

UNDESIRABLE SHOWS

The cases in the Police Court this week, in which two men were charged with conducting an immoral show only emphasizes how careful the city authorities should be in granting permission to companies to bring their carnivals here.

There is no doubt that hundreds of men and youths saw the demoralizing pictures which were seized by the police. The pictures were of such a nature that no youth could look upon them without his character being injured. They showed moral degeneracy in its worst form. The prompt action of Chief Savage is most praiseworthy. We have a Police Chief, we believe, who is the soul of honor, and again he demonstrates his efficiency in the town. His skill and prompt action on Wednesday and Thursday deserve the thanks of every citizen, for by it the morality of our youth in a very large measure was conserved. The defendant Hughes was entitled to the benefit of the doubt. It is possible that he was innocent of the fact that anything like the pictures seized were in the tent. The other defendant pleaded guilty, although still professing his innocence. He pleaded guilty in order that he might get out of town next day to carry on his business, but after he was free he remained until the rest of the show people left. His business was not so urgent. Mr. Hughes when questioned about this on the grounds on Saturday night replied that a message was received by their advance agent after the court trial which made his proceeding out of town until the rest of the company, unnecessary—and this may be true. In fairness, however, to Mr. Hughes we might say that he had a very great many letters from mayors of cities, and secretaries of societies saying that his shows were clean. Mr. Hughes is entitled to the benefit of the doubt, and he got it. Hamilton pleaded guilty; he was caught in the tent and admitted he was in charge of the tent, and we are of the opinion that the Magistrate could have been much more severe than imposing a mere fine, in order to protect the morals of the youth of our town. His promptness in the case when the information was laid leaves nothing to be desired, and his leniency was due, we believe, to the fact that the case held an element of doubt. The concessionaire, John Rogers, and his assistants were sharp enough to get away.

The people of the town are suffering from the world wide depression. It is an inopportune time to allow show folks to come here. They take a lot of money out and leave nothing behind but a bad impression and a nasty taste. There is also the question of the organization under whose auspices they came here. The G. W. V. A. is an association held in the highest esteem by every loyal subject, and they cannot afford to have their name linked with anything like the occurrence of last week. And again once the case was in the hands of the police, we believe that it was the duty of every man of the G. W. V. A. having anything to do with the World's Standard Shows to help the officers of the law arrest and bring to justice the men responsible for the most subtle and insidious crime against the youth of our land, for the pictures exhibited in the tent were far more deadly than any German bullet, and more poisonous than any German gas. And in some instances the G. W. V. A., or rather some of its members here, for lack of thought did not help, but tried to hinder the course of justice.

A HOSPITAL

It stands to reason that a building however well equipped, however skilled the physicians may be, and however well trained the nurses are, if located miles away from the centre of population, cannot be adequate as a Hospital for a town with a population of five thousand people. And no matter how skillful one may argue that it is sufficient, the cold logic of facts reply that it is not. If the people of Edmundston had to travel four miles to catch a train, or had to journey three or four miles to church, or had to get their groceries several miles away, there would soon be steps taken to bring the railroad to the town, or to establish a church, or to interest a merchant. If this is true then is it not much more necessary that there should be in the centre of the town an institution to care for the desperately sick, or the seriously injured, or the case requiring immediate surgical aid?

We require a hospital here, because the need is here, because the people are here, because every week, almost every day, there are people who need the care which can be given in a hospital. St. Basile is a splendid institution, but unfortunately for us, and fortunately for the people of St. Basile it is not in Edmundston.

We need a hospital in Edmundston for Edmundston people.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Editor Observer: Having been asked by many of the taxpayers of the Parish of Brighton what is being done with the money collected, and

not having been able to supply the information in detail on the tax notice, with your permission I will now do so through your valuable paper. In giving this information I can not do better than to duplicate the information supplied to me by the county secretary-treasurer, as follows:

Woodstock, Aug. 23.

Frank Hagerman.

Dear Sir: I have procured the information which you wished and am enclosing the estimates for the two years 1921 and 1922. You will notice that in 1922 the assessment for the county school fund is two and one-half times the amount assessed in 1921. The reason for this is that in 1921 the Legislature passed an act making the assessment for the county school fund 60 cents per head of population instead of 30 cents which was the amount for many years. This just doubled the county school fund assessed at the old rate because we did not know at the time that I made up the warrant that any change had been made; but the government put the act passed in April in force so that it commenced to operate on the first of July, 1921. That made the school drafts just double what they were previously and it thus left the assessment for 1921 short \$3,500 on this one item. When it came to the assessment for 1922 I had not only to double the amount assessed for school fund but had also to add \$3,500 which had not been paid.

