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PARTINGTONS GET THE LOTS

Safety Board Recommend Granting of Lancaster Land for New Industry—L.G. Crosby and G. S. Fisher Refused.

The safety board at a special meeting yesterday refused the application of L. G. Crosby and G. S. Fisher and sent for lease of lots on Courtenay Bay, but decided to recommend the council to grant the Partington Co. leases of two lots in Lancaster, with option to purchase.

Ald. Sprout thought that in view of the developments likely to take place on the shores of Courtenay Bay that they should not tie up their lands for a while.

Ald. Potts' motion was adopted. The chairman said that he had received a communication from Mr. Schofield in reference to the Partington Co.'s application for lands in Lancaster.

Ald. Potts declared that the meeting was called for a special purpose, but that the meeting was not competent to take up new business.

The letter stated that the president of the company was anxious to have an immediate decision on the application of the company for a lease of two lots in Lancaster, as they wanted to send Mr. Clarkson to England at once in connection with the development of plans for erecting a paper mill.

Ald. Potts said that practice was not new. He moved a reconsideration of the motion to postpone action on the application until May.

Ald. Potts said Mr. Cushing, who had applied for a lease of the same lots did not know the matter would come before the meeting. He thought they should have notified Mr. Cushing.

Some Child's Play.

Ald. Likely thought there had been a lot of child's play. He thought the lots should be leased by auction, and for that reason he had voted to let the matter lie over until the lease expired.

Ald. Potts thought the motion for reconsideration could not be legally put by the chair.

The chairman said he was bothered but he put the question, and the motion to reconsider was passed.

Ald. Jones moved that the Board recommend that renewal lease of the shore lot be given to the Partington Co. at a rental of \$100 per year with an option to buy at \$2000.

Ald. Potts said the property at Union Point had reached its present stage of development through the efforts of Mr. Cushing and not of Partington Co., and he thought the city should do something for Mr. Cushing who proposed to establish another industry there.

He intimated that the Partington Co. wanted the land for speculation purposes and were not prepared to guarantee to put \$150,000 in a new industry. He moved in amendment that the rent be made \$150 without an option to purchase.

Yeas—Potts, Scully. Nays—Russell, Jones, Wigmore, McLeod and Sprout. The motion of Ald. Jones was then adopted.

Mrs. Carrie E. Richardson applied for a new lease of a lot at the foot of Queen street. The application was granted.

A petition was received from about 40 residents of Sydney ward asking for an electric light at the corner of Pitt and Britain streets. Ald. Jones moved that the petition be laid over till the estimates were made up for next year's lighting. This was adopted.

Full Pay for Police. The Director said that when the police were granted a raise of pay of 25 cents a day, an order had been passed that they would not be given full pay till they had served two years. He thought this was not fair.

GIPSY GIRLS KNOW A THING OR TWO

Fortune Tellers Had Little Trick to Extract Bills from Tightly Clenched Hands--Tried Often With Success

Two pretty Gypsy girls were passengers on the Montreal train last evening for Montreal. They were accompanied by three men and attracted some attention in the second class car by reason of their comeliness and their strange attire. They are part of a larger party which arrived in the city a day or two ago and attempted to earn an "honest penny" by a trick of fortune telling.

Yesterday morning they operated about the city and were quite willing to oblige any citizen or citizeness who desired to probe into the future. Apparently they had no fixed tariff for their practice of the occult but depended upon the credulity and the susceptibility of their customers. Several stories are told of their success and in at least two instances they are known to have "touched" young men for amounts somewhat in excess of the usual rate for fortune telling.

From appearances the younger and more comely of the two were the ones who seemed to take the cake. She was a demure innocent appearing little thing and few refused her when she offered to prognosticate a bright future, a pretty wife and happy family at so much per. Then she had a little handkerchief trick, the modus operandi of which her victims could hardly explain, but which served to relieve them of their coin.

According to one who was worked for this, but kept his eye on the fair one, she requested that the subject should hold a roll of bills in one hand while she manipulated a handkerchief and continued to produce nice things. While her customer's attention was attracted to the handkerchief she was busy with the other hand and generally succeeded in extracting a bill from the roll. One West Side business man who was mugged for a dollar, discovered his loss before the visitors left his store.

