

## PUSHING THE EAST IN THE FRONT RANK

Press Men Discuss Best Means to Advance Maritime Provinces.

CO-OPERATION CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH

Mayor Frink Welcomes Visiting Delegates — "Boost the East" the Key-note Last Evening.

How to supply some of the needed factors in the problem of progress for the Maritime Provinces, and incidentally enlarge the shelving gathering capacity of the publishers, was the topic of discussion at the meeting of the Maritime Press Association held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening.

It would appear from the discussion that the people of these provinces have been relying too much on Providence and rather discounting their opportunities here because of their faith in the greatness of their opportunities in the world to come.

Mr. Blackadar of the Halifax Recorder, who is now the dean of newspaper men down east, seemed after fifty years of experience to feel that this expectation of the future was to a certain extent imposed upon newspaper men, owing to the inadequacy of their rewards in this life.

However, practically all the newspaper men present seemed to have arrived at the conclusion that faith without works was not worth much anyway, and that if they devoted their attention to getting out live newspapers, and give publicity to the advantages of the provinces they might enlarge their bank accounts in this world, and would not be wrapped up in contemplation of the time when they would have to exchange their fountain pens for golden harps.

While all the moulders of public opinion expected at the conclusion of the evening, there was a fair attendance, and anything lacking in numbers was more than made up by the enthusiasm of the gathering.

After opening the meeting President Hawke read letters from Hon. P. T. McGowan of Newfoundland and others, regretting their inability to attend, and then introduced Mayor Frink.

The Mayor's Welcome. His Worship extended a welcome on behalf of the city and made an interesting speech, giving his impressions of the importance of the newspapers and the part they played in the life of the community. Speaking of the developments at St. John, he said that he believed the trade of Canada was growing so fast that no matter how fast the facilities were developed, the business of the port would grow faster.

His Worship said a steamship company proposed to establish a new weekly service to St. John, and the city authorities were worried over the problem of providing accommodation for its ships.

Six Atlantic Ports.

Mr. Hawke, speaking on behalf of the association, said he agreed with the statement of the late Chas. M. Hays before a parliamentary committee that the trade of Canada would grow to such proportions that it would need six ports on the Atlantic to accommodate it.

He felt the Mayor had little cause to be pessimistic about the rate of progress being made with the harbor developments. Great works could not be carried out in a day, and no matter what the rate of progress there would be some who felt that more might be done.

After referring to the progress of the association, and some of its achievements, Mr. Hawke spoke enthusiastically of the possibilities of the Maritime Provinces, and declared that the Dominion government in the past had not done its duty to this part of Canada either in the way of advancing its resources or directing immigration here.

Boosting the East.

E. E. Kelly, editor of the Busy East, read a paper on "The Leaven of Progressiveness in Canadian East," advocating closer co-operation in the effort to give the provinces desirable publicity, the dissemination of more information about their resources and opportunities, the elimination of the knicker, and the cultivation of the spirit of local patriotism.

The paper provoked an interesting discussion. J. D. McKenna, of the Sussex Record, said that when he took charge of the Record he mapped out a policy of boosting the province along the lines dealt with by Mr. Kelly, and though at first his course had been considered erratic he now found that it was being appreciated. He took the stand that the newspapers could do much to check the migration westward, especially as it was now being discovered that many who were supposed to have made fortunes in the west were no better off than when they left the east. If a newspaper could help to interest the young men in the opportunities of the East they would have more subscribers and their advertisers would have more customers. The harvest excursions this year were the smallest on record.

E. W. McCready, of the Telegraph, suggested that the newspapers should start a campaign with the object of having the railway companies abolish the practice of taking people to the West for a lower rate than they brought them back.

Chas. Blackadar of the Halifax Recorder, made an interesting speech, dealing in humorous vein with some of the difficulties that beset the newspaper publishers, and the disposition of the public to assume that it did not cost anything to get out a paper.

J. O. Gallant, of L'Esperance, Mon-

## MAKE NEW SURVEY OF CARIBBEAN SEA TO AID CENTRAL AMERICAN SHIPPING



Several young men in the wardroom of the United States survey ship Haulback have many tales to tell. They have returned with their commanding officer, Commander George N. Hayward, from a sojourn of eight months in the broad basin of the Caribbean Sea, where they have accomplished some of the greatest survey work undertaken in recent years.

Navigation in the Caribbean, owing to the fact that the latest previous charts were prepared back in 1845 in the British Admiralty survey, has been more or less hazardous, owing to the changes which have taken place in the coast line, coral islands and banks in the vicinity. Comparatively few lights exist, and prudent shipmasters often have been compelled to anchor until sunrise when some unfamiliar portion of the littoral had caused them to lose their bearings.

In order to benefit trading vessels engaged in commerce with Honduras,

Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama and Colombia, soundings were taken and charts were corrected by Captain Hayward and his men, and in the work of survey, in many places, general survey was made of the whole

vicinity. Much of this work entailed hazardous trips several miles inland in order to place triangulation towers used by the survey. In many places, dense undergrowth had to be cut

through, and in the camps pitched in the heart of virgin forests the officers and seamen had to undergo hardships in the matter of bites from strange insects and climatic discomforts.

