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WATCHING THE COUNCIL

The acts of the St. John city council have probably never been subjected to a more general and careful scrutiny than is now being given to the proceedings in connection with the waterworks contracts, and civic contracts in general. The taxpayers do not perhaps fully understand the whole situation, but they realize that something unusual if not unexpected has transpired in connection with this work, and that the cost to the city will be greater than they were led to expect.

The aldermen are able to point out that if they had not awarded the contracts to local firms they would have been denounced, which is probably true; for there was even some outcry because an American engineer was employed on the works.

But it is not the past so much as the present and future that concerns the people now, and they are watching with eager attention the various steps taken by the council to get out of the difficulty into which it has fallen. It is time for prudence as well as progress. The city has lately taken over a small contract that has nothing to do with the waterworks extension, and the question is being asked: To what extent is this sort of thing to be carried?

A PROGRESSIVE TOWN

Enclosed in a letter from a firm in Greenfield, Mass., to the Times yesterday was a printed slip "About Greenfield." This leaflet tells where Greenfield is situated, its railway connections, water system and fire protection, street mileage, school system, hotels, banks, street railways, express and telegraph services, distance from leading cities, and other facts likely to appeal to the man looking for a place of business or a residence. Greenfield has a population of 9,000, and offers a large opportunity for growth.

There is a valuable suggestion in this display of enterprise by the little Massachusetts town of Greenfield. Its people have faith in their town and want the rest of the world to know about its advantages. These little inexpensive leaflets sent out in business letters tell the story in brief and impress the reader. He is likely to remember Greenfield.

Much larger communities might with profit follow the example of the Massachusetts town.

THE MARITIME BOARD

It goes without saying that the delegates to the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade at Yarmouth will enjoy their visit to that very pretty Nova Scotia town. They may also be expected to derive some profit from the interchange of ideas regarding trade matters. The provinces as a whole should derive advantage when leading business men take counsel together concerning what may be of mutual benefit. The rapid development of the west, and the fact that it is attracting many lower province people and causing a considerable number each year to give up their old homes and join the westward movement, should stimulate these business men to devise some means not only to put these provinces in a position to offer greater rewards to the industry of the present population, but to bring thrifty new citizens from the over-crowded old country to homes on lands that are now lying idle. Doubtless at this annual meeting as at all others of such bodies there will be some fruitless talk, but maritime province people must stand together more in the future than in the past, and every opportunity offered to develop a closer sympathy is therefore a possible source of mutual advantage and profit.

It is to be regretted that there is not to be a larger representation of the business interests of St. John at this year's meeting of the Maritime Board. St. John has something to gain by keeping in touch with other provincial centres.

RECIPROCITY CONVENTION

The reciprocity convention which is to open in Chicago tomorrow is attracting a good deal more attention in the United States generally than was anticipated a few months or even a few weeks ago. The response to invitations to attend has been much more general than was expected, and it is practically settled that an organization will be formed to follow the convention with a political agitation throughout the country.

It is true that the dominant republican party as a party is not concerning itself about this convention, but the movement has the sympathy of many members of the party. A very good idea of the feeling in Chicago and in the west and south generally may be gathered from the following letter from Chicago in the new York Commercial:

"Unless all signs fail, there will be born in this city next Wednesday and Thursday a vast western and southwestern political faction that will have to be reckoned with in all calculations hereafter. Unusual interest is being manifested in the national reciprocity conference to be held in the Illinois Theatre on those days. Every western governor is expected to be present with a representative delegation.

gation. Aroused by the new German tariff regulations, to go into effect in a few months and which, it is held, will absolutely shut the gates of that country to the American producer, all the agricultural interests of the west and southwest and the vast allied interests are demanding reciprocity treaties. It is expected that this year will see all records broken for bumper crops. In the face of this fact it is imperative that there should be a free outlet for the great surplus. If Germany and the other countries shut their doors to the American surplus the fact becomes a menace.

"No set programme is to be followed at the conference. It will be called to order Wednesday morning and be master of its own time. Governor Deneen and Mayor Dunne will welcome the delegates, more than 1,000 of whom have already been appointed, representing more than 200 of the leading agricultural and commercial bodies of the country. Wednesday morning there will be five-minute addresses by chairman of the delegations. This will bring out the opinion of various interests and give a line on the work to be done. In the afternoon a permanent organization will be effected, followed by an address by Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations. Eugene N. Foss of Boston will also address the conference. He has been very active in urging reciprocity and his speech may serve as the keynote of the conference.

