DAUGHTER WRITES OF FOUNDER OF

"The work has been commenced and will be pressed forward rapidly. Advertisement for tenders for the other portion of the building will be made in a few days and the committee hopes to have the building ready for occupation on the first of May next. The building committee are, Messrs. Wm. Welsh, John Stewart, H. B. White, John E. Irvine, E. McLeod, G. Berteaux, W. H. Fairall and Joshua Clawson. The first five gentlemen named, together with T. W. Daniel and Isaac Burpee, are the trustees under the Act of Incorporation. (A lot was purchased from Mr. Archibald Sinclair). The building will be 50x80, with a passage of 9 feet reserved as an entrance to a lot in the rear. There will be two stores on the ground floor, 11x50 and 17x77, with good cellars. The main entrance will be 8 feet wide. The apartments for the use of the association will consist of a lecture hall, class room, parlor, committee room, office, gymnasium, dressing room, baths, etc. With the many questionable places of resort open in the city, the great need of such a building as the one now being erected, must be obvious to everyone who has the welfare of our young men at heart."

heart."

My father, Wm. Welsh, was president of the association, which office he held for six years until his departure for England and was without question the founder of the Y. M. C. A. of St. John, as it is today, a permanent institution in the city. His labors in the cause were unceasing. He devoted so much time to the work that he would find it necessary to spend the early morning hours, frequently till two and three o'clock, at his desk in his office, to accomplish his duties in connection with his shipping business; the shipyards being on the Marsh Road. The Smallpox Days.

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When the smallpox epidemic raged in St. John and many of the merchants left the city with their families to escape infection, and worked deadly to relieve the awful suffering in the community, sending food to the homes of the afflicted, often taking it there himself and caring for the burial of the dead. Frequently an pndertaker would say: "Mr. Welsh that man died of black smallpox, I cannot bury him," and would rush from the house leaving my father alone with the dead, and he would have to find another undertaker to complete the task of burial and would then accompany the body to the grave, the only mourner. To quote from the words of the Rev. Dr. Hutchins of Brooklyn, New York, at the time of my father's death:

"I used to see a manly form sitting among you, the form of one we were all glad to see; a noble, kindly, accomplished Christian gentleman who did you and your pastor and me, much good. I feel very sad when I think that Mr. Welsh is gone. He belonged to a rare class of men."

Again I quote from a letter written to my father in 1886, from a great friend of his in England. It is a word picture:

"I fancy I see you standing up to

picture:

"I fancy I see you standing up to him in your intent, earnest way, looking him right in the eye with those bright orbs of yours, the words coming right from your heart. Who could re-

with an overwhelming desire to establish a Y. M. C. A. in St. John that would be a permanent institution, a monument to the city and one that neither time nor change would ever despoil.

Having heard of the progress of a Having heard of the progress of a Y. M. C. A. in Halifax, Wm. Welsh, with a group of other gentlemen, attended a convention held there and upon their return, my father, with his determination further strengthened, called a meeting in St. David's church school room and the present organization was effected. At this time the young men were meeting in a room that I believe was in a building located in what was called Horner's Corner.

Charlotte Street Building.

With the assistance of earnest workers, my father then began a crusade to raise funds for the project. Concerts were given at which some of the finest artists in the city participated, donating their services to the cause; bazzars were held and a large amount of money was subscribed, many leading citizens promising substantial aid. A building committee was appointed and a contract signed with Messrs D and T. Sullivan, for excavating for the cellar and drain and for building the foundation walls for their new building in Charlotte street. To quote further from the newspaper record before me:

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A splendid address,

D. M. Stearns and many others. Many handsome silver gifts, all bearing inscriptions, were presented to Wm. Welsh, also albums containing many portraits. Addresses were also presented to him by markingly averaged to him OUR Y. N. C.A., MEMORIAL SUGGESTED

Sented to him by practically every church and Christian society in the city. Upon his departure from their midst, the wharf was crowded by St. John citizens, most of whom were in tears, and many were purchasing his photographs from an enterprising citi-photographs from an enterprising citi-photograp

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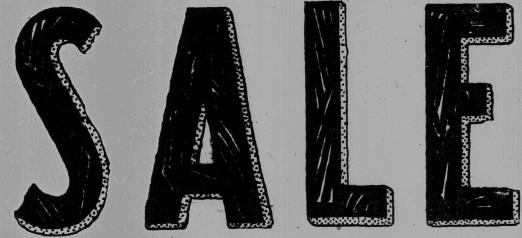
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