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CANADIAN RADIO CHIEF IN CITY

Head Inspector and Maritime Superintendent Visit Red Head Station

Re-equipping There—Official Coming to City to Trace Interferences. Donald Manson, Ottawa, chief inspector of the radio telegraph branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and Alexander Sutherland, Halifax, superintendent of the government radio stations in the Maritime Provinces, are in the city in connection with the proposed re-equipping of the Red Head station. They drove to the station early this forenoon and it is said the proposal is to re-fit the Red Head radio station with what is known as a W. equipment—a system characterized by a continuous wave. The present method is the spark system, now considered by officials as not modern enough for an important port like Saint John.

HELP SET OWNERS. The proposed changes at Red Head would, it is said, reduce and practically eliminate the interference of privately-owned radio sets have been experiencing from the clacking spark system employed there. This ought to vastly improve local reception conditions.

A complete check-up of local radio troubles will be carried on this week next by an interference inspector. It is thought by some radio experts here and technical electricians that street lighting leaks, motor elevators, etc., are causing havoc to radio in some localities.

Inspector Horan, who looks after radio equipment on the shipping calling line, has been a very busy official this winter. He has a particularly important duty.

A leading radio fan told The Times-Star today that radio reception has been consistently poor all over the continent this winter, but on occasions there have been wonderfully clear exceptions.

JOHNSTON LODGE TEA ATTRACTS 200. Pleasant Event Conducted By L. O. B. A. Lodge in Orange Hall. Johnston Lodge No. 19 L. O. B. A. held their annual Valentine supper and sale yesterday from 6 to 8 o'clock in Orange Hall, Germain street. The room was artistically decorated in red and white, and each of the four tables, with pointed tea tables, was centered with baskets of red roses. Red candles in brass candlesticks and silver vases were also used in the artistic decoration scheme. The booths were arranged in the same colors, reflecting credit on Mrs. R. D. Jones, convener of the decorating committee and her aids. The supper was well patronized, about 200 attending and a good sum was realized for the lodge funds.

Mrs. Charles Stephens, W. M. of the lodge, was general convener, assisted by Mrs. C. Parent, Mrs. T. Geldart, Mrs. E. L. Null, Mrs. A. D. Haines, Mrs. C. Doyle, Miss Myrtle Avery, Miss Nora Almon, and Miss Marion Rolston. Mrs. S. Rolston was convener of the kitchen, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Gray, Mrs. W. Welch, Mrs. George Gray, Mrs. W. Cummings and Mrs. T. Moore. A fancy work table was in charge of Mrs. J. Moore and a candy booth, Miss Gladys Close. The tickets were taken by Mrs. H. Brown.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brownell, Charles street, Fairville, entertained friends last evening in honor of Mr. Brownell's birthday. The reception plants and spring flowers. Mrs. Brownell and Mrs. Alonzo Craig assisted the hostess in serving dainty refreshments. On behalf of those present, Mr. Fred Griffin extended greetings and presented to the honored guest a handsome walnut smoking set. He also received a decorated birthday cake, surmounted by a miniature train and surrounded by lighted tapers, the gift of W. Parker. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. E. Devenne, Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clark, Mrs. Nellie Bradley, Miss Bessie Clark, Miss Cora Craig, Miss Bessie Craig, Miss K. O'Dell, Miss N. Parker, Fred Foley, W. Craig, M. MacLaren and Fred Griffin.

MASSONIC EVENT. Members of Union Lodge Portland, No. 19, P. and A. M., were addressed last evening in their rooms in the Masonic Hall by Canon Allan P. Shattford, of Montreal, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the work of the Masonic organization. Short addresses were also given by Grand Master George D. Ellis, of Montreal, Past Grand Master LeBaron Wilson. The first degree was exemplified for one candidate, Robert B. Irving, worshipful master, presided.

BUSY SNOWFLOWS. W. J. Pickler, mechanical superintendent of the C. P. R. shops at Adam, who is in Saint John today, says that recent snowstorms have kept his staff very busy, particularly the snowplows, every one of which has been steadily on the go.

