

Newspaper Men Offer Valuable Suggestions

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In Charlotte County the fishing industry which particularly affected St. John, had been seriously impaired by the lack of bait. The winter there had been no herring or line fishing, which formerly supplied bait, having failed. He advocated the establishment of a bait freezer in Charlotte County to supply the fishermen. Things had come to such a pass that fresh fish were being imported from Boston.

The Sardinie Industry.

There was also need for encouragement in the sardinie industry. The Maine packers were getting their fish from Canadian waters when the catching might probably be done in Brunswick. The packing should be done under government inspection. The clam industry had been ruined by United States competition and the regulations with respect to digging were not being observed.

The granite industry at St. George had assumed large proportions but was not thriving as it should. The manufacturers complained of excessive freight rates and of the low rate of duty on stone imported from the United States.

In Charlotte County the export of pulp wood was depleting the natural forest. The lumbermen were felling their poplars and bringing the lumber to the nearest station.

Development of the Ports.

With regard to port developments he had no wish to disparage St. John, but he felt that no injury would be done in insisting on the development and nationalization of the port of St. Andrews. There would be enough business for all. It was hard for the G. T. P. to conceal the fact that they would take Canadian freight to Portland, Me., if they were given the chance. At the Liberal convention in 1903 he had suggested a plank in the platform of the C. P. R. and Canadian Ports. This had not found a place in the platform. If it had and had been carried out, it would have been a great benefit to the country.

Speaking of tourist travel, Mr. Armstrong said that there appeared to be a dearth of information as to transportation between the provinces. He read some suggestions made for attracting tourists. These included: (1) better roads; (2) granting real-estate licenses to those having summer homes; (3) lowering the price of non-resident license to equal Maine; (4) stocking the river with salmon; (5) curtailing the game season to Nov. 15th; (6) encouragement of advertising by the C. P. R. and the Tourist Association.

Agriculture.

In the course of some observations on agricultural topics, Mr. Armstrong said many farm products were now being imported. The keeping of live stock had been recommended as a means of renewing the farms but a quicker method was the use of commercial fertilizers. He was glad to see the provincial department had taken the matter up and advocated the removal of the duty on fertilizers.

To make life more pleasant for the young people he suggested circulating libraries.

Mr. W. S. Fisher spoke of Mr. J. L. Stewart, of the Chatham World as the dean of the profession and asked that he be heard.

Mr. Stewart said that as newspaper men they were naturally interested in every business in the community. He had been face to face with the problem of slow growth of population and the apparent lack of progressiveness on the part of the farmers. The latter gave as the reason for not increasing their products the lack of farm labor. Tons of butter were brought from Ontario to the small towns of the province, and the farmers said, "No keep."

It would seem that this difficulty should be met right away.

Increase the Manufactures.

On the other hand, young men and young women were leaving the province in large numbers. The only way to keep them at home was to increase the manufacturing establishments. In rural communities there was an entire lack of appreciation of the beauties of nature and enthusiasm in the delights of country life.

Mr. Stewart congratulated the St. John men on the progress of the city and suggested that better results would be received if they kept their money at home and did not invest in ventures outside. He did not believe the mail order business was of moment. It only meant the profit on \$50,000 going away.

In closing Mr. Stewart said there was a great deal in the spirit of the province. In travelling through the United States he had attended many meetings and the burden of the speeches were, "This is the richest country, the liveliest, the greatest state and the most glorious country under the blue canopy of heaven."

Mr. Scott spoke in appreciation of the good done by an article written by Mr. Stewart on what one man did on one farm.

Mr. McKenna said that there were dozens of instances of this kind in Kings county.

Mr. J. N. Harvey spoke of Mr. J. T. Hawke of the Moncton Transcript as the sub-dean of the profession.

Must Get Out Of The Rut.

Mr. Hawke expressed his appreciation of the invitation of the board of trade. He had hoped to hear more from the gentlemen of the St. John press. The discussion had dealt with conditions which were known and admitted to exist. The question was: "How can we get out of the rut and was to have been held in the Unique Theatre on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., has been unavoidably postponed owing to the illness of Mr. H. K. Caskey, who was to have given the address.

Women's Canadian Club.

At a meeting of the executive of the Women's Canadian Club yesterday the following new members were elected: Miss Stephenson, Miss Clark, Mrs. Bouillon, Mrs. George Carvell, Mrs. E. G. Price, Mrs. Sexton, Miss Farn, will address the club on the evening of March 18th, on Woman and Science. The committee reported that Mrs. O. R. Marshall, of London, England, will address the club some time in April.

Improve our general condition? The cause of the backwardness lay in the lack of progressiveness of the rural districts. One reason for this lay in the bad roads. Neither political party had found a remedy. He suggested an independent commission having entire control such as existed in Germany. Telephones should also be controlled by the municipalities.

In 25 years' residence in New Brunswick he had observed that prosperity went hand in hand with the saw lumber industry. He was not a protectionist, but he did advise that some sort of regulation should be made that would result in more manufacture of the raw material. A conference of the boards of trade would have beneficial results.

