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THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1924

Power Boat Club Journeys To Service at Crystal Beach

LARGE NUMBER
ARE EXPECTED
SUNDAY MORNING

Motor Boat Fleet of 130 to
Gather for Annual
Event.

GATHERING OF 2,000

R.Y.Y.C. Members and
Many of General Public
Looked For.

The lower stretches of the St. John river will be thronged with the chug-chug of a proud fleet of some 130 motor boats on Sunday morning as they slip out from their shelter of Marble Cove at 9 o'clock, turn their nose up stream and speed away for Crystal Beach, where the annual service of the club will be held at 11 o'clock.

Some already up river at various places over the week-end will, at the same time be heading for the general rendezvous and the white wings of sailing yachts of the R. Y. Y. C. will add to the animated scene as they cut the water, carrying members of the sister organization, for they have been invited to assist at the religious exercises on the shore of the St. John.

Looming high over her smaller companions of the river will be the D. J. Purdy, which will make a special trip to Crystal Beach at 10 o'clock and probably will carry to the scene many who are not of either of the two clubs. It is expected it will be a congregation of nearly 2,000 that will join in the service and listen to the sermon to be delivered by the Power Boat chaplain, Rev. Canon Armstrong.

Vice-Commodore in Command.

Leaving the moorings, the fleet will be in charge of Vice-Commodore Fenwick M. McKelvey on board the flagship "Alexa." Vice-Commodore McKelvey will be assisted by Fleet Captain H. B. King on board the "Ruth." St. Mary's band, under the leadership of Band Master Harold Williams, will board the D. J. Purdy on Sunday morning and will furnish music throughout the day. Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, chaplain of the club, will preach to the members, their friends and guests. This is the last opportunity the club members will have to hear their chaplain address them in club assemblage as Canon Armstrong will leave for Toronto in September. He will be assisted at the service tomorrow by Rev. Dr. John A. Morrison and Rev. Mr. Paistone of Westfield. The service will be held at 11 o'clock daylight time and will last about an hour and a half. Then the boats will be at liberty and each will go where its owner wills.

The D. J. Purdy will leave Crystal Beach on the return trip about 5 o'clock. It had been hoped to arrange a catering service at the beach for those who go to the service but the officers of the club have found that their efforts to accomplish this have been unavailing. It will be wise for those who go to take along a picnic basket with what they require before the evening meal hour.

The Service.

The order of service will be as follows:

Doxology.

The general confession.

Collect.

Hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Psalm Numbers 24 and 11, to be read responsively.

Hymn, "How Firm A Foundation."

Scripture Lesson.

Prayers for the King, for the times, for the boat club.

General thanksgiving.

Hymn, "Unto The Hills."

The Offering.

Solo, St. Herbert Mayes.

Sermon, Rev. Canon Armstrong, chaplain of the club.

Hymn, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me."

Benediction.

History of the Club.

The club rooms of the Power Boat club are exceedingly attractive and home like. The veranda gives a look-out over a pretty basin in which 150 or so boats are tied up in the morning on the river. Beyond these are the harbor and on the other side, Milford. It is a truly scenic spot.

The main room of the club is simply but effectively decorated. Three mural decorations are outstanding. On the western wall is a beautiful bronze tablet upon which are engraved the members of the club, or in some cases the names of sons of members who fell in the Great War. This was a present from Lt.-Col. James McAvity. A further military touch is given by the otherwise nautical interior by the presence of a German machine gun resting on the mantelpiece. This was sent to the club from Ottawa. The original painting of the Paris crew, the cream of the four-oars of the world in the nineteenth century is also hung on the wall. Besides these decorations, there are numerous portraits of club officers past and present, and portraits of the various power boat clubs in Canada and the United States. All clubs make it a practice to exchange their pennants. Upstairs in the club house are a dining hall and billiard room where many of the "boys" gather on a cold wintry evening for a friendly game.

