

## Commercial Club Annual Meeting

Large Attendance Last Evening—C. H. Peters Chosen President.

(Continued from page 1.)  
An analysis of the results achieved from the first year's application of Club efforts, probably did not, in the fullest measure, meet either or all of your expectations. In this connection it is only fair to weigh certain conditions, while uniform, did obtain, and to a very great extent prevented a more successful evaluation of the Club's efforts.

In the selection of most important subjects for consideration by the Club, the Executive no doubt selected the most urgent.  
For years the citizens of St. John have recognized the need of a new and modern hotel. The need today is greater than ever. A committee was appointed and after several conferences with leading transportation and hotel interests, a course of procedure was decided upon in order to secure to St. John a new and modern hotel of sufficient capacity to meet its requirements. It is to be regretted that the anticipations of the members of The Commercial Club in this respect have not been realized as yet, but a full and complete statement regarding conditions which obtained and prevented the realization, has been made and no doubt received your kindest consideration. That the delay in securing to St. John a new and up-to-date hotel is only a temporary one, should be the opinion of this Club, and the past experience serve as an incentive, for impressing upon the officials, in charge of a future campaign, the necessity for affording the members of the Club an opportunity to more fully co-operate.

The Athletic Committee, with the approval of the Executive and general membership of the Club was subsequently organized as The Athletic Association of The Commercial Club of St. John.

Clean athletics deserve all the patronage possible by any community, because of a most valuable asset, contributing thereto, through the development of healthy minds and bodies, and affording opportunities for recreation, which will materially assist in solving the leisure time problem, which looms up today as large as the labor problem.

The results from the efforts of The Athletic Association in stimulating amateur athletics, the past season, must be a source of great pleasure for the officials and members who so diligently performed the duties assigned them.

That the association is deserving of congratulations from the club membership, and is entitled to all the support and co-operation which can be rendered it in the future should not be termed a personal opinion.

**Housing**  
The Housing Committee has no doubt appreciated by this time that the subject assigned to it, is of considerable magnitude, and the development must be exercised in securing effective results.

This committee is expected to study the housing problem, to furnish designs for sanitary and economical houses, and to promote their construction, having in mind the economic loss which occurs from the construction of low cost buildings, which increase the fire hazard, and overcrowding, which tends to foster disease and crime. As a preliminary to all this work, is the compilation of a master building code.

It would appear, that there are opportunities for the application of much study and effort in solving this problem, but I am sure that the report of this committee, to be presented to you, will no doubt fully express the amount of progress which has been made, and be satisfactory to you.

**Manufacturing, Industrial and Transportation**  
The combination of these three subjects, while to some extent co-related, would appear as a pretty large order for one committee.

Of the three I assume that Transportation has received the greater amount of attention, but this assumption is only founded upon the fact, that I have heard the complimentary remarks passed upon efforts made to secure improved accommodation by the C. N. R.

Also the interest expressed in improved harbor facilities by the street mass meeting, and presentation to Dr. Barnhill of a resolution pertaining to the necessary harbor improvements and the securing of photographs describing the congested conditions obtaining both in railway yards and harbor conveniences and which were exhibited throughout Canada.

In this connection, and having the main objective in view, "to make St. John a better place to live in" it might be opportune to suggest, that this committee apply some effort towards securing better intercommunication in street railway service, and make some study of the transit situation. If transportation of the voice may be included, as a detail of the subject, the Telephone Company might be included.

The report of this committee will no doubt contain further and detailed information, which I am not expected to furnish as it would be trespassing upon the property of this report.

In an attempt to make St. John a better place to live in, and having due consideration for the desire of this Club, to promote the general welfare of the community, I deem it proper to refer to The Ligonians of Business Mens Co-operation.

There are very obvious limitations to the customary efforts of commercial bodies to improve community conditions. One of the most important limitations, of course is that these bodies are not expressive of the entire community, but only of the business element.

While they are, as yet, generally the most effective organizations of their communities, they speak primarily for the advancement of business, and only secondarily for the promotion of general welfare. While it is true that definite community benefit results from the general civic activity

of business men's organizations, it is equally true that the non-commercial aspects of civic service receive only incidental attention at their hands.

A complete community programme cannot be framed merely by dealing with a city's physical equipment or by initiating the progressive steps taken by other communities.

