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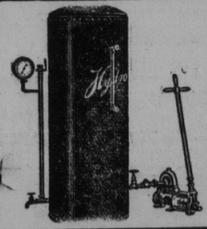


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NUMBER OF WATCHMEN REDUCED

Will Be Cut Down to Thirty
—Committee Meetings to Be Held in the Afternoon.

The common council yesterday decided to reduce the city watchmen to 30. The committee meetings will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 4.30 p. m. instead of 11.30, until the first of May. Commissioner Fisher laid a resolution in regard to business restriction before the council but on action was taken.

All the commissioners were present when the mayor called the meeting to order. Commissioner Fisher presented the following resolution: "That legislation be sought authorizing the council to enact a by-law giving the council control of the issuing of permits for construction of business premises, also for enlargements and additions in districts to be called residential, where 75 per cent. of the occupation of land in any section of street of not less than 800 feet in length, taking both sides of the street, into account is purely residential."

No action was taken as the commissioner is to consult the city solicitor in the matter.

Commissioner McLellan brought up the watchmen question and stated that he did not think it was necessary to have men on duty for the 24 hour period, and suggested that 30 would be sufficient to do the work.

Commissioner Wigmore thought that the militia should do this work and advocated taking the matter up with the authorities at Ottawa.

Commissioner Russell said the number of watchmen would be reduced to 25 after March 1.

Commissioner McLellan moved seconded by the mayor, that the number of watchmen be reduced to 30, and this was carried, Commissioner Wigmore and Russell voting against it.

Commissioner Russell suggested that the 1917 estimates be reprepared and the other departments make some cuts in the interests of economy.

Commissioner McLellan moved that the committee meetings until May 1 be held at 4.30 p. m.—Carried. Commissioner McLellan reported in connection with the communication from J. A. Barry re arrest of Miss Mary McDonald that the city was not liable.

Request from the Y. M. C. A. for permission to put a stove in the exhibition building to heat a reading room for soldiers, and from T. McAvity & Sons to put two more machines in the basement of the exhibition building were referred to Commissioner McLellan to report on.

CITY HALL NOTES.

The contract for the engine for the public works department has been awarded to the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co. This is a new engine and will cost \$57,500.

The commissioner of public works has consulted the city solicitor in connection with the proposed business restriction by-law and he has approved the draft submitted to him by the commissioner.

The mayor yesterday received from Mrs. C. F. Sanford the sum of \$10 for the Russian and Polish relief fund.

MARRIAGES.

St. Jude's church, Carleton, was the scene of an interesting event at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning, when the rector of Waterford, Kings county, the Rev. Leonard Richard Richards, was united in marriage with Miss Olive Mary Dorman. Both bride and groom are Welsh, and the bride only reached St. John on Sunday from her home in the old country. There was a nuptial eucharist, of which Rev. Mr. Shevon was the celebrant. The attendants were immediate friends of the bride and groom. Rev. Mr. Richards and his bride left last evening for their home in Waterford.

Double Wedding.
There was a double wedding at St. John the Baptist church, Broad street, yesterday morning at eight o'clock, with nuptial mass. The Rev. (Capt.) John Gaudet, chaplain of the 165th Battalion, officiated. The principals were Pte. Joseph Alex. Cormier of Sackville and Miss Amanda Fagan of Port Elgin, N. B., and Pte. Charles Blinn of Church Point, N. S., and Miss Josephine Boudreau of St. Peter's parish, North End, and formerly of Maria, Bonaventure Co., Quebec. Pte. Blinn and Miss Boudreau were the witnesses for the Cormier-Fagan wedding and Mr. and Mrs. James LeClair were the witnesses for the Blinn-Boudreau marriage. The grooms are members of the 165th Battalion.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Ada J. Denton, who died in Ste. Agatha, Quebec, took place yesterday afternoon on the arrival of the Montreal train. Services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Sherman, and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Fannie Keirstead took place yesterday morning from her late residence, Prospect street, Fairville, to Union station and the body was taken to Apohaqui for interment. Services were conducted at the house Sunday evening by Rev. P. H. Hayward.

COL. FOWLER IN COMMAND OF RESERVES

Status of Men Who Were
With Kings Co. Battalion
—Fredericton Man Killed.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Feb. 12.—Lieut.-Col. George W. Fowler M. P., for Kings, is now officer commanding a reserve battalion in England, according to information contained in letters received here today from Fredericton by men who went over with a Kings county battalion. These same letters also state emphatically that the latter battalion has been broken up and its members sent to other units or drafts in England preparing to go to the front. A new battalion has been formed, however, a Prince Edward Island battalion having been absorbed in this unit. A large number of Kings county men who were with the original unit are now members of a reserve battalion and the new battalion.

