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"ACQUAINTANCE DAY" AN IDEA FOR ST. JOHN

The Buffalo "Live Wire" in its December issue says:
"No undertaking launched by the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of its members ever struck a more popular chord than the scheme of holding an 'Acquaintance Day' once a week. Thus far three such days have been observed, and as nearly as can be estimated fully 1500 members out of a total of 2200 have participated."

This is the way the idea was carried out. Each member upon entering the chamber dining room was given a tag, upon which he wrote his name and business. At the dining table, acting as host, was a member of the new acquaintance committee, whose duty it was to collect the cards and make everybody acquainted. Music and cream.

special songs were provided for each occasion.
This fraternal idea is finding expression in other localities as well. The "Get Together" Maritime Forward Convention in Amherst was somewhat along this line, and the "Get Together" Tours" and the "Get Together" conferences of Maritime Premiers which were recommended by the convention, were all designed for the purpose of making the maritime leaders and business men better acquainted with each other. In St. John, the Rotary Club carries out this idea in a most admirable manner. There should be more of this "get together" spirit manifested here. It would help to remove great many misunderstandings and misconceptions, and would tend to secure more harmony of action in all our city affairs.

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PROVINCIAL FINANCES FOR YEAR

Auditor-General submits Balance Sheet to Provincial Secretary.

The balance sheet of the accounts of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year to October 31, as submitted by the Auditor-General to the Provincial Secretary, was as follows:

Expenditure	
Balance from 1913	\$ 71,180.49
Administration of justice	21,954.51
Agriculture	46,082.34
Auditor General office	2,389.45
Boys' Industrial Home	2,000.00
Campbellton relief	5,000.00
Colonization roads	3,542.95
Contingencies, departments and legislatures	21,872.16
Crown land classification	2,717.15
Commission to investigate charges re timber lands and Valley Railway	666.25
Exhibitions	12,137.98
Executive government	45,344.61
Education	276,750.88
Elections	1,720.34
Engineers' services and expenses Valley Railway bridges (special warrant)	2,183.09
Factory inspection	1,745.27
Factory inspection—board examining engineers	222.75
Fish, forest and game	33,259.45
Farm Settlement Board	1,555.37
Free grants	992.37
Guarantee bonds, government officials	813.60
Interest	270,125.77
Immigration	15,506.68
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium	26,500.59
Liquor license fund	26,906.90
Legislative Assembly	29,984.20
Legislative Library	813.35
Mining	861.81
Moving picture censors	1,000.00
Monuments	3,000.00
N. B. Historical Society	125.00
N. B. Rifle Association	300.00
Natural History societies	600.00
Public health—smallpox	2,938.18
Public health—hospital	10,000.00
Public health—salaries, expenses	2,169.16
Probate fee fund	14,296.59
Printing	16,531.01
Provincial hospital	93,724.99
Pensions—school teachers	6,587.19
Public works	390,930.98
Public works—Motor Vehicle law	1,458.56
Refunds	531.56
Revisors	1,846.64
Stampage collection	27,814.78
Succession duties collection	2,486.50
School books	15,739.26
Sinking funds	26,272.00
Sinking funds—Farm Settlement Board	1,825.00
Surveys and inspection	3,998.58
Surveys, railway inspection	4,557.65
Superannuations	2,500.00
Tourist Associations	2,500.00
Unforeseen expenses	3,557.80
Total ordinary expenditure	\$1,493,774.23
Permanent bridge	\$578,154.78
Normal School annex	\$1,204.25
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium	\$4,220.25
Wharves, St. John	\$1,000.00
Debitures (smallpox) redeemed	\$3,500.00
Debitures (46 Vic. Cap. 12), redeemed	\$226,000.00
Agriculture—Dominion subsidy	\$7,500.51
Contractors' deposits	\$10,610.82
Commutated pensions withdrawn	\$558.38
Supreme Court withdrawals	\$256.02
Probate Court withdrawals	\$643.03
Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway deposit withdrawn	\$9,300.00
Canadian Surety Co. deposit withdrawn	\$10,000.00
Crown Land Dept.—Temporary deposits withdrawn	\$504.07
Proceeds of bonds and treasury bills	\$147,314.85
Contribution to Imperial government	\$90,630.62
Grand total	\$2,747,638.82

RECEIPTS.

