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ST. JOHN'S OPPORTUNITY.

The blockade of traffic at St. John should be a cause for gratification rather than of alarm to the people of that city. St. John is a great seaport and it has been made so partly by its splendid harbor and wonderful natural advantages and partly by the go-ahead spirit and enterprise of its citizens in providing modern facilities. The present Lieutenant Governor, when a Minister of the Crown, had a vision of the great ocean traffic which would one day be directed to the port of St. John, and did what he could to prepare for it. New wharves, skyscraping elevators and other port facilities were provided, but the experience of the present winter has proved the equipment to be inadequate for the needs of the port. At one time last week there were a dozen or more large cargo carrying steamers lying at anchor in the harbor awaiting an opportunity to secure a berth.

It costs money to run these steamers, and the lack of port accommodation means that somebody will be mulcted for a good sized sum in demurrage charges.

It was the late lamented Governor Boyd who predicted that St. John, on account of its splendid harbor and superior geographical advantages, was one day destined to become the Liverpool of America. The late Governor was something of a humorist, but he was not joking when he made that statement. Sooner or later, perhaps sooner than later, his prediction is going to be fulfilled, although it may not have been taken very seriously at the time.

As long ago as 1836, another noted humorist, Mr. Justice Haliburton, who achieved immortal fame as the author of "Sam Slick," prophesied that St. John would one day be the largest city in America, next to New York.

Here are his words, and it might be well for those citizens of the winter port who have become alarmed over the blockade of port traffic, to keep them in mind:

"Well, t'other side on the Bay of Fundy is a superfine country: there ain't the beat of it to be found anywhere. Now wouldn't the folks living up the Bay be pretty fools to go to Halifax, when they can go to St. John with half the trouble? St. John is the natural capital of the Bay of Fundy. It will be the largest city in America next to New York. It has an immense back country as big as Great Britain, a first chop river, and amazing sharp folks—most as cute as the Yankees. It's a splendid location for business."

There isn't at this moment such a location hardly in America as St. John, for, besides all its other advantages it has this great one. Its only rival, Halifax, has got a dose of opium that will send it snoring out of the world like a feller who sleeps on the ice on a winter's night. It has been asleep so long I actually think it will never wake."

It is perhaps only fair to say that the immortal Sam was "rubbing it in" to a Halifax man when he made the above statement, but all the same there are many people in St. John who will agree with his pointed observations. St. John is certainly well located for business, and with the great development which is sure to take place in Canada in the next decade it is bound to play an important part in our foreign commerce. The arrival of cargo ships from all parts of the world should be warmly welcomed by the citizens and they should make haste to see to it that the harbor is placed in commission and the proper port facilities provided. As St. John goes ahead the rest of the province will go ahead with it.

A Sydney despatch reports that wild geese on their way north have made their appearance off the coast. They have arrived a month earlier than usual. It is now up to the man who predicted a mild winter to prophesy an early spring.

Somebody visited the home of Mrs. Frank Schauble Saturday night and carried off her crowbars.—Reading, Pa., Times.

MONTREAL FUR MARKET DISTURBS U. S.

Montreal, Jan. 24—There are signs that the large American fur interests are stirred by the prospect of a big fur market being established at Montreal. Fur exchanges at New York and St. Louis are already sending broadcast their announcements for coming sales, and the former is making claims that New York is the natural fur centre of the continent. It may be the centre for the consumer because of the great wealth of its citizens and its visitors, but Canada as the greatest fur-producing part of the continent is entitled to some of the benefits beyond the possession of the wilderness lands. Moreover, Canada has been exporting about \$10,000,000 a year in furs to the United States which might well be sold here and has been importing back several millions worth annually. There is something fitting in Montreal assuming a place in the fur world, because more than a century ago the city's first wealth was founded on the fur trade. It was from that point that the Hudson Bay and Northwest Companies sent their buyers by canoe flotillas far inland to trade with the Indians, and in return for small bits of merchandise received the raw skins from the Indians in great value. Many of the large fortunes of Montreal's early Scottish citizens received their beginning from this business and the present movement seems but justice and logic.

