

MATTHEW LODGE TALKS OF GRAIN TRAFFIC HERE

C. N. R. Director Speaks of
Routes and of Faci-
ties

SAYS FLOUR MILL
VERY DESIRABLE

N. B. Delegates to Winnipeg
Confer in Saint
John

Matthew Lodge of Moncton, the New Brunswick representative on the Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railway, who attended a conference of the New Brunswick delegates to the Winnipeg conference, held at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon, spoke on the matter of grain shipments through the port of Saint John. He also referred to the desirability of having a flour mill here to grind Canadian wheat for the overseas market and sell the by-products to Maritime farmers for their livestock.

He called special attention to the campaign of The Telegraph-Journal and The Times-Star and the trip of A. M. Belling across Canada to awaken interest in the problems of the Maritimes and the good which had resulted from their efforts.

ATLANTIC PORTS.
On the matter of Atlantic ports he said:

"The first question we must ask ourselves in connection with this very important subject, is, have we the necessary facilities for the accommodation and despatch of the business now offering at Saint John and Halifax?"

"The Saint John Harbor Board during this year of 1925 have been pushing both with the Canadian National Railway management and the Department of Public Works for the building of the first unit at Courtney Bay and the projection of the railways to that dock. Sir Henry Thornton promised when here, and again at the interviews, that just as soon as the Department of Public Works would begin the building of the first unit at Courtney Bay he would complete the necessary railway connection.

"You are aware that last year's estimates were cut short, but there was a sum, I think \$300,000, placed in the estimates for dredging operations, and if my information is correct the dredging did not start until late in September. Consequently the present facilities for loading freight at the wharves on the East Side of the harbor have been very much curtailed and according to newspaper reports the dredging operations had to be temporarily suspended so as to facilitate the shipping at this port.

COMMISSION QUESTION.
"We find the same old question still being discussed by Col. Brown and others: Whether or not it is advisable to place the ports of Saint John and Halifax under a commission, the same as Montreal and Vancouver. The fact that these ports are evidently much better equipped than those of Halifax and Saint John would lead us to believe that if the ports of Halifax and Saint John were placed on a common business basis they would have achieved their object and made greater progress than they have at present controlled. However, that is something for the people of these two cities to settle themselves.

"What we are particularly interested in the Maritime Provinces is the building up of our ports to such a position that they can take care of all traffic, both export and import.

ROUTING OF GRAIN.
"There is much discussion with regard to the routing of grain by the railways during the winter season through our ports of Saint John and Halifax. We must take into consideration the fact that the railway management cannot absolutely control the routing of grain to any port. Mr. Belling has given that subject a very complete analysis, and I think he has explained to the several boards of trade of the Maritime Provinces what it is possible to do in this connection. He will tell you that a tenth of a cent in the rate very often decides the route that will be taken.

"There is some misunderstanding with regard to a statement I made to our board of trade at our annual meeting this week. The railway management are most anxious to develop the trade in this direction and have made some comparisons which have been tabulated, and which no doubt will be available to the commissions of both Saint John and Halifax at any time they wish to discuss the matter with the Railway Board.

"We may say, however, that the train miles to haul 1,000 tons from Port Arthur to Portland is 4,007 train miles; from Port Arthur to Saint John is 4,884 train miles; from Port Arthur to Halifax is 4,998 train miles. Therefore, you will note that the difference, particularly in the case of Saint John, is so slight, that grain can be handled from Port Arthur via the Long Lac cut-off, on practically an even basis with Portland.

GIVES COMPARISON.
"To move 50,000,000 bushels of grain from Port Arthur to Saint John via Long Lac cut-off, National Transcontinental and Fredericton, as against Portland, would mean an additional expenditure of \$157,500, less than 1-3 of a cent a bushel.

