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SOUNDS PRAISES OF ST. JOHN IN WEST

R. E. Armstrong Does Missionary Work in Interests of Port.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, on some good missionary work for this port when on his visit to the Pacific Coast to meet, as president of the St. John branch of the Navy League, the special service squadron under Admiral Field, the Winnipeg Tribune of July 1 says: "As secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, Mr. Armstrong, who was in Winnipeg yesterday on his return journey, has lost no opportunity to speak on behalf of his city to westerners. He has urged its advantages as a port and a pleasant place to live in at most of the major cities along the transcontinental line."

"St. John, like Vancouver, is making a drive for lower freight rates, Mr. Armstrong explained to The Province, but a more serious menace to the growth of its winter port business, he says, is the diversion of Canadian National grain to Portland, Me. Women Almost Unanimous. "From the standpoint of Dominion and Empire development, the women's institute of British Columbia have called upon the institutes throughout Canada to use their influence to secure the development and utilization of the ocean ports of the Dominion's commerce in preference to foreign ports."

"This resolution has been endorsed by all the institutes in British Columbia except that of Port Grey," reported Mr. Armstrong. "Point Grey asks some questions which I have endeavored to answer relative to costs and effects if the Dominion Government should carry out our proposals." "While paying tribute to all members of the institute for their interest, Mr. Armstrong (who incidentally sees a tremendous growth in Vancouver and other B. C. cities since he was last here some 30 years ago) is especially grateful to Mrs. V. S. McLachlan, secretary of the women's institute of British Columbia. B. C. women are endeavoring to link up with all national women's organizations in the drive to fully utilize Canada's eastern winter port."

THE GIRLS NOW ARE LEARNING TO SWIM

Sixty are Taking Instructions at Y. M. C. A. and Making Progress. A girls' swimming class for beginners is being conducted at present at the local Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evenings. This class commenced about the middle of last month and there are 60 girls enrolled. The Y. M. C. A. took over the holding of this class this year owing to the fact that the Y. W. C. A. without physical instructors at present.

The class is under the direction of H. T. C. Hutten, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. Many of the girls have made excellent progress thus far. The evening is divided into three sections, 7 to 8:30 o'clock being given over to beginners from 12 to 16 years of age; from 8:30 to 9 being for girls over 16 years; while from 9 to 9:30 is devoted to those who are able to swim a little.

The classes for boys, which were conducted last month for beginners who were non-swimmers, have been concluded and in all 281 boys took the actual class work. It was estimated that approximately 50 per cent. of these were able to get the stroke. The rest, however, many of whom were timid of the water at first, had overcome this timidity at least and it is expected that, by another year, they will be able to make much better progress.

The majority of the boys and girls have shown great eagerness to learn to master the rudiments of swimming and this has helped the instructor. DR. M. MACLAREN TO SAIL ON JULY 25 FOR S. AFRICA. Of the visit of Canadian members of Parliament to South Africa, Dr. Murray MacLaren being one of the party, the Ottawa Journal says: "Sir George Foster will leave for England on the Empress of France on July 16, while the rest of the delegation will sail on the Mount Royal from Quebec on July 25. "For about a week the delegates will be guests of the United Kingdom branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association in Great Britain and will leave Southampton by Union Mail Steamship Saxo, on August 8, arriving at Durban, Natal, on August 30. The tour will begin on September 1, and end at Cape Town on October 31, which is Mail Day for England. It is likely that most of the delegates from Canada will return via the Pacific."

BRINGS 385. The Eastern Steamship liner Governor Dingley arrived in port a little before noon today from Boston via Eastport and Lubec, with 365 passengers, one of the largest lists of the season, and approximately 50 tons of general cargo. She will return to Boston this evening and is expected to have a large number of passengers.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JULY 5.

Table with tide and sunrise information: High Tide 4:46, Low Tide 1:46, Sun Rises 4:46, High Tide 1:51, Low Tide 8:46, Sun Sets 8:15.

LOCAL NEWS

ENGAGEMENT. John J. MacDonald announces the engagement of his daughter, Mary Beatrice, of New York, formerly of this city, to Arthur F. Kratzer, M. D., New York, N. Y.; the marriage to take place the latter part of the month.

DEATHS NUMBER NINE. Nine deaths were reported to the Board of Health for the week ending today from the following causes: Senility, 2; broncho-pneumonia, 2; myocarditis, cardiac asthma, pulmonary hemorrhage, gangrene of right leg, fractured hip and gastric ulcers, 1 each.

