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CAMPBELLTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1923

LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FIGURE IN HUGE LIQUOR SEIZURE

Shipment of Holiday Spirits Valued at Over \$50,000—Car Loaded at Belledune After Arrival of Run-running Craft in Bay—Billed Here as "Wood"—Local Customs Officers Traced Car and Had it Stopped at Mont Joli—Prohibition Inspectors Active.

Through investigation by the G. S. F. Stewart of that place and the arrival of liquor loaded last week at local customs authorities. Belledune with spirits from a run-running craft that was traced to the Bay in that vicinity last Tuesday night—bound for some unknown destination. The car was traced to Mont Joli was confiscated through the efforts of the local customs officials. The car was traced to Mont Joli and then to St. Rose, Que. as a "wood" is estimated to be worth \$50,000.

In justice to the two local liquor inspectors it must be said that they were on the alert and had the car not so mysteriously disappeared over the Quebec border, it is possible that they might have had the satisfaction of taking it into custody and turning it over to the customs for excise. Learning that a spirit ship had anchored off the coast in the vicinity of the Jacques River and that a carload of contraband liquor was headed this way, they at once became active. Discovering that the consignment was billed into the province of Quebec and therefore beyond their jurisdiction, one inspector extricated himself to follow the car and keep in touch with its mysterious movements. It was believed that the shipment was originally intended for someone in Madawaska or Malisee, the other inspector prepared to go to that vicinity and should the car be spotted, to take it into custody. Inspector Fairley followed the liquor laden car and was present when the seizure was made at Mont Joli.

The Story

Several versions of the incident have already appeared in the provincial press, some of them with interesting variations but the actual details obtained from a reliable source by our representative are not quite so colorful as some of the published reports have led many to believe.

Activity on the part of the customs department had its inception when Collector James Duncan of Dalhousie, confined to his bed at the time, received word from an official in the vicinity of Jacques River that an attempt was apparently being made to land contraband liquor in that locality. Mr. Duncan immediately got in touch with Collector of Customs Watt at Belledune.

UNFAVORABLE WEATHER DELAYS INFLUX OF NON-RESIDENT XMAS SHOPPERS

Cold Days of Mid-week Increased Activity But Steadier Weather Needed to Precipitate Gift Buying—Merchants Prepared For Big Christmas Trade.

Judging from the very moderate activity in local stores today the unfortunate change in weather conditions has been instrumental in temporarily checking the influx of out-of-town Christmas shoppers. To my

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HAVE FALLEN DOWN IN S. M. H. DRIVE

Hoped to Get \$5,000 But Only Half That Amount Is in Sight

The drive for funds to help pay off the floating debt incurred by proceeding with some needed improvements and equipment for the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital has not come up to the expectations but the results are fairly satisfactory about \$2500 being pledged.

It was hoped that \$5000 would be the total reached, but the lateness of the season, and the fact that other drives had been put on recently tended to keep the amount down.

C. G. I. T. SALE

Lots of Good things for the Kids. Fancy goods, for Christmas gifts. Don't forget the C. G. I. T. Sale Dec. 18th.

Rogers Silverware pleasing at Xmas. You can get it at Renault's.

come to regard our town as the best which to secure their Xmas gifts. In recent years the improvements made by Campbellton merchants have been not only inspired but clearly characterized by an aggressive determination to keep ahead of the times in every way and their efforts have been marked by splendid advancement.

Great Displays

Nothing is more eloquent of this steady advancement than the great stocks of high grade Christmas goods at the larger stores here this season. In the ladies and gents furnishing stores here may be found a wealth of the best.

In quality and range of choice they compare favorably with those to be found in the large mercantile houses of the big shopping centres. In the grocery and general stores the Xmas goods on display this year probably surpasses that of any previous year.

All are filled to capacity not only with the necessities of the season but with a literally unlimited assortment of Xmas delicacies. In the hardware stores where toys and Xmas novelties are a specialty the shopper will find this year a great variety of new things at attractive prices.

Graphic An Index

Without any presumption on our part we may add that the Xmas Edition of the Graphic is an illustrated index for Christmas shoppers in Campbellton.

While there are many features which would be appreciated by our readers that we would like to include in this issue the unusual demand for advertising space has forced us to exclude these in order to even briefly record current events. We trust however that all our subscribers may not underestimate the service we are enabled to give them in this way. Moreover the weekly newspaper is in a field of its own and should not be confused with periodicals of another class. Magazines and daily papers each serve their purposes and the weekly paper must necessarily confine its efforts to the duty it is expected to perform. As an advertising medium for merchants direct to the homes of the people the Graphic is without rival among weeklies of the province and we trust that this fact may not be subjected to any test in which it may appear to be lacking.

