

## AROUND THE CITY

## FAIR AND MILD

**PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING.**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Public Utilities Commission will be held today in the government rooms, Prince William street.

## LEFT FOR HALIFAX.

Captain H. St. George Lindsay, R. D. R. N. R., who presided yesterday at the investigation into the loss of the S. S. Troja on Old Proprietor a week ago, returned to his home in Halifax last evening.

## ENTERTAINMENTS REPEATED.

The minstrel show in St. Patrick's Hall, West St. John, and "The Minister's Bride" in the Methodist Church Sunday School room, were repeated to large and appreciative audiences last evening.

## THREE WOULD-BE MASHERS.

Three young men who had been causing some annoyance to young ladies on Charlotte street last evening made a quick escape when they became aware that the police had been notified regarding their fresh actions.

## A NARY W-ED-AP-PE.

A lady while alighting from a car yesterday at the corner of Waterloo and Union streets, was nearly run over by an automobile which was being driven at a fast clip. The auto brought up after the brakes had been applied, but the lady had a narrow escape.

## SECRETARY OF BOYS' WORK.

Arthur M. Gregg, general secretary of boys' work at the Y.M.C.A., is in Halifax attending to matters of interest in connection with his department. During his absence the associate director of boys' work, Basil D. Robertson, is "carrying on" for both officials.

## TRAWLERS FOR SALE.

The Russian Consul General at Montreal has sent a notice to Commissioner Bullock that three steel trawlers belonging to the Russian Government are for sale at New York. They are the Spray, 235 tons gross register, and the Fran and Ripple of 244 tons gross register.

## FUNDY GALS AT LAST.

After many delays the S. S. Fundy got away yesterday afternoon shortly after four o'clock. She made an excellent appearance as she threaded her way through the congested harbor, six ocean freight carriers then being in the stream. With a cargo of deals and cut lumber and over 400 tons of pig lead, she will proceed to Queenstown for further orders.

## SPECIAL FOR NEW YORK.

A fourteen coach train consisting of ten sleepers passed through the city this morning about two o'clock en route to New York, laden with civilian passengers from overseas. They came over on the Olympic, and were taken ashore in smaller craft, as the big liner could not dock in Halifax owing to a high wind.

## BACK FROM WAR.

Among the returned men reaching the city Monday evening, was Private Penwick A. Crawford, Oranmore, Pte. Crawford went west some time ago, and held a lucrative position in a western lumbering concern at Chippewa River, near Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Shortly after the outbreak of the war he enlisted with a Canadian unit and went overseas, where he saw much service. He is the son of Robert Crawford, Oranmore.

## THE MURDER TRIAL.

The Supreme Court of New Brunswick, Judge McKenna presiding, met yesterday afternoon. The grand jury returned in true bills against Ahmed Abdurman, Sultan Rousou and John Sterling, charged with the killing of Sahaid Hassan. In the case of the young man charged with assault with intent to rape, the grand jury found no bill. Court was adjourned for two weeks.

## A VIOLENT HUSBAND.

The police were given a hurried call last evening about 10:30 to quell a family quarrel between husband and wife residing on Charlotte street. The dispute was amicably settled by the police, but shortly after their departure the husband became very boisterous threatening his frightened wife, who again called in the police. The husband was then given a quiet drive to central station, where he spent the night peacefully. He will appear this morning to answer a charge of being drunk and threatening violence to his better half.

## FORMING THRIFT SOCIETIES.

A. P. Salanders is keeping busy forming War savings Societies. Last evening War Savings Societies. Last evening Makers' Union, 14199, and formed a society of the present members with the possibility of getting others to join. He paid a visit to Norton and was successful in interesting the schools and storekeepers in taking up the thrift campaign. At Hampton yesterday Mr. Salanders addressed the consolidated school and advised the scholars on the line of thrift and war savings, and also formed what is known as the Lower Norton Thrift War Savings Society in this country. He is taking great interest in the movement.

