

LIQUOR LAWS A
HARD PROBLEMLloyd George Willing to Modify
Suggested Duties But Wants
Control of Traffic in Munition
Areas

London, May 5.—The plan adopted by David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for regulation of the liquor traffic is not entirely satisfactory, as the chancellor himself admitted in the House of Commons yesterday. He announced that he was to have a conference tomorrow with brewers and distillers in regard to his new taxes on spirits, wines, and beer, and that he was anxious to come to an agreement with the trade.

The chancellor said he was not wedded to his own proposals, and, if any one had better ones to offer, he would accept them. He did ask, however, that the public give the government at once control of the liquor trade in areas in which munitions of war are produced.

During the debate which followed the budget speech, Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, and John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, declared their opposition to the new taxes on liquors, but promised to facilitate the passage of that portion of the bill giving the government control over the sale of alcoholic liquors in areas where munitions of war are being manufactured.

Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, for the Labor party, protested against the charges that had been made with regard to the habits of the working men, and declared that unless some methods were found to have the working men's side of the case stated, it might be difficult for the Labor party to give the government the solid support which they had rendered it during the war.

The general impression in the lobby, after Mr. Lloyd George had delivered his speech, was that the proposed new taxes on wines, beers and spirits either will be withdrawn or greatly modified, for, above all things, the government desires unanimity.

The Chancellor's speech was taken to indicate that, at some future date, Mr. Lloyd George would propose a huge loan to finance the war for a further period of from six to twelve months.

FREDERICTON MAN IN BATTLE

Private Archie Smith, one of the Fredericton men reported wounded in the fighting around Ypres, writing to his wife under date of April 18th, tells of being in action when some of the German trenches were taken as well as 600 prisoners.

This letter from Private Smith is probably the last he wrote before being wounded. The following are extracts: "I am still well. We are in the trenches now and as I write this we are under heavy shell fire, the shells bursting all around. We have just brought down a German aeroplane. There was a lot of excitement in this."

"We took down the German aeroplane last night and about 600 prisoners. They don't look as though they were very fresh, but more as if they were all in. They put up some stiff fight, however."

LOCAL WAR NOTES

Gunner C. Allen Boone, who left Fredericton with the 24th Battery of Field Artillery, is now with the Divisional Artillery, Heavy Brigade, of the Field Canadian Expeditionary Force in France.

Major A. G. L. McNaughton, who was recently wounded in battle, is a nephew of P. W. McNaughton of Sackville.

PERSONALS

Friends of R. C. Lewis will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his attack of rheumatism. He is still confined to his bed, however, at his home, 98 St. James street.

BIRTHS

HOUSEN.—At 14 Prince street, West St. John, May 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. House (nee Haley), a daughter.

STRAIGHT.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Straight, 165 Victoria street, on May 4, a son.

MARRIAGES

GUY-HENDERSON.—On Tuesday, May 4, 1915, at the home of the bride's parents, Adelaide street, Ambrose Guy, of Newfoundland, and Alice Henderson, Rev. J. Charles Appel officiating.

CURTIS-BENSON.—At the Corner-then street Methodist church, St. John, N.B., on the 4th inst., by Rev. Robert J. Crisp, Newman J. Curtis to Miss Marion Wendell Benson, both of Graves Cove, Newfoundland.

DEATHS

FOLEY.—In this city, on the 4th inst., Hannah, widow of Patrick Foley, and daughter of the late Michael and Ellen Dineen of Musquash, leaving three sons and six daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock from her late residence, 14 Druy lane to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for requiem high mass at nine. Friends invited to attend.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Evans desire to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Walter Harris wishes to extend sincere thanks to all those who sympathized with her in her recent great bereavement.

MT. ALLISON

The official programme of Mount Allison closing exercises, May 21-26 is as follows:

Friday, May 21, 8 p.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—School of expression, students' recital.

Saturday, May 22, 10:30 a.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Recital by conservatory students (Junior).

Saturday, May 22, 2:30 p.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Recital by conservatory students (Senior).

Saturday, May 22, 7 p.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Orchestral concert.