Call at Renault's for Eversharp pencils and Fountain pens.

The Graphic \$2.00 year.

'TIS LOCAL STORES EARLY

Christmas Shoppers Will Do Well to Visit Our Merchants

Christmas is only twelve days away and those who take time by the forelock have been preparing for this annual festival for some weeks. There are many people who plan their gift campaign for one Christmas as soon as another is over. There are others who put off their selection of remembrances until the day before the holiday. The great proportion of gifts are purchased in the shops in every community, the proprietors of which plan to lay in their stocks long enough before the holidays to enable the public to inspect, plan and purchase.

In planning your Christmas shopping it is an exceptionally good idea to read the advertisements in this issue of the Graphic and then prepare your lists. It will save time and confusion, and assure all of being remembered.

It is not fair to merchants to delay buying until the last moment and, although this advice is given every year and heeded too little, let us say again "Do your Christmas shopping early" It is easy of course to delay. It is sometimes hard to make up your mind just what you will give your best friend, your sweetheart, your wife, your husband, or your sons and daughters, but prompt decision is always the best and quick judgment not always wrong. It is much better to visit the stores early in search of Christmas gifts and not be distracted by dense crowds and delayed by clerks who are unable to attend to so many customers at once.

There will always be of course last minute shoppers. It is not possible to perfect too many people at once, but if the advice to shop early is heeded by a considerable percentage of those who intend to buy, there will be great relief to the merchants and much satisfaction to the buyers, more than this, Christmas is a season of goodwill, a season when men and women love to give and take, to help their neighbor and lend a hand. There could be no better way of doing this than to meet the views of the anxious owners of stores who will, if you visit them early, be able to give you very much more attention to your wants.

MAIL THEM EARLY

Most of us have a friend or relative in some distant part of the country to whom we will be sending a gift or remembrance at this happy gift season. How about the presents that you intend to send by mail? Nearly ready to be sure to mail them early, for when the post office gets clogged up with Xmas mail the last few days, a delay in the forwarding of some parcels is very likely to occur. And yours may be among the unlucky ones. A good idea is to get them off early and mark on the outside if you like "Don't Open till Xmas" Even if your friends do open them before Christmas Day arrives, these early gifts have a special significance.

Another thing to remember in mailing parcels is to be sure that they are well packed and securely wrapped so that they will stand the strain of Christmas mail conditions and reach the recipient in good order. They have a rough journey ahead and a gift battered beyond recognition or to an extent that mars its beauty or detracts from its usefulness is a disappointment rather than a happy surprise.

MAJOR-PARKER

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Wed. high noon Sept. 26th 1923 in St. John's Road Baptist Parsonage Toronto, Ont. When Mr. C. Austin Major formerly of this town was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Parker of Toronto, Ont. Mr. G. C. Major brother of the groom acted as best man and Miss M. Sawrie was bridesmaid. The Rev. Dixon A. Burns was the officiating pastor.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Major motored to Union Station and thence by train to Western Canadian cities where they will spend their honeymoon.

The happy couple are now residing at 222 St. John's St. Toronto, Ont.

C. G. I. T. SALE

The Date, Dec. 18 the place, Thompson Building. The sale C. G. I. T.

Suitable Gifts for men; Pipes, Razors, Hygienic Brushes at Renault's.

POPULAR COMPANY - PLAYING HERE

Four Day Engagement of Mae Edwards Players Promises Season's Treat

Mae Edwards and her popular company opened a four day engagement on Wednesday night at the Opera House here and judging from the repeated demonstrations of applause their run here is destined to be one of the hits of the year in theatricals. The opening bill was the exceedingly bright and entertaining three-act comedy, "Two Daddies of Mine" which proved such a success during its long run at New York theatres. In the presentation of this sparkling comedy it is safe to say that no one was disappointed. Rather did it exceed general expectation with its clever dialogue and fine, original vaudeville offerings between the acts. Mae Edwards in the leading feminine role, portrayed the character of Nora O'Brien with all the finished histrionic ability and deft touches of the theatrical artist which have endeared her to thousands of admirers. In the other members of her company she had strong support. The whole piece was enacted with life-like naturalness and evoked rounds of hearty applause. The scenic efforts were also good.