## AT THE BOYS' CLUB.

Mrs. James McTeavish gave the boys of the Boys' Club a delightful treat last evening, which took the form of story telling. The subject treated with the career of a Canadian boy artist and was in a way introductory to a visit which the boys have been asked to pay to the Maritime War Paintings. They will be the guests of the Royal Standard Chapter I. O. D. E. at the exhibit. The story was made very interesting and the boys listened with deep attention. A lot of thanks was moved by Miles E. Agar, and seconded by Mrs. W. R. McIntyre. Miss Muriel McIntyre presided at the piano, playing several solos, and the boys gave some of their choruses. A number of members of the Playgrounds Association were present.

RETURNED MEN  
HERE TOMORROW

Olympic Soldier Passengers for This District Leave Halifax Tonight and Are Due Here Tomorrow Morning.

Charles Robinson, Secretary of the New Brunswick Returned Soldiers' Commission, received a wire stating that the following officers and men arrived at Halifax, per S. S. Olympic, and would leave for St. John on Wednesday, March 26th, on No. 9 train, arriving at St. John on Thursday morning at 6 o'clock:—

Capt. F. S. Jones, 20 Kennedy street, St. John.  
Lieut. G. V. Alexander, Fredericton Junction.  
Mr. W. T. McFarlane, 198 St. James street, St. John.  
Pte. C. R. Acker, Rothesay Station, St. John.  
Pte. R. P. Clark, New Glasgow.  
Pte. W. F. Blair, 13 Northumberland street, Fredericton.  
Pte. R. J. McKenzie, 119 St. John street, Fredericton.  
Pte. J. H. Allan, Morrison's Mills, Fredericton.  
Pte. J. A. Arseneau, 45 King street, Moncton.  
Pte. J. L. Bowser, Sackville.  
Pte. W. C. Comfort, Newcastle.  
Pte. L. A. Haines, Richibucto.  
Pte. C. Arseneau, 52 Brittain street, St. John.  
Pte. C. C. Fraser, 111 Elliott Row, St. John.  
Pte. W. P. Hefferman, 4 Bay Shore Road, St. John.  
Pte. S. Levesque, Grand Falls.  
Pte. F. C. Lord, Fredericton.  
Pte. W. E. McMahon, 13 Hospital street, St. John.  
Pte. T. McQuinn, 50 Harrison street, St. John.  
Pte. W. W. Craig, 238 Queen street, St. John.  
Pte. L. Lowe, St. John.  
Pte. S. Craig, Newcastle.  
Pte. H. A. Delaney, Dalhousie.  
Pte. H. B. Perry, Pictou.  
Pte. E. G. Betabrooks, Sackville.  
Pte. E. R. Falconer, Notre Dame, Kent Co.  
Pte. J. Pond, Holderness.  
Pte. R. I. Dickie, Ritchie street, Campbellton.  
Pte. G. K. Ferguson, 664 Main street, Moncton.  
Pte. C. H. Little, Coal Branch, Kent County.  
Pte. T. S. Burns, Blackville.  
Pte. H. H. Dalgle, Roxham Jct.  
Pte. C. S. Fountain, Chocolate Cove, Deer Island.  
Pte. G. T. Fox, 26 Main street, St. John.  
Pte. W. M. Fox, 2 Main street, St. John.  
Pte. A. W. Murdock, 96 Leinster street, St. John.  
Pte. C. I. Riddle, Mount Hebron, Kings County.  
Pte. J. F. Scurrah, 120 Metcalfe street, St. John.  
Pte. P. Backwith, 106 Ludlow street, St. John.  
Pte. R. E. Carson, Havelock, Kings County.  
Pte. H. Chapman, Sussex.  
Pte. F. L. Collins, 32 Wall street, St. John.  
Pte. L. E. DeForest, 242 Paradise Row, St. John.  
Pte. K. E. DeMille, 199 Union street, St. John.  
Pte. P. J. Desmond, Chatham.  
Pte. O. C. Gills, Roxham Jct.  
Pte. H. V. Jetties, Sussex.  
Pte. E. C. Jonah, Sackville.  
Pte. D. E. Kerr, Norton Station.  
Pte. H. V. Lyons, St. Stephen.  
Pte. C. E. McCall, 180 Victoria street, Moncton.  
Pte. W. D. McDonald.  
Pte. D. McKenzie, Wickham, Queens County.  
Pte. B. E. Mosher, Sussex.  
Pte. J. H. Shaw, 172 Waterloo street, St. John.  
Pte. S. J. Wistler, Dalhousie.  
Pte. A. J. Wood, Forest Glen, Kings County.  
Pte. F. D. McClure, 883 Main street, Moncton.  
Pte. W. H. Ricketts, Magazine street, St. John.  
Pte. L. M. Gray, Campbellton.  
Pte. R. E. Kirk, 55 Simond street, St. John.  
Pte. E. R. McDonald, Port Elgin.  
Pte. C. T. Perry, Sussex.  
Pte. E. C. Stevens, 129 Westmorland street, Fredericton.  
Pte. E. R. Ingraham, 50 Winter street, St. John.  
Pte. D. Watson, Chapman.  
Pte. S. Edwards, 19 Delhi street, St. John.  
Pte. J. T. Pope, 33 Spring street, St. John.  
Pte. A. C. Westover, Bellevue Village, Westmorland Co.  
As these men will be discharged at Halifax, they will go direct to their homes.

