

OLD COFFEE HOUSE WAS NOTED PLACE IN EARLY LIFE OF CITY

There Business Deals Were Discussed and Gossips Exchanged News— Old Time Ball at Which "Gentlemen Were of All Sorts."

The story of the "Coffee House Corner" is told in an interesting manner in the records of the Saint John office of the Dominion Archives, as follows: The Exchange Coffee House stood on the corner of Prince William and King streets, where the Bank of Montreal now stands. It was a low two-story building, with a shingle roof, and was built within 15 months of the landing of the Loyalists. It was owned by Charles McPherson and was designed as a place of refreshment. One room was known as the "Assembly Room," and here on Jan. 15, 1783, an elaborate entertainment was given. Benjamin Marston, in his diary, gives a description of it: "Queen's Birthnight. Governor Carleton gave a ball and supper at the Assembly Room. Between 80 and 40 ladies were present and near 100 gentlemen. The ladies were of the best families only, but the gentlemen were of all sorts."

FIRST BEN LOMOND HOUSE.
In 1805, William Lomond, who conducted the Coffee House, was conducted by White Raymond, who undertook to furnish the gentlemen of the town with London newspapers, also New York and Boston papers, at every opportunity.

William George Cody was born in 1771 at St. George's, Granada, W. I., a son of Oliver Cody, born at Drummore, County Down, Ireland, in 1744. William married in 1798, at Halifax, N. S., Susannah, daughter of Osmond Burton of Devonshire. After a year's residence in Halifax, where their eldest child, Susannah James, was born, the couple moved to Annapolis Royal, where their first son, William Oliver, was born in 1800, and a second son, James Osmond, in 1803. Shortly afterwards William Cody and family moved to Saint John. In 1824 Mr. Cody moved to Loch Lomond, where he established the Ben Lomond House. Here he died at the age of 70 years in the year 1840.

CITY MEETING PLACE.
Under the management of William Cody, the Coffee House thrived, and here for many years met the leading professional and business men to discuss their affairs, and old men of the town, who used to sit and smoke and argue over the latest news from the Old Country. It was the meeting place for a great variety of purposes, social, political and otherwise. Sabine, in his "Loyalists of the American Revolution," refers to Cody as "The Prince of coffee and the most obliging of landlords," and adds: "The Coffee House was a famous place of meeting for a long time. Within it the Loyalists gathered year after year to discuss their affairs, both public and private, to tell of their losses, sufferings, and expulsions from their native country, to hold high revelry, to read the news, to transact business and to devise means to develop the resources of the country."

Stewart, in "The Story of the Great Fire in Saint John in 1817," refers thus to the Coffee House: "There of an evening for years and years the old men of the place used to sit and gossip and smoke and sip their toddy; here in 1816 they met to learn the news of the war between France and England, and read the story of Waterloo four or five months after it was fought and won. In this sort of Shakespearean tavern, the leading merchants of the day met and chatted over large sales, and compared notes. Here a verbal commercial agency was established, and here delightful old gossip met and told each other all about everybody else's affairs. There were Ben Johnsons in those days who wrote dramatic pieces and showed them to their friends over a cup of hot spiced rum. Poets, too, full of the tender passion, signed out hexameters of love in that old Coffee House."

The Coffee House had several narrow escapes from fire, until in 1840 it was torn down to make room for the "Imperial Building," erected by Mr. Gillis, which was considered a wonderful advance in the style of business buildings. The "Imperial Building" was destroyed in the great fire of 1877, after which the Bank of Montreal was built.

MET LAST EVENING

W. C. T. U. Held Parlor Meeting at Home of Mrs. Hope Thomson

An enjoyable parlor meeting was held last night under the auspices of the Saint John W. C. T. U. at the home of the president, Mrs. Hope Thomson, Princess street. Mrs. T. O. Dales, superintendent of parlor meetings presided and led the devotions giving choice readings. Mrs. Mary Seymour gave the opening prayer and was followed by Mrs. C. W. Dickinson and Mrs. Thomson. A duet that was much enjoyed was sung by Miss Esther Sleep and Miss E. B. Earle and the company was delighted with readings by Miss Marie Collier. Short readings on appropriate themes were given by Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Ellsworth Scott and Mrs. Charles Hutchings. A collection was taken at the meeting and was voted to be given for providing necessities for a family in need. The hostess served dainty refreshments at the close of the evening and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered her.

Alberta Soon To Get Natural Resources

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 15.—Alberta's natural resources will be under provincial ownership and control some time next summer, if the necessary preliminary action can be secured within that time, Premier Brownlee stated today. As matters now stand, a formal agreement between the Provincial and Dominion Governments has been signed, embodying the terms of transfer in full detail, he said. The next steps will be for legislative ratification.

LOCARNO PACT IS DISCUSSED

Dr. W. C. Kierstead Speaks to Women's Canadian Club

Deals With Events Leading up to Adoption of Agreement by Signatories

An enlightening address on the Locarno pact was delivered by Dr. W. C. Kierstead, professor of philosophy and economics at U. N. B., before the Women's Canadian Club in the Church of England Institute last evening. Dr. Kierstead outlined the conditions that made Locarno. The League of Nations covenant, he said, provided for disarmament, arbitration and mutual assistance to some extent. This, however, was not enough to satisfy France which wished to form a tri-partite agreement with Great Britain and the United States for defense against Germany. This agreement fell through because the United States refused to ratify it. Since then France had sought to get Britain to guarantee her western frontier against Germany.

A mutual assistance treaty was proposed in 1923. This Great Britain would not ratify claiming it was too much like the old defensive alliance against Germany, gave the League Council too much authority, and imposed tremendous obligations on the British navy. Ramsay MacDonald felt obliged to find a better solution and outlined the Geneva protocol. This provided for the outlawing of war, and establishment of compulsory arbitration. It provided that the protocol should not come into force until a disarmament conference should be called and steps taken to disarm. The present British government refused to ratify this after consulting all of the self-governing dominions. Then Mr. Chamberlain secured the negotiation of the Locarno treaties. By these Germany, France and Belgium agreed to submit their differences to arbitration, and Germany

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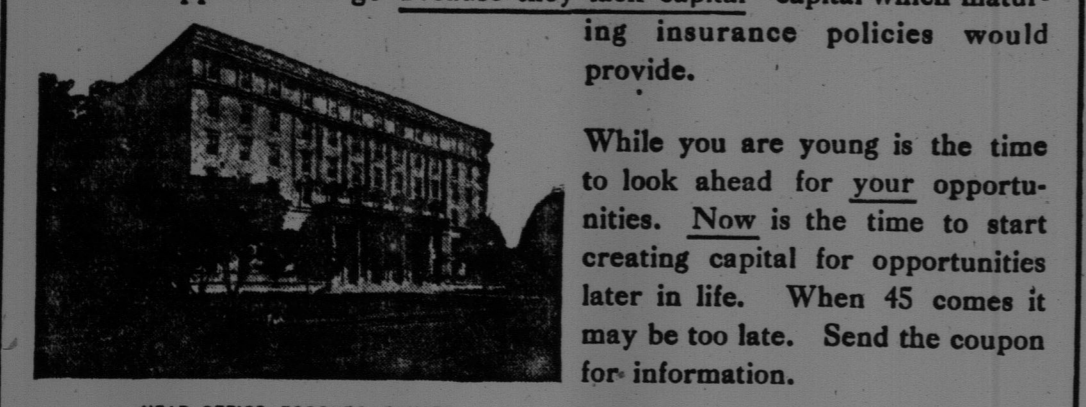
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