

Local and Other Items

Major-General Lessard inspected the soldiers, the quarters and the convalescent home here Friday and found everything in a satisfactory condition.

Joseph McCarey, First Class Clerk in the Charlottetown Post Office, has been promoted to the office of Postmaster.

So hard is it to get competent men as conductors on local street cars that it is said the Toronto Railway Co. have under consideration the taking on of a small batch of women and trying them out for the war period on the minor lines.

Cardinal Begin, of Quebec will be asked by the government to name a French-Canadian prelate to visit the battle front in France.

By a decision of the Imperial Tobacco Co., Virginia cigarettes, which were raised a week ago from 10 to 13 cents per package of ten, have been advanced to 23 cents as a consequence of the additional duties proposed in the budget.

On the recommendation of Mr. J. J. Trainor, Superintendent of Registration for the province, the following appointments have been made: Registrar for Queen's County, Mr. Henry Smith; for King's County, Mr. William Cain, New Perth; for Prince, Mr. Frederick J. E. Wright, Summerside.

Three people were injured in Quebec on the afternoon of May 5th, none, it is thought, however, seriously, when a small stand collapsed after the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Roch's church.

At the request of his counsel, who entered a plea of not guilty, and asked for a trial by jury, Louis M. Maynard, former manager of the Dominion Bank branch at McCauley and Dundas streets, Toronto, was on May 4, formally committed for trial, charged with the theft of \$3,000 from the bank on April 8th, and \$50,000 during the year 1916-17.

In order to facilitate military movements over the railroads a special military committee of the Canadian railway board is shortly to be appointed.

Following the announcement by the Canada Food Board that no manufacturers in Canada will be permitted to use for the manufacture of candy, more than 50 per cent of the average monthly quantity of cane sugar, and drastic restrictions have been imposed on the use of wheat flour, sugar and shortening in the manufacture of biscuits, cakes or sweet dough products.

The following intelligence comes from Washington:—Sugar for domestic canning and preserving this summer will be distributed under a modified certificate system by which each consumer will be required to sign an application for the amount needed.

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Sir William James Bull has given notice that he will submit to the British House of Commons a resolution to extend the Military Service Act to all unmarried women between the ages of 19 and 30 for work of national importance.

Contracts for 40,900 steel under-frame box and coal cars, to cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000 each, and representing manufacturers profit of about 5 per cent, were let at Washington the other day to the American Car and Foundry Company by Director General McAdoo.

Advices from Sydney, Australia say: The Massey-Harris Company, is a large manufacturing firm, is discharging its unmarried employees, declaring it feels bound to release them for the service of the Empire.

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Intelligence of the 24th of April from Lethbridge, Alberta says: Seeding is between 25 and 50 per cent, completed in Southern Alberta and will be pretty well completed by next week.

The Newfoundland Legislature opened at St. John's on April 23rd, and William Higgins, member for St. John's East, was elected Speaker of the Assembly.

Winnipeg intelligence of April 23rd says: A quantity of butter in which was mixed finely cut wire in much the same manner as ground glass has been found in Calgary and turned over by the Attorney-General of Alberta to the military authorities for a thorough investigation as to whether the wire was put in "with criminal intent."

After an absence of fifteen years from the family circle during which he has travelled all over the face of the Globe, Nathaniel Slipper of St. Thomas, Ont., has been informed that he and his family are heirs to an estate in England, valued at over thirty million pounds.

According to Toronto advices of April 23rd, the fall wheat crop of Ontario will be a long way below the average this year.

Cardinal Begin, ill at Quebec, is reported to be improving. The advanced age of the Cardinal however, gives a serious turn to the otherwise ordinary ailment.

The budget for nearly £3,000,000 introduced in the House of Commons recently, and the largest in its history is passing easily through the House, the total taxation involved in the budget is £842,000,000 but the House has passed all necessary resolutions after a brief discussion.

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The first planting of the season at the Experimental Farm was done on April 29, when wheat was sown and early potatoes planted.

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A Winnipeg dispatch reports that all students for Holy Orders of the Anglican Church in Manitoba will have to immediately don the khaki, if fit and their classes are called, according to an unanimous decision of Judges Curran, Galt and Haggarty.

In consequence of some complaints with reference to automobile speeding, the Attorney General, Hon. A. E. Arsenault conferred with the Stipendiary Magistrate and steps are being taken that will effectively stop speeding by the few who have heretofore been indulging in this pastime.

Princess of Wales College Hall was the scene of an event unique in the history of this Province Friday evening when the presentation of certificates to a large number of young ladies who have been taking the courses in First Aid and Home Nursing took place with appropriate exercises.

The hull which has brooded over the western battle lines continues. The expected German attacks on the Ypres and Amiens fronts have not been launched.

Berlin via London, May 2.—German forces have occupied Sebastopol the great Russian fortress in the Crimea.

London May 2.—Field Marshal Haig reports from British headquarters tonight says: "A raid which the enemy attempted this morning in the neighborhood of Houterne was repulsed."

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Progress of the War.

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Military Service Act, 1917

INSTRUCTIONS

All men within Class One, who were twenty, twenty-one or twenty-two years of age on registration, are hereby notified to make all necessary arrangements at once in preparation to being called to the colors.

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