

# TALK OF CITY AND COUNTY BREAK COMMENTED ON

## PROMINENT MEN EXPRESS VIEWS ON SITUATION

Greater Saint John Idea Suggested by L. W. Simms

MANY NOT READY TO GIVE OPINIONS

Good Deal of Thought and Study of Case Required

The talk of a break between the city and county, which featured yesterday's meeting of the finance committee of the Municipal Council, caused considerable comment today. The Times-Star sought opinions of a good number of citizens of both city and county in the matter, but few feel prepared to speak for publication. However, some expressed their views.

## BOARD OF TRADE PRESIDENT

L. W. Simms, president of the Board of Trade, in discussing the divorce of the city and county of Saint John, spoken of at yesterday's meeting of the county finance committee said this morning that he had not given the matter enough consideration to be sure that such a step would be desirable and any improvement over existing conditions.

## F. A. DYKEMAN

F. A. Dykeman, when asked his opinion on the subject, said that, as he had not made any study of the question, he was not in a position to give an intelligent opinion. He did think, however, that the parish of Lancaster was going ahead too fast in the spending of money and thought steps should be taken to retrench, both in the city and county. That a curtailment of expenditure would be hastened by a separation of the city and county remained to be seen, said Mr. Dykeman.

## JOHN T. O'BRIEN

"At the proper time I will have something to say on the proposed separation of the city and county," said John T. O'Brien, for 16 years a representative of the Parish of Lancaster in the Municipal Council.

## BIRTHS

EARLE—At the Evangelical Maternity Home, on Sept. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Earle, a daughter. (Stillborn.)

## DEATHS

BARNES—At Hampton, on Sept. 16, Augusta J., widow of N. Barnes, leaving to mourn two daughters and one son. Funeral from St. Paul's church, Lakeside, on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Atlantic Standard time.

## RANKIN

RANKIN—At Boston, Mass., on Sept. 17, 1926, Sadie, wife of J. Fred Rankin, formerly of this city, leaving her husband and three sons to mourn. Funeral on Sunday at Boston.

## CARD OF THANKS

Wm. McKay and family wish to thank their friends and relatives for sympathy extended and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

## TOPCOAT SNAPS

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## Local News

### IS SISTER

The sister of the late William Flutings is Mrs. John Day, instead of Mrs. Arthur Campbell, who was named as sister in yesterday's report.

### DESERTION CHARGED

The case of William Edward Day, of Brown's Flat, charged by his wife with desertion, will come up before Magistrate Thompson, Grand Bay, tomorrow morning. The man was arrested today at Grand Falls on a warrant issued by Magistrate Thompson.

### Y'S MEN MEET

There was a good attendance at the weekly luncheon of the Y's Men's Club at noon today. The chairman was the president, Russell Holt. An interesting report of the proceedings at the international convention at Camden, N. J., was given by Jack Edgcombe, delegate of the local club to the convention.

### INFORMATION WANTED

The detectives said today that efforts are being made to locate Mrs. Mary McDow and mother who arrived here from Digby yesterday. They were met by Harold S. Sampson of 88 Cary street, Brockton, Mass., but he was unable to meet them but will arrive in the city on Sept. 19. Anyone with any information of the whereabouts of Mrs. McDow and her mother are asked to communicate with the police department.

### COLLIDES WITH POLE

Leonard Cairns, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cairns, of Sand Cove road, received a slight sprain to his arm about 11 o'clock last night when his father's car, which he was driving, struck the concrete base around an iron pole in the middle of the street at the foot of Main street, Fairville, and Lancaster Heights. The boy, who was on his way to Fairville at the time, had swerved the car in order to avoid hitting another car which was on its way to West Saint John. One hind wheel of the car was torn off.

### the municipal council

"Anything might say at the present moment," continued Mr. O'Brien, "might not be in the spirit in which it was meant." As he was not re-elected in the last municipal election he would not say anything that might embarrass the present representatives of the people.

### MAYOR WHITE

Mayor White said he thought that the municipality on the one side, and the school board on the other, by increasing their expenses much more rapidly than those of the city proper, have grown, "were strangling us." He said that the county was being run in a bad way if such a severance of conditions occurred. "They are gradually eating up their assets," he said, "and the city and county was one which required a great deal of study and attention."

### COMMISSIONER BULLOCK

Commissioner Bullock said: "I think the matter, if the parish councillors are of the same opinion as they were at the meeting, could be arranged to the satisfaction of all interests. The city commissioners are not there to handle the affairs of the parish. The parish gets all tangled up and then comes to the city commissioners for aid."

### COUNCILLOR GOLDING

That, in his opinion, the Parish of Lancaster entertained no notion of severing its connection with the city of Saint John, was the statement given by Councillor William Golding, Fairville.

