

BOARD OF TRADE APPROVES GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

Report of Advertising Committee Reviews Success of New Movement and Recommends Plebiscite on Question in St. John -- Adopted at Joint Meeting With Council.

The council of the Board of Trade met last evening, and decided to ask the city council to hold a plebiscite on the question of reducing its membership to a small number of salaried men, and instituting the initiative and referendum with the right of recall.

Summary of the advertising committee's report follows:— To the President and Council of the St. John Board of Trade: Gentlemen:—The Advertising Committee of the Board of Trade during the past year, in carrying on its regular committee work and endeavoring to assist in the securing of new industries, has come in contact with civic affairs on many occasions.

The "Commission" form of government was not understood and being put into practice is really misnamed, but when first put into operation and originated by the city of Galveston, about ten years ago, the Commission was appointed by the State; after that they were elected by the citizens of Galveston.

For about six years Galveston was the only city governed by five so-called Commissioners, then Des Moines and several other cities adopted the system, and Des Moines considerably improved the original idea in that it added several safeguards, viz., the initiative, referendum and recall.

Board of Control Plan. In order that the commission system may not be confused with the government by board of control, it is well to state that the control system provides for the election of a large board of aldermen and generally three controllers, sometimes elected and sometimes appointed.

Men experienced in civic government tell us that only a small proportion of the business of a city is legislative. It is nearly all executive and administrative. These duties do not require the judgment of a large legislative body, but rather prompt, businesslike action and the application of sound business judgment.

what in name in some cities, but their functions are of course the same. In cases where there are five departments, the mayor is also a commissioner of a department. Some cities have four and some five departments.

The same business principles which have stood the test of time are still adhered to, the same system of responsible government, but greatly strengthened in its foundation. There is no radical change in principle, but only a simplifying of the methods, and the recognizing of the fact that the governing of a city is a business proposition best worked out on modern business lines.

Regarding the latter part of the last alleged disadvantage in the initiative and referendum, we may say that growing public spirit will take care of that as it has done in other cities, where some officers have refused to accept any salary at all.

Best Note Too Good. We are a growing and enterprising community and in the future we shall need more than in the past, the need of all that good civic government means to the community.

Under government by commission the commissioners and mayor give all their time to the municipality and thus all of them become very conversant with the needs and requirements of the city and even have the time to look about them for opportunities to better its condition.

Hotels. Edmund Lewis, Belmont; J S Neill and wife, Halifax; Geo H Turton, Montreal; Geo J Green Adams; Mrs P Smith, New York; E B Morton and wife, Bridgewater, NS; J L Chisholm, Halifax.

Late Shipping. New York, Jan. 6.—Schr. Harold B. Cousins, St. John, N. B. New London, Jan. 6.—Schr. Vere B. Roberts, New York to St. John, N. B. Rockland, Me., Jan. 6.—Schr. Isaias K. Stetson, St. John, N. B.

Patron Russell's Sermon. The weekly sermon by Pastor Russell will appear in Monday's issue. Washington, Jan. 6.—Architects and landscape artists from practical every section of the world will be invited to submit designs for the new capital city of the Commonwealth of Australia.

CHATHAM LAD MISSING; DROWNING FEARED

Child of Robert Allen Seen Last Near Open Spot in Ice-Fraternal Societies Elect Officers.

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 6.—Robert the seven years old child of Robert Allen, strayed from his home yesterday and it is feared that he has been drowned in the post office wharf. The little fellow was not missed until early in the evening and then Mr. Allen telephoned around to various places in an effort to find him, but to no purpose.

