

LOCAL NEWS

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John J. Weddall & Son have just received Biderdown Wool for making caps, etc., in Black, White, Tan, Grey Navy, Sky and Cardonal, also White Ladyship Lustre Wool.

WEDDING POSTPONED

Owing to the serious illness of Roland Moffat, of Montreal with typhoid fever, his marriage with Miss Mary E. Malcolm, of Campbellton, has been postponed. Miss Malcolm is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Malcolm.

CHARLESTON HURRICANE AND FLOOD

The story—Vivid pictures of one of the most disastrous storms by wind and water that ever visited the east coast of the Atlantic, Ocean scenes taken in Charleston by a special Imp Photographer. This wonderful picture shown at the Bijou Friday and Saturday.

TO DINE PREMIER

Premier Flemming will confer with St. John Board of Trade on Tuesday next with reference to immigration and agriculture. He will be dined at the Union Club on the evening of the same day. Representatives of the governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will also be present.

A DESERVING CASE

A subscription list has been started for the benefit of the Griffiths family of Margerville who lost their property by fire a few nights ago and is meeting with a generous response. Mr. R. H. Moxon was in the city today in connection with the matter and collected a large amount. Sunbury residents are also subscribing liberally. So far about \$200 has been collected.

TO APPRAISE LOSS

The insurance on the house and barns occupied by Mr. Chas. Griffiths of McGowan's wharf amounted to \$1,000 carried in the Canadian Fire Insurance Company. Ald. T. S. Wilkinson of this city has received notification of the matter and will go to McGowan's today or tomorrow to appraise the loss. The buildings were not owned by Mr. Griffiths but by Messrs. Harrison. Mr. Griffiths lost heavily but carried no insurance.

LECTURE AT Y.M.C.A.

Temperance people of Fredericton who failed to attend the lecture given at the Y.M.C.A. last night by Mr. C. Fraser McTavish of St. John missed a treat. This evening at eight o'clock the lecture will be repeated at the Gibson-St. Mary's United Baptist Church. Rev. Sampson Cowley of London sang at last evening's lecture and will be heard also this evening.

ARRESTED AT I. C. R. STATION

Chief of Police Hawthorn and Police man Hartt this afternoon on the arrival of the I. C. R. express arrested Harry Perry formerly of this city on the charge of stealing at Chatham yesterday. Perry gave the name of MacPherson when arrested. He will probably be sent back to Chatham for examination. He has previously been arrested and convicted here and elsewhere on similar charges.

QUEBEC FARMERS PLOUGHING

Mr. L. C. Daigle, dairy inspector, arrived in the city last evening. During the past week he attended a convention of the dairy inspectors which was held in Montreal. The convention was attended by experts from all over the Dominion, and a number interesting subjects relative to dairy work were discussed and it is expected that valuable results will follow from the conference of the experts. The weather in upper Canada during last week has been exceptional and the farmers in the Quebec province availed themselves of the spring like weather. On returning, Mr. Daigle said that he saw five farmers at work in the field ploughing the soil.

WILL EXAMINE HERE

The examination of stationary engineers was begun in the government rooms, St. John yesterday and was continued yesterday afternoon and evening at the same hours. Five of those present qualified. About fifty applications have been received, but only about a dozen showed up. Following the close of the examinations in St. John sessions will be held in Fredericton and St. Stephen in the order named. The examiners are Mr. J. A. Y. Smith, of St. John and Mr. Archibald Alcorn of Blackville, Northumberland Co., with Mr. John Kenney, Factory Inspector and Secretary. All who operate engines of 25 horse power and over must take out licenses, and those who fail to do so will be liable to a penalty.

BOOM FOR ST. JOHN VALLEY INDICATED AT MEETING

Representative Gathering Heard Excellent Address by W. Leonard Palmer of London Financial News on "Awakening of New Brunswick"—Valuable Suggestions Made—Interesting Discussion Followed Mr. Palmer's Address

The general opinion of those who attended the meeting held last night in the City Council Chamber under the auspices of the Board of Trade was that the remarks of the speaker of the evening, Mr. W. Leonard Palmer, representing the London Financial News, accorded with the feeling that seems to be generally abroad that this province and particularly that part of it along the valley of the St. John River is on the eve of a great awakening which will preface the development of its natural resources which so long have remained untouched. Mr. Palmer, who has been heard in Fredericton before, lived up to the reputation which he bears here of being a forceful speaker who thoroughly grasps the subject he discusses. His address dealt with the immigration problems which confront the province and also that of attracting capital.

Mr. Palmer's address was followed by discussion of some length in which many of the large audience present took part. Some valuable suggestions were made and some important information given.

MR. PALMER'S ADDRESS

Mr. Palmer's address was as follows: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Since I last had the pleasure of addressing a meeting in this city I have travelled many miles. For five months earlier this year I was making a careful tour of the Dominion, visiting every place of importance both east and west, and before leaving for England I took another run through this province. Now I am just back from second trip across the continent, and so far the third time this year I am able to visit Fredericton.