## LIQUOR CASE

## IN POLICE COURT

Charles Vardig, 58 Brussels street, appeared in the police court yesterday morning on the charge of supplying liquor to Peter LeBohe, who in turn was charged with supplying liquor to a woman. The woman told of procuring the booze from LeBohe, at Vardig's residence, and of her being persuaded to go to New York by LeBohe. Policeman Hobbs told of the arrest of the woman who said that should Peter Clair, her husband, not take her back to live with him, she would drown herself. Clair told the court of being married to the woman some time ago. LeBohe, who is a soldier, commenced taking his wife to the pictures. Vardig, when asked where he had procured the liquor, informed the court that he had purchased it from an unknown man, buying two bottles, and being taxed \$10.

## PRESENTATION TO MRS. FISHER

Yesterday the Stone church Red Cross Circle closed up its work, disbanding until the autumn. This circle has a band of most excellent workers who have all enjoyed the privilege of doing the necessary sewing and knitting for soldiers and sailors. Mrs. Fisher, who is the president of the circle, presented the faithful and energetic president, Mrs. G. A. Kishin, in a special address. Mrs. Fisher, with a basket of beautiful roses, in the name of the circle, Mrs. Kishin voiced the thanks and congratulations of the members to Mrs. Fisher on her leadership of this circle. Mrs. Fisher made a feeling reply, saying how much pleasure it had given her to work, and how sure she had felt of support in every undertaking.

WRECK INQUIRY  
HELD YESTERDAY

Court Finds Captain Neglected to Use Sea Lead and Proper Allowance Was Not Made for Tidal Set—Captain Censured and Ordered to Pay Costs.

The Board of Trade rooms yesterday an inquiry was held into the wreck of the S. S. Troja, on the Old Proprietor ledge southeast of Grand Manan, on the morning of March 18th, by Commissioner Capt. H. St. George Lindsay, R. D. R. N. R., assisted by Capt. Hodder of the Tinsland, and Capt. Gillies of the Metagama. Fred R. Taylor was present in the interests of the shipping federation.

Captain John C. Cairne of the Troja gave evidence that the ship with 3,500 tons of coal was bound from Louisbourg to St. John, that from Cape Sable until the time the ship struck the ledge the vessel was under way, hauling round from Seal Island no buoys or lights were seen until the breakers were seen ahead. The course was altered 90 degrees off Seal Island at 7:35 o'clock and at 2 a. m. the course was again altered, supposedly off the Lurcher judging by the course and this was followed until he thought he was in the fair way between Grand Manan and Brier Island. At 5 o'clock the course was altered to northeast and the weather was misty. At 6 o'clock the course was altered to east, northeast. At 7:25 o'clock he gave orders for half speed and orders to drop the lead, when the man on the look-out reported breakers ahead. The sea was rough and the breakers were reported to be a mile and a half on the port bow. About 3 o'clock land could be seen. He ordered her course hard a-port and swung south, southeast, but the vessel was steering badly. She was going at full speed, then came a dense fog and while holding her to south southeast she grounded on the rock.

