

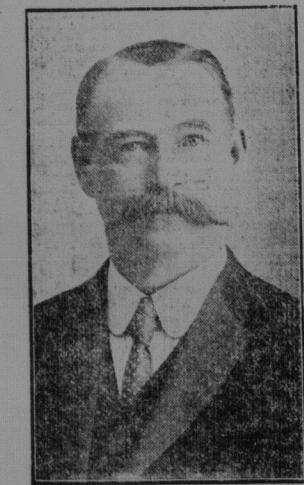
PROSPERITY

ST. STEPHEN HAS YEAR OF STEADY DEVELOPMENT

Fishermen's Union Breaks Deadlock and Standard Scale of Prices is Agreed Upon.

Staff Correspondence. St. Stephen, Dec. 31.—In this quiet but enterprising community, the year just closing has been marked by some important developments.

In March representatives of the Weirmen's Union of Charlotte county and of the Sardinia Syndicate of Eastport and Lubec met here and agreed upon a scale of prices for the approaching season, thereby breaking a dead-



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lock that had existed all through the previous year, and had greatly hindered this very important industry. Unfortunately the little fishes on which the success of this industry depends, evaded our coast very largely and the expected harvest of rood dollars was not realized. This is a matter over which neither government or local organizations can have any control, and the question of why the herring seek our shores in multitudes one year and abandon them another is as much a conundrum as ever.

In a border community the question of undesirable immigrants and of alien labor laws is ever an important one, and it has been much impressed upon us in St. Stephen, principally because such matters on the other side of our thin dividing line have been placed in the hands of minor officials who have harassed us in many ways. In April last, the Dominion Government appointed Geo. H. Sullivan to have charge of such matters on this side of the line, and the appointment has been to the advantage of this community in many ways.

In June six captains of schooners sailing out of Calais, who were bound and had resided on this side of the line, were required to move to Calais or relinquish their vessels, by a recent interpretation of the alien labor laws on this side of the boundary, and this community suffered the loss of six good citizens and their families.

At the town council board last July Councilor Polley, agitated, as others had done before him, for the running of the street cars in Dukes ward, at least as far as Chipman Memorial Hospital, but the management of the road is vested in Calais citizens, and though legislation was obtained last winter at Fredericton to bring about improved conditions, the cars still run only to King street.

The Gold King Mining Co., in which so much St. Croix Valley capital is invested, was reorganized in July with local men in control of affairs, and much is anticipated from the change.

On the last day of July our neighbors across the line observed the 100th anniversary of the organization of the present City of Calais.

In August last, a contract was awarded J. H. Nesbitt & Sons for the erection of a building 120 by 36 feet, two stories, for a recently organized county agricultural society, and thereby hangs a tale.

Believing that the best interests of Charlotte County could be served by an organization of the farmers and merchants, the Agricultural Society for District No. 88 was organized, and incorporation was obtained from the Provincial Government. The society purchased a lot of land on King street adjoining the property of the Trotting Park Association, and thereon erected this building. Though the weather man exerted all his influences against the enterprise, the exhibit was a success in every way, and has encouraged our people to reach out for bigger and better things next year. Since the fair was held the society has purchased the adjoining property of the Trotting Park Association, and wait till you see us next year.

Exemption Extended. In August last one of our leading manufacturing concerns, that of Ganong Bros., Ltd., made application for an extension of the exemption of taxation granted them because of their intention to extend their factory.

A public meeting of the citizens was held, and the proposition received a cordial endorsement. Acting on this the town council granted the exemption asked for and later made a like concession to the St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Co.

The candy factory is now converting a two story wing into a three story one and, we believe, will erect a large new wing at an early date. The Soap Company has but a new

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RECORD YEAR FOR SACKVILLE

1909 a Year of Wonderful Development for Westmorland County—Town, Municipal and Private Enterprises Many—Educational Institutions with Favorable Progress.

Staff Correspondence. Sackville Dec. 31.—The year 1909 has been a year of wonderful development for Sackville. Both in municipal and private enterprises, especially in those of manufacturing and building, although agriculture and forestry operations have also been very successful. The Mount Allison institutions have also made very favorable progress during the past year.

