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## CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

### The Proposed New Schemes of Permanent Streets and New City Hall.

The permanent improvement of St. John streets and the erection of a new City Hall are two important matters that are interesting the citizens at the present time. That both are large undertakings and mean the outlay of a great sum of money cannot be denied. At first glance the overburdened taxpayer may look with alarm at the proposed new scheme, but after making a study of the subject he may come to the conclusion that either directly or indirectly he will not be any the worse off, if the plans take practical shape. In fact if the business be carried out in a business-like manner the citizen may find himself in a much better position than he is today.

Every year thousands of dollars are spent on our public thoroughfares to keep them in some kind of ordinary repair. If these thoroughfares are put in first class condition this large sum of money will not be required in that way. The citizen will be taxed, however, the same as formerly and the money received will be used towards paying the interest on the money required to be borrowed for permanently repairing the streets as well as reducing a sinking fund in connection with the same. The taxpayers will be no worse off financially and besides he will be greatly benefitted, for the benefits that will come to the man indirectly with properly made streets cannot be easily estimated.

Very much the same reasoning holds good with regard to the erection of a City Hall. The building would mean the expenditure of a large sum. But it would also mean the giving up of the present quarters. These latter are situated in the very best part of the business community and should rent readily to banks and for offices. This rental would go far towards paying the interest on the sum borrowed for the new hall. Besides this the new building would include offices not now situated in the city edifice and which are at the present day an expense. If the registry office and municipal council room be included the municipality might well share in the new construction. If the whole thing is properly managed there is no reason why a new building cannot be erected without any further burden being placed upon the taxpayer.

It must not be forgotten either, that in the carrying out of these schemes, the St. John laboring man, upon whom the taxes fall the heaviest, will be greatly benefitted as a large field of employment will be opened up to him. There is no doubt but that St. John for its size has not the streets or city building at all creditable to it and this must be all too apparent to visitors coming to St. John. This may be considered by some of little account, but just the same the good opinions of the tourists means much to a place like this. The climate does its part and man should do his. Both the proposed undertakings are worthy of careful consideration by all who has the city's best interest at heart.

### IT TALKS AGAIN.

#### The Futuroscope Once More Glances at Some Paragraphs.

The Futuroscope after some weeks of rest was brought out the other day and its crank turned. Some of the items that appear in future issues of certain St. John papers are here condensed.

July 1910—The city council this morning had before it the subject of establishing a bandstand in some part of the city. A warm discussion took place, but no definite action was taken. It is quite probable that a bill will be prepared to be presented at the next session of the legislature giving the council power to erect a stand.

June 1908—Hon. Messrs. Smith and Jones of the Dominion cabinet left Ottawa today on a trip to England. All the federal ministers are now in that country.

Sept. 1904—At a meeting of the St. John Board of School Trustees held last evening it was decided to open the meetings in the future to the press. It has taken the board many years to waken up to public opinion, but it is better late than never.

Aug. 1909.—The St. John police force now consists of twenty-two men, sixteen of

whom hold rank, the remaining six being common policemen. There is some talk of still further reducing the force by doing away with the common policemen altogether.

June 1914—The City Council had under discussion yesterday, the city engineer's report on the best method and expense of how to permanently improve the streets of St. John. There was a long debate. Finally it was moved and carried unanimously that the report be laid on the table for future consideration.

March 1920—There is some talk in certain quarters of the advisability of erecting a City Hall in St. John. In the new building there would be, besides a Council Chamber, quarters for the chamberlain, assessors, registry office, slaughter house commission and other civic departments. The same idea has been in some people's minds for over fifty years, but some in St. John take a long time to bear fruit.

July 1910—The Alerts and Roses meet again to-morrow afternoon. The games between these clubs have become quite interesting this season. It is expected that in the fall the champions of the American National League will visit this city when the championship of the world will be decided. The St. John teams have beaten every club this season so far except Caribou and Houlton.

### TOO MUCH THEY SAY.

#### A Place Where Temperance is Being Vigorously Pushed Along.

The ways of the temperance worker do not always run smoothly. The Scott Act and Prohibition advocate has his hands pretty well filled these times in trying to put down the liquor traffic. It cannot be said that his success in the past has been phenomenal. The parties in Calais, N. B., however, who have been working to push prohibition along, seem to have got in some very vigorous work and some people are beginning to grumble. A correspondent writing of prohibition in that city says:—

It is now safely said that Calais is as exempt of liquor selling as it has ever been since its incorporation. Outside of pocket peddlers, it is almost impossible to obtain a drop of the ardent. The effect of this stringent prohibitory movement is, of course, sorely felt by the hotels, restaurant and dives, and it is also claimed that where a man buys his liquor, he will also get his provisions, dry goods and groceries. The conclusion is arrived at, therefore, that as the liquor is purchased in St. Stephen just across the river, in Canada, there also are the above named commodities obtained, and a stream of silver is continually making its departure out of the city and out of the country. Many of those who at first advocated the enforcement of the liquor law are beginning to feel its effect, indirectly, and are clamoring for the officials to "let up." But it seems there is no alternative and Marshal Crossman keeps continually on the haunts of "John Barleycorn."