Of course the present day club house is not the work of a day. Ten years of interest and energy on the part of the officers and members have resulted in one of the finest and most prosperous power boat clubs in the Maritimes.

Organization.

On April 28, 1910, at the call of a number of motor boat enthusiasts, a meeting was held in the Temple of Honor hall, North End, and with 47 interested members the St. John Boat club was founded. The first officers elected were:

Commodore—Stephen P. Gerow.

Vice-Commodore—Adam P. Macintyre.

Rear Commodore—Frank N. Jordan.

Power Boat Nest and Club House at Marble Cove



Here is the snug little harbor where the craft of the St. John Power Boat Club tie-up when off cruise. And on shore can be seen the cozy club house which enthusiasm and energetic work have made an inviting home for the members.

Secretary—Pearl L. Jordan.

Treasurer—Herman Sullivan.

Executive committee—George E. Day, Fred Roberts, F. W. Taplay, W. H. Dunham and Gilbert McMullin.

Several meetings of the club were afterwards held in the offices of the Cornwall and York cotton mills, Wall street. During the summer of 1910 a lease of a lot of land at the foot of Cedar street having been secured from Messrs. Roberts, a club house was erected. W. J. Linton of Fairville had the contract for a certain part of the work, but a large amount of the building was actually done by the members of the club and on August 11, 1910, the club house was formally opened by a smoker.

The northern end of Marble Cove, where the club house now stands, had hitherto been too shallow for navigation but through the efforts of Hon. William Pugsley, the Minister of Public Works, a considerable area of this cove was dredged during the summer to a depth of eight feet and afterwards finished by James Gregory, making a very safe harbor for small craft. The hills mounting on three sides of the small inlet protect the boats from the wind. The fourth side, that facing the harbor, is seldom ruffled by the waves outside the mouth of the inlet.

In October, 1910, the name of the club was changed to the St. John Power Boat Club and the membership increased rapidly until an enrollment of 400 members had been reached. In 1911 new floats were built for landing and tie-up floats and piling driven to the shore to accommodate the boats. The boats have individual berths and to provide against the boats chafing one another.

During the last two years the piling has been replaced at a cost of \$200.

A 600-gallon gasoline tank was placed in a position on the sloping hill leading down to the floats. Since 1911 a second 600-gallon tank has been constructed. Members of the club and visiting boats are furnished with gasoline at a reasonable rate. After the club had been incorporated a lot of land adjoining the club house and belonging to the estate of the late Luther N. Jordan was purchased and part of this used for winter storage quarters for the boats. A seventy-five foot flag pole with a yard arm was erected in the rear of the club house and a haul-up for the craft were added to the assets of the club. A track and car were later constructed.

In 1917, new concrete steps were put in and added greatly to the appearance of the approach of the club and a new gas engine was put in to haul the boats on the docks. A number of skiffs were placed to accommodate the boats during the winter seasons. In 1920 the club house was repainted inside and out, the floats were rebuilt, a pipeline was built to carry the gasoline from the head of Cedar street to the tanks, the dump at the foot of Cedar street was converted into a beautiful lawn and the flag pole moved to the centre of the lawn. An iron fence was erected to protect the lawn from trespassing feet.

Membership 260

Robert J. Adams, who has been the faithful and competent secretary of the club since 1919, stated that at the present time there are 280 members in the club, classified as boat owners and social members. Owing to several of the boats unnamed Mr. Adams was able to give only a partial list of the boats now belonging to members of the club. They are:

