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LOCAL NEWS

MRS. CARILLA MELVIN
Many friends in this city will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Carilla Melvin at the home of her son, 298 Guilford street, West St. John, on February 12, of heart trouble. She was in the fifty-ninth year of her age. She leaves to mourn seven sons—Donald S., of the Southern States; Ernest A., R. Roscoe, Loving R., Russell E. and Manford V., all of West St. John, and G. Dexter with the Canadian Troops Headquarters staff in England. Funeral service will be held at her son's home on Friday evening at eight o'clock and interment will be at Lepreau.

SKATING PARTY.
Last evening a skating party was given in the Victoria rink by Miss Stella Brydon to celebrate the birthday of her brother. After ten pleasant hours with excellent music, the party returned to her home, where Mrs. Brydon had a tempting supper waiting. The dining room was decorated for the occasion, and in the centre of the table was a large birthday cake with candles, which when lighted, gave a pretty effect. The evening was spent in music and games, and after congratulations the party broke up and everyone agreed that a very enjoyable time had been spent. Mr. and Mrs. W. Herbert Downie acted as chaperones.

GO INTO BUSINESS.
Two well-known St. John men have taken over a long established business in Albert county and are setting up for themselves under most favorable auspices. George A. Dawes, formerly traveler for the Imperial Tobacco Company and latterly with Ames-Holden-McCreedy, Ltd., and Ernest Wright, for many years a traveling representative for Vassie & Co., Ltd., have formed a partnership under the name of the Dawes-Wright Company and have purchased the business of A. Steves & Co., general merchants, in Hillsboro, one of the oldest concerns in Albert county. The former proprietor has been dead for several years and the business has been carried on by his estate. Those who know Messrs. Dawes and Wright will not only wish their success but will be willing to predict that they will achieve it in their new venture.

HUSBAND IS HELD TO BE LIABLE

Text of Interesting Judgment by Hon. R. J. Ritchie in City Court

The following judgment, of much interest, was given by Hon. R. J. Ritchie today in the city court in the case of Naim vs. McLellan:

This is an action to recover \$15 rent of rooms occupied by defendant's wife and two children.

The agreement was between the plaintiff and defendant's wife.

Counsel for defendant moves for non-suit on the following grounds:

1st. Want of privity of contract. 2nd. In no case is a husband liable for debts contracted by his wife, she having left his house. 3rd. No jurisdiction, this not being an action of debt.

The evidence discloses a deplorable state of affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. McLellan have been married four years. During the first year their life was pleasant; since then it unfortunately appears to have been quite otherwise. At times sunshine, but principally gloom. In early January last the climax came.

It is not denied that the defendant used some personal violence to his wife; but he contradicted his wife and other witnesses as to intent of personal violence and as to threatening to kill her. On the question of credibility I find in favor of the witnesses and against the defendant.

Then arises the important legal question: Can a wife, under such circumstances as are disclosed by the evidence, leave her husband's home and contract for necessities making him liable.

In this case I believe, and I find that Mrs. McLellan had a well grounded apprehension of danger, and she was justified in leaving her husband on the night in question. I understandly find that from the conduct of the husband, his wife had cause for the apprehension of danger.

I cite with approval the statement by Baron Garrat, who said: "I take it to be a clear principle of law that if a husband conducts himself toward his wife with such a degree of misconduct and cruelty as to render it no longer safe for her to remain in his house she is not to be turned out into the street to starve, or to seek relief, but she is justified in leaving her home, and she goes forth into the world with a credit for necessities of life suitable to her condition."

I think in this case, under the evidence adduced there was an implied power of credit.

Again: Considering the personal violence and the threats of the defendant to his wife, I believe and I find that Mrs. McLellan left her home under the suspicion and fear that her husband would offer her personal violence, and I do further find that Mrs. McLellan had reasonable grounds to apprehend such violence.

Lord Ellesborough in a case in England went further and laid down the sound doctrine that a husband by bringing another woman under his roof rendered his house unfit for the residence of his wife, who thereupon removes and lives apart from him; the husband is bound to provide the wife with necessities during the separation.

The court said: "What is a virtuous woman obliged to remain in her husband's house while he entertains a prostitute at the head of his table. Is not that itself sufficient to justify her in leaving him without waiting for any actual treatment or act of cruelty?"

