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THE WORK AMONG THE CITY CHILDREN

Annual Report of Free Kindergarten Makes INTERESTING READING

Annual Meeting Will Be Held in the High School Assembly Hall This Evening—It Has Been a Year of Most Successful Labor Among Children.

The annual public meeting of the Free Kindergarten will be held this evening in the assembly rooms of the High school. Mayor White will preside and Dr. J. L. Hughes, superintendent of education of Toronto, will be the principal speaker. Mrs. H. H. Pickett will read the second annual report.

The Times has been favored with an advance copy of the report, which is as follows:

The committee of ladies appointed at a public meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. November, 4th., 1903 for the purpose of establishing a mission kindergarten in the vicinity of Haymarket Square were at the first annual meeting held Oct. 29th, 1904, reappointed and given power to increase their number.

This was acted upon and the present committee consists of Miss Burditt, president; Dr. Margaret Parks, vice-president; Miss M. G. Gunn, treasurer; Mrs. H. H. Pickett, secretary and Mrs. S. D. Scott, Mrs. W. F. Hatheway, Mrs. W. C. Matthews, Mrs. H. V. MacKinnon, Mrs. G. U. Hay, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Travis, Miss Morton, Miss Ethel Jarvis and Miss H. Allen.

There have been 17 business meetings of this committee during the year to consider ways and means, a large number of letters have been written, and a great many visits made.

The lower schoolroom of St. Mary's Sunday school, Waterloo St. is still given free of rent for this mission kindergarten started on Dec. 7th 1903—the only expense there being the service of the janitor and the heating.

Miss Zela Morton, a trained kindergardener is at present in charge with Miss Millburn and Miss Stamers as regular assistants. Several young ladies have rendered valuable assistance by giving one morning a week to the work.

A piano was offered to the committee at a very low price and they decided to buy it.

During the year donations of fuel, clothing, etc. have been received from kind friends and at Xmas time after the children had given to their parents and the presents from the tree which they had made themselves in the kindergarten they were marched off to another room. The tree was then filled by willing hands with candy bags, toys, books, etc. for the little ones. They were delighted on their return to the room and said "Surely Santa Claus has been here." If they did not see him the spirit of the Xmas tide was fully realized.

In June the children enjoyed an outing on the grounds of Mr. W. F. Burdett, Crouchville. They were taken out in buckboards, kind friends provided refreshments, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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FUNERALS

The funeral of Michael King took place this afternoon from his parents' residence, Rockland road. Rev. Father Walsh conducted a service in Holy Trinity church, and interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of the late Thomas Lantalum took place this afternoon from his parents' residence, Sheriff street, at 2.30, to the new Catholic cemetery.

Battle line steamship Albuera sailed today from Hamburg for Charleston (S.C.). The Arcola of the same line arrived at Swansea from Halifax.

ROUGH NIGHT IN THE BAY

Small Craft Forced to Seek Shelter from High Winds and Heavy Seas.

Last night and this morning were very rough in the Bay of Fundy, with the wind blowing a gale from the northeast. The large schooner Ronald, Capt. Wagner, bound from Windsor, N. S., to New Haven, Conn., put into this port for safety, as did also the schooners Laura C. Hall, Captain Rockwell, bound to Portland, Me., from River Hebert, N. S., with a cargo of 190 tons of grindstones.

The tug Lord Kitchener, Captain Stevens, from Yarmouth, was out in the blow and arrived in port about 2 o'clock this morning. The captain reports that he came along whistling, and that he passed the Donaldson line steamer Kastalia, lying at anchor off Partridge Island.

The storm drum warning signal was hoisted at the customs signal station for the coming blow, and the timely warning prevented a number of vessels from going to sea.

The Calvin Austin, which vessel was to have sailed at 8 o'clock, did not get away until 11 o'clock on account of the storm.

The steamer Senlac also came in the harbor from Halifax and anchored. She had to pull out from her wharf on account of the high wind and heavy sea, at the face of the I. C. R. pier.

