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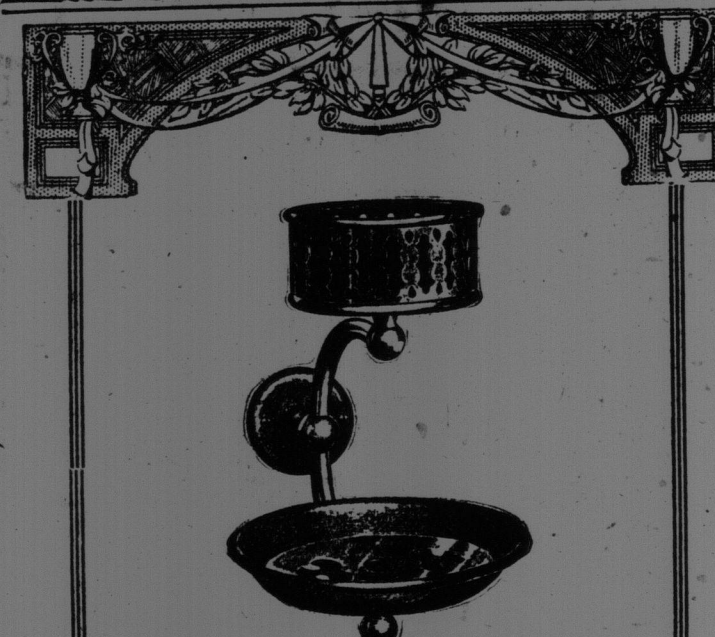
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SAYS BRIGHTER ON NORTH SHORE

H. G. Millican Brings Optimistic Report to City From That Section.

That the outlook on the North Shore was brighter than it had been for some time was the cheering message brought to the city by H. G. Millican, manager of the Campbellton branch of Baird and Peters Ltd., who is spending a few days in the city. He said that business in general was much better than it was at the same time last year and there seemed to be a feeling of optimism in the air.

The fishing on the North Shore had been good and the prices realized for the catch fairly high, which had resulted in placing a lot of money in circulation. There had been a good season in the woods and all the men were planning for a big cut this summer, all of which had a favorable effect on general business.

Mr. Millican has been located in Campbellton for the last seventeen years and has his finger pretty well on the business pulse of that part of the province. He said the business men felt the period of depression was about over and things from now on would show a betterment.

PLANS FOR Y.M.C.A. DRIVE COMPLETED

Organization Perfected at Meeting Last Evening—Canvass on 12th.

At a meeting held last evening, organization was completed for a one-day drive for funds, to complete the work of the Y. M. C. A. for 1924—so that the association may close its books without a deficit. High hopes of success were voiced by those in charge of the effort.

This event comes annually, and the amount asked for this year is exactly the same as last. An interesting pamphlet has been mailed to all supporters of the organization in the city, showing the financial requirements. The budget for the fiscal year is \$21,800, with an estimated revenue of \$12,800 from memberships, dormitories and other sources, leaving a balance of \$9,000 to be raised by subscription. This was reduced during the year by \$1,000—a bequest from the estate of the late Sir Leonard Tilley.

Judging from the enthusiasm displayed at the meeting last evening, the workers are determined to go over the top on the 12th.

The committee in charge is composed of: R. S. Stephenson, chairman, and the following district captains and committee: Stanley Webb, George J. Smith, John McKinnon, Alex. MacKenzie, Black, George L. Warwick, T. B. Simpson, S. E. Fisher, F. T. Barbour, W. R. Pearce, Harold Partridge, Harold Vincent, George H. Peacock, E. Clinton Brown.

HELD ONE TICKET; WON AUTOMOBILE

E. K. Morrison, Teller in Provincial Bank, Captured Gray Dort.

E. K. Morrison, receiving teller at the Provincial Bank, 1000 Main street, is the owner of a new Gray Dort automobile today because he held ticket No. 5893 in connection with the drawing in aid of the extension plans at the St. John Infirmary. The drawing was in charge of J. Harry Driscoll, who was assisted by Frank McCafferty. It took place on the Imperial stage just after the first performance last evening before a large and much interested gathering.

Mr. Hancock of Halifax, a Canadian Drug Company traveler, who responded to a general invitation for one from the audience to assist the committee, placed all the tickets in a churn on the stage and one was drawn out by Weldon Weyman of Horsfield street, a boy who also had been picked from the audience.

Mr. Morrison, the winner, is receiving teller at the Provincial Bank. He belongs to Brownsbury, Quebec. The bank staff purchased a book of the tickets some time ago and divided them among the members. Mr. Morrison's proved the lucky one. He was being heartily congratulated today.

