

SOME LIGHT ON HOUSING CONDITIONS IN ST. JOHN

Commissioner McLellan Says He Has Seen St. John People Living Under Conditions in which he would not keep a Dog—Mayor Hears Delegation Ask for Sale of Lancaster Lands.

Strong testimony as to the pressing need of improved housing, and a statement by Com. McLellan that he had seen people in St. John living under conditions in which he would not keep a dog, were among the features of the hearing given by the mayor and city commissioners last evening to W. Frank Hatheway and a delegation consisting of clergymen, county councillors, workmen and others, in reference to the scheme to divide up the city lands in Lancaster and sell lots on easy terms to workmen with the stipulation that they must put up a house worth at least \$600 in three years.

In discussing the proposition the speakers canvassed the whole question of housing and rents in St. John, and made statements that show not only a deplorable character. While the majority of those present were in favor of Mr. Hatheway's scheme, others thought the city should not sell its land at all, but rather lease them. Nearly all were of the opinion that the housing problem in St. John was much broader and more urgent than to be solved by any such scheme of selling a few lots to workers, and the testimony of the workers present was generally to the effect that they were too poorly paid to permit them to put up houses anyway.

Mr. Hatheway's Proposal.

W. Frank Hatheway presented the proposition after reading letters from Senator Jones and Father Collins in favor of the scheme. The proposal was that the council should survey the Gypsy Settlement area, divide it into lots of 250 by 50 feet, and sell lots on easy terms with the proviso that the purchasers build on them within a few years. The prices should be from \$100 to \$200, which he felt was a good price.

Com. Schofield—Do you think we should sell for \$100 if we could get \$300?

Mr. Hatheway—No, provided you sell them to somebody who will agree to do something definite with them. Answering the question, the council would mean the building of a lot of houses, Mr. Hatheway said that as much as the carpenters and mechanics would be building their own houses, they would take pride in fixing them up in a nice way.

City Should Build and Rent.

J. D. Sugrue said it was impossible to build any kind of a house for \$600, but the men who bought the lots would work on them, and in this way could put up a respectable looking house. The proposition deserved careful consideration. He thought the city should not sell any land, without an agreement that the purchasers use it to establish an industry or build houses. In the past, he thought, the community would have built up a better housing extension of sewer and water services. If the city was on the eve of a great industrial boom, the council should put into the business of building houses and renting them.

Chas. Steward approved the proposition. He pointed out the commissioner should satisfy himself that the purchaser had the ability to put up a house on the lot. He did not take any stock in the argument that the city would lose some taxpayers; Lancaster would become eventually a part of the city. Continuing, he spoke of the evils of giving workmen a chance to own a garden.

Mr. Hatheway said Mr. Hopper told him that if 50 lots were sold in the Gypsy settlement, the street cars would go around Manchester's corner.

Clergymen Favors It.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill said he would sooner see the city buying than selling lands. He thought the city should acquire its public utilities, as every increase in the city's activity developed interest in public affairs. The proposition submitted was, however, attractive to him. If the workmen owned homes, there would not be so many labor troubles. Personally, he would like to see the city lease the lands to a company under conditions providing that it would build good homes for the workers.

Era of Progress Coming.

St. John was entering upon an era of progress. The question of housing would become serious; rents were high now, but they were bound to go up. For this reason the general problem of housing the people in parts of the city there were conditions where it was impossible for children to grow up into good citizens. The housing question was the great problem before the city. If housing conditions were not made attractive for labor, new industries would not be likely to come in.

An Attractive Proposition.

J. T. Tighe said the proposition would be attractive to many mill workers and others. He knew that many workers were having great trouble getting any kind of a house. The average laborer could not earn more than \$400, and he could not afford to pay the rent demanded. He drew a picture of the tribulations of the working class.

Lancaster Opinions.

Coun. Golding said the need of houses was as strong in Fairville as in Lancaster. He knew many laborers whom he felt would be glad to take advantage of the opportunity to secure a city lot.

The Mayor—Lancaster would amalgamate with the city it would

solve a great many problems. Coun. Bryant said many people would be willing to buy the lots and build on them, but he did not think it advisable to limit the commission to any set price.

W. J. Linton said the spirit of the times was directing attention to the needs of better housing. It was a crime to sell 25 foot lots. The name of Gypsy Settlement should be changed. He would be sorry to see the city sell its lands to a company; he would sooner see the city devise some means to give the workers a chance. What Fairville wanted was more people.

Mr. Wilson, manager of the Wilson box factory, said there was no question of the great necessity of homes for working people. He felt the details of the problem of utilizing the city lands should be dealt with by a town planning commission. The Mayor—A big farm on the Manawagonish road was reported to be sold for \$80,000. Was it for a real estate speculation?

Mr. Hatheway—I believe it was understood that the C. P. R. intended to establish works there.

Would Not Help City Workers.

O. Dick spoke of the seriousness of the housing problem. Machinists in St. John were only averaging \$13 a week. With that wage he could not rent much of a house, and to make matters worse the cost of all necessities had gone up.