The work of dredging on the West Side was carried on with difficulty on account of the tug being unable to dump the mud scows outside the Island.

The steamer Yarmouth went out on her regular time.

Between midnight and ten o'clock this morning the velocity of the wind ranged from 36 to 40 miles an hour from the south west to southeast; rain has been falling all day and by noon the thermometer had risen to 48 degrees.

THEY SAW A FINE MOOSE

Passengers on the Elaine met with a unique experience as the steamer was on her way to Wickham last evening, and the incident will doubtless be remembered by both voyagers and crew for some time.

As the steamer neared the foot of the reach a large bull moose was seen to come down the bank at the old Day landing, plunge into the water and swim towards the middle of the offing, directly in the path of the boat. There was no desire, however, to run down the moose which without much difficulty was avoided.

The passengers soon gathered in the bow of the steamer to witness the strange spectacle and no doubt many would at the moment have rejoiced at the possession of a kodak.

The moose was seen to swim straight across the river, the wide spread of antlers showing to splendid advantage. On reaching the opposite shore he climbed up the bank and started up the hill and on again to the woods. Those who were aboard the steamer say that the animal was a beautiful specimen and attracted much attention.

WOULDN'T TAKE IT

The following story is told of an individual who, apparently at least, not only had "money to burn," but refused to recognize the value of Canadian silver.

The party referred to had evidently been indulging freely in juice of the grape, and boarded an up-town car a day or two ago. When the conductor asked for fares he was handed a one dollar bill.

"Tickets?" asked the official.

"No," was the reply.

The passenger was handed an envelope containing a dollar in five-cent pieces, and tearing it open, remarked, "that's no good."

"Why?" queried the conductor.

"Because it isn't. I don't want that."

"It's Canadian money and good enough for me, and ought to be good enough for you."

Still the passenger protested and dashed the envelope down on the seat, sending the silver flying over the cushion and floor of the car; after which he got up and walked out. The money was gathered up and taken to the company's office.

J. A. LIKELY TALKS ON THE NECESSITY OF NEW INDUSTRIES FOR ST. JOHN

Concerning the need of new industries in St. John, so that the population would increase, the burden of taxation be lighter and business in all lines should receive an impetus, there could be scarcely a dissenting voice.

In this regard an interview which the Times had yesterday with Joseph A. Likely, who recently returned from a trip to the west, on which occasion he had a chance to look into the efforts being made by other cities and towns to boom themselves as good places for the location of industries, will no doubt be of interest. While in Winnipeg Mr. Likely was interviewed by some newspaper men, who, evidently were under the impression that he was looking for a more favorable situation for his mill; such, however, was not the case, but that nevertheless was the impression which the reporters gained and the papers there published an interview to that effect. This was in turn copied into some of the trade journals which circulate through the United States and the result is that Mr. Likely is receiving almost daily, literature from various cities and towns setting forth their advantages for the establishment of new industries.

Now, Mr. Likely has great faith in St. John and looks for a great future for Canada's winterport, but he is of the opinion that there will have to be a shaking up among the citizens generally in order to get them properly interested in the future of this city.

There has been little or no growth in the population here for some years and with the excellent facilities and favorable conditions which prevail Mr. Likely contends this should not be. If other places advertise themselves and present the advantages they possess for the establishment of manufacturing industries, why should not St. John do the same?

