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## THOMPSON MFG. CO. IS WELL UNDERWAY WITH NEW FACTORY

Extensive Preparations being Made for Expansion of Business During the Coming Season.

"Bigger and Bigger, will be the motto of the Thompson Manufacturing Company Limited," said J. Thompson, who was in the city yesterday in the interest of the firm, to a Standard representative. The building which was destroyed by fire on December 8th, is now nearing completion, having been commenced a very few days after the conflagration.

It is doubtful if there are many natives of New Brunswick who are alive to the possibilities of their native province as is Mr. Thompson, the capable manager of the firm. Since early manhood he has been connected with the manufacture of steel and iron, and by sheer ability and integrity has become well known in the manufacturing world. The new building which is being erected is a decided improvement over the one destroyed, being more spacious and better planned for the increased production of the implements and machinery manufactured by the progressive firm. In the spring it is the intention of the company to make further additions to the building and to extend the plant.

Mr. Thompson's mission to the city yesterday was to secure material and machinery for the plant at Grand Bay. The firm which was incorporated under the name of the Thompson Manufacturing Company, Limited, received its letters of incorporation about 14 years ago, and since the day it became actively engaged in manufacturing, wonderful progress has been made.

The firm purchased a large tract of land at Grand Bay, which has grown into a regular manufacturing centre. As the trade enjoyed by the firm in its infancy did not extend beyond the Maritime Provinces, and as it was the intention of the firm to expand their interests throughout the Dominion, suitable machinery was added to the plant with the result that not only do their travellers visit every town and city from Halifax to Vancouver, but the firm has representative selling agents in the foreign markets. The goods manufactured by the firm are now well known and favorably received wherever offered for sale.

So large a demand has been made for the Thompson goods that it is now found necessary in order to meet the trade development to provide better facilities for handling the assured increased production. Owing to the small amount of capitalization the company have been unable to take advantage of the possibilities of growth of trade in a short time, and the years of progress and prosperity through which the company has passed.

It is thought possible to overcome this difficulty which has hampered the progress of the company to an appreciable extent by offering for sale first mortgage bonds of the company, thus enabling the firm to take advantage of the extensive and profitable business which is proffered by the country.

The firm have already a hand sufficient work to keep them busy for the best part of the winter, and every mail brings in its quota of orders from the firm's travellers. Besides manufacturing a large range of machinery, the production of the firm consists of tools of every description as well as drilling machines, portable forges, hand and power blowers, combination vices, bench vices, tire upstokers, tire headers, bone cutters, mitre boxes, etc., etc.

The firm controls its own lighting system, provides houses for the employees, has its own water supply, owns its own warehouses and coal sheds, thus making a self contained plant.

### THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday evidence was taken in the preliminary hearing in the case of Frank Dolton, charged with breaking into the Cathedral. The case was adjourned until next Tuesday, and the prisoner remanded to jail.

Pte. George Lavine was fined \$8 for drunkenness, \$8 for using obscene language, and \$30 for resisting the police. Samuel Armstrong, charged with assaulting Albert Williams, was remanded. The man assaulted was also remanded on the charge of drunkenness.

Walter C. McKay was before the court yesterday following a report that he had not kept the sales, passageways and entrances of the Opera House clear on Dec. 25th. Police officers testified in support of the charge. Mr. McKay said he was familiar with the theatre governing the matter, that the sales and passageways inside the theatre were kept clear on the night in question, that he never overtaxed the seating capacity of the house, and that he safeguarded the patrons. There may have been a number of people in the main lobby, but they were mostly ladies, and it was difficult to get them to carry out the regulations. The magistrate allowed an adjournment until Tuesday to allow Mr. McKay to have a number of witnesses on his behalf.

City Corner Band Lotteries. The amount raised by the City Corner Band by means of the recent lotteries reached the large sum of \$10,299.87. The amount given in prizes was \$2,500 and the remainder went to \$2,799.87. This left for the band the sum of \$5,405.87 and for the patriotic fund \$2,702.94, the latter sum having been handed over to C. B. Allan yesterday morning with details of expenses. A few small prizes remain unclaimed and can be had from James Connolly.

## \$200,000 AMOUNT OF ESTIMATES OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR NEW YEAR

Board Will Ask City Council to Assess for That Amount.—An Increase of \$17,000 Over Present Year's Assessment.

Even With Increase Trustees Will Be Unable to Take Action in Matter of Salary Increase.—Many Repairs Needed.

