

MIX-UP OCCURS OVER INCREASE VOTED FIREMEN

And the City Commissioners
Thrash Out Question at
Weekly Meeting

WHEN SHOULD PAYMENTS BEGIN?

Expert Asks For Information
Regarding Population
and Rainfall

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission took place last evening, all the members being present.

Considerable business was disposed of, the meeting not adjourning until 11 o'clock.

Com. Jackman was the prominent figure in last night's meeting, first by censuring the board in a fatherly way for not permitting houses to be built on the western end of LeMarchant Road, though the sewer does not extend there; and the other was his proposition that the Board pay to the Government the \$500.00 being the Councils amount for the Firemen's increase in pay, though the Municipal Act says it is not payable until Dec. 31st. Mr. Jackman pressed his motion and it was carried.

All Favored It

It must not be inferred that any of the Commissioners are against the increase; all spoke in favor of it, and when the time specified by the act arrived the extra amount would be paid without further ado.

The only difference of opinion was when the amount should be paid. Before making his proposition Mr. Jackman said he had been informed by the Inspector General that the increase had been stopped by the order of the Auditor General, who said the I. G. did not have the money for the increase and to safeguard himself the extra amounts paid for July and August were deducted from the September salary.

Government Bungled

The bungling was on the part of the Government, and in spite of last night's resolution the Council, to our mind, was in no way responsible for the trouble.

Furlong & Conroy wrote re John Duff's bowling alley tax. They admit liability for \$30.00 and are prepared to go to court for settlement of \$60, be demanded. The Solicitor will report.

Too Busy

J. P. Blackwood wrote re McLaughlin's land, LeMarchant Road. The Secretary will write him.

Hon. E. R. Bowring replied that Mr. Cochius is so busy at the Park at present he is not able to give his time to anything else.

F. W. Knight wrote re arbitration on Cullen's estate. Mr. Knight has not yet submitted his claim. Ex-Mayor Ellis will be asked to continue as arbitrator.

C. A. Ellis wrote re water from main running in his cellar. Referred to Engineer.

J. Skinner complained of being unfairly taxed for vacant lands. Council has not the power to deal with it at present. Mr. Skinner must wait until the next court of revision.

Ex-Const. Mackie asked for a tank on Merrymount Road; he will be asked to connect with water service.

Badly Treated

Albert Rice, South Side, wrote again re sewer under his house. There is no doubt Mr. Rice was badly treated and it is difficult to understand the action of the west end inspector. The Engineer will take the matter in hand.

The Engineer reported on the cleaning of the water main and complimented the men. The chairman said he witnessed the task with Mr. Longley, and he wished to congratulate all, the Engineer included, on the excellent way the work was done.

The drain at the rear of J. J. Tobin's will be repaired.

The East end Road Committee had met and recommended the expenditure of \$100.00 on Forest Road.

Com. Bradshaw referred to the drain, Colonial Street, near Bp. Feild College. Repairs will be made.

Must Specify Items

An item in the Sanitary account, \$115.00 for lumber was discussed. The Superintendent must in future specify items. Com. Mullaly was of the opinion that it was a case of amounts being charged to the Sanitary Department which should have been charged to some other account.

Com. Mullaly also got after Com. Anderson re his report which has not yet been presented to the Board. The latter promised it for next meeting.

W. J. Ranes must fence his property.

Sprinkling and flushing is now finished and the Superintendent recommended the selling of four or five old

C.M.B. CLASSES OPEN SUNDAY

First Address to be Given by
Rev. Brinton

The Cathedral Men's Bible Class, Fall and Winter Session, opens tomorrow afternoon, with a special service at 3 o'clock. The address will be given by Rev. J. Brinton. Meetings will be held in the Synod Building every Sunday, and interesting and profitable sessions are confidently looked forward to. The attendance of all members, and of their friends, is cordially invited.

ENTER ANTWERP THRU SUBURBS

Amsterdam, Oct. 10.—According to the Rosendaal correspondent of the Handelsblad, the Germans entered Antwerp through the suburbs of Berchem.

The correspondent received the news from an officer who transported wounded soldiers to their Holland homes.

George Street A.B.C.

The George Street Adult Bible Class is holding its annual Rally Day Service tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. An address will be given by the Rev. D. B. Hemmeon. Special music prepared. Visitors will receive a cordial welcome.

