AROUND THE CITY

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

The Presbyterian Synod will meet in Halifax today. The delegates from St. John who left yesterday are Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, Hon. J. G. Forbes, and Rev. W. M. Townshend.

ONE SESSION.

Owing to the heavy showers that prevailed yesterday there was but one session of the city schools, the children being allowed to return to their homes a one o'clock for the balance of the day.

CADET CORPS ORGANIZED.

Colonel A. B. Snow, supervisor of school cadet corps throughout the province, announced yesterday morning that a new cadet corps had been formed in the Charlotte street school, Fredericton. Rolfe K. Nevers, principal of the school, will be the instructor.

FRENCH SAMPLE TRAIN.

The Board of Trade have received from the Department of Trade and Commerce a circular letter regarding the French-Canadian sample train now touring Canada, and have sent for particulars as to when it will be in this part of the country.

CASE DISMISSED.

A case against Lawrence Cheverie was dismissed in Magistrate Allingham's court in Fairville yesterday. The accused was charged on suspicion of stealing money, but as no one appeared to press the charge, the case was allowed to drop.

OPEN TENDERS TODAY.

Tenders were received up to noon on Saturday by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission for the erection of a receiving station. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the commission, is expected to open the tenders this morning. The erection of the station involves an expenditure of about $10,000.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENED.

A Sunday School was opened on Sunday last at East St. John in connection with the Church at Silver Falls. Eighteen young people met at the home of Misses M. and H. T. McGrath and formed into classes. It is expected that next Sunday the attendance will be much larger.

MORNING FIRE.

A cottage on the Sand Cove road owned and occupied by A. Chip Ritchie of this city, was destroyed by fire about 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning. The fire originated in a bedroom and when first seen the whole room was ablaze. Only a small amount of furniture and personal belongings were saved, as the fire made rapid headway, and there was no means to check it. The building, which was quite large, was reported worth about $5,000, and was half covered by insurance.

MILITARY NOTES.

The announcement of the following transfers and promotions has been received at local military headquarters:

N. B. Rangers (55th Battalion, C. E. F.)—Captain (provisional quartermaster) F. J. Newcomb, transferred to corps reserve rank of captain (infantry). Lieut. P. O. D. Stevens transferred to corps reserve, May 17, 1921.

7th Brigade—Provisional Lieut. B. A. Burdon transferred to Corps Reserve with rank of provisional lieutenant. Lieut. O. J. Lawson transferred from Corps Reserve to Northumberland (N. B.) Regiment, with rank of provisional lieutenant. May 1, 1921. Reginald Bettaney to be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary), Feb. 4, 1921.

ORGANIZING CYCLIST CORPS.

Word was received at military headquarters that Major W. R. Caldwell had been appointed to the command of No. 7 Cyclist Corps, Corps of Guides, for the purpose of reorganization. The appointment was dated May 19, 1921. The Corps of Guides is being reorganized into cyclist companies, of which there will be one in each district. Major Caldwell, who is a graduate of the R. M. C. College, and who was recently superintendent of the D. S. C. R. at Fredericton, will be in command of the company for this district, which will be made up of four sections, distributed in various parts of the province.

The following is the establishment of the company: One major, one captain, four lieutenants, one company sergeant major, one artificer sergeant, four sergeants, including a sergeant for signalling, twelve corporals, one driver, seventy-eight privates, and six batmen. This makes a total of 109 men, with 108 bicycles and a general service wagon with two horses.

The headquarters of the company will be at Fredericton.

METHODIST MINISTERS MEET.

The methodist ministers of the city resumed their meetings yesterday morning after the summer vacation. Rev. Neil MacLauchlan was chairman of the meeting, which was held in Centenary Church parlors. The chairman welcomed the new members recently appointed to city charges. These were Rev. R. G. Fulton, Rev. H. E. Thomas, Rev. J. F. King, Rev. L. J. Wason, Rev. J. M. Rice and Rev. William Lawson. Those welcomed responded briefly. Owing to the absence of several members the election of officers was postponed.

The secretary, Rev. E. E. Styles, submitted a schedule of proposed pulpit exchanges for the coming year and it was adopted. The secretary was instructed to arrange for prayer meetings in connection with the Old Ladies' Home and the Home for Incurables. Arrangements were also made for a supply for the Brookville circuit for the coming year. The matter of a supply for Little River was discussed at some length and a recommendation was sent to the chairman of the district asking that Rev. William Lawson be allowed to carry on the work at that place on certain conditions laid down in the preamble to ther esolution. The coming referendum was also discussed.