"Alexa," Senator, Sanda, Quila, Anzac, That's Me, Vyonna, Julia, Clyde, Greyhound, Nona, Jolly Roger, Louis, Adanac, Edna, Midnight, Venus, Marie, Richard Jr., Windy, Wild, Silver Queen, Vamp, Nedra, Burdon, Vera S., Ruth, Verdiana, Kenord, Rainbow, Cleo Jr., Barbara K., Ivy B., Kenora, Henna, Scagall, Mignace, Yukon, Laura F., Romance, Miami, Eddon, Cornwallis, Bunting, Astor, P. D. G., Nomad II, Samuel, Frances, Big Ben, Ella A., Alice P., Nestle Inn, Edna C., Mab, Safety First, Benbow, Baby Mona, Rosy A., Liletto, Jennie B., Ogisto, St. Joseph, Antelope II, Stella Maria, Redwing, Ranger, Chief, Maple Leaf, Alice C., Vixen, Five-Fifteen, Mona, Sadie C., Burton A., Gladys H., Rhema, Peerless, M. L., Oonah, Alton, Great L., Lynett, Dash, Lolo, Waiagotte, Dixie, Rothsay, Clive A., Sapphire, Sally Ann, Dorothy K., Ella, Grace, Naughty Lass, Idler II, Constance, Jimmy, Dick, Helen R., Woolmolen, Foam, Dorothy B., Canoe, Gypsy, Memory, Evelyn, Melita A., Bunny Hug, Dart, Leo H., Ideal, Jim, Annie, Mola, Omerway, Bluebird, Audy, M. E. Ella M., Leaphen, Mida, Buddy M., Pixie, Sunbeam, Amigo, Hilda M., Princess, Mattie H., Jamaica and Edie.

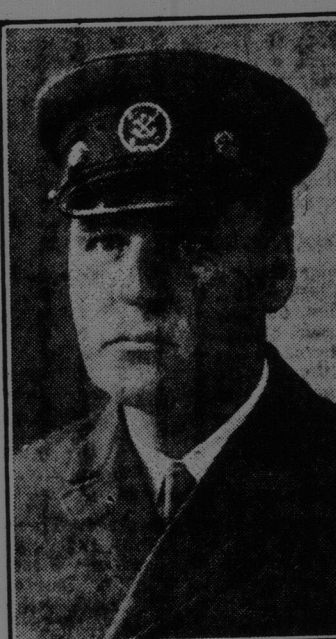
At the present time there are several visiting craft at the club's moorings. The courtesies of the club are cordially extended to visitors at the club house and floats. When this imposing fleet of motor boats commences the journey

Commodore



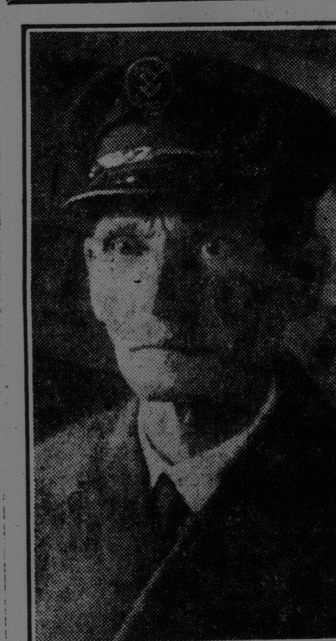
RONALD A. McAVITY

Vice-Commodore



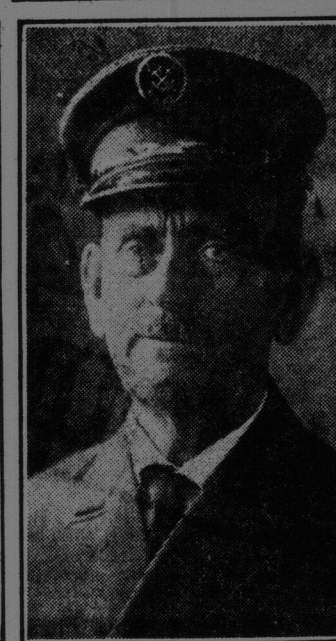
FENWICK M. McKELVEY

Rear Commodore



GUILFORD D. SWEENEY

Secretary



ROBERT J. ADAMS

Present Officers.

The present officers of the club are:

Commodore—Lt.-Col. Ronald A. McAvity.

Vice-Commodore—Fenwick M. McKelvey.

Rear Commodore—Guilford D. Sweeney.