### A Picnic Month.

If June was the month of weddings, July is proving itself to be the month of picnics and garden parties and with the latter as well as with the former Wednesday seems to be the day favored for these events. Last Wednesday the person indeed was hard to please if he could not make a selection for a days enjoyment. Centenary held its picnic at Waters Landing, St. Stephen's Church Sunday School went to Grand Bay and Waterloo street Baptist church to Westfield. Waterford's Episcopal Sunday School came to Bay Shore and St. John the Baptist church held a large garden party on the Barrack's Square. Quite a programme for one day. The weather was not all that could have been desired but still it might have been worse.

### New Bandstand.

If St. John is going to have a bandstand, let it be built at once. There seems to be as much talk and red tape over the erection of a simple stand as there is in getting a bill through the British parliament. The summer is rapidly passing

and if a bandstand is going to be erected no time should be lost. It is not such an enormous undertaking and the expense will not ruin the city treasury. About some things there is too much talk and too little action.

### Another Innocent Man.

Hagen charged with the stealing of money from Dr J. M. Smith of North Hill, is acquitted by the Police Magistrate, it having been shown that he was entirely innocent of any theft. This makes two young men who have very lately been called to establish their innocence in cases of very serious charges. This is not as it should be. It is all well enough with prosecutions but it is not so very pleasant for those who are called upon to defend themselves. Before parties are arrested it should be evident apparently that there is some guilt. It is very hard on the young man if he is trying to live an upright life to be called upon to defend a criminal charge that had no existence.

### Looks Like a Good Thing.

The report that comes from Crapple Creek to the effect that the Gold Exploration Tunnel company is about to buy its tunnel to Mineral Hill on which the Little Ellen mine is situated has been received in St. John with much joy. The tunnel company's only source of revenue is in hauling the ore from the mines to the reduction plants and in undertaking an expenditure of about \$2,000,000 to build the new tunnel they are evidencing great faith in that locality. The Little Ellen is owned by St. John parties and nearly all the leading citizens in the city hold shares. The company was formed some little time ago and the shareholders have been waiting patiently to hear some result of their investments. It looks very much now as if a good thing had been struck. The directors of the company include D. J. McLaughlin, Thor Bell and E. G. Evans. Further particulars will be awaited with interest.

### He Decided to Pay up.

A story is told but the truth of which Progress is not able to vouch for of how one cigar dealer got somewhat ahead of a competitor one day this week. It seems that he required a particular brand of cigars to accommodate a customer and he went to a neighbor to procure them. He discovered when opening the box that the contents did not correspond to the label and when he took it back the dealer seemed to be only too willing to refund the money and regain the box. But that wouldn't do and the demand of a considerable sum of money was promptly complied with rather than that the circumstances should become known to the custom authorities.

### Supply is Plentiful.

Strawberries keep very plentiful and the housewife is taking advantage in laying in a supply of preserves. This week berries sold at three cents wholesale per box, nothing very expensive about that.

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## EVENTS IN CITY LIFE.

### Information Found in a Directory—One on the Lawyer—Stories of Interest.

The "American Newspaper Directory" is the title of a large volume published by James Rowell & Co. of New York. This book, which consists of nearly sixteen hundred pages is well bound and is supposed to contain an estimate of the circulation of the various papers and magazines published throughout the United States and Canada.

The object of the publication is clearly to give the advertiser an idea of the circulation of the paper in which he advertises. The editor states in his introduction that "Circulation is by no means the only element of value that an advertiser will consider when weighing the probable worth to him of a particular newspaper, but it is the only element that can be measured and stated with exactness."

Upon what basis or knowledge the figures are made up it is not quite evident, but the volume states "Any publisher entitled to a higher circulation rating than is accorded knows that it was his privilege to have his exact figures inserted had he been willing to furnish them, and that where a publisher is unwilling to supply the requisite information, the experience of the editor of the directory has taught him that it is always for a reason more satisfactory to the publisher than it would be to an advertiser who is thinking of using the advertising columns of the paper."

In view of these remarks it is somewhat interesting to look at some of the circulation figures published in this book. If they are at all reliable they must come as a surprise to a great many persons.

