

Another year has slipped into the past; to some, a year of happiness and gain; to others, alas, of grief and loss; to some, a year of great accomplishment; to others, of striving but in vain.

In greeting you, as is our long time custom, we would share with you this golden thought.

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## SEES GROWING PLACE FOR CITY

Millidgeville Rd. Condemned Well Brings Extension Speech at City Hall.

A water supply for the people of Millidgeville was under discussion by the members of the City Council this morning and the possibilities of extending the city in that direction were eloquently pointed out by Commissioner Frink.

Commissioner Thornton said a well at Millidgeville had been condemned by the Board of Health.

Commissioner Wigmore said the well spoken of was a public well and had been condemned by the Board of Health, it was true, but was still in use. The city was not liable, but had kept the well in repair.

Commissioner Thornton said it was rather a strange state of affairs to have the people defying the Public Health Act.

Commissioner Frink said he felt the city should either have an artesian well bored or else extend a main to Millidgeville. If this were done, a school built about half way out, and the street railway tracks extended, this portion of the city would grow rapidly. The city had built a water main to East St. John, a part of the county, but had done nothing for residents of this part of the city.

Commissioner Wigmore said he would prepare a report showing the cost of extending the water main and also of a well.

Commissioner Thornton said that more than 100 families had located on the Millidgeville road during the past twenty years.

## WILL GO ON WITH SURVEY OF CITY

Commissioners Decide to Expend \$8,700 More—The Comfort Station.

The council this morning decided to proceed with the city survey and to make a contract with G. G. Murdoch to finish the survey at an additional cost not to exceed \$8,700. The proposed comfort station in Market Square was also discussed and it was decided to have the city engineer, He also asked what if Mr. Murdoch came in later and said he could not finish the work for the sum stated.

Mayor Fisher said he would favor making a contract with Mr. Murdoch to complete the work at cost, not to exceed \$8,700. This would bring the total to \$41,700.

Commissioner Bullock said there was an average of eight city blocks on each sheet and about 70 sheets, making the cost about \$800 per sheet.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. Murdoch, dated December 29, in which he said that Mr. Murdoch could be of very little service to him in this matter and would reduce the cost very little. The letter pointed out that in completing the work he would not receive any personal remuneration as the amount of \$8,500 which he was to receive had already been paid. It was contended by Mr. Murdoch that private records used would have cost the city at least \$10,000.

Mayor Fisher moved that a contract be entered into with Mr. Murdoch for the completion of the work, charges to be made at cost and no charge for the personal services of Mr. Murdoch, not to exceed \$8,700, and to be completed before December 31, 1923, payment to be made from appropriation during 1924-1925, \$4,350 in each year. This carried.

On motion of Commissioner Thornton he was given authority to purchase a horse for the fire department, payment to be made from the 1924 appropriation.

**Comfort Station**

Commissioner Frink presented a plan for the proposed comfort station in Market Square but no estimate of cost was given. The city engineer said if it was decided to proceed with the work he would present detailed plans and an architect's estimate of cost.

Commissioner Frink said he had seen a cut of a comfort station at Kitchener, Ont., which struck him rather favorably and he had written to the Mayor of Kitchener for information.

Mayor Fisher said he would like to have the Power Co. communicated with to see if they would assist in erecting the building.

Commissioner Thornton said he felt that any elaborate building should go on King Square. He suggested that the Mayor approach the Power Co. on the matter of paying a portion of the cost.

Commissioner Wigmore thought the larger scheme should be on King Square and something smaller on Market Square.

The report was referred back for an estimate of cost.

**TWO LINERS ON WAY**

The Canadian Pacific steamship Montcalm is due here from Liverpool on January 5 with 600 passengers, coming in 84 cabin and 566 third class. The cabin passengers consist of 72 adults, five children and one infant, and six infants. The Marburn is due here from Glasgow and Belfast about January 7. A complete passenger list is not yet at hand but at Glasgow the steamer took on 17 cabin and 96 third class.

**NO TIMES TUESDAY**

The Evening Times will not be published on tomorrow, New Year's Day.