With an aggregation of artists far exceeding that on any other previous appearance of this company here, a repertoire of plays above the average popular successes and a wealth of clever vaudeville the Mae Edwards company give promise of delighting all classes of patrons even though they may be most particular in their choice of theatrical entertainment. A complete change of play and special matinee programme is scheduled for Saturday.

WILL SELL MORE TOWN BONDS

Will Pay for Water Improvements Made This Season—Hospital Grants Paid

At a special meeting of the Town Council held last Thursday evening the necessary resolution was passed authorizing the town to sell \$70,000 water debentures. These are to pay for the auxiliary water sewer on Walker Brook which was so successfully constructed and coupled up to our present system late in November. Authority was given to advertise these debentures for sale. On motion the hospital grants were ordered paid.

WEDDINGS FALCONER-HUCK

The marriage of Mr. Harry Falconer and Mrs. Laura Huck, both of Moosejaw, was solemnized at St. Andrew's Manse Moose Jaw, on Saturday afternoon, November 17th in the presence of intimate friends and relatives. Rev. J. A. MacKeigan officiated. Miss Bernice LaBarge, sister of the bride and Mr. Robert Falconer, brother of the groom were the attendants.

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CONDITIONS ON THE NORTH SHORE MUCH BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Outlook Probably Most Sanguine Since Post-war Boom Days—Good Summer in Shipping and Other Activities Here and Along Gaspé Coast—Heavy Rains Temporarily Retard Lumbering Operations But This Season's Cut Estimated To Exceed Last Year By 30 Per Cent.

In comparison with the fall of 1922 and especially those of 1920-21 general conditions in Restigouche County and along the north shore are regarded as most encouraging and the industrial outlook of the coming summer presents a more sanguine picture than has cheered the eyes of people here since the boom days of the inflated period which followed the cessation of hostilities in the world war. The past summer has been a fairly busy one in Campbellton and along both sides of the Bay Chaleur. Local retail trade, although quiet during the fall owing to the peculiar weather, has been steady throughout the summer months and the total compares very favorably with that of 1922.

Although the hay and grain crops in the north eastern part of the province and the Gaspé Peninsula were admittedly something of a failure this year the potato yield, satisfactory both in quantity and quality, helped greatly to balance up the years' returns for the farmers.

The wharves at Campbellton, Dalhousie and New Mills in Restigouche County and those at New Carlisle, Paspébiac, and Gaspé on the Quebec side of the Bay Chaleur have been the scenes of considerable activity in shipping during the past season. Over forty million feet of long lumber have been shipped by water from these three northern New Brunswick ports during the summer and in addition over twenty million laths, approximately two million cedar shingles and many thousand cords of pulpwood have been exported both by water and rail. These activities, together with the steady operation of all north shore mills have contrived

ATHLETIC CLUB TO LAUNCH MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK

Solicitors Appointed At Executive Meeting Last Friday Night—Response of Citizens Will Determine Next Steps to be Taken—Still Hoped That Winter Plans May be Realized.

Now that a campaign for membership for the Campbellton Amateur Athletic Club has been arranged for and is scheduled to begin throughout the length and breadth of the town the first of the week, citizens generally will have an opportunity of expressing themselves definitely for this splendid movement which has been started here in the interests of good clean sport and on behalf of the provision of organized athletic training for the young people of the town.

The membership drive which the Athletic Club proposes to launch next Monday was arranged for at a meeting of the Executive of the association last Friday evening. Solicitors were appointed for the work and the names of the membership committee appear below.

WARD ONE

Messrs. A. McG. MacDonald, C. B. Fairley and Griffith H. LaPraik.

WARD TWO

Messrs. Jas. H. Moores, Adjutor Daniels and G. T. Hawling.

WARD THREE

Messrs. Harry McLennan, J. W. Howard and Wallace E. Henry.

It is naturally understood that the minds of the Club officials as to just what the result of the membership campaign will be but they have decided that the matter should be brought to an issue without further delay. If citizens give their support and boost the movement with the support it deserves they are confident that the sport project can be made a splendid success; but on the other hand, if parents and others who should lend assistance to such an uncommenced.

Colony Capix

Has bills on the lips of everybody's tongue

The Scientist

Moles maintain a completely equipped modern laboratory for the testing of all new materials used and each step in the process of turning out chocolate and related products. It is in charge of Mr. John G. G. G.

able to buy the best vanilla beans and make Vanilla Extract with a bouquet that is missing from all the other makes on the market. A contributing element in the goodness of Moles' Chocolates.

For times out of five, when you give a girl Moir's Chocolates, you are giving her her favorite; and in the fifth you are making a conquest.

Christmas is coming, say it with Moir's Chocolates.