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TUESDAY	6,592
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THURSDAY	6,568
FRIDAY	6,577
SATURDAY	6,570
TOTAL	39,488
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THE NEW BERTHS

The Times has urged that the city council take into consideration the question of the nationalization of the port, and be prepared to negotiate promptly with the government. The question is one that will require considerable time and a careful enquiry. The council has appointed a committee to take up the question.

It goes without saying that the first matter to be settled, however, relates to the new steamship berths that should be provided before next winter. This is not a new work to be undertaken, but one to be completed along with the waterworks extension.

It is recognized that the one new wharf, 450 feet long, for which the contract has been let, will not meet the additional requirements of next winter, if we are to prepare for the new C. P. R. Empress steamers as well as the big turbiners of the Allan line. But there is ample time to complete another berth, 650 feet long, if the government will consent to do some dredging in addition to that already contracted for by Mr. Mayes. This berth would extend out toward the harbor from the present 450-foot berth. The matter was placed before the Hon. Mr. Hyman by Mr. H. B. Schofield and Ald. Baxter, and the minister, who was quite in sympathy with the city in its desire to be able to accommodate all the steamers, was hopeful that the additional dredging could be arranged for if it did not involve too great an additional cost. The delegates had an estimate which Mr. Hyman seemed to consider reasonable, and this it is understood was at least no greater than that of the department's own officials. It is therefore hoped that the amount will be placed in supplementary estimates and the contract entered into for the dredging required for the 650-foot berth. If that is done, the city can at once proceed to secure timber and have this wharf built before next winter's steamships come.

It is most important, therefore, that a decision favorable to the city's request should be arrived at by the government at the earliest possible moment. Then we should have the assurance that next winter would see ample accommodation at the west side for the largest steamers of the C. P. R. and Allan lines. Whatever it may be possible to do to further impress the government with a sense of the importance of this work, from a national standpoint, should be done without delay. It will in no way interfere with or alter the conditions with respect to the nationalization of the port.

THE SCHOOLS

Supt. Inch urges the adoption of compulsory education in St., John. The objection is raised that it will cost money to provide schools. It is surely the duty of the city to provide school accommodation for every child of school age. Any other view of the case would be utterly indefensible. Dr. Bridges is of opinion that the number of children not attending school is over-estimated. This is a question that should be looked into and the facts made known. St. John is not doing its duty to all its children. Such a public sentiment should be aroused as would compel the city council to act in this matter and see to it that the little ones in the homes of very poor or indifferent parents are not deprived of their right to a share in the educational advantages so necessary to success in life.

It is gratifying to know that the school board is taking up the question of manual training in a practical way, and no doubt the next school term will witness its introduction in this city. The addresses of Supt. Inch and Mr. Kidner last evening were of much value in relation to educational work in St. John.

EXAMPLE OF HALIFAX

The Times on Friday last printed a portion of a letter written by Miss Marshall Saunders, of Halifax, on the subject of public playgrounds for the children of that city. Miss Saunders and other members of the Women's Council, and other advocates of supervised playgrounds for small children, are endeavoring to provide at least two such grounds in Halifax. She points out what has been done in New York and elsewhere, reviews the situation in Halifax, asks why the small children should not be provided for as well as the older ones, and makes an urgent appeal for aid. The Halifax Recorder, referring to the letter, says:—

"It is a very proper subject for public appeal and support. We notice that a move in this direction is being made in our sister city of St. John. Let us see that St. John does not eclipse Halifax in this forward movement. It is a very serious matter that so many of the children of the city are permitted to spend so much of their young lives in dark alleys and yards or dodging policemen on the streets, when they might be enjoying healthful recreation under good influences."

In a note to the editor of the Times, relative to a recent article in this paper on the subject of public playgrounds, Miss Saunders makes some remarks which we may be pardoned for repeating and commending to Times readers in St. John:—

"I don't see why Canadian children should not have as good playgrounds as American children. Across the border they set us a noble example in the way of work for children. I do hope St. John will start these playgrounds. I wish you had them now, so that you might send us an instructor."

Miss Saunders further states that they are getting on well with their effort to establish two playgrounds, and the leading citizens all speak favorably of their project. She adds:

"I cannot help wishing that our sister city of St. John may do for her children what we are planning to do for ours. You will save money in the long run. Well-trained children make good citizens, and if St. John looks after her little ones she will not have to spend as much on jails and poorhouses."

