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MAKING WAY FOR CITY EXPANSION

Interesting Details in Commissioner Frink's Report

Prospects for Townsite on the Rifle Range and Millidgeville Avenue Properties—New Asphalt Plant and Site Proposed—Criticism of Park Work.

The following is the report of Dr. J. H. Frink, commissioner of public works, which was presented at this morning's committee meeting of the common council.

St. John, N. B., March 22, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit my first annual report as commissioner of public works. Also attached to this report will be that of the engineer, Mr. Hatfield, and the street superintendent, Mr. Price. The reports of these gentlemen contain a great deal of detail matter which is of considerable value and it will be unnecessary for me to recapitulate the amount of work done and the condition of the different plants, etc., etc., but I will confine myself to matters which have a somewhat different bearing.

The work of this department is comprised under the following heads: Streets and roadways, parks and playgrounds, and during the year these have received considerable attention, and I trust with some degree of satisfaction to the citizens.

Permanent construction was undertaken on city road last year and completed the first week in November. This is a part of the policy to connect up existing paved streets and make a continuous pavement eventually from the One Mile House to the Suspension Bridge. The addition of Douglas street to the paved area, which will be undertaken this year, will complete the link excepting that portion from Haymarket Square to the One Mile House.

An exceptionally large programme was submitted to the council, and met not only with their approval but with the approval of a large number of citizens and public bodies who are working along with the betterment of the city; but owing to the financial and commercial markets this programme no doubt will have to be considerably cut down for this year. The high rate of interest on the bonds which are issued to meet the cost of this work, together with the sinking fund attached, in some cases amounting to four per cent per annum, in addition to a six per cent rate for the bonds, in some cases brings the rate of interest up to ten and even eleven per cent, which is a considerable amount when it is remembered that within a comparatively few years money in any quantity was readily obtainable in St. John at 3 1/2 and four per cent interest.

It has been clearly understood why a great deal of caution should be exercised in committing the city to large capital expenditures with their obligations for an extended period of years.

It was contemplated to take up the question of paving Brussels street, a very important and much traveled thoroughfare, and I will at an early date submit for your approval plans and specifications for paving this street this year.

Looking Towards Expansion.

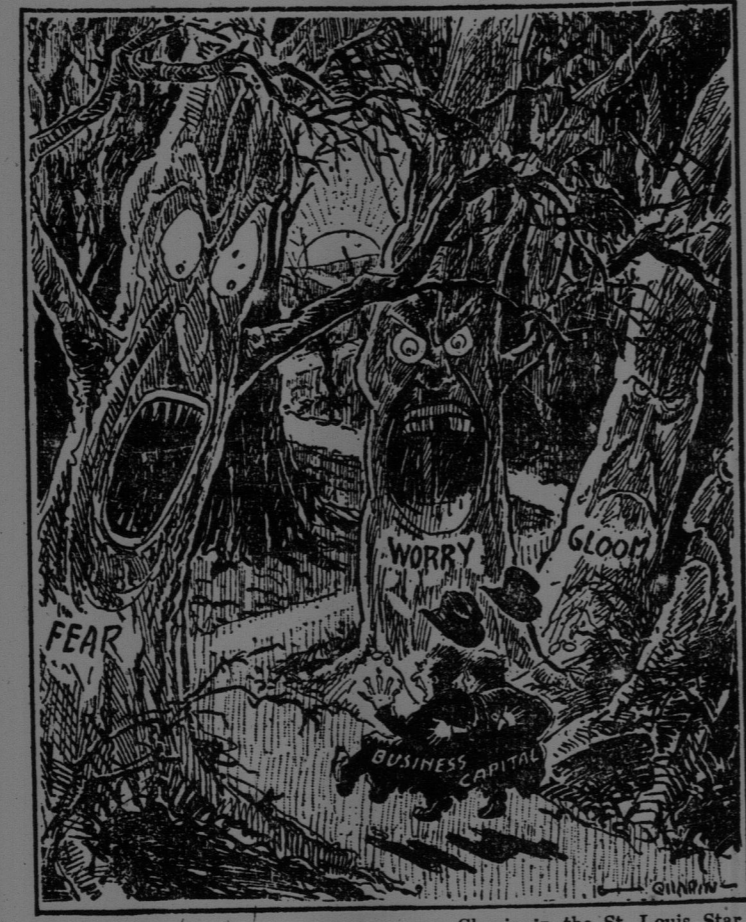
It has been a part of my policy since accepting office as commissioner to develop areas capable of being built upon, easily accessible and suitable for residential districts or for commercial establishments, and I have devoted considerable energy to the development of that area which opens the only avenue for easy and profitable construction—bearing in mind all the time the necessity of creating opportunities to obtain additional taxable values upon which our existence as a city depends. Early in the year advances were made to the Dominion government for the purchase of that piece of property in Lansdowne ward known as the "rifle range," which piece of property is the key to profitable development in the northern area of the city and particularly in Stanley ward.