Looking at New Brunswick certain papers are mentioned while not a few are entirely ignored. There is no explanation of this. It cannot be that those omitted are of no importance for many of them are shown to have a larger field than some of those rated in the book.

The St. John Globe is stated to have a circulation between one thousand and twenty-two hundred and fifty. The Chatham World, the Religious Intelliger, Moncton Times and Transcript and the Educational Review are rated just the same as the Globe. The Daily Sun, Daily Telegraph and semi weekly Telegraph are placed at between 2250 and 4000 and the semi-weekly Sun and Progress at between 4000 and 7500. Other papers are more definitely rated. Campbellton Telephone 1,800, St. Croix Courier, 2,155, Sussex Record, 1,340, Co-Operative Farmer, 4,704 Woodstock Despatch 1,600 and Press, 1,215.

The last named papers are really given as good a circulation as those named first. That the St. John Globe and Campbellton Telephone have approximately the same circulation must come as a surprise. It is not worth while to dwell minutely on the figures given above. They speak for themselves. The average business man is not apt to accept them as being entirely reliable. Some papers like the Fredericton Gleaser, St. John Freeman, Star, and others are not given a place in this valuable volume but any one of them is certainly as largely circulated as the majority of those which have come under the publisher's notice.

If the directory's rating regarding papers outside of the province comes no nearer the mark than the new Brunswick estimate, it has yet considerable opportunity of gaining more reliable information. The Advertiser in this Province will probably hesitate before he acts on the above reports.

### ONE ON THE LAWYER.

#### A Joke In Which a Member Of the Bar Prominently Figures.

A good story comes to PROGRESS regarding the experience of a well known lawyer on Dominion day. He had planned a pleasant excursion for himself and started for Woodstock on the C. P. R. train on that morning. He went as far as McAdam, got off the train as usual to charge for the capital of Carleton county, but in some way or other when the conductor shouted all aboard he became a little mixed and stepped

upon the eastern bound instead of the north bound train. The result was that about the time he thought he should be arriving at Woodstock he paid some attention to the calls of the breakman and much to his surprise heard the name Westfield. It is difficult to imagine just how he felt when he discovered that instead of being near Woodstock as he thought, he was near St. John. He did not say much nor does he like to hear much about it as yet but the joke is too good to remain untold.

### Attractive Excursions.

The St. John and Halifax newspaper men who went to Buffalo by the Canadian Pacific railway seem to have been well pleased with their trip. They were not gone very long but by this road it does not take any great length of time to go from St. John to the Pan-American. They have given to the C. P. R., a somewhat comprehensive certificate that everything is all right on the railway and that the expenses of the Pan American have been exaggerated. A circular issued by the company since their return states that there will be four personally conducted excursions while the show is open, namely on July 23, Aug. 20 Sept. 17 and Oct. 15. The programme for each of these is good and it will make rather interesting reading for those contemplating making the trip. The advantage of these personally conducted excursions cannot be over estimated. Without doubt good company will be provided and the railway men, especially those of the passenger service are always the best guides in the world. Any person who wishes further information can obtain it by applying to Mr. Heath, the district passenger agent at this city.

The illness of Mrs. Bart Rogers brought an old resident to the city this week, Mr. Haviland her brother. He used to be connected with the Intercolonial Railway here and was very well known throughout the city. He is now in the employ of the Boston and Albany as yard master. When St. John men go to Boston they are fairly sure of meeting Mr. Haviland who always delights in hearing of the welfare of his friends here. His visit here terminated somewhat sadly owing to the death of his sister, whose funeral took place on Friday. Mr. Haviland intends to return to Boston on Monday.

### A North End Attraction.

One of the curiosities in the North End is the aquarium in the saloon of Mr. Joseph Harley. There in a large glass tank can be found nearly every variety of trout in the province. The finny company seem to be perfectly contented in their somewhat narrow quarters. Water is always fresh and running and they are no doubt better off than they would be if in the lakes. Besides that they possess the decided advantage of not being subjected to the frequent temptations of the angler's fly or the small boy's bait. They are perfectly secure and seem to know it. Mr. Harley delights to show them to any body who calls upon him and they are certainly worth seeing.

### Pleasing to the People.

The improvements on the Loch Lomond road during the past month are very noticeable and they are largely due to the energy of the county member, Hon. Surveyor General Dunn. It must be gratifying to the people not only of the county but of those in the city who have much use for the road to find that the repairs have been made this year at such an early date. Formerly it was usual for the repairs to be started in August or September and perhaps be uncompleted when winter sets in, but today the road is in excellent condition. Messrs. Barker, Treadwell and Kain find that their patrons appreciate the difference in the road very much. The fine weather of this summer is giving the proprietors of these well known hostleries a good business and they do everything in their power for the accommodation of their guests.