Sunday, May 23, 8:30 p.m.—Closing reception, ladies' college.

Sunday, May 23, 8 p.m., Memorial Hall—Farewell meeting of the Y.M.C.A.

Monday, May 24, 1 a.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Baccalaureate address by Rev. J. W. Graham, D.D., general secretary Educational Society. Methodist Church in Canada.

Monday, May 24, 1 a.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Physical culture drill—Students' Ladies' College.

Monday, May 24, 10:30 a.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Recital, vocal and piano—Miss Lucia Fydel, contralto, Prof. Read, director of conservatory.

Monday, May 24, 2:30 p.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Anniversary exercises of the academy.

Monday, May 24, 4 p.m., Beethoven Hall—Exhibition of work of household science students—Inspection of household science room.

Monday, May 24, 4:30 p.m., University Library—Meeting of senate.

Monday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—Anniversary exercises of the Ladies' College.

Tuesday, May 25, 9:30 a.m., Athletic Grounds—Sports of Mount Allison Athletic Association and military drill.

Tuesday, May 25, 2 p.m., drawing room Ladies' College—Business meeting of the Alumnae Society.

Tuesday, May 25, 2:15 p.m., Memorial Hall—Business meeting of the Alumnae Society.

Tuesday, May 25, 4:30 p.m., engineering shops in the Science Hall open to visitors.

Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—University convocation.

Tuesday, May 25, 9:30 p.m., Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall—After convocation the members of the Alumnae and Alumnae Societies are invited to remain for a social reunion.

Wednesday, May 26, 10 a.m., University Library—Annual meeting of the Regents.

The Museum of Fine Arts will be open to visitors as follows:

Saturday, May 22, 2 to 5 p.m.; Monday, May 24, 9 to 10 a.m.; Tuesday, May 25, 8:30 to 9 p.m.

The work of the students for the year will be found in the studio rooms. The studio of Prof. Hammond, R.C.A., containing some of his recent work will be open to visitors.

A short guide of work done by students of the museum has been prepared for the use of visitors.

Return tickets at one way fare may be obtained at all stations on the I. R. C., D. A. R. and P. E. Island railway. Visitors will please be sure to ask for standard certificate when they purchase their tickets. A free return ticket will be given them by the I. R. C. agent at Sackville on the presentation of this certificate duly signed.

WHO YOUNG MRS. WINTHROP IS

In "Young Mrs. Winthrop," a powerful society comedy drama to be presented at the Opera House next Monday and Tuesday nights, also at a special matinee on Monday afternoon, St. John theatre goers will have an opportunity to see a strong local cast in what is unquestionably the most ambitious dramatic undertaking ever attempted by amateurs in this city.

"Young Mrs. Winthrop" tells an intensely interesting story, abounds in pathos and has a pleasant vein of comedy running all the way through the story. It is a play even for unusually strong emotional acting.

The production is under the auspices of the Y. M. S. of St. Joseph and the proceeds are to go for charitable purposes.

The members of the cast are all well and favorably known to the local theatre going public. The presentation is under the personal direction of J. R. McCloskey, Jr., who was in a great measure responsible for such past amateur successes as "Men and Women," "When We Were Twenty-one" and "O'Brien the Contractor."

THE IMPERIAL'S NEW SERIAL

STORY STARTS ON FRIDAY

Will Be Published On Thursday Evening and Promises To Be Very Interesting

The first of "The Black Box" story instalments will appear in type tomorrow (Thursday) evening and in pictures on the Imperial Theatre curtain Friday and Saturday. Those who enjoy stories of the high tension order will take very kindly to Mr. Oppenheim's narrative as filmed by the Universal Company under the direction of Otto Turner and starred by Herbert Rawlinson and Anna Little.

It is a mystery-fiction of the first magnitude, commencing and continuing to the end in a highly dramatic telling of the tale.

"The Black Box" is now running in all the important cities and towns of the United States and is fast gaining in popularity in Canada. It is a brand new story for which the high price was paid by the well-known Saturday Evening Post writer and its production in combination by press and cinema will make it just as enjoyable as any former effort of this kind. It is of course obvious that to enjoy these serial stories to the fullest it is necessary to see the inaugural chapter on the curtain as well as to read it in the paper publishing it.

