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COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER CITY'S HOUSING PROBLEM

To Report on Best Means to Provide Accommodation

CITY OFFICES AND COURTS

Provincial Loan for General Housing Scheme Limited to \$200,000—Vacancy on the School Board Not Filled

A representative committee of citizens met on the steps which should be taken to provide additional room for the city offices and to accommodate the courts and on the various suggestions for a new city hall and new court house, both combined, was appointed by Mayor Hayes at the weekly meeting of the common council this morning.

It was announced that the province would be unable to grant the full \$300,000 asked for under the housing scheme, but would be able to loan \$200,000, and formal application for this amount was authorized.

Mayor Hayes presided and all members of the committee were present. The report of the committee of the whole was adopted. It contained recommendations as follows:— That the action of the commissioner of public safety in accepting the tender of John T. Brown for the repairing and painting of the exterior of the city hall, Saint John West, for \$481.98 be confirmed and that the contract be entered into.

That conveyance in fee simple be made of lot 409, Brooks Ward, to George G. Hare for \$480, and lot 684, Queens ward, to the St. John Real Estate Company for \$500.

That, upon the surrender to the city by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John of land at Millford and upon the payment of \$75, a conveyance be made to him in fee simple of the said lot, together with the increased area as shown on plan attached, in all about one and a half acres, deed to contain same covenant as in the original conveyance as to the use of the property for church purposes only.

That the portion of German street between King and Nelson be paved in the manner set out in the report of the commissioner of public works at an estimated cost of \$8,000, to be paid for by bond issue covering ten years.

That the city accept the offer of Clark Bros. Ltd., of Brookfield, N. S., \$15,000 for all the brick and metal in competition with the pulp mill at Mispec, with the exception of the turbines and penstock. A letter from Mr. Florence M. Fink regarding alleged encroachment of the city on her property at the corner of German and North Market streets, was referred to the commissioner of public safety. Cannot get \$300,000.

A communication was presented from M. B. Dixon, clerk of the executive council, announcing that the provincial government was unable to grant \$300,000, the full amount of the loan asked for by the city under the housing scheme, and asking that a new set of resolutions be prepared applying for the amount available, \$200,000. He also asked the council to reply whether the reduced amount would be satisfactory and whether the loan was wanted for twenty or thirty years.

On motion of Mr. Bullock, seconded by Mr. Trouton, resolutions were adopted expressing the council's desire to borrow \$200,000 under the housing act, 1919, repayable either in twenty or thirty years or both, at five per cent, for the purpose of carrying out a housing scheme; authorizing the council to borrow the money, to enter into an agreement for the expenditure and repayment of the money and to execute a certificate of indebtedness to the province. (Continued on page 2, sixth column)

LOCAL NEWS

ST. JOHN REPRESENTED
St. John is to be represented in sports to be held in Antigonish, N. S., on Thursday, J. P. Morgan, a local athlete, has entered for the high jump and shot put, and his friends are confident that he will make a good showing. He has completed in local amateur events and has won consistently.

DUMPHY-MILBURY
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holt, 721 Main street, last evening at nine o'clock Rev. J. Neil McLaughlin united in marriage Miss Beatrice Milbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Milbury, Brook street, to Thomas Edward Dumphy of this city. The groom recently returned from overseas having served in France for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Dumphy will reside in the city.

BEACONSFIELD SCHOOL
A meeting of the trustees of Beaconsfield school was held last evening. F. W. Henderson, one of the trustees whose term had expired, was re-elected unanimously for another term. A. L. Coster and F. J. Shreve were re-appointed auditors. A financial statement for the last term was received with satisfaction by the board. Dr. W. L. Ellis offered to give medical examination of the pupils gratis. This offer was accepted and he was given a hearty vote of thanks.

Hurricane And Floods Claim Many Victims

At Least 87 Drowned at Valparaiso; Property Loss \$200,000,000; Million Sheep and 100,000 Cattle Die in Buenos Aires Floods

Valparaiso, July 15—Eighty-seven persons are known to have been drowned and the loss of life may have been much greater in a hurricane which swept this port Saturday and Sunday.

Fourteen vessels of various sizes were sunk and about 100 lighters and other small craft were destroyed. The property loss is estimated at \$200,000,000.

The German steamer Sais, which was washed ashore, was pounded to pieces and lost ten of its crew.

Buenos Aires, July 14—Government reports show that 1,000,000 sheep and 100,000 cattle have been drowned in floods in the southern part of Buenos Aires province. The railways and telegraphic communication have been interrupted and several sections in that region have been completely isolated for more than a week from this cause.