Mr. Likely showed the Times man a large number of pamphlets which he has received from various parts of the United States, in Texas, Iowa, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, etc., and also from various railway companies who are seeking to have the towns through which they pass built up. All of these places offer inducements of various kinds for the establishment of industrial enterprises. In most cases the literature is sent out by the boards of trade or commercial clubs, which have committees to look after this branch of the work. For instance in Williamsport, Pa., a city of 40,000 inhabitants the board of trade, numbers 5,000 members, and they have a guarantee fund of $215,000, for the promotion of new industries. This amount has all been subscribed by citizens. The board employs a manager at a liberal salary, whose duty it is to look up and investigate any new industries which it might be considered advisable to induce to locate there. They get out a very attractive lot of literature setting forth their advantages and send it wherever it is thought possible to induce manufacturing concerns to establish there. Mr. Likely thinks the same plan could be applied here and that it should meet with greater success as St. John has greater advantages than any of those places from which he has heard. We have cheap coal, cheap labor, good climate, an open harbor, good railroad connections and steamship service to all parts of the world, all the year round. Mr. Likely says the people of St. John need only to have confidence in order to make St. John a great commercial centre. Many feel timid about investing money here owing to losses which have been sustained in past years, but these losses have all occurred through mismanagement. Mr. Likely says he has lost over $20,000 himself, in various industries here through their bad management, but he is confident that there is plenty of room here for many industries which under an intelligent management would not fail to be a big success.

"All that is necessary, is for the people to have confidence and not lose heart because they have lost money in the past," said Mr. Likely.

Asked what industries he thought there was an opening for here, he said:-

"A good furniture factory ought to pay, a shoe factory, stove foundry, locomotive works and many others." He referred to the great busines being done by Rhodes, Curry & Co. of Amherst, and said the only reason the business did not pay here was on account of bad management.

"All the factories here at present under good management are paying very well," he said.

"I believe," said Mr. Likely "that the common council should give exemption for a number of years, say ten years, for any industry, not now represented here, employing any from 100 to 300 hands, which would start business in St. John." "What we need more than anything else to keep the people here, is more manufacturing concerns."

"We need a more aggressive board of trade. The board has done good work in the winterport business, but more attention should be paid to the matter of having new industries established here, and a good wideawake committee should be appointed to look after this."

Mr. Likely thinks there should be more interest manifested by the citizens generally and a man engaged to look after this work, corresponding with prospective industrial enterprises, getting out attractive literature, setting forth our advantages, etc. He referred to the visit of Dr. Martin who was endeavoring to interest the board in the establishment of a gelatine factory here and spoke of the very slim attendance at the meeting and lack of interest shown.

"It is time the people of St. John woke up and did something. What Williamsport and other places have done, we can do, for we are better situated."

ARE NORTH END ELECTRIC LIGHT FIGURES COOKED?

Municipal ownership has had many champions among the members of the aldermanic board, but the statement given below would indicate that the north end electric light plant, which is owned by the city, has not proved as successful as has been claimed.

The statement which is printed below, and which was prepared by the street railway officials, shows that the cost of lighting in the north end is much in excess of what it has been made to appear in the city accounts. It has been contended that the north end lights have cost much less per lamp than is being paid the street railway company. From this statement, however, it appears that the lights have in reality cost considerably more, when all expenses are considered. It appears there has been no allowance made for a proportion of the salary of the Director of Public Safety, whose duty it is to manage the work, neither has there been an allowance for taxes, water supply, depreciation in value, etc. These should have all been taken into consideration when making up the cost of running the plant. There is also no account of cartage in the expense account.

The plant as a whole is obsolete and the machinery in use there is said to be pretty nearly worn out. Electric machinery is being improved every year and to run a plant economically the machines must be kept up-to-date. It is also stated that the lamps supplied in the north end are 1200 candle power, whereas those supplied by the railway company are 2,000 candle power.

