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LARGE LINER DOCKS AT SAND POINT AT LOW WATER; BRINGS RECORD MAIL

Montrose Has 524 Passengers, Including Men of Prominence.

Despite the assertion that a great liner could not enter this port and dock at low water the palatial C. P. R. steamship Montrose swung handsomely into her berth at Sand Point at noon today half an hour after dead low tide. The steamship arrived off the Island about 11 o'clock last night and came in this morning.

Record Mail

She brought a record Christmas mail, the largest that has ever been handled through Canada's winterport. She also had some prominent passengers and she carried a large general cargo. The mail consisted of 1,873 bags of letters, 1,835 bags of magazines, 3,980 packages of parcel post. All this will be rushed forward by special trains to various points of destination in Canada so as to be delivered in time for Christmas.

There were 524 passengers on the Montrose—148 cabin and 366 first class. The cabin passengers included 138 adults and 12 children. In the third class were 297 adults, 55 children and 18 infants. They all will go forward this afternoon on two special trains leaving West St. John at 4 and 5.30 o'clock.

There were 42 tourists, 341 settlers for Canada and 19 settlers for the United States. Among these were 100 Scandinavians, all new arrivals, who are destined for points in Western Canada. Prominent Passengers

Among the prominent passengers was Major General J. H. McBrien of Ottawa, chief of the general staff of the Department of National Defence of Canada, who has been in England as a member of the Canadian delegation to the Imperial Conference. He was met on his arrival by Colonel J. Houlston, D. S. O., commandant M. D. No. 7; Captain W. V. Ross Winter, D. S. and T. O., and Captain H. A. Campbell, D. V. M. D. No. 7.

Another prominent passenger was Mack Hamblough, who is one of the leading pianists in the world. He was accompanied by his wife, who was a daughter of Lord Muir MacKenzie, formerly speaker of the British House of Commons. This will be his fourth transatlantic tour. He recently completed a series of seventy concerts in England.

Another prominent passenger was the Rt. Hon. W. R. Warren, Prime Minister of Newfoundland. As soon as the steamer docked at Sand Point and his party were driven to the Union station and left on the C. N. R. for Halifax. Other prominent passengers were: Colonel Sullivan, St. John's, Nfld.; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Reid, St. John's, Nfld.; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bell, Montreal; Miss C. Robinson, Toronto; B. A. Neales, manager of the Hotel Fontaine, Quebec, and Mrs. Neales, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Smith, London, Ont.; J. Moneyneen, Winnipeg; C. H. Finch, Derby, and W. G. Burgess, Winnipeg.

His Last Voyage.

It was said at the dock today that this will be the last voyage of Capt. H. Parry, the capable commander of the Montrose, as he is to retire when he brings his ship back to England.

HAVE TEA AND SALE

The rooms of the Church of England Institute are prettily decorated today for the tea and sale being held this afternoon under the auspices of Royal Arms Chapter, I. O. D. E. The color scheme is red and green. Mrs. Z. S. Stephenson and Mrs. F. Z. Fowler are general conveners; Mrs. Harold Coussie and Mrs. Olive Dickason are in charge of the refreshments; Mrs. R. W. Wigmore were refreshers. Those in charge of the individual tables were Mrs. John McConnell, Mrs. W. E. Roop, Mrs. G. Moore, Miss Muriel Carter and Miss Stephenson.

Those in charge of the sale were: Fancy work, Mrs. T. H. Carter and Mrs. G. G. Carter; home cooking, Mrs. William Taylor and Miss Rhoda; grab bag, Mrs. H. Thurber and Miss B. Thompson. Mrs. John Gordon looked after the tickets. Mrs. John Willett was in charge of a demonstration of Certo, which was donated to the chapter by Harold Crouse.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I have a letter urging me to start a movement for a Bachelor and Widowers' Club, the object being matrimony. The reasons given are that such a Club could devise means to bring even its most bashful members into the presence of the angels of the home, provide revenue for the government, and gladden the brethren of the ministry. What do you think of this?"

"Well, now," said Hiram, "I'll tell you. When I went a courtin' I never wanted to go in church. Just me an' Hanner for a quiet walk or a cosy corner—an' if any other feller come a-snuipin' round I didn't sleep none too well. I wasn't bankerin' to introduce no other feller. Hanner—or go round tellin' what a ne gal she was. If anybody started in 'casin' me I wanted to see his hide on the barn-door that minute. No, sir—I wouldn't jine no Bachelors' Club. I'd just keep my eye out fer a nice gal an' 'er acquaintance—an' if she couldn't cure me of bein' a bachelor I'd try some-where else. Why, this town has so many nice gals that a spry young feller 'd get engaged about twice a week—by Hen!"

