

AROUND THE CITY

SAILORS RECEPTION. Mayor Schofield is planning a dinner for the officers of the Canadian fleet to be held either Wednesday or Friday at the Union Club.

CHILD DEAD. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Coria, 24 Barker street, will beguarily to learn of the death of their infant child, whose death occurred yesterday.

CITY VOTERS' LISTS. Judges Armstrong yesterday heard a number of applications from persons who wished to have their names added to the voters' lists. He will be in chambers every day this week from 11 until 3 o'clock for this purpose.

CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY. Commissioner Thornton yesterday was receiving congratulations on having reached his fifty-first birthday. He was born in Dartmouth, N. S., but has resided in this city for the last thirty years.

MAKING JOURNEY ALONE. A bright little tot of six years came in on the Boston train yesterday at noon in charge of the conductor, travelling alone from Toronto to Sydney. On her coat the following tag was pinned: "Mary MacDonald for Mrs. Margaret O'Hanley, Sydney, N. S." The little girl will make her home in Sydney with her aunt.

ORGANIZE WINTER CLUB. A number of summer residents of Northport have organized a winter club and will hold gatherings during the winter months at the city homes of the members. It was decided to call the organization the Olivas Club. C. P. Wetmore is president; Stanley Runkin, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Marjorie Robertson recording secretary and convener of the social committee.

WELCOME VISITOR. Friends in St. John are welcoming W. G. MacLaughlin of Halifax who is spending a short time in St. John. Mr. MacLaughlin represents the British Canadian Pathé News and took views of the Renforth Anniversary races held last month. He is now taking pictures of the Lock Joint Pipe Company's operations on the Manawatch Road where the large new water mains are being laid.

WEEKLY MEETING. The weekly meeting of the Methodist Ministerial Association took place yesterday morning in the Y. M. C. A. A programme was submitted by the secretary, Mr. E. E. Styles for service in the Old Ladies' Home which was adopted on motion. A highly discussed topic was the forthcoming religious after which the district meeting to be held in November was taken up. This matter was referred to the programme committee.

WANTS INFORMATION. A. L. Rafter, Boston, trustee of the estate of Elizabeth A. Curran, writes to the Postmaster, asking for information regarding a Fern family. He desired to find "the whereabouts of a daughter of Peter Fern, who formerly lived in St. John." He presumed the father, Peter, has been dead for years. The daughter is a leasnee from the will disposing of an estate of which the writer was trustee. He did not know the name of the daughter. Mr. Rafter's address is "Office of Board of School Superintendents, Moren Street, Boston."

ORGANIZING TOUR. Rev. W. D. Wilson and Donald Victoria will leave tomorrow for Victoria and Madawaska counties to organize them for the coming referendum fight. On Wednesday there will be a convention at Perth where the organization for Victoria will be completed and this will bring the whole province into line. Mr. Wilson is very optimistic over the outlook in the northern section of the province and predicts a sweeping victory for the temperance forces.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP. Walter McHale addressed the Rotary Club yesterday on Canadian Citizenship. He is a very brilliant speaker. George Hatfield was in the chair. F. A. Dykeman, present for the first time since his recent accident, was given a hearty reception. It was stated that about twenty Rotarians, most of them with their wives, would go to Moncton today. Dr. J. V. Anglin was elected a member of the club. Fred Garrett gave a fine two minute talk on the fifth principle of Rotary ethics. Quite a number of guests were present. President Spangler reported last week's attendance above ninety per cent.

Good Prospects For Busy Season

Commissioner Bullock said yesterday that he was looking for a good business this winter, particularly in grain shipments. He has about twenty-five men now busily engaged in fitting up the west side sheds and wharves for the winter as well as the traffic leading from Union street to Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 berths. He said that as the city and the C. P.R. had failed to reach an agreement in regard to the upkeep and rental of the tracks, the city had decided to use the power it had of taking over the tracks and would make a change which would provide for the upkeep on this particular piece of property. He was at work now on the matter of charges and hoped to bring in a recommendation in a short time to the council. He was more inclined to place the charge on the passenger traffic than on general cargo, although there might be some increases there without bringing the city charges up to those of Montreal, notably grain where that port was charging seven cents per ton as against five charged here.

