

EXPECTS TO EMPLOY 1500 MEN AT COURTENAY BAY DURING THE NEXT SUMMER

Thursday, Dec. 27. F. F. Warren, chief engineer of the Norton Griffiths Company, limited, was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Royal hotel. Mr. Warren is making his usual visit of inspection to the operations at Courtenay Bay, and in an interview yesterday with the Telegraph, said that the work here was progressing very satisfactorily indeed. The main energies of the company are concentrated at present on throwing out the breakwaters, in order that the work inside may be protected and carried on with facility, and on the dredging that the bay may be cleared for the interior work.

"The work," said Mr. Warren, "is well up to government requirements as regards time, and is being carried on at a satisfactory rate of progress. We are pushing forward the operations on the breakwaters, which has already been thrown out 1,500 feet, as far as possible, in order to protect the work on the dry dock which is at present exposed to the sea. Of course the construction work going on just now is small compared to what it will be next year, when operations will be in full swing. It is difficult to estimate the number of men that will be employed in the summer of 1913, when the construction should be so much increased, but I should judge that probably in the neighborhood of 1,500 men will be employed.

"There has been a great deal of dredging done so far. The dredges have been on the scene of the work for some weeks now, but the entirely unsuitable weather has prevented us from doing more. The full plan will be assembled in March or April of next year.

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT OF PROVINCE FINANCES

The following government statement of the provincial finances for the year ended October 31 appears in the Royal Gazette:

EXPENDITURES	
Administration of justice	1011
Agriculture	18,524.02
Auditor General	46,274.04
Boys' Royal Institute	2,930.00
Campbell relief	5,000.00
Colonization roads	934.25
Coronation expenses	2,500.00
Contingencies	16,240.71
Exhibitions	2,334.87
Executive government	46,986.67
Education	279,653.78
Elections	1,211.28
Factory Inspection Board examining engineers	1,162.50
Free Grants	781.03
Fish, forest and game	30,355.61
Guarantee bonds (of officers on leave)	500.00
Immigration	245,103.23
Jordan Memorial Sanitarium	2,569.40
Legislative assembly	3,006.75
Legislative library	28,936.25
Liquor license fund	705.40
Mining	28,207.07
Natural History Societies	1,846.30
N. B. Coal and Railway	370.00
N. B. Historical Society	125.00
N. B. Rifle Association	300.00
Public health (sanitary)	2,824.21
Public health (hospitals)	2,708.00
Public health (salaries, etc.)	2,652.60
Probate fee fund	18,635.02
Printing	17,738.32
Provincial hospital (maintenance)	35,902.50
Public works	415,761.46
Public works, motor vehicle law	503.82
Refunds	1,342.22
Revisors	1,832.64
Roads, settlement, lands	253.70
Surveys and inspections	4,622.14
Stampage collection	30,855.63
Succession duty collection	1,277.05
School books	18,883.21
Sinking fund	25,380.20
Superannuation	2,400.00
Tourist Association	2,000.00
Utilities commission	692.00
Uniforms expenses	2,477.16
Total ordinary expenditures	\$1,400,546.85
Permanent bridges	102,281.21
Permanent railways	28,241.29
Wharves, etc. (St. John)	2,500.00
International railway subsidy	50,000.00
N. B. Coal and Railway	102,788.46
Jordan Sanatorium buildings	4,000.00
Diagnosic property	12,000.00
Agricultural Dominion grant	6,725.38
St. John Valley survey	8,816.61
Contractors deposits refunded	8,161.28
Commuted pensions withdrawn	1,847.64
Advantages refunded	57,500.00
Supreme court deposits withdrawn	46,836.12
Probate court deposits withdrawn	795.00
Southampton Railway	78,033.48
Sinking fund Crown lands invested	380,692.02
Temporary loans repaid	305,314.26
St. John Valley survey loan repaid	29,822.33
Balance	184,050.40
Total	\$2,235,786.30
Total	\$2,781,112.25
RECEIPTS	
Balance from previous year	\$ 96,622.71
Total	\$184,050.40

The balance from the previous year is not included in the above total, but in the grand total at the end of the statement.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Emma N. Merritt.

A large number of friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Emma N. Merritt which occurred Tuesday at 214 Main street. She enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends. Her death came suddenly and she had been about the house until quite recently, and only on Sunday last had been to church. She was seventy-seven years of age and was the widow of T. Gray Merritt, well known lawyer. The funeral will be held on Thursday with services in St. Paul's church.

Wm. E. Ellis.

