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MOVE IS MADE TO MARK SITE OF JENNY'S SPRING

Spot Near Cranston Avenue Associated With Love Story of William Cobbett

Saint John boasts an historic site that rivals in its romantic appeal the site of Fort de la Tour. It is "Jenny's Spring," that is so closely associated with the pretty love story of William Cobbett, who spent six years in this city serving as Sergeant-Major of his regiment, and later went on to a life of wider usefulness in his native country in England, where he became the great champion of the common people and achieved a unique reputation as a writer upon political subjects.

SPOT COVERED OVER.

The spot has been covered over in recent years when roadwork was done there and recently there has been some effort made to have the spring uncovered, and properly marked in order that its historical associations might be preserved and its location known to residents and to visitors also.

W. E. Anderson, secretary of the New Brunswick Tourist Association, has taken the matter up with the City Fathers and the city engineer, G. G. Hare, in the company of Dr. William Macintosh, of the Natural History Society, has visited the spot and made a definite location of the site.

Mr. Hare said yesterday that it would be a matter of small cost to bring the water to the surface, he believed, providing that the water was there. Dr. Macintosh felt that it would be inadvisable to attempt to bring the water to the surface for the reason that, unless the water was found above the city sewer, there would be a very serious danger of sewer contamination and however explicit directions were given it might be difficult to prevent the visitor from taking a drink.

He believed it would be better to make some excavation and to mark the site suitably, but not to attempt to have the spring brought back into existence.

NEGLECT SEEN.

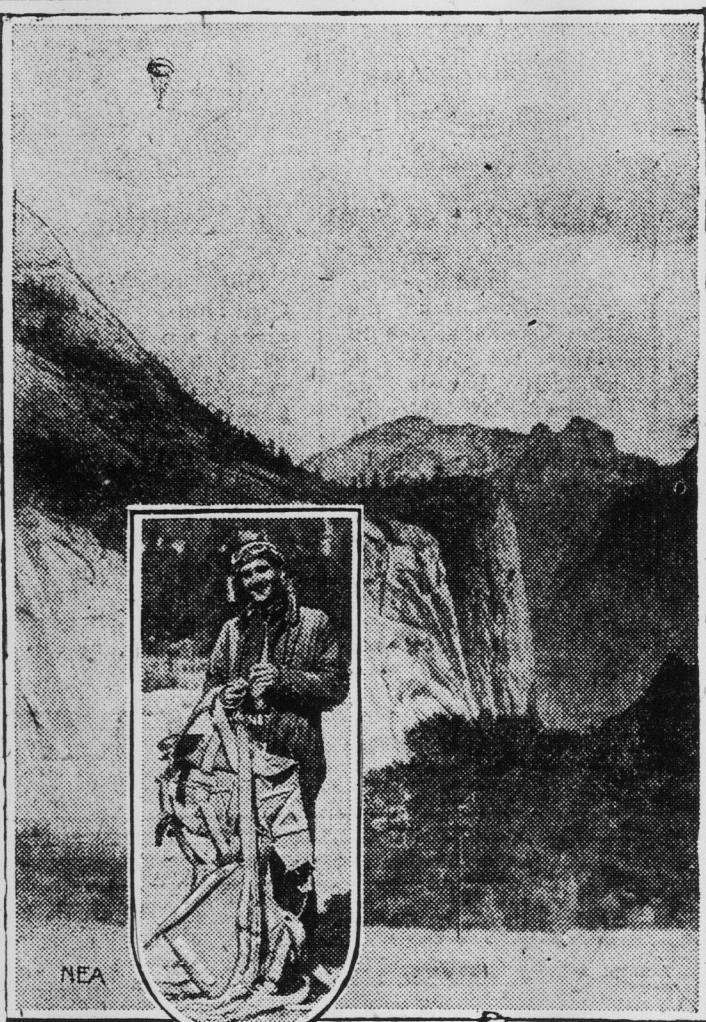
That Saint John is passing by a very interesting historical site in its neglect to mark and to restore in some degree "Jenny's Spring," is the opinion expressed by more than one tourist in Saint John, for it is a fact that in the international guide books "Jenny's Spring" claims a larger space and more special reference than Trinity Church, the Reversing Falls or any separate one of the city's special objects of interest.