Although no official census has been made of the town for some time, the approximate population is 5,000. The assessment at the beginning of the year 1908 was \$901,800. At the beginning of last year it was \$963,000. While so rapid has been the development of the town, that the estimated assessment for this year is about \$1,150,000. The tax rate is 1.32 cents on the dollar.

Sackville has an excellent water and sewerage system upon the extension of which over \$2,000 was spent last year, and a still further extension is contemplated in the spring of this year. It has a fire department of 40 men with 3 stations, at each of which there is a pump. This department was organized last year. A fire alarm system has been established and an arrangement made by which the firemen are paid. There is a large fire station about the middle of the town and two at the extreme ends. Mr. D. H. Charters formerly of Moncton and an experienced fire-fighter has just been appointed new fire-chief. Many new lights are being added to the 80 are lamps, which are already installed.

New Wharf. Sackville's water-front has for a long time been considerably impeded by lack of wharf accommodation. Among other goods which are brought up the Tantramar river to Sackville is a large quantity of stone of the Read Stone Co. and the vessels in which this stone and merchandise is brought can only reach the wharf at the very high tide. After considerable agitation the Dominion Government put \$10,000 in the estimates to cover the cost of building a new wharf or of extending the old one.

So well has the community prospered that when in the beginning of the spring, \$15,000 worth of 4 per cent bonds were offered by the town, the subscription was \$15,000.

The municipal officers are about to be changed from their previous rather cramped quarters to much larger ones in the former offices of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The citizens who have so ably governed the community last year are: Mayor—Mr. Charles Pickett. Aldermen—Messrs F. B. Doncast, C. W. Fawcett, Robert Duncan, Woodford Turner, John Johnson, Henry C. Read, Thomas Esterbrooks, and Thomas Anderson.

Agriculture. The Sackville and Westmorland County Exhibition showed that there had been an especially successful year on the farms. The yield on the wheat is said to be at least as large as in former years. A new interest has been created in apple growing in the vicinity of the town and several new trials are being made to grow the most profitable varieties.

Several prizes were taken at the Amherst Winter Fair by Sackvillians, more in potatoes than in anything else. Owing to the extreme high price of potatoes, there was a large quantity of marsh hay lost, although Sackville did not suffer as extensively as most of the county districts. The dykes which were broken through during the floods have now been pretty well repaired. Owing to a large number of new cattle-buildings etc. being erected during the year, there was a small deficit in the financial report at the close of the Exhibition season, but this was made up by its great success every other direction.

Numerous lots of cattle have been exported from Middle Sackville and Upper Sackville to Chatham and other northern New Brunswick towns. The Sackville lumber areas are being worked very successfully at Middle Sackville. Mr. P. G. Mahoney has bought a large part of Senator Wood's extensive holdings, thus making him one of the largest forest owners in the province.

Building Operations.

The field in which the most rapid development has been made during the year, however, is that of building. In no other town, we think, has there been as much progress in this direction as has been made in Sackville. Building operations have totaled at least \$100,000 for residences alone. Another \$100,000 is said to have gone toward the putting up of manufacturing buildings. The new wing of the Ladies' College is to cost approximately \$35,000. The addition is of stone, and will not only largely increase the rooming capacity, but will provide a large gymnasium for the use of the students.

Mr. Horace Fawcett has spent about \$11,000 on his already large home, while Mr. Fred. Ryan has bought Prof. Hammond's former residence and is spending about \$10,000 in improvements. Mr. H. C. Read is said to have spent about \$5,000 in enlarging and beautifying his home.

Among the 30 new residences which have gone up last year are four on a new street named Park street, all of them being erected by Prof. Hammond, and costing on an average \$3,000. Two are being built on College street by Mr. C. W. Fawcett, and one of which Dr. Sprague will reside.

Mr. A. H. McCready, editor of the Post, has built a new home on Worden street.

