

## NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE LONG'S HOTEL

J. CLARK & SON, LIMITED,  
DESIRES TO PURCHASE

W. G. Clark Said This Morning  
Sale Not Made Yet—The  
Rumor re Gem  
Theatre.

Negotiations are now under way for the transfer of the Long's Hotel property to J. Clark & Son, Limited. Reports were current this morning that the transfer had been made but W. G. Clark president of the company and R. B. Hanson, K. C., his solicitor both stated shortly before noon that the sale had not been completed. It is possible that it will be finished this afternoon.

### For Use in Business.

It is understood that J. Clark & Son desires the property for use in connection with the large business which has expanded to all parts of the province. The head office of the company is located at the corner of King and York streets. It owns other properties eastward in King street beyond Long's Hotel which stands on another corner of York and King. Its purchase would give J. Clark & Son a compact property with a long frontage on both York and King streets and indications point to both streets becoming more important as business locations as time goes on.

Long's Hotel at present is the property of William F. Aiken who has

### Tenth Anniversary

Today is the tenth anniversary of the accession of King George V. to the British throne.

Conducted it for some time, Ernest Howes conducted it a few years ago. It is one of the oldest hotels in Fredericton.

### Building Rumor.

Rumor has it that the Gem Theatre at the corner of King and Carleton streets which was destroyed by fire in December last will be rebuilt by the owner Mrs. David Richards. The latter is out of the city at present. John C. Smith whose name has been mentioned as that of the probable contractor said that he was not in a position to say that the theatre would be rebuilt.

### Successful Sale

The Rummage Sale under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the George Street Baptist Church, was a decided success. They took in over one hundred dollars.

### The Housing Problem.

A number of families were not able to secure houses May 1st and the civic authorities are trying to place them in temporary quarters until other arrangements can be secured.

### Dedication at Fredericton

The dedication of the United Baptist Church at Fredericton will take place June 13th. Many outside speakers and singers will be present to take part. All houses in the vicinity will be open to all. A large attendance by motor is expected.

### Prominent Lumberman.

Charles Parker Baker who with the late A. FitzRandolph of Fredericton formed the well known lumbering firm of Randolph & Baker, died yesterday at Watertown, Mass., where he was visiting his niece, Mrs. L. K. Audé. The deceased was aged eighty-two years.

### Bout at Halifax Off

Billy Kramer, middleweight boxer, who was to have battled with Mike McTigue at Halifax on Thursday evening was seized with ptomaine poison on Saturday, rapidly grew worse and was sent to his home in Milwaukee. Thus the bout which bid to be the best ever pulled off at Halifax has been thrown into the discard.

### Burglars Abroad

A citizen who recently made an importation of wet goods from Montreal had callers in his cellar a few nights ago. The housemaid heard a noise and on investigating discovered two strange men prowling about in the cellar. She called out to them and they beat a hasty retreat leaving the demijohn untapped. So far as known the strangers did not make a return visit and it was just as well for them that they did not.

### Made in Fredericton

The City of Fredericton is playing a rather important part in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Hudson Bay Company, which is now going on in Western Canada. It is not directly represented, but hundreds of high-class canoes, manufactured by the Chestnut Canoe Company of this city, are being used in the great pageants in the Red River and other streams. The Hudson Bay Company has long been one of the chief customers of the Chestnut Canoe Company.

### Takes Pastorate at Cody's

Maritime Baptist: Rev. W. H. Jenkins has accepted the pastorate of the churches on the Cody's field, and will soon be happily settled there. This field has been without a pastor since Rev. W. U. Hatfield removed to Havelock. We are very glad that it is now to enjoy the ministry of such a good man as Brother Jenkins. He is not a stranger to the field or the people, as his boyhood home was near Cody's, and from that neighborhood also he secured his wife. Indeed, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will find themselves surrounded by their own relatives, and we trust that a long and happy ministry may be enjoyed. (Rev. Mr. Jenkins was stationed at Gibson some years ago.)