The statement gives an idea of what the expenses really were during the last few years:-

Year.	Number of Lamps.	Operating expenses, as per Chamberlain's Report.	Water Supply.	Taxes.	5 per cent. Interest on Bonds and Capital Invested.	Depreciation at 5 per cent.	Cost of one Lamp per year, Operating Expenses only.	Cost of one Lamp, Operating Expenses, Water Supply and Taxes.	Cost of one Lamp, Operating Expenses, Water, Taxes and Interest.	Cost of one Lamp, Operating Expenses, Water, Taxes, Interest and Depreciation.
1895	69	$4,766.60	$150	$219	$831.35	$831.35	$69.08	$74.43	$86.47	$98.52
1896	69	4,551.18	150	219	831.35	831.35	65.95	71.73	83.35	95.40
1897	75	5,137.22	150	219	831.35	831.35	68.50	73.41	84.50	95.59
1898	79	6,501.71	150	234	879.65	879.65	82.30	87.16	98.30	109.43
1899	90	6,283.06	150	232.50	879.65	879.65	69.81	74.06	83.84	93.61
1900	90	5,606.32	150	229.50	879.65	879.65	62.29	66.51	76.28	86.06
1901	92	6,415.98	150	231	879.65	879.65	69.74	73.88	83.44	93.09
1902	92	5,310.67	150	232.50	879.65	879.65	57.72	61.88	71.44	81.00
1903	92	6,162.01	150	243	879.65	879.65	66.98	71.27	80.81	90.37
1904	94	6,162.65	150	262.50	879.65	879.65	65.56	69.95	79.31	88.66

At the time when this table was received by the Times today it was too late to get any interviews with aldermen on the subject, but the question is certainly one that should be looked into very carefully.

ROBBED HER EMPLOYERS

MONTREAL, Nov. 16—(Special)—Kate MacKay has confessed to the theft of hundreds of dollars' worth of goods from Haycock & Dudgeon's dry goods and general firm for whom she worked. She confessed to having sent large quantities of goods to Toronto to dispose of there through relatives.

ALBERTA APPOINTMENTS

EDMONTON, Alberta, Nov. 16.—(Special)—The first number of the Alberta Gazette just issued announces the following appointments: Deputy minister of public works, John Stocks, Calgary; deputy minister of agriculture, George Harcourt, Edmonton; acting deputy attorney general and law clerk, John Kenneth MacDonald, Edmonton; clerk of the executive council, John Kenneth MacDonald, Edmonton.

I. C. R. HAD SURPLUS IN MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 16—(Special)—With a decrease in the working expenses and an increase in the earnings the Intercolonial Railway shows a marked improvement for the first quarter of the present fiscal year. The investigation which the men and the deputy made into the working of the road in the summer months is having its effect. This is shown in a small surplus of earnings over expenditure for the month of September. The earnings for the months were $686,271, leaving a surplus of $24,659 for the three months. The average deficit has been reduced to $25,938, so that on this estimate the year would close with a small deficit.

The figures for the three months are as follows:—

	Working exps.	Earnings
July	$ 665,573	$ 634,611
August	746,261	674,748
September	661,612	686,271
Total	$2,073,447	$1,995,632

The deficit for July was $30,962 and for Aug. $71,512, the surplus for September was $24,659. The intention of the department is to use gasolene engines on the branch lines in P. E. I. There are certain other economies in view which will keep the expenditure little short of the earnings if not within them.

There will be a saving of $300,000 for the year in maintenance of way and $100,000 in coal.

THAT MONCTON SHOOTING CASE

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 16 (special)—The Howarth-Blackwood shooting investigation was continued in the police court this morning. Howarth, the complainant, father of the boy who was shot, was further examined by Crown Prosecutor Friel. He stated the reason he had given permission to release Blackwood after the latter had given himself up to the police was because Blackwood's friends had so asked him, and he had been told nothing could be done. Howarth gave further distressing and pathetic details of the shooting, and the scene between himself and his son when the latter was dying. After informing the boy that he was dying, he asked him to tell the truth about the shooting. The boy replied that a bad man had lifted a gun to him and shot him, and begged his father to shoot his slayer. The father asked the boy to forgive Blackwood, whether the shooting was intentional or not, and he replied he would. The case is exciting much interest as it develops. The inquiry is resumed this afternoon.

A still alarm was sent in to No. 3 fire station about 11 o'clock last night for a slight blaze in the house on the corner of Waterloo and Peters street, occupied by O. B. Akerley. The chemical engine and Salvage Corps responded, and the fire, which was caused by a defective flue, was put out without much trouble.

