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A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

PETTY GOSSIP TO BLAME FOR ROAD TROUBLE

Former Chairman of the Highways Board Thinks Situation Could Have Been Avoided.

ROUND TABLE CHAT WOULD SOLVE ALL

Refuses to Answer Question Regarding His Own Responsibility for Overcharges

Halifax, Feb. 4.—Summing up his evidence before the Royal Commission investigating the expenditure of highways' monies in Nova Scotia, this afternoon, W. G. Clarke, of Bear River, formerly chairman of the provincial highways board, stated that he now realized that the board's differences with the minister of highways, Hon. H. H. Wickwire, had been more imaginary than real. They had been based largely on information furnished by the former secretary of the board, J. K. Kellagher, and L. D. Morris, a clerk in the accounting office, which he now believed to have been little more than petty gossip. He said if a round table conference with the minister had taken place as late as August, the matters in dispute insofar as they related to internal friction among those charged with the administration of the Act, would have been adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Silent On One Question

The witness made no reply to the question put to him by C. H. Cahlan, K.C., acting for members of the provincial opposition, as to whether in the light of the evidence he had given, the over-expenditure, on some of the roads under construction, had been due to his own negligence in failing to bring all the information he had on the subject to the attention of all the members of the board. In answer to the question asked him by Hon. A. K. McLean, K.C., acting for the government, as to what he meant in one of his letters, by stating that the board was in the nature of a "fifth wheel to a coach," he replied that this was another of the many unfortunate expressions he had used in compiling a correspondence which he never believed would become the subject of public inquiry.

Bad Case of Nerves

Elaborating his answer to this question, Mr. Clarke stated that in his opinion the board had gradually developed a bad state of nerves owing to the gossip of which the minister and the chief engineer, John W. Roland, were the targets, and that the members, including himself, had finally reached a point where they were prepared to attach undue importance to incidents, which he felt, in the light of subsequent events, never have interfered with the proper functioning of the board.

Farmers Will Have A York-Sunbury Candidate

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 4.—The United Farmers of York-Sunbury are preparing to contest the federal by-election in York-Sunbury and have called a convention for Saturday, Feb. 19th.

COAL IN WESTMORLAND

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 4.—Development of coal areas near Point du Petit, Westmorland county, in the near future was forecasted by Thomas Arsenault, a delegate to the United Farmers of N. B. convention here this week. He advocated the building of a railway from Shediac to Port Elgin.

N. B. APPOINTMENTS

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Appointments are gazetted this week of Galus Brown, Wilson's Beach, N. B.; Jas. S. Richardson, Castanville, N. B. and E. J. L. Foslon, Carleton Place, N. B. to be wharfingers and Vernon H. Hart, Guysborough, N. S., to be harbor-master at that port, succeeding John H. Dillon, resigned.

Transfer Moncton C.N.R. Official To Toronto

W. McLaughlin is Presented With Club Bag on Occasion of His Promotion.

Special to The Standard
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 4.—W. McLaughlin, of the C. N. R. car service department here, has been promoted to the head office at Toronto as personal representative to J. P. McLeod, general superintendent of car service. Mr. McLaughlin leaves for Toronto Monday. Today the clocks in the car service department presented Mr. McLaughlin with a solid leather club bag, accompanied by an address.

Father And Son Banquet A Success

Over Two Hundred Pairs at Fine Evening Prepared by the Y. M. C. A.

Two hundred and seventy-five dads and their fads sat down to a very successful Father and Son banquet held at the Y. M. C. A. last evening. Preparations had been made for two hundred guests, but the "Old Uns" and "Young Uns" turned out in force, and the number was boosted for another three-quarters of a hundred.

The Ladies' Auxiliary proved themselves quite equal to meeting the demands of the Dads and their fads, and a banquet fully as excellent as that to have been served the smaller number was served the larger crowd. Although the ladies were equal to the occasion, the building itself was not, and a number who had intended attending, were forced to turn away.

Banquet A Success

The banquet was a great success. The chief was just such a one as another was to be. The addresses were particularly good. Colonel Spaulding in his reply to the toast "Our King and Empire," said a great tribute to the work of the Y. M. C. A. both in Canada and overseas.

Wesley Stewart, the 13-year-old orator, who replied to the toast to the boys, acquitted himself with distinction. His Worship Mayor Schuchfeld's remarks were listened to with close attention by both the juniors and seniors. They were apt and to the point. The Rev. J. A. MacKinnon's was the address of the evening. He touched on the relation which the Dad should bear to his son, and the son to his dad, in a manner that met with a response in the heart of each one present. Dad was to be ever considered the boy's big drum, and the best friend he has. The son's ambitions and ideals were at all times to receive the support and friendly counsel of his dad.

