Esperance. It was significant of the new status of the Acadians in these provinces that they should have a representative at a meeting of the Maritime Press Association. Mr. Gallant pointed out that the people of his race now have two newspapers in New Brunswick and one in Prince Edward Island, and that the number of them who read the papers and take an interest in public affairs, especially in education, is rapidly growing. The Acadian people are not only seeking education more earnestly, but they are taking a more lively interest in public affairs, and in the years to come they will without doubt be ably represented in the highest walks of life in these provinces, just as they have always had at least some rep-

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

The Hon. Louis Philippe Brodeur, ex-minister of marine and fisheries of Canada, is fifty-one years of age today. He was born at Bédoulet, P. Q., and early took up the practice of law. Entering parliament, he was successively speaker of the House of Commons, minister of inland revenues and minister of marine.

Herbert Fairbairn Gardiner, principal of the Ontario Institute for the Education of the Blind, Brantford, was born in Brockville on August 21, 1849. He was long engaged in newspaper work in Brantford, London and Hamilton.

Major A. B. Perry, commissioner of the Royal North West Mounted Police, Regina, was born in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., in 1860. He was the first graduate of the R. M. C. Kingston, and entered the police as inspector in 1885.

LIGHTER VEIN

John Kendrick Bangs was moving his goods and chattels from his home at Tonawanda, N. Y. It was a rainy day, and before the house stood three large moving vans and the lawn was covered with furniture of all sorts. Mr. Bangs stood in the downpour expediting the movers, when a lady, a neighbor with whom he was acquainted, passed, and smiling asked: "O, are you moving, Mr. Bangs?"

"No, indeed, Mrs.," replied the humorist. "You see, it is such a beautiful day that I thought I would get all the furniture out of my house and take it out for a ride."

The late Joseph Jefferson once received a cable despatch from his son, Thomas, who was in London, asking his father to remit to him £100.

The father was doubtful, and so he wired back: "What do you want it for?"

Back came the answer: "For Tom." This so tickled the old man that the money was forthcoming.

A New England mother had come upon her eight-year-old son enjoying a feast whereof the components were jam, butter and bread.

"Son," said the mother, "don't you think it a bit extravagant to eat butter with that fine jam?"

"No, ma'am," was the response. "It's economical; the piece of bread does for both."—Lippincott's.

WILL MOVE FACTORIES FROM PERU TO ICELAND

English Nitrogen Concern Takes Advantage of Fine Water-Power

Copenhagen, Aug. 21.—The undeveloped water-power of Iceland is receiving the attention of foreign capital. The Delbi Falls, thirty-five miles from the coast, have been acquired by an English concern which is engaged in the manufacture of nitrogen products, and with 400,000 horse-power at its command the company will move all its factories from Peru and Chili to Iceland.

Big factories are to be built in the vicinity of the falls, and a railroad constructed to the coast. The ownership of the falls was purchased from four local farmers, each of whom will receive \$15,000 for his interest.

The Building Law.

No action was taken at the meeting of the Builders' Exchange last evening called to discuss the desirability of the repeal of the civic by-law limiting dwelling houses in the city to two stories, although the members of the exchange as contractors expressed themselves as favoring buildings with three stories and certain restrictions. James Johnston, building inspector, gave an address advocating the adoption of the two story limit, and was given a good hearing. Another meeting will be held before the election on Tuesday next.

Among those who were present were Contractors McGowan, Mooney, Stepler, McArthur, Vincent, Ross, Donald, Bury and others. In the absence of the president, Vice-President McGowan occupied the chair.

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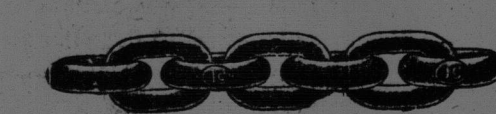
DOKEYS ENTERTAINED AT LOCH LOMOND

Founding of First Canadian Lodge in St. John in 1870 Recalled—Dr. Thomas Walker First Chancellor

The visiting members of the D. O. K. K. from Boston were the guests of their brother knights of this city at Loch Lomond yesterday. The party was conveyed to the grounds of the Loch Lomond Fishing Club in automobiles and there a pleasant day was spent. A game of baseball and a programme of sports engaged their attention during the afternoon and a clam bake on the shore followed. The visitors paraded with the Knights of Pythias this afternoon when the ceremonies of their annual decoration day were observed.