The next meeting will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Those present yesterday morning were the Rev. Messrs. Neil MacLauchlin, E. E. Styles, H. B. Clarke, H. E. Thomas, J. F. King, J. L. Wason, William Lawson, R. G. Fulton and Mr. Chisholm.

EDWARD P. O'BRIEN MAKES FULL CONFESSION TO THE MURDER OF ALBERT NORRIS, BARNESVILLE FARMER; DETECTIVES MADE ARRESTS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

O'Brien Implicates James Thomas Spellman As Being Responsible for the Crime — Spellman Denies Having Been in Vicinity of Scene of Murder at Time It Occurred and All Knowledge of the Crime — Detectives Confident They Have Sufficient Evidence to Prove Spellman's Guilt Without Recourse to Companion's Statement — Murdered Man Found With Skull Fractured in Yard Off Erin Street Last Thursday Night.

A full confession of the murder of Albert Norris was secured by the detective department last evening from Edward P. O'Brien. In addition to himself, O'Brien implicated James Thomas Spellman, as being responsible for the crime.

The two men were arrested by Sergeant Detective Powers and Detectives Biddescombe and Donahoue at about 4.15 yesterday afternoon. O'Brien was arrested at his home on Erin Street, and Spellman at the C. N. R. roundhouse where he is employed.

Spellman Denies Knowledge.

Both men were subjected to separate examinations at detective headquarters shortly after their arrest. O'Brien made an open and straightforward confession of his share of the crime, and named Spellman as the other man who was responsible for the death of Norris. Spellman when questioned by the authorities denied having been in the vicinity of the scene of the murder at the time it occurred. He also denied all knowledge of the crime, and would admit nothing in connection with it.

The detectives stated last evening that they had nothing for publication in regards to O'Brien's confession, but said that despite Spellman's denials they were confident they had sufficient evidence to prove his guilt without having recourse to his companion's statement.

Appear This Morning.

The two men will be charged before Magistrate Ritchie on the opening of the police court this morning on suspicion of acting together, each abetting the other, and murdering Albert Norris on the night of September 8th in a yard off Erin street in the city of St. John.

Both the prisoners are young men, O'Brien is twenty-four, and Spellman twenty-eight.

The arrest of the two men will do much to restore the morale of the citizens of the city, and the members of the police force as well. Following as it did, so soon on the McAuley murder, which still remains shrouded in mystery, the Norris murder created a general feeling of depression and unrest.

Daring Crime.

That such a crime could be committed in the very heart of the city and practically on the open street led many to feel that public safety had reached a very low ebb. The very daring of the crime, coupled with the fact that no one could be learned of who witnessed the dastardly deed was responsible for the growth of a spirit of much uneasiness. Now that the men have been brought to justice, this feeling will pass. The fact that although the detectives had seemingly no clues to work on, yet within the space of four days were successful in making the arrests, is a matter of much deserving praise, and the local sleuths may well be congratulated on their good work.

Committed Thursday Night.

The Norris murder was committed on Thursday night, September 8th, when Albert Norris, a middle aged farmer of Barnesville, Kings county, was found by two small boys at about 9.15 o'clock in a yard off Erin street.

The man was lying on the ground unconscious, with the blood streaming from his mouth, nose and ears. He was removed to Steeves' grocery store, and then conveyed in the ambulance to the hospital. There he was found to be suffering from an injury to the base of his skull, and a long bruise on the top of his head. His injuries were diagnosed as a fractured skull, from which he died at the General Public Hospital early Friday morning.

So far as the detectives who investigated the man's death were able to learn, no one saw Norris after he left his daughter, Mrs. Roy Linton's home, at 129 Marsh Road, at about eight o'clock Thursday evening, until his discovery in the Erin street yard.

Hears Sound of Blow.

At 8.45 o'clock, on the night of the murder, Mrs. Charles Smith, who lives near the scene of the tragedy, heard the sound of a blow and the noise of some object falling to the ground. A few minutes later she saw two men come out of the yard near the Ryan building on Erin street and make towards Haymarket square, and then suddenly turn back and run up Erin street. A short while later the two boys made their grisly find.

