

MEETING OF ST. JOHN RIFLE CLUB

At the annual meeting of the St. John Rifle Club held last evening in the City Market Building, Neil J. Morrison was re-elected captain of the club for the ensuing year. It was also decided to give the captain the power to choose a lieutenant to aid him in his duties.

The usual reports and the minutes of the club were read and a considerable business was transacted. The shooting season will be opened with the usual Good Friday match and a programme of spoon and other matches will be arranged by the managing committee.

Moncton Challenge Shield.

Considerable discussion took place concerning the Moncton Challenge Shield Match which will take place next September, as the local club is the present holder of the trophy. It was thought that it would be well to have another match on the afternoon of the day of the match. The proposal was made that an effort be made to have the citizens or merchants of the city provide prizes for this match and have it called Citizens' or Merchants' Match.

No members of the club desired to exchange their Lee-Enfield rifles for Ross rifles. It was also decided that the club would not avail itself of the sub-target gun offered through Col. White, D.O.C.

WEST SIDE HAS EVERY DAY CLUB

West Side organized its Every Day Club last night. The organization will have the same motto and aim as its prototype on the East Side of the harbor.

The organizing meeting was held in the Ludlow street Baptist church, Rev. Jacob Heaney being chairman and R. H. Parsons secretary. The feasibility of conducting such an organization as that proposed was thoroughly discussed.

It was decided to have collectors wait upon the citizens of the West Side and ask for financial assistance. The sum of \$200 is required to defray the cost of outfitting the room in the Carleton City Hall, which the city has donated to the club.

On Friday evening next there will be another meeting to complete the organization of the club which is to be known as the West End Every Day Club.

ST. JOHN VESSEL TOTAL WRECK, CREW SAFE

The schooner Ravola, lumber laden, from St. John, owned by J. Willard Smith, bound to New York, was driven ashore near Salem in the heavy gale that swept the north Atlantic coast, Thursday night.

The captain and the crew had great difficulty in getting clear of the vessel. Several attempts were made by them to launch a boat in the heavy sea. It was accomplished however, and they succeeded after a hard struggle against the mountainous sea.

The captain and crew were carried for on board a tug at Phillip's wharf, Salem and yesterday were none the worse for their terrible experience.

So far this year has been the best the St. John Business College has ever had in its experience of more than forty years. The rooms have been pretty well crowded, but several are discontinuing to take situations; this will make room for others.

ECONOMY AT CITY HALL WANTED

This afternoon there will be two sub-committee meetings at City Hall for the purpose of furthering the Treasury Board's intention of keeping down the assessment. One sub-committee will confer with the members of the Board of School Trustees with an endeavor to cut down the \$14,000 increase in school assessment for which the board has asked.

The other sub-committee will attempt to reduce the extra \$4,200 which the Board of Works Safety wants to spend on the police department.

It is hardly likely that any great cut in the increase in school assessment can be made. A prominent member of the School Board informed the Standard that the increased assessment is caused largely by the increases in salaries of teachers.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS DUMFOUNDED BY SPLENDID, CONVINCING SPEECH OF SURVEYOR-GENERAL GRIMMER

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced an amendment to the Act referring to real duary estates. After an estate has been disbursed under will of the testator any residuary estate goes to executors. Proposed amendment vests this residue in trustees.

Mr. Sweeney, resuming the debate, referred to the reports of the Crown Land Office for the last three or four years. It would be seen that there was a gradual increase year by year. He did not see any items of \$200,000 which the Government said their predecessors had allowed the lumbermen to rob the province of.

It was nothing out of the common for an error to be made in scaling. Most of the scaling was done by estimation. The province never had sufficient scalers to do their work properly and has not got them now.

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What the farmers wanted was better roads, more railways, larger markets, cheaper freights and better prices. It was to be regretted that the Government had discharged the best man the province ever possessed as game warden, Mr. John Robinson.

Mr. Sweeney worried. He hoped that when the tuberculosis sanitarium was established people would not be refused admission because they were opposed to the Government, as was done with school book vendors.

The hon. gentleman who represented the laboring men of St. John had not been true to his trust. The only labor legislation worth anything had been enacted by the old Government, and then the laboring men had turned around and voted against them.

He respected a fair foe, but he had the utmost contempt for a man who would turn his guns on his own friends, and such a treacherous paper should not be quoted as justification for the present Government.

What the investigation which had followed the lamentable tragedy in public offices everything that could be done to smirch and blacken the old Government, but things that could throw light on many transactions had been suppressed and he had not once been asked for information.

No reference was made in the speech to acquisition of branch railway lines, than which nothing would be of greater benefit to farmers.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer. Hon. Mr. Grimmer said the speaker on the Opposition side had fallen foul of his Department. The Lieut. Governor had performed a very notable feat. He had furnished the material and matter on which the Hon. gentleman had talked for more than a week.

Referring to the Gloucester iron mines, for which the late government also claimed credit, he wondered how the member for Gloucester would face his constituents after so adversely criticizing the project here.

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The Transcontinental Railway was under construction through the province, yet only 400 acres were all that had suffered from fires.

Forest Fires. The member for St. John county had done any credit to fire wardens, like the rest of his party had made statements that he could not verify. He had told them that for one whole week fire was raging at Ludgate Lake and but for the efforts of the residents of the locality, it might have resulted in an enormous disaster.

