

PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR MARITIME PROVINCES IS PREDICTED

OPTIMISM MARKS SPEECHES AT TRAVELERS' GATHERING

Rev. R. G. Fulton Urges All Parties and Creeds to Stand Together for Full Recognition of the Rights of Atlantic Provinces

L. W. SIMMS PREDICTS GREAT FUTURE

Speakers Laud Work of A. M. Belding and Plead for Spirit of Confidence; Over 250 Drummers and Guests Enjoy Banquet and Entertainment

OPTIMISTIC messages for the immediate future of Saint John and the Maritime Provinces were given to the commercial travelers of Saint John at their annual dinner at the Admiral Beatty last night by Rev. R. G. Fulton and L. W. Simms, president of the Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association.

Greater things would be done in the Maritime, Mr. Simms said, in the next decade than had been contemplated before the war. Mr. Fulton urged all parties and creeds to stand together to obtain for this part of the country the recognition which was its right under Confederation.

More than 250 guests were present at the dinner. They assembled in the Georgian hall room at 8.30. A brief address of welcome was given by L. M. Owens, president of the Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association, who presided. After songs and orchestral selections had been enjoyed a beautiful banquet was served.

TOAST TO SAINT JOHN.
The toast to Saint John was proposed by George D. Ellis. Mr. Ellis expressed regret at the illness of Mayor Potts and hoped he would soon be at his post again. He called on his fellow travelers to sell Saint John to Canada.

Acting Mayor J. H. Frink replied. He, too, expressed regret at Mayor Potts' illness.
Saint John, he said, was a good city to live in. Some things looked black, but there were evident signs that the sun was breaking through.
The harbor of Saint John was its great asset. In 1912 the government had been bending every effort to develop it. A feeling of optimism was evident. Then came the war. Practically nothing had been done since 1916. This was caused by the depletion of the resources of the country since the war. He thought the city would now receive more consideration.

ACTION DEMANDED.
Lately the government had been called on for more vigorous action. The press had aided greatly. This potent weapon could not be used too effectively in the Maritime interests.
In closing he said that Saint John was a comparatively firm basis but that the citizens needed more unity. He called for a return to the spirit of confidence that prevailed in 1912.
Commissioner Wignome was also called upon to speak to the toast, but he escaped his responsibility by telling a funny story and sitting down under cover of the resulting laughter.

"SELL SUNSHINE."
Rev. Mr. Fulton was then introduced as the speaker of the evening. He told the audience that his address would be like the fashionable attire of the day—long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting. His speech sparkled with humor and interesting reminiscences and kept his listeners in constant laughter.
He urged them to sell sunshine. The value of sunshine was recognized by his hearers in their own lives. There were two classes of good story-tellers, commercial travelers and ministers.
"Do you mean good liars?" came a voice from the audience.
"We have to lie sometimes to get you fellows into heaven," Mr. Fulton rejoined.

Mr. Fulton said he would like to take his hat off to A. M. Belding, "the apostle of sunshine." Mr. Belding had gone forth like Abraham of old. He deserved more credit than he had received. (Applause.) So did the institutions back of him. He had helped burn away the misunderstandings of other parts of Confederation and opened the way for us to get our rights.

WILL GET RIGHTS.
Our heritage was the sea, Mr. Fulton declared. We might have to buck against transportation companies to get our rights, but we would get them. The port had been built up by our citizens, when the money should have been paid by others. Confederation had been equitably applied.

We should have equitable consideration so that our heritage of the sea should bring us the recognition rightfully ours. He called on his hearers to forget small divisions and stand together, to see the factories reopened, the farms restocked and our heritage recognized. We must have unconquerable souls—we must be matters of our fate, as individuals and as a community. We must demonstrate that to the rest of Canada.

It was not true that our natural line of trade was north and south, but it might become so if this ideal was inculcated in our boys. We must have what Confederation promised. (Applause.) Then the standard of Canadian citizenship would be maintained. Mr. Fulton was heartily applauded and cheered at the conclusion of his address.

Lewis C. Armstrong proposed the toast to the Saint John Board of Trade with which he coupled the name of L. W. Simms. He referred to Mr. Simms and his associates in eulogistic terms and cheered at the conclusion of his address.

