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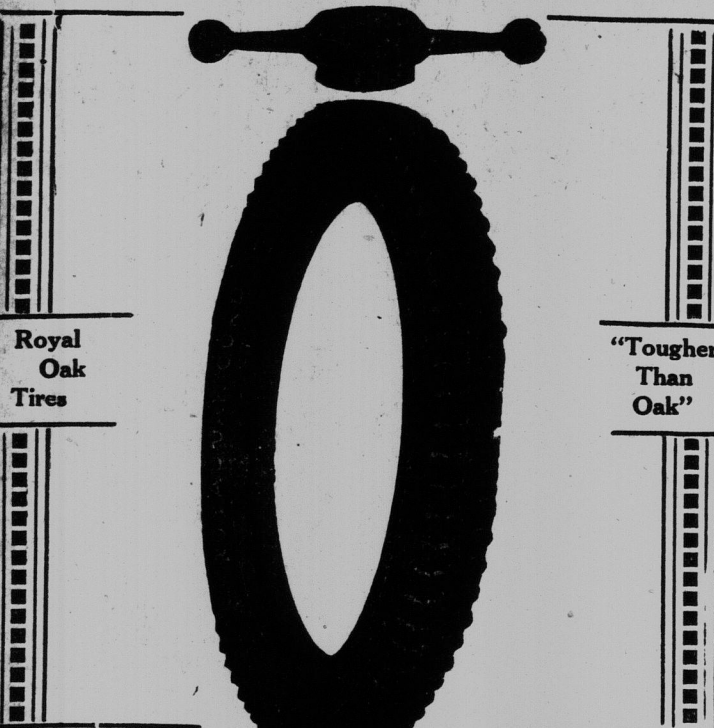
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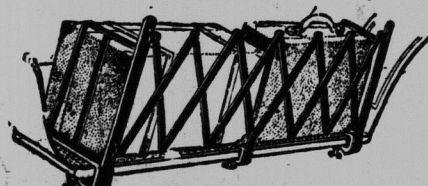


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ROTARY CLUB HEARS ROMANCE OF POST OFFICE

Postmaster Thompson Tells
of Origin and History of
Service

IS BIGGEST SINGLE
BUSINESS IN CANADA

Service Was Introduced Into
Dominion in 18th Century
by Benjamin Franklin.

Postmaster Alexander Thompson at the Rotary Club luncheon today gave a very interesting review of the postal service, historically and as at present conducted, with an entertaining account of certain lively experiences of his own during his 40 years in the service. Royal and Marjorie of St. Stephen, Col. Hood of London, England, were guests. F. MacIver Schandorff was elected a member of the club.

MR. THOMPSON'S ADDRESS

The history of modern mail service dates back to 2000 B. C., but the humblest citizen today gets a service that the kings of old did not even dream of. Postmaster Thompson said the service at first was only performed for kings to carry their despatches. The letters of the Babylonian and Egyptian monarchs were written on tablets of baked clay, and were carried by a collection of such letters in the British Museum.

The Romans had a well organized postal service which, however, was limited to official despatches and was not available to the people generally.

In 1638 it cost 2 pence per single letter up to 80 miles, 4 pence up to 140 miles, 6 pence above 140 miles, and 8 pence for a letter to Scotland.

In 1680 a London merchant organized a private P. O. for London and opened up several hundred letters in connection, with which frequent messenger service was provided. Parcels were also carried and insured and the postage was only a penny.

IN CANADA

The postal system in Canada is based on that of Great Britain. When in 1760 Canada became a British possession, a postal system connected the older British colonies in North America and linking them with Great Britain was in operation under the control of the British Postmaster General and administered by deputies of his own choosing.

One of the earliest of these deputies was Benjamin Franklin, whose headquarters were at Philadelphia. He came to Canada and opened post offices at Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers, and placed them in charge of a young Scotchman by the name of Hugh Finlay, who had been only a few years in this country. He was the first resident deputy postmaster general. A few years later he succeeded Franklin. There was a service between Montreal and New York, the trip taking nine days, via Lake Champlain and the Hudson, and it cost two shillings to send a single letter. It cost of paper, and three shillings from New York to Quebec. A few years later the rate was reduced to one shilling. Halifax has had a post office since 1755. The population of Canada when it became a British possession was about 70,000.

In 1826 it took 70 days for despatches to reach Lord Dalhousie at Quebec via mail, and cost \$1.12 postage. It cost to send a single sheet of paper from London via Halifax, N. S., to Quebec, 92c, Montreal 86c, Kingston 81c, and Toronto 81c.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK

In New Brunswick we have some 155 rural routes, supplying 4,281 boxes. When I first entered the service there was a stage service between Saint John and St. Stephen and some times in winter I have known it to take two weeks for the mail from Saint John to reach St. Stephen.