Mr. Dean had never come near the place, when as a matter of fact Mr. Dean was there every day directing the work of the fire fighters. His friend and predecessor was glad that the Government contemplated carrying out the provisions of the Domain Act.

This Act was passed in 1906 and if the hon. gentleman was so anxious to see the Act put into force, why for two years had he done nothing?

The previous speaker had asked about the increase in the territorial revenue, and had stated that such increase was only in way of ordinary expansion. He might say in reply that the revenue last year had never been equalled before, and it did not accrue from anything which his predecessor or his government had done.

It was a matter which which give rise to suspicion and on a scale, instead of decreasing they had an increase of \$1,000 in the revenue. Mr. Sweeney had referred to Wm. Kirk as a young man who was not qualified for scaler, but who had been assisted by the father who was the records of the department show that Wm. Kirk had not only failed to pass examination as scaler, but the hon. gentleman himself had, not withstanding an appointment as scaler on 18th November, 1905.

That lost \$200,000. The previous speaker had said the president of the council had stated that the province was out \$200,000. If conditions in the Crown Land office had all just referred the amount mentioned would probably not be far wrong.

Mr. Barry, who had been placed in charge of investigations, had performed some exceedingly good work. He was of the same political stripe as Mr. Sweeney. Mr. Barry was honest enough no matter what his politics might be, to want to see that province got what was due it.

There was in the Crown Land office a permit signed by his predecessor authorizing the Miramichi Lumber Co. to cut undersized lumber. A large amount of this had been cut, and in the hon. gentleman's stumpage on it, the hon. gentleman had made the company a present of it. Although the estimated cut for this year was only 60 per cent of average, stumpage would be paid on \$180,000,000. Many charges had been laid against North Shore lumber men two years ago at the forestry convention.

The leader of the opposition had stated that many lumbermen did not pay full stumpage. The lumbermen were in Northumberland. The gentlemen might have been further from the truth. His predecessor had expressed approval of change in book keeping but he had not done so for the old government. He could not have known much about book-keeping or he would not have allowed the wretched condition which was afterwards disclosed. The last year's audit had called in an auditor who did not get or was not allowed to get at the bottom of things.

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Mr. Byrne in attempting to make a speech in explanation was called to order after he had stated that he would try to assist the government in the construction of any work in the interests of the province.

The Fisheries. The charge of his predecessor that no effort had been made to restock streams fell rather flat when it was known that under that gentleman's administration a stream had been fished out and this government had only had a few months in office. An early effort would be made to restock them. He regretted that the Dominion Government was entirely to blame for the

delay in the settlement, and at any rate the late government had not been able to do anything. He thought the government was to be congratulated on the game protection of the late season. Mr. John Robinson had been dismissed as game warden because investigation showed him to be a strong partisan worker against the government.

Guides of the province appreciated the work of the department this year at least as expressed by the following resolution under date of March 23rd inst, at their meeting on that date.

"Resolved that the guides assembled wish to put themselves on record as being thoroughly in favor of the splendid protection given to our forest, fish and game during the past year by the present government, signed, Charles Cremin, Geo. E. Armstrong, A. Pringle, Adam Moore, Rowland Allen, Fred H. Reid, James T. Summerville, T. H. O'Leary, John Connell, Wm. J. Dunlop, H. H. Pringle, B. S. Moore, John Jarvis, W. H. Allen, David Cremin."

In view of this resolution and testimony of people all over the province was his department deserving of ridicule and censure that the gentleman opposite sought to place on it. Referring to the charges against the character of the Crown Land officials, he said the member for Victoria had charged the Department with appointing criminals and other bad characters as game wardens. If the Hon. member knew of such facts it was surely his duty as a representative to acquaint the Department. He challenged the Hon. member to name those officials who were without character and every opportunity would be given him to prove his charges.

The late Surveyor General had said that during his time no licenses were granted to hunting parties to go into the woods before the hunting season, but the records of the Department showed the contrary. Last year licenses were given to four responsible guides to go into the woods with hunting parties a few days before the season opened with their pledges that licenses would not be delivered until after the 15th September. One guide and the oldest and most highly respected one in the province, Henry Braithwaite, violated his pledge.

Continuing Mr. Grimmer read letters and telegrams from Mr. Curless, refuting the statements made by the member for Victoria that a game warden by the name of Vassor had refused to pay as game warden and at the same time working in the Burgess & Davis mill.

It was the intention of Game Warden Vassor to come to Fredericton and face the Hon. gentleman and make him prove his charges or retract them.

Mr. Tweeddale replied that he had no personal knowledge of what his colleague, Mr. Burgess, had told him.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer said that the member for Victoria, protected by his seat in the Legislature, had made contemptible attacks upon John B. Stevenson, a scaler. Mr. Stevenson had communicated with him (Grimmer), that the charges of the member from Victoria were entirely false, that he had never been in GAOL, THAT HE IS NOW CHIEF RANGER OF FORESTERS WHICH MR. TWEEDDALE ACCUSED HIM OF EMBEZZLING FROM. Mr. Stevenson is school teacher at Arthurette, under license from the Board of Education, and he is a neighbor of the member for Victoria. If the latter knew or thought he was a criminal and bad character, as he had stated in the House, he was not doing his duty as a representative of the people by not calling attention of the department of education to it.

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