Killed in Action.

Private Hayward Searles, formerly of Fredericton, has been killed in action, according to word received here today. He was a member of a New Brunswick battalion on the firing line, having enlisted in Moncton where his wife and three children now reside. The late Private Searles was about 30 years of age and besides his mother, two brothers, John and Leonard, and two sisters, Mrs. Douglas Gibbs and Mrs. William Upton, all of Fredericton, survive.

OBITUARY.

John H. Appleby, of Darling's Island, Kings county, died at his residence Sunday night. He was seventy-two years old, and is survived by three sons and five daughters. The sons are Walter of Nauwigawauk, Jack of Boston, and Robert at home; the daughters are Mrs. Harry Harrington of Red Head, Mrs. W. H. Figg of Boston, Mrs. M. Isaacs of New York, and the Misses Mabel and Hazel of Boston.

Mrs. Grace Boyer.

Rev. H. R. Boyer received word yesterday morning of the death of his mother, Mrs. Grace Boyer, widow of Edward Boyer of Fredericton, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred C. Tedford, Newburyport, Mass. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Tedford, with whom she made her home, one son, Rev. H. R. Boyer of this city, and two brothers, A. D. and J. L. Thomas, both of Fredericton. The funeral will be held on Wednesday in Fredericton.

Mrs. James Vennel.

Campobello, Feb. 12.—The death occurred on Monday last of Eliza, wife of James Vennel, aged eighty years. Deceased was born here, her parents, the late William and Isabella Gilligan having migrated from Ireland here many years ago. She is the last of a large family. Although of advanced age deceased was well and active until a short time previous her death, which was due to pneumonia. She was a very devoted wife and mother, a consistent member of the Episcopal church, and was esteemed by all. A husband, five sons and two daughters survive her.

Mrs. Frank Kenney.

Special to The Standard.
Coal Branch, Feb. 12.—The death of Mrs. Frank Kenney occurred Friday in Clairville, after a long illness. Mrs. Kenney was about 65 years of age. She leaves to mourn two daughters, Mrs. Barton, of Lawrence, Mass.; Mrs. John Beers, of Beersville, and two sons, William, of Clairville, and Albert, of Boston. Several brothers and sisters, Her mother, who is 96 years of age, also survives.

THE CANADIAN ENGINEERS.

The increasing popularity of the Canadian Engineers to tradesmen and men who can use tools, is becoming more evident from week to week. The reports of men who have already enlisted in this unit and who are now undergoing a course of training are all of the highest order. During the



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In addition to the above men enlisted, applications were received from four mechanics from other units who wished transfers. Men are realizing that the Canadian Engineers have splendid openings for mechanics, tradesmen, men who can handle tools of any kind as well as horsemen, motor cyclists, etc.

CITY BOY SCOUTS.

Boy Scouts from all parts of the city, to the number of two hundred, gathered in the school room of Stone Church last evening, the occasion being the first of a series of lectures which it is expected will be delivered during the course of the next few weeks.

Rev. H. A. Cody occupied the chair, and many of the officers of the local organization were present. Mr. W. McIntosh addressed the boys, during the course of which he showed many most interesting slides on the screen. His khaki-clad audience were particularly interested in the subject, treating, as he did, various points of interest in connection with woodcraft. Among other things he warned the boys to be careful as to leaving smoldering fires, and by illustration enlarged on the fearful consequences which might thereby result.

In a most interesting and instructive way, with here and there snatches of humor, Mr. McIntosh gave much information as to map drawing and reading, numerous Indian signs, the appearance of trees, and the lumber industry from the cutting down of the trees to the shipping for other countries. Passing on, he then showed some beautifully colored lantern slides of a few of the birds which are to be found in the New Brunswick forests, pointing out the amount of good they performed in keeping down the destructive insects.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed Mr. McIntosh, whose appearance was well received, being privileged to hear such an instructive and interesting address on nature study.

It may be added that as the different troops marched through the street on their way to the hall their smart appearance was the subject of most favorable comment, and ample proof was given as to the Boy Scout movement increasing rapidly in the district.

Following the several troops which have recently sprung into being another was organized in connection with the Exmouth street Methodist church last night by the district scoutmaster, B. C. Waring.

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