"And again, the distance from Port Arthur to Quebec via the Long Lac cut-off is 1,071 miles; from Quebec to Saint John, 500 miles. The distance from Port Arthur to Ottawa via the Canadian Northern is 908 miles; Ottawa to Montreal 116 miles; Montreal to Portland 297 miles, making a difference in mileage in favor of Portland over Saint John of over 233 miles.

"The heavy grades from Montreal to Portland will help to equalize the movement to Saint John and if the routing of grain can be secured for winter shipment through these ports we can see no reason why the railways of Canada cannot handle the business.

"We have to take into consideration at the present time the rebuilding of the Fredericton bridge to complete the short route to Saint John, and the absolute guarantee of docking facilities

at both Saint John and Halifax to take care of classes of trade offering.

WEST INDIES TREATY.

"Many Maritime business men, together with the people of the whole of Canada, are looking towards the signing of the trade treaty with the West India Islands. The completed treaty piece of business must bring to us a much greater trade than we now enjoy. If our government, however, restitute the commerce offering in Venezuela alone they would find an enormous business offering there which can be taken care of by our Canadian manufacturers and agriculturists. It does seem to me that this West India business can be very much enlarged to the benefit particularly of the Maritime Provinces.

"Those leaving the grain routing subject, we must take into consideration the fact that until the freeze-up the greater part of the grain is removed to the Georgian Bay ports by the water route, and, therefore, large quantities of grain are not always available at Port Arthur for shipment to Eastern winter ports. Before closing my remarks I wish to call attention to the Buffalo situation, and the immense flour mills that are already operating there, and more being erected for the grinding of Canadian grain in the Dominion. The formation of the proposed Dominion Board of Trade was also to discuss the carrying on of the work of seeing that the Maritime Provinces get their proper place in the Dominion. The formation of the proposed Dominion Board of Trade was also to discuss the carrying on of the work of seeing that the Maritime Provinces get their proper place in the Dominion.

CONFER THIS AFTERNOON.

The New Brunswick delegates to the Winnipeg conference met this afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms to discuss plans for the carrying on of the work of seeing that the Maritime Provinces get their proper place in the Dominion. The formation of the proposed Dominion Board of Trade was also to discuss the carrying on of the work of seeing that the Maritime Provinces get their proper place in the Dominion.

CASE CONTINUED.

The case of Walter Fleet, charged with keeping a disorderly house, and Stella McIntosh with being an inmate, and with the theft of \$105 from John Ferri came before Police Court this afternoon.

DEATH OF GIRL.

At the General Public Hospital yesterday Miss Pearl Donaldson, 14 years of age, daughter of Mrs. Jas. Dugan and the late Charles Donaldson of Black River, passed away. She leaves her mother, stepfather, two brothers, William and Charles, and two sisters, Gladys and Theresa, of this city. The funeral will be held on Saturday in St. Thomas' church, Black River, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the cemetery at the church.

BIRTHS.

SMITH—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Smith, 211 Winston street, West Saint John, Dec. 3, a daughter.

DEATHS.

DONALDSON—At the General Public Hospital on Dec. 3, 1925, Pearl, daughter of Mrs. James Dugan and the late Charles Donaldson, age 14 years, leaving her mother, stepfather, 2 brothers and 2 sisters to mourn.

BAXTER—On Dec. 3, 1925, George O. Baxter, M. D., leaving his wife, one daughter and two sons.

Funeral services on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 3 p. m. from his residence, 105 Union street, at 9 o'clock. Requiem mass at Cathedral at 9 o'clock.

WINSLOW—In this city on Dec. 4, business day, the widow of Walter C. Winslow, and daughter of the late George and Mary Ann Winslow, leaving 4 sons and 2 daughters.

Funeral Saturday morning from the residence of her son, 312 Etna street, at 9 o'clock. Requiem mass at Cathedral at 9 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM.

MOORE—In sad but loving memory of suddenly Dec. 4, 1925. Gone but not forgotten. FAMILY.

McPHERSON—In memory of Ann, wife of David McPheron, who died Dec. 4, 1925.

"Asleep in Jesus."