The guide book having made reference to Fort Howe and the old mill once used by the garrison there makes the following comment on "Jenny's Spring":

"Here, too, is Jenny's Spring, so named from the tradition that it was here that Cobbett, then a soldier in the 4th Regiment, fell in love with his future wife, then a girl of 18 years."

It quotes the following from Cobbett's own writings: "In about three mornings after I had first seen her, I

BUT HE FOUND A SOFT SPOT!



Looks as if Sergeant A. P. Atherton of the U. S. Marines is in for a rough landing at the end of this parachute ride, doesn't it? But Atherton "hit" safely as the inset shows. His jump was from a plane 4000 feet above Yosemite National Park, California.

had, by an invitation to breakfast with me, got up two young men to join me in my walk and our road lay by the house of her father and mother. It was hardly light, but she was then out on the snow, scrubbing out a washbasin. "That's the girl for me," said Cobbett's covert scrutiny. For the better part of an hour Cobbett studied her closely and decided without hesitation that she was the girl for him. Not only her beauty attracted him, but more especially he was struck by what he was pleased to term "marks of sobriety of conduct."

William Cobbett and Ann Reid were married on February 5, 1792, at Woolwich, and lived out their lives in the serenity of after happiness, their seven children growing up to become useful citizens." On June 20, 1883, William

RETURNS GUINEAS.

Nevertheless, when he returned to England, at the end of four years, he found his "little girl a servant of all work, at 25 a year, and without hardly saying a word about the matter, she put into my hands the whole of my 150 guineas unbroken." The guide book narrative concludes with the statement: "It is satisfactory to know that their marriage was as happy as it should have been."

The title "Jenny's Spring" has been difficult to account for as Cobbett's "little girl" named Ann Reid. Whether her nickname was "Kenny" or whether "Jenny" is connected with a still earlier legend and a former owner of the spring or maiden who used the spring is not determined. Ann Reid's father was a sergeant in the artillery and it was in February, 1787, at Reid's home he first met his future wife.

In an article upon Cobbett, Miss Madeline DesSoyes writes that Ann Reid it appears was an unusually striking

8 Are Saved In Shipwreck On Bay of Fundy

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Oct. 27—

How eight men spent a night of terror below decks on their dismantled tern schooner drifting with the storm wracked Bay of Fundy only to escape ultimate destruction with their ship when a Norwegian plaster steamer came over the horizon of that little-travelled expanse of water and by dint of hours of patient struggle and heroism took them from their foundering vessel, was told here tonight when Capt. Zenas Richards and his crew of seven men landed from the tug Mildred after leaving their schooner, the William Melbourne, a mass of splintered wreckage off Cape Chignecto.

The Melbourne was en route from Wolfville for Philadelphia with 700 tons of pulpwood when she ran into the week-end hurricane halfway down the Bay of Fundy.

INGLEWOOD AWARD SLATED SATURDAY

Will be Rendered in Moncton by Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc

MONCTON, Oct. 27—The award in the Inglewood case, in connection with the arbitration over the value of the lands of the company which were taken by the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the development of the Musquash water power, will be rendered here in the Supreme Court Chambers on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Mr. Justice Arthur T. LeBlanc, the official arbitrator in the case. The claim of the Inglewood company was for \$840,000 and the Commission offered \$89,000.

Cobbett died and the London Times in its reference to his death described him as "Perhaps the most extraordinary Englishman of his time." It might seem only reasonable that Saint John should take some steps towards preserving the record of its association with Cobbett's romance.

