

# St. John Evening Times.

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## PAYMENT OF TAXES.

The fact that the amount of taxes paid this year in time to receive the discount is the largest on record, and very considerably larger than for the like period last year, may be accepted as an indication that there is a good deal of ready money in circulation. Of course, the taxes are nine cents on the hundred dollars higher than last year, and this would make the discount more of an object to very large taxpayers.

There has been a good deal of discussion on the subject of tax collection, and some aldermen have expressed a belief that a larger percentage of the total assessment could be collected. Investigation has shown that the proportion of unpaid taxes is really not very large, covering a period of years, but if a more effective method can be devised it will be welcomed by all but the delinquents.

All efforts to agree upon a better assessment law have thus far failed, although there is a general agreement that the present system is very far from being an equitable one.

The city chamberlain is no doubt much gratified at the large amount received in taxes before the first of October, for he has been called upon to make provision for funds quite frequently during the past few months. It is gratifying to everybody that industrial and commercial conditions in the city are such as to enable taxpayers to make so good a showing.

## OUR FIRST ISSUE.

The Evening Times on Saturday endeavored to justify the announcement made that its purpose was to become the best evening paper east of Montreal. Those unfamiliar with the conditions under which that issue was prepared for the press can form no adequate idea of the amount of hard work and rapid thinking involved, not merely on the part of the writing staff, but of everybody in the mechanical and business departments. Nobody could tell in advance exactly how much there was to be done. The writing staff and composing room staff were not accustomed to work together. In the course of the day many little matters came up unexpectedly for quick adjustment. The staff in the composing room had to be increased. At one o'clock a quick lunch was ordered in, so that there might be as little interruption as possible with the work of composition and making up the forms. Everybody and everything was on trial, and when at last the press was started and the first issue of the Evening Times came forth, with some defects it is true, but in form and contents an up-to-date newspaper, there was a general sense of relief and satisfaction. It was such a task as had never before presented itself in a St. John newspaper office, and the results were proportionately gratifying to all concerned.

Not less pleasing was the reception given to the paper by the people of St. John. If they saw defects they knew that these were such as could soon be overcome. Congratulations were received on every hand, and good wishes expressed.

## FOOD FOR SWINDLERS

The New York Globe, dealing with the swindling of investors by get-rich-quick schemes, observes that the question is often asked:—Why is it that so many thousands of persons invest their money on faith in lying statements and neglect any personal investigation?

The answer, it says, may be given in the words of Col. Robert A. Ammon in a talk some little time after the explosion of a well-known syndicate: "The persons who invest in these things are of four distinct types—the simple countryman, who would clutch at almost any bait that promised a full dividend; the people of a little higher order of intelligence, to whom a name of apparent responsibility is as good as a government certificate; the men who do not know and do not care, but are willing to throw away a few hundred dollars on the chance that the thing may be all right; and, lastly, the

self-willed, hysterical women, who insist on crazy speculation in face of warnings."

The Globe also quotes a prominent criminal lawyer as follows:—"Of all classes who fall victims, the easiest for the Wall Street shark is the professional man in the small town. He dare not proclaim his loss by swindlers, for it would break his reputation either as an astute man or a man of honor. He is always the safest and most profitable victim."

An explanation is due to several advertisers whose announcements did not appear in Saturday's Times. Owing to the pressure upon the composing room staff, although it was reinforced at noon, the amount of work to be done was too great, and a number of advertisements, as well as considerable local and telegraphic news had to be abandoned. Even as it was, the Times was later in issuing from the press than had been intended. But an almost herculean task had been accomplished, and the publishers are confident that their friends will cheerfully accept this explanation.

The demand for the Evening Times on Saturday was enormous. So long a time was required to satisfy the demands of the newsboys that deliveries to agents were delayed, and the telephone was kept busy with enquiries and calls for papers. The demand was far greater than even the rosy dreams of the publishers and the press was in operation much later than had been anticipated.

Readers of Saturday's Times of course observed a number of errors and mechanical defects. These were inevitable under the circumstances. Improvements are needed, and will be made as rapidly as possible. For some days to come the staff will be handicapped, but the watchword is "forward," and in a short time everything will be running smoothly.