The Halifax Recorder, in an editorial article dealing with the Halifax project, endorsed it in the following terms:-

Miss Marshall Saunders, the well-known writer, author of Beautiful Joe, etc., addresses a letter in this evening's Recorder to the public in Halifax, urging the establishment of one or two supervised playgrounds. Those who endeavor to combat her pleas and that of the ladies of the Women's Council will find a difficult task ahead of them. In fact we do not know that any, with the facts placed clearly before them, would desire to hinder a work so progressive, so needful, and indeed most essential to child life in a city.

Ten days ago we published a letter from a member of the Women's Council on the same subject which cogently placed before the citizens like reasons for their establishment. The appeal made by Miss Saunders, on behalf of the council, is that funds be provided for the purpose. Nothing can be accomplished without money. The ladies do not go to the school board to ask for a grant for this purpose. They ask for their assistance in other ways. They first wish to demonstrate the practicability of the proposal and to show that it can be worked out successfully.

There are three kindred phases of this subject. There is the vacation school—the supervised playground—and the school garden. It may be that the three may be worked together in some part of the city. They are complementary—the one to the other. Arbor Day is to be observed in the city schools on Friday of this week, and the special phase to be developed this year is the beautifying of the homes of the children. The little ones are to be later given seeds which they are to plant in boxes and to watch their growth, to tend them, not as school work, but as recreative enjoyment.

It is very likely that the children will, at the Arbor Day exercises this year, become better acquainted with what is being planned for their pleasure not only on one day of the year but from Spring to Fall. We commend the proposal of the ladies, as voiced by Miss Saunders, to the careful consideration of generous citizens, in the hope that a ready and substantial response may be had for their efforts.

With regard to such playgrounds in St. John, there would be some difficulty in finding grounds suitable, there are so few open spaces in the most thickly tenanted districts; but the difficulty is not insuperable. Even if only one such playground were at first provided, as an object lesson, it would be a great step forward. To do it would require the co-operation of the city council, the school trustees, and citizens generally. Neither the city council nor the school board would feel like spending money, but their hearty sympathy and support in other ways would be most valuable.

The safety board last evening appointed a new committee to deal with the condition of the country market. Ald. Tilley, Sproul and Rowan have a fine opportunity to do a public service, and should lose no time in doing it. They should be warned by the do-nothing record of the past, and see that the present city council becomes known as the council that does things.

The London Timber Trades Journal quotes spruce deals at Liverpool at £8 to £8. 5s. c. i. f., and believes the price of lumber will continue at a high level for some time. Given good markets and successful log-driving, the St. John mills would have an unusually busy and successful year.

Another woman dragged through the streets to the police station, struggling and swearing and with clothing torn, is another argument for a patrol wagon. It is a pity that in this case the punishment should fall only upon the woman. The men who drank with her kept away from the police.

The announcement is made that Mr. F. E. Jordan of the Sun staff is to assume editorial charge of the Chatham Commercial. In Mr. Jordan the Miramichi town will receive a good citizen and a capable newspaper man.

The mine operators in the anthracite regions have got a three years' contract with the miners. This will avoid a renewal of trouble in the year of the presidential election. It also means cheaper coal—this year.

The elections in France yesterday resulted in government gains, which means popular support of the policy of the separation of church and state.

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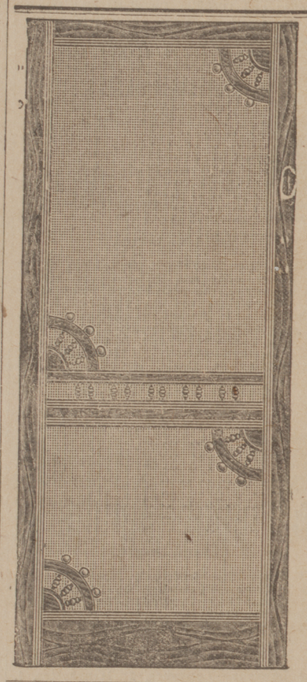
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THE NEW WHARF

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir:—Permit me, an observer of the new wharf muddle, to state the facts as given at the investigation before the Board of Works:

1st. The city said to have a wharf built after plans and specifications prepared by the director and engineer.

2nd. Tenders were called for to construct the wharf, after plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the engineer.