At a meeting of Chatham Lodge, No. 45, I. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by District Deputy Grand Master William Corbett of New Brunswick: Wm. L. T. Weldon, W. L. T. Weldon, R. S. J. Loggie, S. A. H. Marquis, T. A. W. Waters, Warden; J. B. Bell, Conductor; L. H. Abbott, R. N. G. J. C. Stewart, L. S. N. G. Howard W. Fleisher, R. S. V. G. Ken McLenan, L. S. V. F.; L. L. Stewart, Chaplain; Wm. Weldon, R. S. S.; Brydone Fraser, L. S. S.; S. L. McCullough, J. P. G.; Edward Burke, O. G.; James Goodfellow, L. G. At the annual meeting of branch 202 C. M. B. A., last evening, Grand Deputy M. F. Haley installed the following officers: R. D. Walsby, R. D. Walsby, president; Dr. P. F. Duffy, 1st vice president; Thomas Fitzpatrick, 2nd vice president; Chas. A. Cassidy, Jr., recording secretary; Ed. Barry, sr., recording assistant secretary; Leo Moran, treasurer; M. F. Haley, marshal; Jas. F. Connors; guard; John Arsenault; trustees, Rev. M. O'Keefe, R. D. Walsby, B. M. Moran, Jas. Hackett, J. O. Richard, Rev. M. A. O'Keefe is chaplain.

OWNER EXONERATED IN QUARRY DISASTER

Factory Inspector Finds That Every Possible Precaution Was Taken in Livingstone Plant Where 3 Men Killed

John Kenney, factory inspector has returned from a visit of inspection to the quarries at Hillsboro, where he was summoned by the accident which killed Fred Nelson, Edward Collett and Henry Allen. It is part of Factory Inspector Kenney's duty to inspect and investigate any industrial plants where a fatality occurs and to make a report on the fatality as soon as possible. In the present case the men were killed on Dec. 16th. They were working in the Livingstone quarry where there was a split seam which could not be seen from the surface and only manifested itself after the hole had been bored for the fuse in place.

On his investigation trip the factory inspector was received with the greatest courtesy by C. J. Osman, the owner of the quarry, and given every facility for a complete inspection. He found that the industry was always attended with more or less danger, but that in the present case all the precautions were taken and that wherever there was a possibility of accident from falling rock, the supports were increased or the men removed from the danger zone. In the present case the accident was unavoidable.

Mr. Osman makes frequent visits to his quarries and consults with his foreman as to the prevention of accidents. The Livingstone quarry where the accident occurred, was worked by a sub-contractor and not by Mr. Osman himself. The system of work in this quarry, Mr. Kenney says, is similar to that carried on in the other quarries, the contractor having the authority to advise upon consultation with the foreman on any question he might think insecure, but not to interfere in the general working of the quarry. Twenty to twenty-five men are generally employed in the quarry. Mr. Kenney thinks that the most important case every possible precaution was taken.

SCOTT ACT FINES IN SUNBURY COUNTY

Fredericton Jct., Jan. 6.—On New Year's Eve Charles L. Clarke, chief superintendent of bridges on the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., closed his long official career, joining the ranks of the supernumeraries. Mr. Clarke is one of the few surviving New Brunswick railway men who are reminders of the past. Mr. Clarke's many friends and admirers on the Atlantic division tendered him a complimentary banquet at the McAdam on Tuesday night of this week, presenting him a magnificent fur lined coat, cap and gauntlets, gold headed cane and a purse of gold. Lent time should have been spent on Mr. Clarke's hands, after an active career of 30 years, the government has appointed him parish court commissioner for Gladstone vice Col. Alexander resigned. Henceforth his work will be forensic instead of mechanical and scientific. On Saturday last before Col. Alexander, was found guilty of two first offences against the Canada Temperance Act. A barrel of liquor seized at Hoyt Station two weeks ago was destroyed at the main bridge by order of Inspector Thomas on Saturday afternoon. Major Thomas has been re-appointed Scott Act Inspector for Sunbury County for the ensuing year at an increased salary.

