

# BOARD OF TRADE WOULD HAVE QUEEN STREET WIDENED FOR BETTER TRAFFIC FACILITIES

Mayor Clark Explains That the Idea of Having Queen Street Widened Abandoned Because of Difficulties—A. A. Shute Favors Wider Queen Street—New Truck Parking Law Unpopular—Postal Service Discussed at Length—Tourist Bureau Committee Reports.

Stimulated by reported complaints from truck drivers regarding the new parking law for trucks in this city, a suggestion by A. A. Shute that Queen street be widened, brought forth considerable discussion at a meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade in the City Hall last night. Major F. H. Rowe acted as secretary temporarily.

Mr. Shute told the meeting that he was of the opinion that Queen street could be widened on the river side to such an extent as to allow better traffic conditions. He pointed out that the suggestion was not a new one and that it had been before the City Council before. He thought that parking space could be extended on that side to the concrete sidewalk thus extending the present reservations by four feet or more. The pedestrian traffic on that side is not great enough to cause any trouble, he thought.

C. H. Burt reported that several farmers had complained of the new parking rule which does not allow trucks to park on the river side of Queen street at all and only on the other side long enough to unload and take on freight. He stated that they had threatened to do their business at stores on the back streets if they continued to be molested by the city police.

Mayor W. G. Clark explained that the new law allowed trucks to park long enough to unload and take on freight, and it was deluded that either the truck owners or the policemen did not have a full knowledge of the new law or both.

## Widening Street

Mayor Clark explained to the Board that the matter of widening Queen street had been before the city council for some years, but unsurmountable difficulty had prevented the city from taking any action in the matter.

He further stated that Queen street was not a "through street" and that cars were not to move rapidly, and with caution they could get by without any difficulty. The task of widening the street was too difficult a task for the city to undertake, he thought.

## Committee Report

The committee to look after the organizing of a tourist bureau submitted its report. Chairman S. S. Miller announced that the committee had named Alex. Murray to act as secretary of the bureau at a salary of \$20 per week. Several applications had also been received from stenographers and these would be considered at a future meeting. It was decided to leave it to the president, vice president and R. L. Phillips to arrange with the Chairman of the tourist bureau committee about the distribution of tourist literature. The question of rental from business houses displaying goods in the window of the Edgecombe building, which is to be the Tourist Office, was brought up.

## Cost of Office

Chairman Miller estimated that overhead for the office would amount to \$42 per week with rent at \$12, secretary's salary \$20, and stenographer's salary \$10. This he estimated, would make a total cost of \$62 for four months. The office will be opened June 15.

## Window Rental

Some discussion arose concerning the rate that should be charged for rental of the windows and showcases of the office. K. H. Staples moved that the rate be fixed at \$10 a week for members of the Board and \$15 for others for the large windows, and that the small window cost \$10 per month. The motion was carried, but it was decided to leave it with the committee to decide whether or not the rent should be more or less.

## Summer Meet

A motion by R. P. Allen to have the Board meet at President Hubbard's

apple farm in Burton in June when the apple blossoms are in bloom, was carried. The meeting will take place the first week in June and will be in the form of a combined picnic and business meeting.

S. S. Miller moved that the Tourist committee request the city council to route traffic down Brunswick street to Queen via Westmorland.

## Postal Service

G. W. Hodge suggested that something be done about trying to get better postal service in the city. He explained that when a holiday fell on Monday and a letter was mailed after six p. m. on Saturday, that it did not leave the city until Tuesday afternoon. He pointed out that Saint John and Moncton had a better service in this respect and did not see why Fredericton should not have it too.

Mayor Clark saw no reason why the postal employees should not have a holiday as well as the rest of us.

C. H. Burt thought that a better service could be arranged and pointed out that there were always employees who were anxious to work on holidays to make some extra money.

W. J. West and W. Russell Evans were of the opinion that if a letter was really important it could be taken to the train by the one mailing it.

President Hubbard was of the opinion that the service could be improved and added that the service in vogue down river now was not as good as it was fifty years ago. He explained that it took four days for a letter to go from Burton to Kingsclear.

## Tart Titus

Tart Titus, proprietor of a Hot Dog stand at the Fredericton end of the highway bridge, explained that he would like to see something done about the matter of taxis parking in front of his place of business. He was promised the support of the board in putting his complaint before the city council.

## Holiday Excursions

S. S. Miller explained to the Board that in reply to enquiries about passengers coming to Fredericton on the recent excursions he had been assured that many had taken advantage of them.

Mayor Clark told the members of receiving a letter of thanks from His Honor Dr. Murray MacLaren, Lieutenant Governor. The letter also commended the people of Fredericton on the great work they had done in making the King's Jubilee Celebration a success.

## OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY

Dr. Louis Marlowe, economist, said at a dinner in San Francisco:

"The Government is spending billions with unexampled generosity. The Government is like the young woman in the mink coat. This young woman called at her husband's office to go out to lunch with him, and he said as he got his hat and gloves:

"Golly, you look nice in that mink coat. It cost me a barrel of money, though." She gave him a hug and a kiss.