Many friends will regret to learn of the death Tuesday morning of Wm. E. Ellis, son of Thomas Ellis of this city. His boyhood was spent in St. John but he was away for many years, and was connected with the well known New York brokerage firm of Shearson Hamann & Co. He came to St. John during the last summer in ill health. He is survived by his parents, his wife, one daughter and two sons. The sons are in New York. He leaves also three sisters, Mrs. C. H. Pelton, Mrs. P. A. Godson and Mrs. F. C. Godson, and one brother, Clifford D. Ellis. A wide circle of friends will sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

Charles Vinco Cross.

Thursday, Dec. 27. Christmas was marked for the late William C. Cross, manager for Hall & Fairweather, Ltd., by the receipt of a telegram yesterday morning telling him of the death in Berkeley, California, of his brother, Charles Vinco Cross, at the age of 38 years, and leaving a wife and three children.

The late Mr. Cross when a boy lived in St. John for four or five years and he will be remembered here by the late William C. Cross, manager for Hall & Fairweather, Ltd., by the receipt of a telegram yesterday morning telling him of the death in Berkeley, California, of his brother, Charles Vinco Cross, at the age of 38 years, and leaving a wife and three children.

Mr. Cross was employed with a large New York cloth house. He lived in New York until five years ago when he went to St. Francis to represent his firm there. Within the last month he had paid a visit to his father and had just returned to the Pacific coast with his wife and children. He died from pneumonia, the telegram said, but no particulars were given. It is known, however, that death was sudden. His wife was Miss Grace Zellers of Arlington (N. J.).

Mrs. James Wood.

The death of Wm. A. Wood, beloved wife of James Wood of Partridge, St. John county, occurred at her late home on Wednesday, Dec. 19, after an illness of only a few days from pneumonia, aged forty-one years.

She leaves a husband and two sons to mourn their loss. Deceased was a devoted wife and mother and a member of the Presbyterian church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George W. Tingley on Friday.

Stephen Hessay.

Death came suddenly on Saturday afternoon to an aged resident of Hoyt Street, Stephen Hessay, ninety-two years old, who had lived alone in his home since the death of his wife four years ago, was found lying dead on a lounge in his house about four o'clock. He had been around, apparently in his usual health during the morning, and his death was learned of only when a neighbor had been called to Cooper. John Murphy was notified and decided that death was due to natural causes.

The funeral took place on Tuesday and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Fredericton Junction. He is survived by one son in Arizona, and one daughter, Mrs. William Bell, of Greenville, N. B. His wife was buried in the Baptist cemetery.

Rev. Donald Hughes.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—Rev. Donald Hughes, one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in Canada, died this morning following an operation in the city hospital. He was eighty years old.

Rev. Dr. Parsons.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Rev. Dr. Parsons, one of the oldest and best known Presbyterian ministers in Toronto, is reported to be at death's door. In 1899 he retired from active work and has since been pastor emeritus of his old church, Knox church.

Mrs. John McGill.

Friday, Dec. 27. Mrs. Elizabeth McGill, wife of John McGill, passed away at the Home for Invalids yesterday morning after an illness of a year's duration. Deceased's husband, who is 85, Mrs. McGill survived by her father, John Williams. Mrs. McGill was in her 86th year. The funeral will be today from the Home for Invalids, interment to be made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

WEDDINGS

Edna McGee.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. McLean, Young's Cove, Queens county, was the scene of a happy event on Christmas day at 11 a. m. when their daughter, Edna M. McLean, was united in marriage to William A. Gale, of the same place. The Rev. Ernest Rowlands performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. The wedding march was played by Miss Mona Gale. The bride was dressed in white and carried her train and bouquet. After dinner was served the happy couple left by train for Bangor, where they will be guests for a few days of the groom's brother and sisters. The bride is going away dressed in blue which will match her hair. On their return they will reside at Young's Cove.

McFadden-Coy.

Oromocto, Dec. 22.—St. John's church, Oromocto, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 9 o'clock Monday morning, Dec. 22, when Miss Mabel A. Coy was united in marriage to C. Ernest McFadden, of Upper Barton. The bride was dressed in white and carried her train and bouquet. The wedding march was played by Miss Mona Gale. The bride is going away dressed in blue which will match her hair. On their return they will reside at Young's Cove.

How One Assessor Jumped On a High Tax Rate, Though It Wasn't So High as Ours

J. J. Pastoriza is the tax commissioner in Houston, Texas. He has cut the rate in his city from \$1.70 to \$1.30, by taxing land at its full valuation, and by letting all personal property go free.

