

AROUND THE CITY

NO COUNCIL MEETING. Owing to the absence of Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Bullock, no meeting of the common council was held yesterday.

WILL NOT USE PARKS HOME. It has been decided not to use the Parks Home for soldiers' dependents, but to rely on the St. James and Pitt street hospitals.

TEMPORARY QUARTERS. The temporary quarters for the courts, in the Masonic building, are now being prepared for service and are expected to be ready in a few days. It has been found necessary to install new wiring throughout.

TO AVOID DANGER. In order to avoid danger to pedestrians the commissioner of safety is having the loose stones and debris removed from the sidewalks in front of the House, but no repairs will be made until a definite policy is decided on.

THE PROBATE COURT. In the estate of Joseph K. Dunlop of Wawatona, Wisconsin, formerly of St. John, deceased, letters testamentary were granted to his wife, Mrs. Alice J. Dunlop, at present residing in this city. Heber S. Keith, proctor.

PRISONERS OF WAR. A party of prisoners of war, who were interned in British Columbia, were brought to this port by rail, and embarked on the Empress of Britain yesterday afternoon, sailing overseas this morning.

BOOTLEGER ARRESTED. When the Montreal Express pulled into the Depot yesterday a bootlegger was given a surprise when taken into custody by Inspector Garnett, after the latter had found liquor in the man's possession. The prisoner was fined \$200 in the police court.

NAVAL RESERVES. A band of naval reserves, in number about fifty, whose homes are in Newfoundland, left on the Halifax Express Monday evening, en route to their homes. The men were discharged from the service, and others were let go on provisional discharge.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH. The undementioned officers are struck off the strength of the C.E.F. as general demobilization, unless otherwise stated: Major Frank Haviland Rowe, 31st December, 1918. Captain Alexander Campbell Young, M.C., 14th December, 1918.

ARE BOUND HOME. Members of the East Yorkshire regiment, who reached this port on the Caraquez from Bermuda, where they had been engaged in duty, embarked on the Empress of Britain yesterday, awaiting transportation, they were quartered in the Exhibition Building.

PLANS FOR SYNOUD. At a meeting of the Church of England ministers of the city, held yesterday morning at the Church of England Institute, plans for the Synod to be held here in April were discussed. Rev. H. E. Bennett read a paper on the second chapter of the book "Jesus in History," and a general discussion on the paper took place.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY. On Monday evening the anniversary committee of St. George's Society met and decided to have the church services in St. Paul's on Sunday evening, April 21, as the Sunday previous to St. George's Day, is Easter Sunday. It has not been decided yet whether the anniversary entertainment shall take the form of a dinner or ball.

THE POLICEMEN'S PAY. Commissioner Thornton has instructed Chief of Police Smith to secure from the members of the police force who were dismissed and reinstated a statement of the money earned while off the force, and when this has been secured the money coming to them from the city, under the award of the conciliation board will be paid them.

A VETERAN SOLDIER. Captain W. R. Latimer, C. A. S. C., reached the city from Halifax yesterday to take over his new duties as officer in charge of the supply and transports in Fredericton, replacing Lieutenant W. H. Phillips, who is returning to the Ottawa district for demobilization duty. Captain Latimer is a veteran of the South African war and served under Brigadier General A. H. Macdonell, C.M.G., D.S.O., officer commanding this district, he has also served in the present war and wears a long-service medal.

DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE. The Secretary of the Board of Trade yesterday received from the Winnipeg Board of Trade a communication calling attention to the action of a number of western buyers who had not in Calgary and discussed the matter of a Dominion Board of Trade. The westerners declared in favor of the idea and are now asking for an expression of opinion from the eastern boards. Should the sentiment be in favor of the organization of the Dominion body it is proposed to send a representative from Winnipeg here to talk over the matter and discuss details.

THE POLICE COURT. Alexander McLaughan, arrested a few days ago on the charge of stealing a bottle of brandy, and with being drunk, appeared in the police court yesterday morning. The magistrate had considered giving judgment in the case on the appearance of the defendant yesterday, but reconsidered, believing that circumstances in the case which arose during the preliminary hearing warranted more consideration and advised the defendant, that he would give judgment later.