"Thursday morning all the western governors will be heard. Acceptances are at hand from Governors Cummins of Iowa, Hanly, of Indiana, La Follette of Wisconsin, Hoch of Kansas, Douglas of Massachusetts, Folk of Missouri, Deneen of Illinois, Mickey of Nebraska and Warner of Michigan. Governor Hanly of Indiana has appointed 100 delegates, one representative man from each county in the state. Following the views of the governors, John A. Kasson will outline his views on reciprocity, and the afternoon will be devoted to debate and the real business of the conference, the adoption of resolutions and other action. Plans for pushing the work and providing ways and means will also be adopted Thursday afternoon. The temporary chairman will be some leading manufacturer, while the permanent chairman will be a western farmer."

THE DEAL MARKET

Farnworth & Jardine's Liverpool lumber circular of Aug. 1st says there is a little more enquiry for spruce deals, and values have an upward tendency, on the expectation of reduced imports for the balance of the season.

But the Liverpool correspondent of the Timber Trades Journal of Aug. 5th, writes:

"Spruce deals have come forward to the extent of 10,250 standards, whilst the consumption has been only 6,330 standards, the difference, of course, going into stock, which stands at 12,650 standards. It would be interesting to know, in face of these figures, where the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shippers base their ideas of higher prices in the late Autumn. In the two ports of Liverpool and Manchester at the end of the month of July, the stock was no less than 29,290 standards. We hope they will assimilate this fact after giving due regard to these figures, and we think that their high notions will receive a set-back."

It is unfortunate that some method cannot be devised to discover and punish severely the person who either carelessly or deliberately sets a brush fire in a dry season like that which now prevails. Great damage is done and there is no redress. The value of forest preservation, and the importance of care in avoiding or preventing the destruction by fire of all property should be impressed upon the minds of pupils in the schools, as a necessary part of the education of future citizens. Each year sees the destruction of much valuable property, including houses and other buildings, as a result of carelessness on the part of persons who have no criminal intent, but whose acts inflict serious loss upon other people.

When the provincial premiers meet in Charlottetown, those of the three lower provinces should get together and devise a plan to make these provinces better known in the old country and to turn this way a tide of desirable immigration. One of the necessary proceedings in such case would be protection for the immigrants from land sharks with played out farms to sell.

The sharp advance in Canadian Pacific is a feature of the stock market. It went to 161 1/2 in New York yesterday. This stock was considered high at 145 on the rise in 1902, and it went down as low as 109 1/2 in 1903-4. All railroad shares have made new high records as a result of good business and bright prospects.

ON THE KENNEBECASIS

Mr. and Mrs. Clement P. Clark of St. John visited White Head last week.

Miss Crosby, of Boston, is a guest of Mrs. C. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young, after a visit of several weeks at White Head, have returned to St. John.

The St. John pedlar, with the adamant cheek of a city alderman or any other "outlaw," still perambulates the country without a license.

The raspberry harvest is about over and the crop of cultivated and native fruit has been rather light.

The hay crop is up to the average of the last ten years. Three and a half tons per acre have been cut on some White Head farms, but the weather for curing is quite unfavorable.

Mrs. Porter, of Kennebecasis Long Island, has taken her three youngest children to Lowell, Mass., where they will be educated.

White Head, with a swarm of children of school age, is still without a school.

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THE DEATH ROLL

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Sir Wm. Laird Clowes, died today. He was born in 1836.

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MURDERED IN 'FRISCO

Thomas Cook, a Nova Scotian, Robbed and Beaten So That He Died.

KENTVILLE, N. S., Aug. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, who were spending the summer at the home of Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. Wm. Thomas, Upper Canada, were summoned to their home in San Francisco, July 26, by the news of the serious injury of Mr. Cook's brother, Thomas, who had been left in charge of the business in which the two brothers were partners.