In connection with the visit of the Boston Knights the organization of the first lodge in this city, which was the first in Canada, has been recalled. New Brunswick Lodge was founded on October 27, 1870, with the following officers: W. J. McCordock, V.P.; Thos. Walker, W.C.; A. J. Stewart, W. V. C.; D. H. Waterbury, R.S.; James Moulson, E.S.; James Thomson, B.; Fred Sandall, G.; David Sinclair, L.S.; Samuel Armstrong, O.S.

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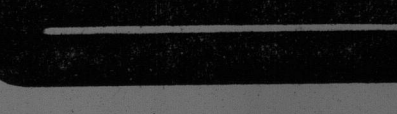
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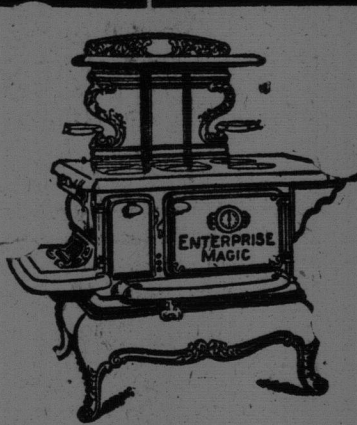
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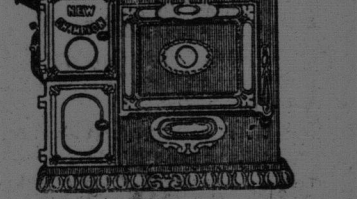
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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

A contract for further dredging in St. John harbor has been awarded by the federal government to the Maritime Dredging Company, \$25,000 being provided for the purpose.

Forest fires, now within a quarter of a mile of the village, threaten the destruction of Martin's River, N. S., and the community of Mahone Bay is also in danger.

H. M. Kersey of London, has been appointed general manager of the C. P. R. Atlantic and Pacific fleets. Captain Walsh will continue as marine superintendent at Montreal and Captain Forrester, of the Empress of Ireland, will probably be given the appointment in Liverpool for which Captain Walsh was mentioned.

Mary I. Dicks, former state architect of California, has been found guilty of violation of the Mann act, which makes it a felony to transport women from one state to another for immoral purposes.

Anney, France, Aug. 20.—Emile Olivier, the famous French politician, who was premier of France, under Napoleon III, died here today. M. Olivier was born at Marseilles, July 2, 1825.

North Anson, Me., Aug. 20.—The entire business section of this little village was blotted out by five yesterday through lack of protection. Eight dwellings also were destroyed before the fire burned itself out. The aggregate loss was variously estimated at from \$125,000 to \$150,000, on which there was an insurance of less than 50 per cent. The business section consisted of about twenty-five buildings, mostly frame structures.

LESS INDUSTRIAL UNREST THAN DURING LAST YEAR

According to the record maintained by the department of labor in Ottawa industrial conditions showed an improvement in regard to labor disputes during July. There were twenty-four in existence as compared with twenty-seven during the month. A still greater improvement is seen when the comparison is made between the present month and the corresponding period of last year when there were forty-six strikes and lock-outs in the Dominion.

During July, 1913, about 182 firms and 8,000 employees were involved in strikes and lock-outs as compared with 450 firms and 11,357 employees affected by trade disputes during the previous month. There was a slight increase in the loss of time to employees, about 188,000 working days being lost, as compared with approximately 184,000 during June. It may be mentioned that during July, 1912, upwards of 270,000 working days were lost from this cause. Two disputes of importance occurred during July, while of those that were in existence previous to this month, the most important as affecting industrial conditions, were those of coal miners on Vancouver Island and sawmill handlers at St. John, N. B. These two disputes together accounted for a loss of upwards of 180,000 working days.

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