Darkness prevented Mrs. Smith obtaining a good look of the two men whose actions attracted her attention, and no one else, so far as it is known, even saw them.

The Inquest.

An inquest into the death of the man was decided upon Friday by Coroner Kenny, who empannelled a jury for that purpose, consisting of Irving J. Todd, foreman; Francis McBride, William V. Hatfield, Arnold Fox, Robert J. Keyes, Thomas Hill and William Brophy. The jury viewed the body of the deceased Friday evening, and the scene of his murder at noon on Saturday, and then adjourned to this evening at 8 o'clock when they will assemble at the court rooms on Germain street, to hear the evidence in connection with the case.

Norris was buried at Barnesville on Sunday. Services were conducted at his late home by the Rev. A. Lawrence Tedford, of Tabernacle church, and interment was made at the cemetery at Barnesville Corner.

Attempted Robbery.

Although the detectives last night refused to give the press any part of O'Brien's confession, or tell by which means Albert Norris received the blow that fractured his skull, it is surmised that the murder was the result of an attempted robbery.

As stated in The Standard yesterday, Mr. Norris was always a clean living man and not addicted to the use of liquor, nor would he be ready to take up companionship with strangers, therefore any idea that he had been mixed up in an altercation with others while the party had been under the influence of liquor is never given the least serious thought by his many personal friends.

Visiting His Daughter.

He was a man of about 56 years of age, and leaves a wife and ten children, a number of his family being in the city at the time he was so foulv murdered. Mr. Norris came to St. John from his Barnesville home for the purpose of making some purchases and attend the exhibition. While in the city he was visiting the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roy Linton, 129 Marsh Road. About eight o'clock on the Thursday evening he left the home with the intention of making some purchases and said that he would return shortly, and his daughter heard nothing more about him until she learned that he was injured and was in the General Public Hospital.

Concealed His Money.

While carrying money Mr. Norris was careful and kept it sewed inside his coat. It is presumed that his assailants followed him with the intention of robbery, that he was struck on the head and rendered unconscious. The reason he was not robbed of his money was the fact that it was secured in the coat as mentioned above.

The Prisoners.

Edward O'Brien now under arrest resides on Erin Street near the Christie factory and has no regular trade being mostly employed as a laborer. Thomas J. Spellman the companion resides at 47 Clarence Street and worked in the C. N. R. round house. As far as could be learned last night at police headquarters, the men have never before been placed under arrest for anything of a serious nature. Both prisoners are unmarried.

The yard where the unconscious form of Mr. Norris was found is right in full view of the street near the Aberdeen school.

Brought Prisoner From Chatham, Ont.

Detective Biddiscombe Returns With Edgar Bareham Wanted for Breaking Jail in December, 1919.

Detective Biddescombe returned to the city on the 1.45 train yesterday afternoon from Chatham, Ontario. He had in his custody Edgar Bareham, who is now being held at the Central Police Station on the charge of escaping from the St. John County Jail on the 27th December, 1919. Bareham looked very pale and thin when he stepped off the train on its arrival here. He was arrested in Chatham on a vagrancy charge, and it was only after his finger prints had been taken and forwarded to Ottawa that it was learned that he was the same youth as the one who had escaped over two years ago from the local jail while awaiting trial for breaking, entering and stealing a quantity of goods from W. H. Thorne's Co's store on King street.

Had Bareham stuck to American soil he would not now be in custody, because after escaping from the St. John jail he fled to Montreal and then to Boston. His whereabouts there were discovered by the local authorities and an effort was made to bring him back under arrest. Bareham fought extradition proceedings, was allowed out on bail, broke it, disappeared, and was unheard of until his recent turning up in Ontario.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT THE EXHIBITION

According to the figures compiled by the St. John Exhibition management yesterday, the total attendance at the big Fair which closed Saturday night, was about 58,500. Of this number 41,000 tickets were sold at the gates; 1,000 strip tickets were sold in advance, providing for admission for every day of the show; 1,000 complimentaries were given out and 500 exhibitors tickets sold.

AT POLICE STATION.

Night Deskman Thomas, of the central station, is now acting day deskman, and is filling the place of Deskman John O'Neil while the latter is absent on his holidays. Deskman Thomas' duties have been assigned to Plain Clothesman Beitie during the interval.