LIVE MARITIME SPIRIT.
Mr. Simms in reply said that his fellow members of the board were men anyone might well be proud to lead. Anyone attending the banquet would see that the Maritime spirit was far from dead.
Like Mr. Fulton, he referred to A. M. Belding, "Canada's greatest salesman," a figure who would go down in history. When in Winnipeg someone had made a joke of his on a sign. His face white with earnestness, Mr. Belding had said, "Gentlemen, this is no joke," and his hearers had realized it. The Maritime Province, however, must be sold to the Maritime people. We could only think truly in a Maritime way by considering ourselves as

Queen and Prince of Wales Get Box of Canadian Apples

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—The Department of Agriculture has received information from the High Commissioner's office in London to the effect that Her Majesty, the Queen, and His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, have each been

gradually pleased to accept a box of Canadian apples.
These apples were Ontario Northern Spies, grown in Western Ontario, and formed part of a shipment specially chosen by the Federal Department of Agriculture for shipment to the High Commissioner for presentation purposes.

Weddings

Charlton-Byers.
FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Dec. 29.—The wedding of Miss Vida Byers, of this place, and Ralph Charlton, of Fredericton, was quietly solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers, on Christmas Eve. The groom is a well known farmer and the bride has been a successful teacher for the past year.

Perry-Barbour.
HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 29.—A pretty home wedding took place at Riverside, Albert county, on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Hazel Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Barbour, was united in marriage to William F. Perry, B.Sc., of New Jersey, formerly of Moncton.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Munro, pastor of the United church, only immediate relatives being present. After the ceremony the newly married pair left for Moncton en route to New Jersey, where they will reside. The groom is a graduate in agriculture of Macdonald College, and some years ago was teacher of vocational work at the Riverside Consolidated School. The bride is a registered nurse and since her graduation has held a position in the McCall Memorial Hospital, Riverside.

Vail-Fanjoy.
The rectory, Lower Jemseg, was the scene of a pretty and quiet wedding on Wednesday, December 23, when the Rev. J. E. Taylor united in marriage Harry Douglas Vail and Eunice Adela Fanjoy, both of Lower Jemseg. The contracting parties, who are well known in the neighborhood, were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mott, of Campbellville, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Vail will reside at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Deaths

Harry Louis Odell.
After an illness extending over two years Harry Louis Odell passed away in this city at 4.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He was born in Sussex but had lived in Saint John for the last 15 years. He was employed as a brakeman on the C. N. R. and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway and Trainmen as well as a member of the New Brunswick Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and of the Doves. He served overseas during the war for four years as a member of the 2nd Division Ammunition Column. Mr. Odell had a wide circle of friends and was very highly regarded by all his associates. He is survived by his widowed mother, Mrs. Lydia Odell, three brothers and eight sisters. The brothers are John, of Sussex; Fred, of Somerville, Mass., and Herbert, of this city. The sisters are Mrs. L. W. Sutherland, of Halifax; Mrs. Charles Strothard, of Temperance Vale, N. B.; Mrs. Edward Fleming and Mrs. E. Paulson, of Kennebec, N. S.; Mrs. Veno, of Dorchester, Mass.; the Misses Sallie and Minnie, in Dorchester, Mass., and Miss Stella, at home.

The funeral service will take place on Thursday morning at 11.30 at his late residence, 64 Winter street, and the body will be taken to Sussex for interment.

RELIEF BODIES TO CONFER NEXT WEEK

Matter of Central Administration of Work in Saint John to be Discussed
It is expected that the conference of representatives of all the relief organizations in the city will be called by the Associated Charities some time next week after the return of W. Shivers, the president.
This conference was decided upon at the annual meeting of the Associated Charities some time ago when A. M. Rowan, commissioner for the poor, brought forward the suggestion that all relief grants for relief should be pooled and administered from one central office.

During the Christmas season there was splendid co-operation in the matter of checking up of lists, it was said yesterday. Duplication of donations was prevented by the various clergymen and organizations submitting their lists to the secretary of the association. It is believed that there was Christmas cheer provided for every home in the city.

RAPS SAFETY FIRST AS APPLIED TO JOB

If No Opening in Old Country, Go to Colonies, Says Montague
LONDON, Dec. 29.—"It is better to be a pioneer than a postman," declared Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, presenting prizes to students of the Northampton Polytechnic Institute, Clerkenwell.

Passages from his speech were: "Safety first" is a silly phrase. It may be all very well when you are crossing the road and find a tramway-car on one side, an omnibus on the other, a motor-cycle behind and a cart full

SAYS 20 YEARS CAN BE ADDED TO LIFE

Millbank Memorial Fund Secretary Tells of Experiments in New York State

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Twenty years can be added to the average life within the next half century, according to John A. Kingsbury, secretary of the Millbank Memorial fund, which has conducted experiments in health tests in city and rural districts of New York State with the \$2,000,000 fund at its disposal for this purpose. The report of the fund shows decreases in deaths and sickness as the result of the tests. The infant mortality rate in Cattaraugus County has decreased under the tests from 88 per 1,000 births in 1923 to 65 per 1,000 in 1924, while the general death rate for the latter period was 12.8 per 1,000 of population, as against 14.4 in 1923. The board of supervisors of the county have been so encouraged by this progress that they