CORONER'S JURY FIND THAT EDWARD O'BRIEN AND JAMES THOMAS SPELLMAN SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF ALBERT NORRIS

Sensational Evidence Given by Prisoner Held on Suspicion of Murder—Barnesville Farmer Taken into Custody—Object to Obtain Bottle of Liqueur—Blow Heard and Spellman Seen But Few Feet from Man Who Died With Fractured Skull—Spellman Said: "I Did Not Mean to Hit the Old Fellow So Hard; I Don't Think They Will Ever Find Out Who Did It; Don't Tell Anybody What Happened"—Bottle Taken and Injured Man Left.

THE CORONER'S VERDICT

We, the jury, empanelled to enquire into the death of Albert Norris Do find that the said Albert Norris came to his death on the morning of the 9th day of Sept. in the General Public Hospital in the city of Saint John from the effects of a violent blow causing a fracture at the base of the skull.

We further find that the blow was struck in a yard off Erin street on the evening of the night, same month and year as before mentioned, while the deceased was in the company of Edward Patrick O'Brien and James Thomas Spellman.

And we further find that the said Edward P. O'Brien and James Thomas Spellman, acting together and abetting each other, are responsible for the death of the said Albert Norris.

(Signed) Ernest J. Todd, foreman, William V. Brophy, Francis McBriarty, Herbert J. Keyes, Thomas S. Hill, D. Arnold Fox, W. V. Hatfield.

EDWARD P. O'BRIEN'S CONFESSION

I, Edward Patrick O'Brien, of 103 Erin street, age 20, on the night of Thursday, Sept. 8, left home about 6 o'clock and went to the corner of Hanover and Erin street and met Thomas Spellman and Louis Daley. We went down to Haymarket Square, remained around there for about two hours. We were drinking lemon which I purchased at Paddock's (grocery) store. Daley left us about half an hour after we met. About 8:30 p. m., or after dark, an old man came along on the street. We were standing in front of Cogger's store on Haymarket Square. The old man seemed to be drinking. He stopped to talk to us and we asked him for a drink. He said that he would like to have one himself. Spellman said: "I can get you some." He said: "I haven't got any money."

The old man had a parcel wrapped up in a newspaper. It was round, and looked like a bottle. He started along the street toward Erin street. We went along with him. He stopped in front of a door near Steeves' store opposite the Bank of Montreal. Spellman said: "Come on let's go up here." We went upstairs in the old Ryan building, the first door from the corner of the building. We went up to the third floor. Spellman knocked at the door, as he was ahead. He was inquiring for some one; he asked for Fred Keefe. The woman who answered the door said that he was not in.

We three came down stairs again. This was about 8:45 p. m. We three talked on the sidewalk, in front of the door for a few minutes. I said to Spellman: "Will I snatch the bottle?" I could see that it was a bottle then. Spellman did not make any remark. Someone said: "Let's go in the yard and have a drink."

We walked up Erin street and went in around the Ryan house. Spellman was in the lead, then the old man, then me. I thought the old man was going to pull out the bottle but he did not. I stepped back to the sidewalk to see if the police or anyone was coming. I heard a crack as if a blow had been struck. It sounded like a board splitting. As I heard that I turned around and saw the old man lying on the ground. I saw the bottle lying on the ground about three feet away from him. It was a bottle of King George. I also heard a groan. I picked the bottle up and ran up Erin street. As I turned around after hearing the crack, I saw Spellman standing about three feet from Norris, behind him.

As I ran up Erin street Spellman followed me. We went to the foot of Hanover street. I had the bottle in my pocket. I took it out and saw that it had been opened before. It was also then that I noticed that it was King George whiskey.