Besides these residences a large number of new business buildings have gone up. The large plant of

the Enterprise Foundry Co., after having been entirely destroyed by fire last year, has been rebuilt on such a large scale as to more than double their capacity. They now claim to have the best equipped factory for the manufacture of stoves in Canada. The stock is largely owned in St. John. The firm is said to be now employing between 50 and 60 men.

The A. E. Wry Company, manufacturers of leather goods, have built a new factory on Lorne street containing about 15,000 feet of floor space. The Sackville Wood-working Company have added something to their plant by 50 foot two-story factory. The situation of this building between the railway track and the wharf makes it very easy to ship goods either by water or by land. There are 18 acres of land in connection with it.

The Electric Light and Telephone Company has doubled the size of its plant during the past year, and tripled that of its business. It has added a brick wing to the power house larger than the building itself, and installed a new boiler. The company has decided to install a day power to supply power to various of the manufacturing concerns, and has also engaged to light Port Elgin and several of the neighboring towns. The Paper Box Factory has added 20 feet to its factory.

All the hotels have been improved. Mr. Levesque, proprietor of the Ford hotel, has added enough to his hotel to make it quarter as large again as before. A number of improvements have also been made to the interior of the Brunswick House. The Intercolonial hotel, which was burned at the same time as the Enterprise Foundry, has been rebuilt on a much larger scale.

The Royal Bank has built a new home on the corner of Main and York streets. It is of red granite and of one and a half stories with a gallery running along one side of the interior. They moved into it this summer.

New Companies. A number of new companies were formed last year. The Sackville Manufacturing Company, at the back of which stands Daniel McElwath, Elsworth Fowler, has been changed to the firm of A. E. Wry & Co., Ltd., with a paid up capital of \$49,000, having been formed by the Maritimes Messrs. Daniel McDonald, Edward Messier, Havelock McNeill, Benjamin Chiverton, John McNeill, Peter Shannon, William Armstrong, Daniel Stewart. A new company offered themselves under Mr. William Comeau as mayor: Messrs. Thomas Scott, James Jamieson, Chipman Bateman, Robert Neilson, John DeLaney, John Latourneau, Thomas Balfour, Andrew Barbourie. The contest strengthened each day until November 3, when Mayor W. S. Montgomerie was returned with a majority of 56 over William Comeau, and the following aldermen were elected: Messrs. Daniel McDonald, Chipman Bateman, John DeLaney, Benjamin Chiverton, Robert Neilson, Peter Shannon. These gentlemen have labored earnestly for the welfare of the town. Mayor Montgomerie takes civic affairs in an earnest business like way, spending much of his time in the streets, and looking after the interests of the town.

Another Wharf. The Federal Government completed a very large wharf this spring saying that it was for landing coal for the I. C. R. but none has been unloaded here yet, and so far the only use that has been made of it is to tie up coastwise vessels. The Federal Government built a light house late this fall on the public wharf, which will enable vessels to approach and tie up on dark nights. The I. C. R. has also been erecting a new engine house here this fall. The structure is made of concrete and bricks, and will be equipped with the latest construction.

It is this wharf is utilized as intended it will be beneficial to our town, but as it stands it seems a large outlay for what benefits the town very little.

Mount Allison Institutions. The University of Mount Allison College, the Ladies' College, the Academy and the Commercial College have all made exceptional progress during the year, and have just closed the most successful term in their career. A number of changes have taken place in the teaching staff of all the institutions. In the University, Rev. P. W. DesBarres has become the Professor of English Bible and Apologetics, and Prof. Arnold is filling the chair of Physics in the Science faculty in succession to Dr. McClung, who has gone west. Three teachers have left the Academy—Messrs. J. E. Smiley vice-principal; G. S. Lord and John Beazley. Their places have been filled by—Messrs. W. S. Denham, J. S. Foster and J. Costain. The Ladies' College staff is augmented by—Prof. Beaumont, Miss Kate Bearman, Mr. H. G. Black, Miss Edna Baker and Miss J. P. Ryan.

The number of students this year numbers a great many more than in any other year. The number attending the Ladies' College is especially large.

The Advantages of Sackville.

