

PLAN TO DEVELOP BERMUDA ON BIG SCALE UNDER WAY

Tract of Nearly 500 Acres at Tuckers-town to be Purchased—Luxurious Hotel and Cottages to be Built by the Company—Golf Course and Country Club—Third Steamer May Come on This Route With One Night at Sea

Mr. C. B. MacDonald, of New York, came here by the last Ft. Hamilton to conclude negotiations for what may turn out to be the far and away the biggest development scheme ever undertaken in Bermuda. He is staying at the Hamilton.

A preliminary feature will be the purchase of some 500 acres of land in the Tuckers Town region, overlooking the South Shore, Harrington Sound and Castle Harbour. This is generally conceded to be the most beautiful section of our Colony. It lies about six miles from Hamilton and the same distance from St. George's.

When the land is secured work is to be begun on a golf course. Mr. MacDonald has made a study of such developments and has to his credit one of the finest ever constructed by the American National Association—that at Southampton, Long Island. Mr. Seth Rayner assisted him in his plans as he is doing here now.

There is to be a true Scotch links running along the shore. "Links" meaning sand-dunes and being closely associated in Scotland with golf the term has come to be used loosely for any golf course.

Nowadays tourist agents and shipping concerns realize the wide appeal which this ancient game holds for all sorts of people. A resort that can boast the best golf course will be certain of popularity with a large clientele. But the present scheme does not end there. It is proposed to build a group of model cottages having all the up-to-date conveniences and with thoroughly attractive surroundings such as our island is fitted to provide.

In natural charm this Colony can vie with the Riviera or any other semi-tropical winter resort. It only remains to supply adequate accommodations for those who wish to come hither.

As a later development the erection of a luxurious hotel with a large number of rooms is proposed. That will not be completed for a year or two but already the general idea has been formulated and most of the details put into shape, to be applied practically when the time comes.

Meanwhile the land in question will be transformed into a recreation spot calculated to appeal to all who enjoy outdoor sport.

The country club, which is likewise to be an essential part of the development will be located in an adequate building pleasantly and centrally located. There are to be wide paths laid out for miles along the ocean shore and every provision will be made for those visitors who enjoy a similar commission.

Of course boating and sailing and fishing on the waters of Castle Harbour will be available.

This outline of the proposal will indicate something of what has been occupying the attention of prominent men both in the shipping world and in financial circles for many months past. The visit paid here by Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Wetmore, the architect, in company with Sir Frederick Lewis, Mr. Blackiston and others, last November on the "Moorish Prince" had to do with details of this matter. Since then much progress has been made both at this end and in New York and London. For it is the policy of the Furness, Withy Company when they do a thing to do it thoroughly.

It seems that Mr. MacDonald and other financiers had determined to take up a Bermuda hotel proposition and were canvassing the situation last summer on their own account. They had engaged Mr. Seth Rayner to help with the golf feature when a message came to him from Mr. Blackiston asking him to take up a similar commission for Furness, Withy. The two plans were quite independent, but the principals soon came together having almost identical ends in view. The result was a stronger combination and all are now united in the general development scheme.

The land to be developed comprises a tract of more than 500 acres starting at Castle Point and running along the shore of Paynter's Vale; thence along Harrington Sound to the boundary of Mr. H. T. North's place and across to the South Shore with a long frontage on the beach.

If the proceedings for incorporation and a limited measure of compulsion in respect to purchase of land through the House promptly, the golf

course will be ready next January. Three quarters of the property has already been practically secured, but there are questions of title, etc., affecting the remainder which may involve legal processes.

In connection with the general plan it is said that Furness, Withy are now negotiating the purchase of a third steamship larger and faster than their present liners. It is also likely that this ship may be put on a schedule of one night at sea, the great desideratum for Bermuda's tourist trade.

CARPENTER BEATS BELGIAN.

Monte Carlo, Feb. 22.—Georges Carpenter, champion heavyweight pugilist, Europe, knocked out Grandoven, the Belgian champion, in the second round of a scheduled 15-round bout on Saturday. Grandoven was completely outclassed and took the count five times.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM CALL FOR TREATY ACTION.