Naval Reservist Writes From Niobe

Const. John Simmonds had a letter yesterday from Ex-Const. F. Churchill, who is a reservist on H.M.C.S. Niobe. It was written at sea, but the ship's position was not given. The Reservists are all well and in good spirits.

Late J. M. Jackman Is Laid To Rest

The funeral of the late James M. Jackman took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended.

As the cortege was passing along the blinds at Messrs. Bowring Bros. stores were drawn, deceased having been in that employ for many years. Rev. Fr. Conway read the service at the Cathedral and interment was at Belvedere.

SPLENDID SHOW AT THE NICKEL

The pictures at the Nickel Theatre last evening were witnessed by hundreds of ladies and gentlemen who were delighted with them, and the management was complemented.

Mr. DeWitt was very enthusiastically applauded. He has many admirers in St. John's and all are sorry that he is leaving and express the hope that he will return.

Mr. Arthur C. Hoskins will appear on Monday evening. He is one of the best lyric tenors of America and the music loving public are looking forward to his appearance with interest.

SEVERE FIGHTING OUTSIDE ANTWERP

Germans Reported to Have
Been Compelled To
Retreat

London, Oct. 9.—A despatch to The Chronicle from Rosendaal, Holland, dated Thursday evening, says severe fighting is progressing outside of Antwerp and is informed that shrapnel, struck the Erasmus Hospital in Fontaine Street, breaking many windows.

In Turnhout and its vicinity many houses have been destroyed. It is reported here that the Germans have been compelled to retreat for a short distance.

The Fogota left Musgrave at 6.50 a.m.

horses. The matter was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Asked Statistics
Mr. Longley asked for city's population for last fifty or sixty years; also rain fall and temperature. Com. Jackman thought he could provide some of the information asked for.

Com. Mullaly proposed that the sewerage pipes on the South Side suggested by him previously be laid. The Council has no money for this work and the motion was not seconded.

Com. Jackman proposed that the Com. pay the \$500 increase for the Firemen's pay, after considerable discussion it was carried.

Com. Mullaly asked re taxation of Fishermen's Institute. Solicitor will be asked to report.

After other matters had been disposed of the meeting adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

CANNING FACTORY FOR BLUEBERRIES

Halifax Concern Establishes
a New Industry at
Campbellton

Although for many years the immense quantity of blueberries growing annually at Blueberry Mountain was known to many, the idea of speculators taking advantage of this opportunity seemed not to materialize until a few days ago, when an enterprising Halifax concern erected a canning factory at New Campbellton and are today reaping the reward of their enterprise, says the Sydney Record.

Four Hundred Pickers

During the past three weeks about four hundred Indians, from various parts of Cape Breton, have been quartered on the immense plantation, and some idea of the enormous yield of this particular luscious and much sought berry may be gleaned when it is learned that each Indian picker gathers in the vicinity of four gallons a day.

Early in the season blueberries were sold here for 60 and 70 cents a gallon, but when the berry pickers began to assemble the price dropped to 50 cents a gallon, which is the prevailing figure here today. However, the Indians can afford to sell cheaper to the new factory at Campbellton, where they readily accept 25 cents the gallon and make good wages at that price.

Another Projected

It is rumored that next year a similar canning institution will be operated down in northern Victoria county, where an immense blueberry harvest annually yields thousands of gallons. In the past only a small portion of these blueberries were picked, the rest being allowed to go to waste on account of the difficulties experienced in sending them here or to some other market. Should the factory be established in northern Victoria county, it will no doubt prove a boon to the people living there, at least for a certain season of each year.

9 DAYS WITH NO FOOD ON OCEAN

Schooner Success, From
Twillingate, Relieves Crew
of Little Craft Bound For
Woody Is., Nfld.

Over two hundred miles out of his course, aimlessly drifting about on the treacherous Atlantic, the little fourteen ton auxiliary schooner Harry M. Johnstone, with her commander and one boy the sole human beings on board, was spoken Saturday in latitude 45 deg. 41 min. by Capt. John Churchill, of the three masted schooner Success, which arrived here from Twillingate, Nfld., Monday, says the North Sydney Herald of Wednesday last.

When Capt. Churchill first discerned the little craft through the gray mists, it was impossible to tell whether anything was wrong with her or not, but as the big three-master drew a little nearer, the discerning eye of the young Newfoundland skipper told him something was amiss and he at once bore down for the little stranger.

