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A LATE DISCOVERY.

The recorder of St. John has discovered that there is a legal difficulty in the way of completing the deal with the Carleton electric light company. It has taken a long time to make the discovery, which opens up also an interesting field of enquiry. There are known to be powerful influences opposed to any course which would tend toward municipal ownership of the city's lighting system, either on the west or east side. Those influences and interests will certainly lose no opportunity to prevent or delay the transfer of a valuable franchise to the city. It is the opinion of some that the obstacles in the way of a consummation of the deal between the city and the west side company can be surmounted without much difficulty, while others say there are one or two points which are not quite clear to them, and they are therefore in doubt. At best there will be considerable delay, due to the expression of a legal opinion which should have been in the hands of the council long before the negotiations had reached the present stage.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

There is to be another investigation in connection with the fire department. To what extent a semi-volunteer fire department can be made the subject of civic investigation and reform is an interesting question. The council can control its permanent employes, and control its own buildings. The men who do a good deal of work for very little remuneration may take the view that it is not worth while, for all they get out of it, to be made a public target. In that event the council would have to get more permanent men, and pay more salaries. The volunteer fireman is not likely to appreciate being badgered by an alderman or official.

The fact that the department in St. John is largely a volunteer organization should not be lost sight of. Rooms are provided to encourage the young men to retain their connection with the department. There should, as a matter of fact, be two permanent men at each station. If a fire breaks out in the early morning there is only one man to handle the hose cart, unless a stray citizen chances along or a volunteer fireman is near enough to lend a hand. And this at the moment when it is of the utmost importance to put water on the fire without delay.

So long as the fire department is made up as at present the city council cannot exercise the same control as in other civic departments. That is not the fault of the firemen, but of the system.

AN ONTARIO INSTANCE.

The city of Kingston, Ont., has not decided in favor of municipal telephones, but it has decided to get some revenue out of the company which provides the service. A Kingston despatch says:—

After the question of renewing the exclusive franchise of the Bell Company had been in abeyance for six months, the city council last night decided to accept the company's offer for a period of five years. The offer is as follows: The company will erect a new building; install metallic lines with the most approved instruments; pay the city \$700 a year; allow the city free use of their poles for fire-alarm wires; supply subscribers with the Blake instruments at \$30 per annum for business premises and \$25 for residences; for two party lines for residences \$18 each; for two and not more than four \$15 each.

TAXATION IN WINNIPEG.

The taxpayers of St. John have seen the rate of taxation increasing from year to year, and are facing the prospect of a further increase next year. The subject is therefore one of no little interest, and there is naturally some curiosity to learn how it fares with the men who pay in other cities.

The Winnipeg Free Press of recent date gives up considerable space to a discussion of the general question of taxation in that city, and makes some statements that are very interesting, inasmuch as they show that in the western city the rate of taxation has decreased. For example the Free Press says:—

If the average ratepayer will look up his tax bills for some years back he will find that the amount given as levied for municipal expenditures has not grown as fast as his ability to pay has. According to a table in the comptroller's report the assessment and the levy for municipal purposes have been for the last six years, or since the time Ald. Harvey was elected for the present term of his aldermanic career, as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Assessment, City's Levy, Percentage of Levy to Assessment. Data for years 1899-1904.

Discussing this table, the Free Press says:—The percentage of levy to the total assessment is the lowest on record and although the popula-

tion increased from 56,000 to 67,000 the general municipal taxation only increased \$30,703.00. This indicates at least that the city purse has been in careful hands."

Taking up the amount per capita for five years, the Free Press brings out to the following statement:—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Population, Municipal Levy, Per Assessment. Data for years 1900-1904.

As a matter of fact, however, the percentage of taxes unpaid in Winnipeg is still far too large and the Times believes it is much larger than in St. John.

Under the influence of Roosevelt and Lawson, Wall street has had an exciting spasm during the past three days. Business conditions are sound, and for days after the presidential election the republican press was telling of expanding industries and increased confidence. Like a bolt from the blue comes a panic on Wall street. But Wall street is not always governed by general trade conditions. It is subject to manipulation.