HUSBAND AND FAMILY.

TRIBUTES PAID FORMER JUDGE

Many Attend at Funeral of
Hon. J. R. Armstrong

Saint John Law Society, on Premier Baxter's Motion, Passes Resolution

An impressive tribute was paid this afternoon to the memory of Hon. J. R. Armstrong at his funeral which took place from Saint John's Stone church. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Daniel of Holyrood, assisted by Rev. A. L. Holmes, of St. Jude's church. The choir sang as the opening hymn "Rock of Ages" and after the lesson "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace." Mrs. T. J. Gunn played "The Dead March in Saul" very impressively as the body of the deceased was carried to the pallbearers were Hon. J. B. Baxter, Sir Douglas Hazen, P. P. Starr, Mr. Justice Griesmer, Senator Dandridge and Dr. J. Roy Campbell. Military Headquarters were represented by Col. Commandant W. B. Anderson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. H. C. Sparling, D.S.O., and Capt. H. B. Poston. All walks of life were represented in the funeral cortege. Interment was in Fernhill.

CONFREES REGRET.

The Saint John Law Society, at a special meeting held this morning in the Equity Court Rooms, passed a resolution of regret at the death of Hon. J. R. Armstrong.

The resolution was moved by the Hon. Dr. J. B. Baxter, who made feeling reference, in his opening remarks, to the loss sustained by the legal profession and the community as a whole by the passing of Judge Armstrong, whom the speaker described as one of the highest integrity, possessing a broad understanding and human sympathy which did him credit in the many enterprises in which he became involved. Dr. Baxter also deplored the loss to him of a personal friend for whom he had the greatest respect and esteem.

In a brief address as second of the resolution, Judge H. O. McInerney heartily endorsed the sentiment expressed by Dr. Baxter, and paid a glowing tribute to the late Judge Armstrong.

The meeting was presided over by Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K.C., president of the society, who made reference to the regret felt by all members of the community on hearing of the death of the late Judge. The chairman paid a personal tribute to the integrity and loftiness of purpose always displayed by Judge Armstrong.

RESOLUTION PASSED.

The following is the text of the resolution moved by Premier Baxter:

Whereas, the Saint John Law Society have learned with deep regret of the death of Hon. Russell Armstrong, one of His Majesty's Counsel and formerly Judge of Probate for the County of Saint John, and latterly Judge of the Saint John County Court:

Be it resolved, that the society desire to place on record its appreciation of those qualities of mind and character which distinguished him during a long career at the bar and in his administration as a Judge.

In the practice of his profession, as in all else, he was scrupulously exact and strove both by precept and example to uphold the idea that a lawyer's relations to his client constitute a sacred trust, and that the position of a lawyer should be one of integrity and loftiness of purpose always displayed by Judge Armstrong.

And further resolved, that the society desire to convey to the family and friends of the deceased, their deep sympathy for the loss which they have sustained.

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Shipping

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

Arrived.

Friday, Dec. 4.

Stun, Manchester Corporation, 2475, from Manchester.

Coastwise—Tugs Mildred, 27, Morris, from Parrsboro; Ocean Hawk, 83, Rush, from Albert.

Cleared.

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BUSINESS LOCALS

Sale of fancy goods and home cooking, Charlotte street Baptist church, West, Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 4 to 8.

1731-12-5.

Butter, Creamery 50c, Dairy 45c—Manhattan Market, Cor. Union and Mill.

NOTICE

I. O. D. E. members and the general public invited to hear Miss Irene Ward, Church of England, 101, 102, this evening, 8 o'clock. Admission free.

12-5

For best in home cooking—Manhattan Market, Cor. Union and Mill.

PANTRY SALE

At Trinity church school room Saturday 10 a.m. (This week).

12-5

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKnight announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Hilda Elizabeth, to George M. Boal of Belfast, Ireland, whose marriage will take place in the near future.