Big Sea On

A turbulent sea prevailed at the time, which made it difficult for Capt. Churchill to get very close, but through his megaphone he learned that the Harry M. Johnstone hailed from Yarmouth, and last called four days previous at Halifax, bound for Woody Island, Nfld., where the wife and family of the little craft's skipper lived.

The latter, who spoke with a strong accent, gave Capt. Churchill his name, but the latter did not quite catch it. At any rate, he was not particular about the name, being desirous to render aid to the small craft.

Nothing To Eat

Capt. Churchill learned that for nine days and nine nights neither the skipper or the boy, as well as two cats on board the Johnstone, had tasted of food, and to add to the horror of their case, the compass was broken and their jolly-boat washed away. On the day previous the sea swept over the little craft and for four times within an hour the weakened mariners were obliged to bail their craft to keep it from sinking. Several days previous, water had put his electric batteries out of business, rendering them useless.

Upon learning of the trying experience of the lonely couple, Capt. Churchill manned a boat himself and in the face of a driving northeasterly breeze, he succeeded in placing on board a compass and chart and sufficient quantity of food and water to supply the two occupants of the small craft for at least nine days. This was done by Capt. Churchill after his attempt by coxing failed to induce the skipper of the Johnstone to abandon his craft.

Luckily for Captain Churchill and crew, the Success sailed in ballast, and by the time the ship was safely out of the North Sea, naval manoeuvres were speedily being undergone by the Germans. When the Success reached Cadiz, Spain, the Motherland threw down the gauntlet.

KAISER'S MEN TRY NEW WEAPON

New Style of Bomb for Use
In Aeroplanes

Most people admit that the German heavy artillery has been one of the surprises of the war. But the Kaiser, it would seem, has yet another in store for the Allies.

Every dark night the past six weeks a Zeppelin has left its hangar at Fried richshafen, on the German shore of Lake Constance, and after rising to a height of about 1,000 ft. has, "with great rapidity and precision," dropped upon the waters of the lake some fifty basket-shaped missiles which contain torpedoes.

"The explosion is terrific," a great column of water rising high into the air. The Germans, we are told, hope great things from these ghastly engines. They hope, among other things to drop them on the English and French fleets.

GERMANS THERE IN GREAT FORCE

Have Taken on a Fierce Of-
fensive Along the
Scheldt

London, Oct. 9.—The Times' Belgian correspondent in a despatch dated Wednesday says that the Germans are in strong force, is evident from their fierce offensive along the River Scheldt which resulted in their crossing of the River at three points?

"I watched a dense cloud of smoke arising from the Naptha works at Schoonarde which were fired by the Germans on the previous night.

The damage done by the bombardment in Schoonarde was very great. Today's fighting was bitter and determined and both sides suffered heavily. The German losses especially must be important for they held the bridge over the Scheldt close to the entrenched Belgians.

Died At Vera Cruz

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Partick Cunningham of this city at Vera Cruz, Mexico, recently.

Deceased was well known here, as for several years he was steward on one of our coastal boats. He left here seven years ago.

Mr. Cunningham was employed as steward on one of the American trans ports conveying troops to and from Vera Cruz, and died at the latter port after a short illness, where he was buried.

Two brothers, Edward, formerly chief steward of the Virginia Lake, now in New York, and another in this city, are left to mourn, besides many relatives, to whom The Mail Extends sympathy.

Capt. Farrell Dead

Capt. William J. Farrell, of Harvey Road, died at his residence this morning after a tedious illness.

Deceased Captain was well known as for many years he was connected with the Red Cross Co. as commander of one of the liners running between St. John's, Halifax and New York.

He leaves a wife, one son and daughter to mourn their loss.

The funeral takes place Monday afternoon.

don his craft and take passage on the Success.

300 Miles To Go

When the three master pulled up alongside the Johnstone to bid him good bye, the Johnstone was some three hundred miles from his destination and about two hundred miles out of his course. At one time, several days ago, the Johnstone was off this port, but when spoken by Captain Churchill, the skipper had not the slightest idea where he was, but he parted company with the former in high spirits, thankful and confident of reaching Woody Island in good time.

The Success which will load Scotia coal here for Twillingate, Nfld., is only recently returned from Europe, where her young commander brought a cargo of oil from St. John's for Hamburg.

In Nick of Time

Capt. Churchill left the latter place on Monday the 29th of June, the day after Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austria-Hungary throne and the Princess Hohenburg, his consort were shot dead in the streets of Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia by an eighteen year old student—the act that brought about the greatest war of the ages.

