A GLANCE AT THE LOCAL NEWS OF FREDERICTON 27 YEARS AGO

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A New Book

Dr. James Hannay's new book dealing with the political careers of Sir Leonard Tilley and Hon. Lemual Allan Wilmot has been issued by Morang and Company of Toronto. It is a volume of 30 pages, neatly bound and printed and it is needless to say the writer does ample justice to his important subject.

Green Old Age

Judge Steadman is today receiving hearty congratulations on having attained his 89th birthday. (Judge Steadman was a native of Westmorland County and was postmaster general of New Brunswick before Confederation. For many years prior to his death he was Judge of the County Court for this district.

The Boom Bill

It is understood that an agreement has been reached in respect to the Fredericton Boom Company's bill on all matters except the section having to do with shore rentals. It is likely that the Committee will be called upon to deal with this section.

Free Wharfage

Dr. L. A. Currey will apply to the city council at the next regular meeting for free wharfage for the steamer Hampstead which plays between this city and Gagetown. Dr. Currey claims that his company paid $100 in wharfage fees last season.

Consular Agency

W. T. Whitehead, M.P.P. is interesting himself in the effort to keep the United States consular agency in this city open and has induced his old friend Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont, ex-secretary of War to bring his influence to bear on the Washington authorities. An order to close the agency was received on March 31st, but Mr. Whitehead has been notified by Senator Proctor that the matter will be kept in abeyance until April 10th to enable a Fredericton delegation to be heard at Washington.

Imported Donkeys

John Hatt of Marysville imported two standard bred registered donkeys from Montreal a few days ago and has disposed of one of the animals to John W. Fairley of this city.

Real Estate Sale

The Frank Smith property at the corner of Waterloo and Shore Streets was sold at public auction at noon today. Ald. Stockford conducted the sale and the property was bid in by A. C. Fenety acting for clients for the sum of $4,400.

The Assessment Bill

J. H. Barry, K.C., counsel for real estate owners of the city was heard on the assessment Bill by the Municipalities committee of the legislature today. He took issue with the statement of J. Howe Dickson that the Fredericton Income Tax was a relic of barbarism and that no such system prevailed elsewhere in the world. He went on to say that the present law was framed by Judge Gregory when Mayor of Fredericton in 1874 and was prepared with the object of meeting special conditions in this city. He said if the law was not enforced to the satisfaction of fixed income men it was no fault of the law. He argued that if the plan proposed by the fixed income men were adopted it would bring about a condition of chaos. He contended that real estate was taxed over and over again while income was only taxed once and that was the year in which it was earned. He protested strongly against the adoption of a level system of taxation as he considered it unsuitable for a city this size.

The Sewerage Bill

The Fredericton Sewerage Bill was discussed in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Premier Pugsley, J. D. Hazen, W. T. Whitehead, Hon. Mr. Hill, Parker Glazier, J. F. Tweedale, B. Frank Smith, and Robert Maxwell. Premier Pugsley suggested a compromise and said that in lieu of exemption of government property from taxation the Province might be willing to make a contribution of $2,000 or $3,000 a year towards the cost of septic tanks. Mr. Whitehead said he wanted it understood that the people of Fredericton had rights as well as those of the county of Sunbury and while unwilling to accept any compromise he would allow the committee to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Home from Europe

Rev. Rather Ryan of St. Mary's who with his mother Mrs. M. A. Ryan have been visiting in the old country for the past five months arrived in Saint this morning by the steamer Lake Manitoba and will be home on this evenings train. A reception will be tendered Rev. Father Ryan by the congregation of St. Anthony's church this evening.

Civic Assessment

The city council met in committee last evening and ordered the assessment for the ensuing year. The amount was fixed at $68,700, which is an increase of $3,800 over last year. The increase is made up by the amount that will have to be paid on water and sewerage debentures. (Much water has flowed down the Saint John River since then and the city assessment has had a four fold increase).

Old Resident Gone

Bernard Crossin, an old resident of this city who has for many years made his home in the upper flat of the Carten building in Queen Street died on Thursday from paralysis. He was a native of Ireland and was about 94 years old. At one time he carried on a shoe making business but of late years has lived in retirement.

A New President

Senator Thompson, who has been managing director of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for many years, was yesterday elected president in succession to Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P., deceased. Alfred Seeley was appointed secretary-treasurer in room of W. E. Smith, resigned.

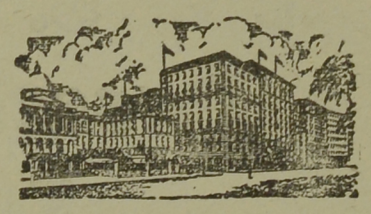
Trap Shooting

The Pot Cover Gun Club had their annual trap shooting contest yesterday morning. There were quite a number of competitors, zpt the pidgeons seemed to fly rather high and no phenomenal scores were made. R. T. Mack carried off the prize, a handsome silver cup.

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HIDING BEHIND A LADY NO PLACE FOR A GAGSTER

(New York Sun)

District Attorney Dodge said in a public address that if parents would stop their children playing "holdup" on the sidewalks, with toy pistols, there would be fewer criminals of fifteen and sixteen years of age.

"As a general rule," said the Man About Eighth Street, "the District Attorney's warning is probably right. But I say without fear of successful contradiction—" and here the Man About Eighth Street looked belligerently about him, "—— I say that it depends a good deal on the children, and some of the little rascals could play "holdup' or 'cops and robbers' on the street every day of their childhood and still grow up to be bishops. I'll tell you why I think that—

"The other day I was walking down Eighth street. Two lads of about six or seven, I should say, were playing 'holdup' or 'gangsters' or some such sporting game on the sidewalk. They both had toy pistols, too—just as Mr. Dodge said they shouldn't have.

"Well, now, they were having a fine wholesome time. There was a pile of boxes in front of a grocery and it appeared to be the standard practice of one lad to hide behind the boxes and pop out on the other with a loud 'Bang! You're dead! Hands up!'

"The ordinary sequence of events didn't worry them, you see—or maybe it's the usual practice nowadays to shoot first and then give orders. I don't know.

"Well, the incident that made me think there is some hope for the children, for all their ganster games, occurred just as I was passing. A woman was walking ahead of me, and as she approached the box the lad whose role it was to walk into ambush hid himself behind her fur coat and crept up on his compainon behind the foxes—jumped out from behind the coat and shot the 'gangster' dead before he could drag his gun, in fact.

"The dead gangster' was disgusted. 'Bobby,' I heard him say, 'If you play that way, I'm not going to play any more. That's no fair at all. Why, you can't hide behind a lady and shoot gangsters!' "

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