"Take it," he told the gypsy, "I don't know how you got it, but you're welcome to it. Now get out quick before I swing on you." And she got.

A young man who was employed in a large wholesale store in the city proper did not escape so easily, but in the course of an interesting interview with the sorceress was touched for a five. His story is similar to that of the West End man. "She had a handkerchief and got the bill out of my hand while I thought I had it secure," was his explanation.

SUGAR! SUGAR!!

24 pounds Best Granulated Sugar for \$1.00. Other Grades Cheaper, at **Swetka's Grocery Store** Cor. Sevell & Dorchester Sts.

NEED FEDERAL AID FOR IMMIGRATION

T. H. Estabrooks in Interview With Montreal Paper Says Dominion Should Assist in Settlement in East

(Montreal Herald.) That the eastern provinces as well as the western should be given a share of federal aid to assist in their settlement and development, is the opinion of T. H. Estabrooks, president of the board of trade of St. John, N. B., who, passing through Montreal yesterday, brought a message of protest and good cheer from the eastern provinces. Business in every department is looking up down there, he says, and all signs point to unimpeded progress during the next few years.

The prospects of St. John, Mr. Estabrooks believes, are particularly bright. "You would not know the city," he said, "if you visited it now after a year's absence. The spirit of the people has notably changed—they are more optimistic, confident and bustling. The G. T. P. has already invested a large amount of money in purchasing sites for terminals, and the next ten years will see a new St. John grown up around Courtenay Bay."

Mr. Estabrooks feels, however, that the Dominion government has not done all it should do that should be done for the eastern provinces—for Ontario and Quebec as well as for the Maritime Provinces. He thinks the time has come when more federal effort should be put into building up the east and less for the benefit of the west, which is able now to look after itself. Without any public aid, the western provinces are in a position to increase in population much more rapidly than the east, and Mr. Estabrooks thinks it is time the government took some action to stimulate eastern development.

A. O. H. OFFICERS INSTALLED

At the meeting of the county board of the A. O. H. last evening in Division No. 1 on Union street, ex-County President W. L. Williams installed the officers elected at the meeting on Thursday evening. Thos. Kichham is the new county president.

After the meeting the county board was entertained at an oyster supper in the hall by retiring county officers, W. L. Williams, ex-county president and Nicholas Ryan, county secretary.

There were speeches by the county president, ex-county president and county secretary.

WEDDINGS

Warwick-O'Pray. Particulars of the marriage of Harry Warwick to Miss Katherine O'Pray at Neponset, Mass., have been received. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Blunt of All Saints' Episcopal church. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Pauline O'Pray, while the groom was supported

ASSESSORS RE-APPOINTED

Treasury Board Criticize, but Decide to Retain Present Board--Ask Council for Committee to Consider System.

After the members of the treasury board at a special meeting yesterday had treated the board of assessors to a somewhat unkind criticism, they decided to recommend the re-appointment of the five members. The question of revising the civic taxation system was discussed and Ald. McGoldrick challenged Ald. Potts to a public debate in the Opera House on the matter.

Those present were: Ald. Hayes, the chairman, the mayor, Ald. Likely, Vanwart, Sprout, McGoldrick, Potts and White, the common clerk, the chamberlain, the comptroller and the chairman of the board of assessors. Mr. Sharpe asked that all the board of assessors be re-appointed. He thought they would have to raise the valuation this year in view of the fixed rate of taxation. He thought there was no dissatisfaction with regard to the work of the assessors. The only complaints he was aware of were in connection with the \$5 poll tax.

Each One a Specialist. Ald. Likely thought it would be a difficult matter to decide on the men to drop. Each assessor was a specialist in a particular locality.

Ald. Sprout thought the assessors earned their money and should be retained.

Ald. Vanwart said the chairman of the board of assessors had told them last year that he could get along with three men. He moved that only three be appointed this year.

Mr. Sharp said he did not remember making a statement that he wanted three men.

