

ROBINS WINTER IN DEEP FORESTS OF MIRAMICHI

NOT UNUSUAL, SAYS HENRY BRAITHWAITE

He Saw Many of them, But Says They Do Not Betoken Early Spring—Game Mac Suffered.

Mr. Henry Braithwaite the veteran guide, who returned on Monday from the Miramichj woods, was rather astonished to learn that his prolonged absence had caused his friends some anxiety. He would have been home earlier, but could not overcome the difficulties of transportation. He had no difficulty in finding the men who had been sent out to search for him. Mr. Braithwaite says it has been a very cold, rough winter in the Miramichj woods and the game animals have been having a hard time. A number of beaver dams were broken by wind-falls, and he thinks that many of these animals must have perished. He was quite surprised to see a number of robins during his sojourn in the woods. Ordinarily this would be looked upon as a sign of an early spring, but Mr. Braithwaite says that it is not unusual for them to spend the winter in this country. They subsist on berries which grow on round wood and beech trees.

Ald. Wilkinson Ill.
Ald. T. S. Wilkinson is confined to his home by illness. He was unable to attend last night's meeting of the City Council.

Causing Anxiety.
Ex-Ald. Cornelius Kelly is still quite ill at his home on Charlotte street, and his condition is causing his friends some anxiety.

Can Solemnize Marriage.
Rev. Isaac Walker Williamson of St. John, has been registered under provincial statute to solemnize marriage.

Government Meeting.
The Provincial Government will hold a meeting in this city early next week when it is likely the date of the opening of the session of the Legislature will be fixed.

Pocologan Fishing Rights Sold.
Mr. E. Atherton Smith of St. John, today purchased the rod fishing rights on Crown Lands fronting on the Pocologan stream in Charlotte county. The price bid by Mr. Smith is \$160 per year. His lease will expire in 1922.

Sudden Death.
George Fisher, a well known resident of Prince William Station, died Monday at his home after an illness of but a few hours. He was aged sixty-seven years and was unmarried. The funeral took place this afternoon.

New Horse For Fire Dept.
The fire department has found that the horse on the hose sled is not suitable for the work and will purchase one heavier. Ald. Baxter at last night's City Council meeting urged that the horses on the ladder truck be replaced by a heavier team and suggested the city team.

Smallpox Bills.
The recent smallpox scare in this city caused an expenditure of \$1,920, of which \$201 was for the maintenance of the guests at the Waverly Hotel while quarantine was on the house. A delegation from the City Council will go before the Provincial Government for the purpose of urging that the amount be paid by the province as the disease did not originate in this city, came in from Burt's Corner.

For Future Action.
St. John Times, Tuesday: Alderman, R. W. McLellan of Fredericton, and J. S. Magee, city clerk of Moncton, are in the city to confer with J. King Kelley, K.C., St. John county secretary, regarding the hearing on telephone matters which has been in progress before the public utilities commission. These gentlemen have represented their respective municipalities at the hearings and the conference is to discuss their future course in the matter.

Late Abner W. Mersereau.
Abner W. Mersereau of Hoyt Station, died on Monday at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a well known farmer. He is survived by one son, Ellis, at Hoyt, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Hoyt, of St. John. Mr. Mersereau also leaves four brothers—Leonard and Samuel of Fredericton Junction, Herrington of Hoyt, and Orol of Central Blissville; and one sister Mrs. Webb of Hoyt. The funeral took place this afternoon from his late home.

Died Tuesday Afternoon.
Mrs. Rachel Paynter, wife of A. Harry Paynter, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 154 Saunders street in this city at the age of fifty-two years. She is survived by her husband, four sons and five daughters. The sons are Arthur, with the 9th Siege Battery at St. John, Rockland of Portland, Me., Hayward with the Canadian Signallers in England and Earl at home. The daughters are Mary J., Esther, Rachel, Ethel and Erma at home. One brother, Mr. Robert Montteta of Cardigan, also survives. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon, leaving the house at 2.30. The service will be conducted by Rev. Canon Cowie and interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

WATER METERS MAY BE MADE COMPULSORY

WASTE OF WATER IS NOW ENORMOUS

One Million Gallons per Day Pumped During the Cold Weather—Waste Must be Stopped.

The extremely cold weather of the present winter has brought in most emphatic manner to the attention of the Water Committee of the City Council the necessity for economy in water and for alteration in the regulations of the Water Department to bring about that economy. It is probable that a step will be taken to abolish the flat rate for water consumers and substitute meter charges for it. This is said to be the only means by which a check can be kept upon the quantity of water used in the city and upon the quantity wasted. St. John recently took steps to install meters in large numbers and the installation resulted in a marked economy.

Million Gallons Per Day.
According to the information secured by Ald. Burnett, chairman of the Water Committee, the city pumping station was forcing one million gallons of water per day into the mains on Sunday last and was pumping at an equal rate during a considerable period of the cold weather. That quantity of water is enormous for a city with the population of Fredericton and is direct proof that water consumers in all parts of the city are wasting water during extremely cold weather. The custom is for the householder or storekeeper who pays a flat rate for his water to let his faucets run continuously during the periods of low temperature to prevent freezing of the pipes. It is estimated that there are a thousand openings through which water was wasted with the result that the pumps had to handle twice the load they should have. Had a big fire occurred during the very cold weather the plant would have had to handle an additional load.

Will Save Half
It is estimated that the placing of meters on all services would result in the saving of one-half of the quantity now passing through the mains. This would mean a great saving in coal and cost of maintenance of the pumping station and in a short time would make the Water Department a large revenue producer. It is probable that the city will be compelled to take action of this kind in the near future.

One instance of the enormous waste of water which takes place unknown to the great majority of citizens occurred at the Provincials Normal School several years ago. The placing of a meter there showed that the province was paying for only a small fraction of the water which was going through the pipes on account of defects.

COMMITTEE ON CONCESSIONS FOR HARTT CO.

CITY COUNCIL FAVORS COMPANY'S PROJECT

Ald. Lemont, Ald. Burnett and Ald. Everett a Committee—Extension of Former Concessions.

Ald. Lemont, Ald. Burnett and Ald. Everett were appointed a special committee by the City Council last night to consider the matter of the request of the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company for concessions from the city for a new factory for the making of women's footwear which it is proposed to erect in Fredericton.

Terms Asked by Company.
The City Council at its special meeting last night had before it the communication of the company which was signed by the president, Mr. J. D. Palmer. This communication referred to the concessions granted to the original industry when it was founded in 1898, which were free water and sewerage and freedom from taxation for a term of twenty years and a loan of \$10,000 secured by a mortgage on the factory site and building. It was pointed out in the communication that the mortgage would become null and void on June 1st next under the terms of the agreement and also that the company in asking for new concessions wanted no loan or financial assistance. The concessions asked for in return for the location of a new factory in this city are the cancellation of the existing mortgage, free water for purposes of manufacture and fire protection, free sewerage and freedom from taxation for the existing factory, concessions to extend over a period of twenty years, also free water for the purpose of manufacture and fire protection, free sewerage and freedom from taxation for the proposed new factory for a period of twenty years. It also was asked that legislation which might be secured contain a section giving the City Council power to extend the time in which the concessions would hold good in the event of the condition of the money market preventing the company proceeding with the erection of the new building until some time after the end of the war. In return for the concessions asked the company agrees to begin the erection of the new factory within one year of the end of the war and to have the industry in operation within two years, the industry to be equal to that now conducted by the company.

Comment of Aldermen.
Ald. Lemont expressed the opinion that the concessions asked for by the company were most moderate. There was no doubt that the present industry was of great benefit to Fredericton.

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