

RETAILERS MET AND ELECTED THEIR OFFICERS

HOWARD ROGERS AGAIN PRES. OF ASSOCIATION

Miss Alward, of St. John, Acting Provincial Sec., Read Paper—Permanent Collector Proposed.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton branch of the Retail Merchants' Association was held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms. The president, Mr. Howard Rogers was in the chair. In the absence of the secretary Mr. C. W. Hall, Mr. J. Walter McKay was elected acting secretary.

Officers Elected.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the following officers were elected for the year 1918:

President, Howard Rogers (re-elected).

1st vice president, R. G. Lee.

2nd vice president, C. H. Burtt.

Treasurer, Wm. R. Fraser.

Secretary, C. W. Hall.

Additional members of the executive: John T. Jennings, E. R. Blackmer, A. V. Rowan, C. B. Steele, F. B. Edgcombe.

Permanent Collector.

It was decided that the association would hold a Dollar Day in the near future. It was also suggested that a permanent collector be employed to collect all old debts for firms who are members of the association.

Paper Read.

The president then called on the acting provincial secretary, Miss Alward, who read a paper on "The Educational Value of The Retail Merchants' Association."

Several matters of importance in the interest of the merchants of Fredericton were discussed and acted upon.

A vote of thanks was rendered Miss Alward for her presence at the meeting, after which they meeting adjourned, all members leaving with the feeling that the 'Retail Merchants' Association can be made of great value to the merchants of Fredericton.

Identification Disc.

Norman Goodine of this city, has received from the War Office the identification disc which was worn by his brother, Private Neils Goodine, who lost his life while serving in France. Private Goodine was reported missing and afterward as dead.

Late William Guthrie.

The funeral of the late William Guthrie took place this afternoon from the home of his nephew Mr. William J. Guthrie, Oromocto. The service was conducted by Rev. James W. Howe and interment was made in the family burying ground, Oromocto.

Sheriff Foster in City.

Sheriff Albion Foster of Hartland, arrived here this morning, returning from St. John where he had gone in charge of a patient for the Provincial Hospital who went suddenly insane in the courtroom at Woodstock a short time ago.

Fredericton Curlers Lost.

The six rinks of Fredericton curlers which played the Thistles at St. John yesterday met with a severe defeat. The final score was 107 to 62. On the afternoon play the Thistles led 46 to 34 but in the evening increased their lead greatly. Today the Fredericton rinks are playing Carleton.

Should Not Miss Them.

There is an impression in some quarters about the city that the party who collects mail from the boxes about the city occasionally overlooks a box or two in the remote sections. Letters mailed in these boxes do not reach their destination as early as they should and a watch kept on them has tended to confirm suspicions that they are not always served. It is to be hoped that the collector will display a little more diligence in the future and remove any cause for complaint.

Big Houses for Benefit.

Crowded houses greeted the special bill at the Gaiety Theatre last night when the picture "Arms and the Girl" was shown and there were special numbers by local entertainers as a benefit for the Red Cross and Great War Veterans' Association. Solos were sung by Miss Eva Brewer, Mrs. E. G. Colby, Mrs. C. R. Mersereau and Sgt. Nolan. All the performers were heartily received and all responded to encores.

Late Lorne A. Ryan.

The body of the late Lorne A. Ryan arrived here last night and was taken to the home of the father of the deceased, Mr. Daniel Ryan, Forest Hill. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Canon Cowie conducting the service at the house. Interment was made at Forest Hill. The deceased is survived by six brothers, Fred of Sydney, Ernest of Fredericton, Jack, serving in the Halifax garrison, Harry and Lloyd of St. John, and Roy, at home; also three sisters, Mary, at home, Mrs. Harry Ray of Fredericton and Isa of Boston. The correct details of the death of the deceased as given by brother, Fred, who accompanied the body differ from those published yesterday. He was injured in one hip during a hockey match and an operation was necessary. During the operation hemorrhage set in, resulting in death. He was aged twenty-eight years. The accident occurred at North Sydney.

LEGISLATION FOR APPROACHING SESSION BEING CONSIDERED AT MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GOVT

Premier Foster Will Attend Conference of Provincial Premiers at Ottawa on February 15th—Date of Opening of Legislature will be Fixed at This Meeting—Delegations Being Heard—Fredericton City Delegations Before Government This Afternoon—Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting of the Provincial Government opened here last night, the majority of the members arriving in time to take part. The sitting continued until one o'clock this morning routine business occupying the attention of the executive. This morning the government sat again the hearing of delegations taking up most of the time. This afternoon the Board of Education will meet, following the sitting of the government.