Last week there were mailed at the Saint John post office 161,600,016 letters, post cards and circulars. The revenue of the Saint John post office, including sub-offices, last year was \$283,466.96.

The romance of the post office, its history and growth, was the subject of an extremely interesting address before the Rotary Club at its luncheon in the Admiral Beatty Hotel at noon today by Postmaster Alexander Thompson. George Hamm was in the chair and there was a large attendance. During his address, the Postmaster declared the post office business was the biggest single business in Canada.

BIG BUSINESS

The Post Office Department, Mr. Thompson said, was the biggest single business in Canada—at least, it has the widest reaching span and most intricate number of details to be looked after. The estimated number of letters, post cards, parcels, circulars, etc., carried in Canada's mails last year was 1,200,000,000 and the expenditure of the Post Office Department aggregated \$28,305,936.57, while the net revenue was \$29,100,461.92, showing a profit of \$784,525.35. With the exception of 1913 and 1922, when there were deficits, the department has had a substantial surplus ever since 1902.

There are about 12,300 post offices in the country he declared.

2,000,000 DEAD LETTERS.

Out of the 1,200,000,000 letters handled in 1924, some 2,000,000 went to the dead letter office and over \$21,000 was found by the department in undeliverable letters. Over \$10,000 was returned to the owners, the rest being deposited to the credit of the receiver general.

The inspection service of the department during 1924 received 338,041 inquiries regarding lost and undelivered mail matter. Of these, 266,650 were satisfactorily adjusted.

During the year stamps to the value of \$31,068,161.72 were sold.

CITY PAY DAY.

Today was the semi-monthly pay day at City Hall, the sum of \$12,902.30 being paid out as follows: Official, \$2,379.23; sundry, \$1,122.25; market, \$23.82; ferry, \$1.14; fire, \$2,355.83; police, \$6,797.65.

ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, JULY 20

A.M. P.M.
High Tide.....11.53 High Tide.....11.44
Low Tide.....5.30 Low Tide.....5.45
Sun Rises.....4.56 Sun Sets.....8.04
(Atlantic Standard Time).

Local News

CARS COLLIDE

An automobile, operated by Richard L. Peters, collided with a car driven by William Guilfoili in Main street last evening. Only slight damage was done to Mr. Guilfoili's car.

255 VISITORS

The steamer Prince Arthur arrived this morning at 7 o'clock from Boston with 255 passengers, two automobiles and a small quantity of perishable freight.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Masters, 187 Rotchford, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Gretchen, to Lorne Edward Sprague, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sprague, 28 Paradise Row. The wedding will take place on August 20.

DANGEROUS ACTION

When a motor car was passing Public Landing last evening a boy tossed a small stone which struck a lady in the face, causing some injury. It is suggested that parents warn their children against such a dangerous pastime.

HAS RECOVERED

Mrs. Catherine Sheppard, aged 91, who traveled by train, boat and motor for three weeks, visiting friends in Grand Manan and St. Stephen, was ill for a few days last week owing to extreme exhaustion while watching the Orange-ment procession on Sunday, July 12. Mrs. Sheppard is now recovered and able to be about her son's home, City road, as usual.

EVENT POSTPONED

As a new Temple is to be organized at Sussex, the Moulton Temple, Pythian Sisters, who had planned a picnic for Wednesday of this week, have postponed the event, as many of the members wish to attend the ceremonies at Sussex on that day. The date of the picnic, which is an annual social outing of the order, will be announced later.

TO VISIT NEWFOUNDLAND

Mrs. William H. Price, of West Saint John, accompanied by her daughter, Alice L. Price, will leave this evening on an extended trip to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Price, of Victoria, Newfoundland. They will also visit a sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Antle, of Bellefleur, and other relatives. They will be away two months.

BRIDE HONORED

Rev. Lewis Porter, formerly of Queen street, city, and his bride, who were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKenzie, which was attended by other friends from the city, bonfire on the shore and a bounteous supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kris Pedersen rounded out a very hearty display of genuine good will.

BACK BY STEAMER

Dr. Vernon C. Stewart of Woburn, Mass., who with his father, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Stewart has been spending the past month at Admiral Beatty Hotel and the Algonquin, Saint Andrews, arrived back from the latter place by motor car and will proceed to his home with his father on the steamer Prince Arthur tonight. The Doctor was forced to change his plans of returning to New England by motor because of the frailty of his father's health, who has been ill for some days.

