

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

Extend Thanks.

The members of No. 6 Hose Company wish to thank those who assisted them in the New Year's festivities.

Union Smoker.

All wire-nail workers are invited to attend the smoker of the International Union in the Opera House, Friday evening.

Ice Fairly Strong.

It was reported yesterday that the ice on the Kennebecas river between Millidgeville and Baywater was thick enough to bear the weight of a light team.

Site of Prison Farm.

A committee of the County Council, consisting of Warden Connelly, Coun. Donovan, and County Secretary Kelley were out on the Marsh Road yesterday inspecting properties, with a view to finding a site for the proposed prison farm. The committee has its eyes on several properties which are considered suitable, and it is said are having some difficulty in deciding which would be the best for the purpose.

L. O. B. A. Officers.

Dominion Lodge No. 18 L. O. B. A. met in their rooms on Simonds street last evening and installed the following officers for the year:—Mrs. Gilchrist, W. M.; Mrs. Sweet, D. M.; Mrs. Shields, chaplain; Mrs. Brown, R. C.; Mrs. Moran, treasurer; Mrs. Dean, F. S.; Mrs. G. Marshall, D. C.; Mrs. W. Van Buskirk, lecturer; Mrs. Wright, senior member of committee; committee members, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Parlee, Miss Witten and Mrs. Xaves; Mrs. Logan, I. G.; G. Moran, O. G.; G. Parlee, G. After the installation the L. O. B. A. entertained the P. A. B. to supper.

Child Strayed.

There was considerable worry in the home of Mrs. Mary E. Martin, 286 Germain street yesterday afternoon. Early in the afternoon Mrs. Martin's three-year-old child was missing and a search of the neighborhood failed to bring any tidings of the child's whereabouts. The police were notified that the child was missing, and that it was feared that it had wandered down to one of the nearby slips and fallen into the water and drowned. The anxious mother was greatly relieved about six o'clock when the child returned home hale and hearty, and in a most happy mood. Some of the children living near had taken it to a moving picture theatre to see the show and had failed to inform Mrs. Martin when they left for the show.

DIGBY EXPECTS VERY PROSPEROUS FUTURE

Resident of Town Here, Tells of Spirit of Optimism Spreading in Nova Scotia Community.

Already well known as a summer resort and a fishing port, Digby the pretty town on the shores of the historic Annapolis Basin, is growing more rapidly than most towns in Western Nova Scotia, and is evidently destined to become a place of considerable importance. Its people are possessed with the right spirit, a generous outlook, a faith in the future, a local patriotism, which indicates that the wave of buoyant optimism which has been sweeping over the Maritime Provinces has struck the town.

At any rate, that was the impression a Standard reporter received when talking to W. S. Troop, proprietor of the Manhattan Hotel, of Digby. Mr. Troop has done a good deal to advertise the town and attract the tourist, and he has some right to boast about his town.

"The town is thriving," he said, "in fact the Americans who come there tell us that our people are too prosperous, that they get along so well and easily that they ignore the opportunities knocking at their doors."

"But we are making progress along several lines. The fishing industry is developing, and is bound to prove a source of wealth to the town. The Maritime Fish Corporation has erected a big cold storage plant there, and is rapidly extending the scope of its operations. In its cold storage warehouses it now gives employment to about 40 men. It has several power boats which make trips to the fishing out-ports, collecting the catches and bringing them to Digby to be prepared for the markets—mostly in Upper Canada, where a fine trade is being worked up."

"This company also owns a number of smart fishing vessels which make Digby their base, and it is understood that it will have a steam trawler operating in the Bay of Fundy next summer, and bringing its fares to the plant at Digby."

"The C. P. R. is preparing to build a big wharf and there is little doubt that the company will do a great deal to advertise the town and increase the tourist traffic. It is well known that the C. P. R. has had plans prepared for a car ferry service between St. John and Digby, and if the plans materialize, a big impetus will be given to the development of the town."

"One thing badly needed in Western Nova Scotia is a big canning factory to preserve fruit, pickles and vegetables, and Digby would be a good site for such an industry. Even such a factory only catered to the markets of Nova Scotia, it would undoubtedly prove a profitable venture. Immense quantities of these commodities are

LUMBER MARKET IS BECOMING STRONGER

Robert Connelly, of Bay Shore Lumber Co. Talks of Prices of Timber and Deals in England.