The rifle range was acquired by expropriation in 1902 by the Dominion government at an expense approximately of \$180,000, and comprises about forty acres, being 4,700 feet in length, and 820,000 feet in width. This offer the department of militia and defense declined for this property. It is my intention to re-negotiate with the Dominion government the parcel of land. If acquired, it will not only open up a large area for development, but will provide ample room for an avenue six-six feet in width from the rear of St. Luke's church to the crown files, the range as straight as the stretch to Millidgeville avenue, and, if necessary or expedient, by a longer stretch to the Sandy Point road at or near Pedersen's. This is a remarkably easy proposition from a constructional point of view. Opportunity again opens for an additional roadway through the ravine northwest of the Purdy lime quarries. The claim that the City of Saint John has no opportunity for expansion, except by proceeding within the county is utterly shattered, as there is ample room and excellent facilities for the establishment of a city much greater in area than now occupied by the city as it is.

To proceed with this plan or policy of development it was essential that the area known as the Shamrock Grounds should be secured. Negotiations to that end were successfully concluded at a very moderate cost, and on this property

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—Chapin in the St. Louis Star.

was found a large reef of rock of the highest quality for road metal. A quarry has been established here and is now in operation, which will serve not only as a source of supply for macadam streets and roads, but will provide a source of supply for the base of the avenue which it is hoped to construct in the immediate future. Suitable and economical acquisition of this ground is fully justified. The purchase by the city of an area from Messrs. Armstrong & Bruce for recreation purposes reinforces the argument for the possession of the rifle range.

Authority having been issued by common council for a survey on Millidgeville avenue, in order to reduce the curves, and cut out the sinuous track which served as a road from the Hopewell Shamrock grounds. This survey has corner to Spar Cove, the survey has been completed and an estimate of cost was made for this work and approved by council. The work is now being proceeded with and when completed, during this summer, will enable the N. B. Power Co. to extend a street railway service to Millidgeville and the power company has in no uncertain way expressed its desire to make the extension, and when made it will prove without possible doubt a profitable venture for the company and a definite advance for the city. Steam rail can easily enter this area by tunnel by an extension of Murray street at a moderate grade to the Shamrock grounds. This would enable rail connection for any industries which might be established in this area—and the rail extension made right to the St. John River. This is an easy proposition and it will take some argument to impudently claim that it is unsound and impracticable.

I have outlined a plan or policy of development. It has got beyond the stage of talk and the steam has been turned on.

Sidewalks.

These, with the exception of a few thousand feet, are entirely of asphalt construction. A considerable amount of money is judiciously spent in their construction and a like amount expended in the maintenance of them. In many cases positively wasted. There appears to be neither justification nor sense in maintaining a sidewalk eighteen to twenty feet in width on King street east, where a five or six foot walk is ample. The same applies to many comparatively narrow residential streets, where a four foot walk is kept and maintained. The policy of your commissioner will be to reduce these wherever possible, and on comparative level areas to have new construction made with concrete flags where new construction is demanded. There can be no doubt under our climatic conditions that on streets where feet are marked, asphalt makes the best and safest sidewalk, but there is no reason why the sidewalk should be laid down with the building erected and carried to the gutter.

Asphalt Manufacturing.