Five disciples of "John Barleycorn," or Lemon Extract, appeared before His Honor and each paid the tax of eight dollars, totalling forty dollars to imbue the city coffers.

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN MURDER CASE

In Police Court Yesterday Two Witnesses for Crown Were Heard in Case Where Three Men Are Charged With Murder.

Evidence against Ahmed Abdurman, Sultan Roussel, and John Sterling, charged with the murder of Sa-haid Hassan on December twenty-ninth ultimo, was resumed in the police court yesterday afternoon. This evidence bears much gravity as one of the witnesses swore that the defendants came to the steamship, of which they were all members of the crew, sometime around nine-thirty o'clock on the Saturday evening of the murder on Courtenay Hill, West St. John. At the coroner's inquest in the court house soon after the murder, John Sterling, the colored man, when giving evidence swore that the two East Indians, Abdurman and Roussel, had not come to the ship previous to his going to bed, which was shortly after eleven o'clock. Further, Sterling swore on the same occasion that after he had gone to bed he did not go immediately to sleep but lay awake for a time, and believed it would be near twelve o'clock before going to sleep, and then the two Indians had not returned to the vessel.

The two witnesses yesterday were Samuel Radcliffe and John Blower, both members of the crew on the steamship Manchester Division, but at the time of the murder in December, were members of the crew of the Manchester Brigade, with the three defendants. Blower's evidence was more or less of a corroboration of that which was given in the coroner's inquest some time ago, particularly of the two East Indians, and the deceased. His companion, Samuel Radcliffe, gave the weightier evidence relative to the time of the return of the two Indians to the steamer on the Saturday evening on which the murder was committed. The Manchester Brigade, which docks this morning, has on board three other witnesses, who will be called to give evidence, after which the preliminary hearing of the three will have been completed. All three defendants show little discomfort from their long detention in prison. Some time previously Abdurman when he appeared for remand appeared sickly and the magistrate at once ordered the jail physician to be called.

RETURNED TROOPS REACH HALIFAX

Steamer Megantic Will Dock There This Morning—Adriatic With Sixteen Hundred is Due Next Sunday.

Charles Robinson, secretary of the Commission, last night received a wire that the S. S. Megantic had arrived at Halifax and would dock this morning.

The S. S. Adriatic, which is expected to reach Halifax on Sunday next, will be the first boat to be handled under the new dispersal system. The men will march from the boat to their trains and the documentation and ticketing will be done at the dispersal depot. For the province of New Brunswick, the depots are located at Moncton and St. John.

Table with columns: Area, Officers, Other Ranks. Lists personnel for various locations including Charlottetown, Halifax, St. John, Moncton, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, and Unknown.

PLEASANT DANCE LAST EVENING

Royal Arms Chapter I. O. D. E. Have Delightful Assembly at G. W. V. A. Rooms—Large Number Attend.

Dancing has regained its former popularity, and there were many who last evening availed themselves of the opportunity afforded to indulge in this amusement by the Royal Arms Chapter, I. O. D. E. who were hostesses last evening in the rooms of the G. W. V. A.

The large room was gallily decorated with flags, and the Depot Band rendered fine music which was greatly appreciated. A programme of sixteen dances was carried off and a delicious supper served by the members of the chapter. The guests were received by Mrs. T. H. Carter, regent of the chapter; Mrs. A. E. McQuinn, first vice-regent; Mrs. G. Corbett, second vice-regent; Mrs. Norman Gregory and Mrs. M. S. Smith.

MILK REGULATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

Board of Health Session Yesterday—Score Card System May be Adopted—Grant to Rescue League—Milk Bill Considered.

Hereafter the farmer will have to pay as much attention to his milk cans as he does to himself, and wherever does the milking must see to it that the cans are clean, the bottles are sterilized and the lactical fluid is delivered to the retailer or the consumer in spotless purity. And if retailers do not keep their stores as clean as they might be and allow the milk to be a luxury of a milk bath, they, too, as well as the farmer, will bear from the local board of health.

