BUILDING PERMITS CLIMBED ABOVE THREE-QUARTERS MILLION IN JULY

Bring Total for First Six Months Into Seven Figures.

The value of new buildings in St. John for which permits have been issued in 1924 went over the million dollar mark in July and is about four times as much as for the same period of 1923. The figures for July are well beyond three quarters of a million as compared with $58,050 for July 1923. The number of permits for repair work issued during July was 72 and the building inspector reports that never since he has been on the job has there been as much repair work going on as this year.

Following will be found the comparative figures for 1923 and 1924:
July 1924, $788,156; July 1923, $58,500.
The first seven months of 1924, $1,010,106; first seven months of 1923, $295,700.

The names of those taking out permits in July were:
Admiral Beatty Hotel, $666,000.
St. John, Infirmary, $8,000.
B. B. Brittain, Guilford street, two story addition to house, $1,500.
W. A. Erb, Metcalf street, two story dwelling, $8,000.
Mrs. S. C. Nase, Clarendon street, two story dwelling, $3,000.
Luther Smith, Brunswick Place, two story dwelling, $7,000.
Civic Hydro Office, Canterbury street $7,656.

BUILD WITH EYE ON GOOD DAYS AHEAD

Large Concrete Platform is Being Placed at Cold Storage Plant.

In an effort to combat the mud nuisance and improve conditions about their property, the C. P. R. have a crew of men engaged on the driveways around their freight shed off Mill street and the entire area in front of the New Brunswick Cold Storage plant off Main street. Proper grades are being established and sewers and catch basins installed to take care of the flow of water following storms. The surface of the driveways will be treated with a thick layer of crushed stone and gravel, which will be rolled into a water-bound macadam, which may later be finished with asphalt.

In addition to this work, a solid concrete platform 184 feet long and 16 feet wide is being built at the cold storage plant. It is replacing a wooden structure which has proven inadequate to stand the strain of the heavy travel necessitated by the handling of the goods from the refrigerator cars to the plant. This new platform will be sufficiently long to accommodate five standard refrigerator cars.

It has been erected with a view to the future, as it is anticipated that St. John has seen the last of the depression and that bigger and better times are in store and business conditions will soon be back to normal and may even exceed those of pre-war days.

HERE ON AUG. 9.

Flagship Calcutta Will be in St. John Harbor Till August 15th.

The schedule of visits of H. M. S. Calcutta has been received at the local Marine and Fisheries office. It includes a programme from July 18 to Oct. 4. This cruiser, which is the flagship of the commander-in-chief of the North American and West Indies squadron, will be here from Aug. 9 to 15. The programme follows: Hawke Bay, Nfld., July 18—28; St. John's, Nfld., July 29—Aug 4; Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 4—9; St. John, N. B., Aug. 9—15; Halifax, N. S., Aug. 16—29; Sydney, C. B., Aug. 24—26; Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 29—Sept. 2; Yarmouth, Sept. 4—8; Quebec, Sept. 8—15; Montreal, Sept. 16—Oct. 2; Quebec, Oct. 3—4.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE TENNIS MADE

Ten events will be played in the important Hampton-Drury Cove tennis match tomorrow afternoon at Hampton and the remaining two must be played on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week at Hampton, according to an announcement made this morning by Roy Willet, president of the Suburban Tennis League. Hampton had made arrangements to go to Moncton but the league executive ordered the match be re-played tomorrow as on the outcome of this match depends largely the question of the C. N. R. sectional championship. The matter was referred to Mr. Willet for settlement and the league president has ruled as stated.

Consequently, the matches to be played tomorrow will be as follows, according to the president: One ladies' singles, two ladies' doubles, four men's singles, two men's singles, one mixed doubles. One men's doubles and one mixed doubles might be played next week on the Hampton courts, otherwise the team at fault will forfeit these matches.

IMPROVEMENT AT LURCHER.