The newspapers have discovered an old gentleman in the Bronx, New York, who has used tobacco and liquor since he reached the age of discretion, and is now active and hearty, at 103. He seems to have carefully shunned danger, for it is asserted that he has never ridden on a trolley car or elevated train, has never used soap, and has never called in a doctor.—Medical Record.

For ballot box frauds in Denver, Col., six elections officers were sent to jail this week. Four were sentenced to nine months imprisonment, \$500 fine and costs; one to four months and one to three months imprisonment. Will Canada emulate this example of the silver state?

The despatches said the other day that the Japanese General Nogi had expressed the wish that his sons might die before Port Arthur, in the service of their country. The more than Spartan general has had his wish. The despatches today tell the grim story.

A western paper says:—"There will be ten new bank buildings constructed in Alberta during 1905. This illustrates the growing confidence of the great financial institutions, in this section of the west."

With panics in the New York stock market, in the public safety department of St. John, and also in St. Petersburg, the general situation grows more and more interesting.

A GREAT EXAMPLE.

(Bangor Commercial.) The British admiralty is about to make public the annual statement of its distribution of warships for the coming year.

According to a special cable to the New York Times it is understood that this scheme comprehends the withdrawing of all but two of its naval vessels from American waters. One of these will be kept in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific ocean with headquarters at Canadian ports.

This is regarded as a great compliment of the United States, Relations between these two great nations—America and Great Britain—are so friendly that King Edward says he does not need any fleet on our entire coast. Our great oceans are friendly waters and it would be a waste of money and effort to keep a great naval fleet here.

What a splendid lesson is this towards good will and comity between the powers, from which other nations might also pattern an excellent example.

MUST GET LEGISLATION.

It has developed that the city cannot obtain control of the franchise of the Carleton electric light works without special legislation in the provincial parliament. The safety board met yesterday and heard the recorder on legal points connected with the transfer. Recorder Skinner explained that the Carleton Company had no power to assign the franchise, such a privilege not being transferrable except by act of parliament. He did not anticipate any complication, but it would be necessary to go to the legislature in order to get complete control. Ald. Maxwell and Recorder Skinner will follow the matter up. The amended offer for the Fair property in Main street, Fairville, made by H. H. Pickett, was considered, and the board will recommend the sale at \$1,300 for the improvements with \$39 a year ground rent, or \$1 a foot

A NEW PLAN OF SHIPPING.

Wolfville Fruit Growers Send Apples to England by Sailing Vessel.

The farming community of Kings county is watching with great interest the result of a new venture in apple shipping, which has recently been tried by two enterprising speculators of Wolfville, Messrs. C. R. Burgess and R. E. Harris. The bark Skoda, which sailed for Liverpool on Saturday, Dec. 3, if the largest vessel ever loaded in Wolfville and the first to carry a cargo of apples direct from that port to the United Kingdom. The cargo is made up of 8,500 barrels of the best fruit obtainable in Kings county, and every precaution has been taken to ensure the delivery of the apples in good condition. The question of ventilation was somewhat difficult to settle, but funnel ventilators and removable hatches have been provided, so that the arrangements appear to be all right.

The apples were loaded and stored in the vessel, one barrel at a time, and were handled as if they were breakable material so that there was no danger of bruising the fruit. It is expected that the fruit will arrive in England about Jan. 10. A large proportion of the apples are consigned to London Commercial merchants and the remainder will be looked after by Mr. Harris in person, who sails for London, Dec. 10. If, as is expected, the scheme is successful, there is no doubt that the sailing vessel will be the medium for conveying Nova Scotia fruit to foreign markets, for some time to come.

The marriage took place at Port Williams, Dec. 7, of Naomi, daughter of Sydney Borden, and Dr. S. Farrell, hospital superintendent at Rat Portage, Manitoba. Dr. Farrell is one of the veterans of the South African War. He served as physician, in the same company as the late Lieut. Harold Borden of Canning.

