

Old Times Recalled

The Daily Mail at the request of a large number of our citizens publishes each day a series of historical sketches dealing with local subjects and written by local historical authors. These have been read before the York and Sunbury Historical Society at various times.

THE STREETS OF FREDERICTON

—By—

Rev. Dr. F. A. Wightman

I am going to speak of the streets of our city, but will first do a little wandering. Fredericton, though one of the oldest settlements in Canada, has the distinction of having the largest area and of being the smallest provincial capital in the Dominion. It was a provincial capital nearly a century before Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver and many other Canadian cities were more than trading posts or simply nameless places on the map. There are many reasons which may explain this slowness of growth—but this is outside our purpose. When the capital was moved from Saint John to St. Anne's in 1788, as Fredericton was formerly called, the move was resisted by the citizens of Saint John, and they nicknamed it "The Celestial City." This might bear a double interpretation, but we are told the name was not applied because of any resemblance between it or its citizens to the Heavenly City, but rather because it had so few inhabitants, and because it was so difficult of access. It has a few more inhabitants than when this somewhat derisive epithet was first applied and it is now much easier of access. But if the nickname is less applicable in some respects it is even more so in others. For if we can apply the idea of physical beauty to any thing celestial, then Fredericton may still be called "The Celestial City," for it has grown in beauty as the years have passed.

Our slowness of growth may have its compensations. When population increases too rapidly it is difficult for civic growth to keep pace with the necessary improvements in streets and other matters. I am sure we must all admire and praise the early surveyors who laid out the streets of this city and provided a well arranged city plot. I understand the older streets were laid out while much of the land was still covered by the original forest. Looking at it today, it would be difficult to suggest how it could be improved. Our streets are straight, and of fair width and our city blocks of good average size, and for this we should be truly thankful—a mistake made in the beginning is not easily rectified. When we consider the older cities of Boston and Quebec, with their narrow and crooked streets and alleys, the contrast is great and striking.

Moreover, at an early date there was sufficient civic pride and public spirit shown to line all our streets and will, it is expected, be ready for with what have grown into stately

trees—elms, maples, willows and lindens. I doubt if there is any city in Canada so beautifully embowered in stately trees as this little capital of New Brunswick. The alluvial plain on which the city is built is, of course, naturally adapted to the type of trees we have and especially to the elms, which constitute the larger number. Some of these may be the natural and original growth. The most of our trees, however, were artificially planted, and for the inauguration of this work we are largely indebted to Mr. George Fenety, who was then Mayor of the city. For this good example and worthy work his name and memory should be honored.

Then later, our city fathers, in comparatively recent times, undertook a system of street paving which has been continued from time to time until the present day. Now the principal streets are, for the most part, well paved and being long and level present a beautiful appearance beneath the overhanging trees. The very nature of the soil which made it so favorable for tree growth made paving a prime necessity. Before the era of paved streets they constituted the big fly in the ointment, which marred the otherwise natural beauty of the city. Through the four seasons of the year they were pretty chronically out of condition. In the winter they were not ploughed as at present and in the summer dust was the prevailing condition, while during the spring and fall, for a considerable season, they could rival early Winnipeg for the depth and stickiness of the gumbo mud, due to rain and frost. Present conditions, even on unpaved streets, are infinitely better than in the early days and it is hoped the good work of paving will go on till every street is given a permanent surface. This, of course, is thing celestial, then Fredericton may still be called "The Celestial City," for Sidewalks, too, have been greatly extended and improved, concrete having replaced the old board or cinder walks of earlier days.

(To Be Continued)

J. E. MICHAUD IS MUCH BETTER

Edmundston, Dec. 17—Showing steady improvement, J. E. Michaud, M. P., mayor of Edmundston, who had been seriously ill of pneumonia, has returned to his home here from St. Basil, where he spent a few days at Hotel Dieu Hospital, convalescing. He is unable as yet to resume his office duties but expects to attend the opening of parliament next January.

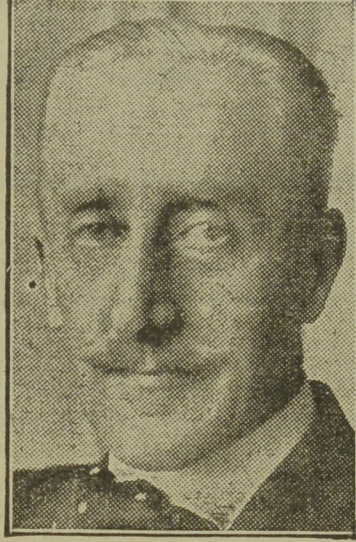
ASSIST FIRE SUFFERER

McAdam, Dec. 16—The house which is being erected by the citizens of McAdam for Glen Day, who recently suffered loss of his home and property by fire, is now nearing completion, spirit shown to line all our streets and will, it is expected, be ready for with what have grown into stately

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS



LADY WILLINGDON



VISCOUNT WILLINGDON

The Earl of Willingdon, Viceroy of India, and former Governor-General of Canada, and the Countess of Willingdon will have as their guests for Christmas their son, Lord Ratendone and Lady Ratendone, who will remain there for a month. This is Lady Ratendone's first visit to the Far East.

Both the Earl and the Countess visited the capital before leaving Canada and made a most favourable impression on the people by their genial and friendly manner. The Canadians will always be interested in their happiness and welfare.

The Monday Night Bridge Club of which Mrs. S. C. Armtsrong is a member, will meet tonight at her home 53 St. John Street.