3rd. Bids came in and D. C. Clark, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract, and immediately began the work.

4th. The council in the interest of the tax payers appointd Herbert S. Mayes to the position of Inspector for that special work.

5th. The board of works handed the work over to Director Cushing. He passed it over to the engineer, Peters.

6th. H. S. Mayes received a letter from Director Cushing to call at the engineer's office to receive his papers and instructions, and enter upon his duties.

7th. He called and got specifications and letter of instructions which said: "You will be on the works and keep account of the men engaged on the works, and see that the specifications are carried out, and note all conversation with reference to the work, and note any changes from the specifications. Note them down in your diary and report to the engineer daily."

When the inspector went on the work the wharf was 3 or 4 tiers deep, under the inspection of director and engineer. There was some butting instead of lapping in this work. The first offender was the contractor, who wanted to substitute round pole flooring where square hemlock 10x10 was specified, and to butt instead of lapping the timber as specified. Mayes said he could not do it, but would see the director and engineer. They came on the works. The contractor told them what he wanted. They both consented and said it would be just as good.

At the investigation it was shown that Mayes had no latitude but the carrying out of the specifications. All variations from the contract were acknowledged under oath by the director and engineer. They said: "We did it, but we will thresh it out with the board of works."

The workmanship of the wharf was not in question. It was acknowledged by the director and engineer to be first class. The inspector was dismissed by the director, and no cause given for this act. The public is asking what Mayes has done to be thus treated. He, Mayes, is the only man that has done his duty in the interest of the city. Director Cushing and Engineer Peters, the responsible parties, are the men to dismiss him. It is expected that the council that appointed him will see that justice is done and fair play given to a citizen, a property holder and tax payer. Why is it that Director Cushing can dismiss an inspector and deprive him of his rights as a citizen, while Director Murdoch dare not lay hands on an engineer appointed by the council? This looks very strange to the public.

The action of the council will be watched. Many citizens openly say that Mayes has a clear case for damages against the city. Thanking you for your space,

I remain yours.
OBSERVER.

AN ENTERPRISING CONCERN

H. L. Hewson, president of the Hewson Woollen Mills, Amherst, returned a short time ago from a visit to the United States, where through his intimate association with the president of the largest woollen manufacturing concern in the world, he was able to secure access to some of the finest woollen plants in Uncle Sam's domain, and thus observe the newest ideas in machinery and mill management. We understand that since his return orders have been placed for several new machines, to be built by the best makers in America. This is in line with the progressive policy pursued by this concern since its inception and will keep up their record for modern equipment. No doubt a great future can be safely predicted for this enterprising firm.

SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD, May 5.—The diphtheria which has been so prevalent around Lakeville Corner, is now well under control and is rapidly dying out.

Mrs. Mary Cochran and daughter, Earmey, who spent the winter in St. John, arrived home this week.

Mrs. J. Dow Bridges has returned home from a lengthy visit to relatives in St. John.

Mrs. Foss of Marysville is the guest of Mrs. Frank Vandine.

Wallace Bridges shot three wild geese on the meadows, back of Sheffield, this week.

Miss Minnie Tapley, daughter of Mr. James Tapley, of French Lake, arrived home Friday from St. John where she spent the winter.

Mrs. Fred Barker and two children, of Upper Sheffield, are visiting at Mrs. Barker's old home in Nova Scotia.

Miss Eva White spent Sunday with friends in Gibson.

The many friends of Leslie Estabrooks will be pleased to hear he is able to be around again.

Edward Miles of Maugerville, is spending a few days with his cousin, John Dow Bridges.

Mrs. Hedley Upton was the guest of her sister this week, Mrs. Frank Vandine, Vandine's Hotel.

Miss F. L. Tapley and Mrs. Charles Bridges have returned home from a business trip to St. John.

OBITUARY

William Charles Rose.

On Sunday William Charles Rose died at Westfield, aged 74 years. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter.

Miss Alba M. Harvey.

Miss Alba M. Harvey died Monday at the home of her grandfather, J. S. Kierstead, Gondola Point. She had been an invalid for some years, and a week ago was stricken with pneumonia. Miss Harvey was thirty-one years of age and a member of Gondola Point Baptist church.

The Natural History Society has purchased for $7,000 the four story building in Union street belonging to the M. A. Finn estate.

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