"While the market for deals in England continues dull, all the signs point to an improvement of conditions in the market for lumber in the United States," said Robert Connelly, manager of the Bay Shore Lumber Company, who was at the Royal yesterday. "The American market has been rather dull for the past two years," he added, "but there are indications of increased activity. Enquiries from buyers are coming in, and it is expected there will be a good demand for this winter's cut. The dealers in the United States have not been importing any great quantities of lumber for nearly two years and their stocks must be pretty well cleared out. It is quite probable that there will be a greatly increased demand by spring with a decided stiffening of prices. Our company is making about the usual cut this winter—perhaps not so large as last year."

DOESN'T APPROVE OF CLOSED WINDOWS

Rev. W. R. Robinson Thinks Bar Tenders' Oppositon to Law Proof that it is Beneficial.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, who is working hard to suppress the liquor traffic, does not take the same views of Rev. Mr. Gaetz, who at a meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Tuesday afternoon in an address stated that he disagreed with the clause in the liquor license law, which forbade the use of screens and other devices by which frequenters of the bar rooms were hidden from the street, as he claimed that boys were becoming accustomed to the spectacle of men standing at the bar drinking. When asked last evening what he thought of Mr. Gaetz's remarks, Mr. Robinson said the following to a Standard reporter: "The Rev. Mr. Gaetz is entitled to his opinion regarding the removal of the screens from the bar room windows in this city, having a demoralizing effect on children, whom he claims are affected by the sight of men lined up taking a drink. My criticism of Rev. Mr. Gaetz' position is neither personal nor antagonistic, but friendly and in defence of the spirit and moral benefits of the law. I thoroughly appreciate Mr. Gaetz' standing as a temperance man and his honesty of purpose, and while I lay no claim to infallibility in the matter, yet after 30 years' experience in fighting the rum traffic, both in Canada and in the United States, I find complete exposure of its evils is one of the best methods of disgusting the child and creating a strong public sentiment against the traffic. In this I am also in harmony with the moral and social reform council of New Brunswick, its federation of temperance, Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, Temple of Honor and the W. C. T. U. "There is nothing the rum traffic hates more than publicity. The whole liquor element fights this screen law, and has from the first used every device to evade its condition by pictures, flowers, railings, window office shutters, colored glass, screens, unwashed windows and back rooms. "Why? Because it injures their trade, it lessens the demand, it gives the public a knowledge of what is going on behind the walls, it protects the minor, the Indian, the drunken man, the child. It exposes the Sunday and after-hour selling, the gambling and other evils carried on behind the screened window and closed doors. "Many victims of the traffic have expressed themselves to me in favor of the law because of the benefit derived. The evidence in its favor is the fact that the rum element hate it. If the rum seller, who is ever on the alert for business, and is not slow to appreciate a good thing, thought for a moment that exposure would demoralize the child and thus create a market for his trade, he would be the last man to oppose a clean law. This is the very thing they know from experience is not so, and they are in the business and hence act on the defensive. "My work calls me to many parts of the city at all hours, and I have yet to see the children stop and look in the barroom windows. I am constantly dealing with those who are victims of the liquor traffic. I have a large number of men and boys paroled to me from the prison, and they without exception attribute their downfall to the shut in bar rooms where other evils besides rum exist. In my experience the more the rum traffic is exposed to public view, the more the public becomes disgusted with it, and the sooner it will be voted out. "Let in the light."

PERSONAL

Alex. Craigie, marine superintendent of the Elder-Depaster Line, arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal. He came here to meet the S. S. Sokoto, and is stopping at the Royal.

W. S. Troop, proprietor of the Manhattan Hotel, Digby, N. S., is at the Dufrin.

N. C. Scott of Douglas avenue returned yesterday morning from Truro, where he and Mrs. Scott spent the New Year with their daughter, Mrs. Warren Ogilvie. Mrs. Scott remained in Truro.

Phillip Nase, son of Leonard T. Nase, 180 Main street, who has been visiting his parents, returned to McGill College yesterday afternoon. He is studying medicine, and this is his fourth year at college.