That the present assessment for school purposes is entirely inadequate to maintain the school system of St. John at a desirable standard of efficiency, was the unanimous opinion of the members of the Board of Trustees at the special meeting last evening to consider the estimates for 1917. The board have done excellent work with the limited financial resources at their command, but more funds are sorely needed to carry on the important educational work which the board direct. Through the lack of funds several of the school buildings are in an almost wretched condition, while the matter of increases in salaries for school teachers and janitors is also a pressing question.

### \$200,000 to be Asked For.

Last evening's meeting of the trustees came to a decision to ask the city council to vote \$200,000 for school purposes, including coupon interest and repairs, which amounts represent an increase of \$17,000 over the assessment of last year. Even with this, one of the trustees remarked after the meeting, that it would be impossible to consider the matter of the increase in salaries. When it is considered that there was an overdraft of \$10,000 during the past year, the seriousness of the situation, due to the lack of funds, will be readily appreciated by the citizens of St. John who are interested in the success of our public school system.

At last evening's meeting Chairman R. B. Emerson presided, and others present included Dr. Manning, Geo. E. Day, G. H. Green, Thomas Naele, H. C. Smith with Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools, and A. Gordon Leavitt, secretary of the board.

The meeting proceeded immediately to the consideration of the estimates for the new year. It was pointed out that the city council at the present time was authorized to assess \$150,000 for general school purposes in addition to the assessment for coupon interest and repairs, which amount for the past year was \$33,000, making a total assessment of \$183,000. As mentioned above this amount proved entirely inadequate, the board being forced to make the overdraft of \$10,000 in connection with the administration of the school system. In view of the existing conditions the board felt justified in asking the city council for \$200,000 for next year's assessment. This amount represents \$150,000 for general school purposes and \$50,000 for coupon interest and repairs.

Overdraft of the Board. The increased assessment asked for in connection with coupon interest and repairs will not be sufficient to enable the board to undertake the absolutely essential work in connection with the school buildings of the city. As a matter of fact the sanitary conditions in many of the buildings are in very poor shape, while in least two of the

Successful Concert. A very successful concert was held last night in Thorne Lodge Hall. The attendance, considering the weather, was all that could be desired, and the programme rendered was an excellent one. Thorne Lodge have made a name for themselves as entertainers which they well sustained last night. The programme was as follows:—Piano solo, Caesar Barron; recitation, J. Barry Allan, Fredericton; solo, John McEachern; recitation, Miss Sparks; recitation, Miss Boyd; ladies' quartette, Miss Sparks, Miss Fox and the Misses Albion; sketch, George Gordon; sketch, Isaac Mercer, Joseph Hazelwood and George Gordon; solo, Thomas Stack. God Save the King.

## DEPORTATION OF BELGIAN MEN LEAVES WOMEN AND CHILDREN MORE HELPLESS THAN EVER

Neutral protests do not prevent the Germans from continuing the deportation and enslavement of the able-bodied men who were left in unhappy Belgium—and we are powerless to stop it until we have won the war.

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## GIRLS CLUB SPENT PLEASANT EVENING

A Christmas Entertainment Last Night, Which Was Heartily Enjoyed by All—Tree and Treat.

An evening of enjoyment was spent last night by the members of St. John Girls' Club on Princess street at a Christmas social arranged by the social committee. The chief feature of the evening was a large Christmas tree, artistically trimmed, arranged in one corner of the room. This tree had been decorated by Miss Pitt with the help of some of the club girls, and presented a fine appearance. Later in the evening Mrs. Good, chairman of the social committee, passed around the small favors that adorned the tree including Christmas crackers, candy and fruit. During the evening the girls amused themselves with dancing and games.

A vote of thanks was passed by the club to the following workers as a mark of their appreciation for the good time accorded them: Misses Hoyt, Pitt, Heffer, Berwick and Mrs. Keator.

The Christmas tree and favors were given by Mrs. Good through the generosity of an unnamed friend and the girls passed a vote of thanks as an expression of their gratitude to them.

The social committee consisted of Mrs. Good, chairman, Misses Clark, Heffer, Berwick and Brown. Miss Pitt read a letter of resignation from Miss Nina Brown, who resigned from the social committee on account of the illness of her father.

A hearty welcome was extended to Miss Jean Brown by Mrs. Good on behalf of the executive of the Girls' Club committee. Miss Brown will hereafter be associated with the work of the Travelers' Aid and Girls' Club work.

Mrs. Good made a short address to the girls on "Helpfulness to others," and remarked that the best way for the club girls to help others was to induce them to come into the club and enjoy its benefits.

School Inspector McLean arrived in the city yesterday from Fredericton where he had been attending the semi-annual conference of inspectors.



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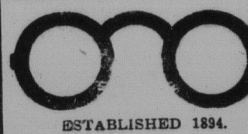
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