TRY TO WHITEWASH MR.

FLEMMING IN DYING HOURS

OF LEGISLATURE SESSION

(Continued from page 1)

That famous agreement between the St. John and Quebec Railway and the Quebec and St. John Construction Company, which the former stipulated that it would pay to the latter 10 per cent of the total cost of the road as a profit upon the construction work, which agreement was brought to light by the counsel for Mr. Dugal, in the investigation before the royal commission, was made null and void today by a section in the act introduced last week respecting the latter railway.

It will be recalled that A. R. Gould was president of the construction company and that the gentlemen associated in both companies were practically the same. So the agreement really amounted down to an arrangement between the parties interested by which they might profit to the extent of nearly a million dollars to be paid out of the railway funds provided by the province.

The preamble to the bill makes certain specific and important statements, among which are that the construction company has failed to carry out its contract with the railway company and has ceased to proceed with the work of construction, and is insolvent.

That the company has ceased work and has admitted its inability to proceed with the construction of the railway in accordance with its contract with the province dated December 12, 1911.

That the railway company has represented that it will be able to complete the construction of the railway provided that, upon the section between Centerville and Gagetown, \$2,000 a mile is added to the bond guarantee.

That in consequence of this failure to proceed without further aid it is important and necessary that the company shall forthwith make such other arrangements with the province as will insure the completion of the railway, and in default thereof that all the capital stock of the railway company shall be vested in the province.

A very important section says that for the purpose of enabling the company to make satisfactory arrangements for the completion of the railway, the government may change, offer, vary, modify and amend any of the terms and conditions of any or all contracts existing between the company and the province, or it may do more, cancel and annul them and make a new contract with the company upon such terms and conditions as may seem advisable, provided, however, that the railway company has paid its bills for the work already performed.

This will give an opportunity for the C. P. R. and others who favor the Westfold or Westford route, to gain their end and the old phrase from Grand Falls to Hothersay or St. John will cease to be used in connection with the Valley Railway.

The money at present in the hands of the Prudential Trust Company, nearly a million dollars, may be used as the government sees fit for the completion of the road from Gagetown and Centerville. From all the reports that have been received, there is a lot of work to be done and much to be undone before this part of the road will pass the inspection of the dominion government engineer, J. J. Taylor. However, under the new legislation the money now available to go ahead with this work, and unless it is done by the Intercolonial Railway the government will soon have another small army of contractors at its heels.

The house went into committee and

LOCAL NEWS

CLIFF STREET FIRE
The fire apparatus was called out about 8 o'clock this morning in response to an alarm from box 4, for a very slight blaze in the cellar of William Donahue's home, 88 Cliff street.

KINGS AND QUEENS ARBOR DAY
Arbor Day for Inspector District No. 3 was fixed for May 7. Inspector A. J. Brooks gives notice that if the grounds, owing to the extraordinary weather of late, should not be in good condition, the day may be observed on May 14 or, if wet then, on some other suitable day.

Dr. John Kearney, osteopath. Graduate American College, 76 Charlotte street.

Fictional Review Summer Fashion Book now on sale at Daniel's.

Ladies' new raincoats, exceptional, at \$3.90 each, at Daniel's.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Crawford took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 86 Summer street. Rev. J. A. MacKiegan officiated at burial services and interment took place in Fernhill.

The very best make of button machine covering buttons is at Daniel's. The new "Arrow" buttons and other popular styles covered on short notice.

A special meeting of Branch 138, C. M. B. A., will be held in their rooms this evening important. Geo. Quinlan, secretary.

St. John Trades and Labor Council, regular meeting Friday, May 7, at 8 p.m., Oddfellows' Hall.

"Chariot" glass with orchestra Friday night.

"Ebony Swells Minstrels," t.f. Telephone C. McDade, Marsh Bridge, for prices on carriages and express wagons. Over 100 in stock.

Amateur contest tonight at the Opera House, with a large list of entries and plenty of fun and entertainment.