Now imported from Ontario, when they might be supplied by local industry. And there are a number of other industrial opportunities which deserve attention."

WORK TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

President of St. John and Quebec Railway Co. Hopes to Have Trains Running in Two Years.

That the work of constructing the St. John Valley Railway will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and that, if no delay arises in connection with the building of the bridges, trains will be running from St. John to Grand Falls within two years, was the statement made by A. R. Gould, president of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, who was at the Dufrin yesterday.

"We plan to have the road as far as Grand Falls built and in operation in two years' time," said Mr. Gould. "Of course we may be delayed, but in any case the road will be completed as far as Grand Falls well within three years."

"Our chief engineer, Mr. Thompson, has purchased a residence at Fredericton and surveying parties have been sent out from both Fredericton and Woodstock to make profiles and secure data necessary to making specifications for contractors to work on in putting in tenders for construction work. This survey work will be sufficiently advanced by spring to enable construction to be started at Fredericton and Woodstock, and construction gangs will be set to work at both these points, paving both ways."

"When will you start on this end?" "As soon as possible after we get things under way at Woodstock and Fredericton. We will begin work at Rothesay, and construct the line towards the bridge on the Kennebecas. Arrangements have been made with the I. C. R. to connect up with their tracks near Rothesay."

"How long will it take to build the bridges over the St. John river and the Kennebecas?" "They could be built in about a year," replied Mr. Gould. "But it will probably take longer. I can't say just when a start will be made on the bridges. We are going to Ottawa next week to consult with the government and their engineers in regard to the building of the bridges. After the conference I expect to know more about the bridge question than I do now."

"Have you decided where you will locate the repair shops?" "Not yet. The town of Meductic wants to have them located there, and Woodstock wants them too. We are not in a hurry and will await and see which town is prepared to offer us the best facilities."

"When do you expect to extend the line to the city of Quebec?" "We will have a road constructed across the state of Maine and up to the River St. Lawrence by the time the Quebec Bridge will be built."

LODGE HAS HAD VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The installation of officers in the Union Jack Lodge P. O. B. No. 35 in the lodge rooms on Simonds street last evening resulted in the following officers being installed: H. Sellen, G. M.; H. McCordick, W. M.; J. Howe, D. M.; H. Lawrence, chaplain; N. Goodrich, treasurer; H. Kilpatrick, R. S.; E. Morrill, F. S.; T. Morrill, O. T.; R. Morrill, D. of C.; G. Howe, foreman of committee; committee men, N. Bailey, C. Howe, H. Curren. Speeches were made by G. Earle, D. D. G. M. and by all the newly elected officers. The treasurer's report showed the lodge has a surplus of \$10, and that the past year was the most successful in the history of the lodge.

Another Robbery.

It was reported that several summer camps had been broken into and a large number of articles stolen. On New Year's eve the camp owned by D. C. Dawson, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was broken into and nearly everything of value was removed from the premises. Even the knives, forks and spoons, were stolen. The police have been working on the case and, although they have the names of a number of suspects, they have not yet made any arrests.

Drunk and Fighting.

Two men giving their names as Watters and Keating, were arrested on the north side of the King square last night and are charged with being drunk and fighting.

Removal of Jewelry Stock.

The balance of the Irving jewelry stock has been removed to F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s dry goods store, 50 Charlotte street, where it will be stored as possible. The prices now represent less than half the former figures so if one wishes to get a bargain in jewelry, now is the time. The annual white wear money saving event is also now on at Dykeman's. The dainty creations in ladies' and children's white wear displayed by this firm is the chief topic of conversation among the fairer sex, at the present time. And it is priced so reasonable that one wonders how it can be produced for the money.

Daughters of the Empire.

A meeting of the Lady La Tour Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire will be held on Friday morning, at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Roy Campbell, the secretary.

N. B. Military Veterans.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Military Veterans Association will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in their rooms. Market building. Refreshments will be served.

Band at Vic.

There will be a band at the Victoria rink tonight with exceptionally good ice.

Prince William Hotel—St. John's New Hotel.

AFTER MUTINEERS.

Peking, Jan. 3.—Three thousand Manchurian imperial troops have been ordered to China Wang Tso, to attack the Chinese mutineers there and at Lanchow, if they do not submit.

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