Field Secretary Greatly Pleased

Rev. W. D. Wilson Anticipates Glorious Victory for Temperance On the Coming Referendum.

Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance, when asked yesterday how the campaign was progressing for the referendum on the importation of liquor into the province, said he was more than satisfied with the way things were going so far and he anticipated a glorious victory for the temperance cause on October 10. Most of the counties he said were already organized and hard at work and the others were rapidly swinging into line.

In the Counties.

In Charlotte county the organization had been completed at a meeting held last week. In Carleton, Gordon Sharpe was the manager and things were going splendidly. Kent, Northumberland and Restigouche were very active. In Kings the organization was well under way. Queens-Sunbury were being looked after by W. B. Evans of Minto and promised to give a good account of themselves on polling day. A meeting was held yesterday morning at Moncton at which a preliminary organization was formed and a public meeting will be held on Wednesday evening addressed by Mr. Wilson and Donald Fraser.

Mr. Wilson and Donald Fraser leave this evening for Campbellton to address a meeting there.

Mr. Wilson said a large amount of advertising was already being done and much literature had been distributed, especially in the French counties, where a number of pamphlets translated by a French clergymen were being placed in the homes. Mr. Wilson expressed his appreciation of the hearty co-operation which he was receiving from the French clergy in his work, which he felt sure would have its effect on voting day.

TOURING PARTY FROM VERMONT

The Board of Trade has been advised of a touring party from Vermont that will reach the city next week on its way through the Maritime Provinces. Some members of the party are interested in the establishment of a summer camp in the New England States.

Merging Of The Orphans' Homes

Matter of Amalgamating Protestant Orphans' Home and Memorial Home Further Considered at Joint Meeting.

The matter of the amalgamation of the Protestant Orphans Home and the Memorial Home was further considered at a joint meeting of representatives of each body held yesterday afternoon and while no decision was reached, it seemed to be the feeling that progress had been made.

The result of the recent meeting of the directors of the Protestant Orphans Home was laid before the representatives of the Memorial Home and an informal discussion on the suggestions contained therein took place.

A meeting of the executive of the latter will be held on Friday evening of this week and they will hear the report of the committee and it is expected decide on a course of action.

Speaking to The Standard, one of the Memorial Home committee said both bodies were in favor of one large provincial home to care for all the Protestant orphans and he had no doubt some agreement for the merging of the two homes would be arrived at.

Those present at the meeting yesterday were: T. H. Estabrooks, Dr. W. S. Morrison, W. M. Campbell, W. H. Golding and D. C. Clark for the Protestant Orphans Home and Dr. James Manning and Usher Miller for the Memorial Home.

VALLEY RAILWAY FALL SERVICE

The Board of Trade has been advised that the fall time table card on the Valley Railway will become effective October 2. The passenger service will be changed to tri-weekly instead of a daily. The service will be a direct one from St. John to Quebec and vice versa. Passengers arriving at St. John will have about four and one-half hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to transact business in St. John and return same day.

Lansdowne House dining room reopens Wednesday, Sept. 14th.

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Great War Vets General Meeting

Dominion Convention, Holding of "Poppy Day" and Reorganization of New Brunswck Branches Discussed.

The coming Dominion convention of the Great War Veterans' Association which is to be held in Port Arthur on the 17th of October, the holding of a "Poppy Day" in conjunction with Armistice Day, and the reorganization of the Veteran branches in New Brunswick, formed interesting themes for discussion at a general meeting of the local branch of the G. W. V. A. last evening.

The meeting was the first general meeting since that held on the first of July and was preceding by a meeting of the executive at which matters of a routine nature were dealt with.

The sending of delegates to the Dominion convention in Port Arthur was brought before the general meeting, and while no delegates were appointed to represent the branch, it is probable that it will be represented there.

Poppy Day.

A "Poppy Day" in conjunction with Armistice Day was a matter which apealed to all. The idea originated in France where a society was formed, members of which pledged themselves to wear the red poppy immortalised by Col. MacRae's poem "In Flanders Fields," in commemoration of those who fell on the field of battle. President Millerand of France was made head of this society and Madame Guerin, one of its officers, was appointed to tour the United States and Canada in the interests of the plan.

