

## FREDERICTON HAS NO COMMUNITY SPIRIT - CITIZENS ARE APATHETIC

Merchants and Others Will Have to Change Their Ways—Prices and Rents Will Have to Come Down If We Wish to Compete.

We are hearing a good deal just now about community spirit. Several projects are in the public eye, which, it is urged, would tend to benefit the community as a whole if they are carried out. The proposed airport is one, and embracing a somewhat wider scale is the idea of a national park. Hon. J. B. McNair, in his remarks before the Fredericton Board of Trade, stressed the need for a greater New Brunswick consciousness among the citizens of the province. Within the confines of our own community we hear complaints about citizens patronizing chain stores and buying out of town, or sending their business out of town. All in all there cannot be much doubt that we as a city are strikingly lacking in community spirit. And if we broaden this idea out we will find, I think, that the province of New Brunswick as a whole is just as lacking in what we may call a provincial community spirit.

Let us consider our own community first. Take the matter of the airport. This is a project that has been mooted for several years, without any progress being made. This matter is a splendid example of what a true community spirit might achieve. Its benefits could not perhaps be directly measured in dollars and cents, but it would serve to put our city on the map and that is what every true citizen should desire to see. But when the project is discussed in the City Council, all the Aldermen can say is, "Will there be any revenue from it?" That is not the right outlook, to put it mildly. It's all right to get revenue when we can, but is that the sole criterion by which the usefulness of a project should be judged? Indirectly, the establishment of an airport would bring revenue, at that. The attracting hither of a regular travel service is bound to have some pecuniary advantages.

Then there is the business of these chain stores. I have always wondered why, if these stores are such a dis-

advantage to the community, they are allowed to operate in the first place. The City Council can prevent them from coming into the place, can't they? Now, the great inducement to shopping at these places is, of course, the fact that they sell more cheaply than our local merchants. Yes, they do, and there's no getting away from the fact. It is silly to deny it. Many of our local merchants will tell you that the chain stores are not really selling an article cheaper than the merchant is. He will tell you that the article in question is just a cheaper article, cheaper, that is, than the local merchant has in stock. That is all blah. When you see an internationally known trade-mark on an article, that settles the question. Now then, if our local merchants want to get some of the business away from the chain stores let them come down in their own prices. I don't think community spirit should be carried to the point where you are expected to pay a local merchant a lot more for an article than you can buy it for in a chain store. Let the merchant reduce his price, and we will thus be contributing to build up this community spirit. The same argument applies to buying out of town. If people buy out of town they do it because they can buy to better advantage.

What other reason would they have for doing it? To this, someone will make the comeback that if one had the right community spirit, they would buy in town regardless. Not so. This is a perversion of the true idea. Our local merchants must co-operate by bringing their prices down to within a reasonable agreement with the chain stores. We all know that they can't bring them down quite as far owing to the mass production which enables the chain store to sell as cheaply as it does. But they can at least bring their prices down to agree with those of other home-owned businesses in other communities. People who move here from other communities in the province complain that general living expenses are higher here than they are elsewhere. Why should this be?

Now, I'm quite ready to admit that we have very little community spirit at the present time. In fact, I'll go farther than any statement I have heard or read on the matter. I WILL SAY THAT FREDERICTON HAS NO COMMUNITY SPIRIT AT ALL. As far as buying from home merchants is concerned, I have tried to point out what I think is the solution for that. In matter where the co-operation of the citizens is required to establish some industry here, or to get an airport, or anything of this nature, the psychology is different. Here it is a case of not being able to arouse sufficient interest. FREDERICTON IS NOT CONSCIOUS OF ITSELF AS A UNIT. Even the distinction of being the Capital does not seem to carry any particular weight. OUR CITIZENS ARE APATHETIC. Now, I hold that one remedy for this state of affairs is that we get together first and build up a little community spirit in the first category. Let our merchants co-operate a little more than they have on bringing down living expenses. Let house rents be reduced. Rents, by the way, were never reduced in the slightest all through the depression. Let those who have something to sell and those who want to buy get together on a better basis than before, and we could make our city a more self-conscious unit than it has ever been. Let us once achieve this goal, and we will find ourselves better able to co-operate in getting what we want for our community.

OBSERVER.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

The marriage of Miss Marjorie Cremin, daughter of Mrs. Charles Cremin and the late Mr. Cremin of this city, to Joseph Rosalie Pelletier of Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Que., has been arranged to take place on the fifth of September at St. Patrick's Church, Montreal.

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The marriage of Miss Kathleen (Kay) Shea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Shea of this city, to J. Lorne Howatt, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., has been arranged to take place on September 1st, in St. Dunstan's Church, Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. L. Carney will officiate.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jordan and son of Stanford, Conn., passed through the city yesterday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Jordan and their daughter Fanny Ann. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elgee. Mrs. Jordan is a sister of Mrs. Elgee, and this is her first visit to the Capital in twenty-two years. The party left this afternoon on their return home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Clarkson who have been staying with the former's parents at their home on University Avenue, after a delightful tour through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are leaving tomorrow for their home in Flint, Michigan, where Mr. Clarkson is employed in the office of General Motors.