## PROHIBITION CASE OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TODAY

LIVERY STABLE MAN  
DEFENDING A CHARGE

R. B. Hanson, K. C., for Defence, Asked Pointed Questions of Sub-Inspector F. Saunders.

In the Police Court this morning a prohibition case involving a local livery stable man and several colored residents of Devon was heard. It seems that the Fredericton man ordered some booze using the name of a man in Devon. The shipment, consisting of two cases, came to Devon and was taken by the consignee to his home, where it was later called for. Sub-Inspector Fraser Saunders got wind of it and it was on his information that the charge was laid. P. J. Hughes appeared for the Crown and R. B. Hanson, K. C., for the defence. The defendant pleaded not guilty through counsel and did not appear in person.

Four witnesses were examined for the prosecution and the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

### Pointed Questions.

During the case in the cross-examination of Sub-Inspector Fraser Saunders, Mr. Hanson took the opportunity of putting some very pointed questions to the witness. He asked witness first whether he was a drinking man and inquired particularly regarding two specific occasions, when witness was alleged to have been under the influence of liquor. Though Mr. Hughes objected to the questions, the witness was quite willing to reply to anything that might be asked. Regarding the question of drunkenness he said that though he had at one time been a drinking man he had not taken a drink of liquor since taking over his present duties. Mr. Hanson also asked numerous questions regarding the career of the witness as Town Marshall and tax-collector in Marysville. Mr. Saunders denied that he had ever taken money or retained money collected as taxes. His accuser cited a particular instance of this kind and the witness denied this charge as well. When asked whether he knew that such reports were in circulation Mr. Saunders said that he did but that he did not worry himself over such yarns.

### Liquor Returned.

In the case of a local Jew whose liquor was ordered returned some days ago by Police Magistrate Limerick, it was said that the oral order given had not been carried out. The Magistrate therefore ordered that the barrel be returned to the court and he would make out a written order for the return. Since then the liquor has been returned.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Ganong of St. John are registered at the Queen.

## AUSTRALIAN TRADE EXPERT IN THE CITY

MAJOR NORTON, D. S. O.,  
HERE WITH HIS FAMILY

Served in War With His Three Sons—Was Formerly Trade Commissioner at London.

Fredericton is indeed honored by the presence in the city of a distinguished family in the persons of Major A. E. M. Norton, D.S.O., F.R.G.S., with his wife and five children of Melbourne, Australia. It is seldom that people from that far distant Commonwealth land in little old Fredericton and more seldom still that so prominent a man as Major Norton is one of them.

This family consisting of three grown sons and two children arrived at the Queen Hotel Tuesday evening and are spending a few days in the Celestial City before sailing from St. John for Australia via the Panama Canal. They are on their way home from England, where they have been since the close of the recent war and are taking advantage of the delay necessary at St. John to look over a part of the interior of the Province.

### Served in War

The four men of the family served through the great war with distinguished records, and Major Norton is a veteran of the South African War, being O. C. of the "Australian Bushmen" at that time. For eight years he was Trade Commissioner in London for the Australian Government and during and since that time he has been engaged in the Civil Service. He has spent many years organizing and promoting a scheme whereby produce of all kinds from Australia and New Zealand farms and factories may be carried direct to the retail merchants in England, thus doing away with numerous middlemen and commission merchants' profits. Up to the time of the declaration of war the plan was meeting with great favor and Major Norton is confident of the ultimate success of the undertaking. It is his intention to again visit Canada within the next eight or ten months, landing at Vancouver and making his way across the continent to the east, during which tour he will endeavor to introduce the plan to the Canadian farmer.

### Widely Travelled

Major Norton has travelled all over the globe in the interests of the associated producers of his native country. At one time he was sent 800 miles into the interior of China to investigate the egg and pork industry. At the close of the Balkan War he journeyed into the heart of Serbia to look into conditions surrounding a proposed scheme for the freezing of beef exportation to English markets of beef.

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