The Marine and Fisheries Department is making ready to install a new electric light system on the Lurcher Lightship, situated at the Lurcher Shoals, off Yarmouth, N. S. The C. G. S. Dollard left Yarmouth this morning for the Lurcher with this apparatus as well as an oil-driven plant and generator for immediate delivery. Senior radio electrician E. D. Hayman, is on board the Dollard and he will lay out the circuits and make the final preparations for the installation.

WORK IS BEGUN.

Work on the water and sewerage extension to East St. John was begun this morning by the contractors, Kane & Parker, who had quite a crew of men at work.

PROPERTY SALES

The following property transfers are announced:
G. F. A. Anderson to W. E. Gregory, property in Germain street.
W. I. Fenton, Ltd. to Frances I. Reid, property in Douglas avenue.
Trustee of Irene M. Simonds to Joseph Bourne, property in Upper Spar Cove road.
W. J. Wood to C. S. Wood, property in Simonds.

SIGN IS NEEDED AT COOPER'S CORNER

Visiting Autoists Sometimes Go Astray—Will be Attended To.

The attention of the Times-Star has been called to the fact that at the present time there is no sign at Cooper's Corner to let the visiting motorists know which is the main road to Hampton, Sussex and Moncton, and that therefore some take the Westmorland road instead of the Marsh road and have to cross over via Russell street. This street is not in good shape for motoring. For some years a sign was kept at Cooper's Corner, but it is understood was taken down when the pole on which it was placed was moved, and the New Brunswick Automobile Association will have another placed there in the immediate future.

NICE PLACE FOR SUMMER VISITORS

St. John's Average Temperature During Last Month was 60 Degrees.

The average St. John temperature during July was 60, according to an official report given out today from the Meteorological Observatory in Douglas avenue. This is considered a normal temperature for that month. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 83 and the lowest 43. One and seven-tenths inches of rain fell, the greatest amount on two days, when nine-tenths and three-tenths inches were measured. The rest came in occasional showers. In July, 1923, the average temperature was the same last month and two and one-tenth inches of rain fell. August started off well today with the mercury showing at 72 degrees.

BLASTING ON SITE OF HOTEL BEGINS

First Charge Fired Early This Morning, Clearing for Foundation.

Elaborate precautions are being taken by those in charge of the excavating on the Admiral Beatty site to prevent any damage to adjoining property through blasting operations begun today, and for the present this part of the work of leveling of the location will be done early in the morning. This morning at 6.45 o'clock the first blast was made, 12 holes being fired simultaneously. The same number of Heavy rope mats and logs are being placed over the area blasted.

There is a temporary halt in steam shovel work owing to the main axle of the machine breaking this morning. The contractors hope to have repairs completely effected tomorrow morning so that this section of the work may be rushed.

According to plans, a runway along the side next to the Imperial Theatre is called for. The theatre also has an exit runway here and there is talk that the theatre and hotel may combine to make the walk attractive.

SEEKS BROTHER

Mayor Potts today received a letter from Gus Gallant, 1825 Broadway street, Fresno, Cal., stating that he would like to get in touch with his brother, Aubin Gallant, who was last heard of at Summerhill, N. B., where he was in the employ of a lumber company. He asks to be furnished with a list of the lumber companies operating in that vicinity.

ONE CHARGE DROPPED.

In a case against Roy Vaughan, who was taken into custody a couple of days ago on a charge of wilfully devising property owned by Mrs. Mary Hatty at 135 Erin street and alleged theft of a quantity of lead pipe, was nonsuited in the police court this morning. Sergeant Detective Power notified Magistrate Henderson that they would not press the charge for theft as the pipe had not been removed from the property. The defendant was adjudged guilty of wilfully destroying the property by cutting and removing pipe from about the sinks and toilets and was fined $20 in addition to the sum of $15, estimated as the cost of replacing the pipe. The defendant was represented by W. R. Scott, Mrs. Gertrude Campbell and Detective Patrick Biddescombe both testified.

LOCAL NEWS

RECEIPTS LESS.
The customs returns here for July show a falling off of $7,882.12. The figures were: July 1923, $380,805.14; last month $382,513.02.