Dominion subsidies	\$637,976.16
Territorial revenue	\$54,361.01
Territorial revenue, N. B. settlement lands	\$2,187.00
Pees, Provincial Secretary's office	\$30,739.56
Texas incorporated companies	\$50,801.52
Private and local bills	\$559.99
Succession duties	\$20,108.55
Kings' Printer	\$3,089.39
School books	\$12,942.17
Liquor Licenses	\$44,088.32
Probate fee funds	\$16,487.54
Supreme Court fee fund	\$2,316.83
Provincial Hospital	\$30,778.58
Jordan Memorial Sanatorium	\$7,558.00
Motor vehicles	\$15,330.00
Factory inspection	\$529.00
Sales agricultural live stock	\$159.78
Miscellaneous receipts	\$4,552.53
Fisheries claim against Dominion government	\$66,382.00
Total ordinary revenue	\$1,505,228.78
Contractors' deposits	\$ 476.17
Commutated pensions (Imperial government)	\$801.71
Probate Court deposits	\$257.51
Supreme Court deposits	\$537.17
Municipalities sinking funds	\$2,769.87
Agriculture, Dominion subsidy	\$46,948.57
Reversible Falls bridge expropriation deposit	\$27,169.00
Proceeds Farm Settlement Board bonds for \$36,000	\$34,785.00
Bonds sold to Crown Land sinking fund	\$84,000.00
Temporary deposits	\$708.07
N. B. Masonic Hall Company deposit	\$20.00
Crown Land sold (sinking fund Crown Lands)	\$3,914.25
Bonuses on timber licenses (sinking fund Crown Lands)	\$161,988.00
Proceeds	\$210,000.00
Estimates	\$147,423.72
Grand total	\$2,747,638.82

BRITAIN NOT WORRIED OVER WOOD SUPPLY

Not seriously affected, experts say, by Germany's declaration making product contraband.

London, Dec. 29.—As mentioned in the cable dispatch to the Monitor, the declaration by Germany that wood will be considered contraband in future, has naturally caused great indignation in Swedish circles. A Monitor representative has had an opportunity of discussing the question with experts, who view the matter both from the Swedish and from the British point of view.

As far as Sweden is concerned, when the war broke out her exports were seriously interfered with, and the general rise in the freight market and extra costs due to war risk insurance, among other items, have made her imports of coal for her industries very much more expensive. The result is reflected in the exchange, which in normal times is about kroner 18.20 to the pound, is now about 19.20.

Strenuous efforts have been made to increase exports, with a view to improving the exchange, but this latest blow to Swedish exports will naturally affect the exchange detrimentally.

Swedish Export of Wood.

In normal years, the export of wood from Sweden is between 900,000 and 1,000,000 standards. It is estimated that the quantity ready for shipment to Great Britain, British dominions and to France, which is now held up by the German declaration, is about 100,000 standards, the free on board value of which approaches £1,000,000 sterling. Part of this quantity will not be brought forward by rail and shipped through Norwegian ports, but the extra cost of transport resulting from such an operation would be about £2 per standard, and the capacity of the railways is limited.

So far Great Britain can view the situation with equanimity. There is no doubt that there are large stocks in this country, and probably if the regular course of trade is not interfered with, when April and May of 1915 comes round, there is no fear of a wood famine here.

The building trade, which absorbs such a large quantity of the wood in normal times, is very quiet, and the cause of the recent rise in price of timber in this country is solely due to government requirements for building huts and also to the large demand for wood for making packing cases for military stores. It can hardly be doubted that this demand will be reduced somewhat as soon as the building of huts is finished.

