# POOR DOCUMENT

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1918



# Harbor Problems

Engineers Present Favor Extension of Breakwater to the Island -The Valley Railway

bour followed the reading of A. J. For good work, try Victory Laundry Gray's paper on the subject at the fall Wet Wash. 'Phone 390. opening of the board of trade at which

Suggests More Breakwaters. Dr. Manning said he spoke as a lay-man, but one who had taken great per-sonal interest in the harbor, and suggest-ed that the whole of the natural bay of ed that the whole of the natural bay of St. John should be enclosed to give the largest possible still water harbor. To on this he believed the Negro Point breakwater should be continued to Partridge Island and between the Island and Red Head there should be three breakwaters, one running from the Island and the other from Red Head with a heavily sentimeted breakwater in the centre. the other from Red Head with a heavily constructed breakwater in the centre separated from the other two by openings of about 8,000 feet. Mr. Gray was of the opinion and A. R. DuFresne agreed with him that the cost of such a scheme would be out of all reasonable proportion. Dr. Manning also said that he thought the first need at the present moment was for more wharves in West St. John to cope with the winter trade. Mr. Gray, when asked why the extention of the Courtenay Bay breakwater was to be sloped in a northerly direction, replied that greater protection from the south and southeast winds would be afforded by this means, and with regard to the need of more wharves on the West side said that there was ample room on the West side for fifteen more wharves.

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A. R. duFresne strongly advocated the closing up of the Partridge Island gap to prevent silting up of the channel and to lessen dredging expenses. He said that in New York it had been found that foundations constructed with timber were more satisfactory than the concrete foundations which were being used in Courtenay Bay, and he thought that after the war it would be possible to obtain such timber reasonably by way of the Panama canal. He discussed the possibilities of developing Courtenay Bay and said that the dry dock under construction would be one of the largest in the world and that when the whole development of Courtenay Bay had been completed St. John would take her place as the natural Atlantic terminal point.

The Valley Railway.

C. O. Foss said he hoped that the Valley Railway might be in operation this fall, but labor was so uncertain that he could give no definite date. The construction work had been completed and all that remained to be done was the placing of three or four bridge spans and the placing of the ballast under the tracks. He considered that St. John being 117 miles from McGiveny, while Moncton was 97 and Halifax 200 miles from Moncton, should on accoount of the shorter distance receive the heavy freight from the west. When asked to give an estimate of building a double track low grade line from Moncton to Halifax he said that today it could not be done under \$24,000,000.

Some reference was made at the meeting to the advisability of closing some of the theatres and schools as a precaution against the spread of Spanish influenza to this city, but it was thought that the matter could safely be left in the hands of Dr. Melvin and his associates to do as they thought fit.

The summary of the council proceedings was read at the meeting by R. E. Armstrong.

F. G. Spencer has become the owner of the site of the Unique theatre, Charlotte street, purchasing it from the Humbert estate.

### SOUTH END LEAGUE.

The executive of the South End Improvement League met in The Times office yesterday afternoon with C. M. Lingley in the chair. Matters relating to the South End playgrounds were discussed. It was proposed to have the grounds flooded and converted into a rink, Commissioner Hilyard promised to see that the water was supplied and to see that the water was supplied and the rink will be made under the supervision of Engineer Hatfield. It was also talked of forming a football ground for the boys prior to the opening of the skating rink. A. M. Belding, Alexander Wilson and Thomas Killen were appointed a committee to prepare a programme for the November meeting of the league. At this meeting the Potts' trophy will be presented the winners in the baseball series who will be declared at the final game on Phanksgiving Day. Rev. H. A. Cody was at the meeting and pledged himself to do all in his power for the success of the sports during the coming winter.

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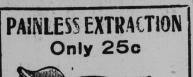
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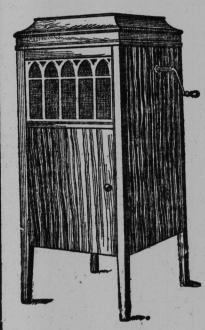
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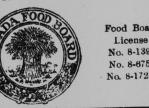
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