SUE FOR \$85,000.

Sch. Peter McIntyre's Owners Take Damage Action in Philadelphia.

J. Starr Tait left last evening for Philadelphia where he will represent the Provincial Bank of Canada and J. Splane and Co. in a libel suit of Peter McIntyre against the oil tanker "Pratt." It will be recalled that the tanked sank the schooner Peter McIntyre while the schooner was at anchor off Philadelphia and the owners of the schooner have begun suit for \$85,000.

SAYS TURKEYS SHOULD BE CHEAP

Market Dealer Claims They Should Not be Above 45 Cents.

That turkeys are plentiful this year and that the price should not exceed 45c, a pound was a statement made by a merchant in the City Market this morning. He said that he had seen fine lots sold yesterday for 37c, a pound wholesale and that he had received word from Prince Edward Island that he could secure a supply for 40c a pound wholesale, and chickens and ducks for 20c a pound. Turkeys in market stalls this morning were being offered for 50c. a pound. Choice looking chickens were offered from 35c to 38c, a pound; from 30 to 35c, geese; for 45c a pound and ducks for 45c.

There was a good supply of commodities shown by courtesans. Eggs ranged from 50c for case or storage eggs to 80c a dozen for specials. Butter was being sold by most dealers for 45c a pound. Lamb was offered from 10c to 12c a pound for hind, and from 12 to 16c for the fore. Rabbits were offered from 16c a pair to 20c. Pork by the cut was selling at 25c a pound; beef ranged all the way from 8c to 26c, the latter being for steak. Bacon was offered at 24c a pound.

FERRY FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

Once Pleasant Point Operator Had to Pay for the Privilege.

The putting into service of the ferry steamer Milford I, between Indian Point and Pleasant Point, recalls the fact that a ferry had been operated between these points for considerably more than a century as a municipal enterprise. At one time the town of Pleasant Point was the Parish of Lancaster and the ferry was operated by the town. The minutes of a council meeting on Friday, December 10, 1802, record that the privilege of operating the ferry was granted to Robert Layton but do not say whether or not he paid anything for the privilege. It was required to provide boats suitable for the carrying of passengers and cattle. The fare was set at 4 pence for a man; man and horse or meat cattle, one shilling; sheep, hogs or calves, two pence.

CARLETON TOWER LODGE ELECTS

Carleton Tower Lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias, as a regular meeting held last evening in their Castle Hall, Guilford street, West End, elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Chancellor commander, W. J. Merryweather; vice-chancellor, LeBaron Stubbs; prelate, Jack Allen; master of works, M. Johnson; keeper of records and seal, Harold Stears; master of finance, E. A. Young; master of exchequer, L. E. Rolston; master-at-arms, R. B. Brittain; inner guard, K. Olney; outer guard, Charles Ellis; trustee, I. K. Griffiths.

OFFERS A PRIZE FOR BOY SKATERS

Commissioner Thornton this morning made an announcement that will be hailed with delight by the boys of the north end when he stated that he was prepared to offer a prize for the winner of a series of skating races for boys under 10, to be held on the Mill Pond some time about the middle of January.

The commissioner said the details and prize would be announced in the near future and he hoped to see a large number of the boys take part. He also suggested that a series of elimination races be held in the north end, west end, south end and east end, on the rinks located in these portions of the city, and the winners in each section meet for the city championship.

GIRLS TAKE LEAD

The marriages for the week ending today were four and the births fourteen, five boys and nine girls.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 15.

A.M. High Tide... 5.21 High Tide... 5.42 Low Tide... 11.11 Low Tide... 11.33 Sun Rises... 7.53 Sun Sets... 4.31

LOCAL NEWS

SNOWBALLERS IN COURT

Two juveniles were summoned to the police court this morning to answer a charge of throwing snowballs at teamsters in Adelaide street. They were reprimanded and allowed to go with a warning.

TO RESUME NEXT WEEK

The C. P. R. Bay steamer Empress, which has been undergoing repairs at the St. John Dry Dock in East St. John, is expected to be ready to resume her service between here and Digby by the middle of next week.

WANT SERVICE EXTENDED.

A request has been received from residents of the district between Norton, and Hatfield's Point, by way of Midland and Springfield, to extend the hydro line to Hatfield's Point and will be taken under consideration by the commission.

AUTO IS DESTROYED.

An Overland coupe, owned by Clifford McAvity, was destroyed by fire in Rothesay avenue this morning. An alarm was sent in from box 422, but the fire was rapid headway and the automobile was practically demolished before the apparatus arrived on the scene.