### Commissioner Frink declined to express an opinion on the matter.

### 'Phone your Want Ads.

Main 2417

## CITY COUNCIL TO CONSULT CIVICS EXPERT

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash receipts on assessments, 1925, 1924 and prior ..... \$1,235,190.11

Transfer to County acct. .... 368,227.51

Transferred to school account ..... 472,268.66

682,493.94

### Credits as follows:

Expense assessing and collecting ..... \$23,216.67

Street department ..... 24,344.04

Lamp department ..... 17,294.37

Police department ..... 100,045.00

Fire department ..... 121,850.24

Ferry department ..... 58,702.92

Exhibition Dept. .... 2,226.41

Libraries ..... 2,216.40

Grants ..... 20,117.09

Survey ..... 4,466.84

Over and under expenditures, bal. .... 81,149.19

Bundries ..... 5,078.11

Interest and S. F. Treasury department ..... 16,286.86

862,403.64

### On streets ..... \$91,307.17

On fire ..... 6,388.10

On police ..... 17,294.37

On ferry ..... 100,045.00

On treasury ..... 16,286.86

\$133,514.83

### COSTS KEPT DOWN

"In criticising this statement there are a few things which stand out. The citizens expect the streets paved and the sidewalks kept clean. They expect the Police Department to be maintained, and just here I would like to point out that our police force is the smallest of any city of similar size in Canada. The water department there can be no possible economy of expenditure, as any reduction there would lead to an increase in the insurance rates, another form of taxation. The ferry is operated at the cost of about \$7,000 a year to the community and this matter is already engaging the attention of the commissioner in charge. There is also an item of \$20,000 a year for grants."

### TAX SHOCK SHOCK

"It was a shock this year when the tax rate rose from \$3.10 to \$3.36. This increase was not due to general increases, but to the increased demand for educational purposes made necessary by the building of the vocational school at the request of the majority in the plebiscite. While I do not believe that a plebiscite always represents the views of the people, yet it would hardly do to disregard a majority vote."

### Too Late For Classification

LOST—Finder of keys, on Lancaster Ave. or Dufron street, lost Saint John. Bunch, Western House, Phone 382.

### FOUND—Sum of money on Prince William street, which may be had by owner at office of County Treasurer, upon affirmation of amount and payment of advertisement.

### WANTED—Girl for candy factory.

Apply J. Barker, 24 Prince street. A-18

### and I, as one, felt that it would be well to take stock and see if there was any way in which the taxes could be reduced, and to see if more modern methods of administration might reduce civic overhead. I have approached this matter with an open mind and have been making enquiries in several directions.

### QUOTES BOSTON REPORT.

"Saint John is not the only city which has had such investigations and I have in my hand a report of a survey in the city of Boston in 1921. As a result of this survey the revenue of the city was increased by \$5,000,000, mainly from license fees and an excise tax on retail sales to consumers. It having been adopted by the Registry Commission as a policy that the 'spending power of the people was a good test of their ability to pay.'"

### MOTION CARRIED

Mayor White said that before he put the motion he would like to say that Halifax had an audit and the cost was \$37,000. He would like to point out that after all, changes in the assessment act were merely shifting the burden from one department to another and was not really lifting it any. The only way to make the load easier was to lighten the population and in his opinion the only way to get population was to develop the port. The motion carried.

### MRS. SADIE RANKIN IS DEAD IN BOSTON

Sad News Comes to Sisters-in-law, Misses Rankin, King Street East

The death of Mrs. Sadie Rankin, wife of J. Fred Rankin, formerly of this city but now of Boston, occurred this morning in Boston. Mrs. Rankin was in Saint John only about two weeks ago on a visit to her sisters-in-law, the Misses Rankin, King street east, and also had been visiting relatives in Halifax and Yvonne. She had been in poor health for some time and on her return to Boston was taken seriously ill, having to enter a hospital for an operation. She was formerly Miss Satterthwaite, of Halifax, and is survived by her husband and three sons. The sons are Ernest, Stewart and William Rankin, all of New York State. The funeral will be held in Boston on Sunday.

### Will Be Married In Fairville This Evening

A pretty wedding will be solemnized this evening at the residence of Rev. H. S. B. Stroobant, Church avenue, Fairville, when he will unite in marriage Gladys Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Beers, 78 Moore street, Saint John, and Everett Reginald, son of Mrs. Ida and the late Harry Beers, of Fairville. The bride will be given in marriage by her father, and will be charmingly gowned in a tulle and lace dress with hat to match and will carry a bouquet of nosegays and sweetheart roses. She will be attended by her sister, Frances, who will wear a dress of electric blue silk crepe de chine with black picture hat. The bridegroom will be attended by his brother, Alfred. Following the ceremony friends and relatives will be met at the home of the groom's parents. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Beers will reside in Fairville. Many beautiful gifts have been received.

### R.M.A. WANTS STORE NAMES DISPLAYED

MONTREAL, Sept. 17.—Desire to have every retail merchant display his name on the front of his store, was expressed at the quarterly meeting of the National Shoe Retailers' Association of Canada executive, held here.