A full meeting of the board was held yesterday afternoon with John Kelly presiding, when the milk regulations were thoroughly discussed and discussed by the members of the board. F. Fisher who was present to see what steps were proposed by the board, in view of the grant which is being made for the purpose by the city council. The new act not only deals with the purity and quality of the milk, but goes right back to the source of supply, and from the dealer's side, the counter or the carrier route, with the object of safeguarding the public health by a strict adherence to sanitation and cleanliness.

It is expected that the board will adopt a "score-card" system, which will start on the dairy farm, dealing with the health and condition of the cow, the personal cleanliness of the milk, the purity of the milking utensils and containers, the cleanliness of the cans of the wagon or conveyance. Merits or demerits will be marked against each farm or dairy, according to the manner in which they look forward to the welfare of the ultimate consumer.

Wholesalers and retailers in milk and dairy products who are subject to the new regulations, will also be judged by the score-card system, special attention being paid the cleanliness of the store, the place and conditions in which the milk is kept, the cleanliness of the containers and the system of selling or serving. Penalties for all offenses have been considered and are sufficiently stringent to make a disregard of the health act an unhealthy thing for the offender.

Commissioner Fisher was much pleased with the information given, which, he thought, covered every phase of a difficult subject. Before withdrawing from the meeting the commissioner stated that the Animal Rescue League, a branch of the S. P. C., who deal principally with homeless and stray cats and dogs, had asked for a grant of \$100 from the city council. The city had granted \$75 and the balance of \$25 was the work was connected with public health to a large extent, the board might consider it advisable to bring the amount up to \$100.

Later a grant of \$25 was voted to the Animal Rescue League by the board. After reading applications from various persons who desired positions as inspectors, Dr. Currie and Dr. Brown took up a report on by-laws which govern the disposal of refuse. The representative of the local board, with regard to the manner and method of notifying the board regarding what ever cases of infectious diseases which he may discover, and the preventative measures he may take in connection therewith. This matter has been thoroughly thrashed out by the board and the matter is simply being referred to the legislative council for governmental confirmation.

The milk bill was again brought up and discussed thoroughly, a lot of important new points being considered. It was decided to refer the bill back to committee which will submit in its revised and improved state at a later meeting of the board. Mrs. R. J. Hooper and Mr. J. H. V. Brown, district officer, made a report regarding the necessity of a child welfare nurse, who will go among the poorer classes of the city, showing the mothers how to clean and care for their children properly; a movement which should mean a big reduction in child mortality.

Suggestions and comments on this matter were made, among them a report covering the situation which had been sent in by the board. It was decided to go into the matter further at a later meeting. Mrs. Hooper reported that the Canadian Red Cross Association, was seeking an amendment to its charter so that it could be empowered to enlarge and develop its work. The regular war work of that of civic community welfare activities. When the federal government grants this permission to the parent body, it was thought that the civic authorities as well as the health officials might get in touch with the St. John branch, as it is an organization already established and financially capable to handle the matter.

SHIP CARPENTERS' BUSINESS MEETING

Form War Savings Society—Adopt Five Per Cent. Beer Resolution—Non-union Labor to be Banned—Housing Problem Discussed.

Many matters from the league of nations to five per cent, beer were discussed at a special meeting of the Ship Carpenters' Local Union, held last night in Oddfellows' Hall, Union street. President Isaac Patterson presided, and after the usual routine business was transacted, a circular letter from the office of ex-President William H. Taft, regarding the proposed League of Nations, was read and discussed. A. P. Salders, official representative of the Trades and Labor Council on the W. S. S. executive, addressed the body regarding the merits of thrift stamps and war-saving stamps, and before leaving organized a branch society.

