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ATTENTION TO RATE PAYERS

The following statement regarding the finances of the county has been issued by the Municipal officials:

"Notices are being published by the collectors of taxes in columns of this paper notifying the ratepayers that they be at certain places on certain days for the convenience of the ratepayers to pay taxes, and the co-operation of all ratepayers in the County is respectfully solicited because of the finances of the County. From the information available, it appears that unless a special effort is made to get the taxes in, the bills cannot be paid, and the ratepayers are also vitally interested in their taxes to the extent that they desire to have them lowered, and that if the overdraft at the bank remains the size it is, it means that the County is going behind, and the ratepayers have to make up a large sum of money to cover the interest charges. Whereas, if the taxes, delinquent and current, were paid promptly and every one made an effort to get his taxes paid so that the overdraft could be reduced and eventually wiped out, the taxes could then be reduced.

The excuse that a person should not pay unless another does is not a sound one, because his taxes are bound to go up to meet the interest charges, and it leaves less time for the collectors to co-operate and work with those who find it more difficult to pay, and for that reason ratepayers should make every effort to co-operate with the collectors and send the money in as early as possible, for taxes have to be paid and the County bills have to be paid and every ratepayer should have sufficient pride in his County to keep his credit good."

The above statement makes it apparent if any further statement were needed, that the county finances, while showing some improvement, are still in serious shape. The bank overdraft is still very large, we understand about \$63,000, and it is quite evident that this state of things cannot go on indefinitely. At present the item for interest on overdraft is one of the major particulars in the municipal budget. If this overdraft is not steadily and materially decreased it is very difficult to see how the county is going to escape issuing bonds. A few years ago the last of the county's bonded indebtedness was paid, and the residents were proud, and justifiably proud of the fact.

For pride has now in a large measure disappeared, as the county at present owes the Royal Bank of Canada an amount as large as a very respectable bond issue; and it pays heavily for the privilege of having the bank carry it.

It is perfectly plain that the county can only reduce this overdraft as it collects its taxes. More than that, it will be hard put to it to pay its current bills and prevent the overdraft from increasing, that is if the bank will tolerate much more of a debt.

Special collectors have been appointed in an endeavor to make a big improvement. These men are doing their best, the finance committee are doing their best, the county council are doing their best, but without the co-operation of the public their efforts will amount to nothing. The law of course provides a means for the collection of taxes, but the county does not want to go into the real estate business and sell the land and personal property of its residents at a fraction of their value.

THE LABATT CASE

Hints in news items carried by the Canadian Press during the last day or two indicate that a solution to the Labatt kidnapping case may be near at hand. It will be the fervent hope of all good citizens that such is the case and that the kidnappers will soon be in custody. The Labatt kidnapping is a direct challenge to the Canadian system of administering the criminal law. It is the first definite attempt to introduce a form of crime quite common in the United States into Canada. It is the first real threat to replace law and order by gang rule on this side of the border. If the criminals get away with it further outrages of this kind

may be confidently expected.

The case has been a peculiar one, and so far as the public knows it has not been handled with any particular brilliance. If the police have been making any real progress they have been keeping it to themselves. That is a matter, however, for which they may really be forgiven if they are able to secure a speedy and complete solution of the matter.

Canadians have always prided themselves that their criminal law administration is far superior to that of the United States. This belief is now being tested. We will soon know whether the impression under which we have all been for many years is correct, or whether we enjoy comparative freedom from crime merely because our people are more law-abiding, or our criminals less clever and audacious than those south of the boundary line.

Within a few days or weeks law and order will have won a signal triumph, or an equally signal humiliation. The public demands that the case be cleared up. Otherwise there can be no feeling of security for anyone.

THE MORROW CASTLE

A few days ago the world was shocked by the destruction at sea of the liner Morro Castle, en route from Havana to New York, with a shocking loss of life. At the present time the cause of outbreak is obscure. Suggestions as to its probable cause include lightning, a carelessly thrown cigarette butt and incendiaryism. At any rate whatever started the blaze the floating palace was quickly converted into a raging inferno which became the funeral pyre of scores of passengers, while many others jumped overboard and were drowned. No doubt a searching investigation will be held, the cause of the fire so far as possible determined, and steps taken by the marine boards to prevent further catastrophes of the kind.

The tragedy of the Morro Castle has been added to the list of other great sea disasters. In spite of man's mastery over the elements, in spite of the floating palaces with which he has sought to conquer the sea, in spite of modern appliances, and scientific safeguards, these disasters still come with appalling regularity. The memory is still comparatively fresh in the minds of this generation of how the world waited for news as the Titanic went down off the banks of Newfoundland after striking an iceberg, as the Empress of Ireland foundered in the St. Lawrence after collision with the collier Storstad, as the Lusitania plunged to the bottom with her hull shattered by German torpedoes.

In each of these three catastrophes the death toll mounted to well above the thousand mark. Mercifully no sea disaster since that time has claimed nearly so many lives but on several occasions the number of deaths has mounted into many scores.

The eastern shores of Canada have not been by any means immune from sea disasters. The Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia particularly is strewn with the bones of vessels. The worst tragedy in New Brunswick waters in recent years occurred some ten or twelve years ago when a schooner was cut down by a South American steamer just off Partridge Island at the entrance to Saint John harbor with a loss of eight lives.

