

RECT LINE REQUIRED TO WEST INDIES

St. John Merchants at Resumed Hearing Yesterday Before Royal Commission Urged Need of Better Service.

DELAYS AT HALIFAX INTERFERE WITH TRADE

Royal Commission Investigating Conditions Between Canada and West Indies held a concluding session yesterday and the members of the committee...

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competing with New York, so far as prices were concerned. Details of the delay at Halifax he had no complaints to make in regard to the transportation facilities. The rates were reasonable.

Mr. J. S. Armstrong, C. E., spoke in regard to the possibility of developing the harbor for the West India trade, and in regard to a customs-free port at St. John and in the West Indies.

Mr. Armstrong described Hamburg as the best sample of a port of this nature.

Mr. G. Ernest Barbour, of the G. E. Barbour Company, was then heard. He said that his firm had been importing molasses from the West Indies for ten years. Up to five years ago they imported from Porto Rico. Since that time they had brought it all from Barbados. He did not believe that the granting by Canada of a preference for unrefined sugar had anything to do with the increase in their business. Their shipments of molasses came nearly all by sailing ships. The molasses arrived in better condition on board the sailers. Speed was no object to them.

To Hon. Wm. Paterson, Mr. Barbour said that he did not believe the preference had anything to do with the change from Porto Rico to Barbados. He did not believe the duty was heavy enough.

To Sir Donald Morris, Mr. Barbour said he believed the trade in molasses would decrease as sugar became cheaper.

Mr. L. G. Crosby said he wished to produce figures to show that the trade took nearly all the molasses Barbour had produced for the past two years, to support a statement he had made to that effect on the previous day.

Lord Balfour was not in favor of using any figures except official ones. Lord Balfour then asked if there were any others who desired to be heard, and none offering, he said that the commission would adjourn. He heartily thanked the Board of Trade for the use of their rooms, and also the gentlemen who had testified.

WEDDINGS

Betterton-Markham. In St. Paul's church on Saturday morning, Sept. 18 the marriage of Mr. Philip Betterton of Birmingham, England, and Miss Emily Frances Markham, youngest daughter of Lieut. Colonel Markham of Vancouver, formerly of this city, was celebrated by Rev. A. T. Penner, Mr. and Mrs. Betterton left on a honeymoon trip, and on their return will reside in Kilsano.

Ramsay-Hales. Rev. L. B. McKel of the Church of the Good Shepherd, officiated on Wednesday at the marriage of Mr. Fred Ramsay and Miss Eva Hales. Both belong in England and are employed in the Provincial Hospital. The ceremony was performed at Mr. Cole's residence on Harding street.

LATE MARINE NEWS

British Ports. Southampton, Sept. 30—Arrived: Str. Majestic, New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Manchester, Sept. 30—Sailed: Str. Liverpool, Boston.

Quebec, Sept. 30—Arrived: Str. Liverpool, Boston via Queenstown. Quebec, Sept. 30—Sailed: Str. Liverpool, Boston.

St. John, N. B. via Louisbourg, C. B. Sharpness, Sept. 30—Arrived: Str. Hancock, St. John, N. B. via Louisbourg, C. B.

Quebec, Sept. 29—Arrived: Str. Akershus, Seven Islands, N. S. Whitehaven, Sept. 29—Arrived: Str. Liverpool, N. S.

Liverpool, Sept. 30—Sailed: Str. Sackville, Boston. Liverpool, Sept. 30—Arrived: Str. Portsmouth, Herring Cove, N. F. via Louisbourg, C. B.

Belfast, Sept. 30—Arrived: Str. Raven, Newcastle, N. B. Foreign Ports. Cherbourg, Sept. 30—Sailed: Str. Kronprinzessin Cecilie, New York.

St. John, N. B. via Louisbourg, C. B. Arrived: Str. Mount Royal, Montreal. Boston, Mass., Sept. 30—Arrived: Str. Boston, via Manchester and Liverpool. Schr. Pansy, (Br) Parrsboro, N. S.

Sailed: Schs. Valenta, (Br) St. John, N. B. W. H. Waters, (Br) do; Georgia, (Br) do; Chatham, Mass., Sept. 30—Passed north: Str. Diana, New York for Windsor, N. S.

Bath, N. S., Sept. 30—Arrived: Tug Pejesport, towing barge No. 4, Great Salmon River, N. B. Vineyard Haven, Mass., Sept. 30—Arrived and sailed: Maude B. Krum, Canaport, N. B. for New York.

Arrived: Schs. Myrtle V. Hopkins, (Br) New Richmond, N. S. for New Bedford; John J. Hanson, (Br) Longville, N. B. for New York; Talmonth, (Br) Sherbrooke, N. S. for orders.

St. David's Y. P. A. Elect Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Young People's Association of St. David's last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary President, Rev. A. A. Graham; President, Mr. R. Frank Archibald; 1st Vice President, Harry A. Cooke; 2nd Vice President, Mr. Fred MacMurray; Fin. Secretary, W. J. Davis; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Margaret A. Milligan; Pianist, Mrs. J. M. Barnes; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. J. Ogilvie. Conveners of committees are: Reception, Mrs. Robt. Reid and Mrs. F. J. Punter; Devotional, Mrs. Geo. Younger; Social, Mrs. John Ogilvie and Mrs. Robert Reid; Biblical, Mrs. Andrew W. Robt. Wilson; Musical, Mrs. J. M. Barnes and Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell; Literary, Miss Mabel McQuarrie and Miss Sophie Lawson; Missionary, Miss Ann D. Robt; Historical, Miss Edith A. Nelson and Miss Carrie Hallie. It was agreed to consult the Young People's Societies of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's to arrange so that the meetings of the directors' societies would not conflict with each other.