Kiss and Wedding Cake Are Awaiting Sentimental Thief

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—There is one lovable, soft-hearted, sentimental thief in New York, says Mrs. Frank Rubens, and she'll give him a piece of wedding cake, a glass of very old grape juice and a kiss if he will visit her, even though he stole \$20 and kept it. She will give him the kiss even though she needs the \$20, for she was married last night.
Deborah Braunstein, of 156 Livingston street, planned to be married to Frank Rubens, and her brother, Jack, to Jennie Pollack, of 158 Delancey street, the double wedding to be at Congregation Beth Medrish Hagadol at 59 Norfolk street. The two couples invited 1,000 guests.
In the crowds of New York De-

Spends 60 Years At His Second Job

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 28.—W. J. Bohon, 88, for 60 years a hat salesman for the Mendall Hat Company, Cincinnati, lost his first job, but is still at his second.
Bohon's first job was under General John Hunt Morgan, noted border raider of the Civil War. He lost his job when he was captured by Union troops at Mr. Sterling, Ky., in 1865.
Immediately after the war Bohon took his present job of selling hats. "It's one business where a fellow not only uses his own head but the other fellow's, too," Bohon said.

One Woman Among 200 Dinner Guests

LONDON, Dec. 28.—At the Brooklands Racing Club dinner, recently held at the Royal Automobile Club, there were 200 guests — 199 men and one woman. The Earl of Bickenham was the guest of honor. The only woman diner was Miss V. Corderey, a skilled racing driver.

Stores Open 8.30 a. m., Close 6 p. m.



Interesting Coat Reductions Buy Now!

This Clearance of Winter Coats represents some of the best values we have ever offered and allows you to enjoy most unusual savings.
The models are all smart, many of them conservative styles which will be suitable for next winter's wearing.
The Cloths are of excellent quality in Suedene, Duvelty, in the most desirable colors. Many of them are luxuriously trimmed in furs, modishly applied and most flattering.

Values to \$35.00 for	\$19.50
Values to \$39.75 for	\$25.00
Values from \$55.00 to \$69.50 for	\$49.50
(Mantle Dept., 2nd floor.)	



Why Not a Satin Hat With Your New Fur Coat?

We all know that Hats are a woman's chief delight and the more she has the happier she'll be; just at this time when the velvet hat has lost its first freshness. A clever little hat of satin would be very useful. A number of chic little models of satin and lace, satin and metal cloth, others with crowns of colored brocade or a combination of satin and velvet with a touch of gold are being shown. Many are close fitting but the larger hat is for formal occasions.
(Millinery Salon, 2nd floor.)

After Christmas Sale Greatly Reduced Prices

A rare opportunity for thrifty shoppers to select from a large assortment of desirable materials in usable lengths.
These remnants include Bathrobe Velours, Fleece-down Flannels, Pajama Cloths, Lingerie Crepes, Novelty Voiles, Kiddie Cloth, Shirtings, etc.
Do not miss these Bargains in Wash Goods Department.
(Wash goods Dept., ground floor.)

A Seasonable Sale

WHITE AND STRIPED FLANNELLETTE. COLD WEATHER NECESSITIES
24 in. White Flannelette, soft finish 18c
27 in. White Flannelette, soft finish 21c
29 in. White Flannelette, soft finish 25c
34 in. White Flannelette, soft finish 27c
ENGLISH PAJAMA FLANNELLETTE
34 in. wide, special values in 10 yd. lengths. A splendid assortment to select from. Two prices—
10 yards for \$2.95
10 yards for \$3.20
COMFORT BATTING
In 2 pound rolls. Quilt size. 85c a roll
Striped Flannelettes in a Variety of Good Colorings
27 in. wide 20c yd
30 in. wide 25c yd
36 in. wide 27c yd
(Linen Room, ground floor.)

Women's Gauntlet Wool Gloves Special Price, 85c a Pair

A splendid glove for present wear—Skating, Snowshoeing and all winter sports. Colors: Fawn, grey and heath-ers. Only 85c pair.
Heavy Weight Chamousette Gloves in slip-on style. Colors: Beaver, grey, fawn, black and white. All sizes. A nice winter glove for general wear. Special price \$1 a pair
(Glove Dept., ground floor.)

French Sport Flannels

Another shipment of this very desirable material has just been received in the following colors: Heliop, powder blue, newport blue, navy, scarlet, almond green, rust, henna, cocoa brown, reindeer, brown, dark sand, fawn and pansy in both plain and Kasha finish.
(Wash goods Dept., ground floor.)

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