D. F. DEWOLFE GOOD CITIZEN

Former Mayor of St. Andrews Sincerely Mourned in Native Town—Successful Business Man and Highly Respected

St. Andrews, N. B., Jan. 6.—After a comparatively brief illness, from an infectious disease, against which he fought with a degree of courage and bravery seldom displayed by human mortals, B. F. DeWolfe passed away on Wednesday night last, at his home in this town about midnight. Like every town and every community, St. Andrews is constantly being called upon to mourn the loss of prominent men and valuable citizens. It is easily within the bounds of truth to say that within the last quarter of a century this town has not lost a more valuable citizen than Mr. DeWolfe.

Some years ago Mr. DeWolfe had been conscious of falling health and had suffered from a malady which gradually undermined the vital powers and to which he succumbed in the last hours of the 4th inst. He made no complaint and kept constantly to his work, not even informing his own family of his true condition, or of the extent of his sufferings. About two months ago he was no longer able to withstand the fatal progress of his disease, he sought the aid of medical and surgical skill, only to learn that his case was hopeless and his time to live very brief.

Life History. Benjamin Fletcher DeWolfe was born in St. Andrews in June 1862, and was the second son of the late Edward DeWolfe of that town. After receiving a good education in the public schools here, he entered the employ of the late J. R. Bradford about the year 1877, who at that time carried on a large grocery trade in succession to a company that had previously done the business under the name of the "Union Store." With Mr. Bradford the subject of this sketch succeeded a very thorough business training and began what ended in a very brilliant and successful business career. After a few years as a clerk to Mr. Bradford, Mr. DeWolfe opened a store of his own on a small scale, in the shop on Water street now occupied by R. A. Stuart & Son. From there he moved to the building now owned by S. H. Rishy, a gentleman who assisted in the work of moving, at that time, now states that Mr. DeWolfe's stock in trade then consisted of one or two small express loads. Mr. DeWolfe did not continue long in a small business, and by the time he had reached the age of twenty-one he had purchased the stock in trade and good will of J. R. Bradford's business, and was proprietor of the store in which he had served his apprenticeship. In a comparatively short time the old "Union Store" prospered to such an extent that it was constantly growing business and the scope of his commercial ambitions. He then acquired the land adjoining the Bradford property and erected thereon a very extensive and constantly growing business and the store in which he had served his apprenticeship. In a comparatively short time the old "Union Store" prospered to such an extent that it was constantly growing business and the scope of his commercial ambitions. He then acquired the land adjoining the Bradford property and erected thereon a very extensive and constantly growing business and the store in which he had served his apprenticeship.

Twelve years ago Mr. DeWolfe retired from the grocery business, in which he had been extremely successful, and sold his buildings, stock and good will to Hart & Greenlaw. G. K. Greenlaw succeeded the firm of Hart & Greenlaw, and is now doing business in the store erected by Mr. DeWolfe, and which is but one of the many monuments of Mr. DeWolfe's business enterprises and success.

The late Mr. DeWolfe had married and established the Campbell and Deer Island Steamboat Company, and gave to West Isles its first steamboat connection with the mainland, and at one time owned nearly all the stock in that company. That service was inaugurated by Mr. DeWolfe with the small steamer Arbutus, and when the trade on that line demanded it, the larger steamer Viking was put on the route and is still doing service; but Mr. DeWolfe severed his connection with the company and the steamers several years ago.

While in the steamboat business Mr. DeWolfe erected, at his own cost, a large deep water wharf and warehouse for the accommodation of his steamship and other vessels. It was on this wharf that the late Mr. DeWolfe's Pacific Railway Company for a number of years was enabled to make St. Andrews a distributing point for its coal supply. Mr. DeWolfe held many important positions of trust in his native town. He was a most valued member of the board of school trustees for many years, a member of the Charlotte County council; a trustee of Greenock church, and for two years filled very ably the office of mayor of this town, from which position he retired owing to failing health. He was a member of St. Marks Lodge P. and A. M. and of Seaside Lodge K. of P. The funeral will take place on Saturday and will be conducted with Masonic honors.