A plant has been erected and placed in operation at the easterly end of Broad street. Considering the opportunities and capacity of the plant established in 1912 sufficient output has been obtained to meet the requirements of the city in general for repair and construction works but it cannot be economically operated under the existing conditions, and as asphalt will and does enter largely into street surface and sidewalk construction, the conditions must be faced and met with the installation of a modern asphalt mixing plant, the estimated cost of which is \$25,000, and with such a plant suitable receptacles must be provided for the purchase and storage of asphalt in bulk. The wisdom of this course has been strongly presented during the past few months and it was shown that in a purchase of 275 tons of asphalt at an approximate cost of \$12,000 in packages and delivered in tanks at a reduction of \$3,500. There is not much room for argument here.

There is also maintained in the same building machine and repair shop for the various machines, rollers, motor trucks and various forms of repair in metal work. The workmanship of the men employed is superior, but they are badly handicapped on account of lack of room and facilities.

Picturesque Incinerator.

There is also maintained much too close to these buildings a weird collection of tin boxes, pieces of boiler plate and a general array of backyard bric-a-brac, known as the "incinerator." The less said about it the better—and it is the plain duty of the city to install an incinerator of a modern type and that quickly to effectually neutralize and destroy one of the greatest sources of infection which the citizens have winked at so long and so persistently.

Applications have been made from time to time by private corporations to obtain this site for industrial purposes, but without avail. This property, in my opinion, has but one thing to commend it for the purposes of a public works plant, and that is the railway siding, whereby material transported by rail can be economically handled. It is situated at this point. It is situated at the extreme southeasterly part of the city and the cost of transportation from these works to the various points in the city—north and west—is very great, and the same applies to lost time in manual

CHINA'S FIGHT AGAINST FAMINE

President Starts Fund With \$100,000 Gift

Civil Servants Give Twenty Per Cent of Salaries—Build Road to Give Employment—Tag Days.

Peking, March 4.—(Associated Press correspondence.)—Never have the Chinese people and their government made greater efforts to meet a national disaster than they are now making to feed the hungry of the famine-stricken districts, say observers here.

When relief measures began, President Hsu-Shih-chang gave the first big impetus to Chinese relief measures with a contribution of \$100,000 and he has given \$30,000 to the national relief drive which has raised several hundred thousand dollars. The president's wife is a contributor to many funds.

Chinese students and numerous organizations of farmers, business men or workers in various industries have contributed their efforts to aid this drive. Twenty per cent of their salaries. Taxes on railway tickets yield a large sum monthly, all devoted to famine relief. The government is now collecting \$750,000 monthly by means of a surtax.

Chinese provincial and city governments in the region south of the famine area are providing work for the starving. The central government is building a highway eighty miles long in Shanxi and all districts in that district are given employment.

Towns and villages in every part of Manchuria have organized relief committees and a fund of \$200,000 has been raised by the residents. An entire district in the famine area has been taken over by the Manchurians for care until the next harvest.

A loan of \$4,000,000 for relief work has been floated by four Chinese banks. Merchants in Shanghai raised nearly \$5,000,000, and Chinese outside of the country have sent thousands of contributions. One rich Chinese merchant in Hongkong has contributed more than \$1,000,000. The Shang family of Shanghai has already given \$500,000. A large landowner in the famine district has mortgaged his entire property and borrowed all he can on notes, thus keeping alive a whole township.

The Chinese government is guaranteeing free transportation of supplies and relief workers, with priority for all grain shipments for the famine sufferers.

"Tag days" in this city, Hankow, Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin and Fuchow have produced funds. In Peking 400,000 persons volunteered more than \$400,000. Efforts have not stopped at organized movements. Personal sacrifice is general. Young girls have handed in their names in agreement to deny themselves certain food. Students at one of the large universities asked that all meat be taken from their meals and the money saved devoted to relief work. New Year feasts were abandoned in many parts of the republic. Vegetables and cotton are planted, and the residential palace grounds, instead of the usual rare flowers and plants.

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WORLD'S GREATEST TRADE PROJECT

British Food Ministry During and Since the War Had Turnover of Billion Pounds Sterling.