New York, Feb. 20.—Immediate ratification of the Treaty of Peace with the Senate reservations reaching for the United States its right to withdraw from the League of Nations on proper notice, a declaration against Article 10 in its present form, and demanding procedure for the Monroe Doctrine "in letter and spirit" were adopted in the platform adopted here today by the New York State Republican Convention.

Other planks included establishment of an international high court of justice to decide justifiable disputes between nations and an international law. Speedy ratification of the Woman's Suffrage amendment by the Legislature so women can vote for President and Congressmen in November. Vigorous measures to prevent the export of gold, and establishment of a commission on industrial relations to make strikes increasingly unnecessary, and infrequent with the right given labour to strike in determining circumstances under which it shall work.

Retention "of the principle of protection" as a national policy "to ensure the nation's economic independence." Opposition to government ownership of railways and the plumb plan. A merchant marine flying the American flag and owned by private capital. A small army of trained citizen reserve "subject to call for service only in the case of declaration of war by Congress. A constructive policy of cooperation for the prevention of war and the reduction of armaments, "without sacrificing love for country and the American ideals to a false and harmful form of internationalism." The platform is expected to contain what will be submitted at the Republican National Convention.

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Guests of Mr. Appleton at the Ft. Pleasant Honour the Occasion.

A Washington's birthday party was given at the Ft. Pleasant on Sunday afternoon by Mr. R. M. Appleton. Some sixty guests were assembled. After the tea there were toasts in honour of the day. Mr. Thomas Giff proposed that to George Washington in a few well chosen phrases recalling the first President's hope that America might ever continue in amity with all nations.

"The King" was proposed by U.S. Consul A. W. Swain, and responded to by applause and the notes of the national anthem.

Then Mr. F. St. G. Causfield proposed the health of the American President which was followed by applause and the "Star Spangled Banner." Col. Swain then made a short but effective speech saying that after seven years of service in England he was more than ever convinced that the welfare of the earth depended on a continuance of the friendship of Anglo-Saxon peoples.

He paid a warm tribute to the fortitude of the British people whose admirable spirit he had observed in the trying years of this war when he was stationed at Southampton. He declared that the splendid history of Great Britain would be the bright feature of these pages written during her period of stress and struggle.

He had seen thousands of her brave men go out and had witnessed their return, wrecked in health and maimed in body, but unbroken in spirit. The Consul's heartfelt tribute was answered by cheers and applause from all auditors.

BERMUDA PRODUCE.

A fair amount of produce was shipped by the S.S. Fort Hamilton on Saturday. The time between the arrival and departure of the boat was a bare 24 hours, which meant hard work under the sheds.

The produce landed was 208 barrels of potatoes, 18,340 crates of green stuff.

THE BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first round of the billiard championship at Washington House concluded last Friday evening, when two games were played.

W. Soney won his first easily. He played short and ramped 1-0 by 193. He will now play P. H. Alder. W. Palmer defeated 1. Tucker by 70, and is left to meet E. C. Hussey. The second round is in progress this week.

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SECOND RACE MEET

The second race meeting of the Bermuda and Garrison Hunt Club announced for Thursday, has been changed to Wednesday, and a program of ten events has been compiled. Every one promises to be interesting.

During a heavy blow a short while ago, the roof of the grand stand went west. Col. H. B. Des Voeux, C.R.E., and his merry men got busy and have replaced it in excellent manner, so that time alone should be the cause of its next removal. Material from the wrecked Separanda has been used in the replacement of the roof. It is hoped, too, that the new stone building with rooms for the paid-mutual and the jockeys to dress in—will be available by tomorrow. The improvements at the grand stand and on the track are still favourably commented upon.

Regarding the events it will be interesting to see how Victor Volo shapes in the Free for All trotting—whether he can settle the argument as to the superiority of the Abwegweit secured at the last meeting. Victor has promised well in his training. King Shirley is replacing Helen Hamlin in this race.