The poppies, which are made of colored cotton, are the handiwork of the women and children of the devastated areas of France and Belgium. In Canada it is proposed that these poppies be distributed and sold by the branches of the G.W.V.A. on the day receding Armistice Day, and that the public be asked to wear them Armistice Day in loving memory of our hero dead. The proceeds to be derived from the sale of these flowers is to be divided as follows: Sixty per cent to the French society to be used in relief work in the devastated war regions, and especially for the children of the same, the balance to the G. W. V. A. to be used in their own relief work in Canada. A local committee was apointed to make arrangements for the sale of the poppies in St. John.

A special committee was also appointed to arrange for a special observance of Sunday November 13 as "Peace Sunday."

Report Received.

Major Priestman, of McAdam Junction the provincial president of the association, was present at the meeting and gave an excellent resume of the work of the Dominion executive, which met at Port Arthur early in July. He also spoke of the problems to be discussed at the Dominion convention in October. In addition he gave a brief outline of the reconstruction work being done in the provincial command, and reported that in the past few weeks over a half a dozen semi-defunct branches had been revived. The local branch received and accepted about forty applications for membership and re-instatements at last night's meeting. They were all approved.

Reports were received from different committees dealing with the transaction of considerable routine business during the Summer months.

W. J. Brown presided at the meeting, and with him on the platform were Major Priestman and Dr. Corbett the first vice-president.

Given Salvation Army Farewell

Miss Alice DeWolfe and Miss Irene Henderson Leave for Army Training School in Toronto.

Miss Alice DeWolfe, of 244 City Road, and Miss Irene Henderson, of 93 Britain street, left on the Montreal train last evening for the Salvation Army's training school at Toronto where they are to take a training course to qualify as Army officers.

A large number of the members of No. 3 Corps Brindley street, of which the young ladies were members, were at the station to wish them God speed. While the train was slowly pulling out from the depot the band of No. 3 Corps rendered "God Be With You till We Meet Again" under the direction of Bandmaster Bates.

Miss Myrtle Steeves of 135 Prince Edward street, will leave today for Toronto where she will also take the candidate's course. Miss Steeves was to have accompanied the other girls but unfortunately missed last evening's train.

Maritime Board Of Trade Annual

Sessions Will Open at Charlottetown, Wednesday — Local Delegates Will Attend

The Maritime Board of Trade will hold its annual meeting this year in Charlottetown, the opening session on Wednesday next. It is expected there will be a large attendance from the various boards of trade, and many matters of importance to the maritimes are to come before the gathering. W. F. Burditt, president, and R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the local board of trade will leave this afternoon to attend, and it is hoped others will find it possible to attend.

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Hunt's Clothing Store are running a Guessing Contest and everyone is eligible to take part. The person who guesses the nearest to the correct number of Buttons in the Jar will win the Elegant McLagan Phonograph which can be seen in their window.

The St. John Power Boat Club will hold a dance at the club house, Cedar street, on Wednesday evening, September 14th, for members and their friends. Dancing from 8.30 to 12 o'clock.

Police Court Cases Yesterday

Liquor and Lemon Charges Heard — Five Drunks Remanded — Traffic Cases Dealt With.

Joseph Murphy pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against him in the police court yesterday afternoon of having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling, to wit, in his tailor shop, Mill street. The case was allowed to stand pending the securing of a deposit by the defendent.

A case against Alexander Porter, grocer, charged with the sale of lemon extract in violation of the law was postponed to this afternoon at 2.15 o'clock.

Five drunk were brought before the court in the morning and remanded after the evil of their ways had been pointed out to them by Magistrate Ritchie in his usual eloquent style.

A case against Arthur Sullivan for not dimming the lights of his automobile at the head of King street and also for not having a chauffeur's license, was taken up in the morning. The defendent said he had applied for a license three weeks ago and W. H. McQuade, inspector, had given him permission to operate the automobile. Policeman Dykeman said he warned the accused to dim his lights at King street, but that Sullivan failed to do this. Postponed to next Monday.

Roy Dunn, reported by Policeman Dykeman for stopping his motor by at the intersection of King and Charlotte streets pleaded guilty and was fined $10.

H. B. Brown, motorman of street car No. 63, who was reported by Policeman Dykeman for stopping the car at the intersection of King and Charlotte streets, pleaded guilty and was fined $10.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.

The Garden Party on the grounds of the New Parsonage, 111 Paradise Row, has been postponed from Tuesday until Thursday at 3 p. m.

Colonel C. H. McLean returned yesterday morning from Halifax.

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