SMOKE STACK EXTENDED. In an effort to meet a complaint, by residents in the vicinity that their smoke stack was spreading too much soot, the Pacific Dairies have added 16 feet to the chimney, Commissioner Harding said this morning, following his calling their attention to the matter.

SISTER LIVES HERE. Miss Sophia A. Leek, aged 75, died on Thursday afternoon after an illness of several months' duration at her home in Kingsclear, York county. She was survived by her sisters, Mrs. C. E. Brackett, of Kingsclear; F. V. Taylor, of Kingsclear; Mrs. W. R. Henderson, of St. John, and Miss Anna M. Leek, of Boston.

SAYS LAW VIOLATED. Commissioner Harding said this morning that his attention had been called to the fact that persons were selling vegetables around the streets, from door to door, and said that this was contrary to the market by-laws and constituted one form of forestalling. The law, he said, called for all goods to be taken to market, the tolls paid and the goods exposed for sale there for a certain length of time before they could be hawked around the streets. He said future violators of the law did so at their own risk.

IN THE MARKET. The country market was well supplied this morning with material for the Sunday dinner and prices were a little lower than last week-end. Local grown strawberries were plentiful and sold at 15 cents or two boxes for 25 cents. Beet greens and spinach were quoted at three bunches for 25 cents; new carrots, 10 cents a bunch; new beets, two bunches for 25 cents; cucumbers from 12 to 15 cents each. Lamb and veal were plentiful and the former sold for 30 to 45 cents a pound and the latter from 12 to 30. Eggs were quoted at 35 cents a dozen and butter at 30 to 35 cents a pound.

ON SAD MISSION. Joseph White, Mrs. Mary Lane, Mrs. Samuel DeVenne and Miss Martha White of Brockton, Mass., arrived in the city today, called here by the death of their brother, William S. White, which occurred on Thursday at the residence of his brother-in-law, Robert Clerke, 308 Princess street. The funeral will be held from Mr. Clerke's home at half past two o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Mr. White was a member of St. David's church. He was a native of Ireland and came to St. John when a child. Later he married Miss Cann, daughter of Captain Cann. He has many friends who heard of his death with regret.

TWO YEARS AGO. On July 6, 1922, just two years ago tomorrow, the city was shocked by the news that Frederick H. Trifts had been found murdered at the wheel of his automobile on Douglas avenue. Though every effort was made to solve the crime and bring the slayer to justice, and outside detective help was brought in to aid the local men in their investigations, no solution of the mystery has been reached. Mr. Trifts was for some years proprietor of the Gem motion picture house in Waterloo street until fire destroyed the building. Then he went into the taxi business. It was in response to a night call for his services in this connection that he went out on the drive that had such a terrible ending.

FIRE IN HOTEL BRINGS 2 ALARMS

Was in Small Room at Top of the Hotel Dunlop, King Square. Some at the Dunlop Hotel rose earlier this morning than they had intended on account of a fire there, but at least one went back to bed to finish his sleep out when he was satisfied the danger was all over. The origin of the fire is a mystery as it started in a small room used to keep soiled linen and papers from the rooms and so far as known was empty at the time the blaze started.

The fire first came to the notice of J. T. Dunlop, manager of the hotel, who smelled smoke and traced it to this room. When he opened the door the smoke puffed out densely in his face and he sent the porter out to ring the alarm. The hook in Box 73 was pulled and the firemen made quick response. On the arrival of the chief he ordered a second alarm rung in as the entire floor was full of smoke and it looked like a bad fire. On investigation it was decided to use the chemical instead of water and the fire in the room was put out. The room in which the long search to see that no fire had worked through the walls and floors and it was just an hour before the all out was sounded. One wall of the room and the ceiling were torn out. The damage to the building and furniture is covered by insurance. The room in which the fire was in on the top floor of the ell and at the northern end of a hall. After the fire had been extinguished the spectators were given the idea of the way in which the big ladder could be turned into a water tower if necessary and only a few minutes were required to shoot it up into the air and have men at the top ready to tussle on the water.

FIRE FIGHTERS OF A CENTURY AGO

List of Year 1826 is Uncovered in Archives at City Hall.

In the vault of the common clerk's office at city hall is found interesting historical data. The other day in looking for something else there was brought to light a list of the fire fighters of the city in 1826. This was published in a supplement of the City Gazette of July 6, that year, 98 years ago tomorrow. The fire companies were organized under authority granted in an act of the legislature passed on March 7, 1826.

