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TREASURY BOARD FIXES JULY 7 LAST DAY FOR TAX DISCOUNTS

Monthly Meeting Held Last Evening---Delegation From Exhibition Executive Urges City to Illuminate Way to Big Fair---Committee Appointed to Consider Plans--Employees Salaries Discussed

After hearing a delegation from the Exhibition Association, the Treasury Board yesterday afternoon expressed approval of the suggestion that the city should make a special effort to illuminate certain streets during the week of the big fair, and appointed Ald. McGoldrick and Vanwart, a committee to secure as much light as possible on the problem of establishing a great white way from the Union Depot to the Exhibition grounds, and to report at a later meeting. At the suggestion of the chamberlain it was decided that July 7 should be recommended as the last date for allowing discounts to taxpayers. A number of bills were recommended for payment, and other business transacted. Ald. Baxter presided, and Alds. Frink, McGoldrick, Sprout and Vanwart were present with the common clerk, the controller and chamberlain.

A communication was received from W. E. Anderson, secretary of the Board of Trade, making certain recommendations in regard to the exemption of non-competitive industries from taxation and granting free sites to such industries.

The chairman said the communication was one of some importance, and on motion of Ald. Frink it was laid over for future consideration.

T. H. Estabrooks, who was accompanied by other members of the executive, on behalf of the Exhibition Association, was heard on the proposition to illuminate the city during the week of the big fair. The Street Railway, he said, had offered to illuminate King's Square, and it was hoped the city would provide funds to erect a string of electric lights from the Union Depot, through Mill and King streets to King's Square, and in Charlotte St. from Union to Princess St. The cost would be about \$500. He thought the citizens would not object to the expenditure.

The city and province were not doing any more for the Dominion Fair than for ordinary exhibitions, though the fair this year would mean more to St. John than previous exhibitions. The Federal Government had voted \$50,000, but the city council was only giving \$5,000. Everybody was anxious that the fair should be a success, and that visitors should be impressed with the city, though they might ask the cooperation of the exhibition authorities in the matter of working out a plan of illumination.

The chairman said the suggestion would commend itself to everybody, but he thought the city should have some assurance that the exhibition authorities would not later ask for money for something which the city had no importance than illuminating the streets.

Mr. Estabrooks said that the illumination of the city was the most important matter that they could bring to the attention of the city authorities. After the delegation withdrew Ald. McGoldrick and Vanwart were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Good and report at a future meeting of the board.

A. W. Sharpe, chairman of the board of assessors said there was need of an extra clerk in his office the year round. He asked leave to retain the services of O. Duffy, who has been temporarily employed on the assessment rolls.

The chairman--What salary would you recommend?

Mr. Sharpe--\$50 per month.

Ald. Frink said that though the work of the assessor's office might be increasing they had to consider the fact that the officials had been given a substantial advance in wages to compensate them for the increased labor.

A resolution was passed authorizing the chairman of the board of assessors to retain the services of Mr. Duffy at \$9 per week till further orders.

July 7 for Discounts.

The chamberlain proposed that July 7 be fixed upon as the time limit for allowing discounts to taxpayers.

Ald. McGoldrick thought there should be a better system of collecting the taxes. The ordinary workman could not pay all his taxes in a lump sum. At the civic elections the majority of workers were disqualified from voting.

The chairman--About 44 per cent of the tax payers are in arrears, but they only represent about 10 per cent of the tax assessment.

Ald. McGoldrick--The collectors ought to accept part payment.

The controller--The collectors do accept part payment. That is the reason our collections are so good this year.

Ald. Sprout thought the date should be changed to Aug. 7. Landlords would then have three months' rent out of which to pay their taxes.

The chairman--The landlords are not a very large class in the community.

The controller--What about the rent payers?

A motion recommending the chamberlain's suggestion to fix the date for allowing discounts to taxpayers to July 7 was adopted.

A bill for \$150 from the secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities was received, and recommended for payment.

The recorder sent in a number of small bills in connection with services rendered in drafting legislation, examining the dry dock acts, establishing a harbor line in Courtenay Bay, etc.

The chairman asked whether the recorder had presented all his bills outstanding against the city.

The controller said that not all of them had been presented yet.

The chamberlain--The recorder has paid all his taxes.

The bills were recommended for payment.

The chamberlain was instructed to refund license fees to their carter who had made affidavit that they had paid fees to an official who had departed from the city without rendering an account of his collections.

At The Opera House



A scene from Two Men and That Woman, which the Chicago Stock Co. will produce on Saturday afternoon and evening.

The Chicago Stock Company yesterday presented An Enemy to the King, before large audiences at both afternoon and evening performances. The play proved the delightful drama of life in France during the last days of the great Napoleon. Love and intrigue were intermingled in a plot which held the attention of the auditor until the final curtain. The entire acting company was most happily cast and all gave intelligent and clever interpretations of the various characters. The brilliant costumes of the period were all correctly reproduced and the scenic environment left nothing to be desired.