TAKES OVER LIGHTING

From today the street lighting in the city proper, with the exception of the north end wards, will be done by the Civic Power Commission. It is expected that by the middle of next month the street lighting on the West Side will also be taken over by the Civic Commission.

WILL BE MOVED.

J. C. Chesley, marine department agent, received word this morning that the tern schooner Martha Parsons, which was burned at Spencer's Island last night, had burned to the water's edge. Her anchors had dropped and she was fast. Mr. Chesley said that early next week arrangements for removal of the hull would be made.

DEATHS NUMBER 18

The deaths reported at the Board of Health for the week ending today totaled 18 from the following causes: Senility, 2; pneumonia, 2; myocarditis, 2; heart failure, 2; tubercular meningitis, 2; carcinoma of stomach, 2; diabetes, erysipelas, heart disease, Pott's disease, toxæmia of pregnancy, chronic interstitial nephritis, one each.

DIED SUDDENLY IN YARMOUTH

Word reached the city today of the death of James Long, retired storekeeper and well-known citizen of Yarmouth. Mr. Long was in his eightieth year. Death was due to heart failure. Many old friends in the city will regret to hear of his death. Two sisters survive. Miss Annie Long of California and Mrs. McDonnell of Belmont, Mass. The funeral was held in Yarmouth.

CHALLENGES GROFF

George E. Hope, athlete trainer, has uncovered another likely contender for welterweight honors. He now has in charge a boxer by the name of "Kid" Bain, who is showing respectability. On behalf of his pupil, Mr. Hope is issuing a challenge to "Bobby" Groff to meet in a bout to be held in conjunction with the big New Year's card at the Armory.

PANSIES ON DECEMBER 13

Several nice pansies were brought into the Times office yesterday afternoon by Everett Warren, aged 13, living at 343 Union street. He said he picked the flowers in Kenney's wood lot in the back of his property. He was very proud of his discovery as he picked them on "Thursday, Dec. 13, 1923." They had been touched by the frost, for a little they faded but their coloring was bright and the leaves brightly green.

HELP GOOD CAUSES

At a meeting of the Beacon Light Class of the Pleasant Point Sunday school last evening at the home of Miss Marguerite Henderson, Milford, with the president, Mrs. W. E. Hamm, in the chair it was decided to donate \$25 to the New Brunswick Protestant Orphans Home fund and \$5 to the Times Empty Stomach Fund. After the business session music and games were enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. James Henderson and Miss Marguerite Henderson.

AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Canadian Pacific steamship Marloch sailed this afternoon for Glasgow with approximately 200 passengers. The majority of the passengers are going to Christmas to spend Christmas with relatives and friends. This morning a transfer train was made up in the Union station and conveyed some of the passengers to the dock in West St. John. The Marloch is the last Christmas sailing of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.

GIVES HEALTH TALK

At a meeting of the Main street Baptist C. E. I. T. last evening the address of the evening was given by Miss Harriet Melkeljohn on the Health Centre. She exhibited slides illustrating the various activities carried on there. Reports were received of the recent C. G. I. T. conference and routine business was transacted. The meeting was presided over by Miss Florence Gallop, president, who extended a vote of thanks to Miss Melkeljohn for her address.

ADILA TEMPLE OFFICERS ELECTED

At the meeting of Adila Temple, No. 157, D. O. K. K., held on Thursday evening in Pythian Cas., Union street, reports for the year were received and officers elected for the coming year. The reports showed the Temple to be in a flourishing condition, with a membership of 478.

The election of officers resulted as follows: A. R. Holder, royal officer; A. L. Dykeman, grand emir; G. A. Tennant, Frederick; Shelly; H. M. Akroy, secretary; T. W. Perry, treasurer; J. S. Lord, St. Stephen, maled; W. Frank Lipsett, sabb; J. Gordon, Henderson, sabb; Oscar F. Price, Temple deputy; T. W. Perry, J. S. Lord, representatives to Imperial Council.

Among the events planned for the future by the Temple are a big minstrel show for the Protestant Orphans Home and an address by J. S. Lord on his trip to the Imperial Council meeting in 1923.

C.C.M. Automobile SKATES. For Men and Boys, Women and Girls. Many C.C.M. models here to choose from—for pleasure, hockey, racing, figure skating. Yes, these are skates they'll be proud of. They will admire their style, their lightness; also their supreme quality and workmanship. Make your selections now while assortments are complete. PHONE Main 2540 McAVITY'S 11-17 King Street

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