

Around the City

POLICEMEN RESIGN. Police Constables McLain and Fitzpatrick have resigned from the force.

AN OLD WANDERER. An old man aged 77 years, who had no visible means of support, was taken care of by the police yesterday. He was placed in the Municipal Home.

WAS INJURED IN MBL. A knife saw from a machine in the Murray and Gregory mill, yesterday morning, inflicting a severe wound on J. O. Dempster's hip. The man was conveyed to the General Public Hospital for treatment.

PLEASED OFFICIALS. The officials in the local and out-port customs service have had their salaries increased with the exception of those who only recently had an advance.

SPECIAL MEETING TODAY. A special meeting of the Common Council in committee has been called for today at 11.30. The plans for the repairing of the trestle leading to Nos. 4 and 7 and the site for the sardine factory will be taken up.

TO MARRY IN THE WEST. Miss Gertrude F. Fowler left last night for the west, where she will be married to Curtis T. Larkin, of the Baxter and Larkin Lumber Co., Cranbrook, B. C. Miss Fowler has been a member of the city teaching staff for several years.

IS THE WAR STILL ON? The Telegraph yesterday morning lifted the war off the first page and filled up largely with Ottawa matter adorned with headlines continually designed to benefit Pugsley & Co. And yet when the Telegraph appeared on the streets of St. John the great British drive was under way.

COMMISSIONER WIGMORE HOME. Commissioner Wigmore returned last evening from his visit to Hartford and New York. While away the commissioner attended the sessions of the New England Waterworks Engineers held at Hartford. He reports having had a most pleasant and profitable trip. While away he inspected the water systems of various cities.

EXTRA HEAVY STORM. While the weather was fine in the city yesterday an extra heavy rain and thunder storm started in the Rothesay district in the morning about eleven o'clock and travelled eastward as far as Sussex. The rain fell in torrents, and in many places was welcomed by the farmers who say the ground has been very dry.

PAVING NEARLY DONE. It is expected this week will see the end of the spring paving operations carried on by the city public works department. The next week or two will be devoted to sidewalk repairs and it is hoped to make some needed repairs on Chesley, Portland and Camden streets. This work will about exhaust the appropriation for this year for street work.

BROKE AWAY FROM TRAIN. Yesterday afternoon while the C. P. R. express was making about 45 miles an hour, near Bloomfield station, the big locomotive broke in her couplings and ran away from the train. The engine brakes brought the coaches to a rather quick stop. Repairs were completed in about ten minutes and the passengers were unharmed by the accident.

WEDDED IN HALIFAX. A quiet wedding took place in St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, the latter part of last week, when George E. Lavers, of this city was united in marriage to Emily A. Brown also of St. John. Rev. Dr. Foley performed the ceremony. Mr. Lavers, who is a native of Halifax, and his bride are spending their honeymoon at Halifax before coming to St. John where they will make their home.

EXTRA HEAVY TRAVEL. During the past week the Canadian Government Railway trains have been crowded, mostly with persons traveling to and from the Halifax exhibition. The tourist travel returning to the States and Upper Canada is no longer so heavy. The Halifax express yesterday morning was so late that the Boston express did not wait, and as a result forty-five passengers from the east missed connections and were obliged to spend the day in the city.

FISH MARKET. The fish market offers only a small variety this week for the housewife to choose from. Swordfish have had their day and the market is practically bare of this fish. Halibut is also very scarce. Haddock and cod are quite plentiful and are selling for 14c a pound; mackerel is selling for 25c to 30c a pound; sardines, 15c a pound; salmon 25c to 40c a pound; boneless cod, 25c a pound; smelts 15c a pound; hoppers and bladders 45c a dozen. The market is carrying the usual variety of salt fish at reasonable prices.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING FAIR. There was a large crowd present at the Christmas Stocking Fair, West Side, last night and all present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The prize winners were: Door prize, half barrel flour, Mrs. Joseph Wells; gent's air gun, T. Morrissette; ladies' air gun, Miss Young; gent's bean bag, A. Campbell; ladies' bean bag, Miss Travers. Wednesday night's door prize is still unclaimed, but will be the lucky ticket. Tonight the Temple Band will be present and provide a programme of music. The door prize will be a load of coal. Miss Lena Oran, formerly of St. John, but now of Portland, Me., has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oran, 432 Main street.

JURY RETURN VERDICT OF MURDER AT INQUEST INTO DEATH OF HARRY WILLIAMS

Recommend That Suitable Reward Be Offered for the Conviction of the Guilty Party or Parties—Inquest Concluded Last Evening on Direction of the Attorney General—Important Developments Daily Expected.