At today's matinee and evening performances the company will give a stupendous production of Clyde Fitch's wonderful story of slum life in New York The Straight Road. The play was originally written for Blanche Walsh who enjoyed a prosperous run with the play at the New Astor theatre, New York city, and later in the leading cities in the United States.

As a dramatist America has never produced a more masterly or successful writer than Clyde Fitch, and by many The Straight Road was considered his masterpiece. There are many suggestions in the play, as well as the creation of the leading character, which came from the star, Miss Walsh, who knows the life of the slums in New York from her childhood, as in those

days her father was warden of the Tombs, and she grew up familiar with every side of what is now called the underworld.

The story deals with the life of a woman of the streets, known as "Houses of Moll." A certain lady, known as Miss Thompson, is at the head of a mission home in Hester street, and the first act shows the principle characters in a free-for-all street fight. Moll and Lazy Liz, being the center figures. A cop interferes and the woman are taken in charge for the time being by Miss Thompson.

The bartender, who has thrown the women from his saloon, is engaged to marry. He is a typical society clubman, and when Miss Thompson has influenced Moll to abandon the low life of the slums, he tries to make love to her and calls on her at Smithy's, a cheap East Side boarding house.

Moll's "steady," the bartender, of set one, finds this out and attempts to kill the fine gentleman who values "ordinary woman" so lightly. A wonderful plot is developed, which while clothed in the vernacular slang of the streets, strikes home to all classes. It tells a heart story and once seen will never be forgotten.

ST. JOHN BRANCH FORMED WITH SEVENTY-SIX CHARTER MEMBERS

Alumni and Alumnae of Mount Allison Organized
Last Evening---Interesting Addresses on Progress of University---Ex-Chief Justice in Reminiscent Vein---Judge McKeown Elected President.

Over one hundred former students of Mount Allison foregathered in the Centenary church school room last evening and organized a local society of the Alumni and Alumnae. Judge McKeown presided, and Professor Tweedie of the University teaching staff, and H. F. Paisley, president of the Alumni society were on the platform.

Judge McKeown, in a brief speech, explained the purpose of the gathering, and expressed the hope that it would result in the inauguration of a society that would be of service to its members as well as to their alma mater.

Speaking of the work of the University, he declared that it had exercised a powerful influence in shaping the public public life of the people, not only in New Brunswick and the Maritime Provinces, but throughout other parts of Canada. Mount Allison was not a large institution, but its graduates had risen to prominence in all walks of life, political, industrial, and professional. In St. John, as in many other communities, an exceptionally large percentage of the leading men and women had received their training at the schools in Sackville.

A Great Future.

His Honor prophesied a great future for the institution. Its educational machinery was developing rapidly, and its influence in shaping the ideals and aspirations of the provinces would continue to grow. All recognized that it was a proud privilege to have enjoyed the educational advantages which it offered, even fifteen or twenty years ago and here after with its improving facilities the young men and women whom it sent forth into the world would make an even greater impress upon the life of their time than their predecessors had done.

In the conclusion His Honor declared that no university of its size in Canada had done as much to develop the spirit of citizenship in the young men and women in training for the work of the world.

Mr. Paisley, president of the Alumni followed, giving an interesting history of the society. The Alumni society, he said, was organized in 1864, and had for its object the promotion of the interests of the Sackville institutions as a whole, but it devoted special attention to fostering the sense of comradeship among the Alumni.

It had given a number of contributions to the college, established a library, and had made extensive gifts to the library. One of its present plans was to establish an alumni chair of economics at the college. During the past year a movement to endow such a chair was started, but no great progress had been made as yet. This was, no doubt, due to the fact that there was no satisfactory organization of the Alumni to keep them in touch with movements for the benefit of the college. If there was a larger organization, there would be a greater interest in the work undertaken to improve the college.

Remarkable Progress.

Mount Allison, he continued, had been making remarkable progress in the last few years. New buildings had been erected, the staff of teachers increased, new courses of instruction added, and the courses extended. The enrollment had become so great that the university residence had not been large enough to accommodate all the students, and it had been necessary to fit up quarters elsewhere.

It seemed to be the fate of educational institutions that the better they became the more their needs increased, but what was asked by those responsible for calling the meeting to organize the alumni and alumnae in St. John was not money, but the development of a greater interest in the work of the institution. If those who passed through its doors would try to persuade their personal friends to enter the institution, its progress would be increased and its influence extended.

Prof. Tweedie said he was glad to meet the St. John branch of the alumni and alumnae and have a chance to talk over family affairs. Mount Allison had reason to be proud of such a large family. A half century from now

their successors would, he hoped, be looking back to this meeting as marking a milestone in the progress of the university.