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CAVALRY FIGHT CHIEF EVENT

On the West of the Battle
—Rest of the Front is
Quiet

Paris, Oct. 9.—The general situation has not changed much. To our left both cavalrys were engaged north of Lille and Labassee, and the battle is raging on a line fronted by Lens, Arras, Bray sur Somme, Chaumes, Roye, and Lassigny.

At the centre of the Oise and vicinity of the Meuse nothing important is noted.

To our right in Woevre there is an artillery duel on the entire front.

In Lorraine and Vosges and in Alsace no change is reported.

Bosnia—The Montenegrin troops continue their advance in the direction of Sarajevo, and have nearly reached the fortifications which protect the town at a distance of eight kilometers.

Naval—The French fleet after passing Antivari, visited the islands of Adriatic between Cattaro and Lissa and arrived before Ragusa.

The authorities at Ragusa fled at the sight of French warships.

Petrograd—Russians have captured ten thousand prisoners and forty cannons in recent battles on the frontier of eastern Prussia.

The Express arrived at 1.45 p.m.

The schr. Ofelia has left Grand Bk. for Oporto with 2142 qtls. fish.

Mails per s.s. Beothic for Mediterranean ports closes at 5 this evening.

Miss Annie Graham arrived by the express today for treatment at the General Hospital.

NOTICE

Any person who was a member of the crew of the "S.S. Morwenna" when rendering assistance to the S.S. Langan" will apply to Capt. Holmes, "S.S. Morwenna," International Pier, Sydney, will receive their portion of the salvage.—oct10,31

Men's & Boy's Overcoats

Overcoats that are warm and comfortable, correct in style, and moderate in price, are some of the good points of our stock this season, and there are other features you will observe when you examine them.

The materials are Heavy Tweeds, in Heathers, Greys, Mixtures and Stripes.

For Men:

In Single Breasted, with "Stormway" Collar and in Double Breasted Ulster Styles.

Prices range from

\$5.80 to \$12.00.

For Boys:

In Single Breasted Chesterfield, and with Storm Collar; a few with Velvet Collars.

Prices range from

\$4.60 to \$7.30.

Ayre & Sons
LIMITED.

SHOT WOUNDED ON BATTLEFIELD

British Officer Tells of Actual
Cases of German Bar-
barity to Helpless

An officer in the brigade of Guards, writing home from the front on Sept. 15, says:

"We are at the present moment enduring a most damnable shelling. Five minutes ago the head of a shell finished up between me and the adjutant. I have it now in my haversack. We are in a fairly safe position, but it is not pleasant. . . . Yesterday was a terrible day. We had to gain ground through a wooded horseshoe-shaped hollow. Eventually we got up and found the enemy in the horseshoe situation.

Were Tricked.
"We pushed on, when, all of a sudden, the foremost Germans, all over the field, advanced, either waving white flags or with their arms up. Instead of taking no notice, the men got up and behaved as if the action was over. I shouted myself hoarse telling them to go on fighting. It was of no avail, and in about five minutes, or less, a second line of Germans came over the sky line and fired into us.

The men were then in groups. We got a line formed and opened fire. Some of our own were in front, and of course, we tried to avoid them.

"In one case a German officer ordered young—, who was wounded to

be shot, and other wounded men. This was witnessed. I believe the officer was killed later on. We held our ground till night, and many Germans surrendered.

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HORSE BOLTED AND WAS KILLED

Narrow Escape of Driver of
Victoria

Mr. M. McDonald, cabman, lost a valuable horse, yesterday afternoon. While going down Prescott St. the animal took fright at the steam pipes and bolted.

It dashed across Water St. and collided with the corner of Parsons' Studio at the corner of Job's Cove and tore a large wound in its breast. Blood flowed freely from it and after a few moments the animal perished.

The Victoria was also considerably damaged but the driver escaped unhurt.

COCHRANE ST. Y.M.B.C. MEETS

At the annual business meeting of Cochrane St. Y.M.C. the report of the past year was read by the Secretary, which showed the class to be in good condition.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, as follows:

President—Ches. M. Mauder.
Vice-President—Samuel Milley.
Secretary—F. A. Jones.
Treasurer—Ed. Hirst.
Librarian—Robert Rimes.
Teacher—Arthur Mews, Esq.

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