How it all happened is related, picturesque, by Albert J. Nook in the excellent American Magazine. A part of the story is reprinted here:

Pronounced Pastorecca, with the accent on the ee. Pastoriza's specialty is wrecking constitutions—State constitutions. He hasn't gotten to the Federal Constitution yet, but he's on his way. He believes that law in America means anything that the people will back up, and in this faith he had torn the constitution of Texas all to rags. Pastoriza lives in Houston. Don't pronounce it Houston, like a Third-Avenue Elevated Railway guard in New York as he approaches Houston Street, or they will know you are a pernicious foreigner. Call it Hivoston, and the hospitality of the city will unfold of its own accord.

Pastoriza has two interests in life: one is his boy, and the other is the single tax. He gets recreation out of bringing up the boy in the intervals of campaigning for the single tax. Sometimes he combines business and pleasure by teaching single tax to the boy. He became a single-taxer, so he says, shortly after he saw the light. Not the light of day, but the light of reason.

It happened thus. He took an early gamble in some real estate that turned out good, netting him enough to jog on comfortably for the rest of his days. Pastoriza has no illusions about himself, so he knew he hadn't earned the profit of a rise in land values. If he had been pious, like the English dukes or Mr. Baer, he might have decided "that the Almighty in His wisdom had committed the guardianship" of that real estate to him, with the increased increment as a prerequisite for holding the job. But Pastoriza isn't pious, so that didn't occur to him. All his one-track Texas mind could think of was that since he had absorbed public property as a private rake-off—the land-values created by the public—he was a social parasite and thief.

But did that worry him? Not a minute—you don't know Pastoriza. He owned up with a cheerfulness that would surprise you, and promptly went on the war-path after more. Like Joseph Fels, Congressman Kent, and other good single-taxers, he said to himself, "Here's my chance," re-invested in land, and stung the public again and yet again. While thus profiting by the industry and enterprise of others, he entertained himself by going up and down the State of Texas with his thumbs in his vest, telling the public what "suckers" they were to let him do it. Pastoriza has command of a fine line of picturesque language. Some of it won't parse without stimulants, and he doesn't always spell straight, but it blisters where it lights.

After a while the beauty and chivalry of Houston got tired of being twitted on facts by Pastoriza, and decided it would be a good joke to put him where he could practise what he preached. They thought it would hold him a while if they confronted his theory with non-clad conditions of the Texas Constitution. So when Houston needed a tax commissioner a year or so ago, they played their joker by offering the job to Pastoriza, expecting him to take the small end of the "put up or shut up" alternative. But it didn't turn out that way.

"You bet!" cried Pastoriza in his sinful slangy way. "I'll be tax commissioner—believe me! I'll be the kind of tax commissioner you read about. Stand back and give me room according to my strength, and when the kiddies grow up they'll find all records dating from the year when Pastoriza was commissioner!"

So the band c. of Houston watched Pastoriza grab off his job, sat tight, and predicted disaster. The Texas Constitution prescribes the collar-button system of assessment. I am told that in some places down there they assess each jewel in the works of a watch. Pastoriza himself wrote me a letter that "the State Constitution makes us tax every thing in sight and most everything out of sight." All this was against him.

But what's the Constitution to Pastoriza? He took a running start, and went through it like buckshot through a bass drum. First, he instituted a scientific system of making valuations, in place of the haphazard guesswork in vogue. Then, whereas land improvements and personal property had previously all been assessed at perhaps sixty per cent. or less of their value, he assessed land at full value—one hundred per cent.—improvements at twenty-five per cent. of the estimated cost of reproduction, and, finally, he said to the citizens, "Now don't make any return of your personal property—furniture, watches, money, stocks, bonds, mortgages. I don't want any of it on the roll. Forget it!"

One must make a long story short for this department. The beauty and chivalry gasped but stood pat, waiting to hear that Pastoriza, having bankrupted the town, was in the insane asylum. But, behold! he shows the biggest assessment-roll of any city in the State—\$120,000,000—and a rate cut from \$1.70 to \$1.30. The city has plenty of money, the newspapers are crowing, everybody who used to swear at Pastoriza now swears by him, and other cities like Beaumont, Galveston, Austin, Waco (there's a healthy rivalry among those Texas towns), are inquiring why and wherefore. All because one raw-boned Texan had the gumption to shift the burden of taxation off the products of labor and put it on land-values where it belongs—constitution or no constitution.

This sketch was written in March, 1912, and up to date the poor old Constitution hasn't been heard from. Maybe it will make a few galvanic movements later, but more probably it will pick itself up and go to the repair-shop. It's an old model anyway. Meanwhile it can console itself with Emerson's maxim that "a good man must not obey the law too strictly."

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

H. J. Spencer, the head poet, spent a very pleasant Christmas and received numerous congratulations from several of his old-time friends.

When asked about the report from Fredericton to the effect, he was to retire at an early date, Chief Justice Barker said that he knew nothing about it and added that he was not planning to retire at present.