The old academy which began its life some 67 years ago, was still doing a great work and was developing year by year. In the last year or two it had had more students than it could comfortably accommodate. Most of the students were immature young men and women. But the old fashioned institution was growing in importance as a feeder for the university.

The Ladies' College.

Speaking of the ladies' college the professor said it had increased in complexity and grown so complicated that the students of an old fashioned age, if they went back would be lost in its mazes. A new ladies hall had been added during the year, and would be ready for occupation in a month or so. An entertainment would be given to celebrate the formal opening, and he hoped the St. John alumnae would seize the occasion to pay a visit to Sackville.

Continuing he said the university had also grown in the last few years and would doubtless have a greater enrollment of students if they gave complete courses in science. At the same time it was still a small puddle in the university world, and there was a great chance for increasing its operations and sphere of influence. Much could be done to help the institution along by the co-operation of those who had benefited by its instruction.

The fact that the college was a residential one distinguished it from other universities in much the same way as Cambridge and Oxford were distinguished. It was that phase of its activities that gave its graduates that training in citizenship, of which Judge McKeown had spoken.

S. D. Scott presented the report of the committee appointed to draw up a constitution.

Election of Officers.

President--Hon. H. A. McKeown.
1st Vice-President--W. B. Tennant.
2nd Vice-President--Mrs. C. B. Tennant.
Secretary--Miss Annie Colter.
Treasurer--Roy Long.
Executive committee--A. P. Barnhill, Jas. H. Frink, C. B. Allan, H. A. Powell, Rev. H. D. Marr, Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell, Mrs. W. G. Smith, Miss Annie Whittaker, S. D. Scott, E. R. Machum, W. W. Allan and Dr. L. M. Curran.

A feature of the evening was a college song rendered by a bevy of young ladies looking as radiant as a flower garden coquetting with a rainbow.

Miss Ella Smith contributed a piano selection and Miss Delstadt a violin solo.

The Senior Alumnae.

The chairman called upon the senior Alumnae present, Ex-Chief Justice Tuck observing that he was a former student who had won great distinction as a lawyer and a judge.

Judge Tuck responded with a humorous address, full of entertaining college reminiscences, including an exact account of his imprisonment in Dorchester jail for refusing to pay a Sackville highway tax while he was a student. He held that this was not a just tax and remained a week or more at Dorchester rather than submit. He was then sixteen.

The judge admitted that though he had delivered a Latin salutatory and a Greek oration at Sackville he could now talk in English, and it had been necessary to fit up quarters elsewhere.

James H. Frink, the mayor-elect, responded to a call from the chair, speaking of his student days and stating that he had received great mental and moral advantages from the three years at Sackville. He trusted that he might in the career that on which he was now entering do no discredit to St. John.

Before the close of the meeting 75 of these present, enrolled themselves members of the St. John branch. Forty-eight of these will become members of the Mt. Allison Alumnae and 28 of the Alumni.

At the close of the other proceedings refreshments were served.

OBITUARY

Michael McDonald.

The remains of the late Michael McDonald who died in Boston of pneumonia at the age of 62, on April 25, reached the city on the Boston express at noon yesterday. Mrs. McDonald accompanied the body, which she is taking to Bear River, P. E. I., for interment.

Miss Sarah Wall.

Miss Sarah Wall, of Dayfield, Westmorland county, died yesterday at a short illness. She was 70 years of age, and well known throughout the province by reason of her work on behalf of the Methodist church. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Proulx and Mrs. Lane of Dayfield and four brothers, Matthew, of Dayfield; Gilbert, of St. Stephen; Richard, of Stonehaven, Mass., and Edward, of St. John.

A Kitchen Shower.

The Senior Mission Branch of St. David's church held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. T. J. Macpherson, 361 Union street, last evening. The members of the Branch during the evening surprised one of their members, Miss Jessie Flahy, by presenting her a kitchen shower. After enjoying music and refreshments, the gathering broke up, with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

DEATHS.

MacArthur.—On Wednesday, April 27th, 1910, at 1 p. m., Edith A. MacArthur, daughter of Wm. and Mary MacArthur, aged 23 years, 2 months and 2 days. (U. S. papers please copy.)

Funeral Friday at 2.30 p. m. from her father's residence, 138 King St. West. St. John. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

Marine Notes.

United States schooner Ruth Robinson, Preference, New London, slid April 28.

Shenandoah, London, slid April 21st.

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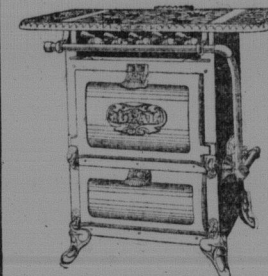
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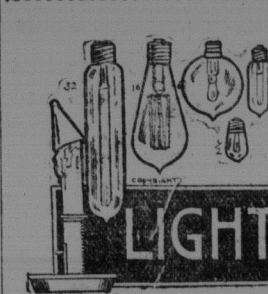
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Manchester Engineer sailed for three weeks.