J. J. Hughes said the scheme might help the people of Fairville, but it would not help the city workers. He thought the commissioners might improve the building laws in the city, and tax vacant lands till the owners had to build.

City Holds Key to Problem.

Rev. J. H. Anderson said the possession of land gave the city the key to the "housing problem" which was becoming pressing, and it was a pity it did not possess more land. German cities were great landowners. We were moving towards greater control by the city of housing and other conditions of commercial life.

City Should Hold Land.

Rev. M. F. McCutcheon said some people in St. John were living under disgraceful conditions and the housing problem would become more acute. He felt the city should retain possession of as much land as possible; other cities had found it a great mistake to dispose of their lands.

J. Lynch spoke in favor of Mr. Hatheway's proposition.

Rev. G. A. Ross of Fairville sent in a letter approving the scheme.

Com. Schofield said the commissioners had considered the matter of using the Lancaster lands from every point of view. They sympathized with the laborers who were contending against hard conditions, but they were trustees for the people at large and besides the city lands were issued on the security of the land. The commissioners were going to apply the town planning act to the lands in Lancaster and no lots would be sold till plans were made.

Worse Than Dog Kennels.

Com. McLellan said he had kept dogs in better kennels than the rooms some of the people of St. John live in. He was in favor of doing anything to establish better housing conditions, even if the city had to buy land. Mayor Frink recognized the importance of the housing problem and spoke of the need of better communication with the suburbs and the annexation of the city on the east side was only 250 acres, but some developments were possible. As chairman of the appeals committee he knew of conditions in this city which he would not like to see exposed.

Commissioners' Opinions.

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Would Spring Out of Her Bed.

She Was So Nervous.

Diseases of the nervous system are very common. All the organs of the body may be sound while the nervous centres may be affected. Many women become run down and worn out by household care and duties never ending, and sooner or later find themselves with shattered nerves and weak hearts.

On the first sign of any weakness of the heart or nerves, flagging energy or physical breakdown, do not wait until your case becomes hopeless.

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WIDOW OF REAR ADMIRAL EATON, WHO IS ACCUSED OF MURDERING HUSBAND, PICTURED AFTER ARREST



ARREST OF MRS. EATON BY JOHN H. SCOTT, STATE OFFICER

Mrs. Joseph G. Eaton, wife of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, who died suddenly in Massachusetts a few weeks ago, has been charged with the admiral's murder. Arsenic poison, according to the authorities, was the method of destruction used. Mrs. Eaton, who is now in the county jail at Plymouth, Mass., has pleaded not guilty.

"Mrs. Eaton is indignant that she should be charged with such an offense. She will make no statement at the present time." This is the statement of Francis Geogan, the Eaton family attorney.

laws and encouraging the building up of vacant lots.

Com. McLellan said that landlords who told their tenants that they had to put up rents because of increased taxation were stating what was not correct.

Com. Wigmore—in one case I informed a landlord that his water taxes would be increased \$2 a year. He said, "All right, I'll charge the tenant \$2 a month extra." That's the way they do it.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE MAKE DEMANDS IN P.E.I.

Charlottetown, March 27.—At a meeting of the provincial temperance alliance here it was resolved to ask the Nova Scotia alliance to loan their field secretary, Rev. H. R. Grant, to hold a temperance day for pupils to abolish the two licensed vendors in Charlottetown, to repeal the clause in the prohibition law allowing the sale of liquor for medicinal purposes, or put such restraints upon it as to prevent the present flagrant abuse whereby a large amount of liquor is improperly sold by druggists and vendors.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Royal.

W. F. Napier, D. E. Richards, Campbellton; S. D. Simmons, Fredericton; I. A. Pittuga, Boston; Col. Sir John Young, London, Eng.; J. A. La Mothe, Montreal; P. Richer, St. Yvonne; Que.; H. A. Willis, Plainfield, N. J.; J. A. Feeley and wife, Boston; S. H. Silver, London, Eng.; M. Dean, Manchester; C. Cairns, Hamilton; F. W. Lyons, B. W. McTear, Toronto; M. Haas, Montreal; Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, Moncton; H. P. Hall, Toronto; J. E. Hetherington (Capt.), C. J. Toole, New York; W. H. Sears, Boston; F. R. Dodge, Chas. F. Newbury, Montreal; H. L. Moody, Boston; J. Holliday, C. Langier, T. Walker, V. R. Warren, Joseph Taylor, Montreal; M. G. Thompson, C. L. Fleck.

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DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS

Car Ferry Terminal, Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

The time for receiving tenders for "Car Ferry Terminal" at Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick, has been extended from 10 o'clock on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1913, to Tuesday, 15th April, 1913.

By order.

L. K. JONES,

Asst. Deputy Minister and Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 20th March, 1913.

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SOCIETY EVENT AT MOTOR SHOW

Big Attendance is Expected at Official Opening Ceremony, by Lieutenant Governor Wood Tomorrow Evening.

Society will be out in force to the official opening of the Motor Show by the lieutenant governor at the Queen's rink tomorrow evening.