The Fredericton Gleaner's review of the political field, as given in today's Times, is interesting as general speculation, but may not quite tally with results in all the constituencies. It indicates, however, that a great deal of work remains to be done before the opposing forces are all lined up for the struggle of Nov. 3rd.

The banquet to be tendered to Lord Minto in Ottawa will be an expression of the kindly feelings entertained throughout Canada toward the retiring governor general and Lady Minto, both of whom have borne themselves with a dignity and an appreciation of Canadian aspirations which have endeared them to the people.

To its correspondents everywhere the Times extend thanks for their promptness in sending in copy for Saturday's issue. They will be communicated with by letter within a few days, when the pressure of organization and arrangement here is somewhat relaxed.

An editorial paragraph in Saturday's Times referred to a statistical statement of lumber shipments from this port. That statement was among the matter omitted at the last moment, but it is given in this issue.

The return of the Allan line steamers to this port next winter will strengthen the position of St. John in the eyes of the commercial world, as the winter freight port of Canada.

The editor of the Times has received a mass of correspondence which will receive attention as soon as this infant enterprise has been got under full steam.

With the Cibou en route to Sweden, the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club should begin to entertain a hope of re-capturing the Coronation Cup.

Saturday night is not a good one for a political demonstration until the fighting blood of the electors has begun to assert itself.

The Times on Saturday did not find it necessary to cut the price to newsboys in order to boom the circulation.

Special features of interest will be added to the Evening Times as the work of organization is further advanced.

## A SECRET SESSION

(Special by Megaphone from City Hall, Oct. 1.)

The city council sat in secret session today. After the doors had been examined and the tyler arrived with a club his worship rose to speak. He said they were facing a crisis. What with angry consumers of water and unfortunate underwriters they were likely to be ground to pulp between the upper and nether millstone, as it were. Therefore they should purchase a pulp mill and do their own daily grind.

Ald Lewis said he had not yet had an opportunity to examine the boilers. If the boilers were all right he might be able to digest the proposition. He would take a back seat with no man when it came to a question of machinery.

A Carleton alderman said if the mill were purchased part of it might be utilized to repair No. 6 engine house, on the west side.

Ald Christie agreed with this proposition. All the junk should be in one place. This allusion to the Carleton electric light plant nettled Ald Lewis, who had personally inspected it, and took another practical man with him. He retorted that there must be some junk in the north end electric light station, or he could get that light for Murray street.

Ald Hamm wanted to know if the purchase of the Mispic pulp mill would affect the cost of raising crops on the civic farm at Silver Falls, where he believed oats now cost nearly a dollar apiece.

The mayor assured him, as chairman of the water board, that the civic farm would not be disturbed. There was a good deal of discussion concerning the uses to which pulp might be put, and it was decided, if the city's tender were accepted, to run the mill for a time, and experiment with the product as a street covering, fuel for the new ferry steamer, and food for horses. It might not do for all these purposes, but the experiment would be useful. Besides it would cost something. On receiving assurance to this effect the motion passed and the tender for the pulp mill was made out. It had been intended to remain in session until the tenders were opened, but it was announced that they would not be opened until midnight. Fourteen aldermen rose and offered to talk till midnight on any subject that might be introduced, but the mayor said he had an important engagement, and the council adjourned.

## A Good Newspaper.

(Daily Telegraph.)

To extinguish The Gazette and issue The Evening Times in its place next day, making the new journal in many respects a model evening newspaper, was an undertaking the size of which only newspaper men can appreciate. That The Times was issued at Saturday at all was a surprise on Saturday at all was a surprise to some ill-natured prophets who had said it could not be done. That an eight page newspaper, filled with live news and new advertising matter, could be so well put together in so short a time and in spite of all the difficulties arising from a complete change of system from composing room to press room, was a surprise to all who purchased the new journal on Saturday.

The first issue of any newspaper sells well as a rule; but the demand for the first issue of The Times was unprecedented here. The press was kept running until late in the evening and the number of papers sold was enormous. Public interest in the new journal, shown by the sales and by the generous advertising patronage, means much. It proves conclusively that there is room in St. John for an enterprising eight-page evening journal which is sold for one cent a copy and which presents a news service which has not yet been approached in the afternoon field.