To Go to Supreme Court

In the William Webber matter at St. John in the police court, W. M. Ryan, counsel for the prosecution made application to the magistrate for an order to have the liquor destroyed. He said that under section 103 the magistrate had this power. E. S. Ritchie counsel for the defendant, said that although the magistrate had the power he would be destroying the civil rights of Mr. Webber who had the right to have the liquor in his house. The magistrate said there was a doubt whether the inspectors had a right to take the liquor from the defendant's residence as he had purchased the most of it in Montreal before the act went into force. In view of this he decided not to take any responsibility and would refer the matter to a judge of the supreme court to decide.

Leaves the Hospital

Ex-Coun. B. W. Akerley of Southampton who has been a patient at Victoria Public Hospital for some four weeks, left the hospital today and accompanied by his wife will return this evening to his home.

F. M. Belyea of Gagetown is a guest at the Queen Hotel.



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LOCAL NEWS

Government in Session

The provincial government was in executive session at St. John yesterday afternoon and last night. Another session was held this forenoon.

Valley Line Clear

The service on the Valley Railway which the last two or three days has been interrupted on account of storms and accidents has been restored. All the trains are reported running on time.

Many Applications

R. H. Simonds has received seventy applications for assistance from the fund for unemployed returned soldiers on account of total unemployment and twenty for partial employment. A considerable proportion in each class is refused, however.

Accepts Challenge

Dr. D. H. McAllister has accepted the challenge issued last week by W. McD. Campbell for a race between Matty March and Victoria, quarter-mile heats, best three out of five, for \$50 a side. Weather permitting the race will take place on the ice near the Roachville bridge, Sussex, on Wednesday afternoon, January 28. The first heat will be called at 2.30 o'clock.

N. B. Heroes Honored

The names of four New Brunswick boys who died on French battlefields appear on a tablet which was unveiled this week at the Agricultural College at Truro. The tablet contains the names of twenty-two young men who attended the college and who fell in action. The names of the New Brunswick boys are Leonard Bonnell, Sussex; F. M. Mackenzie, Nerepis; Ivey J. Scott, Little Shemogue and R. A. Colpitts, Pleasant Vale.

Fletcher-Weir

The residence of Dr. John Weir and Mrs. Weir, Doaktown was the scene of a pleasant event on the evening of Wednesday January 14, when their daughter, Nursing Sister Beatrice J. Weir and Lieut. William A. Fletcher C.E. of Barrie, Ont., were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. MacNeill, B. A., of St. Thomas Presbyterian church, in the presence of a large number of guests. After a bounteous repast the happy pair left by C. N. R. train for Montreal Toronto and other points in Ontario, amid showers of confetti and with the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

PERSONAL.

Moncton Transcript: Miss Marie Feecey, of Fredericton, N. B., is the guest of Mrs. E. F. McDade, 121 Lester Avenue.

Moncton Transcript: A. E. Killam, who has been confined to his home through illness for some weeks past is considerably improved, though not fully restored to his usual good health. J. D. Fugh of Burr's Corner is a guest at the Barker House.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION.

Notice is hereby given that a bill will be presented to the Legislative Assembly at the next session thereof to provide for the incorporation of the Professional Engineers of the Province of New Brunswick, and to establish the terms under which persons may be authorized to practice as professional engineers in this Province, and to regulate the conditions under which persons may be admitted as professional engineers.

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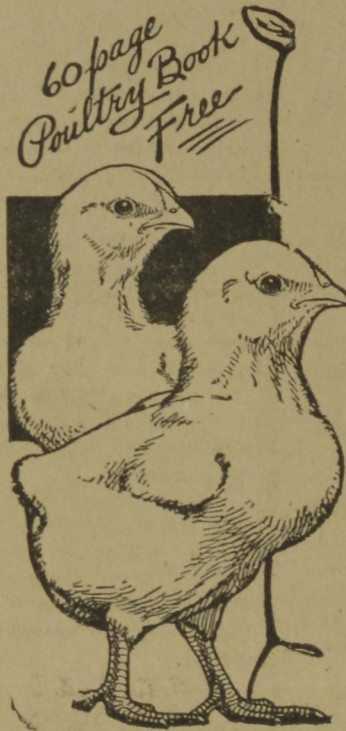
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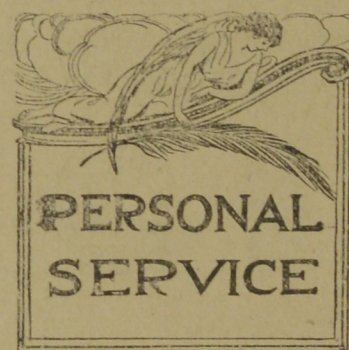
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