PRISONERS IN P. E. I. JAIL PLOTTED FOR AN ESCAPE

Plot Was Unearthed by the Discovery of a Stone Hammer in Bed of One of the Prisoners---To Erect Monument to Old Scottish Immigrants.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. Nov. 16—(Special)—There arrived here this morning from New Glasgow, N. S. the stone for a monument to be erected at Belfast in memory of the arrival of the Scottish immigrants who came to this island by Lord Selkirk's ships, the Polly, the Dykes and the Oughton in August, 1803 and made homes for themselves and their children in the woods of Belfast.

A serious accident happened to Albert Fitzgerald of Alberton on Tuesday. He was engaged with David Gordon of 'Montrose' in putting up a shed roof for a wind break when it fell on him causing severe injury. Little hope for his recovery is entertained.

A plot by a number of the prisoners of the Queens Co. jail to make their escape by an attack on Jailor Hamill or the attendants has just been discovered in time to prevent its execution. The prisoners at the bottom of the plot are George Lowder, Isadore Peters, and Joseph McAleer who are in the jail awaiting trial at the January term of the Supreme Court. Lowder and McAleer are charged with having stolen a number of horses, etc. throughout the province several months ago and Peters with the larceny of goods from Wedlock Bros. Stanley Bridge. These three prisoners are confined together in the same room in jail during the day and at night sleep in adjoining cells. For some time Lowder has been of a threatening disposition and his movements were closely watched by the jailer and his assistants.

Several days ago a stone hammer used for breaking coal in the cellar was missed and it was discovered in the bed of Lowder. It is thought that he had taken it there by means of concealment in a scuttle of coal which he carried to the room. What the result would have been had Lowder been able to put into execution the plan he had thought out no one can tell. He would easily have been able to make an attack with his ugly weapon on the jailer if the latter were taken unawares in the morning at six o'clock when the prisoners are released from their cells and, with the assistance of his comrades, the entire lot might have made their escape. As a result of the discovery of this plot an application will be made to the jail commissioners to have Lowder and probably Peters placed in irons during the remainder of their period of imprisonment here.

The Times New Reporter.

BOSTON, Nov. 16—(Special)—Immediately upon receipt of information that Chairman Frink of the ferry committee and Director Cushing of St. John would arrive in the city this week to inspect the ferry steamers, the mayor issued an order to the ferry captains and crews to hold themselves in readiness for a general review. The distinguished visitors will be given every facility to inspect all the ferry steamers, which will be gaily decked with bunting; and they will also be entertained at lunch by the ferry committee. Much regret is expressed that Ald. McGoldrick may not be able to come, as he can have the keys of Boston whenever he wants them. Besides, he might be able to settle the question whether Fitzgerald or Donovan is to be a candidate for the mayoralty. However, Messrs Frink and Cushing will be given the time of their lives.

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Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says that after he and the hired man had fed the cattle and milked the cows yesterday morning it took them till noon to thaw the icicles out of their whiskers.

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The plumbers are very busy this week. The price for looking at a frozen water pipe this winter will be six dollars and nine cents—a reduction of one cent from last year's schedule, which will be much appreciated by their customers in these hard times.

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LOCH LOMOND, Nov. 16—(Special)—The frost does not interfere at all with the work on Sec. 2 of the waterworks. Whenever a chill strikes in, the engineer and contractors exchange a few expressions of mutual regard, and things warm up at once.

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WEST SIDE READER:—The street railway company will erect shelters at their Carleton terminus and the farther end of the Suspension bridge next July. If they were built now people would use them.

REV. H. MONTGOMERY APPOINTED CANON

Is Chosen in Succession to Late Canon Roberts IN THE CATHEDRAL

Fredericton Agricultural Society Decide Upon Dates for Next Exhibition---Revenue from Game Licenses Is $19,000—More Resident Sportsmen Out This Year.