We met Bernard Bowes and went into his house on the corner of Hanover and Erin streets. Spellman, Bowes and myself. We all had a drink. Bowes remained in the house. We then went outside and met Byard (Byard Van Wart). We went into an alley on Hanover street, the alley in the rear of Bowes' house, and had some drinks. We left Byard. We then went up to a restaurant on Brussels street (Players' Cafe). We went in and stood around for a while and came out again. It was about ten p. m.

We then went up Brussels street to Clarence street. We went down Clarence to the corner of Erin street. Spellman then wanted to fight with me. He hit me. The bottle then fell out of my pocket and broke. I then left Spellman and came down Brussels street. I was pretty full and I think I went home, arriving about twelve p. m.

On Friday Spellman came to my home about nine a. m. My mother was home. My boots were at the shoemakers getting repaired. He remained about five minutes and made no reference to the night before.

On Saturday I went to his home on Clarence street. This is where he boards; this was about 1.30 p. m. I sat in the parlor. He was sitting in there. He said: "Wait a minute and I will be with you." He put his hat and coat on and we went out, and went down to the Exhibition grounds, but did not go in. On our trip down he told me not to tell anybody what had happened the other night. I told him I would not. We sat down near the track at the Exhibition grounds and talked. Referring to the murder, he said: "I see by the paper they have not got any clue to who did the murder." He said: "I did not mean to hit the old fellow so hard; I don't think they will ever find out who did it." We talked about work, etc. We returned back by the back shore, and I left Spellman at Clarence street and went home.

I have not seen Spellman since. In Ryan's yard on Erin street it was very dark. We were standing about three or four feet from the sidewalk when Norris was hit. I had stepped to the sidewalk to watch for police or inspectors. Just at this time was when I heard the crash and as I stepped back I saw Norris lying on the ground. The bottle had rolled out and I picked it up and ran, followed by Spellman.

(Sgd) EDWARD PATRICK O'BRIEN. Sept. 12, 1921. Witnessed by PATRICK BIDDESCOMBE, Det. B. L. SCOTT.

The Inquest. The confession of Edward Patrick O'Brien, held with James Thomas Spellman on suspicion of the murder of Albert Norris, and the finding of the coroner's jury, were the sensations of the night which was concluded last night in the court room in German street. O'Brien stated he was with Spellman when he struck the blow, but did not see it struck, nor know that it was intended. The jury found that O'Brien and Spellman, acting together and abetting each other were responsible for Norris' death. Last night was the third hearing since the inquest was opened by Coroner F. L. Kenny. Six witnesses testified. O'Brien was represented by W. M. Ryan; Spellman by G. Barie Logan, and the Norris family by J. King Kelly. Rufus Norris, of Barnesville, a son of the murdered man was present at the hearing. The following witnesses were heard. (Continued on page 3)

John Paris Was Before The Court

Mulatto Appeared Happy. Making Numerous Remarks With Other Prisoners.

John Paris, who is being held on suspicion of the murder of Eddie McAuley, was brought before the magistrate yesterday morning. He was not charged but remanded to jail. He will probably be brought before the court today or Wednesday and may then be asked to plead.

Paris appeared quite nonchalant in court yesterday, and engaged in several humorous remarks with other prisoners in the dock. He was dressed in a dark suit, and is wearing a small mustache, and has a quantity of black hair brushed back pompadour fashion from his forehead.

In addition to the information supplied the detective department by Walter Humphrey, it is understood that other witnesses have been secured to testify against the mulatto.

Progress Made In Placing Main

Work by Water Dept. on Prince Wm. St. Being Proceeded With Rapidly.

Splendid progress is being made with the work of replacing the old ten inch main in Prince William street, from King to Princess, with a sixteen inch main and this job when completed will add greatly to the supply of water and the pressure available for fire fighting purposes in this section of the city.

The work was begun on Wednesday morning last and already is about half completed and if the fine weather continues it is expected the whole job will be done by next Thursday. A few departures had been made in connection with this work so as to interfere as little as possible with the people getting their usual supply of water. The pipe laying has to a great extent been done at night and the connections are made as the new pipe is placed in position.