Observe 67th Anniversary.

The sixty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the Sons of Temperance was observed last evening at the St. John county district division in the Christadelphian Hall, Union street. Addresses were delivered by Mr. W. R. Geldart of Truro, Hon. Robert Maxwell and other prominent members of the order. Mr. E. S. Hennessey, G. W. P. presided and those on the platform were Messrs. W. R. Geldart, W. A. Patterson, E. A. Everett, Robert Maxwell, A. J. Armstrong, Rev. James Crisp and Rev. W. W. Lodge. At the conclusion of the addresses refreshments were served.

TREASURY BOARD DISCUSSES CHANGES ARE REVERSING LOW CROPS MAKE

No Money For Sewerage Maintenance — Construction Of Catch Basins Is Made Capital Expenditure—Tailoring Of Police Coats Cannot Be Paid For—Bill Must Wait Till Next Year—Free Kindergartens To Get \$500 in 1910.

At the monthly meeting of the Treasury Board last evening it was reported that the appropriation for sewerage maintenance was almost exhausted with three months of the year still to run. It was decided to provide funds by making the construction of catch basins a capital expenditure, and issue debentures for \$2000.

Mr. H. J. Pickett, mentioned that 1500 houses in St. John need a modern sanitary improvements. A delegation from the Free Kindergarten Association, consisting of Mrs. H. H. Pickett, president; Mrs. E. C. Elkin and Mrs. Woodman asked for a grant of \$800. The board recommended that \$500 be placed in the estimates next year. Considerable discussion arose from an announcement that there was no money to pay for making the policemen's coats. Ald. Frink objected to the city of St. John asking more tailor to give credit until next year. No action was taken in the absence of Ald. Baxter, Ald. Kelley, Ald. Sprout, Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Frink, Ald. Pickett, Ald. Elkin were present with the Chamberlain, Comptroller and Comm. Frink.

The Free Kindergarten. A letter from the Free Kindergarten asking for a grant of \$800 was read. It was stated that the cost of the work was \$1800 a year. Mr. H. J. Pickett, at the invitation of the chairman, said the association had received previous grants from the city. Much was done for the High school which was not reached by many pupils, and the support of the Kindergarten was equally important. The roll was limited to a total of about 130 children in the three schools. The Comptroller in reply to Ald. Frink, said there was no money available this year. Mrs. Woodman said she found the taxes were raised each year, and she felt there ought to be more in the treasury. Ald. McGoldrick remarked that the board was going to sell the harbor commission for the next year, and there would be no taxes. He suggested that when the harbor commission was sold, the thing should be made made some arrangement for the harbor department. Contributions were made by the city in many cases, and the object was a most deserving one.

The Comptroller referring to the taxes going up said the School Board received \$15,000 more than last year. Ald. Frink said the Free Kindergarten was a noble work, but he could not see how as guardians of public money they could give a grant. The Comptroller explained that the school board had enough public spirit to secure the money, but thought the Aldermen would all subscribe, and personally would prefer to give something rather than vote a dollar.

Mrs. Elkin pointed out that the movement was probably saving crime in the police court. Ald. Frink said he would like to see the money, but he would not get into a discussion of the delegation withdrew. Later in the meeting on motion of Ald. Vanwart, the board recommended that a tax bill be placed in the estimates next year.

Mr. Charles Lamb who had paid taxes in the city and had been served with a tax bill, the parish of Lancaster, was referred to the committee of the municipal council for redress.

The Telegraph's Troubles. A communication from Mr. John Russell, (Br) Manchester and Telegraph complaining that he was not getting his fair share of city ad space was taken up. The Comptroller in reply to the chairman said Mr. Russell's paper received a considerable share of ad space in the city. The board passed a resolution that the city should give a fair share of the city ad space to the newspaper. The board then adjourned.

School Accounts Not Closed. The Comptroller reported that he had not yet closed the school accounts for the year ending June 30. He had written to Mr. R. B. Emerson, chairman of the board, and had promised to look into the matter. The Comptroller reported that there was no appropriation left in the police men's coats. He explained that in January and in consequence the amount was \$1800 overdrawn. There was no money to pay for the coats, and the amount for salaries, available for all purposes.

Ald. Frink remarked that the men had to have the coats, and he would like to see the money. The Comptroller asked where the money was to come from. He did not have, he said, in ordering now and paying \$1000.

Ald. Frink—"A nice thing to have to ask a tailor to give the city credit for the coats," he explained. The board then adjourned.

Ald. Frink complained that Ald. Frink was not giving the coat business a fair show and threatened to oppose the issue of the \$2,000 debentures.

Ald. Frink replied that it would be headed all over Canada that the city was held up by the police coats. Ald. Sprout—"Oh, get 'em and pay for 'em next year."

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The directors and the public are well pleased with the number and variety of the exhibits. In vegetable and fruit produce nothing finer has been anywhere according to the testimony of those who attended other fairs. The exhibit of fruits arouses universal admiration and general surprise abounds that such excellent specimens can be gathered from our own farms. The display of fancy work is beyond all expectation and is not surpassed anywhere.

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While these are progress the Brownies of Eastport and Stars of Calais, old and closely matched rivals will be played on the diamond in the Park.

ROYAL WELCOME FOR NEW ZEALAND'S PREMIER

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