Following is the personnel of the force: David Waterbury, chief engineer; George Waterbury, assistant engineer. Engine No. 1: Silas G. DeForest, foreman; John Miller, assistant foreman; Richard Partelow, William Lewis, Samuel Massey, John Leonard, James Miller, James McCullough, William Fraser, James Nisbet, Stephen D. Durant, Charles Best, William Best, Lewis Fairweather, James Forthmore and Samuel Skinner. Engine No. 2: William Barlow, foreman; William Bailey, assistant foreman; Henry Porter, Thomas Fenwick, Thomas W. Warren, George Colston, Samuel Jordan, Henry McAddam, James Hancock, William Thompson, John Hawley, Thomas Barlow, Samuel Dodge, James Hughes, John Leonard, William Whelpley, Jr., John S. Miller, Oliver Blizard, Thomas Calver, David Logan and Philip Scurran. Engine No. 3: Stephen Gerow, foreman; Christopher Lockhart, assistant foreman; William W. Emslie, William Hewitson, James Campbell, James McGlashan, James Goodwin, David Warburton, Jr., Peter McLaren, James Wade, James E. McDonald, George McAulay, James McAulay, Charles Kay, David S. Marshall, Robert Morecroft, Isaac Vanwart, James Gerow, William Vanwart, William Beers and George Thompson. Engine No. 4: Isaac Gerow, foreman; John Dibble, assistant foreman; Rueben Watts, Samuel Gillis, Ryler Dibble, Stephen Smith, John McNaughton, John McAlpine, John Golding, Daniel Jones, George Spencer, John Smith, William McArthur, Charles S. Thomas, Solomon Knight, Jeremiah Vradenburg, Joseph Mercer, Thomas Durgan, Robert Westcott and Grant McKenzie.

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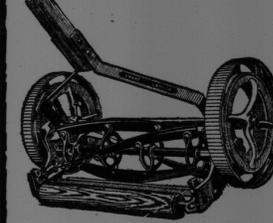
British Prime Minister the Guest of Brother of St. John Lady.

A copy of The Evening Times of Glasgow, Scotland, June 21, has the following: "The Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, and his daughter, Miss Ibbel MacDonald, will leave London on Monday evening, and will arrive in Glasgow on Tuesday morning to fulfil various engagements in the city of which the most important are the presentation of the freedom of the city and the reception by the Prime Minister of the honorary degree of doctor of laws. "During his stay in Glasgow Mr. MacDonald and his daughter will be the guests of Hugh S. Robertson at Campbell street. The freedom ceremony, at which Sir Donald MacAlister, principal of the university, will also be received as a Burgess of the city, takes place in St. Andrew's Hall at noon on Tuesday. On Wednesday the Prime Minister, after taking part in the Commemoration Day celebrations at the university will receive his honorary degree. "The Glasgow I. L. P. are to entertain Mr. MacDonald at a social gathering in the evening when he is expected to give a brief non-political address. Mr. MacDonald's speech at the freedom ceremony is to be broadcasted and relayed to all stations from the Glasgow wireless station, and an effort is being made also to have him give a brief address from the stadium. "After the freedom ceremony the Prime Minister and Sir Donald MacAlister, before proceeding to the luncheon at the city chambers, are to visit the Royal Exchange about one o'clock, where they are expected to address the members briefly."

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeum, "I have been so busy lately I have not been able to think of my troubles." "That's too bad," said Hiram. "Most fellows ain't happy if they haint got a string o' complaints as long as your arm." "It is most provoking," said the reporter. "Lot's of times I have got squared away with a grouch that would afford me at least an hour's talk, two hundred words a minute—when I suddenly remembered something I ought to do right away. How can a man do himself justice, under those conditions?" "He can't," said Hiram. "Now, we got an old feller out to the Settlement that can't sleep when he goes home from the store of an evenin' if he haint hed a chance to unload his complaints about the way the world's usin' him—at the goodness of everybody in general. Sometimes the boys want him git started at all—an the way he fidgets round an tries to break in 'ud make a hoss laugh. That old feller haint done a reel day's work fer ten year. That's why he always has a grouch—Yes, sir."

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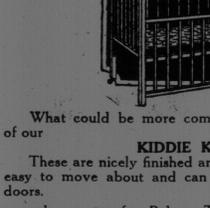
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