Probably the worst scare Maritime people have received in a generation occurred more than twenty years ago when the Royal Mail Steam Packet Cobeguid went ashore near the entrance to the Bay of Fundy, while en route from Hamilton, Bermuda, to Saint John. A blinding storm was in progress at the time and for many hours after word of the grounding had been received no word came from the vessel. Little hope for the passengers and crew was held as the hours passed without word. From the churches all over these provinces prayers for their safety were offered, while coasting vessels from Yarmouth, Saint John and Halifax braved the wind lashed waters in an unceasing search.

Finally the wreck was located intact near Brier Island and the passengers and crews were removed safely, although the steamer, a fine vessel of more than 5,000 tons gross, was a total loss.

Year by year the hazards of a sea voyage grow less, but it is still painfully apparent that the chances of fire, collision and weather have not yet been entirely overcome.

WILL THERE BE AN ELECTION?

Elsewhere in this issue is reprinted an interesting article from the Financial Post, wherein a Federal election after a session of the Dominion Parliament to be called this fall, is seen as a possibility. The article suggests that the sharp break between Premier Bennett and Hon.

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Mr. Stevens may cause a speedy dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the people.

How much probability there is to the story this paper is not in a position to know. The Financial Post, however, is a paper which is generally pretty well informed and is very careful of what it prints. The fact that such a story is printed in its columns is a good indication that something is going on.

One thing we know. If Premier Bennett does call an election this fall some gentlemen around Fredericton are going to look foolish and feel sorry.

NO DEVELOPMENTS IN POTATO MARKET

(Continued from page one)

just about blasted the Maritimes out of the potato business.

Dealers are calling attention to the fact that the New Brunswick Marketing Board is now trying to persuade the Federal government to do something about getting back the Cuban market. They are asking why it should be necessary for the board to take this action. They consider that the government should have been on the job long before now taking some steps to prevent what business the tariff regulations permitted from being cut off.

"I'm afraid," one dealer commented grimly, "that we won't have any market for our potatoes until after the next Federal election."

Our own politicians might take a tip from Hitler. He makes himself sole ruler and then lets the people vote for him.—Ottawa Citizen.

ACTIVITIES OF CHURCHES AND CLUBS

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. H. E. Allaby, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 16th.
10 a. m. Prayer Meeting.
11 a. m. Worship. Sermon: "Our Educational Program."
12:15 Sunday School and Bible Class
7 p. m. Worship. Sermon: The Only Name In Which Is Salvation.
Wed. 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting.

REV. S. C. YOUNG'S APTS.

Sunday, Sept. 16th.
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Pembroke 3:00 p. m.
Jacksontown 7:30 p. m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Rev. H. S. Bishop, Minister
Sunday, September 16th.
11 a. m. Morning Worship.
12 Sunday School
7 p. m. Evening Worship.
Rev. D. L. Giddings of Hartland will preach both morning and evening.
Wed. 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Milton C. Burt, Pastor
10:30 a. m. Sunday School.
11:30 a. m. Preaching by Pastor.
7:00 p. m. Service of Song, followed by Sermon by Pastor.
All are welcome.

OBITUARY

James Brown

Many of the old friends in Woodstock of Mr. James Brown will regret to hear of his death which took place on Thursday, Sept. 6th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cecil Hamilton of Monticello, Maine where he has resided since the death of his wife six years ago.

Although in his 90th year deceased was able to be around until two weeks ago when he contracted pneumonia.

The late Mr. Brown was born in Woodstock in 1845 and lived here all his life. He was employed as a carpenter in Connell Bros. foundry for over 35 years.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Hamilton and one son, William of Monticello, Maine and one sister, Miss Mary Brown of Lowell, Mass.

Funeral services were held Saturday in St. Mary's Church, Houlton, with solemn requiem mass by Father Sullivan. The remains were brought to Woodstock and interred in St. Gertrude's cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Wm. McCluskey, Thomas Schools, J. F. Rugan and Wm. Thibadeau.

CENTREVILLE

A host of friends of Rev. W. J. Hurlow were glad to welcome him back for a short visit and those who were privileged to hear his addresses at Tracey Mills and Upper Knoxford on Sunday last, listened to a rare treat.

Rev. Mr. Hurlow is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Kemptonville, near Ottawa, Ontario, a member of his congregation, and a generous supporter of the church, is Mrs. H. G. Ferguson, wife of our Canadian High Commissioner to England. Mr. Hurlow closed a nine years' pastorate of the United Baptist church in Bermuda five years before going to Ontario.

Mr. Fred Cronkhite, dean of the Law School of Saskatoon, Alberta, is visiting at the home of his mother and sister, Mrs. Alberta Cronkhite, and Mrs. Scott McAuley. He was a visitor to Woodstock on Wednesday.

The death took place on Sunday, Sept. 9, of Miss Maria Barrett, aged 74 years, at the home of Mr. Donald

Simonds, Tracey Mills.

A gloom was cast over the community by the sudden death on Friday, of Miss Ruth Trafford, daughter of Mr. Horace Trafford, of Tracey Mills. Miss Trafford had started on her way home from Bath, when she suddenly expired. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at

Tracey Mills, and sermon by Rev. W. J. Hurlow.

Prospects are for an abundant potato crop in this section. There is a lot of grain out yet, and some farmers are getting most of their's threshed in the field, as the weather permits. No danger of starvation in this area.

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