London, March 18.—(Associated Press by Mail)—The British Food Ministry during and since the war had a turnover of more than 2,000,000,000 and the ministry's net profit on it amounted to less than one tenth of one per cent. These facts are announced by the Food Controller, Mr. McCurdy, in a valdictory address recently, in which he said that for the last six months he had been engaged in liquidating this, as he described it, the "world's greatest trade corporation."

Mr. McCurdy said that the Ministry's operation had cost the taxpayers nothing and that the successive food ministers had substantially avoided making a profit at the expense of the consumer.

The Controller said that it had become possible to wind up the affairs of the Food Ministry because of the welcome break in the world's prices of food. In removing control and restrictions, he said to the people, he said, he had every evidence that food prices would continue to fall in Great Britain during the current month, and that many more times were in store for the much harassed housewife.

A NEW MAGAZINE.

Maritime Merchant: The maritime provinces are to have a new magazine, a quarterly, which is to be called the "Dalhousie Review." It will be published by the Atlantic Monthly of Boston and its promoters hope that what this remarkably influential periodical is in New England, so will the "Dalhousie Review" become in these Canadian provinces by the sea. Two Halifax men are mainly responsible for the launching of the new magazine. One is Professor H. L. Stewart of Dalhousie University; the other Dugald MacGillivray of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. And with the help of all good citizens their new undertaking we are sure, will be crowned with success. The Maritime Merchant extends its best wishes to the new venture which will understand and be formally launched in the course of the next month.

MUST HAVE FIRST AID

In a pamphlet issued in direction of Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, Ottawa, and entitled "Canada West," appears the following paragraph:—"Normal schools for the training of teachers are located at Regina and Saskatoon, and well equipped high schools are also in those cities, also at Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Mooseomin, Weyburn, North Battleford, Qu'Appelle, Carleton Place, Indian Head, Arcola, and Yorkton. One of the requirements of a teacher in Saskatchewan is that he or she hold a Certificate of First Aid work issued by the St. John Ambulance Association.

WILL FORM CLUB.

Plans are now in progress for the local speed skaters to form a skating club at Lily Lake. It is the intention, with the assistance of Joseph Tebo, to erect a clubhouse at the lake so that the local skaters will have the proper facilities for training next season if the proposed arena does not materialize. If the citizens will back up the project it is expected to build the clubhouse within the next two months. It is probable that a tag day will be held for the purpose of raising the necessary funds.

Banker's Son Is a Suicide

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Morrisburg, Ont., April 3.—Daniel Donahue, aged twenty-seven, son of R. J. Donahue, president of the National Bank of Ogdensburg (N.Y.), shot himself this morning in a room of the St. Lawrence hotel here. The bullet entered his body just above the heart. His father and brother were sent for and were at the young man's bedside when he died a few hours after the affair had taken place. Donahue came to Morrisburg last Thursday with the Ogdensburg orchestra to attend a dance and had been about town since. He had entered the hotel with a clerk and told that his father had telephoned to have him come home at once. Shortly after the delivery of the message a revolver shot was heard.

DIES ON HEARSE WHILE DRIVING IN CEMETERY

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Montreal, April 3.—Ferdinand Robert, aged 62, of 146 Dorchester street, East, a driver in the service of the Campagne des Freres Funeraires, died suddenly on his feet while driving a hearse through the Cote des Neiges cemetery on Saturday. He was hale and hearty when he started and had been chatting outside the chapel with other drivers while the funeral ceremony was going on inside. Robert later took his place on the seat of the hearse and shortly after the horses began to zig-zag along the road. On investigation he was found to be dead. Death was due to heart failure.

SIR GEORGE STANDS BY THE U. OF N. B.

Ottawa, April 3.—Speeches by Sir George Foster and others featured the banquet given last night in the House of Commons restaurant by the Ottawa branch of the McGill University graduates.

Sir George Foster said: "I take off my hat to McGill. It is a large and, I believe, a respectable institution. Laughing. But for me there is but one alma mater, the little university that resides near the city of Fredericton in New Brunswick. In the early days not a single skirt flaunted itself in my alma mater. I stand for the small university. Did you something for a man that the big universities do not?"