The Times followed new lines in many things with most satisfactory results. It did not depend upon news which had already appeared in the morning papers, but printed only the latest news gathered by the Associated Press and its own corps of correspondents throughout not only New Brunswick but Canada. The Times is a good newspaper and good newspapers get along all right. The Telegraph offers its congratulations upon the successful revolution wrought in remarkably short order in the office next door, and has no doubt that creditable as was the first issue of the new journal the succeeding issues will show steady improvement. The advent of The Times means that in the evening field there will be sharp competition. The public is ever ready to buy the best it can get. The Times, therefore, will sell well.

## THAT WHICH WAS LOST.

A lover said, "I do not hate the years that touch to gray the softness of her hair. For me Remembrance leaves the sunlight there."

"I love the lines that colder eyes than mine Read on the spirit fairness of her face. The soul's handwriting tells its inward grace."

"But once around her beauty, still so dear, Blew an enchanted air; a mystery That shook my heart, but kept its own from me."

"There was a secret hidden in her eyes; And in her voice one note I thrilled to hear. Have the years slain it, ere I read it clear?"

Even as he spoke, her soft eyes met his own And answered. For behind their love and truth Shone the lost magic and immortal youth.

St. James' Gazette.

## AT IT AGAIN.

"Why is a successful politician like a manufacturer of suspenders?" asked the young man at the end of the table. "Because one might be in better business, and the other might be in worse," answered the man at the other end, who always tried at a conundrum.

"Not exactly." "Well, because—" "Oh, I'll tell you before your coffee's cold." "Because much of their success is due to their supporters." —Yonkers Statesman.

## WATER WANTED FOR PARTRIDGE ISLAND

The Winter Port Season Is At Hand and Much Must Be Done

CANNOT AFFORD DELAY.

The City Has About Completed Its Share of the Work, but the Government Has Not Yet Taken Action — No Word Received as Yet About What is Being Done About the Matter.

The extension of the water system to Partridge Island is not completed, and there is some uncertainty as to when it will be. The undertaking was to be performed jointly by the city and the Dominion government. The city work is practically done, but for the other the same cannot be said.

About a year ago the government broke at the city line, West end, by the water department, and since a line of six and eight inch pipe has been laid for 3,100 feet, its termination being at the beach by the breakwater. The duty of the government is to continue the line across the channel, to dig out as far as the tide will permit, and complete the work with the assistance of a diver. It is understood the pipe joints will be of special make, and be paid out from lighters.

But of all this work nothing has been done yet save for some excavating on the island.

About a year ago the government attempted to obtain water on the island by boring, but a sufficient quantity could not be obtained. Subsequently the government made application to the city for a supply of water for the island quarantine.

The city complied with the request and the government agreed to pay three-fourths of the cost of laying the pipe along the city line. The maximum estimate of the work was \$6,300. The government further agreed to pay annually to the city a minimum rate of \$75 for a supply yearly to the island of 50,000 gallons.

The city's work is finished, and it is now up to the government to act. As yet nothing has been done to continue the extension across the channel. The winter port season is approaching and water will be needed at the quarantine houses. The whole matter might have been settled last year but for a dispute between the city and the government. That, however, was settled early last spring.

## MODEST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

One of the Many Curious Letters that the Governor-General Sometimes Gets.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Many are the curious epistles which find their way into the Government mail from ignorant but ill-informed individuals abroad. Ignorance of Canada and Canadian institutions are frequently illustrated in these communications, but perhaps this letter received at one of the departments reached the limit. It came from an individual in the city of New York, addressed to "The Governor-General of Canada," and requesting that the writer be informed of all the places in Canada where hardwood could be obtained, also of the names of all Canadian railways and their freight rates.

The letter, of course, never reached his excellency, but was referred to the appropriate department for reply. The writer, who was a New Yorker, and evidently not an illiterate person, either, will doubtless be informed that hardwood is to be found in every part of Canada, and that the standard railway guides will furnish him with the remainder of his desired information.