Another Big Fish From Douglas Lake

A fine red trout, caught over the weekend at Douglas Lake, is on exhibition today in the store window of T. McAvity & Sons. This trout was caught by Mrs. Albert Crawford, using a bait of minnows. It measured 18 inches in length and weighed 8 pounds. This is the second large trout taken in this lake in a short time.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "if held converse with a pair of robins yesterday. Several crows in the spruces jeered at me as I passed along a back road. I saw a woodpecker making a close survey of the trunk of an old apple tree. I saw a rabbit and a squirrel, a hawk, a bluejay, some swallows, and great numbers of butterflies of many hues. A bird I did not know sang to me, and an earnest hornet sought my acquaintance with such persistence that I had to renege with both hands. Also, Hiram, I ate delicious strawberries and cream, and new potatoes and beets from the garden. It was a good day. 'You didn't do that on King street,' said Hiram. 'You had to go out o' town to do that. I'm lookin' fer a feller to help me with the hay. Want a chance to see an' hear an' eat things every day for a spell—an' get in a little rest work at the same time?' 'Might I sit on the fence and see the work done by somebody else?' queried the reporter.

"You're like all the rest o' 'em," said Hiram. "I can't find anybody that wants to work. I don't know what in time we're comin' to in this country. No, sir—I don't—By Hen!"

ANOTHER SHIP SERVICE FROM HERE PROBABLE

Leyland Line Will Continue
Cattle Shipments If Ex-
periment Success

THREE STEAMERS ARE
COMING NEXT MONTH

Company Has Been Carrying
Canadian Steers From
Port of Boston.

The steadily increasing cattle trade between Canada and the United Kingdom has brought several additional steamers to this port thus far this season and now another service operating from Saint John has been announced. The Leyland Line of the International Mercantile Marine will have three sailings from this port during the next month and it is understood that this service will be continued if the shipments prove a success. More than 2,100 head of cattle will be taken on the three vessels, it was announced this morning by Nagle & Wigmore, local agents for the Leyland Line.

NOW AT BOSTON

This steamship line has been carrying Canadian cattle out of Boston, but these shipments in the future will go through this port. The first vessel to arrive will be the Caledonian from New York on July 25. She will be followed by two of the company's larger steamers, the Winnifred from Boston on Aug. 1 and the Devonian on Aug. 22 from Boston. These last named steamers will take about 800 head of cattle each. The Caledonian will carry 522 head.

LORNEVILLE L. O. L. ON CHURCH PARADE

Stirring Sermon is Preached by
Rev. Peter Jackson, New
Pastor.

Mount Purple Lodge, No. 29, L. O. L. of Lorneville held a parade yesterday afternoon from their hall to the United Church, where Rev. Peter Jackson, the new pastor, preached a stirring sermon. Members of Willis, Loyal True Blue, Verner, Dominion lodges, as well as the Lorneville Practice Boys marched in a body headed by the Klites with their bangles and the Lorneville Pipe and Drum Band. The Black Knights formed an arch with their swords for the procession to march into the church.

Urges Family Worship

Rev. Mr. Jackson's discourse was forceful in urging the people to return to the custom of family worship and to study the life of Christ, so that He might be their pattern in their daily life. He said that religion was the keynote of prosperity in the land and only when it was followed could the people be at their best. He reiterated the origin of Orangeism and urged that its principles be carried out.

Mrs. Alfred Spaine presided at the organ and the singing included "Faith Our Fathers," "O Lord, Christian Soldiers" and the National Anthem.

ST. DAVID'S BOYS BACK FROM CAMP

Several Badges Won by Tuxis
and Trail Rangers at
Holderville.

On Saturday afternoon the boys of St. David's Camp (Camp Galsahad) under Rev. Hugh Miller arrived home on the D. J. Purdy after completing two weeks camping at Holder's Point, Holderville. The camp enjoyed, on the whole, fine weather and ran through its programme of athletics and aquatics without a hitch. Its baseball team played two games with the fast Williams Wharf nine and were defeated in both games, the scores being 21-9 and 12-10. These defeats were no discredit to the camp however, as its team was composed of teen-age boys while the opposing nine consisted of young men.

Badge Winners

In athletics, the following Trail Rangers won jumping badges—James McKay and John Robertson. Trail Ranger throwing badges were won by James McKay, George McKay, Arch. Davidson, Donald McDonald, Reginald Johnson, David Doig, George Wray and Richard Alden. Grenfell Logie won a Tuxis Jumping Badge with white honors, while Ronald Clark won the same badge with red honors.

Had Best Tent

The best all round tent was captained by Donald Patterson, who received the 1925 Camp Galsahad Pendant. His tent members were presented with Tuxis Trail Ranger Sash.

Donald Patterson made the highest number of points in athletics and aquatics, while Charles McIveren obtained the best record in personal characteristics.

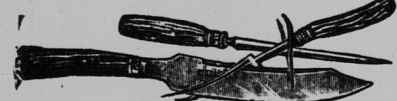
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