The Mail Order Business.

With regard to the mail order business he saw much inconsistency. The merchants who complained of the local papers advertising the outside houses, were paying \$1 a year for papers from Montreal, Toronto and St. John, papers which were existing on the advertising of these very houses. He believed that there was \$1,000,000 sent out of the province every year. The remedy lay not with the poor newspaper men, but with the merchants.

Defects in the modern educational system were responsible for the young people going away. There was no opportunity for commercial or technical training in the schools. Too many purely professional men were at the head of affairs. It was a very difficult thing for any young man to learn any kind of a trade and many were growing up to be mere "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

Mr. Hawke spoke eloquently of the attractions of New Brunswick for tourists and declared the scenery of the inland lakes equalled the finest scenery in England. He deprecated the advertising of New Brunswick as merely a hunting paradise. Benefits accruing from that class of publicity, he said, were very transitory in their character.

Government Discrimination.

The east was discriminated against by the Dominion Government in favor of the west in the effort to secure immigration. On their visit to Canada the British journalists were more favorably impressed with the Maritime Provinces than with any other part of the Dominion.

Mr. H. B. Schofield spoke of the good work done by the advertising committee of the Board of Trade and said one purpose of the gathering had been to hear of the needs in other parts of the province. He referred to the fact that the wood was manufactured in the Miramichi which will be necessary before the Drummond iron ore could be exported.

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Discouraged at Ottawa.

Mr. J. T. Hawke said the first thing to be done in developing the natural resources of the province was to reform the geological department. When capitalists made inquiries at Ottawa concerning New Brunswick they were discouraged. One man had replied, "I want your data not your theories," and as a result two natural gas wells were producing 1,250,000 gallons every 24 hours. The same was true in the United States. The department after a long battle had admitted that the New Brunswick shales were superior to those produced in Scotland. Party politics had been the cause of the industrial development of the province.

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FOUR ESTATE TAKE DINNER AT UNION CLUB

Newspaper Men Guests of President of St. John Board of Trade --- Boosting Province Theme of Speeches.

The dinner given by the president of the Board of Trade to the newspaper men of the province at the Union Club, last evening, proved a brilliant success. In the speeches that followed the tempting repast of 13 courses, many valuable suggestions were made for the advancement of the varying interests involved in the development of New Brunswick.

The tables were prettily decorated with red and white flowers. Mr. T. H. Estabrooks presided with Mr. J. L. Stewart on his right and Mayor Bullock on his left. Those present included Messrs. J. T. Hawke, W. S. Fisher, A. M. Belding, J. N. Harvey, W. E. Foster, A. H. McCready, H. C. Sefton, J. A. Likely, D. H. Nase, E. A. Charters, C. F. Crahan, J. D. McKenna, W. E. Cross, L. B. McMurdo, H. B. Anslow, A. S. Moore, H. B. Robinson, F. B. Frances, G. H. Young, F. B. Ellis, H. G. Smith, H. H. Schofield, John Sealy, H. V. McKinnon, J. Hunter White, James Pender, E. W. McCready and R. E. Armstrong. After the toast to The King had been given the usual musical honors, the mayor proposed the newspaper men of Campbellton, Newcastle and Chatham. The newspaper men said, had fought for the good name of the province, sugarcoated its shortcomings and advertised its resources.

Mr. J. L. Stewart, in replying to the toast, spoke emphatically of the newspaper experiences in St. John and his association with Mr. Livingstone who had been called the Horace Greeley of New Brunswick. He extended a warm invitation to all, particularly members of the St. John Board of Trade to attend the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade in Chatham during the summer.

A Boost for Campbellton.

Mr. Anslow said he had some boasting to do for Campbellton. During the past year \$100,000 was expended on new buildings. The International Railway was nearing completion and in the last five years the population had doubled. Last year the lumber cut on the Miramichi was \$0,000,000 worth. This year \$25,000,000 would be cut and manufactured.

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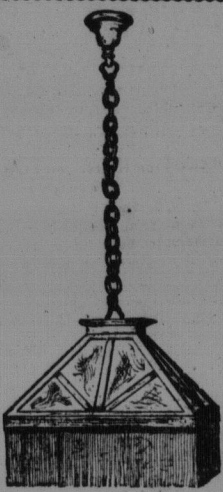
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Mr. Geo. H. Young spoke for St. George. For three years the town had been marking time owing to the failure of the fishing industry but it was a long lane which had no turning. He suggested a summer hotel and other improvements.

Mr. W. C. Cross proposed the newspaper men of St. John, to which Mr. E. B. Ellis and Mr. A. M. Belding responded.

Mr. J. L. Stewart in proposing the St. John Board of Trade spoke of the progress of the different towns represented by those present and of the part played in the advancement by the Board of Trade.

Mr. McKenna in replying spoke of the service rendered the board by newspaper men and expressed his thanks to Mr. McKenna for originating the idea of the conference of newspaper men. He dwelt on the need for agricultural education in the schools. The need for technical education had been fairly well met by the establishment of engineering and forestry departments at the University of New Brunswick, but a chair of agriculture was needed.

