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THE HOUSING SITUATION

In connection with the situation which is now going on in Newcastle for the creation of additional housing accommodation, our attention has been called to an Act passed by the Legislature last year to deal with such a situation as now exists here. It is to be regretted that when any really beneficial legislation is placed upon the statute books of this province, some more adequate steps are not taken to make its provisions more widely known than is generally the case.

The Act referred to, Chap. 23 of the session of 1914, provides that any municipality, which includes any city or incorporated town may, with the consent of a majority of the ratepayers, guarantee the bonds to the extent of eighty-five per cent. of the value of any company formed for the purpose of acquiring land and erecting thereon dwelling houses of moderate sizes to be rented at moderate rates, provided that the Council is satisfied that such additional housing accommodation is needed, and that the purpose of the company is to help bona fide in supplying that need, and not merely to make profits.

Before guaranteeing any bonds, however, the Council must take a public vote of the ratepayers, which may be had at any time and need not wait until the next annual election of Aldermen. No company whose bonds are guaranteed may declare or pay a greater dividend than six per cent.

The principal requirements of this Act seems to be that the people must be satisfied that more housing accommodation is really needed, that the houses to be built shall be of moderate size and to be rented at moderate rates, and that the company proposing to build them has already on hand fifteen per cent. at least of the authorized capital. With these matters satisfactorily provided for, there should be no very great difficulty in obtaining better housing accommodation.

THE ARABIC

"What will America do?" is a question that has been asked in many quarters since the world was startled on Thursday last by the news that the White Star liner Arabic had been destroyed by a German submarine. What America would do—in fact what she would have done—was a question that has been asked in many quarters since the world was startled on Thursday last by the news that the White Star liner Arabic had been destroyed by a German submarine. What America would do—in fact what she would have done—was a question that has been asked in many quarters since the world was startled on Thursday last by the news that the White Star liner Arabic had been destroyed by a German submarine.

Despatches from Washington indicate that the President and his cabinet will wait to see what the German Government has to say regarding the sinking of the Arabic, before deciding upon their course of action. In other words, if Germany can manage to put up any plausible excuse, the Wilson cabinet will accept it. Already two accounts have come from Berlin, one that the submarine commander believed the Arabic intended to "ram" him; another is that the vessel was sunk by a mine and was not torpedoed at all. Both these excuses are without the slightest foundation, but that is a detail that will not weigh with the President if he is anxious to find a way out for his German friends. For the sake of American honor, it is to be regretted that Col. Roosevelt is not now head of the country's Executive.

GERMAN ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES

The revelations recently made by the New York World of the tremendous campaign waged by German agents in the United States, to set public opinion against Great Britain and her Allies, and if possible to cause governmental action unfavorable to them, will render the cause of freedom a service that nothing else could do so well. The mere fact that Germany has been spending an enormous sum—two million dollars a week it is alleged—in an

effort to turn American sentiment against Britain must cause amazement that it has been so little successful, that at least three fourths and probably more, of the people of the Republic are devoted to the Allied cause.

There is a point where efficiency falls down, and that point was reached by the Germans in the United States. Doubtless the campaign was thoroughly planned and nicely staged; and doubtless the great mass of the American people had the strong points of the German cause drilled into their ears every day of the war, with noise enough to give the appearance of success in the campaign. Now that all these efforts have been exposed, the reaction will be great.

There is one feature however in the campaign which stands out well. Despite all the great efforts of the German agents, despite all the millions of money poured out in the hope of influencing the daily press, despite all the coercion German advertisers could bring to bear, the press of the United States generally has maintained its highest traditions. Some fell of course; but those papers which stand for anything, the papers of the select first class had no break in their ranks. They have espoused the cause of the Allies in their fight for freedom from first to last, and all the outpouring of German money has not been able to sway them one way or the other.

Too Fast Driving Over Morrissey Bridge

Complaints Made to High Chief Commissioner—More Care Must be Taken

Of late numerous complaints have been made to High Commissioner John Morrissey, about the recklessness of auto and other drivers while crossing the Morrissey bridge, both during the day, and particularly at night.