A convention centre has been provided by the number of conventions which have met in the town during the year. Being about the centre of New Brunswick, and also of the Maritime Provinces, it forms an excellent meeting place for conventions and delegations. Among the delegations which have met there last year were the New Brunswick Press Association in March, and the Provincial W. C. T. U. convention in October. That Sackville has not had alto-

gether good luck during the past year, however, is seen from several tragedies which have taken place. After having been in ill-health for some time, and having had his mind affected by it, Mr. W. O'Brien committed suicide on April 15, by hanging himself in a barn.

Some time later the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crossman took fire and three of their four children were suffocated by the smoke. This autumn the Crossmans, who disappeared four years ago, were said to have been found in Boston, but the report was not verified.

The most mysterious and sensational occurrence of the year was the disappearance of Mr. Herbert Read, who has not been heard of since November 3, when he was seen at Montreal with some friends. A detective service has been hunting for traces of him since November 15 when the parents of Mr. Read became anxious. He is the popular son of Mr. H. C. Read, president of the Read Stone Co.

A number of prominent citizens have passed away during the year 1909. Among these are:—Mr. John A. Card, town marshal; Mrs. Wm. Tweedie, Mr. Thomas Loverson, aged 83; Mrs. Alder Campbell, Miss Lucy Bower, Mrs. Caleb Phinney, Mr. John Estabrooks, Mr. Harvey Copp, Mrs. Mary Cole, aged 86; Mrs. Hazen Bulmer, Mrs. Clara Mitten.



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the woods, so real activity in that line is really suspended for a while. But when the sun returns in its strength, then the snow melts and the chains once more to again become a great highway of traffic.

During the winter month civic politics were much discussed, and when spring came the affair reached a climax in a strong civic contest. At this time Mayor W. S. Montgomerie and the following aldermen were elected by acclamation: Aldermen, Messrs. Daniel McDonald, Edward Messier, Havelock McNeill, Benjamin Chiverton, John McNeill, Peter Shannon, William Armstrong, Daniel Stewart.

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PROSPERITY IN RAILWAY TOWN DURING PAST YEAR HAS NOT BEEN PHENOMENAL, SUBSTANTIAL GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE—GROWING IN IMPORTANCE AS A RAILWAY CENTRE.

While Development In Railway Town During Past Year Has Not Been Phenomenal, Substantial Gains Have Been Made—Growing in Importance As a Railway Centre.

Staff Correspondence. Moncton, Dec. 31.—Though a large amount of new building work has been going on, it cannot be said that 1909 has been one of much industrial expansion or immense prosperity in Moncton. This city has been enjoying a considerable boom for some years, due largely to the building of the new I. C. R. shops—the Moncton end of the Transcontinental, and the double tracking of the P. C. R. between Moncton and Painsac Junction. The new shops were practically completed last year; the installation of the new machinery is well advanced, and the double tracking between Moncton and Painsac was completed in mid-summer. The stoppage of the work has led to the withdrawal from the city and neighborhood of nearly a thousand men. There has also been some reduction in the regular working force of the Intercolonial, affecting Moncton to a considerable extent as the principal centre of the system. These circumstances could not but have a considerable effect on the retail business, and it is a tribute to the soundness of the city and the business men that there has been no serious trouble. Manufactures and industries have been fully employed as a rule, and now that the slight reaction, due to the causes noted, has spent itself, the people generally look forward with confidence to the future.

Moncton as a Wholesale Centre.

Moncton is steadily and rapidly growing in importance as a wholesale centre, and a conservative estimate places the number of wholesale firms last year at not much under three million dollars. The principal concerns are F. P. Reid & Co., J. H. Harris & Co., Will H. Edgett, A. J. Babang & Co., Tombs & Sons and Fred J. Steeves, four, groceries; L. Higgins & Co., boots and shoes; and Simmonds Co., hardware. These firms employ about 25 travellers in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the lower counties of Quebec. Mr. Steeves is a new entrant in the wholesale field. The imports of foreign goods at Moncton to December 29 this year, amounted in value to \$48,630, and the duty collected to \$78,352.32, as compared with imports in 1908 of the same date of \$62,181 and duty collected \$99,947.

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