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Early Irish cobbler potatoes for seed at H. G. Harrison's, 520 Main street.

SIMONDS' CONSERVATIVES
The Conservative circles of Simonds No. 3, will meet at Mayall's on Monday next at 8 p.m.

OPENING SALE
Great bargains in boots and shoes—Monsieur's new store, 150 Union street, West End.

REMOVAL NOTICE
Lilley & Co. have removed from 558 to 593 Main street, into larger premises, and will be open for business again in a few days, as soon as alterations are completed in the new store. Watch this paper for opening date.

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SUIT CASES 98c.
For the balance of this week we will sell a suit case that's sold everywhere in town for \$1.50 at 98c.; other suit cases from \$1.25 to \$10.50 at Wilcox's, Charlotte street, corner Union.

WHY IS IT
That Wilcox's are always busy? It is because they believe in quick sales and small profits; that is why their business is always growing. It would pay you to shop for the whole family at Charlotte street, corner Union.

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At Wilcox's, ladies black rubber rain coats, worth \$6 for \$3.95. Chapter 15, Centre, corner Union.

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Planting Oysters
The Shengog Oyster Company, according to its last report, has planted twenty-two acres of oysters and fifteen acres of clams at a cost of over \$10,000. The company is having a large oyster boat or dredge built. It is 60 feet long, 18 feet beam and will cost when completed and equipped with machinery \$8,000. Oysters for planting are secured from the Richibucto, Abouagahan and Shengog districts.

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COMMITTEE MEETING
AGAIN POSTPONED

Common Council Unfortunate in Attempts to Hold Open-Door Sessions—Closed Today With County Finance Committee

The noon-day committee meetings of the common council seem fated to meet misfortune. From time to time the council has decided to retire these meetings, but usually something has turned up to prevent. At the meeting of the council last week, it was decided to meet in open committee each Wednesday and Friday at noon. Today was the first opportunity for the new rule to go into effect, and for an hour after noon it seemed that another meeting was to miss fire.

The finance committee of the municipal council, which was postponed from yesterday to avoid conflict with the common council meeting, was called for eleven o'clock this morning. As it was one o'clock when the county committee adjourned, it was then too late for any civic business, but the commissioners did the best they could. With a full attendance the council was called to order by Mayor Frink and, on motion, adjourned until Friday next.

The finance committee met in the Walker building at eleven o'clock with Councillors McEllen, Frink, Pettis, Russell, Golding, Dean and Smith, County Secretary Kelley and County Treasurer Olive present. The quarterly bills were presented in preparation for the meeting of the municipal council next Tuesday, and the rest of the session was devoted to the consideration of matters affecting the legal liability of the county.

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WANTED—Lady Bookkeeper experienced and competent. Address G. R., Times office. 27319-5-7

WANTED—Girl for general housework to go to Hothersay for summer months. Apply Mrs. R. D. Paterson, 48 Carleton street. 5-8

WANTED—Girl or woman for night work on lunch counter. One that could learn to do a little order cooking. Apply 7 Mill street. 27316-5-8

BOY WANTED at once, to learn the drug business. Apply at once to R. W. Hawker, 473 Main street. 27315-5-8

FOR SALE—Good country house, with several acres of land. Good sandy beach, at Red Head. Apply Mrs. Osborne, 76 Sydney street. 27322-5-12

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CONDENSED DESPATCHES
Newfoundland seal hunters propose to use aeroplanes to locate the herds of seals.

British embassy officials at Washington are disturbed over the news from Mexico. British interests are threatened there.

A Japanese cruiser and four destroyers have arrived at a port 150 miles east of Peking. Japanese are leaving China. The Chinese cabinet is divided in opinion as to the course to pursue.

"Japanese ultimatum to China," cables the Tokio correspondent of the Central News, "grants a delay of forty-eight hours."

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE!
All persons having claims against the estate of Edward McPartland, late of the City of Saint John, tailor, deceased, are requested to file the same, duly certified by affidavit, as required by "The Probate Courts Act" within ten days from this date, with me as administrator of said estate, at 108 Prince William street, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to me.</