## Is Appointed



**BARRY WILSON**

Barry Wilson, last week appointed engineer of the Civic Power Commission, is a St. John boy, son of LEB. Wilson, merchant tailor. He was educated in the public schools of this city and after graduating from High School attended the Hamilton Technical School. On his graduation from that institution he entered the employ of the Canadian Westinghouse Co., and was with them for four years. He next was with the construction department in the Calgary development and left that work to go with the Steel Co. of Canada. In 1917 he was appointed city electrician of the city of St. John, which position he has held until this date. He was loaned to the Civic Power Commission by the city until the permanent appointment was made.

**ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 31.**  
A.M.  
High Tide..... 5.44  
Low Tide..... 11.35  
Sun Rises..... 8.02  
Sun Sets..... 4.51

## LOCAL NEWS

**ONE FOR DRUNKENNESS.**

The usual fine of \$8 or two months in jail was imposed on a man who appeared in the police court this morning, charged with drunkenness.

**WILL HAVE TRACK MEET.**

W. E. Stirling, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., is arranging an outdoor track meet at the institute on next Friday evening.

**ELEVEN PROTECTIONISTS.**

Nine men called at police headquarters on last Saturday night and asked to be given a place to spend the night. All were accommodated. Last night only two appeared and both were allowed to occupy bunks in the cells.

**GOING TO ENGLAND.**

John Archibald, managing editor of the Montreal Gazette, and formerly in newspaper work in St. John, is going to England on a four weeks' business trip. Mr. Archibald will sail from St. John on the Montcalm on January 11.

**IS FINED \$200**

Vincent Joyce was fined \$200 in the police court this morning on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in his beer shop on Union street, West St. John. William M. Ryan appeared for the prosecution.

**N. S. MEN IN COURT HERE**

Five men called at the court and Archibald McDougall of Stellarton, N. S., before Magistrate Henderson in the police court this morning charged with vagrancy. Both were remanded to jail until their case can be looked into.

**OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL**

Many friends of Miss Mearle Weldon, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Weldon, 57 Orange street, will be pleased to know that she is rapidly recovering after a successful operation for appendicitis, performed in the General Public Hospital on Thursday.

**FURNACE EXPLODED**

The chemical engine from No. 6 fire station, West St. John, was called out last evening as the result of an explosion in the furnace in the premises of W. E. Brennan, Prince street. The explosion was said to have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the pipes. No fire resulted but considerable damage was done by smoke.

**DIED IN SOUTH CAROLINA.**

Friends in this city will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Arthur G. Gilliam, which occurred on last Friday at Columbia, S. C. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, also her mother, Mrs. Charles O'Brien, of this city, and one brother, William Williamson, also of this city. Her funeral, the funeral to take place from the residence of her mother, 82 Prince Edward street.

**HARVESTERS HERE "BROKE"**

Charles Fraser and John Livingston, both of Scotland, appeared in the police court this morning to answer a charge of vagrancy. They said they had come to Canada as harvesters, but had been unable to secure only twenty days work and were "broke." They expressed a desire to return to their own country. Their case will be taken up with the immigration authorities and in the meanwhile they were sent below.

**LARGE COLLECTION**

The collection in the Cathedral on Christmas Day for the Catholic orphanage amounted to \$1,440.45. The collection on next Sunday will be for African orphans. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc announced that the school bonds were now ready at the Palace. It was also announced that the masses in the Cathedral on New Year's Day, which is a holy day of obligation, will be at 6, 7, 8.15, 9.15, 10.30 o'clock. The 10.30 will be high mass.

**USING NEW MAIN.**

The old cement water main on the West Side had now been wholly abandoned. The new main, which was laid this morning and the Carleton residents were getting their supply of water through the new main. With the laying of about 200 feet of 24 inch pipe between the reservoir and the provincial hospital, the new main would be completed and the West Side would have two independent pipe lines from Spruce Lake.