Governor Wood will be received by the president and directors of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, and by the mayor and commissioners of the city. After the opening address the governor will press a button turning on special illumination and will declare open the first automobile and motor boat show in St. John. Indications are that the occasion will be one of the main social events of the season.

Four Killed by Dynamite.

Sherbrooke, Que., Mar. 27.—Four men were killed in Winslow last evening by a dynamite explosion.

Victoria.

J. O. Thicker, Toronto; Seth Jones, Sussex; S. R. Anderson, Eastport; J. W. Brown, St. Stephen; A. M. Fleming, and wife, Halifax; W. P. Murphy, Sussex; F. B. Armour, P. E. I.; J. K. Fleming, Woodstock; P. Lister, McAdam; A. E. O'Leary, Richibucto; G. A. Hutchins, do; Geo. Irvine, Rexton; Mrs. Geo. W. Lunney, Miramichi; J. E. D'Eve, Meteghan River; N. S. F. J. Driscoll, Halifax; Mrs. G. H. Ellis, Pocologan; Mrs. S. R. Anderson, do; H. W. D. Armstrong, Fredericton; A. Fink, Montreal; H. B. Weeks, Fredericton.

Weak, worn-out nerves keep one in a constant state of irritability and excitement. The eyes are sensitive to light, and every noise jars on the overwrought nerves.

If children are about they are a constant source of annoyance and irritation. Every door seems to slam, and a little extra excitement of exertion leads to wakeful nights, nervous headache or indigestion.

In this condition women are likely to be hysterical, and suffer greatly at regular periods. The nerves must be nourished back to vigor by such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. Being gentle and natural in action, it gives new life and confidence.

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LAUDER AGAIN!

Purple Label 10-inch 90 cents; 12-inch \$1.50.

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DOUGLAS AVENUE CAR BREAKS AXLE

Passengers in Car 38 Received a Bad Scare when Vehicle Came to Abrupt Halt—Removed to Shed.

The occupants of a street car last night received a bad scare when the vehicle while in motion gave a sudden lurch and falling low at one end immediately came to a halt.

Car No. 38 was travelling along Douglas avenue at the ordinary rate when with a crash it suddenly lurched to one side, coming to a halt. Probably with a fear that an explosion had taken place the passengers became a little frightened and were not slow in getting out of the car.

On investigation it was learned that one of the axles had broken. The damaged car was taken off the track and removed to the shed.

The body of Frank Angevine was brought to the city yesterday morning on the Montreal train and the funeral took place from the union depot. Rev. Mr. Rice officiated, and interment was in Fernhill.

TENDERS.

TENDERS addressed to the undersigned at Ottawa and endorsed on the envelope "Tender for Fisheries Patrol Steamer" will be received up to noon of the TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF APRIL, 1913 for the construction of a steel wood sheathed twin screw patrol steamer to be delivered at Selkirk, Manitoba, of the following dimensions, viz:—

Length B.P. 140 ft. Breadth moulded 26 ft. 6 in. Breadth extreme 27 ft. 3 in. Depth moulded 13 ft. 6 in. Indicated horse power 300.

Plans and specifications and tender forms can be seen at the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, at the offices of the Collectors of Customs at Toronto, Collingwood, Midland and Kingston, Ont., at the offices of the Harbour Masters at Port Arthur and Port William and also at the offices of the Agents of this Department at Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and Victoria, B. C.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank in favor of the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries equal to ten per cent of the whole amount of tender, which cheque will be forfeited if the successful tenderer declines to sign the contract prepared by the Department or fails to complete the steamer.

Cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Newspapers copying this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid.

ALEX. JOHNSTON, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, March 11th, 1913.

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS

Intercolonial Railway.

SPUR LINE.

Pugwash to Pugwash Harbour.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Pugwash Harbour Spur", will be received at this office until 10 o'clock on Thursday, the 10th April, 1913, for the construction of a Spur Line extending from Pugwash on the Oxford Branch of the Intercolonial Railway to Pugwash Harbour, a distance of about one and a half miles.

Plans, specifications and form of contract to be entered into can be seen on or after 26th March, 1913, at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the Engineer's office of the Intercolonial Railway at Pugwash, N. B.

Parties tendering will be required to accept the fair wages schedule prepared or to be prepared by the Department of Labour, which schedule will form part of the contract.

Contractors are requested to be in mind that tenders will not be considered, unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and in the case of firms, unless there are attached the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm.

An accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$5,000.00 made payable to the order of the Minister of Railways and Canals, must accompany each tender, which sum will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work, at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective contractors whose tenders are not accepted.

The cheque of the successful tenderer will be held as security, or part security, for the due fulfilment of the contract to be entered into. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,

L. K. JONES, Asst. Deputy Minister and Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 20th March, 1913.

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MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday the 25th April, 1913 for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week each way between Oromocto and C. P. Ry. Station from the 1st July next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Oromocto and West Oromocto, and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector at St. John.

G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent, Post Office Department, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 10th March, 1913.