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Many Children Flock To Playgrounds In Saint John

FIRST PRACTICAL STEP TAKEN BY PROMOTERS HERE IN 1906

(Continued From Page Nine.) ing Rev. A. B. Cohoe and the writer verted into a recreation field for the were wont to discuss the problem of werted into a recreation field for the whole city. Years passed and unaction was taken. It was asserted that the area could not be drained. The writer took an American engineer over it in the early spring, when it was leading its worst and was assured the in the early spring, when it was looking its worst, and was assured the draining could be done. This view was later confirmed by the late William Murdoch and two engineers engaged by Walter C. Allison. The new Playgrounds Association took the matter up with the City Council, following the pleas that had been made by Miss Peters and her committee, and was successful in having a grant of \$2,000 made for preliminary work, and the sanction of the City Council and Horticultural Association for the turning of the first sod by the Governor General. The writer then suggested and still maintains that a playgrounds architect should be engaged to lay out this field, so that it may be developed into one of the first year the Association appealed to the Provincial Board of Education to provide a department for playground teachers, but no such action has yet been taken. The use of school buildings for social centre work was urged, and the effort was successful to the extent of getting the use of some assembly rooms—a policy which had hitherto been stoutly opposed. A feature of the winter of 1912-13 was the use of the assembly hall of the High School for two months for the late Miss Bertha J. Múrray of Am-

training of playground teachers, by the late Miss Bertha J. Murray of Am-herst, whose death, after her mar-made by A. Q. Skinner, F. S. Bonnell

Five Presidents of Playgrounds Association



MISS MABEL PETERS



W. B. TENNANT



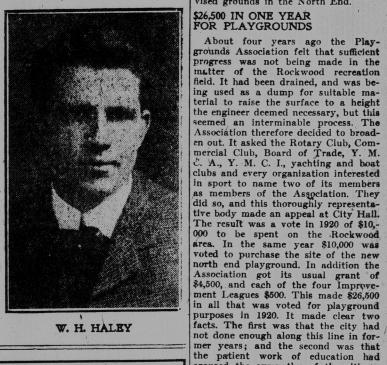
MRS. M. H. B. GOOD

Is Director



A. M. BELDING

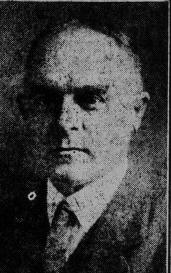
Original Members of Committee



W. H. HALBY

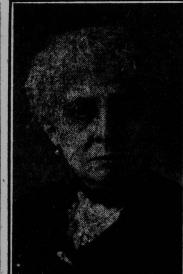
Give Playgrounds To City











and George F. Coupe.

George E. Day deserves particular mention, because from the very first, as a member of the School Board, he stood out for the playgrounds and the use of school buildings for social centre work, and took an active part personally in looking after the supervised grounds in the North End.

About four years ago the Play-grounds Association felt that sufficient progress was not being made in the matter of the Rockwood recreation field. It had been drained, and was be-

ing used as a dump for suitable ma-terial to raise the surface to a height

the engineer deemed necessary, but this seemed an interminable process. The Association therefore decided to broaden out. It asked the Rotary Club, Com-

mer years; and the second was that the patient work of education had aroused the sympathy of the citizens and made possible this action by the City Council.

During the present year the city has granted \$10,000 to purchase a playground for West St. John. If action were now taken to ensure that the ground of the Scrubble West St.

mprovement Leagues would not pre-ently be taken from them to be util-

ised for other purposes, each of the four sections of the city would have an excellent neighborhood playground, the series culminating in the great civic recreation field at Rockwood Park. That was the idea behind the Improvement Leggue property in the control of the control

conntained Captain Foster and 17 of his men.

For 22 days they had fought rain and wind and baking sun and mountainous waves. They had endured semi-starvation and raging thirst and they had come through. Two of their comrades had died during the 1900-mile voyage in an open boat. They had succimbed, because crazed by thirst, they had drank the salt water of the sea.

The daily ration of the survivors had been: one-third of a cigaret tin in of fresh water, one biscuit and two cigaret tin lids full of condensed milk. The only thing they could have plenty of was tobacco.

Three days later there landed on the same island Chief Officer J. C. Stewart Smith, with 16 more of the crew. They were more dead than alive. For a full day before they floated into sight of land they were without food. The last drop of water had been drunk. The last biscuit had been eaten. Eight of their comrades had died at sea.

The first thing all of the survivors did was not to demand water or food or bed. They wanted to cable. They wanted to tell their wives and drink cold water and then sleep and drink cold water and then sleep and drink cold water and then sleep and sleep.

Tomorrow? Why tomorrow those the form of this review has been about himself, a fact that might possibly lead to a suspicion of egotism. Having, however, arrived at an age when exhibitions of personal vanity come to be regarded as the crackling of thorns under a pot, water and succimbed, because crazed by thirst, they had drank the salt water or foot as a cigaret tin lids full of condensed milk. The only thing they could have plenty of was tobacco.

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