The National Council of Women of Canada is sending to all the provincial boards of education copies of a resolution in favor of provision being made for the training of playground leaders. The New Brunswick board has been asked by the St. John Playgrounds Association to make such provision, but the communication has been filed.

W. A. T. Thorne, who spent the summer in western Canada, returned home Wednesday. He formerly ranched near Calgary but has been a resident of St. John during the last fifteen years. Mr. Thorne said Wednesday that he was well improved since he was a resident there and he thought Saskatchewan was a fairly good place for his own age, and secured several presents for the cripple and delegated two of the older members of the club to deliver the gift. The boy was greatly pleased with the remembrance.

The boys of the Every Day Club brightened the holiday for one little cripple. The lad, who is about 15 years of age, has been confined to the house for several years with spinal disease and has been unable to take part in the sports of boys of his own age. Wednesday boys of the club joined forces and secured several presents for the cripple and delegated two of the older members of the club to deliver the gift. The boy was greatly pleased with the remembrance.

E. A. McFadden, secretary for Thomas W. Lawson, the famous Boston financier, and Mrs. McFadden went to Moncton yesterday. They spent Christmas in St. John with Mrs. McFadden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Quinn.

One Hundred VEEDEES Health Machines To Be Lent For Two Days Free Home Trial

This is the generous offer made by the Veedee Demonstrators, to prove at their own cost, to the Sufferers of New Brunswick the marvellous healing power of this great English invention.



The emphatic and unanimous approval of the British Medical Profession has been accorded the Veedee.

Sufferers from Rheumatism, Sciatics, Lumbago, Neuritis, Neuralgia, Gout, Deafness, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Indigestion, etc., can experience FREE OF CHARGE in their own homes the wonderful relief and improvement obtained from the VEEDEE BLOOD CIRCULATOR AND STIMULATOR.

During the last five weeks hundreds of Sufferers have attended the numerous Free Demonstrations given at the Veedee Institute, 78 Charlotte Street, St. John, and availed themselves of the Veedee Trial Treatment.

Most of them experienced so much relief, that they afterwards purchased an instrument in order to continue the Treatment at home, but many sufferers living far away or else fearing to go out of doors during this cold season, are unable to come to the Institute. In order to offer everyone the same chance of trying the Veedee, the Demonstrators have now decided to give all sufferers, no matter where, or how far residing, the opportunity of using the Veedee at home.

Using the Veedee at Home Absolutely Free of Charge. From today, and until the one hundred instruments set aside for this purpose are exhausted, Every Sufferer calling at the Veedee Institute, 78 Charlotte Street, will be at liberty to take away "ON APPROVAL" a Veedee complete with the Illustrated Book of Instructions in order to use it at home during two days.

The only condition is that he or she deposits the value of the instrument, its fifteen dollars as a guarantee of its return, and until the one hundred instruments set aside for this purpose are exhausted.

NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE. The Veedee will be incurred and is left entirely to the Sufferer's own choice to either keep the instrument, or to return it to the Institute on the third day, should he or she have failed to produce such a measure of relief or improvement as the user may consider satisfactory to himself or herself.

It is clearly understood that when the instrument is returned to the Institute during the third day, the amount deposited will be returned in full and there will be made.

NO CHARGE FOR HIRE OR USE. This is a fair offer of "try before you buy it," for it really means: "TRY THE VEEDEE HEALTH MACHINE AND IF WITHIN TWO DAYS IT FAILS TO PROVE BENEFIT IT IS WORTH ITS PRICE SIMPLY BRING IT BACK AND HAVE YOUR MONEY REFUNDED."

Everyone likes a fair deal and everyone who this week, takes a Veedee away for two days trial use is assured of a fair deal.

IF YOU LIVE FAR AWAY and cannot call then WRITE AT ONCE AND OUT, FILL and MAIL this application form:

"ON APPROVAL" ORDER FORM.

To the Manager, Veedee Company, 78 Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B.

Please Express me "On Approval" one of your Veedee Health Machines, complete with Cup and Ball Attachments. I want to try it for two days before deciding to purchase it. Then if I am not satisfied with it, I shall return it to you (or express it back) on the third day from the date I receive it, for refund in full, and it is agreed that you will make no charge whatever for hire or use of the instrument. The only small outlay to me will be the payment of the Express Charge from and (if I return it) back to St. John.

If, on the other hand, I do not return it to you on the third day, you will understand that I have decided to keep it and purchase it.

Under the above stated conditions I enclose the price of the Machine, viz.: Fifteen Dollars, by Postal (or Express) Money Order to that amount.

Yours truly,
 (Please write Name and Address VERY PLAINLY, stating Full Title, if Rev., Mr., Mrs., or Miss).

Date.....