Percy E. Ferguson, second officer, corroborated generally the evidence of the captain. Gilbert Metore, ordinary seaman, testified that the ship was very hard to steer. Amos W. Samms, the lookout, said he saw land once but it was far off from where the breakers were. When the ship struck he saw nothing. George Stevens, chief engineer, told of the engines, the boilers and of signals received and after the ship struck the water rushed in under the port boiler.

At the afternoon session Captain Cairne was again on the stand. On question from Captain Lindsay he stated that the deep sea lead on board was one that had been properly marked. Before the breakers were sighted he did not know the vessel was near land. He had been listening for the Gannet rock signal which is a long blast every five minutes—but did not hear any signal until 8 o'clock, after the vessel struck.

Fred R. Taylor, K. C., representing the Shipping Federation, in closing the evidence, pointed out that this was the first accident in a long and successful life at sea. He showed that the captain declared he never heard any signal, which might prove that the Gannet rock signal was not always efficient. The first signal he had heard was the whistling buoy of Old Proprietor, on the Gannet diaphone after the vessel had gone on the rocks.

It surely showed that something was wrong with the signalling apparatus when the vessel was within one mile of the Gannet signal and no warning could be heard. Added to this the fog and the heavy tide all manac supplied to the vessel was not correct, it was not much wonder that the vessel was carried ten miles out of her course. There had been a proper look-out on the vessel and every man and officer been on duty. To Mr. Taylor's view the principal trouble lay in the need of an adequate "deep water" or "Gannet" signal. Court adjourned and shortly before six o'clock the commission brought in the following finding:

"The court is unanimous in its decision that the stranding and subsequent loss of this vessel was caused by the actions of the master, J. C. Cairne, certificate No. 09988, inasmuch as he neglected to make use of his deep sea lead, which he did so when taking his departure from Seal Island at 7:35 p. m. on the 17th March, would have given him a better idea as to the distance of that point, thereby enabling him to place more confidence in his course."

It is apparent to the court that a proper allowance was not made for the tidal set, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the tide tables used by the master which were shown by the evidence adduced, to have been incorrect.

The court therefore taking into consideration the long and successful service of the master, and the proper and seamanlike manner in which the vessel was handled after 8:10 a. m. March 18th, when the broken water was reported, until the stranding, and not wishing to deal with his certificate severely censures him and orders that he pay the costs of this investigation."

Dated at St. John, this 25th day of March, 1919.  
Concurred in by J. GILLIES,  
C. W. HODDER,  
Assessors.  
(Sgd.) ST. C. LINDSAY,  
Commissioner.

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THREE REPORTS  
WERE SUBMITTED

Those of the Chamberlain, Comptroller and Commissioner of Public Safety Presented to the Common Council Yesterday.

Three annual reports were submitted to the common council yesterday, those of the chamberlain, comptroller and commissioner of safety.

The chamberlain reported for the year as follows:

**Receipts.**  
Treasury Department ... \$1,748,866.78  
Harbors, ferries, lands, ... 222,695.55  
Public safety, ... 37,306.16  
Public works, ... 24,326.83  
Water and sewerage, ... 235,494.54  
Due Bank of N. S., ... 44,279.04  
Total, ... \$2,306,370.40

**Expenditures.**  
Treasury Department ... \$1,199,639.03  
Cash, Dec. 31, 1918, ... 3,646.92  
Public works, ... 165,729.75  
Water and sewerage, ... 206,263.28  
Harbors, ferries, lands, ... 229,796.99  
Public Safety, ... 219,004.68  
County institutions, ... 198,444.19  
Total, ... \$2,218,883.02

The balance sheet showed:  
Assets, ... \$7,736,277.99  
Liabilities, ... 5,114,561.77

Excess of assets ... \$2,621,716.22  
The comptroller reported that now a sinking fund had been established for every issue of bonds and there would be no more refunding of bonds. During the year there had been an issue of \$675,000 of bonds at 6 per cent, and the bonded indebtedness stood at \$3,015,726.66 at the end of 1918, an increase of \$29,500 over the previous year. At the close of 1918 there was in the sinking fund \$1,183,232.14.

