

LUMBERMEN'S ANNUAL BANQUET AT UNION CLUB LAST EVENING

Over 110 Guests Present—Beautifully Decorated Tables—Delightful Programme Carried Through—Lieut. Governor William Pugsley the Principal Speaker — Spoke of Winterport Here and its Great Value to Dominion and Commercial Interest.

The eleventh annual banquet of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association in the Union Club last night was voted one of the best that has ever been held in this city.

Over 150 invited guests were present and with the tables beautifully decorated with cut flowers, the Allied colors festooning the walls and miniature orchestra providing a feast for the ear, the scene was one to bring back the glories of the pre-war days.

It was nearly eight o'clock when President Power took the chair, with Lieutenant Governor Pugsley, Mayor Hayes on his right, and Premier Foster and Dr. E. A. Smith on his left.

Each guest was provided with an excellently prepared program and menu card, and a song sheet of 27 numbers, one of the new songs hits being that ballad of Sunny Slam: Ova tannas Slam, oeva tannas Slam, Ova tannas.

The dinner was entertained throughout the meal with selections from the song sheets, no man knowing at what time he would be called upon for a song and "No," not being accepted as an answer.

President Power, in introducing Lieutenant Governor Pugsley, principal speaker of the evening, stated that New Brunswick had paved the way for forest legislation, which all other provinces will undoubtedly follow.

Where Courtenay Bay is there used to be nothing but mud flats, where occasional horse tracks were held, but during the past year, a comparison of exports from the Canadian ports for the years 1915-1918 inclusive, would show these figures, which speak more eloquently than words:

SPORTING GOSSIP THISTLES WON FROM CARLETON

Six Rinks a Side Curled Last Night—West Enders Went Down to Defeat by Score of 110 to 62.

The Thistles and Carleton clubs met last night in their second match of the season and the east enders had their revenge for the trimming handed them in the first encounter, coming back to win and winning the second round of the series by a score of 110 to 62.

The score and rinks follow: Thistles: John T. Brown, Roy Belyea, J. A. Sinclair, W. J. S. Miles, J. F. Belyea, W. Robson, E. Fullerton, J. M. Pondridge, P. W. Wetmore, S. M. Wetmore, S. M. Beatey, C. Warfield, G. M. Bailie, D. Currie, J. M. Wilson, A. B. Malcolm, W. H. Milnean, H. Roxborough, H. W. Stubbs, C. O. Morris, H. K. Winman, J. B. M. Baxter, H. S. Barnes, H. Lingley, G. B. Rivers, E. G. Howard, G. K. Purdy, H. M. McAlpine, C. R. Clark, F. Watson, J. P. Murray, E. S. R. Milton, H. C. Olive, W. Currie, E. R. Taylor, W. J. P. Murray, E. S. R. Milton, H. C. Olive, W. Currie, E. R. Taylor.

St. Andrew's Ladies. The semi-finals of the Estabrooks Cup were played by two rinks of the Ladies' Club yesterday afternoon. The score by rinks followed as follows: Miss Bullock Mrs. Willard, Mrs. G. Fleming Miss Goodwin, Miss Jean White, Miss C. O. McDevlin, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. E. B. McDevlin, Dr. M. Parks, Miss Edna Austin, Skip..... 2 Skip..... 17, Mrs. J. P. Murray, Mrs. T. E. Gilvan, Mrs. J. R. Haywood, Mrs. E. Cowan, Skip..... 9 Skip..... 8.

THE JONES CUP. Skips B. Stevens and A. L. Foster curled last night in the Jones cup competition on St. Andrew's ice and Mr. Foster's rink ranked the best of the score. Following is the score: Stevens, Foster, F. A. West, A. R. Everett, Mrs. J. P. Murray, J. J. Shrove, A. L. Stevens, W. J. Wetmore, B. Stevens, A. L. Foster, Skip..... 8 skip..... 9.

LOCAL BOWLING. The Senior League. The Angus and Owls met on the Y. M. C. A. alleys last evening, the latter team took three points to one for the former aggregation. The highest individual score of the evening was made by McAfee, who scored a total of 118 in his first string. McDonald of the same aggregation was a close second in the second string, knocking up 113.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE A HAND Lockout at Buenos Aires Port Calling for Government Intervention. Buenos Aires, Feb. 5.—The Government may take a hand in the lockout in the port here, which was declared by the shippers, because the maritime workers persisted in the boycott of some vessels. Government representatives are studying methods which, it is hoped, may lead to an adjustment with the stevedores. Meanwhile the lockout has had the effect of paralyzing every port in the republic.

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SPORTING GOSSIP "HAL" CHASE IS ACQUITTED

Cincinnati First Baseman Was Charged With Attempting to Influence the Result of a Game Last Summer.