When I first came here I expressed the opinion that New Brunswick offered an exceptionally good field for Old Country settlers, and I ventured to suggest that if more energetic steps were taken to acquaint the world with that fact the province could get a good share of the immigration into Canada. It was thought by some of my friends that I might lose my good opinion of New Brunswick after I had seen the west. Well, sir, I have twice been out west. I am just back from there, with the dust of the prairies, as it were, still upon me, and instead of having my good opinion of New Brunswick weakened, it is immeasurably strengthened. The more I see of this country, the more I study it in its relation and comparison to other parts, the more firmly I am convinced that this province is being very seriously overlooked and passed by.

FAVORABLE COMPARISON.

Now, if I draw comparisons between New Brunswick and Western Canada, it does not mean that I lack faith in that wonderful country out there. Western Canada and the Maritime Provinces are so different in every respect that no one can seriously regard them as being competitors, excepting when it comes down to the question of attracting emigrants. And as far as that is concerned it seems to me that each province has to look after its own interests first, and do all in its power to swell its population. Therefore, if I do draw comparisons it is not because I fail to realize the present and wonderful value of the west, or am blind to its immeasurable possible ties. It is not because I think less of the west; it is simply because I think more of New Brunswick.

Now, although the prairies are so vast, there is after all very little to see. In fact, if you know one spot you can almost say you have seen it all. And because of the flatness, the monotony, and the loneliness, many men are leaving the west and seeking more agreeable quarters. New Brunswick on the other hand, although small in territory, is great in variety, and what it lacks in extent it makes up for in other things.

Here you have a country undulating and diversified, with hills, valleys, streams, forests, lakes and seaports. You have an extensive seaboard upon the Atlantic Ocean, upon the littoral of which all the great nations of the world have been reared. You have a good climate and that established order of social, educational and religious conditions which go to make up the fabric of a contented people. You have good roads and railways and excellent facilities for commerce both by land and sea, and owing to the abundance of raw material, you have exceptional opportunities for manufacturing. Then, living is cheap as compared to points westward; labor is good, and what is of great im-

portance, land can be obtained at reasonable prices.

-HIGH OPINION JUSTIFIED.

Possessing all these natural advantages, and being peopled by a race that has supplied some of the best men in the world. I ask, you, Mr. Chairman, if I am not justified in my high opinion of the province of New Brunswick. When I have been asked what part of Canada interests me most, I have replied without hesitation, 'New Brunswick,' and when I am asked in which part of the country I would prefer to live I have answered again 'New Brunswick.' And the same features about this province that attract me would undoubtedly, unquestionably attract large numbers of other men if only they had the opportunity of seeing the country.

Now, the majority of prominent men in Central Canada to whom I have spoken of New Brunswick, have whole heartedly agreed with my opinion. In fact, I cannot recall a single instance when I heard one bad word against the province itself. But those gentlemen would say, and here lies one of the evils to be remedied, 'the people of the Maritime Provinces have absolutely no confidence in themselves.' Others would say, 'they are all asleep down there and nothing in the world will wake them until the last trumpet sounds.'

Now, I need not tell you that I rather resented those imputations. My knowledge of the men of the Maritime Provinces does not coincide with that. And if the progress of this province has been comparatively slow, there have been many good reasons why, and therefore, before framing such harsh judgments, I think those reasons should be studied. At several periods during the last century there was considerable immigration into New Brunswick, but in those days men were truly coming into the wilds, and consequently could not find the industrial employment that was necessary to sustain a foreign inflow. There was also little or no market for the products of New Brunswick, and then the exodus

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PRICE OF MEALS WILL ADVANCE 25 PER CENT

Proprietors of Hotels and Restaurants Met Last Night and Agreed on a New Schedule of Prices for Board and Meals

TO GO INTO EFFECT

ON MARCH 1st, 1912

The restaurant-keepers and hotel-proprietors of the city who cater particularly to the country-business have united in the attempt to fix a scale of prices for single meals and board. The new scale of prices will mean an increase of practically twenty-five per cent in prices and has been made necessary by the rapid and steady increase in the price of country produce which enters largely into the expenses of the proprietors of restaurants and hotels. This action on the part of the hotels and restaurants was forecasted by The Mail some days ago only the unwillingness of one hotel proprietor preventing the agreement being made at that time. Since that time all those concerned have agreed to the proposed new schedule of prices.

TO BE ADVERTISED

The new prices are not to be sprung upon the public without warning but are to be properly advertised March 1st, 1912 is the date upon which they are to go into force the public being given more than three months warning. One of the articles of the agreement among the restaurant-keepers and lower-rate hotel proprietors is that schedules of the new rates must be plainly displayed in all their places of business.

THOSE AGREEING

The hotels and restaurants accepting the terms proposed are, Lorne Hotel, Waverly Hotel, Commercial Hotel, Long's Hotel, York Hotel, City Hotel, Grand Hotel, Washington's Restaurant, Scott's Restaurant, W. A. Lindsay's Restaurant and N. H. Lindsay's Restaurant.

MEETING LAST NIGHT

The meeting at which the agreement was made took place last night Ex-Ald. D. J. Stockford being chairman. Another meeting will be held on February 15.

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