This case of Naim vs. McLellan turns on the question of personal violence and threats; and I find for the plaintiff, and assess the damages at \$15 and costs.

SERGEANT GARNETT A SOLDIER HERO

Charles Richardson One Who Will Revive Memory Because of Gallant Act Performed for Him

The death of Sergt. Kenneth P. Garnett, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Garnett of 192 Paradise row, which was announced by an official telegram yesterday, removes another real hero of the great war, a doughty lad who won a military medal for bravery and carried on with cheerfulness and efficiency right up to the final hours of the struggle. His death in the Ripon, Eng. hospital—presumably



THE LATE SERGT. K. P. GARNETT

from pneumonia, although there is no word yet—is an especially sad termination of a brilliant career and casts the Garnett home into deep gloom. For the aged mother, to whom Kenneth's exploits were a source of much justifiable pride, the news was extra hard to bear.

Going away with the famous 26th Battalion, Sergeant Garnett was kept at drill instructing work with the 18th Canadian Reserve for a considerable period. When he at last got into the front in France he won his medal by taking a raiding party into the open in broad daylight, reaching the enemy lines, routing the Germans and returning with important information. Not a man was lost or wounded in this daring undertaking. As a bomb thrower Sergeant Garnett won a special silver medal.

Charles Richardson, returned soldier employed with Imperial Theatricals, told The Times today that he will have cause to revere the memory of the late Sergeant Garnett as long as he lives. In the 24th Field Coy. Garnett was on stretcher duty, directing a small party of advance line first-aid workers. An officer was shot through the lung, and the stretcher was jammed against the heart and, passing through his body, wounding a third man in the leg. Sergeant Garnett was promptly on the spot with bandages and stretchers and with his own hands helped carry his St. John pal out of the hall of bullets.

The late Sergeant Garnett leaves his wife, daughter of Thomas Hunter, baker, and little daughter, Thelma, and three brothers, Lawrence, Henry and Harold and four sisters Mrs. Harrington Williams of Brookside, Winnipeg, and the Misses Edna, Greta and Violet at home.

Today's Ottawa casualty list includes official announcement of the death of Sergeant Garnett. It also reports H. J. McDonald of St. John and T. Whitehead of Fredericton and E. Tucker of Wintertown, Nfld., dead.

YOUNG SOLDIER DEAD

Pte. M. Grace Passed Away Here This Morning

Private Maurice Grace, who was overseas with the dental corps for a year or more and who returned home about a year ago after a severe attack of pleuropneumonia, died this morning at three o'clock in the St. John Hospital from lung trouble which he contracted following his illness overseas. He was but eighteen years of age and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Grace of 260 Waterloo street. Besides his parents he leaves one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Ward, whose husband was killed in action a year ago last August. The family are deeply grief-stricken over the loss of their only boy and the sincere sympathy of a host of friends will be extended to them in their bereavement. There will be service at his late home on Friday afternoon and the body will be taken that evening to Fredericton, whence the family moved to St. John about five years ago.

DEATH OF JAMES F. WANAMAKER

Many friends will regret to hear of the death of James F. Wanamaker, who passed away at the General Public Hospital at 6:30 a. m. He was stricken with paralysis one week ago and since that time had been unconscious.

Mr. Wanamaker leaves to mourn one brother, Enoch D. Wanamaker, and three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Parlee of St. John, Mrs. Isaac Frazee of Lower Millstream, Kings county, and Mrs. Allan Parlee of Carletonville, Kings county; also seven children. The daughters are Mrs. G. S. Cosman of St. John, Mrs. J. P. Lawson of Everett, Mass., Mrs. H. W. Walsh of Everett. The sons are G. D. James W. and H. S. Wanamaker, at home, and Sergt. C. W. who is now with the 42nd Battalion in France. Service will be held at the residence of his son, G. D. Wanamaker, 59 Peters street, at 8:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon and the body will be taken to Millstream for burial.

DIED IN BUTTE

There was received in the city yesterday word of the death of Miss Edna A. Gorham at her home in Butte, Montana, recently. She formerly resided here, but had moved to Butte more than a score of years ago. She leaves two brothers, John A. and George Gorham of this city.

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