

CANADIAN CLUB TAKE A HAND TO BOOST ST. JOHN

Arrange Evening When Prominent Manufacturers Will Discuss City's Advantages--Chan. Jones Next Speaker.

At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club held last evening the proposal of the Board of Trade address the club.

For this purpose a St. John evening will be held on February 1, when prominent manufacturers and others interested and qualified to speak will discuss the advantages of St. John as a business centre and will show reasons why the port of St. John should have the preference over other ports by the steamship and railway lines.

Chancellor Jones of U. N. B. will be in the city on next Thursday and will address the club. Mr. Justice Longley of Nova Scotia will also speak before the club in February.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. R. A. Eaton of Kentville, N. S., asking for information regarding the institution of a Canadian Club in that town. The information will be forwarded. A communication was read from Captain Bernier the Arctic explorer regretting that he would be unable to address the club as he had promised.

Those present at last evening's meeting were the president, Mr. C. B. Allen, the secretary, Mr. E. J. C. Knowles and Messrs. George A. Henderson, J. A. Estey, M. E. Asar, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, Ald. J. B. M. Baxter, Dr. T. D. Walker, and A. M. Belding.

ONTARIO WOMAN IS ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED

Special to The Standard. Oniph, Ont., Jan. 6.—Mrs. George Smith, of 61 Northumberland street, this city, was accidentally drowned last night while attempting to draw a pail of water from a cistern at her home. Her absence from the house led to a search, resulting in the finding of her body shortly after in the cistern. Mrs. Smith was about 50 years of age. A husband and family survive her.

Trade With Cuba Steadily Growing

Hon. J. K. Fleming Tells Of Successful Struggle To Secure Foothold For New Brunswick Potatoes—Trade In Hands Of A Trust—Exorbitant Fees To Do Business—Pine Apple Canning Industry Suggested For St. John.

The New Brunswick potatoes are on the Cuban market to stay and that the export during the present season will amount to 100,000 barrels was the statement made last evening by Hon. J. K. Fleming, provincial secretary, after holding a conference with representatives of the two leading shipping firms.

So far this season Mr. Fleming said 45,000 barrels had gone forward and he expected to see this number doubled before the close of the shipping season. Received unfavorably at first, the New Brunswick potatoes are now acknowledged even by rival interests to be the finest potatoes ever shipped into Cuba.

Those attending the conference were Mr. J. C. Manzer, of Andover; Mr. E. B. DeWitt, Mr. Johnson W. Clark, of this city; Mr. S.W. DeWitt, Hartland, Mr. Clark has recently returned from Havana where he represented the firm of DeWitt Bros., and brought with him much valuable information as to the state of the market and the possibility of establishing a permanent trade in potatoes from New Brunswick.

Much Red Tape. "While it is true that there are a great many difficulties in the way of the shipper to Cuba," said Mr. Fleming, "they are not insurmountable and in spite of all discouragements the season has been a very satisfactory one. Mr. Clark has reported that there was much red tape and annoyance to be contended with. First he was obliged to have the firm incorporated under the laws of Cuba, then to take out a license costing \$600 a year for the privilege of doing business. It was also necessary to take out a license for using a warehouse and to pay a fee for space in the produce exchange which, as the name indicates, is the place where buyers and sellers meet, about 90 per cent of the business in Havana being carried on there.

In Hands of Trust. "The difficulties in capturing the Havana market and Cuban trade have been largely augmented on account of taking the early potatoes at the time they were being harvested and perhaps to a greater degree owing to the trade being practically in the hands of a trust.

"The impression seemed to be that New Brunswick potatoes were not of good quality, and unfortunately the rot which took the potatoes at the first of the season had responsibility for part of the early shipments not arriving in good condition, which gave an impetus to the idea, and made the handling much greater. Exporters back would be glad to have some return by freight. We might have an industry here which would supply the whole Canadian market.

"It will be exceedingly gratifying to the people of New Brunswick to know that late shipments arrived in good condition and Mr. Clark tells me that one closely connected with the trust told him that the best shipment of potatoes which had come to Havana this year was from St. John.