MORE ASK ABOUT US.
The Board of Trade have received from a New York publishing concern a request for information about St. John, its population, industries, hotels, etc. and this is now being prepared to send forward to them.

ON DISPLAY.
There were on display this morning in one of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd. windows the cups and ribbons for the winners in the acquatic sports to be held tomorrow afternoon at Pamdenec.

DIED TODAY.
Many friends will sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. David Fleming, 166 Bridge street, in the death of their daughter, Alice Gertrude, aged 10 years, which occurred this morning. Besides her parents, five brothers and two sisters survive.

TO MEET THURSDAY.
A meeting of the residents of Petitcodiac has been called for next Thursday evening to discuss the matter of extending the lines of the hydro commission to that village. It is expected the chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, will attend.

HIS BIRTHDAY.
Robert Ralph Corner, father of Policeman James Corner, is celebrating his 74th birthday today. He came here some years ago from Grenada, West Indies, and has taken a very active part in Salvation Army work. Mr. Corner is still hale and hearty and his friends will wish him many more years of health.

A SUGGESTION MADE.
Noting the fact that Seaman Kyte of H. M. S. Constance received a medal for saving a boy from drowning in the harbor, a correspondent who signs himself "A Square Deal," asks why there is not a medal or a watch for the colored boy who swam out and pushed in the raft in Courtenay Bay on which a boy was adrift.

HARBOR REVENUE UP.
The harbor revenues for July 1924, were more than $500 greater than for the corresponding month of 1923 and the prospects for August were good for a gain over last, it was said this morning by P. D. Alward, harbor master. The receipts last week were $8,207.82 and for July last year, $4,744.97. The total for the seven months of 1924 is $150,540.00.

LIKELY NEXT WEEK.
Operations in the new industry in West St. John by the O'Connor Manufacturing Co., Ltd., promoted by Lewis Connors, will be commenced some time next week, Mr. Connors said this morning. Machinery parts from Upper Canada are now en route and when they are installed, hands will be taken on and work commenced. Mr. Connors said this morning he was not certain yet how many would be taken on at the start.

BADGES FOR TAXI MEN.
The Ketepec-Morna Outing Association held a very successful old fashioned dance at their club house last evening, members and their friends to the number of about 150 attending. Young and not so young got together to make the evening an enjoyable one, the younger people providing most of the amusement, through their efforts to master the unfamiliar steps and figures through which the older people glided with the ease of accomplishment. Harmony for the occasion was broadcasted by concertina and piano both instruments being handled by capable artists. Another event of the same nature will take place next Thursday evening after the regular meeting of the association.

OLD FASHIONED DANCE.
In future every taxi driver in St. John will have to wear on his coat a badge number to correspond with his city license number and this must be displayed so that the public can see it at all times. The taxi license inspector said this morning that from this time any one driving passengers for pay without being in possession of one of these badges would be taken to court and he was liable to a fine of $20.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I was highly honored last evening."

"Hevin' a birthday?" queried Hiram.

"Neighbors comin in an' clean out the pantry?"

"No, no," said the reporter—"nothing like that. But I was weary las' evening. I was too tired to go anywhere—just sat on the doorstep with houses and parcel street before me. And then it happened. Old Mother Nature seemed to have me in mind. She began to paint the heavens for my pleasure. The sun was going down and light clouds partially clothed the sky. There was no tint or shade or color but appeared in the next half hour on that screen before me. The picture was changing momently. You could not match it in the most famous of the world's galleries—and there was no admission charge—not even the trouble of walking half a block. You should have seen it—Hiram."

"Blessed is them that kin see," said Hiram, "fer the Lord is with 'em, an' all the glory of His works. That ain't Scriptur', but it's next door to it. Many's the time me an' Hanner watches the sunset while we're doin' the chores, an' thinks about them old fellers that had no art but what the Good Lord painted on the hills an' on the sky fer 'em. Mister—fer's blessin's, all round us that we don't stop to gether up. We're too busy doin' nothin'—jes, sir."