Large Quantities Purchased.

The opinion of the timber trade generally in Great Britain is perhaps best reflected in the attitude of importers here, who have bought large quantities of wood for shipment in December of this year. They now have the option of getting this wood transported via Norway at an extra cost of £2 per standard or of cancelling their contract. Nearly all those importers who supply the normal trade have preferred to cancel, only those who deliver to the government have elected to pay the extra cost.

It can therefore be seen that the position is viewed with absolute equanimity by all those who are not looking forward to a prolonged war, and such people feel that if Germany had really desired to aim a blow at Great Britain by bringing about a wood famine, they should have taken the step several months ago, whereas now the blow will not be effective, unless the war should be a prolonged one.

It is believed that during the winter months endeavours will be made to ship as large quantities as possible from Sweden through Norwegian ports in order to mitigate shortage next spring, if all the difficulties have not been removed by that time.

YEAR'S END GIVES MUCH EVIDENCE OF GOOD-WILL

Schools and Organizations Observe the Festive Season—Some of Yesterday's Activities.

Yesterday there were seasonable gatherings in a few of the Sunday schools and institutions of the city. More such incidents of the closing year will be present today, and it is noticeable that the greatest interest is being taken by the citizens to cheer and encourage all the folk, young and old, who at this time look for the smile and the general welcome that old Santa Claus has for a very long time extended to those who will take him, without any plea, as a really good fellow.

In St. Luke's.
The committee in charge of an entertainment consisted of Miss Mary Harrison, Miss Emma Roberts and Ralph S. Crawford. The carol, "Birth-day Bells," sung by the junior members of the V. A. the music of which was composed by the organist of the church, R. S. Crawford, was beautifully rendered. It included a solo, "Santa Claus," by Miss Constance Murray; chorus, "Our Hero," by members of the A. Y. P. A., soloist Fred Irvine; chorus, "Glorious England," by members of the junior members. Christmas dolls, Misses Helen Beatey, Annie Adams, M. Ramsay, Muriel Thomson, Isabel Gaskin, Dorothy Williams, Agnes Hughton, Frances Beresford, Sketch, "Sunshine Girls," with wide-awake boys and four rosaries, including dolls and -chairs, Santa Claus being introduced with his gifts, Misses Constance Kincaid, Reta Bell, Jennie Scott and Muriel McMillan were the spot-lights.

Fairville Presbyterian.
The annual Christmas tree entertainment of Columbia Presbyterian church was held last evening. The schoolroom was decorated with greenery and a large Christmas tree, prettily trimmed and electrically lighted, occupied a prominent place on the platform. A suitable programme by the children, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Duff and Mrs. A. Cox, was carried out in a delightful way, after which Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed to the happy youngsters many good things, fruit and candies being, of course, amongst them. Rev. C. W. Townsend then took the chair during a good evening's programme, as follows:

Chorus, Christmas Greetings; recitation, Gertrude Rose; dialogue, eight little girls; recitations, Jean Campbell, Margaret Galley, Ethel Rose, Wilbur Armstrong, Alberta Galbraith, Hatie Bogle, Wallace Burns, Allen Rose, Willie Waters, Lillian Cox, Beatrice Simson, Dorothy Armstrong, Rita Armstrong; solo, "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," Miss Alice Duff; descriptive reading, Florence Bette; song, Dora Cox; reading, Bessie Myles; chorus, fifteen girls.

A silver collection was made at the door. Presentations were made in the form of cheques to Mrs. James Spence, the church organist, and to Miss Viola Leggett, organist for the Sunday school.

Boys' Industrial Home

The festivities began at 3.30 at the Boys' Industrial Home, East St. John. A large Christmas tree was provided, laden with good things. The boys had a good programme of entertainment, consisting of dialogues, recita-



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