J. C. HARTLEY, Sec. Treas.

ESTIMATES FOR 1921

Int. debentures and bany	2000
To pay debentures due	2000
Upkeep of public buildings	2300
Salaries, sec. treas., auditor	800
Public Health	1800
Carleton Co. Hospital	2000
Pay of Councilors	1000
do Revisors	440
Technical education	2500
Exhibition grant	1000
Administration of justice	5611
Assess. Mun. Home plant	2000
Overdraft 1920 plant acct.	3898
Grant Exhibit 1921	1500
Grant supt. nurses, hosp.	1500
Sheriff and gaoler	1150
	\$32000
Assessed Co. school fund	7000
Total	\$39000

ESTIMATES YEAR 1922

Int. on debentures	760
Int. bank overdraft	1500
Upkeep pub. buildings	2300
Sec. treas., auditor	800
Sheriff, gaoler, janitor	1150
Public Health	3000
Carleton Co. Hospital	2000
Pay of Councilors	440
Pay of revisors	8000
Administration of justice	1000
Munic. Home plant	800
Deficit Soldiers Mon.	1200
" 1920 accts	429
Miscellaneous	1420
Pay of valuers	2500
Grant to Vocational School	1500
Grant to Agr. Soc. No. 41	1000
Bal. grant Agr. Soc. No. 41	500
Grant Agr. Soc. W. W. & K.	2000
Debentures due	45000
Amount of warrant	17500
Assessed school fund	\$62500

I trust the above figures will be enlightening to not only the ratepayers of the Parish of Brighton but to all in the county wherever The Observer is read.

FRANK HAGERMAN, Coll.

On account of the celebration of Monday it is impossible to give our personal column full attention. There have been a great many visitors in town. Next week we want to give as

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full a list of the visitors here as possible and also the personal and social items. Please phone the names of your visitors to the editor. There will also be the names of those participating in the races and parade and a list of prize winners in each. At the time of going to press it is impossible to get these particulars from the judges.

We regret to learn that Theo. Michaud, youngest son of our Police Magistrate, had to leave last week with his mother to go to Quebec to be operated on for appendicitis, and while on her trip Mrs. Michaud had a severe attack of pneumonia. The last word was that she was recovering.

ANDOVER NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Waite will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, September 11th, and will be at home to their friends from three to five during the afternoon, and from eight to eleven during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and two children spent the past week-end at Limestone.

Miss Rosa Hoyt is spending a week or two in St. John.

Mrs. Morris of Limestone is visiting her daughters, Mrs. George and Mrs. James Wright.

R. T. Hayes, M. P. P., and Mrs. Hayes of St. John, passed through Andover Saturday en route to Edmundston.

Harold Wells of Malden, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Waite and family.

Mrs. R. B. Wallace has returned to his home in Fredericton after spending a pleasant visit with Dr. and Mrs. Macintosh.

Levi Mitchell spent Sunday with his family in Woodstock.

Frank Morris of Limestone was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. W. A. Gillett, Mrs. I. C. Rivers and Miss V. I. Gillett were at Fort Fairfield Wednesday afternoon. They were guests of Mrs. Charles Spike at the tea hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sloat are receiving congratulations from their friends upon the arrival of a baby boy in their home, born August 28.

Walter Shaw of Woodstock was in the two villages Friday and Saturday.

Miss Jennie Watson spent part of last week at Aroostook Junction, the guest of Mrs. D. B. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Emmack were at Plaster Rock last Thursday.

Mrs. Harold Green and children and Mrs. John McNair of Wapke were calling upon Andover and Perth friends Thursday.

Miss V. I. Gillett is leaving today—Monday—for Toronto where she will resume her duties in the Ontario College of Art.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tibbitts, Miss Gertrude Tibbitts and Mrs. Mary Curry motored to the Barony Saturday.

The hostesses at tennis tea Saturday afternoon were Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Rivers, Miss Pickard and the Misses Wootton.

Mrs. Alexander Bird and children of Lake Megantic are visiting friends in Andover, Perth, Aroostook Jet and Arthurette.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waite of New York are expected in town Wednesday.

Carl Flemington is spending some time with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Flemington.

Miss Irma Bull leaves today to continue her studies at the Business College, Fredericton.

Mrs. R. W. Estabrooks of Perth is in St. John.

Special music was given in the Specialty Wednesday by Mrs. Harold Wells of Malden, Mass., when Oppenheim's "Great Impersonation" was the feature for the evening. The large hall was filled with an appreciative audience and were greatly pleased with Mrs. Wells' beautiful vocal solos as well as her performance upon the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of Vancouver, B. C., who are visiting at the Curry home, went to Edmundston Saturday, where they will spend a week or ten days before returning to their home in the west.

Miss Edith Beveridge is visiting Miss Audrey Rideout of Edmundston.

Coldstream Notes

The Primitive Baptist knitting circle met at the home of J. N. Belyea on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Estabrooks spent Sunday in Bristol at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis.

Miss Amanda Stephenson has returned to her home in Maplehurst, Me.

Mrs. McIntyre visited at the home of Mrs. Ben Clark at Carleton Place on Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Shaw and family of Hartland spent Labor Day with her sister, Mrs. S. C. Estabrooks.

Picking hazel nuts is the order of the day in this place.

On Monday a party from Hartland, Rev. W. P. Haigh, Mrs. Haigh, Mr. and Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Haigh, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Thornton, Miss Leona Thornton, Mrs. Geo. McGoldrick and Miss Margaret McGoldrick came by car and enjoyed a picnic at the home of George Nicholson.

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