Secretary—Robert J. Adams.

Treasurer—E. S. G. Hansen.

Chaplain—Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong.

Fleet captain—H. B. King.

Measurers—John Thompson and L. J. Heans.

Executive committee—Dr. J. H. Barton.

ton, F. R. Pidgeon, Charles C. Sullivan, W. B. Nice and R. W. Carson.

The Commodore.

Lt.-Col. Ronald A. McAvity, Commodore of the club, is at the present time managing director of the Rothsay avenue plant of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd. He received his education at Rothsay Collegiate School, Milton Academy, Brooklyn Polytechnic and McGill University. He entered the firm as clerk in the brass factory and then became a traveler for Quebec and Ontario, later becoming purchasing agent and finally managing director of the Rothsay avenue plant. During the Great War he served as major in the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade. He served with distinction in France with the 12th battalion and in the Royal Air Force as pilot. He is a member of several clubs, Luxor Temple and fraternal societies.

The Vice-Commodore.

Fenwick M. McKelvey, as vice-commodore of the club, has been a busy

man arranging the many details of the day. He is in command, as the commodore, Mr. McAvity, is out of the city. Mr. McKelvey is well known as one of St. John's good pilots, which occupation he has followed for the last 10 years. He is a son of the late John McKelvey of H. M. Customs, who is held in kindly memory by the great number who called him friend. The vice commodore has been a member of the Power Boat Club since 1910. This is his first year as an officer, he having succeeded Mr. McAvity as vice commodore in the election of last December. Mr. McKelvey will fly his flag on his motor boat the Alexa. He has been keenly interested in the preparations for the service tomorrow and feels that only good weather now is necessary to have his greatest hopes realized.

The Rear Commodore.

Guilford D. Sweeney, rear commodore of the club, is also a native of St. John and from the age of 12 years he has been actively interested in yachting, turning his attention during the last eight years especially to the St. John Power Boat Club's activities.

Mr. Sweeney was educated in private schools of St. John. His first employers were Scott & Binning, who before the fire of 1877, were located opposite to the site which is now occupied by Ferguson & Page. He later left this firm to become identified with Turner & Finley, with whom he was employed for eight years. These last 32 years he has been a faithful and valued employee of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Limited. Mr. Sweeney was an active cyclist in his youth, has been a member of the Power Boat Club for the last eight years and is a member of the congregation of the Portland Methodist church.

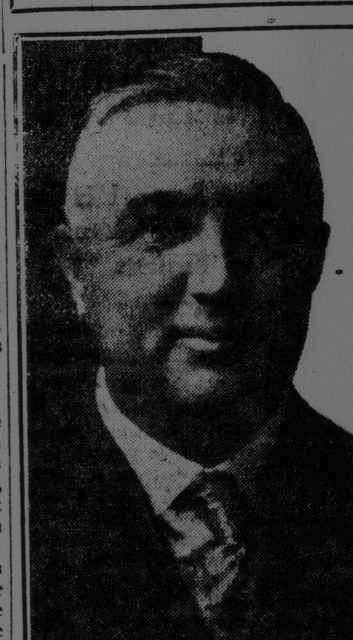
The Secretary.

Robert J. Adams, Secretary of the club, is a native of St. John and received his education in the public schools of the city. After finishing his scholastic career he entered upon the career of a commercial traveler and for ten years traveled the maritimes, making many friends by his genial manner. After giving up the life of a commercial traveler, Mr. Adams entered the hardware business on his own and for seven years conducted a wholesale and retail hardware store. For the last ten years Mr. Adams has been at the Meteorological Laboratory, Douglas Avenue. He has always been an advocate of amateur sport. Years ago he captained the Portland baseball team and was later a member of the Y. M. C. A. team. Mr. Adams was a sculler of note in his day and, as stroke in the St. Luke's crew, had the pleasure of witnessing his crew win the St. Luke's cup for permanent possession. Mr. Adams is interested in all amateur sport in the city and an advocate of "if it's better for sport, I'm for it."