Mrs. Bryce M. Love entertained the weekly Bridge Club of which she is a member this afternoon at her home 420 Queen Street.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor left Montreal on Saturday night to rejoin Lady Williams-Taylor in New York whence they sail for their winter residence The Waves, Nassau, the Bahamas. Lady Williams-Taylor has

The Baroness and Mr. d'Avray are former residents of this city. Before inheriting the d'Avray title they were known as Mr. and Mrs. Loring W. Bailey.

Miss Jean Cooper has returned from an extended trip to the United States. Her itinerary included Boston, New York, Washington, Kansas City and Detroit, Mich. At the latter place she visited her nephew, Roger G. Cooper and Family.

The Gyrettes recently met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth White. Christmas boxes were prepared and plans were made to remember several needy families.

Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted in serving by some of the guests.

The Fredericton Gyo Club held its regular weekly luncheon at the Goody Shop at 12.30 p.m. today. Regular routine business was attended to and preparations for the forthcoming Gyo New Year's ball were commenced.

PERSONAL

Mrs. A. K. Grimmer, of Temiskaming, Quebec, arrived on Saturday to spend Christmas here, the guest of her sister, Miss Helen Babbitt, 301 University Avenue.

Mrs. Edith Benner, of Saint John, is the guest of Mrs. Alfred Wallace. Mrs. Benner, who is the sister of C. W. Hall, will spend Christmas in the city. R. N. McCunn left for Saint John this morning on a business trip.

R. W. McLellan, barrister-at-law, will leave on Thursday for Montreal to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Edward Kenrick nee Miss Elizabeth McLellan, and son, R. Douglas McLellan.

Miss Beatrice McFarlane, teacher in the new Consolidated School at Minto, spent the week-end with her parents Dr. and Mrs. A. S. McFarlane, of this city. Miss McFarlane had as her guest, Miss Helen Lipsett of Centreville, who is also teaching at Minto.

WHEN HE WAS A BOY

What a big-hearted fellow old Santa Claus is. He must have been a newsboy.

Given Two Years In Dorchester

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tawa gave his name as Howard Johnson, of Edmonton.

At Onoway, Alberta, in 1931, the prisoner was sentenced to two months hard labor for theft; in 1932 he was arrested in Edmonton as Daniel Morrison and was sentenced to one year hard labor for housebreaking and six months for theft, the sentences to run concurrently; in December, 1932, he was released on a ticket of leave, the sentence due to expire February 13, 1933.

This year at Hull, Que., he was sentenced to a fine of \$5.70 and costs, or eight days in jail for vagrancy.

The prisoner would not talk this morning when the Magistrate asked him to give his right name. Police inquiries at Sydney, C.B., revealed that the police of that city did not know of anyone of the name of Daniel McCormick, the name that the prisoner gave here.

This is the second case in a few weeks that the local police have clinched by means of the fingerprint system, and they deserve great credit for their alertness.

WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE

Woodman, spare that tree!
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.
'Twas my forefather's hand
That placed it near his cot;
There, woodman, let it stand,
Thy axe shall harm it not.

That old familiar tree,
Whose glory and renown
Are spread o'er land and sea—
And wouldst thou hew it down?
Woodman, forbear thy stroke!
Cut not its earth-bound ties;
Oh, spare that aged oak
Now towering to the skies!

When but an idle boy,
I sought its grateful shade;
In all their gushing joy
Here, too, my sisters played.
My mother kissed me here;
My father pressed my hand—
Forgive this foolish tear,
But let that old oak stand.

My heart-strings round thee cling,
Close as thy bark, old friend!
Here shall the wold-bird sing,
And still thy branches bend.
Old tree! the storm still brave!
And, woodman, leave the spot;
While I've a hand to save,
Thy axe shall harm it not.

CONTEST EXTENDED

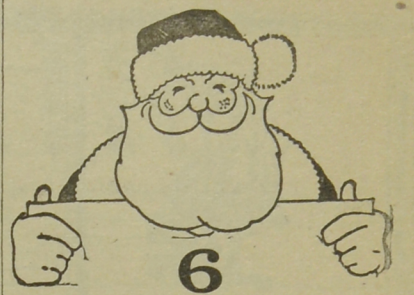
At the request of a number of our subscription solicitors and heartily agreed to by the others we have extended the period for trying for the New Years Silver Service to January 15th. A number of the ladies who are taking part in the contest feel that the Christmas Season cuts in on both their canvassing and their cash collections. They have requested The Daily Mail to make the extension of the time. This paper is pleased to do so with the understanding that January 15 will be absolutely the last day of the contest. The Stainless walnut cabinet containing thirty-two pieces of Rogers 1847 Silver Sylvia design will be given away on January 15. The cash commissions paid to those who send in subscriptions are very liberal. Call up Phone 67, The Daily Mail for other particulars.

TEAMS CROSSING

The recent cold weather has frozen the river ice to the thickness necessary for the safe passage of teams and soon the regular winter roads will be marked out on the ice.

If you dine at home on Christmas Day, a good place to buy your turkey is at W. C. Lee, York Street Market or Harold Yerxa's.

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MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

GOVERNMENT WILL REGULATE TRADE IN NEAR FUTURE

Bennett Pledges More Regulations and State Will Take a Bigger Hand in Business Affairs.

TORONTO, Dec. 17—Canadian industry and finance Saturday had it on the word of no less, an authority than Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, that more and more Government regulations of business could be expected in future.

"That is not a prophecy but a promise," Mr. Bennett asserted Friday evening before a gathering of more than 1,000 members of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada.

Stray phrases indicative of the imminence of a Federal general election recurred during his address. It had been a long time since he had gone on the road, he said with a smile, but he would be going soon.

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