If there is one thing more necessary than any other in public affairs in St. John today, it is that the people shall try to become as well acquainted with what goes on at City Hall as they are with what transpires at Fredrickson or Ottawa.

Thousands of citizens who follow every detail of Provincial or Federal administration are content to remain in ignorance of civic affairs.

Usually commercial bodies give more attention to what a city government does, than to how it does it. More pressure is applied to extending services and to introducing new practices, than to tuning up present services and promoting efficiency in existing activities.

While the Commercial Club is non-political, it must not be construed as being political when interesting itself in civic affairs and it might not be considered as untimely to suggest, that now is the accepted time.

As a basis for constructive work, civic organizations and the public should have information regarding the economic problems confronting the wage-earning population in order that city health work and public education may not be negated by the inability of any considerable number of citizens to maintain decent living conditions and to find fully continuous employment. No private business men should be permitted to enjoy the benefits of community expenditure for public improvements who exploits his employees through underpayment or unwholesome working conditions.

Business men, therefore, who seek to better their communities must see to it that they themselves do not manufacture conditions which no amount of governmental efficiency or public expenditure can overcome.

That the Club is not possessed of some medium for disseminating knowledge of its purposes and general information regarding the accomplishment of similar organizations, is I believe, detrimental to its best interests, and in direct contradiction of methods pursued by other and successful Commercial Clubs.

In commencing operations the Club had a bulletin, the publication of which was continued for a short time. This expense was considered and the bulletin discontinued.

The office and committee room quarters as provided for the Club are not satisfactory, but probably were the best available at the time they were needed. The matter of a change or a decision in regard to equity in expenditures for improvements in case of removal will be arrived at in the near future.

Attendance at meetings and the application of the rules and the penalties governing this matter is worthy of very serious consideration.

If the Club is to justify its existence, the mere fact of members paying dues will not accomplish its purpose, and the earlier the Club realizes that one hundred or even fifty live members, without any encumbrances, are worth more than fifty live members to whom are attached four hundred and fifty dead ones, the better for the Club.

The success of an organization of this kind depends upon the successful elimination of its sensitized members, and the rejection of the honorable methods they would pursue as the sensitizer. Camouflaged methods of advertising their proposition, when individual selfishness precludes any other proposition, than that involving a percentage of profit to those sensitive. They are the small change of the very ordinary type of aristocracy.

I did not come to the Commercial Club to spend one or two years of my time in being a figure-head for the office, and having only such responsibility as attaches to notices and minutes. I came intending to and am willing to give all the time necessary if supported in a clear-cut, unequivocal and proper manner in any opportunity to bring about economic and social reforms which this community stands desperately in need of, but under no other condition.

With the opportunity for our young on growing less and greater, so that they are forced to go away to avoid trouble, with the city in desperate need of modernizing in every branch of its activities to catch up with its competitors, we have been, in the past, cheerfully and faithfully dissipating our energies. Enthusiasm only spasmodic as applied today fails to produce other than a spasmodic impression. A programme will be submitted to your Executive in the near future bearing upon the improvement of existing activities, and I trust that if, even in a measure, adopted that

there will be no half way, or let the other fellow do it, support extended. A suggestion that speakers be furnished for each meeting of the Club in the future might be considered by a committee appointed for that purpose.

To the officials who piloted this craft through the currents of its first year tides, and which at times did threaten to capsize or founder the craft, and especially to the Vice-President and Past Secretary who gave freely of their time in launching the craft, are due your most favorable commendations.

In conclusion permit me to thank the officers and members of this club for the courtesy extended me during my tenure of office, and to my assistants who have efficiently performed their positions of the work, and express the hope that The Commercial Club during the ensuing year, in its various endeavors, may prove sufficiently effective to attract the consensus of public opinion that it has justified its existence.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. R. McLELLAN,  
Secretary.

Athletic Committee.

The report of the Athletic Committee showed that six general meetings had been held. The first proposition was to get a professional ball team and entering it in the New England League. The committee got options on several sites for grounds, had practically in option on the nucleus of a team that was dropping out of the New England League; but as this league was not organized, the baseball proposition had to be dropped.