REALIZED \$50

The W. M. S. of the Carleton Methodist Church met last evening at the home of Mrs. O. Beattie, Mrs. George Barrett, the president, was in the chair. Mrs. C. H. Byles conducted devotional service. Mrs. Pollansby of Newcastle, Mrs. Alfred Barley and Mrs. Beattie offered prayer. Mrs. W. H. Rowley reported that \$50 had been realized from a Japanese tea, held by the Mission Band on Saturday afternoon. The W. M. S. donated \$12 for the Armenian Relief Work. A chapter from the Study Book "Building a Nation" was conducted by Mrs. Bernard Holder.

SEWING CIRCLE MET

The Sewing Circle of Fairville Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Stevens last evening and engaged in sewing. A social hour was spent and Mrs. Carl Cunningham, Mrs. C. B. Black, assisted by Mrs. Stevens and Miss Sadie Stevens, served refreshments. Those present were Mrs. Harry Kientend, Mrs. J. Gillant, Mrs. Robert Thorne, Mrs. Allan Thorne, Mrs. Thomas Kerrigan, Mrs. George Curry, Mrs. Harry McLaughlin, Mrs. H. A. Roby, Mrs. Clifford Clark, Mrs. Walter Ross, Mrs. H. Beveridge, Mrs. Carl Cunningham, Mrs. C. B. Black, Mrs. Wm. Syme, Mrs. P. McClaskey and Miss Lila Mason.

LOCAL NEWS

FUNERAL ON THURSDAY.

The funeral of William Woods will be held from his late residence, 206 Main street, at 8.45 o'clock tomorrow morning to St. Peter's church for requiem high mass.

TODAY WAS PAY DAY.

Today was the semi-monthly official pay at city hall. The sum of \$12,311.30 was paid out as follows: Perry, \$1,460; office, \$2,078.23; sundry, \$1,700.50; market, \$2,793.21; police, \$3,678.28; fire, \$2,813.38.

HAD PLEASANT EVENING.

Mrs. James Patterson, 93 Newman street, entertained a few friends at her home on Tuesday evening. Cards and dancing were enjoyed. Mrs. F. Watson played several piano solos and Douglas Thorne entertained with astorian solo. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

MC AVITY PLANT TESTED.

It was announced at the office of the Civic Power Commission this morning that by the end of the week it was expected to have more than 3,000 meters installed, as there had been 2,969 placed to date. Yesterday, the line to the McAvity plant was tried out and was reported to work satisfactorily.

J. SPROUL WILL BE CANDIDATE

James Sproul informed The Times today at noon that he would be a candidate for commissioner in the coming civic election. Mr. Sproul formerly served as alderman for six years. He represented Prince ward. He said that his chief platform would be reduction of taxes.

IS PROGRESSING WELL.

The sewing circle of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rotherly held its weekly meeting last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin, Blair, Kings county. This club, although only started a short time ago, has made great progress. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Buckley, Blair.

LAST CAR CLUB

Twenty-one members met last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mofford, 818 Charlotte street. The winners at whist were Mrs. Brigher and G. Bailey, who made a total of 298 points. Consolations were awarded to Mrs. Wambolt and A. Angell. The hostess served delectable refreshments after the third game. Another new member was voted in.

GETS BRIDGE PLAN.

Mayor Fisher received yesterday afternoon from the C. N. R. offices, Moncton, a copy of the plan of the proposed overhead bridge in Mill street and just as soon as the information in regard to the estimated cost of work is received from the Montreal office, His Worship intends to call the council together to discuss the matter in order to get quick action.

MONTRONSE HAS 805.

The C. P. O. S. liner Montrone is due at this port on Saturday from the Old Country. She is bringing 202 cabin and 608 third class passengers, a total of 805. Three special trains will carry the passengers from St. John to their various destinations throughout Canada. The Montrone is scheduled to sail on Friday of this week and will take the usual general cargo as well as a fairly large number of passengers.

ALLEY CASE CONTINUED.

Alexander Kinloch, charged with wounding and doing grievous bodily harm to Robert Sasso in an alley off Prince Edward street last week, was brought before Magistrate Henderson this morning and further remanded. His woman who, it is understood, was present during the fracas was found guilty of drunkenness and fined \$5 or two months in jail. Sasso is still confined to the hospital.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Arthur S. Connor was held this morning from her late residence, 61 Adelaide street, to St. Peter's church for high mass of requiem by Rev. Fr. Hill, C. S. R., Rev. Fr. Wood, C. S. R., deacon, and Rev. Fr. Wood, C. S. R., sub-deacon. There was a very large attendance and many spiritual and floral offerings were received. Relatives acted as pallbearers. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

HYDRO REPORT

The amount of energy generated at the Musquash plant for the week ended Saturday last was 225,000 k.w.h. It was announced at the office of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission this morning. The peak load was 2,560 kilowatts and the average load 1,242 kilowatts, the load factor being 83 per cent. The precipitation for the week was .3 inches and from November first it has been 16.94 inches.