The floods were due to a month of the heaviest rainfall ever recorded here. Over on the Chilean side of Argentina there have been further heavy snowfalls along the trans-Andine railway, causing new damage to the line. At one point the debris on the tracks has accumulated to a depth of fifty yards.

The snow in this region has been more or less continuous for a month and in some places is more than twenty-six feet deep.

A small party of Americans arrived here last night overland from the Pacific seaport of Antofagasta, Chile. They reported almost unendurable hardships during their journey which lasted a week.

IN RECOGNITION OF HEROIC ACT

Common Council Presents Gold Watch to N. A. Palmer Who Saved Edward Birmingham From Drowning on June 1

A handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, was presented to Nathaniel A. Palmer by the common council this morning in recognition of Mr. Palmer's bravery in saving from drowning Edward Birmingham at Inianitona on June 1.

With the members of the council standing, the mayor addressed Mr. Palmer, recalling with hearty appreciation his courage the deed which the council wished to recognize. He referred to the fact that Mr. Palmer wore the button of a returned soldier and that the gallantry which had been shown when he saved a fellow man from drowning had been shown previously when he had enlisted for overseas service.

He understood that Mr. Birmingham was a larger man than Mr. Palmer and that the latter was not an expert swimmer, in spite of these circumstances he had jumped into the water without hesitating to remove his clothes and had been successful in saving a life.

He was sure that Mr. Palmer's children would always remember with pride the achievement of their father and that he was confident that the fine qualities which had marked Mr. Palmer's conduct on this occasion would be shown throughout his career.

Commissioners Fisher and Thornton added a few words of appreciation and Mr. Palmer replied modestly, saying that he was glad that he had had the opportunity to save a life and would be glad to do what he could if another such emergency arose.

HOLD BACK FEW DAYS MORE FOR AMERICAN DECISION

Montreal, July 15—Although the three weeks' stay of negotiations arranged between the Canadian Railway War Board and the railway shippers of Canada expired today, in all probability arrangement will continue by common consent for some days to come. The whole matter hinges on the decision of the United States railway administration.

Recent advices from Washington are that within the next two or three days the decision of the United States authorities in this matter will be announced. When this is received it will form a basis for a settlement of the Canadian dispute.

PICNIC

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the Portland Methodist church held a picnic in Seaside Park yesterday afternoon. A large number were present and an enjoyable time was spent in games and amusements, after which supper was served. Mrs. Fred Smiler was in charge.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam this morning, "the world waits to learn the result of your experiment with Mr. Burditt at the Rotary picnic. You won, of course."

"No, sir," said Hiram, shortly—"I didn't. I didn't go in at all. When I saw that fellow I knew I hadn't no more chance than a catfish again a pickeral. But I showed 'em how to play quater—yes sir. I licked 'em all. They ain't never seen a fellow named Bell, from Westmount, too. I guess that's the only fellow they allowed to play in Westmount. I remember one time George Ham wouldn't let some fellows take a drink in a C. P. R. train while they were going through Westmount. He said he lived there when he had a few minutes to spare, and they let him up and let him in the town limits. But that Westmount fellow couldn't make rings with Hiram—no sir."

"About the lamb stew," said the reporter, "Did you really have three helpings?"

"Yes, sir—me an' Gantler. He's takin' tankards. They say it's great medicine. I ain't tried it yet. Doc Merrill an' John Bond—they made that stew—an' they kin cook in my lumber camp whenever they want to."

"I hear," said the reporter, "that you saw a deer on the shore?"

"What some of 'em city fellers seen on the shore at Hardin's Point was a deer," said Hiram. "What I seen was a pink sweater, and I was plinted to another place an' said the deer was over there. She was, too—walkin' along the shore in a pink sweater, an' a white dress."

"You old rascal," said the reporter, "in 1915 or 1916, I remember how a pig was dressed?"

"Me?" said Hiram. "Why the gals think a lot of me. I've seen 'em all run over back again whenever I feel like it. I guess I don't wear my welcome into the work of the doctors and V. A.'s during the influenza epidemic last winter."

"If it true," demanded the reporter, "that a deck of cards was found in your pocket?"

"No, sir," said Hiram. "One of 'em deacons had 'em. That we had a great time. I guess he thought he was an' had a good time he'd had to ride back to the city. I don't know if he wouldn't be in no frame of mind to conduct the event's devoted. Say—if I had a chance on Avenue 10 I'd run over to City Hall an' offer to pay my share to her the road paved right away—yes, I would, by Hen."