FREDERICTON, N.B., Nov. 16—(Special)—At a meeting of the Fredericton Deanery last evening Rev. H. Montgomery of Kingsclear was appointed canon of Christ church cathedral in succession to the late Rev. Canon Roberts.

It was announced at the crown land office that the total receipts from the sale of game licenses is slightly in excess of $19,000. The license fee charged non-resident sportsmen this year was $50. Last year, with a fee of $30, $16,000 was collected. The returns indicate a falling off in the number of non-resident sportsmen this season and an increase in the number of resident sportsmen.

The weather moderated considerably here last night, and the ice in the river is fast going to pieces. Snow fell early this morning, followed later by rain.

The late Mrs. E. W. Miller died possessed of considerable property the bulk of which it is understood is bequeathed to the heirs of the late E. Byron Winslow.

The Scott Lumber Company have opened an office in the Whitehead building near the Queen hotel.

A meeting of the executive of the agricultural society was held this morning but no financial statement in connection with the late exhibition has been given out. It is understood there will be a small surplus. It was decided to hold the next exhibition from Sept 23rd. to 29th, 1907.

Principal Hughes of Regent street school is quite ill from an attack of pneumonia.

The attorney general finished his argument in the Cushing case this morning, and was followed by Mr. Currey. When court adjourned at noon H. A. Powell was replying to the latter. The argument will be finished this afternoon and the St. John Pilot Commissioners' case will be taken up.

Wm. J. Noble, who lumbers in northern Maine for George S. Cushing, arrived home yesterday for a few days. He reports eleven inches of snow in the woods. The water in the river here fell five inches last night.

CONDITIONS ON THE RIVER

Ice Considerably Broken up by Last Night's Rain and the River is Open Again.

A great deal of the river ice having been broken up by the rain and a strong southerly wind, the river is again open.

The Pokanoket left this morning on her usual trip, the Crystal Stream sailed an hour later than her schedule time as it was expected to run only as far as the Narrows. The Elaine arrived this morning and will sail again at four o'clock this afternoon. The Hampstead had not arrived up to 1.15 o'clock but was expected momentarily. The Clifton arrived at ten o'clock yesterday and will probably make another trip Saturday, after which it is understood she will go into winter quarters. The Beatrice E. Waring also left this morning on her usual trip to the Belleisle. Reports from Wickham say that snow fell there last night.

The Majestic arrived at Indiantown about 2.15 this afternoon and will likely go into winter quarters.

PROBATE COURT

In the probate court yesterday a citation issued in the estate of David Lynch at the instance of Thomas Ferguson, a creditor of the estate, calling upon Mrs. Mary A. Lynch, widow of the deceased, to show cause why the will of her late husband should not be probated by her, or why letters of administration should not be granted to the petitioner. The citation is returnable on Dec. 11. W. H. Trueman, proctor.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning Robert Cowan was fined $4 for drunkenness. Cowan belongs to Montreal, but has of late been working at the waterworks. Yesterday afternoon, armed with $6, he came to the city to get a pair of boots, and this morning he had neither money nor boots.

THE QUINN MURDER

MONTREAL, Nov. 16—(Special)—A note found in a corked bottle by the police today may, it is thought, throw some light on the murder of Helen Quinn a few months ago in a suburb and which yet remains a mystery. The note reads: "Miss Quinn discharge Protestant Hospital for insane get engineers to apply terrible force and get Thompson discharged. Dine fireman Jamieson. Manager Laurie discharged. Sweeny, Centre street get him murdered."

Detectives are seeking a clue.

THE NEPTUNES' BALL

A large number of acceptances have been received for the annual ball of the Neptune Rowing Club and it is expected that there will be about two hundred and fifty guests at the assembly rooms of the York Theatre this evening. The rooms are being handsomely decorated for the occasion and it is expected that tonight's function will be one of the pleasantest and most successful which the rowing club boys have ever held. The music will be furnished by Jones' orchestra.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

MONTREAL, Nov. 16—(Special)—Peter Meany of St. Henri attempted suicide this morning. He had watched by the bedside of his sick mother all night, and in a fit of nervous depression went to a bureau drawer, secured a razor and severed his windpipe. He will likely recover.