In the 2-30 Class a newcomer is Dan T., belonging to Mr. N. White. She opposes The Abwegweit and King Shirley. Dan arrived by the last boat, and his name would imply that he is a descendant of Dan Patch, a very fast trotter.

The 2-40 Class has produced two fresh entrants—Mr. White's Teddy Berow, just arrived from the States, and Mr. G. T. Miller's Spedee, who will compete against The Spider.

All these races will doubtless be interesting, but it is hoped there will not so much time wasted in starting on the last occasion. That sort of thing takes the edge off anything. Mr. Cummer, however will keep the things up to the mark.

There are three entries in the Page-Maiden race—open to horses that have never won a race in Bermuda. Tippony Bay with Clarence Peniston up should do well. But he has to meet Peep, an importation by Mr. T. H. H. Gutteridge, and here again the name leads one to suppose that Peep is related to Peep o' Day, who was a wonderful horse. Wilton Chief has been entered by Mr. Lambeth.

The letter is a strong favourite in the race for the Somerset purse. His competitors are Howard and Duchs. For the Prospect Hurdle Race all the horses are familiar, and it lies between Tippony Bay and Miss Terry. The last of the flat races is the Warwick Handicap, in which F. O. B., Wilton Chief, and Peep compete and the letter's form in her debut previous should be closely watched.

At the last meeting there was also a little dissatisfaction over the way the race was run. The committee have now made a ruling that instead of paying out on the first race past the post, the paid-mutual will pay out on winners only.

PERSONAL

The Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Station here—Admiral Sir T. W. D. Napier—left by the steamer on Saturday. He was accompanied by Lieutenant Curzon-Howe and Commander L. Boyan.

A dinner was given at the Hamilton on Saturday evening by Lt. F. E. Pennington, of the North-west Mounted Police, to Chief of Police Sempill and Mrs. Sempill, and Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. H. J. McIntrye gave a dinner at the Hamilton on Saturday to the officers of the U.S.S. "Baker" and other friends. There were fourteen at table.

A guest at the Hamilton is Major Eaton, head of the Eaton organization of Toronto, one of the best known dry-goods establishments on the American continent.

Mr. Dana B. Palmer, the famous American tennis player, is staying in the Hamilton. He is registered at the Hamilton Hotel.

A cable received here yesterday by Mr. Richard Darrell told of the recovery of his daughter, Miss Inez, from an operation for mastoiditis. She is at Haverhill College, Toronto, and was operated on Monday last week.

Mr. M. V. Ehrlich, representing the well known firm of Messrs. John S. Sills & Sons, wholesale grocers, New York, arrived by S.S. Fort Hamilton. Mr. Ehrlich will call on the local representatives at R. Dorrill & Co.

A daughter was born to Lt. and Mrs. Guy S. Ridgway on the 20th inst., at Surbiton, England. Mrs. Ridgway was Miss Helene Gosling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gosling.

ARRIVALS AT HAMILTON HOTEL Feb. 20th.

F. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Orlig, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mendel, Mrs. H. A. Wehber, Mrs. Julia Foley, Miss Marie Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Scheiding, Joseph M. Emig, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kearns, Byron Chandler, Mrs. Edwin Scheffel, J. A. Duggan, H. Halgreen, Miss Edna Curruthers, Miss Betty Marshall, Mrs. L. Heller, Miss G. Barnes, Mrs. W. H. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rathbun, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tallman, C. B. McDonald, Gari Melcher, W. L. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Setl Rayner, Mrs. Walter Lancelotti, Mrs. Joseph M. Daggett, Miss Mary D. Brooks, Miss M. L. Beall, Mr. C. Drucker, Miss Drucker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Falls, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Robertson, New York City; Miss Helen Howes, Ralph May, Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Greenough, R. L. Pope, D. B. Palmer, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Durban, George Fraig, Miss Craig, Mrs. George Warner, Mrs. F. L. Dixon, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Rowley, George H. Finney, Hartford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Benham, Jr., Bridgeport, Conn.; Major Eaton and wife, Gordon G. Gilvary, Ernest D. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Ralston, Toronto, Canada; Mrs. George O'Keefe, the Misses O'Keefe, Ottawa, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Granville, Quebec; Miss E. H. Kenning, London; John H. Calloun, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carner, Syracuse, N.Y.; Mrs. A. E. Whotaker, Miss Jeanette, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Trump, Whitmarsh, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dennison, Miss Dennison, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Clara E. Bonnell, Rye, N.Y.; Miss Florence L. Brandt, Racine, Wis.; Miss Ellen Bar, Racine, Wis.; F. S. Durban, Allentown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Eupall, Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mason, Springfield, Mass.; Thomas P. Flinn, Miss Margaret M. Flinn, Wilmington, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Wallis, Sharon, Pa.; Miss Reba Lou, Carlisle, J. L. Fares, Montclair, N.J.; M. C. Tremendick, Montclair, N.J.