RECOMMENDS THAT ALIEN INVESTIGATION BOARD WIND UP ITS LABORS

Judge Myers' View Opposed by G. W. V. A., who Want Board Continued

Winnipeg, July 15—It is announced that Judge Myers has recommended to the provincial government that the alien investigation board conclude its labors at the end of this month.

The board has been in existence five months and has investigated 4,607 aliens, granting cards to 3,975. The other 800 were returned to their countries of origin.

Winnipeg, July 15—A Zeppelin freight and passenger trans-Atlantic service to start about October 18, between New York and Hamburg, with Boston, Chicago, Berlin and Dusseldorf as ports of call, was announced in advertisements in German language newspapers and one American trade paper published here yesterday.

The advertisement, which is inserted in the newspaper, said he had been designated by an American banker to act as agent for an overseas dirigible freight and passenger service to be financed by American, British and German capital.

Bookings for freight shipments and passengers will be received after September 18, said Mr. Khars, adding that a tentative plan of \$91 a ton had been set as the trans-Atlantic freight rate (about \$80 more than the rate by sea). He said he had no idea as yet as to how many passengers could be carried.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of John Mullin took place this morning from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John McDonald, 216 King street, East. Requiem high mass was celebrated in the Cathedral by Rev. P. Walker with Rev. A. P. Allen, deacon and Rev. W. L. Moore, sub-deacon. Rev. E. A. LeBlanc gave the final absolution and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

PHOENIX AND PHOENIX WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday is now centered in the Ottawa Valley. The weather is showery in Ontario and western Quebec. Elsewhere it is fine.

Shows Tomorrow. Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly southwest, fine today; Wednesday, showery. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, showery tonight and part of Wednesday. New England—Showers and thunder storms this afternoon and tonight, followed by fair weather Wednesday; cooler except in southeastern Maine; fresh south shifting to west and north-west winds.

DOCTORS HEAR PAPER ON THE PROHIBITION ACT

Committee To Report on Amendments Suggested

ADDRESS BY DR. J. S. BENTLEY

Speaks of Matter as Applying to Medical Profession—Dr. Ferguson's Paper on Surgery—Convention in Y.M.C.I. Hall Opened With Prayer by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc

An address by Dr. J. S. Bentley of St. John on the intoxicating liquor act and its inapplicability to the medical profession in its present form was the feature of the opening session of the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society, which was held this morning in the Y. M. C. I. building, Cliff street.

The president, Dr. G. G. Melvin, of Fredericton, presided. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc opened the meeting with prayer, and His Worship Mayor Hayes delivered an address of welcome to the visiting members.

Dr. Bentley spoke particularly of the act with regard to the issuing of prescriptions. According to the act a prescription could be filled only once; this necessitated in country districts the prescribing of large amounts of stimulants, and the fact that only one prescription for liquor could be issued per day to any person made it necessary if intoxicating liquor was prescribed for internal use and alcohol for external use, that the prescriptions be given on different dates and the patient instructed to have them filled at different dealers which was against the spirit of the law. He suggested several amendments to the law, and a committee was appointed to go into the matter with Dr. Bentley and bring in a report on the amendments suggested at tomorrow's session.

Dr. W. A. Ferguson, of Moncton, president of the surgical section of the association, read an interesting paper on the triumph of aseptic surgery during the war and also dealt with other matters of importance to surgeons. His Worship Mayor Hayes in his address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of St. John said that it was under more happy auspices that the meeting was taking place than the last meeting.

The medical profession and the community. He paid a tribute to the work of the doctors and V. A.'s during the influenza epidemic last winter.

A letter received from Dr. J. Veniot, of Bathurst, read a letter from the Union Club extending the privileges of the club during the session. A letter from Dr. G. Melvin, president of the society, announced his resignation as sub-editor of the Canadian Medical Association journal.

A letter received from Dr. J. F. Secord, Sackville, suggested a revision of fees. A committee was appointed consisting of Drs. Allingham, Desmond and Wetmore was appointed to look into the matter.

Dr. Bentley, president of the medical section, spoke with regard to the intoxicating liquor act. He said there were some who did not think alcohol was necessary for medicinal purposes. He did not wish to be misinterpreted, as he wanted to say that personally he had (Continued on page 2, seventh column)

QUESTION BOX FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Ottawa, July 15—A civil service question box has been inaugurated. Each of the 60,000 civil servants may obtain an answer to any question regarding the proposed classification by addressing the civil service federation at Ottawa. Questions affecting individuals only will be answered daily in the question box which will be furnished to all newspapers desiring to avail themselves of the service.