The Chaplain.

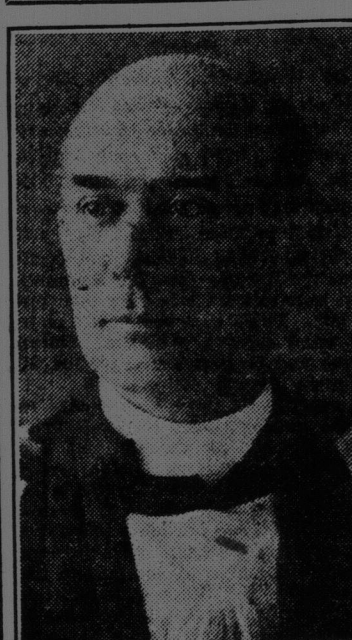
Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, chaplain, was born in Toronto and is a

Past Commodore



JOHN C. CHESLEY

Chaplain



REV. CANON ARMSTRONG

Past Commodore



DR. J. H. BARTON

graduate of Toronto University and of Wycliffe College. He at one time attended the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, and it was as a member of this congregation that he was prepared for confirmation by the late Rev. Canon A. A. Kuhring. His home church was St. Phillips, Toronto. He was ordained in the diocese of Huron by Bishop Baldwin and his first charge was the Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo, Ontario.

From Waterloo he removed to Orillia, Ontario, to become curate of St. James' church there. He was called from Orillia to become the rector of Trinity church, St. John, which charge he has held for 16 years. To name the organizations in which Canon Armstrong is an active member would be to mention practically all the welfare organizations in the city.

His eloquence and ability as a preacher and his devotion to pastoral duties have given him a special place in the hearts of his congregation. He has won the regard and high esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. Canon Armstrong will leave this September to become the associate rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, with Rev. Canon James. His departure will be greatly regretted not only by Trinity church but by the community at large.

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Past Commodore Barton.

Dr. J. Herbert Barton has been a member of the club since 1910 and has taken a keen interest in the power boat ever since it was before the public. He was the first to introduce speed boats in this city and he built the original Patricia, which at the time was the pride of the fleet and capable of making more than 20 miles per hour.

In 1920 he built his present boat, the Constance, which is one of the most modern cruising boats in this part of the country.

At the annual meeting of 1921 he was elected commodore of the club, succeeding J. C. Chesley, and he served in that position for three years. He retired this year and was succeeded by R. A. McAvity. Dr. Barton is active in the things of benefit to the city. He was a member of the execu-

tive which carried out the last big Lily Lake skating meet and carnival.

LIGHTNING HITS
MAN AT CHURN

New Glasgow, N.S., Aug. 8.—While churning in his cellar at Garden of Eden, Fictou county today, James McLaren, aged 60, was struck by lightning which rendered him unconscious. The churn was smashed to atoms. He is expected to recover.

First Church
of Christ Scientist

Sunday Service at 11 a.m. at Orange Hall, 121 Germain street. Subject: SPIRIT

Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open 3 to 5 p.m., Saturday and public holidays excepted.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
SOCIETY

Service Sunday, 11 a.m., Subject: SPIRIT

Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room, Church edifice, corner Carleton and Peel streets. Open weekdays 3 to 5 p.m., except Saturday and legal holidays.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

HOPE FOR DISTRESSED HUMANITY!

Millions now living will never die.

Never in the history of mankind has the unrest been so general as it is today, and on every hand the question is being asked, "What does it all mean?"

The Bible holds out every hope that makes environment will be changed and that he will attain to a condition of joy, liberty and prosperity dreamed of, even by the most imaginative optimist. 1st Cor. 2-9.

The answer, full, complete and satisfying is contained in this lecture by

CLIFFORD ROBERTS,

Of the Lecture Staff,

International Bible Students

Association, Toronto, Ont., at

Bible Students Hall, 38 Charlotte St., Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., Aug. 10.

All Welcome!

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