## CANADA CEMENT COMPANY MAY ESTABLISH BIG PLANT IN VICINITY OF ST. JOHN

Expanding Market in Maritime Provinces will Result in Another Large Industry — Mistake to Take Duty off Cement, Says Man who Knows,

That the Canada Cement Company has been looking into the matter of establishing a plant within a radius of thirty miles of St. John, and that it will erect the proposed plant as soon as the market for cement in the Maritime Provinces attains sufficient importance, was the information given to The Standard yesterday.

The Standard's authority for this statement is a statement to the effect of the big company, and has an extensive knowledge of the cement business.

Major Frink said St. John had been spending a good deal of money on advertisements in British papers, but he thought as good or better results could be obtained by using the provincial papers for publicity purposes. He said some of the immigrants brought here were laboring under misconceptions of the conditions, and he said that whatever might be done care should be taken that conditions were not misrepresented to the people of the old country. He thought greater efforts should be made to bring out Irish and Scotch settlers, as the English immigrant did not readily assimilate.

President Hawke said that all Englishmen who came here were delighted with the Maritime Provinces, because in their topographical features they were so similar to the old country. Announcement was made that the Board of Trade had arranged to give the pressmen a drive about the city today, while the management of the Opera House extended an invitation to their ladies to attend the performance of "The Chocolate Soldier."

Those present were: J. D. McKenna, Record, Sussex; J. O. Gallant, L'Esperance, Moncton; R. L. Cotton, Examiner, Charlottetown; J. D. McDonald, Advocate, Pictou; A. M. Bold, The Evening Times; A. H. McCurdy, Sackville Post; J. P. Melaney, Press, Woodstock; E. W. McCready, Telegraph, St. John; J. T. Hawke, Transcript, Moncton; P. D. Ayer, Eastern Labor News; F. D. McNeill, Post, Sydney; D. T. McLean, Greetings, Fort Hood; R. O'Brien, Globe, St. John; E. E. Kelley, Busy East, Moncton; C. C. Blackadar, Recorder, Halifax; J. Jones, Halifax; John M. Lums, Toronto; J. C. Keating, Moncton; H. B. Anslow, Graphic, Campbellton; Fred E. Cox, Outlook, Middleton.

### TONIGHT'S BAND CONCERT.

The Sons of England Band will render the following programme on the King Square tonight:

March—Under the Double Eagles, F. Wagner.  
Overture—Crown of Honor, C. Richards.  
March—Punjab, C. Payne.  
Waltz—Das Rosenrot, K. V. Keller.  
Selection—Souvenir de Russe, P. Kimmer.  
March—"Liberty Bell," J. P. Sousa.  
Euphonium solo—The Village Blacksmith, W. H. Wells. Soloist, T. H. Horne.  
March—Latona, J. M. Fulton.  
Rag march—Honey Bunch, J. M. Fulton.  
God Save the King.  
Director, T. H. Horne.

## BUILDERS FOR THREE-DECKERS AND TELL WHY

Builders' Exchange, Last Evening, Pronounced Decided Opposition to New Building Law.

At a meeting of the Builders' Exchange in their rooms, Market Building, last evening, the members were unanimous in their opposition to the two-story building law, and advanced reasons that a law should be passed permitting the erection of three-story wooden buildings.

H. L. McGowan, vice-president of the organization, presided, and there were present Contractors Mooney, Steiper, Thorne, McArthur, Vincent, Ross, Donald, Burley, Barker and others. Building Inspector Carleton was present and delivered an address favoring the law prohibiting the erection of three-story wooden buildings. Following this address the members discussed the problem and advanced the following reasons in favor of a three-story building law:

1. It would not pay to build two-family wooden buildings and pay ground rent. Ground rent is now from \$1 to \$4 a foot.

2. Three-family wooden dwellings are no more unhealthy than a three or four-family brick house.

3. The rent of a three-family house is cheaper for those accommodated and yields a better income to the landlord. There is no scarcity of land but of houses. Therefore building should be encouraged.

4. A three-family house costs less to heat than a two-family house.

5. The majority of the three-family houses now in existence are clean and healthy and well fitted up.

6. The three-story buildings on Bridge, Victoria and Main streets are big improvements on the small buildings formerly there.

7. The so-called slums of St. John are mostly composed of small houses.

8. The buildings in the suburbs of Boston are largely three- and four-family houses.

9. There is but little extra fire risk for a three-story building than for a two-story building. With the efficient fire department and excellent water service a fire in a three-story building would not be more dangerous than a fire in a two-story building.

10. A number of three-story buildings would have been erected this year if the law prohibiting their erection had not been passed.

11. The three-story buildings in St. John are in a better state of repair than the small buildings.

It was decided that the Builders' Exchange might well give the council their assistance to form a law to suit the present needs.

### FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. A. M., wife of Robert H. Armstrong, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence to the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist, Paradise Row, where Rev. H. A. Collins conducted the services. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

William A. Nichols.

The body of William A. Nichols was removed from his late residence, Sparr Cove Road, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Cedar Hill cemetery, where interment took place. Rev. R. P. McKim conducted the services at the house and grave.

Charles Armstrong.

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