Great Care Exercised. "I think the greatest praise should be given to our shippers for the care they have exercised. Even a small number of bad potatoes in a barrel does the greatest possible damage to a shipment. Notwithstanding all the difficulties that have been in the way the shipments up to the present time have been of satisfactory volume.

"Ten boats have sailed from St. John to Havana since the latter part of September, and they have carried away about 45,000 barrels. After having gone over the matter carefully with the shippers, I am prepared to double my estimate and predict that before the close of the shipping season New Brunswick will put 100,000 barrels of potatoes on the Cuban market.

"There is plenty of stock in the farmer's hands; the shippers who they have met difficulties and opposition are not discouraged in the least and will go on with their shipments. As is characteristic of the business men of New Brunswick, they will meet the difficulties, overcome them, and go forward with greater determination to succeed. To use the language of the street 'They're in the game to win out.'

Of Superior Quality. "We have a soil admirably adapted for the growing of potatoes. We have as cheap transportation as any of our competitors and we believe the New Brunswick potato is of superior quality. Where the demand exists we must have a share of the business."

So far as the government is concerned, the street says that the importance of this trade to New Brunswick. They have taken the steps to make it possible for the shippers to reach that market and they are prepared to extend every reasonable effort to further the interests of this trade.

"The warehouse at the West Side has at the present moment 7,000 barrels stored ready for shipment by boats to sail within the next few days. There is also a large quantity on the East Side awaiting shipment and in addition a number of cars held at the West Side until an opportunity offers for unloading and barrelling.

"It will thus be seen that the business has developed more rapidly than was expected and if the extension continues another year, it may be necessary to provide greater facilities at the West Side.

Canning Pine Apples Here. "In connection with the trade with Cuba it has occurred to me that this is an excellent opening for the canning of pine-apples in this province. This fruit sells at as low as three cents each and the boats coming back would be glad to have some return by freight. We might have an industry here which would supply the whole Canadian market.

"This enterprise might be taken up by some of the progressive people of St. John and all the facts secured with a possibility at least of a profitable business being established. With a canning factory here and the completion of the proposed sugar refinery, the matter of a return cargo would be entirely solved.

Mr. Clark again asked to tell something of conditions in Havana said he thought the provincial secretary had covered the ground very thoroughly. He wished to add a word however as to the great convenience the warehouse leased by the government at Havana had been. It was almost impossible to carry on business without a warehouse and the best available. Mr. Clark will return to Havana in a day or two.

MEADOWS WINS. Toronto, Jan. 6.—A ten-mile race here last night between Alfred Shrubbs, the English runner, and Fred Meadows, of Guelph, resulted in a victory for the latter, Shrubbs quitting in the sixth mile. Meadows finished the ten miles in 53:31.35, very fast time with out any pace for the last five miles. Shrubbs gave sore feet as the cause of his dropping out.

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Better Facilities For The Tourists

Annual Meeting Of St. John Tourist Association Last Evening Discussed Means To Attract Visitors To Province—Street Railway Extension And Better Protection Of Fisheries Recommended—Ten Of New Executive Elected.

The annual meeting of the St. John Tourist Association was held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms. The report of last year's work showed that the past tourist season was the best St. John had ever known.

Among the matters discussed were the means of making the city and province attractive to the tourist, better facilities for the tourist, the extension of the street railway, the changing of the dates for the big game season and the protection of the fisheries were some of the questions considered. Mr. F. B. Ellis, president, discussed the unfavorable weather there was only a small attendance. Among those present at the meeting were Messrs. F. B. Ellis, A. C. Currie, P. A. Dykeman, B. Ellis, A. C. Currie, T. H. Bullock, Geo. Carvell, D. W. Clinch, Geo. Freeze and Miss A. E. Tingley.

Good Results. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read by Miss Annie E. Tingley, the secretary, and adopted the president stated that many matters mentioned in the report of the executive had been taken up and in many instances good results had been obtained. A disfiguring sign had been removed from one of the islands in the falls. An effort had also been made to have the front of the I. C. R. station better lighted but without result.