Allison H. Bordea, lately gazetted Lieut. of the Royal Canadian Regiment, has been ordered to Toronto to enter upon his duties in the Military College of that city. Mr. Borden left on Thursday for Toronto.

F. O. Robertson, manager of the Union Bank, Kentville, is spending his vacation in New York. Last week, Mrs. Jane S. Balos of Victoria, B. C. arrived in Grand Pre, and is the guest of her niece Miss Annie Stewart, Basil Terrace. Mrs. Balos, who is in her eightieth year, made the trip across the continent alone, and on her arrival claimed to be not the least tired. She has crossed the continent five times, making her first trip by way of Panama some forty years ago. Mrs. Balos contemplates taking a trip to England before returning to her home in Victoria.

Capt. Wallace Buchanan who has been visiting Grand Pre, left on Monday to take charge of the Pickford and Black steamer Ocano, which has sailed for the West Indies. Mrs. Buchanan returned to St. John on Monday.

Miss Emily Harris, daughter of Capt. Theo. Harris, of Sheffields Mills, met with a serious accident last week. While driving her horse ran into a ditch, throwing Miss Harris from the carriage, and cutting her face badly. Several stitches were necessary.

Another auction of Antigonish cattle took place this week. Sixty head were offered for sale and were readily disposed of. This is the seventh cargo sold at Canning from Antigonish.

Louis Harris, of Canning, leaves this week for a winter in Toronto and New York. A series of meetings of the Kings County Farmer's Association are being held throughout the county this week. Mr. Fraser, of Bradford, Ont., is to be present, and among the subjects treated will be, Soil Cultivation Underdrainage, farm life, clovers, weeds, etc. The association intends holding meetings frequently throughout the winter.

A 6 per cent. dividend has been lately declared at a meeting of the Pigeon Fertilizer Co., at Windsor.

T. P. Calkin, senior member of the firm T. P. Calkin & Co., Kentville, and Middleton, whose serious condition resulting from an attack of pneumonia, has this week been a cause of much anxiety to his friends is reported as better.

FROM HARCOURT.

Harcourt, Dec. 8.—The Coal Mine at Beersville has been closed! The Methodist Board of Trustees met on the 5th inst., and elected new members to fill recent vacancies. The Board now consists of Henry Wathen Leslie, J. Wathen, John P. Dorothy, Robt. J. Morton, Henry H. Stuart, A. D. Atkinson, John Lee, Frank Baxter and John W. Lutes.

An old resident died on Monday in the person of Duncan MacLean of Mortimore. Deceased was 95 years old and was a native of Scotland. He had been bedridden for several months. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Freeborn, interment taking place yesterday. Deceased leaves a widow and four children—Thomas and Mrs. Robert Shirley of Mortimore, Duncan of Maine, and Nathan of South Bay, N. B.

SACKVILLE NEWS.

Sackville, Dec. 8.—The property of the late Christopher Wry was bought by Alexander Ford. The property is a very valuable one, situated at Crane's corner. It was formerly owned by H. B. Allison. Mr. Ford has sold his candy kitchen on Bridge St., to Donald Trueman. At a recent meeting of the Eucharistarian Society of Mount Allison, the following subject was chosen for the coming inter collegiate debate with St. Francis Xavier: "Resolved that a system of mutual tariff preference within the empire would be in the best interests of the empire." St. Francis Xavier will have the choice of sides. The ladies of the Sewing Circle of Middle Sackville, purpose holding a fancy sale in the near future.

ANNAPOLIS TO HAVE ENGLISH CHILDREN.

Proposition to Settle 1000 of Them There—The Temperance Question.