TWO ARE HELD FOR WOMAN'S MURDER

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, April 3.—Two persons, husband and wife, were arrested today charged with the murder of Mrs. Catherine Trotta, a widow of Brooklyn, following the discovery last evening of her body at the edge of a small pond. Those arrested were Mrs. Caroline Verderosa, a seventeen-year-old step-daughter of the dead woman, and her husband Luciano, twenty-eight.

HALIFAX MERCHANT IS OUT \$25,000

Halifax, April 3.—Seven persons are under arrest in connection with the alleged theft of goods from Robert Simpson's store here. The value of missing merchandise is nearly \$25,000. All those arrested average around twenty years. In most cases it is their first offense, and they are members of good families of this city.

As these thefts have extended over a long period it is possible that many more may be implicated before the investigation being conducted by Detective Reynolds is concluded.

TEN DAYS FOR SPEEDING FOR MOTION PICTURE STAR

Los Angeles, Cal., April 4.—Bebe Daniels, motion picture star, was found guilty of speeding by a jury in Judge Cox's Court at Santa Ana and sentenced to ten days in jail. A motion picture for a new trial by Miss Daniels' attorney was denied by Judge Cox, who then imposed the jail sentence.

C. N. R. WAGES

Ottawa, April 3.—Asserting that wages increases to employees of Canadian National Railways have approximated only 16 per cent, while operating revenue has increased nearly 19 per cent, A. H. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, has issued a statement in which he maintains that the attempt to fix the blame upon labor for the huge deficit in the operation of government railways has signally failed.

SCORES WINNING GOAL AFTER 28-MILE WALK

Girl Hockey Player of Cochrane Is No Waiting.

Cochrane, April 4.—It takes more than a missed train to daunt the spirits of the athletic ladies of this town. The members of Cochrane ladies' hockey team went to Troquois Falls to play with their sister towns but the captain arrived too late to accompany the other members of the party. Nothing daunted, the young lady walked to Porcupine Junction, a distance of twenty-eight miles, got a train, and arrived at the falls and helped her team to win by scoring the only goal of the game.

U.S. Steel Co. To Cut Wages

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Gary, Ind., April 3.—A twenty per cent reduction of wages and the eight-hour day will be put into effect by the United States Steel Corporation about the middle of this month, according to unofficial notices from the local offices of his corporation.

About thirty thousand men are employed in the company's plants when they are running full time, but it is not known just how many men are at work just now. Installation of the eight-hour-day would mean that ten thousand additional men would be required to run the plants at full speed.

OLD MINSTREL DEAD

Columbus, O., April 3.—Alfred Griffin ("Al G. Field"), famous minstrel, died at his home here today, his death resulting from bright's disease. He was 79 years old.

The Soul of the Advertisement

Granted an arresting headline, the art of writing a retail advertisement is just the ability to say one's say intelligently, in logical order, and, above all, naturally.

No "literary gift"—no flowery language—is necessary. The best copy is the earnest, over-the-counter talk you would give to a customer.

In other words, put yourself—your soul—into your writing.

Grammar is useful, but not indispensable. It doesn't make or break the advertisement. It is your own earnestness and conviction that makes people believe and respond to what you say.

You will find, as you devote more attention to your advertising, that it will return you dividends of pleasure as well as of profit. As time passes, customers will notice an omission and speak to you about it. This experience is not imaginary. It is a fact—as many merchants and publishers will testify.

One of the most enjoyable things you can do is to spend an hour or so a few evenings a week thinking out a well-balanced daily newspaper advertising campaign for your store and your merchandise. And, having thought it out, carry it through regardless of other people's opinions or whims.

You have three of the best trading months ahead. Do, then, as we suggest, and watch results.

Issued by the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association, Head Office—Toronto. L. A. 11

Advertisement for Philip Morris cigarettes. Includes text: "Every Sense will tell You", "Call for PHILIP MORRIS", "LONDON & VIRGINIA CIGARETTES", and "10 for 15 cents".