The president then gave a short address on the year's work. He spoke of the reduction in the grant from the city council last year and said the council was now considering whether or not they would restore it to the former figure. He hoped the sum would be increased. The money was well spent and he thought brought good results. The transparently considered the work beneficial. If the city did not recognize the work of the association as being of some importance it would perhaps do well for the members to consider whether it would be worth their while to continue it.

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Mr. D. W. Clinch suggested that some advertising might be accomplished by having playing cards issued with views of the province on them. The cards, he believed, could be purchased for about 10 cents a pack, and could be sold for a larger sum.

Mr. D. W. Clinch brought up the matter of having the tourists stay longer in the city. They stayed one or two days, he said, and then went over to Digby or some other place.

Mr. Ellis said one of the causes for this was that there was no hotel like the Algonquin or St. Andrew in the city or vicinity.

Mr. Clinch said no large summer hotels were put up on the river because of the Scott Act law.

Mr. Dykeman believed it would be a good thing if the street railway would run their line over to Millidgeville and then go up to Sandy Point and come into the city via of the park. It would make a circuit of about eight miles and he believed it would keep tourists in the city as well as be of great advantage to the 450 members of the yacht club. He thought it would be sure to pay.

Mr. Jack thought an upper platform should be built on the suspension bridge in order that the street cars could pass over. He believed that the matter was feasible and thought it should be considered by the executive.

Mr. Clinch said he did not believe the importance of the tourist work was understood by most of the people in New Brunswick.

Fish Protection. Mr. Ellis believed that there should be as adequate protection for the fisheries as there was for the big game. More people he believed fish and hunt. It would mean an additional revenue to the province and would make them feel more satisfied with their trip.

Mr. Currie urged the necessity of more advertising. It was the best way that results could be obtained. More booklets were necessary.

The matter was discussed at some length and it was decided to have a committee wait upon the city council in connection with the grant.

Mayor Bullock thought the association should be advised of any changes in the game law and the changes should also be advertised. He referred to the change in the duck shooting season as an example. The tourists went to Nova Scotia not so much on account of sport as on account of the facilities which were better than in this province.

Mr. Currie thought better results could be obtained if the association and local government worked more together.

Mr. Clinch suggested that a resolution be passed against any shortening of the hunting season. He thought it would be unwise to have the season open on Oct. 1st, instead of Sept. 17.

Mr. Dykeman said he was of the opinion that the bull moose of the country were getting killed off too rapidly. He had done a great deal of hunting and of late years he had seen ten cows for every bull.

Killing Bull Moose Too Rapidly. Mr. Ellis said he believed the residential license for moose should be so high that the animals could not be sold at a profit. He had met sportsmen who were convinced that the bull moose were being killed off too rapidly.

Mr. Dykeman said he thought it would do little good to shorten the game season. He saw no fault with the law if it was strictly enforced.

Mr. Clinch said the reason that many people wanted the season to open in October and not to close until Dec. 15, was in order that they might get a winter supply of meat.

The subject was further discussed and other matters of a similar nature considered before the meeting adjourned.

MUSICAL EFFORTS OF SAILORS WERE NOT APPRECIATED

Two Ejected From Unique Make Things Lively In King Square—Hedstrom Arrested On Assault Charge.

Assaults are getting to be an every day occurrence of late in St. John. There have been about half a dozen such cases during the past two weeks. Last evening was no exception to the rule and between 5 and 6 o'clock Officer Geo. Clark was called upon to arrest Carl Hedstrom, a Swede, who has succeeded in keeping very much in the limelight of late through the medium of the police court, having been arrested no less than four times in as many months.

It appears that the Swede began creating a disturbance in James Miller's establishment on Bristol St., and when ordered to leave the place by Miller, Hedstrom assaulted him, striking him in the face and using him rather roughly. Police Officer Clark was then summoned and Hedstrom was placed under arrest.