DEFENCE REACHED IN COLLISION CASE

Matter of C. R. Ramsay Against W. E. Demings Continued in Circuit

Hearing of evidence for the plaintiff was concluded this morning in the Circuit Court before Mr. Justice LeBlanc in the case of Charles R. Ramsay et al. vs. William E. Demings, an action for damages for alleged negligence arising out of an automobile collision in Holladay avenue last August. The case for the defence was opened and four witnesses called before court took recess at noon.

The evidence of Edward Cusack and Dr. J. P. Mahoney closed the case for the plaintiff. S. W. Palmer then opened the defence to the jury, outlining the defendant's case, which is a denial of the liability alleged by the plaintiff. The defendant then took the stand and was followed by Arthur Tull, Beverly Heans and Cecil McKenzie; the defence evidence being contradictory to that offered by the plaintiff on the matter of liability.

J. B. Dever is appearing for the plaintiff and J. Starr Tait is associated with Mr. Palmer for the defence.

AFTER THE FIRES. Clearing up work after the fires on the two upper corners of King street is making itself felt. Carpenters have been clearing the debris out of the front of the F. W. Daniel Co. premises well advanced, and this morning the Nicholas Brothers tobacco place on the opposite corner was begun.

ATTENDANCE CONFERENCE. Rev. R. G. Fulton, of Centenary church, and Rev. W. McN. Matthews, of the West Saint John kirk, are attending a maritime conference of the United Church of Canada, opening in Moncton this afternoon, with Rev. Robert Laird, of Torbay, presiding. It was designed to complete the present year's financial program and plan for that of the year to begin on April 1.

TO ATTEND WEDDING. Mrs. B. Jacobson, Main street, was pleasantly surprised last evening when friends called at her home and presented a traveling bag. The present was made by Miss Rose Budonvitch. Mrs. Jacobson expects to leave next week for Detroit to attend the I. Bridge and her brother about March 1. Bridge and her brother about March 1. Bridge and her brother about March 1.

MADE GOOD. Two New Brunswick boys, Fleming and Jackson, who made good in Vancouver in the United States, and who have been visiting their homes here at the end of their Boston Saturday, learned their trick and fancy skating and barrel-jumping act in their native town, and they went over well across the line. Jackson is a Fredericton boy and Fleming hails from Saint John. They are giving an exhibition in the Victoria rink this evening.

SPEAKS OF HELL. Much interest was manifested last night in the meeting in the Douglas avenue Christian church conducted by Evangelist John H. Wells. His subject was "A Voyage to Hell." He said that the Bible supported the existence of hell as much as it did heaven, and he quoted references in proof of the statement. He said it was better to pin one's faith in God's word rather than one's own speculation. Two more went forward at last night's meeting.

COMMITTEES NAMED. Fairmont Lodge, L. O. B. A., met in their hall at East Saint John last evening with Mrs. J. Chard, W. M., presiding. The following committees were appointed to arrange for a bean supper in March: Mrs. Geldert Lewis, convener; Mrs. William McInyre, secretary and Mrs. Phillip McIntyre, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Pittman, convener of the kitchen, and Mrs. William Woodrose and Mrs. Harris Green, conveners of the kitchen, and Mrs. George Gordon and Mrs. Harry Foster in charge of the cakes. Further arrangements will be made at a later meeting.

GIVEN NOVELTY SHOWER. About 50 friends of Mrs. Lena M. Urquhart met at her home, Pleasant Point, last evening, to tender her a novelty shower in anticipation of a happy event of the near future. The guests, who received many beautiful and useful gifts, including articles of cut glass and linen. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and dancing. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. A. Palmer and Mrs. N. Urquhart, assisted by Misses Helen Palmer, Phyllis Fitzgerald and Lorena Urquhart. Thanks was extended to Capt. Leonard and Capt. McLean who made a late trip of the Milford ferry to accommodate the city guests.

As Hiram Sees It. "Look-a-her!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times-Star reporter. "If I ketch you printin' any more yarns about robins an' butterflies, I'll stop my paper."