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Miss Louise Sterling and her niece Miss Louise Whitney left yesterday on a trip to Halifax by automobile.

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Harry Johnston of Halifax, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Johnston, Nashwaak-sis, returned home today.

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Rev. J. W. Bartlett arrived home yesterday from New York, where he has been visiting his daughter Mrs. William Herdina and Mr. Herdina, who accompanied him to the city. Mr. Bartlett spent the first part of his vacation at Northfield, Mass., where he attended a Summer Session.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnston of Ottawa, and Dr. Goodwin of Pughwash, N. S., who have been recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Johnston, Nashwaak-sis, have returned to their respective homes. During their visit there was a very pleasant reunion of the family and friends and an enjoyable evening was spent at the Johnston home.

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Mrs. J. M. Carten was hostess last evening at a two-table Bridge in honor of her sister Mrs. W. H. Carroll of Halifax. The prize was won by Miss Margaret Lynch and a guest prize was presented to the guest of honor.

### MAY FLY TO SPAIN

(Special To The Daily Mail)

It is unofficially reported that former King Alfonso of Spain might possibly fly to Spain. A plane is said to be awaiting him at his present place of residence.

### Free Vaccination Clinic

In accordance with Regulation 192 of the Minister of Health, a clinic for the vaccination of children against Smallpox will be held at the FREDERICTON HIGH SCHOOL, Regent and George Streets, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th, at 2 p.m.

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### Charming Garden Party

Ashburnham Place was yesterday the scene of an enjoyable and successful Garden Party sponsored by the Ladies' Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A large number of guests representing from all denominations from the city and surroundings availed themselves of an opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat on the beautiful grounds. The guests were received by the hostess the Right Honorable the Countess of Ashburnham, and the President of the Guild Mrs. A. P. Crockett. The tea table was presided over for the first hour by Mrs. G. E. Ross and Mrs. James Pringle and for the second hour by Mrs. John S. Scott and Mrs. C. A. McVey. The contributions were taken by Mrs. W. D. MacKay. Replenishing were Mrs. A. L. Gerow and Miss Bertha Harvey. Others assisting included Miss Minnie Crockett, Miss Myra Crockett, Miss Helen Scott, Miss Mary McVey, Miss Lelia McVey, Mrs. Arthur Mc Limerick, Miss Martha Fleming, Miss Jean Adams, Mrs. William Macredie and Mrs. Geo. McKee. Mrs. J. B. Crockett and Mrs. W. M. Clark ushered. In charge of the flower booth were Mrs. J. B. McNair and Miss Susan Kelly. A rushing business was done by little Miss Nancy McNair and May McConaghy who sold nosegays. Quantities of fragrant summer flowers including gladii, asters, snapdragons, phlox and zinnia added much to the beauty of the function.

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Mrs. W. A. Carroll and son Ted of Halifax, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Carroll's mother, Mrs. J. F. Gallagher, Northumberland Street, returned to Halifax this morning.

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Miss Jane Cleighton is entertaining this afternoon at a bridal tea and shower in honor of Miss Marjorie Cremin, who is to be married soon. The tables are bright with flowers, the color scheme being pink. Mrs. Charles Cremin, mother of the bride elect, and Miss Rita Gerow are pouring.

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Mrs. Harding Kierstead with her daughter Miss Thelma Kierstead are leaving today on a motoring trip over the week-end to Belleisle, Kings County.

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Mrs. Victor Wilkins returned yesterday from Ripples, where she had been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Owens. She was accompanied home by her son Douglas who had been with his grandmother for a few days.

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Last evening Miss Phyllis Banks, R.N., was guest of honor at a variety shower given at the Nurses' Home, Victoria Public Hospital. Miss Banks is to be married shortly to G. O. Hildebrand.

### Man on the Street

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able to get up and sit down, and own a pair of shoes that don't squeak. A man who does not have his taxes paid may vote for a candidate for the House of Commons or for the Provincial Legislature. He cannot, however, vote for the candidate to the August Body. Another symptom of the mental disorder.

The Results

When the victim attends his first council meeting he is given a pencil but is not trusted with any paper. The pencil is like a swagger-stick to a soldier off duty—it gives him something to do with his hands. After watching the procedure for several meetings he gets up his courage and in a low voice says "Yea," when a question is being voted on.

After the first year of his tenure he becomes bold enough to second or oppose a motion. He is then a full-fledged councillor and his alderman takes a new lease of life. He goes about peering in all directions, looking for violations of City ordinances so he may make recommendations to the Council in the hope that he will be credited with a goal.

At the end of his term of office, if his alderman has not run its course he stands for re-election, in rare cases this disease develops into yet another stage which is manifested in greater, more relentless ambition. This stage is known to the medical profession as immortality.

