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ALDERMAN DECLARES THAT "SLUM" CONDITIONS EXIST REAR OF CITY

Ald. Ray T. Forbes Says Dundonald Street Filled
With "Shacks" Derogatory to Building
Future—Says Action Needed

The city council at its July committee meeting last night in the mayor's office of the city hall discussed among other things the problem of relief to the city's unemployed, the urgent matter of placing water and sewage facilities in certain new streets at the rear portion of the city, the fencing off of a crossroad in the Brick Hill area, and the York county abattoir.

Ald. T. Earle Doohan brought up the matter of the necessity of some action by the council for water and sewage on Alexandria street, where new building lots are going up, and his request that the water and sewerage committee be given permission to look into such an advisability, precipitated a general discussion, with the announcement that Beaverbrook street and also Dundonald street needed conditioning also.

A "Slum" District
Ald. Ray T. Forbes declared that the condition on Dundonald street, between Smythe and York streets, was "deplorable." He described a condition where nothing but "shacks" are being built, and "they are having a derogatory effect on building in that area." Describing it as a "slum" area Ald. Forbes said it was imperative that immediate action be taken.

Ald. Murray Hagerman suggested that the city adopt a definite building code to protect those who are building and those likely to build in the future.

The matter was finally left to the Water and Sewerage committee to inquire into, and report back to the council.

Mention was made that several

houses in the district mentioned are being constructed under the Housing Act. A query as to whether the Council could do anything about building codes until after the next session of the N. B. Legislature was left unanswered.

Crossroads Evil

Ald. Hagerman brought up the matter of a crossroads on the hill at the rear of the city and wondered why the second crossroads was not fenced off. He thought it advisable to close it out at the Brick Hill entrance. He charged illicit evening traffic in that vicinity, which caused residents there some inconvenience.

Road Christened

On Ald. Roy Forbes' mention, seconded by Ald. Raymond Crewdson, a street commonly called "Green" was designated "Green Road." The Roads and Streets committee was empowered to designate the extension of St. John street.

A check for \$1,000 to the Victoria Public Hospital was ordered to issue, as part of their grant.

Ald. Mundle reported on the approaching A. & B. Club annual summer flotilla and asked that the usual concessions be granted for the amusements at Parliament Square. On motion by Ald. Doohan seconded by Ald. Crewdson, the request was granted subject to the usual conditions.

OXFORD, England, July 6—Canon Herbert Danby of St. George's Collegiate Church, Jerusalem, has been appointed Canon of Christ Church and Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford University.

A VANISHING ART?

An English poet of bygone days, one of whose lines, at least, is perennially modern, spoke feelingly in it of people given to talking without thinking what they are talking about. His observation sums up pungently the chief fault found with the garrulous; and without question, the garrulous have been the principal agents in bringing the art of conversation into disrepute. Indeed, men and women of the sterner sort, impressed by the number of their fellow mortals prone to indulge in many words without much, if any, meaning, have sought to set an example by saying as little as possible, oftentimes gaining, incidentally, a considerable reputation for discretion—even for wisdom—as a result of their taciturnity. However, there is a happy medium. Conversation now, as formerly, can be a delight if carried on with reasonable intelligence, especially when it is interspersed with helpful silences, restful in themselves and not infrequently the sign of understanding companionship.

How much conversation, worthy of the name, is indulged in at the moment? Not a great deal, according to Dr. Henry Darlington. The New York clergyman recently deplored the increasing absence from present-day life of what he called the three Cs—correspondence, contemplation and conversation. There is plenty of letter writing nowadays—and plenty of talk, too—but correspondence, on its personal side, is vastly different from that of the golden age; the note largely has replaced the letter, and, while some note writers have gifts not to be disputed, the majority of notes today are likely to reveal more of haste than anything else. As to contemplation, Dr. Darlington is of the impression that not much time is accorded it in the modern scheme of things. Of conversation, it is very evident that he feels there is comparatively little talk these days devoted to the give and take of worthwhile ideas, his theory, apparently being

that most of the hurrying crowd, intent upon its own affairs, follows, as a rule, the easiest method of acquiring ideas, by taking them ready-made from any convenient source—this, of course, on the assumption that interest in ideas actually persists.