The banquet was served in the Boys' Work section of the Y. M. C. A. Long tables ranged down the middle and along the sides of the three large rooms, were tastefully decorated with valentine figures and flowers, their charm being set off by many burning candles.

The conveners of the efficient committee of ladies who made the banquet the great success it was, were: Mrs. T. H. Somerville and Mrs. A. R. Gilmore.

City Fathers Inspect West Side Equipment

The mayor and commissioners, city engineer, Messrs. Woodman and Kirby of the C.P.R. and Messrs. Clinch, McLean and Moorehouse of the fire underwriters, yesterday morning visited the West Side and looked over the site of the proposed passageway between the new baggage shed and No. 4. After looking the whole situation over the underwriters came to the conclusion that while the structure was an objectionable one from their point of view, the construction had gone so far that it would not do to build it up now, the trouble to carry the passageway would have to be built.

The underwriters expressed their dissatisfaction with conditions around the West Side docks and the need for more permanent and fireproof construction.



The Powerful Katrinka

Only Two Survived Cruelties of Turks

Windsor, N. S., Woman Experiences Terrible Hardships at Hands of the Moslems.

Special to The Standard
Windsor, N. S., Feb. 4.—Mrs. A. D. Joseph and son have arrived in Windsor and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Joseph. In 1914, Mrs. Joseph and five little children and aged father returned to their native country, Beirut, Syria, and during that time suffered terrible tortures at the hands of the Turks. She saw some of her relatives massacred and others starve to death, and of the party of seven which left here, only two, Mrs. Joseph and eldest son survived. Mrs. Joseph's husband moved from here a year ago to start business in Kentville.

Crowds At Funeral of Senator McSweeney

Funeral Mass Sung by Rev. Father Walker, a Nephew of the Dead Senator.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 4.—Monctonians in large numbers honored the memory of the late Senator Peter McSweeney, whose funeral was held this morning.

There was an impressive dignity and solemnity in the funeral cortege. At 9:45 o'clock the body was conveyed from his late residence to St. Bernard's Catholic church. At 10 o'clock the funeral mass—a solemn requiem service—was sung by Rev. Father Francis Walker, pastor of the Riverside, Albert County Church, a nephew assisted by Rev. Father Belliveau, as deacon, and Rev. Father H. Mallette, as sub-deacon.

Following the mass the final absolution was given, Father Walker leading in the service, assisted by Rev. Father Dismas LeBlanc, C.S.C., St. Joseph's University, Father H. Belliveau, curate of L'Assomption Church, and Father W. J. Mallette, curate of St. Bernard.

The pallbearers were: Mr. Justice Chandler, Reid McManus, M.P., F. A. McCully, K.C., W. O. Schwartz, M. J. Murphy and John M. Lyons. The body was laid in the family vault in St. Anselme's cemetery, Fox Creek.

Reports Heard At N. B. A. Association

Membership Largest in Proportion to Other Sections—Delegation to Fredericton.

At the meeting of the New Brunswick Automobile Association held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening T. P. Regan, the president, was in the chair, and there was a representative attendance of members.

A communication from Messrs. Squire and McNamee, of the Canadian Good Roads Association, was read relative to the Good Roads convention to be held in Halifax on a date in May. There was included in the communication that the New Brunswick government be asked for a grant, in proportion to the outbreak of any mysterious disease amongst cattle and sent to Fredericton next week for the purpose of presenting a petition to the government for the same.

J. A. Tilton, as auditor, reported the accounts of the secretary-treasurer correct, showing a substantial balance in the bank and no accounts outstanding.

The Secretary-Treasurer J. M. Robertson, presented his annual report showing the activity of the association for the past year. The membership on December 31 was 800, which in proportion to provinces to car owners shows a greater advantage over Quebec, Nova Scotia or the State of Maine.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings during the summer months at different points throughout the province.

After further discussion on good roads and other matters pertaining to automobile owners in the province the meeting adjourned.

Poison or Disease Hits Cattle Herd

Grand Falls Has Mysterious Case and Government Agents Are Called.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 4.—Three cattle owned by George Hitchcock, a farmer residing near Grand Falls, are dead and four others are in a serious condition as a result of either a mysterious cattle disease or poisoning. An official report in connection with the matter reached Harvey Mitchell, deputy minister of agriculture, and he notified Dr. McQuinn, the federal veterinary inspector at McAdam.

Think Poison Used.

Officials at the department of agriculture today expressed surprise at the sudden outbreak of any mysterious disease amongst cattle and said they were baffled to think what it might be. They seemed inclined to believe the cattle had probably been poisoned as cases of that kind have occurred in that section of the province before.

GIRL WIVES ESCAPE SCHOOL

New York, Feb. 4.—Girls who marry under 16 years of age cannot be forced to continue at school, it was decided yesterday by Magistrate Harris.