The following gives in substance an account of the affair:—

Thomas Cook had spent the evening at the store, as usual, and had closed up the establishment with the assistance of Mr. Croft. The two men walked together through the main streets of the city, separating at a dark alley, into which the younger man turned in order to take a short cut to his home. He was carrying quite a sum of money, but did not dream of being molested. As soon as he was well in the alley, however, he was set upon by four men, who had watched him, and followed him from the shop. Mr. Cook, who was twenty-two years of age, struggled bravely, but was terribly beaten about the head, robbed of his money and left bleeding on the ground. His cries for help, however, brought assistance in time to get some trace of the thieves, and all four have been captured. A younger man of the gang confessed the guilt of the whole party, and they will be speedily brought to justice. Mr. Cook lived about ten days, expiring about three days after the arrival of his brother. San Francisco has been greatly stirred by the brutal affair, as the young man was of good standing and well known throughout the city. He has lived with his brother ever since the death of his father, which occurred at Canso about twelve years ago.

At Kentville yesterday the funeral services of George Dennison took place. Mr. Dennison, with two other men, was having in a field near the Cornwallis river on Tuesday last, and the intense heat of the day tempted them to bathe. Mr. Dennison, who could not swim, evidently mistook the depth of the water, for he deliberately plunged in where it was at least ten feet deep.

His companions had been swimming some distance before they missed him, and before they could rescue the body life was extinct. He leaves a wife and two children, and was a son of George Dennison of Alton.

E. B. Newcomb of Kentville arrived home on Saturday from a trip to the various beaches in the vicinity of Boston. R. W. Eaton, who has been visiting the western cities of Canada, arrived home on Saturday. Mr. Eaton is delighted with the west, and expects in the near future to make his home there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Dodge, and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. DeWolfe, Kentville, expect to leave tomorrow to attend the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, which is held this week in Yarmouth.

GRAND FALLS

GRAND FALLS, Aug. 14.—H. I. Smith, J. F. Tilton, W. H. Horn and J. H. McLesac of St. John are in town today, guests at the Curless House.

Joseph Appleby is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. J. S. Williamson, Auburn, Me., is a guest at the Curless House.

Miss Mary R. Flemming, is visiting relatives in Woodstock.

The government work on Beaver dam is now completed and the men employed on the undertaking have returned to town. The dam is over 350 feet in length and its height exceeds ten feet. It will greatly facilitate the driving of logs in Little River, which can be raised at will from five to ten feet by simply opening the flood-gates of the dam. James Burgess, M. P. P., had charge of the work.

Miss Lawson, Bairdville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Armstrong, at the Commercial Hotel.

Mrs. Jack Porter and two children, Houlton, Me., are the guests of Mrs. George West, in town.

Mrs. Blake, Houlton, Me., is visiting Mrs. Armstrong at the Commercial Hotel.

Mayor J. L. White has returned from a fishing trip in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Centerville, are visiting Mrs. J. L. White.

Yesterday was excessively cold—a regular fall day. A cold wind blew from the north, and last night there was a heavy frost. From Saturday, which was intensely hot, the thermometer fell over fifty degrees on Sunday. It was so chilly the streets were deserted all day, and there was not the usual influx of visitors from Van Buren, Limestone and Port Fairfield.

E. W. Thurlow, Lunenburg, N. S.; Miss Laura Paine, Berlin, N. H.; J. H. Patterson, Salmon River Mills; J. McGowan, Ellsworth, Me., and L. J. Larzac and lady, Houlton, Me., were recently in town.

On the evening of the monster Catholic picnic, the Old Dramatic Club will enact the thrilling melodrama, "The Old Wayside Inn," to be followed by an up-to-date farce. The entertainment promises to be the best ever given here by local talent.

Hon. John Costigan, accompanied by his two sisters, Mrs. Lawlor, Chatham, and Mrs. May, Grand Falls, is enjoying a fishing trip on Lake Temisouata.

The Union Club House, situated on the headwaters of the Tobique, is now filled with American guests, and excellent catches of salmon are daily made.

HO! FOR THE BALTIC

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Channel squadron, consisting of eleven battleships, eight cruisers and a flotilla of torpedo boats, under the command of Sir Arthur Wilson, sailed from Spithead this morning bound for the Baltic sea. During the cruise the squadron will visit Yaulden, Graa, Despey, Svinmunde and Neufaha.

The steamer Senlac has a plucky captain, as the following statement will prove: Last Saturday morning, when the Senlac was off Sand Point, Shelburne harbor, she lost three blades of her propeller, which practically disabled her for the time being. Captain McKinnon was equal to the occasion, for, from the dredge Canada, at work there, he obtained a diver's dress, which he donned himself. He went down with spare blades, and after five hours' hard work, successfully put them in place, and the steamer again resumed her voyage. — Yarmouth Telegram.

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