

FUTURE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE TO BE DISCUSSED

Special Meeting Wednesday Night — Reduction in City Grant Brings Its Affairs to Crisis.

A special meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade has been called for Wednesday night the object being the consideration of the future of the Board as the result of the reduction of the civic grant from \$1,500 to \$750. The cut in the grant greatly reduces the financial resources of the Board and unless the difference is replaced from some source the operations of the Board must be seriously curtailed.

It is understood that there is a difference of opinion among the members of the Board as to the policy which should be pursued but that whatever the majority may decide will be accepted by the Board as a whole.

His Worship Mayor Clark, himself a member of the Board for some years, has expressed the view that the Board of Trade should not be dependent upon a civic grant but should finance itself from other sources. Other members of the Board took the ground that the activities of the Board of Trade were of sufficient importance to be aided by a civic grant.

The grant which has been voted by the City Council is sufficient to pay the rent of the office which the Board occupies but not sufficient to pay a salary to a secretary in addition. In the event of either office of secretary or both being done away with the centre for distribution of tourist information or literature will have to be at some other place in the city.

Junior Board Suggested.

One suggestion which has been made is that a Junior Board of Trade be organized which would consist exclusively of the younger business men of the city. Such a body would serve to introduce the young men to Board of Trade work at an early age and eventually to provide new personnel for the Board. The system is in use elsewhere, and works out satisfactorily.

There also is a possibility that a general campaign for membership will be undertaken in an effort to see if the commercial community will take sufficient interest to support the body.

City Affairs

Returned Home.

Mrs. James M. Scott, who has been in New York for some weeks undergoing treatment for eye trouble, returned home at noon today. Her many friends will be glad to learn that her condition is considerably improved.

Passed Comfortable Night.

The Victoria Hospital reports that Chief Jones, of the local police, passed a comfortable night and today is in unchanged condition. Chief Jones was operated upon early Saturday morning.

Returns Home.

Rev. G. B. McLeod of Toronto who has been supplying to St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation for the last two months returns to Toronto this evening. Rev. F. C. Harper of Preston, Ont., will supply for St. Andrew's congregation next Sunday.

Several Still Alarms.

The firemen Sunday morning were called by a still alarm to the home of Ernest Beatty, Saunders street. They also were called to the home of Charles Camp, King Street, and to the home of Mrs. A. W. MacRae, Saint John street. Burning chimneys were the causes in each case.

Pythians Heard Sermon

The members of Fredericton Lodge No. 6, observed the sixty-second anniversary of the founding of the order by attending service last evening in the Brunswick street United Baptist Church where the pastor, Rev. G. C. Warren, preached upon the Pythian order and its principles.

Spurious Quarter-Dollar

There are rumors of the circulation of spurious 25-cent pieces in several parts of the province, reports reaching here that they have been passed in Moncton and other parts. The 25-cent pieces are said to be anything "but silver." The King's head has been etched, apparently with acid, and in some way is given a milled edge. The coin is quite crude and could not be very well passed unless with other change and hastily.

COMMISSION IN M'INTOSH CASE NOT ARRIVED

Divorce Court is to Sit Tuesday — Judgment in Several Cases is to be Delivered.

The New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes will sit Tuesday morning in adjourned session. The adjourned case of McIntosh vs McIntosh is set for hearing. The adjournment was for the purpose of permitting a commission to be returned from England where the plaintiff wife resides, it having been found necessary to clear up the question of alimony being desired or not a contradiction existing in the evidence. The commission has not yet been returned. What the action in the matter will be is not known but it is possible that there will be further adjournment. This case has been twice adjourned since trial on account of the commission. The defendant is Dr. Lorne deC. McIntosh of Hartland, well known as a physician and also through his connection with harness-racing in this Province.

Judgment Expected.

Mr. Justice Crockett also has judgments ready in a number of cases from various parts of the Province which have been under consideration. Some are from July term and some from November term as well as from the recent January term. These judgments will be delivered Tuesday morning.

Again on Duty.

George S. Armstrong local manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph and Dominion Express Companies, was at work today at his office for the first time in some days. He has been confined to his home by a severe cold with complications.

Is Now Recovering.

Patrolman William Simcock of the Fredericton police, who has had a severe attack of pneumonia, being off duty for about a fortnight, is now reported to be recovering.

F. G. MacKay of Montreal is in the city.

Ernest C. Digby of Montreal is a guest at the Queen.

LORD ALLENBY GUEST OF LADY ASHBURNHAM

Will Conclude His Tour of Canada at Fredericton—Here April 1—Sails Next Day.

Fredericton is to be last place at which Lord Allenby, the "Deliverer of Jerusalem" will be heard on his lecture tour of Canada under the auspices of the National Council of Education. Lord Allenby accompanied by Lady Allenby will be in Saint John March 31st. They will come to Fredericton the next day staying here until April 2nd when they will return to Saint John sailing from that port for England the same day.

Guests of Lady Ashburnham.

While in Fredericton Lord and Lady Allenby will be guests of Lady Ashburnham at her home in Brunswick street. It is not known yet what steps will be taken toward entertaining Lord and Lady Allenby while they are in the city but it is possible that a reception will be given. The Fredericton Branch of the G. W. V. A. also may take steps to mark the occasion.

Lord Allenby will take as the subject of the lecture which he will deliver in the Opera House on the night of April 1st, "The benefit to the Empire of the Campaigns in Egypt and Palestine".

Viscount Allenby is commander of the British forces in Egypt and Palestine, is in position to give valuable information upon those particular features of the Great War.

Death at Oromocto.

Ammon S. Hubble of Oromocto died Sunday at the home of Mrs. Earle Cogswell, his daughter, with whom he made his home. The deceased had been ill for some time. He was in his sixty-fourth year. Surviving are his widow, three sons and two daughters. The sons are Chesley of Hoquiam, Wash., John of Oromocto and Percy at home. The daughters are Mrs. Perley Nason of Rustagornish and Mrs. Earle Cogswell of Oromocto. Other surviving relatives are three brothers Geo. of Montesano, Herman in California and Fred of Hoquiam, Wash. The funeral will take place at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon with services at the Baptist Church, Oromocto, by Rev. Mr. Currie. Interment will be made at Burton Cemetery.

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