The committee had donated a cup for the City Amateur Championship; and this cup had been won by St. Peter's. In view of certain conditions, the matter had to be allowed to stand. An effort had been made to get the Drill Hall for skating and hockey purposes, but, owing to the large amount of material in this building, the matter had to be abandoned.

The sum of \$10,000 had been granted by the City Council for the building of the Allison Field at Rockwood Park.

A series of rowing races had been held in July, and the program was completed by the holding of a maritime championship in September.

Action was also being taken with a view to possibly having a bonspiel here next winter.

**Auditor's Report.**  
The auditor's report showed that the total receipts for the year amounted to \$5,276.57, and disbursements to \$5,246.10, leaving a balance of cash on hand and in bank of \$30.47. Out of a total gross membership of 407, some forty have automatically resigned owing to non-payment of fees.

The Housing Committee was of the opinion that St. John must provide suitable houses, flats and apartments to meet the demand of a transient population, and also recommended that some plan be adopted to make the financing of house building more easily possible.

The Manufacturing, Industrial and Transportation Committee reported the question of hydro-electrical development had received every attention; and

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## CANADIAN SHIP TO RUN HOLIDAY TRIPS TO BERMUDA

Montreal, Nov. 14.—The Anchor-Donaldson liner Cassandra is at present storm-bound in the Atlantic so she will not arrive here until Wednesday morning. She was previously due on Sunday.

The Canadian Fisher, the first passenger ship to be built by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine is shortly to leave Three Rivers, under her own steam for Halifax, where she will be completed. The Canadian Fisher will take tourists on five weeks trips between Halifax and the West Indies. It was announced today.

Several matters of main service in and out of St. John, such as a Sunday service between here and Moncton, had been improved upon the result of its action. This committee also pointed out the need of repairs to the river wharves.

The Affiliation Committee reported that, as a result of which, a fund of \$3,000 had been secured for the Boy Scouts' Association of New Brunswick.

A. M. Belding, in presenting his committee's report, cited conditions existing with boys and girls of this city; and gave the record of the case of a boy who appeared in Court fifteen times and was now in Dorchester. A juvenile court were recommended.

**Officers Elected.**  
The following members were then elected officers for the ensuing year:

President—C. H. Peters.  
1st Vice-President—B. R. Armstrong.  
2nd Vice-President—R. D. Patterson.  
Treasurer—W. S. Allison.  
Executive—H. P. Robinson, J. A. Titton, J. F. Brittain, A. P. Patterson, L. P. D. Tilley, W. R. Stewart, A. Nell McLean, L. B. Wilson, Wm. Vassie, John M. Flood, R. A. McAvity, W. J. Mahoney, R. S. Sims, D. W. Ledingham, E. A. Hoyt.

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Savannah, Ga., Nov. 12.—Turpentine nothing doing, last sale Nov. 5, at 112; receipts, 377; shipments, 1,374; stock, 15,168. Rosin, steady, sales 502; receipts, 1,175; shipments 1,105; stock, 55,865.

## NO ATTEMPT TO LAND NEW CABLE ON U. S. SHORES

Navy Department at Washington Much Disturbed Over Rumor of New Plans.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The United States Navy Department today advised the commandant at Key West, Fla., that there was a report that another effort would be made soon to land a submarine cable from Barbadoes at Miami, Fla., without an executive permit.

The Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company has sought to land a cable from Barbadoes to Miami, but the United States State Department has withheld a decision as to granting a permit pending the conclusion of the International Communications Conference now in session here.

Naval officers would not discuss the report that led to the instructions to the commandant at Key West. The commandant at Key West will determine whether it will be necessary to send warships to Miami. The Navy has one or two submarine chasers there now. It was announced at the navy department.

**Nothing in Story.**  
New York, Nov. 12.—G. W. E. Atkins, first vice-president of the Western Union in the absence of Newcomb Carlton, president today denied that the company soon would attempt to land a submarine cable from Barbadoes at Miami, Fla., without executive authority.

**DEAD MEN  
TELL NO  
TALES**

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## “On cloudy days”

It used to be said that farmers told the time by the sun.

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The funeral of Mrs. Jane Gunter took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. T. W. Moore, Mocklenburg street, following service. Interment at Fernhill.

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Grey Squirrel Trimmed Coats— \$220.00 and \$330.00 only

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