New York, Feb. 5.—Hal Chase, first baseman of the Cincinnati National league club, was today acquitted on the charge of attempting to influence the result of baseball games last summer. President John A. Heydler, of the league, rendered the decision after a week of study of the evidence submitted by the officers of the club and that offered by Chase in rebuttal. President Heydler, in his findings which covered two typewritten pages in detail, and in his decision stated: "My finding, after full consideration of the evidence, is that it is not where established that the accused was interested in any pool or wager that caused any game of ball to be result otherwise than on its merits, and that player, Hal P. Chase, is not guilty of the charges brought against him."

JUNIOR TROPHIES. Tonight the first round in the Junior trophies will be curled on the Thistle ice, six rinks taking part.

MANAGER BEFORE THE COMMISSION. Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 5.—Mike Collins, of this city, Fulton's former manager, was called before the commission to tell what he knew about the matter. He said Fulton was in perfect condition at the time of his battle with Dempsey, and that the fight was "very much on the square."

Fulton Barred. Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 5.—The Minnesota boxing commission, meeting here late today, voted to bar indefinitely Fred Fulton, Rochester, Minn., heavy weight fighter from boxing or sparring in Minnesota rings. No reason was given, but it is understood the commissioners took the action after discussion of the Fulton statement made recently that Dempsey had double-crossed him in the fight on July 27 last.

MAINE PHYSICIAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Disgraced and Under Arrest for an Illegal Operation Drinks Prussic Acid in His Cell at Edmunston.

Special to The Standard, Edmunston, N. B., Feb. 5.—Suffering the loss of professional prestige, stigmatized by disgrace for performing an illegal operation on Mrs. Ella Sharpe McIlroy, of Bridgewater, Me., and fearing a life sentence if compelled to stand trial, Dr. A. G. Walker, defied the course of American justice at an early hour this morning by swallowing a quantity of prussic acid in a cell at Edmunston. The town is all aflutter with the sensation, and the incident is on the lips of all.

THE WEATHER. Toronto, Feb. 5.—The weather continues decidedly cold in the western provinces, and is now moderately cold in the other provinces except southern British Columbia. Light snow has fallen in some parts of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

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THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL BANQUET

Two Sessions Held in Board Delegates Welcomed President of Board of Trade Presented Facts Showing for Port and Province—Executive Committee a Submitted Reports Show Efforts to Secure for Government for Two Billions Passed—Program

The first business meeting of the eleventh annual convention of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association was held in the Board of Trade room yesterday morning at ten o'clock with retiring President W. Gerard as the chair, and R. T. Hayes, mayor of St. John, and R. B. Emerson, president of the Board of Trade on either side.

In a brief yet fitting address Mr. Gerard welcomed the delegates to the city, and spoke of the great importance of the lumber industry to the province of New Brunswick and the port of St. John.

Mr. Emerson then welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Board of Trade and the business community of the city. He gave a lengthy address showing that St. John might be fairly claimed the birthplace of the Canadian lumber industry, at least one of the first to adopt it.

When the United Loyalists came to St. John in 1783 there were men here employed in the lumber business, the recognized great asset that the province possessed in the forest wealth around them, and from that date St. John has justified the foresight of our loyalist fathers.

He held his hearers of the grand occasion of this port which is open at the year round, and of the river running 450 miles inland, giving opportunity for the bringing down the city lumber for manufacture or export, also of St. John's advantage in the export and import trade, that in the export and import trade there was only one port in Canada that exceeded St. John, and that was Montreal, with a population of 1,000,000.

St. John amounted to \$21,000,000; 70% \$44,000,000, in 1916 \$120,142,590; in 1917, \$150,000,000; and in 1918, \$180,000,000. Its exports have not increased in the same ratio but they have progressed from \$1,000,000 in 1914 to over \$16,000,000 in 1918. Its grain exports have increased from seven and a half millions in 1914 to twenty-four and a half millions in 1918. Its chief bankings have jumped from \$75,000,000 in 1914 to \$116,000,000 in 1918 and is still going strong.

This open port of St. John, continued Mr. Emerson, has a low water depth of 52 feet, which is increased at high water to 55 or 60 feet, which enables the chief deep water vessels to enter with perfect safety. The C.P.R. maintain extensive terminals on the western side of the harbor, where the chief deep water vessels are located. Two C.P.R. elevators are situated there, with a capacity of nearly two million bushels. When the proposed extension of the line to the harbor the Canadian National Railways possess piers, warehouse, and a grain elevator with a capacity of half a million bushels besides space for further extension. At East St. John further facilities are being provided. A drydock, 1,150 feet long, is being constructed and will, when finished, be one of the largest in the world, and the general scheme is to establish a ship repair and steel ship plant.

Concerning the province itself, Mr. Emerson showed that there is an area of 28,000 miles having within it a rich dowry of natural resources. Last year the province averaged 3400 for increased production by yielding 800,000 bushels of wheat, 7,000,000 bushels of oats, 6,000,000 bushels of potatoes, 165,000 bushels of barley and 1,500,000 bushels of other roots. The coal production last year was over 25,000 tons, an increase of 75,000 tons over 1917.

