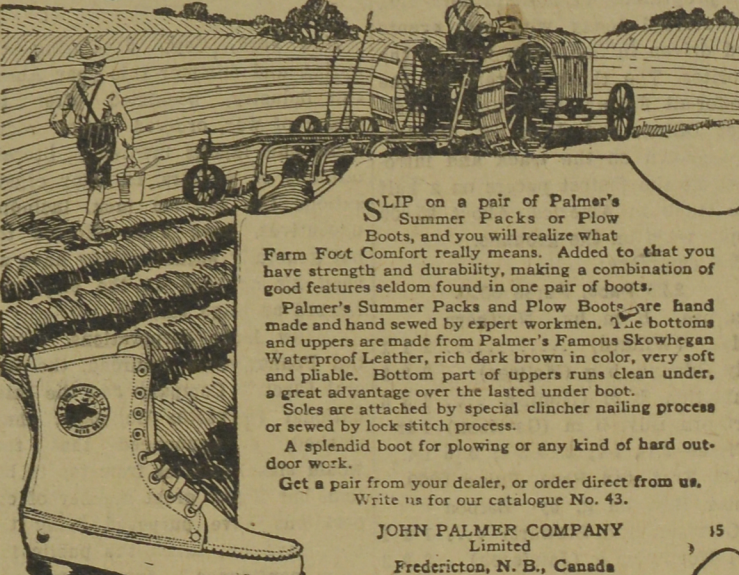


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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL RESOURCES IN N.B.

(Moncton Transcript)

Mr. William G. Pugsley, K.C., Ottawa, passed through Moncton on Saturday on his way to Ottawa after a visit to his father, Lieutenant Governor Pugsley, Rothesay. Mr. Pugsley is interested in a number of industries in New Brunswick and has been acting as counsel for Mr. Allan G. McAvity, St. John, in connection with the establishment at Courtenay Bay of a fuel oil station and refinery.

In an interesting interview with a representative of the Transcript, Mr. Pugsley stated:

"Mr. McAvity, as you know, has secured a contract for supplying oil-burning vessels of the Canadian Pacific Ocean services, with fuel oil, and is obliged to have everything in readiness by the first of December next. He has secured a lease of a considerable area of land and foreshore outside the limits of the city of St. John, and southeastward of the breakwater, enclosing the new harbor of Courtenay Bay.

"In granting the lease the Provincial Government has done so upon the terms, under which such leases are invariably granted by the Public Works Department at Ottawa, namely, for the establishment of an industry only and the lease requires that Mr. McAvity should expend \$50,000 within one year towards the erec-

tion of an oil-fuel station and a refinery.

"Mr. McAvity's energy and faith in the success of the proposed oil business at St. John is illustrated by the fact that immediately upon the signing of the lease by the Minister of Mines and Lands for this province orders were placed for \$50,000 worth of machinery and equipment. The first of the oil tanks has already arrived, and is in the course of construction upon the property. This tank which is to be followed shortly by others, has a capacity of 55,000 barrels or 2,000,000 million gallons. It is one hundred and fifteen feet in diameter, will be thirty feet in height and weigh three hundred tons.

"Mr. McAvity has all the capital necessary for the completion of the fuel oil station and the erection of the series of oil tanks. Arrangements are being made in New York and London for the capital required for the establishment of a refinery. This will be the most interesting feature of the industry, and it is hoped that when this refinery is erected an impetus will be given to the development of the oil shale industry in Albert and Westmorland counties. The oil shale in this part of the province is conveniently situated with regard to water transportation, and the oil extracted from the shale by means of retorts can easily be piped to the seaboard and taken in lighters to St. John, at comparative small cost."

Mr. McAvity, it will be remembered was during the latter part of the war managing director of the Maritime Manufacturing Company, which supplied from its St. John plant in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000 worth of shells to the U. S. government.

WOMEN'S DRESS FAVORED

To the Editor of The Mail.

Sir,—I have been reading so many comments as to women's dress that I feel I would like to express my opinion. While it may be true that men expect too much of women, the standards set for an ideal woman may be too high, yet one fact is certain that as women search for flowers in the gardens and fields to please their imaginations and tastes, so likewise do men search among women. Up to 1910 a majority of the women in appearance were something to admire, while from 1910 to 1918 a clear majority were too often enough to make even a cow sick.

But following 1919 another change came in and again women began to see daylight and common sense. Whatever tends toward good health, grace or action and attractive appearance is good, in fact, a duty, and this applies as much to men as to women. Whoever it was that first conceived the idea of shorter skirts and one-piece dresses for women is morally entitled to a pension for life. The women owe it to themselves and to their fellow citizens to stand out before the whole world as living examples of the best that humanity can produce, and the appearance of the majority since 1919 shows that some of them at least, are well on their way toward this ideal.

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