### Frederick Vets Get \$100 Contribution

FREDERICTON, Sept. 17.—The Fredericton branch, Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, at its regular monthly meeting last night received from Mrs. Edith T. Gillin, wife of Dr. W. J. Gillin of New York, a cheque for \$100. Mrs. Gillin, who was formerly Mrs. J. C. Allen, of Fredericton while a resident of this city was an honorary member of the Fredericton branch, G. W. Y. A., now the Canadian Legion. (She is now visiting in Fredericton.)

### JOHNSTONE'S HOTEL

Loch Lomond. Turkey dinner and supper Sunday. 9-18

### Fishermen's Contest Likely This Fall

Canadian Press. HALIFAX, Sept. 17.—The Halifax Herald, sponsors of the International Fishermen's race, carried the following today:

### BUSINESS LOCALS

West Side Taxi Service. Day or Night. A. B. Kindred, W. 12. 9-20

### NOTICE

It's all joy, and no squealing, where our meat goes. \$1.00 to anyone that can prove that we sell any western dry, tasteless old cow beef. Note the following prices: Hind quarters best spring blunk, 40 cents; front, 25. The best steer beef \$1.00, 25 cents; sirloin steak, 30 cents. Tender, juicy roast from same beef, 12 cents up. If possible, buy tonight as meat will keep. The Saint John Meat Co. The largest and best market in the Maritimes. To avoid going astray, read name over window.

### Cut prices on groceries, fruit, canned goods, at Keith, Y Germain street, till end of month.

### ODD COATS

And odd coats in all sizes and colors at Basen's, Ltd., 17-19 Charlotte street. 9-18

### EVERYBODY

Can get suited in sweeter lines for less money at Basen's, Ltd., 17-19 Charlotte street. 9-18

### DANCING, RITZ TONIGHT

Troubadour orchestra in attendance. Step dancing exhibition. Good time assured. 9-18

### SUNDAY SERVICE, SAINT JOHN MONCTON, TO BE DISCONTINUED.

After Sunday, Sept. 19, there will be no Sunday trains between Saint John and Moncton, train No. 14 leaving Saint John at 1 p. m. daily, except Sunday, and instead of daily after that date, and trains Nos. 40 and 50 (Sundays only) being cancelled. Train No. 18 will leave Moncton at 2:40 p. m. daily except Sunday, arriving Saint John 5:50 p. m.

### THE DOLLAR TODAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Foreign exchange steady. Great Britain 48 1/2; France 281; Italy 262 1/2; Germany 231. Canadian dollars 53 1/2 of one per cent. premium.

### For The Week End

TOPCOATS—For knockabout, townabout, runabout. A Topcoat that sits right on the back at a price that sits right on the mind. \$17.50 to \$40.

NEW FALL SUITS, \$45—special. 20th Century and other famous makes. They contain every style distinction and satisfaction of service—browns, mixtures, pencil stripes.

SOCKS—The hose this Fall is lively of color and pattern. In big variety, from 65 cents up.

HATS—Your Fall hat style is ready—step in and try on the hat you like best. \$6.50 and \$8.50.

TIES—New patterns in four-in-hands and bows. \$1 to \$2.50. Buy one for Sunday.

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## VISIT IS COSTLY

Melbourne Sabean Gets Into Trouble in Salvation Army Citadel

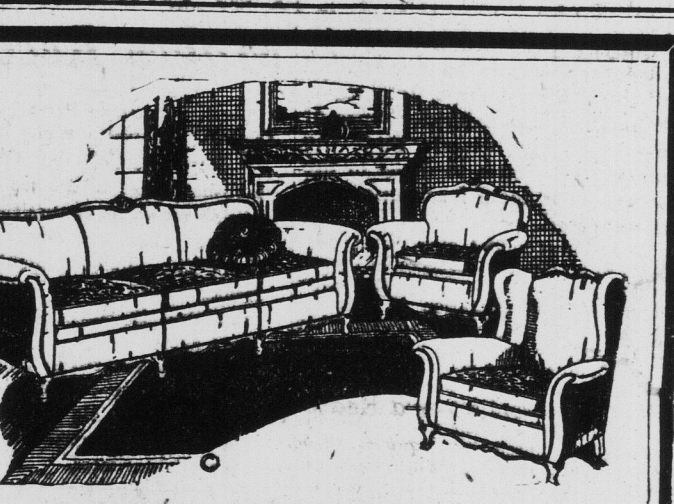
Melbourne Sabean, charged with assaulting and beating Mrs. Mary Graham in the Salvation Army Citadel in Charlotte street last night, appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the Police Court this morning. Mrs. Graham and her son Kenneth both gave evidence to the effect that Sabean had gone to a meeting of women while he was under the influence of liquor and when told he would have to leave he struck Kenneth and then his mother. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$20 on each charge or in default of payment two months in jail.

## U. S. GAME LAWS

Several copies of the game laws of the United States have been received by J. Charlton Berrie, secretary of the N. B. Automobile Association, and anyone interested may procure a copy at his office.

## TO LET SMALL FLAT, 140 PARADISE ROW.

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