The report of the commissioner of safety referred to the re-instatement of the dismissed policemen, the appointment of Sgt. J. J. Smith to the office of chief of police, and the placing of a number of nitrogen filled lamps for the old carbon lamps and calling attention to the excessive charge for candles furnished by the New Brunswick Power Company.

He expressed the hope that the proposed electrical by-laws would be adopted by the council and the need for new building laws and a modern fire station. He expected to lay before the council during the year a new code of laws, and after the adoption of the selling of No. 3 engine house on Union street and the building of a central station at the corner of King and Carmarthen streets.

COMPANY MAY  
LOCATE HERE

Palestine Film Company May Open Eastern Studio in St. John—City Asked Regarding Inducements to be Offered.

According to a letter received by the mayor and read at the meeting of the common council yesterday, the Palestine Film Company, which is the home of one of the big moving picture producing companies.

Archibald R. Allison, of the Palestine Film Company, writes that his company, who have a large studio on the Pacific Coast, intend to open an eastern studio for the production of films in the near future. He points out that St. John possesses all the advantages of New York and in addition has the St. John and Kennelwood theatres, the home of one of the big moving picture producing companies.

The company would be organized under the Dominion laws and be a real Canadian producing company and make pictures for Canadian consumption, getting away from the waving of "Old Glory" so much in evidence in most of the American productions.

In closing he asks what inducements the city would be prepared to grant in the way of taxation, as before locating anywhere the company would want to be assured that no unreasonable taxes would be levied upon it.

He closes as follows: "I have been gained by the city in the location of such a company, the large amount of money placed in circulation, the most of which would be spent right here in the town."

## DUE NEXT TUESDAY.

An alarm from box 135, called out the North End firemen last night about 10:15 for a grass fire on Strait Shore. The blaze had been extinguished by the time the department arrived at the scene.

## PERSONAL

Among the passengers reaching the city on the late express last evening was Mrs. Hector Belliveau, wife of a Chaplain of the Third Canadian Garrison unit.



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Style No. I.—GEORGETTE Blouse in White, Flesh and Maise, made in round neck, collarless style, buttoned on shoulders with tiny pearl buttons. This model is finely tucked front and back, and has yoke and sleeves prettily hemstitched.

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Style No. III.—Smart tailored Blouse, developed in Crepe de Chine. A very desirable model for wearing with the New Spring Suits. These are in white, flesh and maise and have convertible collars that can be worn high or low as desired. Front of Blouse is neatly tucked and sleeves are finished with smart turn back cuffs.

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**GEORGETTE COLLARS** in a variety of styles including sailor, frilled, long pointed back and short shapes.

**JAPANESE MANDARIN VESTS** in oriental silk with black collar and trimmings.

**WHITE PIQUE VESTS** in fine and heavy cords, double and single breasted effects.

**WHITE SATIN VESTS** and **COLLARS** to match, effectively embroidered in dainty colorings. New Satin Collars embroidered in silk and chenille. Flirt and Georgette Collar and Cuff Sets.

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Third floor.

**CHAPLIN IN "SHOULDER ARMS" AT THE UNIQUE, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.**

"Shoulder Arms," the second Chaplin Picture, will be shown in the Unique this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Although this feature has been shown before in St. John, many have not had the opportunity of seeing it. It is without doubt the greatest comedy that the great Charlie has ever done. It is one big laugh provoking burlesque on trench work. In addition with this picture will be the introduction of a new serial "The Lightning Raider," featuring the peerless st. of all serials, Pearl White. Continuous shows will prevail, starting at 1.30.

**THE JORDAN MILL.**

The Jordan mill at Pleasant Point is expected to resume operations on Saturday next.

**STAFF OF OFFICERS BEING REDUCED**

Gradually the officers of Military District 7 are being struck off the strength in this exercise, as demobilization proceeds. A clerical staff the N. C. O.'s is being retained for duty until such time as their services are not of utility. The staff of the Registrar's Office, Prince William Street, has been reduced until at the present only a few officials are on duty to handle such cases as may arise relative to defaulters or deserters in actual hostilities. The reduction of the personnel of officers is quite general throughout the province, many being released at other centers. It is believed that in the next few weeks the personnel of the different staffs c. officers will have reached a minimum.