Annapolis, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Close, an English lady, was in town recently in the interests of a project to send a number of children from England and locate them in comfortable houses in Canada. Mrs. Close has been in conference with Rev. H. Howe and contemplates establishing homes for 1,000 of these children in the vicinity of Annapolis. The question has been raised that it would not be in the interests of the children to be located where the unlawful sale of liquors is carried on. The clergyman in town, have taken action for the better enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, by presenting a largely signed petition of ratepayers to the Town council. The petition sets forth the demoralizing effect of the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors and requesting a better enforcement of the Act. The matter was discussed at the last council meeting and the discussion showed a divergence of opinion, as to whether the Scott Act was the best means for the suppression of the traffic.

The following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That in view of the largely signed petition of the ratepayers presented to the council we express ourselves in sympathy with the petition and would urge the inspector to enforce the Act to the best of his ability." The Baptist Church at Round Hill, which has undergone considerable repairs, was re-opened last Sunday afternoon. The sermon was preached by the pastor of the Church, Rev. N. A. Whitman of Annapolis and special music was rendered by the choir.

At a meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Western Nova Scotia, on Thursday last, it was decided to ask the government to appoint the chief fire rangers as assessors and tax collectors for the lumbermen's tax, and also to amend the law so that civil actions for unlawful acts can be tried before a magistrate.

Six hundred Christmas trees were shipped from Yarmouth to Boston last week by Steamship Boston. Captain Joseph Johnson of Lower Granville, returned from Salem, Mass., on Saturday with the remains of his wife, whose death occurred in that city on Thursday last. The funeral was held on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Perry of Granville Ferry conducting the services.

TO SAIL THE SEAS.

Vessel Built of the Sunken Timbers of An Old Warship.

Bath, Me., Dec. 8.—A feature in the construction of the four-masted schooner Mary L. Newhall which was launched Wednesday from the yards of Elmer S. Crosby was the sanded live oak frame. This frame was gotten out in 1862 by the government for a warship, it being the best live oak that could be purchased, and was sent to the Kittery navy yard, where the warship was to have been built.

Before the keel was laid the fight between the Merrimac and the Monitor demonstrated that wooden vessels as ships of war were doomed and it was decided to sink the lumber in Portsmouth harbor. There the frame was laid until it was purchased and raised two years ago, the salt water having completely preserved it.

The schooner is named in honor of Miss Mary L. Newhall of Fairfield and is rated A-1 for 10 years, owing to her unusual frame. The time is considered unusual for the vessel is not strapped with steel. The dimensions—length 228 feet; breadth 40.2 feet; dept 21.6 feet. She is 1310 gross tonnage.

ST. JOHN C. E. UNION.

The annual meeting of the St. John local union of Christian Endeavour, which was held in the vestry of Leinster St. Baptist church last evening, was well attended, twelve out of eighteen amalgamated societies submitted reports, which showed they were in a flourishing condition. Rev. C. W. Hamilton delivered an address and there was also an address by Rev. J. F. Floyd. Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilburt Currie sang a duet, Miss Beatrice E. Waring was the accompanist.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, honorary president; H. H. Reid, president; G. W. Currie, 1st. vice-president; P. J. Steel, 2nd. vice-president; A. E. Coats secretary; Mr. McAfee, treasurer. The Lookout committee were appointed as follows: P. J. Steel, (convener), Miss Cummings, George Morrison and Miss Jewett.

The pastors advisory board is composed of Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Rev. J. F. Floyd, Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates.

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TO EARL GREY.

The following telegram has been sent to Halifax to be handed to our new governor general on his arrival: "The St. John battalion of the Boys' Brigade, senior in Canada, welcomes your lordship as an honorary vice-president of the parent organization." "T. T. FOTHERINGHAM, "Batt. President."

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AT THE YORK THEATRE. The act of Miss Mario is meeting with merited appreciation at York Theatre. Her playing is excellent. She was the recipient of a beautiful floral offering from one of her many friends, at last night's performance. The show is a good one this week, and is doing the average business. Next week the Myrtle-Harder Stock Co. will commence a two week's engagement. Many people think that vaudeville is to be discontinued. Such is not the case, there are vaudeville acts of a high class with this company, and at the conclusion of their engagement, exclusive vaudeville will return.

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