

CITY'S EASTERN GATEWAY IS THRIVING BUSINESS CENTRE

HAYMARKET SQ. HAS INTERESTING HISTORY

Once Was Scene of Much Activity In Marketing of Hay and Cattle—Was Made Public Square Through Efforts of Polymorphian Club

HAYMARKET SQUARE takes its name from the fact that it was the original hay market for the City of Saint John, the triangular piece of land lying at the eastern end of Waterloo, Prince Edward streets and City Road having been set aside for that purpose under special act. It was converted into a public square through the efforts of the Polymorphian Club, an organization formed in 1883 to take part in the celebration of the centennial of the landing of the Loyalists.

At the time of the organization of the club "Joe" Woods was weighmaster and clerk of the hay market. It was his duty to see that the loads were weighed and the proper fees collected from the farmers selling the hay. It was also the scene of the monthly cattle fair, which was held on the first Thursday of each month. On this day the farmers brought their cattle, sheep, pigs and horses which they had for sale and the buyer took away the live animal.

Soon after the organization of the Polymorphian Club its members conceived the idea of converting this plot of land into the public square.

OPPOSITION TO PLAN. In 1885 a bill was introduced into the legislature to give them power to do this. It met with strong opposition and finally passed so amended that a part of the area might be so converted. At this time there was, in addition to the railway track which now crosses the square, two sidings running up toward Waterloo street and one running toward the Marsh bridge. It was decided to start operations with that part of the area lying between the railway track and Waterloo street and city road and the two sidings were taken up.

A bandstand was erected, paths laid out, trees planted and a drinking fountain erected. When this work had been completed another bill was passed which gave permission to turn the balance of the area into a public square, and today the residents of that part of the city have a square, of which they are justly proud, through the efforts of this club.

TWO OLD FIRMS. Two firms which were in business when the old hay market was converted there is still at the old stand, those of Walsh Brothers, grocers and provision dealers, and the McLaughlin bakery, now operated by the Estate of William McLaughlin.

Among the men who were the lead-

FAILING EYESIGHT CRIPPLES ENGLAND

London is City of Glasses and Spectacles, According to Statistics.

LONDON, July 24 — England is rapidly becoming a country of short-sighted people, and London a city of eye-glasses and spectacles, according to recent statistics.

These statistics prove that England's sight yearly grows worse, and that the country is behind the United States, France, Italy, Spain and most European countries in the good sight scale.

It was found last year that 20,000 children attending London grammar school needed spectacles, while army recruiting statistics show that 50,000 would-be soldiers were rejected from enlistment during the past 12 months, a high proportion of these rejections being through bad or weak eyesight.

"One in four children born in England today needs spectacles," says one distinguished surgeon ophthalmologist.

"If another world war were to occur in 20 years' time a quarter of the English army would have to go into battle wearing eye-glasses.

Or Whether There Are Any. Give a college boy a pair of elephant's pants and a handle and he doesn't care who makes the nation's laws.—South Bend Tribune.

Who's Who In Haymarket Sq. Vicinity

FRED E. WHITE

This business was started by Mr. White some 12 years ago and has enjoyed a steady growth. Getting his apprenticeship with the Linotype Machine Co. of Montreal and making intensive studies along mechanical lines, the firm in East Saint John that is building a new plant to take care of his increased business.

MISS ELIZABETH FURLONG. This firm has the unique distinction of being managed and controlled by a woman. She is the only woman conducting a manufacturing plant. Having taken the business of the No-Dust Co. she has for the last five years worked hard and today is receiving the reward of her labors in increased business. Her product is used in the homes and public buildings of the city to keep the dust down when sweeping.

McLAUGHLIN BAKERY. One of the oldest established industries in the eastern part of the city is that now operated by the Estate of William McLaughlin for the manufacture of bread, cake and pastry. This business was founded in 1878 by the late William McLaughlin and for nearly half a century confined its efforts to the making of bread. About two years ago the plant was badly gutted by fire and practically all the machinery destroyed. A complete set of modern bakery apparatus was installed and the manufacture of pas-

try and cake added to the bread business.

The products of the McLaughlin Bakery are sold all over the city and in many of the outlying districts in the province, where they have attained considerable popularity.

J. COGGER AND SON This firm is one of the landmarks of The Square having been there for over 20 years. Started by John Cogger this business grew and today it is one of the established firms with a recognized position in the community. Thomas Cogger, who is today running the business was associated with his father whose death last April placed him in control. Thomas Cogger is a booster for anything that makes better conditions and the progress of Haymarket Square. He is also one of the charter members of the Order of Elks.

GEO. W. MORRELL For 10 years Mr. Morrell has conducted a hardware business at Haymarket Square and he stands high in the community in which his business is situated. For upwards of 25 years he collected bills for many of the city firms. A member of the Canadian club, he is a man with a national spirit and believes in Canada and her future.

W. J. McMILLIN With more than 30 years experience in the drug business, Mr. McMillin is in the position of being a specialist on prescription work. Previous to his opening the business he had conducted, he spent many years in the United States with the larger drug firms and as a result has a prescription department in his store that is equal to many of the larger firms.

DOLAN BROTHERS One of the oldest firms at Haymarket Square, Dolan Bros., has been making Dolan's Hop, Root or Ginger Beer for more than 30 years. The firm originally started by two brothers John and Martin R. Dolan, soon became famous for its drinks and today

Dolan's root beer is seen on the shelves of many stores throughout the province.

Harry L. Dolan, who now conducts the business, took the reins at the death of his father Martin R. Dolan, and is today building an even larger business than was enjoyed by the firm in previous years.

H. J. MOWATT This drug business was originally conducted by R. W. McCarty who catered to the wants of the people of Haymarket Square for over 10 years. W. H. Mowatt, brother of the present owner then took the business over and operated it for nearly 25 years, at the end of which H. J. Mowatt took charge. Mr. Mowatt is an active worker in both the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders, having passed through the chairs of office in both lodges. His motto is Progress and Fair Dealing.

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