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SEASON OF '77 WAS LIKE THIS OF '23

Sheriff Wilson's Diary Tells of Conditions After the Great Fire.

The present long stretch of unusually mild weather for November—quite different from last fall—is really not so very strange after all, according to High Sheriff A. A. Wilson who has been keeping a diary of weather and local affairs for a good many years.

The sheriff says that the fall of 1876 was quite as mild and open as this year, indeed until the first of December. There has been no snow and very little frost in the ground.

The year previous, 1877, when St. John suffered so disastrously from fire, winter conditions were providentially withheld until after December. In the great rush of reconstructing the city bricklayers year after year had to trade until a very late date up to the time an almost unprecedented privilege.

The sheriff recalls that for this apparent special blessing upon a fire-stricken people many churches offered special prayers of thanksgiving and it was common comment. Indeed the mild weather did much to inspire the populace with new courage and it certainly gave seal and ardor to their faith.

QUARTETTE HAD PLAN TO RUN AWAY

Boys' Escapade is Checked Except in the Case of One.

Having been summoned to appear in the police court this morning as a witness in a case against a proprietor of a pool room, a North End boy fifteen years of age took heed to the advice of some companions and decided to run away. He was told by his companions that he would be sent to the Boys Industrial Home for at least two years, and as they were planning on leaving the city they advised him to join them. As a result the four lads set out for Fairville intent on getting on a freight train and starting out for some other section of Canada.

However, their secret was learned and the parent of one sent word to Central Police Station asking that steps be taken to intercept them. Three officers were hurried to Fairville and soon came upon the adventurers. They were caught and brought back to the city and turned over to the custody of their parents but the fourth got away.

CAN'T GET TO U. S. CANADA FOR YEAR

Swiss Held Up Here as Passports for the Dominion

A little Swiss named Fritz Tellenbach of Zurich is in town. He is a sadly disappointed lad. He came to Canada with a colonizing party a couple of months ago and says he listened to alluring promises of Nova Scotia immigration officials who boarded the steamer and promised plenty of work, at good wages to those who would sign up with him. Fritz and some companions left their party and instead of going west, as routed, stayed off in Nova Scotia. Now the little fellow from the foot of the Alps wants to reach his stepfather in New York. When he presented himself at the railway station the U. S. officials could not recognise his passport, which were for Canada only. So according to one of the rules, Fritz will have to stay on this side of the border for at least one year. By trade he is a baker—bread and rolls—and they do say the Swiss, like the Germans, are fine bakers.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "what is new in the Settlement?"

"We had the greatest concert down in the pond las' night we've had since last spring," said Hiram.

"A concert—in the pond," said the reporter. "Did you say the pond?"

"That's what I said," replied Hiram.

"But how in the world," said the reporter, "could there be a concert in the pond?"

LOCAL NEWS

TO FINISH THE WEEK.
All the earth work at the Log Falls dam will be done this week, it was reported at the office of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission this morning.

CONDUCTOR IS INJURED.
J. R. McManus, conductor on the Hampton suburban train had his hand painfully cut on Tuesday morning when he slipped and fell on a gas lamp globe while on duty. A bad gash, inflicted in his hand, required six stitches.

SURVEYING ST. JAMES ST.
A survey of St. James street for the purpose of establishing grades, etc., was now under way in anticipation of the possible paving of the street next week. The staff engineer, road engineer advised this morning.

IS RETURNED MAN.
Leslie A. Cooper, yesterday appointed district commissioner, is a son of Samuel J. Cooper, of the chamberlain's staff. Mr. Cooper is 22 years of age and was formerly employed with the Bank of Montreal. He is one of three brothers who served overseas, enlisting while under age to serve with the colors.

WILL BE HERE ON FRIDAY.
The C. P. R. steamship passenger agent, Mr. William Webster, general agent will arrive in St. John on the afternoon of the 30th, for the winter season. This staff consists of Don J. Cable, whose friends will be pleased to learn, has been appointed assistant general agent, Messrs. MacLeod, Dwyer, Armstrong and Miss Hammond.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD.
A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Hugh McLean, 103 Queen street, when about 40 friends gathered and presented to him a silver cigarette case, in honor of his birthday. Several other handsome gifts were also received. Although taken by surprise, Mr. McLean thanked those present in a short speech. The evening was spent in dancing, and several solos were also enjoyed. A pleasant evening was had by all.

JUDGMENT IS RESERVED.
His Honor Mr. Justice Chandler after hearing the argument of counsel yesterday in the appeal of W. M. Ryan, acting on behalf of the Attorney-General, in the case of Magistrate Ritchie in the David Carleton liquor case, reserved judgment. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared for Mr. Carleton.

YOUNG MEN.
The work of connecting the new 24 inch main on the west side with the existing main on the east side, while this is going on the pressure on Lancaster Heights will be low. The water will be turned off at 7 o'clock and the men will work all night and it is hoped to have the water on again by morning.

ADDRESSES ST. ANDREW'S.
At the weekly meeting of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club last night Allan Stewart gave an interesting and complete and interesting address on "The Waterworks of St. John." This address, which was very much appreciated, is the first of a series of talks on civic affairs to be delivered before the club during the winter. The president, Fred Smith, presided at the meeting.