Ald. White said he had noticed five assessors going around together examining buildings. He thought if three men could not make as fair an estimate as five.

Practical Man Needed. Ald. McLeod said he understood Mr. Sharp did practically all the work. He thought three would be able to do more money. He did not think they got a proper assessment in St. John. Besides, Mr. Cushing, there should be a practical builder and engineer on the board. Continuing, he said lots of men making big incomes were let off with a nominal tax.

Ald. Likely thought the five members of the board be re-appointed. He thought the judgment of five men was better than three.

Ald. Potts said he would vote for five assessors, though he favored the appointment of three. He thought the question should have been taken up earlier in the year. He said they should make arrangements next year to have a practical builder and a merchant appointed on the board. He thought the idea of allotting each assessor to a given locality was a hard one to carry out. The idea of promoting too familiar with the people.

Ald. McGoldrick said he would vote for five assessors on the ground that the present system of taxation, as it is in Vancouver, is a bad one. He thought Mr. Sharpe could get pointers on the value of estates if he consulted with the aldermen of the wards. He knew an assessed value of \$10,000 that ought to be assessed for \$18,000.

The motion to re-appoint the five members was adopted, only Ald. Vanwart dissenting against it.

The present board is composed of A. W. Sharp, chairman; Uriah Drake, T. L. Tantalum, John Ross and Harry Vanwart.

The Tax System. Ald. Likely said there was a feeling in the community that the system of taxation in vogue in the city was not satisfactory. Some people favored the adoption of the single tax system as in Vancouver. He did not know that the single tax would work well in St. John, but he was of the opinion that the tax on income favored depletion and had a tendency to drive people living on incomes from bonds out of the city. He said a committee should be appointed to act with the committee of the Board of Trade with a view to devising an improved system of taxation.

Ald. Potts said the success of the city depended on the shaping of a new and up-to-date system of taxation. He had brought the matter of revising the tax system before the Union of N. B. Municipalities, advocating a tax on land values, a business license and a poll tax. The Mayor of Campbellton had said his town adopted the single tax after the fire, and it had made the people take their money out of the banks and put it in buildings. He favored the abolition of taxes on improvements and on money.

Ald. McGoldrick did not see where Campbellton fitted in with St. John. He did not see anything the matter with St. John and thought the city had brains enough to run its business. As for Ald. Potts, he hasn't made good with his single tax crusade at Woodstock, and he was prepared to debate the question at the Opera House any old time and trim Ald. Potts to a standstill.

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These consist mostly of Centre-Pieces, 30-inch Table Squares and Sideboard Scarfs. They are hand worked, pure linen, Japanese make and are priced from 50 cents to \$1.35. The Regular Prices would run from 75 cents to \$2.50.

Kid Gloves

Kid Gloves are always a staple Christmas Present. We recommend our \$1.10 real French Kid Glove because we know that it will give satisfaction and if it doesn't you have the manufacturer's guarantee which comes with every pair and the person to whom you give the gloves knows that if they are not right they can be brought back to this store and replaced with another pair. This same guarantee goes with the \$1.40 quality. The colors are black, white, brown, tan, slates, navys.

We have other prices of Kid Gloves from 59 cents up. All Kid Gloves are put in fancy boxes.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. A. J. ELLIOTT.

Former Kings County Woman Dies in Boston. Relatives in St. John have received news of the death of Mrs. A. J. Elliott in a Boston hospital on Wednesday last. She was formerly Mrs. Burnside of Kings County, but had been living in Boston for the last fifteen years. Her body will be brought here today on the Boston train, and taken to Model Farm for burial. Mrs. Elliott is survived by her husband, two sons, and one daughter. The sons are J. M. Burnside, of Penobscot, and Mr. Elliott of Boston, while Miss Nellie Burnside of Boston is the daughter. O. J. Clark and C. M. Clark, of this city, are brothers, and Mrs. W. W. Chamberlain and Mrs. G. Pike, also of St. John, are sisters. Mrs. Elliott was fifty-eight years old.

DR. J. C. MUNRO.