Two sailors who either could not or would not give their names to the police, were taken into custody last evening by Deputy Jenkins and Detective Killen and placed in the central lockup. The men started in to make things lively in the Unique Theatre about 9 o'clock and persisted in "assisting" the singer by warbling base and alto respectively.

Their musical efforts later did not seem to much impress the audience however and they were requested to leave the building, which they bluntly refused to do. Deputy Jenkins and Detective Killen were called in and ejected the men. Later in the evening they became disorderly on King Square and after a tough fight were placed in the lockup by Officer Chas. Marshall. The men created quite a noise for hours after being placed in the cell by crying out and asking to be released.

BALFOUR'S WAR SCARE Continued From Page One. Attention was directed and only the house of representatives should rule. He would reply that the man who made such a suggestion was a lunatic.

Both Parties. Mr. Balfour wished the question of the reform of the House of Lords could be dealt with by both parties, irrespective of party. He indicated the Irish Home Rule bill as an instructive example of the need of a second chamber. Home Rule had been twice adopted by the House of Commons but had been repudiated by the House of Lords. "If the radicals have their way," he asked, "would the community have a chance of giving their opinions?"

The Opposition leader also devoted part of his speech to denouncing the Liberals' Home Rule policy and to pointing out the advantages of tariff reform. He made no reference to the storm his last speech raised in Germany.

Serious disturbances again marked many of the meetings. The Earl of Donoughmore and Lord Chelmsford, in attempting to address a Conservative meeting at Coventry, found that the hall had been captured beforehand by the Radicals who howled all the speakers down. The meeting broke up in disorder. A similar fate overtook Lord Rothchild at Wolverton, where a crowd of Radical hooligans rushed the doors. Lord Rothchild stood for a long time facing the deafening booms and cheering, but was obliged to content himself by addressing the reporters.

Sir William Bull, member of the House of Commons for Hammersmith, while speaking before the electors of that constituency, was rudely heckled by a man in the crowd. He threatened to punch the man's head.

"Come on," shouted the man. Sir William forthwith descended and the crowd formed a ring. A stand up fight ensued until the police separated the combatants.

Sir William, speaking of the affair, said he was now the worse for the encounter. "There's been a deal of unfair Radical rowdiness lately," he said. "This affair may clear the air, for Englishmen like a fair fight and no foulings."

Deaths. Cochrane—At Bridgetown, N. S., on the 4th inst., William H. Cochrane, formerly a resident of this city, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their loss. Funeral on Friday, 7th inst., from the residence of Mr. A. B. Campbell, 195 Waterloo street. Funeral service at 2:30.

British Ports. Southampton, Jan. 6.—Arrived—Etr. Teutonic from New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Liverpool, Jan. 6.—Sailed—Str. Havre, for Philadelphia. Havre, Jan. 5.—Arrived—Str. Corinthian from St. John, NB and Halifax for London. London, Jan. 6.—Sailed—Str. Cambrian for Boston. Brom Head, Jan. 6.—Passed—Str. Hird from Sheet Harbor, NS.

Foreign Ports. Antwerp, Jan. 6.—Arrived—Str. Mantou from Philadelphia via London. Rockland, Me., Jan. 6.—Arrived—Schr. Centennial from New York for St. John, NB; Preference do far do. City Island, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Bound south—Schr. Jessie Ashley from Maitland, NS. New York, Jan. 6.—Arrived—Str. Bohemian from Liverpool.

Reports. Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.—There was much relief in shipping circles today when word was received of the sighting of the new six-masted schooner Wyoming, the largest wooden sailing vessel afloat, which left Bath on Dec. 21st for Newport News, a run usually of five days. The Wyoming was reported by wireless off Winter Quarter Shoal lightship by the steamer City of Memphis, after having been driven many miles off shore by the heavy weather at Christmas time. She was on her maiden trip.

DAMAGE ASSESSED. Frederickton, N. B., Jan. 6.—Insurance on the Colter building and furniture damaged by fire yesterday was assessed this afternoon. Damage to the building was placed at \$710 and on the furniture \$600.

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