GOT SEVEN YEARS

HAMILTON, Nov. 6 (Special)—Hillhouse Brown, defaulting manager of the Bank of Hamilton's city branch, this morning pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in Kingston penitentiary.

Mrs. H. S. Bridges returned from Cambridge (Mass.) today.

LATE LOCALS

Schooner Domain has arrived with 2800 bags of fertilizer for P. Nase & Sons, which will be distributed through Kings and Queens counties in the early spring.

The case against the Assyrians for fighting in their colony on Erin street on Saturday last will be resumed in the police court this afternoon.

The fish market is well supplied today, there being an abundance of all seasonable fish. Cod, shad, halibut, mackerel, and dore are bringing their regular prices, while herring (Newfoundland) are bringing 12c.

Reverends Dr. G. O. Gates, D. Long, P. J. Stackhouse and A. J. Prosser, and Jas. Patterson, left on the noon train today for Havelock, where they will attend the meeting of the sixth district Baptist convention which opens tonight.

STREET RAILWAY'S ANSWER GIVEN TO HIGHWAY BOARD

Say Line Will Be Extended Into Fairville if the Conditions Which Prevailed When J. Morris Robinson Made the Agreement Are Restored.

At a meeting of the directors of the St. John Street Railway Co. yesterday afternoon, the proposition of the Lancaster Highway Board to remove the snow from the streets was considered, and the following reply, which is self-explanatory, was mailed last evening to Geo. R. Vincent, county secretary:—

George R. Vincent, Esq., Secretary Municipality City and County of Saint John, Saint John, N. B.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the executive committee of the Saint John Railway Company to state in answer to your letter of the 24th October, that it would be idle to take up with the Highway Board negotiations respecting the extension to Fairville unless the question of the repeal of the law imposing a penalty of $500 for every refusal or neglect to carry out the orders of the Highway Board is also to be considered.

This part of the act is, in the opinion of our board, most objectionable and oppressive. It does not, as you appear to think, apply only to orders for removal of snow, but to orders for repairs, etc.

The law as it now stands, allows the Highway Board to recover against our company whatever sum of money may be expended for repairs of highways, or the removal of snow, where such expenditure is rendered necessary by failure of our company to make necessary repairs to the highways or to remove the snow therefrom.

Why, in addition to this, do you want the power to enforce a penalty of $500, recoverable on summary conviction for failure or neglect to obey any orders the board may give? Would any business corporation or business man enter into a contract with such a penalty attached, or where it could be enforced?

I am also directed to call your attention to the resolution passed by the board of directors of this company on the 26th September last, copy of which was sent to you. In that resolution it was stated that our directors would give orders for the construction of the railway to Barnhill's Corner, Fairville, the work to be completed this fall, provided the Highway Board would pass a resolution favoring the repeal of all that part of the act passed at the last session of the legislature relating to street railways in the county of Saint John, so that the law would be the same as it was when the understanding respecting said extension was arrived at between Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lowell. Besides the penalty mentioned above, the law requires the removal of snow down to four inches, which is admittedly absurd.

Our directors are desirous of making an equitable and fair agreement with the Highway Board and are prepared to meet your board at any time to consider this matter.

Yours truly,
W. Z. EARLE, Manager.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 15.

Mr. Vincent when seen this morning in reference to the street railway company's letter said he had just received their reply but until it had been submitted to the highway board he could not say what action would be taken. In speaking of the letter, however, he remarked that there was nothing new in it, but simply a rehash of what they have been claiming right along. He expressed the opinion that when the railway company had obtained permission to lay their rails to Seaside Park they had no intention of going to Fairville and all the talk on that score was simply bluff.