Chief Surgeon of Carney Hospital Dead After Brilliant Career. Boston, Dec. 8.—Dr. John Cummings Munro, surgeon-in-chief of the Carney Hospital, former president of the society of clinical surgery, and recognized as one of the most prominent surgeons of Boston, died last night at his home at 122 Beacon street.

His death was due to the recurrence of a chronic trouble for which he was operated upon three years ago. He was taken ill a few weeks after his return from abroad last summer and in spite of all medical efforts had failed steadily. For several days his condition had been so critical that his death was looked for hourly.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Mary Squibb of Brooklyn, and by three children.

Dr. Munro was recognized by all who knew him as one of the greatest surgeons of the entire country. In his student days he was persevering, energetic and eager, and since beginning his professional practice he had been an untiring worker, performing thousands of operations and with more than usual success.

Born in Lexington, Mass., March 26, 1858, he attended the public schools there, and after removing to Boston attended the Boston Latin school and Harvard university, graduating A.B. in 1881, and from Harvard medical school in 1885.

MRS. ELIZABETH ARCHDEACON.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9.—This morning news of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Archdeacon, in London, was received. She was the widow of Captain William Archdeacon, of the Royal Navy, and eldest daughter of the late John Howe, of St. John.

IT IS NEWS WORTH GIVING TO THE WORLD

How Ravages of Kidney Disease are Checked in Quebec.

Mrs. Julien Rainchid, for seven years a sufferer, finds quick relief and complete cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Whitworth, Temiscouata Co., Que., Dec. 9.—(Special).—With the coming of winter the ravages of Kidney Disease are again felt in this province, and the fact that a sure cure is vouchsafed for in this village is news worth giving to the world. Mrs. Julien Rainchid is the person cured and she states without hesitation that she found her cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

U.N.B. TO ANNOUNCE RHODES SCHOLAR

Expected That Decision Will be Made Within Week--Six Chosen for Debating Team--Police Court Case.

Fredericton, Dec. 9.—The condition of A. F. Street, former collector of customs, continues most critical, and while it may be that he will continue in his present unconscious condition for some time, he is likely to come at any time.

It is expected that a decision as to the award of the Rhodes scholarship at the University of New Brunswick will be announced by Chancellor Jones probably next week.

At the U. N. B. this morning a general meeting of the students was held when H. C. Belyea, '11, of St. John, was elected president of the College Glee Club.

Last evening an elimination debate in the contest for the position on the U. N. B. debating team for the intercollegiate debate with Acadia next term, was held and the contest has been narrowed down to six men, two of whom will make up the varsity team and the other three will be the second team. Messrs. McNair and Clark, '11 and MacIntyre, Barnes, Hebert and Cockburn, '12 are those from whom a choice will be made.

E. I. Kenyon, who organized the Golden Fleece, Ltd., in conducting a dry goods business on Queen street, this city, and who has also been interested in business concerns at St. Stephen and Moncton, was charged in the police court this morning with the theft of a letter by B. Kay, who came here recently from Ellsford, Me., to act as manager of the Golden Fleece store. Kenyon was also charged with opening a letter addressed to Kay and his application for an adjournment until Tuesday next was allowed, although Kay tried hard to have the case proceeded with without delay.

What Mothers Ought to Know.

The rapid growth of interest in the welfare of children, which has manifested itself in the form of public playgrounds, kindergartens and other measures to brighten and broaden the child's life, has brought about the feeling among all classes of people that this is pre-eminently the children's age, the age which draws attention not merely to the privileges, but more important still, to the rights of the child, and here science plays a very prominent part in its dealings with the kind of food which builds the healthy body that goes such a long way toward producing the strong mind. A learned master says that there is no substitute for rosy, healthy broad-and-butter children. From this it is safe to infer that good bread with its many kinds of bread is absolutely essential, and the many who have tried the experiment unanimously agree that Healt's Hygienic Milk Bread is an ideal children's food, being made from the highest grade of Manitoba wheat flour, with rich, creamy cow's milk, and pure sweep buttermilk, having little or no contact with human hands, as machinery does most of the work. Ask your grocer for Healt's Hygienic Milk Bread.

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