### LAST HOLIDAY

Many took advantage of the fine weather to enjoy the last Thursday afternoon holiday. Generally the Thursday "shut downs" have been favored by good weather and many picnics and outings have taken place.

## PLAYGROUND DAY AT WILMOT PARK MONDAY, AUG. 31

Day Will Feature Costume Parade and Sports

A community play ground day to mark the closing of the play ground on Aug. 31st is being planned by the playground directors and a committee of older boys and girls under the direction of the Y.M.C.A. The programme will start in the afternoon and the children will demonstrate their work to their parents and friends. There will be an abundance of activity. Basket ball, soft ball, croquet, horse shoes, jumping, pole vaulting, boxing, volley ball and punch ball will all be played simultaneously at different parts of Wilmot Park. These games will be directed by Walter O'Donnell and the following committee: E. Tufts Marjorie Foster, Dallas Lasky, A. Morgan Marjorie Thompson, Betty Langille, and Marian Bird. Races and Novelty Relays will be directed by Francis Crockett and a committee comprised of John Hanson, Jean Coombes and Don Belmore. Molly Burt will have charge of special features such as folk dancing and drills. A committee on Parade and Publicity is being directed by Don MacKinnon. Their names are Morris Morgan, Louise Hanson, Lorna Ryan and Howard Lawrence. This committee plans a parade of children in costume and decorated bicycles on the morning of Playground Day. They are offering a prize for the best decorated bicycles in the parade and one for the best girl's costume and another for the best boy's costume.

Parents will take picnic suppers. In the early evening the children will act as hosts to the parents and will organize games of soft ball, volley ball, croquet, horse shoes, etc., for the parents. The programme will be under the general direction of Ralph Albrant Y.M.C.A. secretary.

A peanut carnival will be held tomorrow afternoon at Wilmot Park, when the final practice takes place for the playground day. Final choices for the various teams which will be used on Playground Day will be made at the peanut carnival and the distribution of peanuts will make a social occasion of it as well.

### MARYSVILLE

There is not much change in the condition of Miss Agnes Ramsey, who suffered a stroke several weeks ago. Her niece, Mrs. P. E. Kenney, of Buckingham, Que., who was called here on her account, has returned home, and expects to return again shortly.

Aaron Peterson has gone to South Devon after spending several weeks with relatives in this place. He will remain at the home of his son Herbert Peterson for a few days before returning to St. Stephen, where he now resides.

Friends of Mrs. Thos. MacDowell will regret to learn she is not enjoying her usual good health.

Friends of Mrs. A. D. MacPherson will regret to learn she has been confined to her home for the past two weeks with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Haword O'Donnell spent the week-end with relatives at Carroll's Crossing.

Mrs. Merritt Amos and Miss Mabel Amos were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pratt at Hartland.

Mrs. Louis Titus who has been a patient at Victoria Public Hospital, has now returned home.

Miss Letha Herbert is progressing favorably following an operation for appendicitis at Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton.

### MISS ROSE ANN FLOWERS DIES

The death occurred on Wednesday of Miss Rose Ann Flowers at the age of 65 years. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Flowers of Hartland, N.B. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. John Hughes, of Marysville, and Mrs. Charles McLaughlin of this city; one brother, George of Hartland. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon with service from the home of her sister, Mrs. John Hughes, Marysville, and Rev. W. Steadman Smith will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Baptist cemetery.

### LAST DAY TO PAY

Today is the last day that water consumers have of paying the water rates that are in arrears. Non-payment of these arrears will result in a discontinuance of the water supply. Payments should be made to the City Treasurer.

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Leaves Fredericton, starting SATURDAY, 4 p.m. via Mouth Kewick, Southampton and Grafton.

Returning leaves Hartland starting WEDNESDAY at 7 a.m. Meantime the bus leaves Fredericton at 4.30 p.m.

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### New Yorker

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ing and hunting trip. I have pretty well covered the province on my present trip and certainly enjoyed every minute of my stay. I caught my only salmon at the Hart's Island pool, with Alex Price handling the canoe for me and you can bet Alex made a good job of landing the fish. I hooked another and played it for ten minutes, but it refused to come to the gaff. It was a big fellow, and seemed to be of the stream lined type; it made a few leaps, danced on its tail and then made a clean getaway. It was a combat between a man and a fish and the fish won out, and nothing could be done about it. You can say that I will be back next season for a longer stay."

Dr. Gross of New York and George W. Freeman of Worcester, who have been at Wheeler's camps at the Hart's Island pool for the past ten days, have been enjoying fine sport. On Tuesday, Mr. Freeman landed a fifteen pound salmon and yesterday the Doctor went him one better by bringing a sixteen pounder to the gaff.

S. H. Sheet of New York, who arrived at the Queen Hotel this week with his wife, visited the Hart's Island pool yesterday and with Paul Currie as guide tried his hand at salmon angling for the first time. He landed a grise in the forenoon and just before dusk, when making his last cast, contacted a thirteen pound salmon, which he landed after a stiff fight. He was warmly congratulated by other fishermen on his great success.

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