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Ask Incorporation Rights and Limited Measure of Compulsion to Secure Land in Tuckers-town—Are Ready to Make Improvements at Once

At the meeting of the House of Assembly yesterday, a petition was presented by the Furness, Withy Co., stating that "In furtherance of their declared policy of extending the resources of Bermuda for the accommodation, comfort and entertainment of tourists," they have succeeded in securing the financial co-operation of certain capitalists and others in the execution of their plans.

These plans include the construction of first class golf links, tennis courts, provision for sea-bathing, yachting, fishing, riding, and other outdoor sports, and the erection of a country club and hotels and cottages for winter and summer visitors to Bermuda.

To achieve this end, the Company desire the incorporation of a Company in Bermuda. They have had the Colony surveyed by experts, who report that the most suitable locality for the purpose is Tuckers Town and the immediate neighbourhood.

It is stated that the land there is well adapted for a golf course, which could be made equal to any in existence, while the fringe of the area on Castle Harbour and Harrington Sound render the locality particularly suitable for the other objects.

The total area required is under 500 acres, and includes the whole of Tuckers Town in St. George's Parish—about 300 acres—and portions of Hamilton Parish to the north and west of Tuckers Town comprising the balance.

The petitioners point out that this land has little economic value to the Colony, and has remained in a backward and undeveloped state for upwards of a century. Less than one-third of it is arable, and is sparsely inhabited.

In the negotiations for the acquisition of the land, the petitioners, at first experienced, but later it was found that some owners were opposed to part with their lands, giving as their reasons their unwillingness to leave their homes or to part with their freehold property and votes.

Being in entire sympathy with them, and as it is not their policy to eject a single inhabitant, "your petitioners offered and they were, in addition to a liberal cash payment, to secure to those owners who are opposed to parting with their lands the right of residence in their homes for rent for life, or to give them other land in exchange in the same area with a suitable cottage in fee simple."

This opposition was a regrettable, in the opinion of the petitioners, "mainly to indifference, but partly to a failure to grasp the great advantage which will accrue to themselves and their neighbours in the better development, and in some measure to the agitation of a few who for reasons of their own desire that the district shall remain in its present state."

Certain legal difficulties have also arisen, and the petitioners apply for legislation to assist them by authorising a limited measure of compulsion in cases where owners unreasonably refuse to bargain for the sale of their lands.

The petitioners point out that they have already expended a very large amount to purchase steamers for the New York-Bermuda service and contemplate increasing their fleet in the near future—"and feel strongly that the apathetic or unreasonable attitude of a few small land holders should not be permitted to block an enterprise of such great importance to the full development of the Colony as a tourist resort, and thus to prevent the Company from reaping a reasonable financial benefit from their investment."

"Unless the above course of procedure or some other procedure which your Honourable House may consider preferable is adopted, your petitioners will be compelled to abandon their intended scheme of development as no other are a in the Colony presents similar advantage; or means of fulfilment of their object."

The petition is set down as the first order of the day for next Friday's meeting, and it is being printed for circulation among the members of the Legislature.

The Hon. S. S. Spurling has charge of the matter.

RIDGWAY.—At Surbiton, Surrey, England, on the 20th inst., to Lt. and Mrs. Guy S. Ridgway, a daughter.