When this bridge was formally opened it was announced by Hon. Mr. Morrissey that it was sufficiently strong enough to bear up under the strain of fast driving, and consequently the statement has been taken at its face value, and drivers have not only been crossing at a good clip, but in some cases have been using the bridge as a race track.

It is not because it is felt that the bridge is weakening that these complaints are being made, but because of the danger pedestrians are subjected to in consequence of the extremely high rate of speed autos particularly are driven across. While the heavy breeze occasioned by a thirty-five mile an hour clip may be exhilarating, auto drivers should mix a little common sense of the safety first movement with their indulgence, and come down to a six mile an hour clip, which is deemed plenty fast enough for horse or auto crossing the bridge.

It is a fact that all sorts of vehicles from the light driving carriage to the heavily laden delivery and other wagons, are trotted over this bridge regardless of speed or the danger of sooner or later weakening it, which will only be a natural consequence, unless a stop is put to it at once.

Chief Commissioner Morrissey is bent on taking definite steps against this fast driving, but unless better judgment is exercised by drivers of heavy wagons and more care shown by fast auto drivers, he will be obliged to put up the "walk your horse" sign.

Chatham's Grand 1915 Exhibition

From 27th September to 1st October Inclusive—Better Attractions Than Ever

That the 1915 Chatham exhibition under the auspices of the Maritime Agricultural Exhibition Association, will eclipse all former shows is now a foregone conclusion. This grand agricultural and live stock show, which will be held this year from September 27th to October 1st inclusive, will this year have better attractions than at any previous exhibition, and every department is being given extra care and attention that the five days may be profitably spent by the many thousands who are expected to attend. The prizes are most generous in every class.

The large Amusement Hall will be in full swing all the time. There will be band concerts every afternoon and evening, baloon ascensions every evening, with grand displays of fireworks, and in every way will this year's show be made as attractive as money can make it. The feature of the exhibition will be the three days horse racing on Chatham's fast track. The greatest string of horses ever seen on a Maritime track will compete in the races to be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of exhibition week. For fuller particulars, see advt. on page five of this issue, and get in touch with Geo. E. Fisher, Manager, P. O. Box 64, Chatham.



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Newcastle Loses Two Highly Respected Citizens

William Lawlor, Aged 60 Years, and Charles Call, Aged 71 Years, Visited by Death's Grim Reaper

WILLIAM LAWLOR

After an illness lasting for about a year, death came as a relief to William Lawlor at his home, Water street, shortly after noon on Friday, August 20th, at the age of 60 years. In the death of Mr. Lawlor, the town of Newcastle loses a respected and well known citizen, who was known and much respected for many years. He was a faithful employee at the L. C. & S. shops here, and after having served his time, he was given a pension by this railway, and had just begun to enjoy the remaining part of his life when ill-health overtook him.

During his long illness he bore with patience the suffering from his ailment which he knew would come, day terminate in death. The last three months, particularly, were most trying, but through it all he lived unwaveringly, until the Angel of Death came as a last sad relief. The late Mr. Lawlor was sixty years of age, and is survived by a widow, two sons and three daughters. The sons are Frank, late of the Hudson Bay, but now at home, Joseph, with the Great Northwest Telegraph Co. at Montreal. The daughters are Misses Anna, with the J. D. Creighton Co., Clara, teacher in the Hawkins Academy, and Nellie, with Miller Bros.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, to St. Michael's cemetery, and the remains were followed to the church and grave by a large concourse of citizens who wished to pay their last respects to one they had always looked upon as a most worthy citizen. Service was held in the church, Rev. Father Dixon officiating, after which the remains were laid in their last resting place. The pallbearers were P. J. McEvoy, Andrew McEvoy, Hugh Morris, William Keenan, David Dixon and Keith Anderson. Many beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the late Mr. Lawlor was held.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. MacAskey are spending a few days in Moncton. Miss M. Lillias Forsythe of Winnipeg was the guest of Miss Trixie MacAskey on Friday.

Dr. John Apple, Dr. J. H. O'Brien and Dr. Chas. E. Nunnally, all of St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, constitute a fishing party to Harris Brook, Little South West, who are being looked after by Murdoch Wadden. They registered at the Hotel Miramichi on Tuesday.