Just opened fresh stock groceries and fruits—Manhattan Market. 12-6

THE TEMPLE MASONIC CLUB

There will be a musical entertainment, motion pictures, and refreshments, at the Temple Club rooms, Free Masons' Hall, this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock, to which all club members and Masonic friends are welcome.

12-5

Pantry sale Saturday morning, Venetian Gardens—Mount St. Vincent Altinac. 12-5

VESEL REFOATED.

QUEBEC, Dec. 4.—A wireless from the government steamer Mikula, last night, announced that the boat went aground at Les Scuries, 35 miles from Quebec. The Mikula was refloated without damage.

PERSONALS

Mrs. H. J. Hurlbut, who has been conversing at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. H. Hurlbut, here left on Monday for St. Petersburg, Florida, to spend the winter months there.

of these duties because of age, he yet remained intensely interested in many public undertakings with which he had long been associated and to which he had always given unswerving support.

He believed that every man owed the best that was in him to the community in which he lived, and took delight in giving voluntary public service. For more than twelve years he commanded the Third New Brunswick Regiment of Artillery, and took pride in feeling that in this way he was doing something to forward the cause of Empire. For many years also, he was a lecturer in King's College Law School and many members of the bar have received instruction from him.

His was a life spent in doing his duty as he saw it, upholding the best standards of conduct in public as well as in private life, forming true, lasting and unostentatious friendships in which he gave, as in all else of his best. The memory of him which will endure will be that which would be best pleasing to him, of a gentleman who honored his profession and loved and served his country.

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ARE NOW PREPARING FOR MILITARY BALL

Committees Named For New
Years Eve Function at Local
Armory

The annual military ball under the auspices of the Saint John Pullers will be held again this year in the Armory on New Year's Eve with more elaborate preparations than ever going on to make the function a big success. In the past, the decorations committee in connection with the event has achieved outstanding success and this committee, headed by Major G. G. Anglin, expect to do even better this year. Other committees are headed as follows: Music, Major T. M. Bell; catering, Major John R. Gale; floor committee, Major Paterson. All the other officers are members of the general committees. Novelties to usher in the New Year have been arranged for the ball.

GOES TO DRY DOCK

Contract For Repairs to C. G. S. Laurentian Has Been Awarded

The contract for making the repairs to the engine room and deck of the C. G. S. Laurentian was awarded to the Saint John Drydock and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., this morning. It was announced by J. C. Chesley, agent for the Marine and Fisheries Department. He said that he expected that the repairs would be completed and the vessel back in commission again before Christmas.

The Laurentian has been undergoing repairs to her hull on the marine railway at East Saint John recently.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB.

At the luncheon of the Y. M. C. A. Y's men's club held today regular business was discussed. The president, W. R. Pearce, was in the chair.

REPLACING BUOYS

The C. G. S. Dollard replaced the Trinity Ledge buoy yesterday afternoon and proceeded this morning to the Lurcher Lightship to replace the Lurcher Shoal buoy. She will also take the usual monthly relief crew to the Lurcher Lightship.

Too Late for Classification

GROCERY SPECIALS.

FOR SALE—24 lb. bag Royal household flour, \$1.15; 16 lb. bag, \$1.05; 10 lb. bag, \$1.00; 5 lb. bag, \$0.55. Telephone Wilcox Grocery, N. 1018.

FOR SALE—2 lbs. bulk mince meat, \$1.05; new order, 45c, a gal.—Telephone Wilcox Grocery, N. 1018.

FOR SALE—2 pkgs. 15 oz. seeded raisins, 25c; new currants, 15c package; 1 lb. bulk dates, 25c—Wilcox Grocery.

FOR SALE—2 bars Surprise candy, 2 bars Infants' Delight for 50c—A. Wilcox Grocery.

FOR SALE—2 cans corn, 25c; 2 cans peas, 25c; 2 cans tomatoes, 25c; Orange Pease Tea, 52c, a lb.—Wilcox Grocery. 12-5

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

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