PORTLAND CATTLE TRAFFIC.
In a recent issue of the New York Herald, it is stated that 10,000 head of Canadian cattle through the port of Portland, Me., in the last 10 months. The Grand Trunk stock yard, at East Deering, is being rebuilt to take care of cattle shipments, according to the writer.

CALL COMES TO ST. JOHN PASTOR.
The Rev. J. A. Swetnam is Asked to Go to Bath, Me.

Rev. John A. Swetnam, popular pastor of Waterloo street United Baptist Church, has received the unanimous call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bath, Me. This pastorage, it is said, presents a splendid opportunity for progressive Christian work. When interviewed today Rev. Swetnam said that he would not give his decision for a few days.

Rev. Mr. Swetnam has been in charge of this church for two years and during that period many new members were added to his flock and new organizations formulated. Quite recently the church underwent repairs and a number of improvements were made.

GRAIN BUSINESS OF SEASON HERE IS UNDER WAY

It was announced at C. P. R. headquarters this morning that 1,250 cars, or approximately 6,500,000 bushels of grain, has been loaded at Port McNichol for the elevators in West St. John. Of this amount 650,000 bushels have arrived and other shipments are enroute here. One steamer at present in port will take away 350,000 bushels while other steamers due here in the near future are to take forward large quantities. Last season the grain shipped through St. John totalled 13,347,207 bushels, valued at \$14,229,160.

ONE DAY THERE WAS NOT A MAN BEHIND BARS

The announcement recently that there was not a prisoner in the jail here on account of drunkenness recalled to Sheriff Wilson today the fact that on Jan. 1, 1903, there was not a man in jail on any charge. "In fact," he added, "we had to get women to come to scrub up, a work usually done by the prisoners."

CASE OF BOY IS CAUSE OF WORRY

Magistrate Concerned Over Lad Taken in Kennebecasis Fire Matter.

Magistrate Henderson said this morning that he was in a dilemma as to what action to take in the case of a boy, who appeared before him on a charge of breaking a window in a store in Prince Edward street, owned by Percy Gibbons. The boy was taken into custody yesterday morning on suspicion of setting fire to a barn on Kennebecasis Island, and when questioned said that it had been accidental. He was detained as there was a charge against him of wilfully breaking a pane of glass in Mr. Gibbons' store.

When questioned about the window incident this morning he denied that he had intended to steal anything, but acknowledged that he had broken some of the party off. He said he was sixteen years of age and had only gone to grade 2 in the public schools. Magistrate Henderson said he might have to go to Kings County to stand trial for a more serious charge. He pointed out that if he has a tendency to set fires it is dangerous to allow him to be at large, but on the other hand if the fire in the barn was the result of an accident he could not be charged with arson. He thought that if he could be trusted he might secure a position on some farm where he would have an opportunity of going to school. He decided to send him to jail for two days and in the meanwhile to look into his case and decide what is the best thing to be done.

VERDICT GIVEN FOR DEFENDANT

Automobile Case in Circuit Court Goes by Default With Costs.

Judgment by default for the defendant with costs was handed down by Mr. Justice Barry in the Circuit Court this morning in the case of Colwell against A. E. Corbett.

The case of Samuel Greenburg against Allan Stewart, involving a promissory note, was completed before Judge J. A. Barry in County Court Chambers this morning, the evidence of C. D. Knowlton being heard. After hearing argument of M. B. Innes, representing the plaintiff, and G. H. Belyea, for the defence, Judge Barry reserved decision.

TAKES OVER ARMY SOCIAL WORK HERE

Ensign Arthur Ward Opening Free Labor Bureau in St. John.

Ensign Arthur Ward of the Salvation Army arrived in St. John yesterday from London, Ontario, to take over the management of the social department of the army's work. He succeeds Commandant Arthur Shear who, after five years of successful work in this city has been transferred to the oversight of the army's work at the provincial jail in Burwash, Ontario, and who left last week to begin his new duties.

The industrial department of the Salvation Army is extensive and includes police court work, lost and missing friend bureau, free labor bureau and men's social work. It is the intention of Ensign Ward to establish here at once a free labor bureau at the army's building, 36 St. James street, and hopes that St. John people who want men to do odd jobs will telephone on Main 1033. He said that he had found many men needing this work.

Ensign Ward has been engaged in men's welfare work for 10 years, serving in Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax and is, therefore, well acquainted with his duties. He has been an officer in the Salvation Army for 12 years.

BOYS MUST NOT BE IN POOL ROOMS

Magistrate Puts Onus on Proprietors—Fines Two in North End.

Daniel Christoff and Arthur A. Harzic, proprietors of pool rooms in Main street, were fined \$10 each in the police court this morning for allowing minors to be on their premises. Three boys told of being in the pool parlors. Both of the defendants acknowledged that the boys were there, but maintained that they had asked them how old they were and they gave their ages as eighteen and nineteen. Magistrate Henderson explained that if the boys lied the proprietors were still liable. He said that the maximum penalty was \$20 or two months in jail. He said that as it was the first time he would accept \$10. He pointed out that this should be a warning to others to see that no boys were permitted to be on their premises.

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