"That would be a blow to a home industry," said the reporter. "Well," said Hiram, "we're gittin' a heap too much home industry. Every time you print one o' them yarns about early birds an' things we hev another snowstorm an' I hev to be an early bird diggin' tunnels in the barn an' all round the place. That's a sort of home industry. I ain't lookin' fer—an' me with out. You jist let up on that atly spring stuff an' tell them fellers up to Ottawa that we set 'em up there to do somethin' else besides hollerin' at one another. Say, I got rheumatics so bad in my back from shovellin' snow that I can't sleep nights. I see you says that recent snowstorms have kept town folks ain't doin' no shovellin'—or what? You got streets that the wuss'n' any road in the Settlement—By Hen!"

JUNIORS DO WELL WITH SALE AND TEA

Girls of Stone Church W. A. Carry Out Successful Afternoon Function

The Junior W. A. of St. John's (Stone) church held a successful tea and sale yesterday afternoon in the parish house. Decorations of red and gold hearts were very effectively arranged. The long tea, served in the centre of the room was very pretty trimmed with a valentine cloth and bore a silver urn of red tulips and narcissus in the centre. Mrs. A. L. Fleming and Mrs. J. Hannam, of Evans, presided over the tea and a silver basket of red tulips and narcissus decorated the platform. Those who assisted Mrs. Evans in taking charge were Mrs. R. Downing Paterson, Mrs. Kenneth Golding, Mrs. R. W. Willis, Mrs. Hedley T. Shorrock and Mrs. Gordon Dickson. A book table was in charge of Miss Roberta Paterson. A candy table was presided over by Miss Constance Shorrock and Mrs. Helen McKinnon. Miss Sally Turnbull and Miss Helen Sanctor. The waitresses were the Misses Margaret and Florence Vorse, Christina Irons, Rea Sloan, Evelyn Clark and Elizabeth Vernon. Tickets were taken at the home of Mrs. J. Hannam. The juniors wore white dresses with valentine trimmed aprons and little white caps with a red heart in front, and carried out their part of the service of the tea and sale most capably.

LADY IS HELD UP IN WEST SIDE STREET. One of the city's prominent lady vocalists on her way to the home of friends in Duke street, West End, where a musicale was in progress, met with a very unpleasant experience about 9 o'clock last evening. She was suddenly held up by a man who sprang from an alley, caught her and held her fast until apparently frightened away by her loud screams.

Seized By Man While on Way to Friends' House But Escapes. This happened in Duke street, near the market square. The lady ran about a block to her friends' home where she arrived almost in a state of collapse.

Meetings of Two Sewing Circles Held. The sewing circle of Roxborough Lodge, L. O. B. A., West Saint John, were entertained at the home of Mrs. William Myles, Guilford street, last evening. Mrs. W. B. Knight presided. Much sewing was accomplished. Mrs. W. Fuller and Miss Jean Myles assisted the hostess in serving dainty refreshments. The circle will meet next Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. P. Blizzard, Union street, West Saint John. Those present last evening were Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. William Lord, Mrs. F. Blizzard, Mrs. George Merryweather, Mrs. W. B. Nice, Mrs. H. Donner, Mrs. R. Wilson, Mrs. J. Donner, Mrs. H. Jennings, Mrs. J. Bosence, Mrs. G. Magee, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. L. Melvin and Mrs. W. Fuller.

IN FAIRVILLE. The sewing circle of Fairville United church met last evening at the home of Mrs. Alexander Scott. The evening was spent in quilting and making patchwork. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. George Morrison. Those present were Mrs. S. A. Worrell, Mrs. O. D. Hanson, Mrs. S. H. Shaw, Mrs. P. Kelly, Mrs. Clifford Sutton, Mrs. Edward Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Daniel Campbell, Mrs. Margaret Cougle, Mrs. A. Hobart, Mrs. G. Morrison, Mrs. J. J. Pinkerton and Mrs. D. Crosby.

PYTHIAN ANNIVERSARY. The Knights of Pythias of the city will observe the sixty-second anniversary of the founding of their order on Friday of this week with a musical and literary program, supper and dance in Pythian Castle and on Sunday at 4 p.m. the annual church service will be held in St. Andrew's United church, Rev. J. Sutherland Bonnell, preacher. The Pythian Sisterhood will participate in both observances.

SISTER VERY ILL. William Kelly, of Montreal, son of W. J. Kelly, former baggage-master in the depot, arrived home at noon, being summoned by telegraph because of the critical condition of his sister, Miss Alice Kelly, at her home, Murray street, North End.

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