"You old dear," she said, "what do I care for money, when it's a question of pleasing you?"

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# KIUKIANG, ONCE RED CENTRE, IS NOW A BUSTLING PORT

(By Frank Smothers)

SHANGHAI, China, May 10—Kiukiang, bustling port of the broad Yangtze, was a crowded experience for the "International press party in Kiangs".

We arrived there — our first stop in the province — on a snug Chinese-owned steamer, the S. S. Kiang Shun, commanded by a grand old English skipper of gaunt frame, with huge mustaches and laughing blue eyes.

The boat had a pleasant saloon and dining room combined, with a little piano at which a genial elderly German in our party, a monole at his eye, lovingly assassinated the music of Teutonic masters. Our group had the top deck to itself, with comfortable cabins and curtained beds, but below decks some 2,000 poor people going up-river were arranged not greatly unlike sardines.

This boat had carried us from the nation's capital past the hills of southern Anhwei and northern Kiangsi; past junks and sampans and foreign and Chinese gunboats lying in the sunlight and muddy water. Here and there we halted at a big port, where crowds in heavily padded cotton (for the weather was cold) stood at the water front.

## Ashore At Wuhu

Wuhu, in Anhwei, where the baby daughter of the murdered missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. John Stam, was brought after her rescue, gave opportunity for a short walk ashore, along a cobblestone bund whose occidental buildings of red and gray brick hid the Chinese city behind. The coming of the boat to port always attracted a number of poor folk who sought alms from the more unfortunate aboard. At Wuhu two big tubs, quite round, weatherbeaten, one of them propelled by an old woman and a small girl, the other by a younger mother and two children, came alongside so that coppers could be dropped into their queer craft. A 20-cent piece from our deck brought smiles and thanks for many minutes.

And then we came to Kiukiang. Neat Chinese and foreign-style structures formed the waterfront skyline with twin gray towers of a big Catholic church visible from a long distance.

## Miss Margaret Laura Peters' Large Funeral

GAGETOWN, May 8—Many friends gathered at St. John's church here on Saturday afternoon for the funeral of Miss Margaret Laura Peters, 80, last surviving member of the family of the late Honourable James Horsfield Peters, justice of the Prince Edward Island supreme court, and granddaughter of Sir Samuel Cunard, founder of the historic Cunard line of steamers. Miss Peters passed away on Thursday night at the deanery, Fredericton, where she had resided during the last three years with Very Rev. Dean J. H. A. Holmes, of Christchurch Cathedral. The coffin, covered with a purple pall and a wreath of beautiful flowers, rested in St. John's Church after the arrival of the morning train from Fredericton until 3 p. m., when service was held by the rector, Rev. Herbert J. Hoyt, assisted by Dean Holmes. Favorite hymns, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" "On the Resurrection Morning" and "Peace, Perfect Peace," were rendered by the choir, followed by the Nunc Dimittis. The pallbearers were Frederick L. Brooks, Harry Brooks, F. H. Du Vernet and J. Francis Weston. Interment was made in the Peters family lot in St. John's churchyard.

Among relatives attending were Dr. O. R. Peters, Rothesay; Mrs. E. A. Du Vernet, Digby, N. S., Miss L. M. Peters and Miss M. G. Peters, Fredericton. Other nieces are Miss Mary G. Peters, St. Paul's Hospital, Honan, China; Mrs. Percy H. Barnett, Vancouver, and Miss Katherine Peters, Charlottetown, who visited her aunt in Fredericton before sailing recently for England to attend the King's jubilee observance. Miss Peters, who was held in affectionate regard by all the members of the family, numbered nieces and nephews to the fourth generation.

As we walked over the gangplank the bund was lined for two blocks with Kiukiang citizens, most of them in blue or black cotton, standing in some places two or three deep.

## See "Foreign Devils"

"Probably they are here to see the foreign devils", laughed Col. J. L. Huang, known throughout much of China as the big and jovial secretary of the Officers' Moral Endeavor Association and a good friend of General Chiang Kai-shek. He was acting as our chief guide on the Kiangs journey.

As a matter of fact we were no great curiosity to the Kiukiang people, for the city has a considerable foreign community — missionaries and business families — and once had foreign concessions. Our first visit was to the Customs Club, organized by foreigners and occidentals both outside and in, with bookcases full of English volumes.

There we enjoyed plenty of good Chinese tea and cakes while the mayor of Kiukiang, round of face, deliberate, full of dignity and hospitality, wearing traditional Chinese skirt and jacket, welcomed us to the province. And then through an interpreter, the mayor informed us that he purposed to lead us to an institution "which has no counterpart in China or the world".

## Changed Rule Of Fighting

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Miss Peters was born in Charlottetown and was one of the few remaining links with pre-Confederation days. Her early associations gave her a wide knowledge of all that concerned "The Island" and she could relate a fund of incidents in its history. She attended school in France and during her early life traveled extensively. She was a charter member of the I. O. D. E. of Charlottetown and was a constant supporter of the W. A., with which many of her nieces and nephews are prominently identified, one being a missionary in China. Her acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, unobtrusively performed during her long life, were unnumbered.

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