Delegations Heard.

This morning Mr. Walter Jackson, secretary of the St. John River Log Driving Company, appeared before the government in connection with amendments to the legislation affecting the company, which are desired by the latter. This afternoon the government is hearing a delegation from Dalhousie composed of Mayor J. E. Stewart, Mr. Alex. J. LeBlanc and Mr. E. R. Richard. Approval of an agreement between the Town of Dalhousie and the Quebec Lumber Company relative to concessions given by the town for the establishment of a new industry, is asked. A delegation from the Fredericton City Council also is being heard in protest against the allotment given Fredericton in the Patriotic Fund assessment which is considered to be out of proportion. A joint delegation from the City Council of Fredericton, the Fredericton Board of Health and the York County Board of Health is being heard, the request being that the province assume payment of the expenses incurred during the recent smallpox scare.

Opening of Legislature.

The date of the opening of the legislature will be fixed at this session of the Provincial Government. Consideration of legislation which will be before the House of Assembly during the session will occupy much of the time of this government meeting. The legislation will be extensive.

Conference of Provincial Premiers.

The conference of Provincial Premiers will be held at Ottawa on the 15th inst. Premier Foster will attend and it is also probable that Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. W. F. Roberts will attend. The conference will have for its prime purpose the increasing of production in various lines and the conservation of all products.

Matter of Public Health.

In connection with the recommendations made by Mr. John Hall, a public

health expert from New Jersey who made a survey of New Brunswick last summer, Hon. W. F. Roberts stated today that an expert who will be in charge of a laboratory in St. John had been engaged and probably would be in the province within six weeks. The establishment of a Department of Public Health with a minister as the heads is expected ultimately to follow whatever steps are taken at the coming session of the legislature.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

Leaders of Student Movement will Attend—Addresses by Dr. Jessie Allyn and R. E. S. Taylor.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week, a missionary conference is to be held in Fredericton under the auspices of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations of the University and the Normal School. The leaders in town for this conference are Dr. Jessie Allyn of India and Mr. R. E. S. Taylor, who are this year visiting Canadian colleges in the interests of the Student Volunteer Movement, Miss Winnifred Thomas, Eastern Student Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., and Mr. E. H. Clarke, National Student Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Under the same auspices, similar conferences have been held this year in the University of Alberta, the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Manitoba, Toronto University, Queen's University, McGill University and Mt. Allison University. In every case they have enlisted the interest of the members of the faculty and of the whole student body.

The opening meeting of the conference will be held Friday evening at seven o'clock in the Brunswick Street Baptist church. Addresses will be given by Dr. Allyn and Mr. Taylor. While the faculty members and students of the University and the Normal School are especially invited to this meeting, any of the people of the city who care to come will be most welcome.

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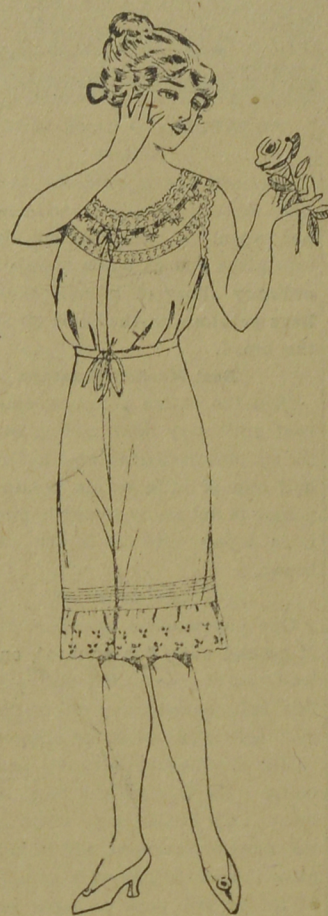
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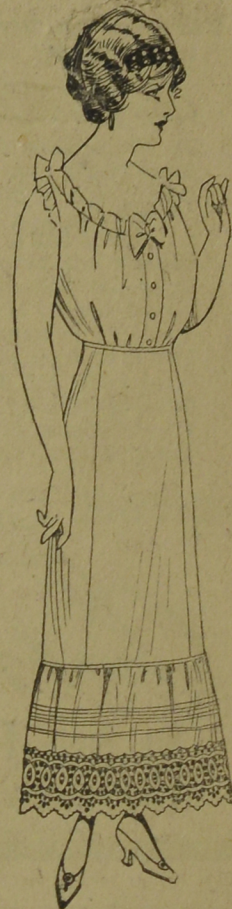
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