Isaac Patterson was appointed a delegate to the meeting of the American Federation of Labor. A nation-wide resolution, regarding the manufacture of five per cent, beer was read and unanimously adopted. The society pledged itself to uphold an inter-working agreement with all unions to the effect that all non-union labor is to be banned, even in places where the open shop now prevails. The housing problem, as it affects the working man, was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to appoint a committee of three members of the local union to work jointly with other unions and other committees, with the object of improving the homes and living conditions of the organized working man.

The next meeting of the union, slated for the 14th, will be open to the public. NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING. Curator McIntosh Reports on Number of Donations Received—Lecture Prepared by Canadian Forestry Association Read by F. B. Ellis.

The monthly meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening at the Museum, Union Street, President R. B. Emerson in the chair. Curator McIntosh reported a number of donations received during the month, among them being a set of surgical instruments of olden days. This set of instruments was lost while troops were on the way from Fredericton to Quebec and found by a farmer, later it came into possession of the late Dr. Mott, and was bought by him for many years; a splendid plate of the Punch cartoon "Unconquerable," showing King Albert and the Kaiser and a large serpent skin.

The lecture of the evening was prepared by the Canadian Forestry Association and was read by F. B. Ellis. It was illustrated by sixty colored lantern slides. The lecture dealt with Canadian forests and the necessity for conservation of the trees, if the country was to be benefited by its forest wealth. The slides shown in a most graphic way the needless destruction, through wasteful cutting and fire, which had been done in the past, and the work which had been done to educate the people up to the higher standard of taking proper care of the forests. The importance of always distinguishing a camp fire was brought home to the audience, and these lectures, as they are circulated through the country, will no doubt aid greatly in the work of impressing on the citizens of Canada the true value of its forest wealth and the need for its preservation.

WERE GUESTS OF THE NAVY LEAGUE

Over Three Hundred British Tars Had English Dinner in Seamen's Institute Last Evening—Fine Programme Given.

Between three and four hundred seamen were guests of the Navy League at the Seaman's Institute last evening. The programme was most excellent. Many of those present were on their way home, from the West Indies in England, and they spoke in the highest terms of the kind hospitality received while in St. John, and the cordiality with which they had been treated by all. Colonel E. T. Sturdee, E. S. D., president, and many members of the Navy League attended. Lieut. Colonel Homfray, R.M.A., was present, and several officers who are in charge of the detachment. After the singing of God Save the King, Colonel Sturdee in a happy speech bade the victors welcome, and told them how much pleasure it gave him to have so many of the men of the British Navy.

The entertainment, which was in charge of Mrs. M. B. Edwards, was varied and greatly appreciated, many members of the Loyalist Chapter, reading dances and songs from the recent Review for the benefit of the League. Several of the guests gave characteristic songs and readings which were much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Minkley and Miss Anderson acted as accompanists. The Y. W. P. A. served refreshments which were supplied by the Navy League. At the close of the concert, Lieut. Homfray called for three cheers for the Navy League, and the ladies who had assisted in the programme, entertained the sailors showed that how ever silent the Navy may be about its brave deeds they can be loudly appreciative of hospitality, and more

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A PLEASANT EVENING. Miss Dorothy Cullinan, 45 Simonds street, was the hostess last evening at her home, to a number of long young friends. A very pleasant evening was spent in dancing, games and music, after which refreshments were served. TUXIS BOYS CONCLAVE. Important congregational and trustee business meeting. Ladies' Home Journal Patterns. Rev. F. H. Wentworth presided at the weekly meeting of the Tuxis Boys Conclave of the united churches in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. An excellent and inspiring talk was given to the boys by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, who took up the "Three C's Campaign" which embraces clean sport, clean speech and clean habits. The singer was served by the ladies of St. Luke's church. WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB. A pleasant store for the club will be the welcome to be given Mr. Stanley Etkin, M. P., who has just returned from England and has consented to address the club on "Post War Problems" on Friday evening, in German street Baptist Institute at eight o'clock. THE COURT MARTIAL. Private Sheehan, who was taken into custody some time ago and charged with breaking up a military camp while on a joy ride, was sentenced to thirty days' detention, and all stoppages of pay until such time as his pay will cover damages to the car.