Financial statements prepared by practical business accountant, one well acquainted with general business. Satisfaction assured. If you are worried over Government statements, interview him. Address Box J., St. John Standard.

BUYS BIG LAND TRACTS

Waterbury, Q.C., Feb. 4.—Word was received here recently that Hiram R. Wiggins, who lately resided in Concord, had lately purchased a large tract of land in Warrenton, Oregon, and erected a house on it, and as it is expected to be a city in the future, Mr. Wiggins is planning to buy out the land in building lots and will erect houses therein. Mr. Wiggins is the third son of James B. Wiggins, of Pickett's Cove, and Charles H. and Arnold L. Wiggins, of this place, are brothers.

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Is John C. Chesley To Be Deputy Minister?

Rumor Declares Marine and Fisheries Agent Here is to Succeed Alex. Johnston.

A very interesting rumor about the city yesterday, which The Standard has not as yet been able to either confirm or contradict, is: That John C. Chesley, agent in St. John for the department of marine and fisheries, is to be appointed to the position of deputy minister of that department, in place of Alexander Johnston, who recently resigned, and that Major Norman P. McLeod, of the firm of McLeod & Gamble, will succeed Mr. Chesley in the office of agent here.

Six Years For Wearing Republican Uniforms

Belfast, Feb. 4.—Sentences of six years penal servitude each were imposed today upon the eight men who were arrested October 25 last when discovered on the Kingston mail boat, wearing Irish volunteer uniforms, on their way to attend the funeral in London of Lord May MacSwiney, of Cork.

The sentences, however, were made three years in each case, three years being remitted. Three men who were found with revolvers at a recent dance in Kingston, were sentenced to ten years in prison, of which five years were remitted.

ALD. WILKINSON ILL.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 4.—Alderman Thomas S. Wilkinson, who has had a severe attack of jaundice, is reported today to be improving greatly. On Thursday afternoon, oxygen was resorted to keep him alive. Mrs. David Hatt, who has had a severe attack of pneumonia is reported today in a critical condition. George A. Miles, a veteran of the printing trade, is reported today to be improving greatly. John McAdam of Devon, is seriously ill.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Bill will be presented for enactment at the next session of the Legislature entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of Optometry," the objects and purposes of which are to provide for the examination and licensing of persons practising optometry and to establish an Optometrical Society.

THEFTS AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 4.—A bold and successful thief or thieves broke into the stores of Stevens Bros., J. R. Brown and the Yarns Company at an early hour this morning. From Stevens Bros. they took about \$25 in cash and a lot of liquor and morphine; from Brown's they got about \$25 out of the till and other goods were taken from the three stores; in Yarns' they tried the safe and cash register, but were unsuccessful, but they took away some goods. Some of the liquor and drugs were found by the police in a barn on Water street.

COULD SEND NO FLOWERS TO THE CO-EDS FOR BALL

Only Seniors Allowed to Wear Dress Suits at U. N. B. Conversazione.

BUT ALL WAS FINE DESPITE LIMITATIONS

Over 300 Guests Attend Record Evening in History of the University.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 4.—The annual conversazione at the University of New Brunswick tonight was one of the most brilliant social events ever held in the historic halls of the university, almost 300 people being present.

The decorations throughout the building proved that the students are artists in designing. Evergreen arches entwined with red and white paper roses and streamers, electric signs and an old fashioned log cabin made room a bower of beauty.

Dancing was enjoyed; the main hall was utilized for dancing and conspicuous among the many decorations were three electrical signs bearing the letters "A," "B," "C," where the fair sex awaited their partners according to the letter placed on their programmes. Cards were played in the Y. M. C. A. room, and the old chapel or French room, was for sitting out.

Supper in Library

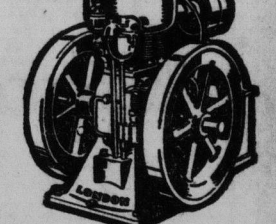
Supper was served in the library, where the pillars and windows were decorated with the college colors, greenings and white and pink roses entwined. About 75 tables were placed in the library and the table covers were of paper and the undergraduates served the guests.

The members of the Senior Class were the only students allowed to wear dress suits and an edict had been issued that no student was allowed to send a bouquet to his best girl for the function this evening.

The main entrance was closed and the west entrance used, where the guests were received by the president, Mr. E. G. Saunders, vice-president, Miss K. M. Jarvis; secretary, Mr. C. E. White and Mrs. C. C. Jones. Mr. L. W. Bailey, Mrs. John Stevens, Mrs. E. L. Harvey and Mrs. E. C. Turner.

The committee in charge was: E. G. Saunders, "21," Miss K. M. Jarvis, "21," C. E. White, "22," G. R. Barnes, "21," and R. K. Willis, "21."

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