The gathering dispersed with the singing of the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

OBITUARY.

Miss Rachael Jackson. Miss Rachael Jackson died in the public hospital yesterday morning. She is survived by one brother in Australia. Mr. Harry Armstrong of Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co. is a nephew. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the hospital, Rev. G. A. Kuhring officiating. Interment was made in Fernhill.

Mrs. P. Condon. The death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning of Mrs. Margaret Condon, widow of Mr. Patrick Condon. The deceased, who was in the 68th year of her age, had been an invalid for about a year. She is survived by one son, Mr. William J. Condon and by one brother, Mr. Thomas McLaughlin of Dorchester, Mass. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 27 Pitt street.

The death of Mr. George Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, occurred at his parents' home, Rockland road, this morning. He was eighteen years of age. He had patiently borne a lingering illness. Surviving, besides his parents, are one sister, Miss Annie Taylor, and one brother, Samuel Taylor, both of this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Patrick Harrigan. The death of Mrs. Mary Harrigan, widow of Mr. Patrick Harrigan, occurred on Wednesday evening at her home, 102 Winter street. The deceased was one of the oldest residents of St. John, coming here from Ireland many years ago. She was eighty-one years of age. A brother, William, of the I. C. R., and a daughter, Miss Katie, at home, survive. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.



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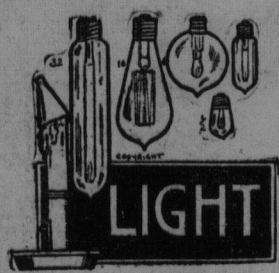
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News of a Day

Children Die.

London, Ont., March 10.—Three children died within a week, and the fourth dying, is the terrible devastation that scarlet fever has made in the family of R. H. Glese, of this city. The third death took place last night. Of five children taken to the hospital, only one probably will recover.

Badly Burned.

Kingsport, Ont., March 10.—Alfred Lavers, of Gananoque, filled two pails with oil of vitrol and was hurrying back to the bath works where he was employed when he slipped on the ice and the burning fluid was thrown over him. He was badly burned about the body and face, and is likely to be disfigured for life as a result.

Fatal Accident.

Vancouver, March 10.—Flames from a fire kindled under a stump in a vacant lot at the intersection of Victoria and Wilson Roads fired a box of dynamite used in blasting, causing a terrific explosion yesterday afternoon. Frank Hamner, engaged in blasting, was struck by the debris and literally cut open. He will die. Hamner is forty-two years old and unmarried.

Poorhouse Destroyed.

New York, March 10.—Burned out of house and home was the ill-fated

added to the affliction of poverty of the inmates of the poorhouse at Hempstead, L. I., which was destroyed by fire today. One aged inmate was burned to death, though a young woman nurse risked her life to save him, while five other inmates were seriously burned and taken to the hospital. There was a panic when the flames were discovered, and nearly forty of the poor leaped from the windows of the blazing structure.

Caruso's Money.
New York, March 10.—Detectives assigned to investigate the Blackhand letters recently sent to Enrico Caruso, the tenor, say they have discovered a clue which indicates that the Blackhanders were pals of Ignazio Lupo and his band of counterfeiters. Recently sentenced to prison, and of the money, if given, was to have been used in an effort to free the men. The sum of \$15,000, which was demanded of Caruso under pain of death, would be quite sufficient to defray the lawyers' fees for the effort to get a new trial for the counterfeiters.

Narrow Escape.
Cobalt, Mar. 10.—Several men engaged at Rugged Chutes by the Cobalt Hydraulic Power Company had a narrow escape from a fatal accident yesterday. Four foreigners were badly injured and removed to Cobalt hospital, one with a broken leg, another with a broken arm, and all badly cut about the head and body. Only meagre details are known, but it appears the men fell from a staging on which they were working, the supports evidently having been defective.

Archbishop Lauded.
Montreal, Mar. 10.—At the opening session of the annual meeting of the Quebec branch of the Dominion Alliance today Alderman Carter, sponsor for the early closing of saloons movement in the city council, in his address paid a tribute to French Canadians who had given much assistance in the furtherance of the cause and also paid a tribute to the work of Archbishop Bruchet and the clergy in their efforts for the furtherance of temperance work.

Toronto Man in Toils.
Cincinnati, Mar. 10.—Archibald Muir, formerly of Toronto, chief chemist for the Heran Court brewery, was arrested yesterday on a warrant obtained by Mary Ellen Etobio Muir, of Toronto, charging him with bigamy. Muir was married here seven months ago, his wife being a childhood sweetheart. He admits having been married before but says he had not heard from his wife for ten years and that he believed she had divorced him.

LOCAL

In The Police Court.

In the police court yesterday Daniel George and William Clark, the two deserters from the West India steamers or Dahome, were allowed their freedom on condition that they would return to the Dahome, which sailed in the afternoon. John A. Harvey, who is charged with following and assaulting a Scotch girl named Maggie Gray was brought before the court and further remanded.

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