QUERIES

To the Editor of The Standard. Sir,—Is it right for a minister to use his pulpit to advocate union or non-union of the churches? Is not the church a place in which to worship, and is it fair that some of those going there for that purpose should be compelled to sit and listen to a discourse, a point of view with which they are not in sympathy, and which they believe not to be for the betterment of the people? Will such a course not be likely to antagonize? Would it not be better referred to but of those who differ from them, as some have done in their pulpits, to call a special meeting for that purpose and let those and only those who care to listen attend? Yours, St. John, Jan. 6th, 1911.

Young Liberals Club. The annual meeting of the Young Liberals Club was held in the assembly rooms of the Keith theatre last evening. There was a large attendance. The meeting was called principally to

A Customer's Reasonable Wish is This Store's Pleasure DYKEMAN'S A Whitewear Sale Of Very Exceptional Values We have just received our 1911 stock of whitewear and we are placing them on sale at very low prices. White Lawn Waists. We have just received a large lot of fine lawn waists with finely embroidered and tucked fronts, with tucked sleeves set with insertion. The regular value of these waists is \$1.50 our January sale price is 99 cents. Another lot of regular \$1.25 Waists with prettily embroidered fronts, some fastening in the back; others in the front, we are placing on sale at 69 cents. See our window displays of these two specials. We have a fine display of other lawn waists ranging in price from 75 cents to \$3.50. Undershirts. A full line of these, all well made and prettily trimmed at prices ranging from 55 cents to \$4.00. We have a lot of very special sample undershirts, which we have placed at very low prices starting at 55 cents; running up to \$2.25. Gowns. A fine showing ranging in prices from 75 cents to \$4.00. A special line of gowns at \$1.00, made from fine longcloth with embroidered yoke trimmed with lace and ribbon. Drawers, prices 25c, 29c, 37 cents and up to \$1.50 a pair. F. A. DYKEMAN & CO., 59 Charlotte Street.

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Andrews, there can be no division of opinion, that the industry and progress in all that pertains to the public weal, the late Mr. DeWolfe had no peer among his contemporaries in the business life of the community. Honest and upright in all his dealings, few men enjoyed in a more marked degree the confidence of his fellow men and none could be more missed and regretted by an entire community. The late Mr. DeWolfe held many important positions of trust in his native town. He was a most valued member of the board of school trustees for many years, a member of the Charlotte County council; a trustee of Greenock church, and for two years filled very ably the office of mayor of this town, from which position he retired owing to failing health. He was a member of St. Marks Lodge P. and A. M. and of Seaside Lodge K. of P. The funeral will take place on Saturday and will be conducted with Masonic honors.

King's Daughters. The regular meeting of the King's Daughters was held yesterday afternoon when the question of celebrating the foundation of the order in this city on Jan. 15th was discussed. Owing to the short time for preparation it was decided that any observance must be of the simplest character, and it was decided to hold a prayer service in which all the city circles were requested to unite. The question of improvements in the guild rooms was also discussed, and it was decided to make additions to the electric light supply, so as to provide better light for the rooms used for the educational work. This work is progressing well under the direction of a salaried and qualified teacher. It was also decided to hold a series of mothers' meetings, the first of which will be held during next week. Nominations were also made for the officers of the local council of women.

At Opera House Today. There was another large audience at the Opera House last night when the W. S. Harbison Company pleased all present with the meta-drama entitled "A Mad Love" which is dramatized from the well-known novel, "Lady Audley's Secret." The play was very well acted, and the stage settings were excellent. It is about the best scenic production put on by the company and made a decided impression. "A Mad Love" will be repeated at tonight's performance, and the bill for today's matinee is "Hello, Bill."

OUR Opening Sale Starts Today At the New Store, 122 Mill Street We are beginning this sacrifice sale with an exceptionally large stock of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Garments, all of which will be sold at extremely low prices. Every purchaser will be sure of a bargain. Don't Fail to Attend This Great Sale Because It Means Money to You. The New York Syndicate Co., 122 Mill St.