In his work of replacing mains the commissioner has this year adopted a policy of days work and it has proven very satisfactory. A great deal of work has been done in a shorter time and at less cost to the taxpayers than if it had been done by contract.

When the commissioner first announced this policy there was some objection and criticism but the outcome has more than justified his action.

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Stealing Five Cords of Wood

Leonard Steeves and Five Others Charged With Theft from John K. Mahony.

Leonard Steeves was charged in the police court yesterday with acting together with others and stealing five cords of wood to the value of \$40, the property of John K. Mahony. When asked to plead the defendant refused to do so, saying there was no charge against him as he was not guilty of the offense.

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Steeves stated that he had been hired to bring the wood into town, and when the load, constituting three quarters of a cord, was near where the wood was stored and paid for it, and told Steeves to go ahead and load up, which the defendant did. Steeves further stated that he previously had taken two loads from the same pile for himself, for each of which he had paid Mahony's partner. He informed the magistrate that he did not think action should have been brought against him if there were any question of the ownership of the wood, but rather against the man who had hired him. The court concurred, and the other man will be summoned to appear and make arrangements to settle the matter out of court.

Traffic Cases. A number of traffic cases were dealt with in which the drivers of the Union Bus Company were the defendants, and motorists of the N. B. Power Company informants. Complaints for overcrowding of trolleys by allowing passengers on the running boards, rear steps, or more than one passenger on the driver's seat were made against the drivers of trolleys X-1093, X-1153 and X-1158.

F. A. Campbell, president of the Bus Company appeared in defense of the trolley drivers. The cases were postponed for one week.

Two drunks were remanded.

ENTERTAINED AT TEA. Mrs. Leonard Thiley, president of the Women's Canadian Club, entertained informally at afternoon tea yesterday at the Sign O' the Lantern.

Walter McHale, the well known lecturer who spoke before the Rotary and Women's Canadian Clubs.

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House Burned At Eastmount

Property of Allan Shortcliffe Destroyed—Loss About \$3,500, Insurance \$1,500.

A fire in which Allan Shortcliffe of Eastmount lost his home occurred yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. Miss Phinney who resides in the vicinity first noticed flames and smoke issuing from the roof of Mr. Shortcliffe's house and upon investigation it was found that the rafters and attic were a mass of flames. A certain amount of winter clothing and furniture was stored in the attic and as it was impossible to overcome the fire, the efforts of the neighbours were turned to saving the household effects by moving them out and by preventing the blaze from spreading to nearby cottages. The next house to the blaze belongs to the James Wilkes Estate and is occupied at present by Mrs. Emma Sloan; this was in danger from the falling sparks and embers and it was with great difficulty that it was saved.

Mr. Shortcliffe's house collapsed about one and one half hours after the conflagration was first noticed. The origin of the fire is attributed to a defective fuse as it was near the fuse that the fire was first seen.

The house, which was a two-story, self contained building is a complete loss. The insurance covered is \$1,500.

NEW DRUG STORE ON UNION STREET

John Journeay for years head dispensing chemist for M. V. Paddock, has recently opened a modern drug store at 169 Union Street, carrying a full line of drugs and accessories. His many friends will wish him every success in his new venture. Mail orders will be received from all patients in the Province. Postage paid on return orders. Special attention paid to prescriptions.

CITY CORNET BAND. A meeting of the ladies and gentlemen who have assisted the City Cornet Band in their Around the World Fair in the past will be held in St. Andrew's Hall this evening at 8.15, to complete arrangements for the grand opening of the eighth fair on Monday evening, Sept. 26. Bring your friends. JAS. CONNOLLY, President.

with Armstrong and Bruce and \$500 with Rainnie and Keator, and the approximate loss is estimated at about \$3,500.

Mr. Shortcliffe is deeply grateful to his neighbours who came to his assistance and helped him and his family in every way possible in his time of trouble and wishes to thank them through the press for their kindness.

A chemical engine was sent from the city and performed excellent work in preventing the fire from spreading to adjoining property.

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