WILL RESIDE IN TORONTO

On Friday, February 29, at Trinity church, Miss Pearl Emma Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Lottie Taylor, 70 Camden street, and Wilfred F. Byles were married by Rev. Canon Armstrong. The bride was attended by Miss Byles, sister of the groom, and the groomsmen were Harold Taylor, brother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Byles left on Monday evening for Toronto, where they will reside.

IS COMING HOME ILL.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Struan Robertson of A. Chipman Smith & Co. Ltd., Charlotte street druggists, has been taken quite seriously ill in Florida. If his condition warranted traveling, he was expected to arrive in New York today on his way home. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson went to St. Petersburg, Florida, to spend the winter. He had been in good health and news of his illness came as a shock.

HAD MISSION MEETING.

The W. M. A. S. of Victoria street Baptist church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Dunfield, 45 Victoria street, last evening. There was a good attendance. Four visitors were present. Mrs. G. MacDonald, the president, presided. Prayers were offered by Mrs. H. White, Mrs. James McKim and Mrs. MacDonald. Roll call was responded to by each member quoting a fact relating to missions. Missionary readings were given by Mrs. Hudson White, Mrs. William Purvis, Mrs. George Burke, Mrs. G. Ducey, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Dunfield and Mrs. Edmund Elapollins.

NEREPIS MILL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

McNamara Brothers' Plant is Wiped Out; Lumber is Saved.

Sixty men were thrown out of employment during last night when the portable mill of McNamara Brothers, of St. John, at Nerepis was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The loss is placed at about \$10,000 with only partial insurance.

The mill was located about three miles back of Nerepis station and had been busy all season sawing lumber and laths and it was intended to keep it running for some time yet. About midnight some of the men were awakened and found the mill in flames. Every effort was made to save it but as, to no avail as the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to extinguish them.

When it was seen that the mill itself was doomed the men turned their efforts to saving the lumber and in this they were successful. Mr. McNamara was notified early this morning of the disaster and left by the morning train for the site of the blaze. He is expected back tonight.

ST. JOHN MEN FORM N. Y. CORPORATION

W. H. Fairall and His Son and John F. Mellday Organize.

The New York Journal of Commerce publishes the following of St. John interest:—

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Mr. Fairall was a prominent business man in St. John for years and his son William W., also is well remembered here. Mr. Mellday is of St. John. The new corporation and Mr. Mellday is secretary-treasurer.

DON'T OBJECT TO THE HIGHER FARE

Transients Pay Five Cents for Ferry Trip—February Report.

The new ferry rate of five cents for transient passengers went into effect on Monday and this morning it was said by Commissioner Bullock that not one objection to the higher rate had been made yet. The people paid the five cents and passed on just as though it were the old rate. There had been some increase in the sale of books of tickets but it would be hard to tell what that would amount to until the end of the month.

The ferry receipts for February show a slight net decrease from the corresponding month of 1923. There was an increase in the number of passengers but the decrease in the team traffic wiped that out and made a deficit. The figures are: Passengers, 1923, \$2,625.91; 1924, \$2,640.37; an increase of \$14.46 in revenue and of \$908 in the number of passengers; teams, 1923, \$1,007.97; 1924, \$974.85; decrease in revenue \$33.12, in the number of teams, 619; net decrease for the month \$18.96.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "If friendly relations are to continue between us you have got to introduce me soon to a full-grown rock maple with a pall of sap at its base, and a nice wood fire and a pot of maple candy may be produced at will."

"I'll do that," said Hiram. "Hiram was talking about it last night. She said she knew you were thinking about it. The maple woods these fine days—an' I orto fetch you out soon."

"That is very kind of Mrs. Hornbeam," said the reporter. "I want you to thank her for me—and say that I have not had a meal of real pancakes for a long time. As for the sap—if it is a real rock-maple—not a white maple, mark you—I could drink a quart this moment. But for real enjoyment one wants the warm sun and the snow and the cracking old-door fire."

"You can't fetch old times—kin you?" said Hiram. "Well, sir, you come out an' I'll hitch up to a pair o' bob-sleds an' we'll make a day of it."

"I thank you," said the reporter. "You give me something to live for."

"I ain't sayin' you deserve it," said Hiram. "but me an' Hanner's alwus willin' to help a poor feller—even if he ain't what he orto be—yet, sir."

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