Possibly this may be considered too severe a stricture on the quality of latter day talk. But it may set some people to thinking—and even to trying to talk in a manner which, sooner or later, might win for them the title of conversationalist. The ambition would not lack distinction, and those cherishing it should not be cast down if in the candid opinion of others—or in their own opinion, providing they are modest—they fall somewhat short of perfection. As a matter of fact, they will be doing pretty well if they merit the comment to be found in one of the Johnsoniana collection: "His conversation does not show the minute hand, but he strikes the hour very correctly." Salons are open to only a few; it is, perhaps, comforting to reflect that their reputed conversational brilliance derives usually from one-way performance. In everyday existence reliance fortunately still may be placed on a certain amount of the "calm, familiar talk," justly celebrated by Alexander Pope.—New York Sun.

INDIANS DROWN

WALLACEBURG, Ont., July 6—Sylvester Sands, 40, and his cousin, Benjamin Sands, 17, Walpole Island Indians, were drowned yesterday when the small rowboat in which they were riding with two others, capsized as they were returning from Algonac, Mich. The men, with Hazel Stamp and Sylvester's half brother, Gordon were within a few hundred feet of their destination in the Snye river at the high banks of the Reserve, when the boat turned over. The woman and Gordon Sands were rescued by occupants of a yacht.

GOOSE RAISING

Goose raising does not receive the attention of the farming community that the business warrants, states A. G. Taylor of the Poultry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Dominion Department of Agriculture. The farm is the natural habitat of the goose, in fact no other surroundings can make goose raising for market a paying proposition. The two great essentials in goose raising are, first, free range, and second, an abundance of green food. On the farm these essentials are always plentiful, and the raising of a flock of geese is one means by which the farmer can reap a good reward with a very small investment and comparatively little labour. On the Christmas markets, the demand for geese is always much greater than the supply.

The origin of the various breeds of geese is identified with many countries, the most important breeds being the Toulouse, Embden, African, Chinese, Canada, Wild, and the Egyptian. The last named are kept for ornamental purposes only and are usually found in parks and public gardens. The Toulouse goose originated in France, and the Embden goose, sometimes called the Bremen, had its origin in Central Europe. The African goose is a cross between the Chinese and the Toulouse, and there are two varieties of Chinese geese, the white and the brown.

Distinguishing the sex in geese is more difficult than in any other class of fowl. Outward or visible signs are not in general well defined, as in hens or turkeys for example. Masculinity in geese is usually evidenced by stout bill, broad full head, short thick neck, broad shoulders and plenty of bone in legs and feet. Coarse females are frequently mistaken for males, so that masculine appearance is not always a sure guide in the selection of a male. Females usually present a feminine appearance, but a male of fine makeup may be mistaken for a female, particularly during fall or early winter. This is especially true of the Toulouse and the Embden breeds.

The most satisfactory method of picking out breeding geese is by the voice. If the bird in question is separated out of sight of the flock but within hearing distance, its call is distinctive. The male has a voice which could be termed bass and is of a long single call, while the female is of a much higher note and usually of a double echo. Where the sex cannot be ascertained by a distinct difference in voice, the bird should not be used as a breeder. Information as to the various breeds, and the rearing management and marketing of geese is contained in the circular on Goose Raising, to be obtained by request to the Publicity and Extension Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

BABE CUTS WOOD

STILLWATER, N. S., July 6—Babe Ruth was so full of pep last night after a weekend at successful fishing that he just had to take a swat at something. So he took to splitting wood. Visiting here as the guest of Dr. G. A. L. Irwin, he landed three beautiful salmon yesterday. The party including Mrs. Ruth and daughter Julia, hooked a total of 12.

Sam—What am you doing now?
Bo—I'm an exporter.
Sam—An exporter?
Bo—Yep, the sleeping car department just fired me.

City of Fredericton NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

The Assessment Roll for the City of Fredericton for the year 1936, is now in the hands of the City Treasurer, for collection, and all persons therein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of the respective taxes forthwith to the City Treasurer at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton. A discount of five per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid on or before the TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF JULY NEXT, after which date interest at the rate of one-half per centum per month will be added and execution may be issued and proceedings had thereon, as by law provided.

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