## Scholars On Strike.

They Objected to A Colored Teacher and Kept other Children out of School.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Fifty boy pickets, none of them over 15, stationed about McAllister public school here, prevented pupils from entering that institution. Outside the picket cordons, a crowd of 700 boys and girls hooted and yelled at the teachers looking from the school doors. Every young striker wore a badge to show that he or she belonged to a "union." Some of the badges were merely scraps of paper with the words "union" scrawled across it. Others were "union" buttons, which their fathers had worn. Many of the strikers carried clubs and threatened violence against any child daring to enter the school yard.

The picketing was a result of a "strike" which was caused by a mistaken belief of the children that the assistant kindergarten teacher was colored. After a detail of policemen had been sent to the school to prevent disorder, "the strike" was "settled."

A committee appointed by the youthful "strikers" learned that the rumor of a colored teacher having been employed in the school was false. About 80 per cent of the "strikers" went back to their classes.

## Obituary.

MISS ANNIE CONLOGUE. The death took place yesterday of Miss Annie Conlogue at her residence 211 Chesley street. She is survived by two brothers, Patrick and Daniel, both of this city.

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## IN KENT CO.

A Three Cornered Political Fight "Big Moose" Gone to Chicago—A New Pastor.

Harcourt, Kent Co., Oct. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Wilson of the Kent Oil Company are staying at the Eureka. Good progress is being made boring for oil in this county.

Sheriff Legere was in town Wednesday. People are beginning to discuss the coming elections freely. O. J. LeBlanc, M. P., will probably offer for re-election in the Government interest. Pascal Hebert, a popular merchant of Hexton, announces himself as a candidate in the Liberal interest. He has not yet been nominated by the party, however. Who will run for the Conservative party is not known. A three-cornered contest will make the campaign lively and doubtful.

John Bailey of Harley Road takes over the management of the King Hotel today. Louis G. Collet, former proprietor, goes to Hexton. During the last few months, the real estate business has been brisk in Harcourt. Many properties have changed hands, and many tenements have changed occupants.

Frank Baxter, of Mortimore, who lately bought P. C. Cormier's house, moved in on the 29th.

Clarence Wry, meat merchant, is building a new residence here. The biggest moose of the season was shot at Big Forks, Salmon River, Monday night by Mr. Van Biskirk of Moncton. The antlers measured five feet, less one half inch.

Rev. James A. Wheeler, Presbyterian, farwelled last Sunday night, and left a day or two ago for Chicago. While pastor for four years, he helped greatly to build up the Presbyterian interests in this section. During his term, he married twenty couples, baptized seventy persons, and received into church membership seventeen, a net gain of thirteen.

Rev. J. B. Champion, the new Methodist pastor for Harcourt Ford's Mills, Beersville, Rogersville, Lorne and Smith's Corner, arrived with his family, yesterday. He succeeds Rev. Mr. Comben.

Miss Violet Goldsmith, left Thursday night to attend the University of New Brunswick.

## TOMORROW'S GRAND CONCERTS.

There will be a big time tomorrow when the Highlanders arrive. The Scots Company of the Boys' Brigade and the Artillery and Band Fusiliers, will meet the visitors upon the arrival of the special train at 2 p. m. and will parade to the city. Major Rose, a descendant of the great Major Rose, who led the charge in which the Black Watch turned defeat into victory and won from the 11th Dragoons the famous Red Heckle, comes with the Highlanders and will be entertained by the Lieut. Governor and the officers of the Militia.

The grand concert on Tuesday at the Opera House will be a delightful event. Special single fare tickets will be issued by the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific, and the late trains will be held.

The matinee begins at three, and the night concert at eight.

The tickets are now on sale, all seats reserved.

## A VETERAN JOURNALIST.

Mr. Bernard Corr of Boston, accompanied by his daughter, arrived on Saturday last. Mr. Corr has for many years been connected with journalism in Boston, and was for twenty-five years commercial man of the Journal. He has recently devoted himself entirely to correspondence.

Mr. Corr is seventy-five years of age and is in excellent health. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in August last and were on that occasion honored by the attendance of the governor of the state and Mayor Collins. They also received the benediction of Pope Pius X.

While in the city they were the guests of J. F. Gleason.

Mr. Corr and his daughter left for Boston this morning.

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