## COL. JOHN RITCHIE DEAD IN ENGLAND

New Brunswicker of Prominence Once Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

News of the death of another New Brunswicker who attained prominence in the Old Country is contained in a letter received this morning from his brother, Lawrence, by Dr. Murray Ritchie, a former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, had passed away on December 19. Word of his death, Mr. MacLaren wrote, came as a great shock to him as it was only a few days before that Colonel Ritchie had sent through him a contribution to the Royal Law Memorial Fund. Colonel Ritchie had spent December 14 and 15 at a shooting lodge at Llangollen, Wales, where he was taken suddenly ill and his death came about an hour before Mr. MacLaren's letter was written on December 19.

The late Colonel Ritchie was born in Chatham, N. B., between 65 and 70 years ago, and was a son of the late D. J. Ritchie, founder of the lumber firm at Newcastle which still bears his name. The present members of the firm, Allan and Harold Ritchie, are his cousins. About thirty years ago John Ritchie moved to Liverpool and established a lumber import business from which he retired some six or eight years ago. Much of his lumber was imported through his father's firm, particularly through his father's establishment with one of the members of the Ritchie family in Newcastle this morning. The Times was informed that no word of the death of Colonel Ritchie had been received by them.

## THREE ASSIST AT BAPTIST SERVICE

Two Brothers are in Trio Preparing for the Ministry.

The service yesterday morning in the Fairville Baptist church was of interest. The Rev. Clifford T. Clark, B. A., had for his assistants Messrs. Byron Linton, John Linton and Wallace Forgy, who are prospective candidates for the Baptist ministry and are home for their holidays from school and college. The service was a Scripture lesson, Matthew 26:36 to the end of the chapter. His brother John Linton led in prayer and the sermon was preached by Mr. Forgy, who took the 36th verse of Matthew as his text, his subject being "Gardens of Decision." He spoke with earnestness and clear dispoise, and impressed his hearers. All three young men showed ability for the sacred calling they purpose following.

The Messrs Linton are the sons of Mrs. A. Linton of Holly street. John is teaching at Redhead school and is preparing for college, while his brother Byron is taking studies at Acadia college school, Wolfville, N. S., for the same purpose. Mr. Forgy is in his second year at Acadia University. These young men will take up lay preaching on home mission field during the summer vacation next year, if all plans carry as hoped for.

Rev. Mr. Clark spoke last evening with regret that the church had lost the musical services of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Long, who had gone to another choir in West St. John. Their church was however, fortunate to secure Thatcher Cameron, who will take immediate leadership of the choir. Large congregations were assembled at both services yesterday. Rev. Mr. Clark preached last evening from New Year's subject.

There will be service at 10.30 New Year's morning in this church.

**BANK CLEARINGS LESS.**

The bank clearings for the year ending today, as announced by the St. John Clearing House Association, were about \$1,000,000 less than for 1922. The figures were as follows: 1923, \$141,295,039; 1922, \$142,488,125. The clearings for December this year were \$11,206,762, as compared with \$12,492,567 for the same month last year. Thus the falling off for the month of December was practically the same as for the whole year.

## As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbent to the Times' reporter, "I want to say something about that there Rotary Club. They ast me up to that supper for the boys Saturday night—an' I went. When I seen about two hundred fifty boys there—some of 'em none too well dressed, but every one with a clean face, an' seen a Rotarian in every fifth chair right amongst the boys at the table—an' other Rotarians helpin' the gals serve the vittles—an' the colored boys made as much of as the white boys—an' everybody singin'—an' that Arch Tapley 'earin' round keepin' things goin' lively—an' everybody actin' if they was all boys together—an' nobody to lecture the little fellows an' tell 'em how proud they orto be to hev folks look at 'em or speak to 'em—any Parson Armstrong to tell 'em he hoped son Armstrong to be mayor or president o' the Rotary Club—an' he was tickled to be there with 'em— it ast me to feel so good I wanted to shake hands with everybody. I met a police sergeant after I come out. His beat is in the south end. I ast him if he didn't know what he said? He said the boys was down to the boys' club or the skatin' rink, an' the police didn't hev no trouble at all like they used to hev. You put me down for a backer o' the Improvement Leagues an' the Rotary Club. They're doin' things—By Hen!"

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