Young Boy Working At Mill Disappears

Thirteen Year Old George Handley Burned to Crisp in Furnace

(Chatham World)
George Handley, 13 years old, the eldest son of Mr. James Handley, went to the Lyman mill Wednesday morning, where he was employed, carrying his dinner with him. He did not return for supper, and his parents learned on inquiry that the mill had not been running that day. Nobody had seen George since the morning. Some boys said he had told them he was going down to the boom. His dinner was found in the mill, untouched. Grappling irons were procured, and Mr. Handley and others dragged the millpond all day Thursday without finding anything. A diligent search was made of the river bank, on the supposition that his cap would have been blown ashore if he had been drowned, but nothing was found. His parents have given him up for drowned. It was thought that the boy might have fallen through a man hole on the top of the refuse burner and when the cinders had cooled sufficiently on Sunday to allow them to be overhauled, a search was made with the result that several buttons, teeth and bones were found, and the mysterious disappearance of the poor boy was cleared up. He is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters for whom much sympathy is expressed.

The remains were interred in St. Michael's cemetery yesterday morning. Prize for Physical Training
Miss Lou Henderson, of Douglastown, teacher in Grades five and six, Loggieville, has been awarded second prize for physical training.

Kirkpatrick--Holland

The marriage of Kathleen May Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Holland, of Redbank, to Mr. William T. Kirkpatrick, of Douglastown, was solemnized at St. Thomas Catholic church, Redbank, on Wednesday morning last, with nuptial mass celebrated by Rev. P. V. Dwyer.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. John Brophy, sister of the groom, and the church was beautifully decorated by friends of the bride with cut flowers and ferns. The bride was dressed in white, with a train of white and orange blossoms and embroidered veil. She was given away by her eldest brother, William Holland, and she was attended by her sister Gertrude, who was dressed in sky blue silk crepe de chene, and wore a large white tulle hat. Mr. Harry Spencer of Douglastown, supported the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents at six o'clock on Wednesday evening. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable and costly gifts including gold, silver, cut glass, linen and furniture. The bride's travelling suit was of navy blue ladies' cloth with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick left on Thursday morning's maritime for a trip to Boston and other American cities, and on their return they will reside in Douglastown.

Patriotic Auction

In order to raise more funds, Mr. Chas. J. Morrissey, the Chairman of the Patriotic Fund Committee, intends holding a Patriotic Auction in the rink some time in October, the date of which has not yet been decided upon. This is expected to be one of the biggest events in the history of Newcastle, and the merchants will be called upon to donate goods of all kinds saleable for this grand

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auction sale. The merchants will not only be called upon, but all other citizens, farmers and others who will show their patriotic spirit by giving what they can to help raise more money for the Patriotic Fund which is fast diminishing. The fund will be in attendance to furnish a program of music, and a general free and easy good time may be looked for. A list of articles to be sold will be given later on. Watch for posters and advertisements, and make up your list of articles that you intend to give, and last but not least, do not fail to be on hand.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Hugh Stewart and daughter Annie are visiting relatives in Manchester and Bangor. Miss Muriel Scribner has returned home from a visit to friends in Moncton and Paines.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jeffrey have been receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son and heir at their home, August 17th.

Mr. Harper Henderson, who has been visiting at his home in Douglastown, has returned to St. John.

Miss May Murphy went to Shives Atoll on Wednesday, where she has accepted the principalship of the school for the coming term.

Miss Isabella Falconer, who has been spending the summer at her home here, returned to Boston today.

Miss Susie Murphy left on Monday for Augusta, Maine, where she has accepted a position as stenographer with the Hills Publishing Co.

Miss Lou McEncrowe has returned from a visit to her home in Shediac. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arseneau and family, are spending a pleasant visit to friends in Boston.

Miss Ethel Babbitt of Burton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. O. W. Nordin for the past three weeks has returned home.

Mrs. Lorne Dawson, Miss Florence Dawson, and Ralphie O'Donnell, spent Saturday in Redbank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tingley, of Moncton, are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. T. A. Scribner, Newcastle—Transcript.

Willard Lewis, manager of the N. B. Telephone Co., Newcastle, took his wife to the Moncton hospital last week, to undergo medical treatment.