OPERA HOUSE Farewell Week

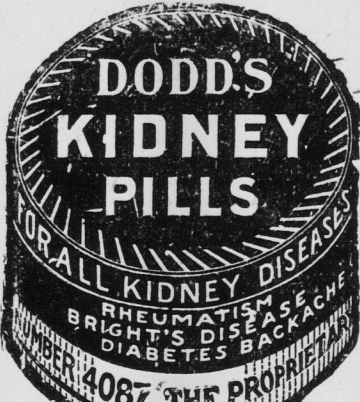
New Show Tonight and Saturday

MAE EDWARDS PLAYERS

A Big New York "ADAM and EVA" Production

Last Charleston Contest Tonight

Watch For Saturday's Good Bye Show



Oscar Holds His Own By BLOSSER



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Yes, Indeed

By MARTIN



SALESMAN SAM

The Wrong Kind of Tie

By SWAN



TONIC TO MERCHANT

"Maritime Merchant" Sees Remarkable Brightening Up in the East

Whoever else in the Maritime Provinces may be disposed to pessimism, the feeling is not shared by the Maritime Merchant, whose fall number has just appeared. It is a book of 148 pages, well illustrated, and containing much matter of interest in the form of special articles dealing with the economic situation in the Maritimes. It is interesting to note that the Merchant comes to New Brunswick for its chief inspiration, and finds it in the town of Sackville, where the Enterprise Foundry has demonstrated that in one line of goods at least the Maritimes can find a market in Quebec and the Western Provinces and even do some business in Ontario.

Editorially the Merchant says the outlook of merchants in these provinces today is quite in contrast with that of a year ago or even less, and adds that "the brightening up that has taken place is truly remarkable. The point to observe at present is that there is a much better spirit abroad

and it will not be long until everyone is conscious of it." This fall number is a very good tonic for the general merchant.

DANCING AT STUDIO TONIGHT

SPECIALTIES
BLACK'S ORCHESTRA

De Old Tyme Hallowe'en Dance

GEORGIAN BALL ROOM
ADMIRAL BEATTY HOTEL

Saturday, October 30
SPECIAL HALLOWE'EEN DINNER
Served at 7 P. M.
DANCING 7 to 12 P. M.
\$2.50 per cover.
Includes Dinner and Dancing
Make Your Reservations Early

IMPERIAL- Double Bill A Big Success!

Which is The WANING SEX
5c NORMA SHEARER
IN THIS GREAT COMEDY DRAMA

Everybody Roared—
OLD TIME MOVIES
Mary Pickford, Owen Moore, James Kirkland
in
"SHADOWS OF DOUBT"
A Biography of 1909
Just like you used to see up in the old "Nickel" at 5c. a ticket.
IT'S VERY FUNNY NOW!

Miscellaneous Reels Orchestra and Organ
FRI.-SAT.—Richard Dix in "The Quarterback."

HALLOWE'EEN AT THE IMPERIAL

Big Sporting Melodrama and Kiddies' Carnival

RICHARD DIX FRIDAY - SATURDAY
RICHARD DIX IN A WILD, DASHING FOOTBALL STORY

Costume Parade

On The Stage Sat. Evening
Boys and Girls in Hallowe'en Get-ups
Prizes Awarded For The Best Rigs
SEE FRIDAY PAPERS

FRI. SAT. ALL KINDS OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT!

CROWDS DELIGHTED LAST NIGHT
A Picture Every Man, Woman and Child Should See

QUEEN SQUARE TODAY

AND BALANCE OF WEEK

3 BAD MEN

Hours Mat. 2.30 EVE. 7 and 9 FOX NEWS Full Orchestration Prices MAT. 20c. EVE. 35c.

LAST SHOWING TONIGHT
Of the most unusual picture of the Season
"LORRAINE OF THE LIONS"

PALACE

Friday and Saturday
HARRY CAREY
IN
"The Man from Red Gulch"

A THRILLING ROMANCE
Of the California Sierras in the days of old, the days of '49.
A WONDER PICTURE OF CHARM AND BEAUTY
"OVER THEREABOUTS" - Mack Sennett Comedy

UNIQUE TODAY

BOB CUSTER

in His Tornado Thrill Show
The FIGHTING BOOB

A story that flashes out at you from every angle like the flying fists of a Harry Greb! Smashing situations! Unexpected Twists! Rip-Roaring Comedy! Wonderful Riding!

WALLACE MACDONALD in New Serial "FIGHTING WITH BUFFALO BILL"