HAVE TO RESIGN SAYS U. S. AMBASSADOR PAGE

New York, July 15—Thomas Nelson Page, U. S. ambassador to Italy, who arrived here last night from Liverpool on the Carmarone, announced that he had returned to resign his post. He said he had not yet resigned, but had written to Washington several months ago asking permission to come home to tender his resignation in person.

GENERAL CURRIE AND MAJOR MILLER WIN AMERICAN HONORS

London, July 15—(C. A. P.)—The American Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded to General Currie and Major Walter Miller of the Canadian Corps.

REPORTS HEAVY ICE

Montreal, July 15—The steamer Savoy which left Seven Islands yesterday afternoon for Antioch reported heavy pack ice from the Straits to Chicaquia Bay.

MURDERERS OF AMERICANS ARE PUT TO DEATH

Mexican Ambassador Makes Statement

Says Bandits and Rebels in All Parts of Country Are Lying Down Arms and Returning to Homes to Till Soil

Washington, July 15—Murderers of American citizens in Mexico have been apprehended and executed by the Mexican government, which, through expenditures of two-thirds of the republic's revenues in the work of pacification is slowly restoring order, it was said yesterday by Ymaelo Bonillas, Mexican ambassador to the United States, who has just returned to Washington after a month's visit at Mexico City. He said that bandits and rebels in all parts of the country were laying down their arms and returning to their homes to till the land.

Mexico's first duty, the ambassador asserted, was to put down insurrections and for that reason large sums of money were being spent in pacification. When this has been accomplished the revenue now devoted to this end will be used to ward paying off the interest on the foreign debt. Mexico, he said, has never and never will repudiate her debts.

Washington, July 15—Request was made by Robert Robertson of Oklahoma, in telegrams received yesterday by the state department, for an investigation of the murder of John W. Corral, an American citizen, the mistreatment of his wife and the wounding of their son by Mexicans in the Tampico district of Mexico.

PREDICTS SPREAD TO ALL THE PORTS

Estimated That 400 Ships Tied up and 160,000 Men Out of New York

New York, July 15—The demands of the strikers of the marine works at this and other Atlantic ports for union recognition today continued to be the principal stumbling block to the settlement of the walkout, which late yesterday affected vessels operated by the United States Shipping Board. The spread of the strike to the government controlled boats resulted from a refusal of shipping board officials to grant the seamen's demands for their three shifts of eight hours each at sea and preference to union members.

Oscar Carlson, secretary of the firm's organization and spokesman for the union officials, estimated that 400 ships were tied up in this port and that 160,000 men were out there. He predicted that the strike would become general within three days at all Atlantic ports.

MILLIONS OF FEET OF LUMBER DESTROYED

Great Forest Fires in Central Idaho Has Been Raging Three Weeks

Boise, Idaho, July 15—A forest fire raging for three weeks in the yellow pine district of the Thunder Mountain section, in Central Idaho, threatens to equal in destruction the great fire which swept Western Montana and Northern Idaho in 1910, when a great loss of life resulted, according to members of the local forestry service.

The fire has wiped out six square miles of timber, and has done considerable damage over an equal area. One hundred and twenty-five million feet of lumber was an estimate made today by forestry officials of the loss so far.

TWO NEW STRIKES IN MONTREAL; ONE SETTLED

Montreal, July 15—About 300 horse-shoers employed by 250 shoe shops went on strike yesterday for \$30 for a week of fifty-five hours, recognition of their union and seventy-five cents an hour for overtime.

The employees of four cigar factories, including Bourget & Guy and La Champagne Cigar Company, to the number of 200, also went on strike yesterday. They demand an increase of \$2 a thousand.

The employees of the Swift Canadian Company returned to work yesterday after a strike of one week. They return under arrangements agreeable to themselves and the company.

LEPER FOUND AT WORK IN PHILADELPHIA RESTAURANT

Philadelphia, July 15—Local health authorities last night said that Nicholas Poudakis, a leper, who escaped from a Boston hospital on May 21, was found working in a restaurant in this city on last Friday and was isolated in the Philadelphia hospital for contagious diseases. He said he came from Greece eight years ago. After escaping from Boston, he said, he worked in a restaurant in New York and later came to this city.