"We, the undersigned jury, find that Harry L. Williams came to his death on the night of August 7th in his store corner of Main and Elm streets, between the hours of 11:30 and 12 o'clock, from a gun-shot wound from a gun held in the hand of some party unknown. We strongly recommend that a suitable reward be offered for the conviction of the said party or parties. (Signed) Allen A. McIntyre, Foreman; E. Roy Robertson, Wm. M. Crosby, G. W. Thompson, Wm. A. Wetmore, Charles Gurney, N. S. Springer. Such was the verdict of the jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Harry L. Williams, which was presented to Coroner F. L. Kenney at the court house last evening following a half hour's deliberation. The court room was crowded when the inquest was resumed at 8 o'clock. Francis Kerr was present on behalf of the family of the deceased. No evidence was taken, but the coroner briefly reviewed the evidence adduced at previous sessions. He pointed out that there was no motive for either murder or suicide. It seemed clear from the evidence that if the case was one of suicide the deceased must have had an accomplice who destroyed or carried off the weapon, a theory which the coroner said, was not borne out by the evidence. From the testimony it was clear that there was no struggle and that the deceased must have been suddenly attacked by some person. "I think this mystery will be solved in time," said the coroner. "But it is not wise to continue this inquiry any longer, when you can safely leave it in the hands of the police." The jury then retired and brought in the verdict above reported. It is understood that the order to discontinue the inquest came from Attorney-General Byrne, who considered that no useful purpose could be served by prolonging the sessions. Dr. Wallace, K. C., representing the attorney-general was in conference yesterday with Mr. Francis Kerr with the result that instructions were given to conclude the inquest at last evening's session. More than ordinary interest has been aroused in the Williams tragedy. The public generally are now firmly convinced that the deceased was the victim of a carefully planned murder, and increased interest will take in the matter. Further developments in the case are daily expected.

JUDGE ARMSTRONG SELECTS MEN FOR EXEMPTION COURTS

There Will Be Five Tribunals in St. John City and County—John Keefe, E. T. Sturdee, C. B. Lockhart, H. G. S. Adams and John A. Gregory Chosen—Selection Committee Will Name Men to Act With These.

According to advice from Ottawa, National Service will be the central idea governing appeals to local tribunals under the Military Service Act. It is unlikely that any hard and fast line will be drawn between trades or branches of trades. It is contended by the authorities that to state certain occupations shall be exempt without consideration for the individual case or general or local conditions would result in unfairness. In the selection of the members of the local tribunals under the Military Service Act partisan considerations have been eliminated and the members chosen to act by Judge Armstrong represent both political parties. The other members of the board have not yet been made public by the selection board. It is, however, likely that the names will be ready for publication soon as M. G. Teed, K. C., and J. J. McCaffrey are in consultation regarding them. The appointees to the St. John district boards are all men of high standing and capable of satisfactorily discharging their duties.

Five Local Tribunals. All applications for exemption from military service are to be made first to the various local tribunals, of which there are to be sixty in this Province, and 1,350 throughout the Dominion. Each Local Tribunal consists of two members, one to be appointed by a judge of the County Court within his jurisdiction, the other by the board of selection, consisting of J. J. McCaffrey and M. G. Teed, K. C. In the City and County of St. John there are five tribunals as follows: No. 33, Saint John. No. 34, Saint John. No. 35, Saint John. No. 36, Simonds. No. 37, Fairville. The Judge of the Saint John County Court has appointed the following to serve in the City and County of Saint John: Members of Board. No. 33, which will probably comprise the southern part of the City of Saint John on the eastern side, John Keefe. No. 34, which will probably comprise the northern part, formerly Portland, E. T. Sturdee. No. 35, which will probably include the west side or Carleton, and possibly one or more other wards in the City of Saint John, C. Burton Lockhart. No. 36, Simonds, which will probably include the Parishes of Simonds and Saint Martins, Harold G. S. Adams. No. 37, Fairville, which will probably include the Parishes of Lancelot and Musquash, John A. Gregory.

Grounds of Exemption. Exemption from service may be claimed on eight grounds. The forms of application, which will be available at post offices throughout the Dominion in the course of a few days, make this clear. The grounds are: 1. Importance of continuing employment in habitual occupation.

SUFFICIENT COAL AT \$15 PER TON TO MEET EXISTING DEMANDS

But Dealers Are Not Sure of Continuance of Supply—No Word Yet Regarding City's Order.

There have been no new developments this week relative to the question of the coal supply for this city during the coming winter. Whether the supply will be sufficiently adequate is problematical, but local dealers said yesterday that they will be able to supply the quantity of coal they desired. The price yesterday was \$15, but the dealers can give no assurance as to whether this price shall continue for the season. The intimation from Washington that there would be no prohibition on the exportation of coal has been favorably received by the local dealers. "But in war times anything may happen," said F. P. Starr, discussing the possibility of a shortage. "However, we are not worrying over the future," added Mr. Starr. "Few of the dealers at this season of the year have sufficient supply on hand to meet the needs of consumers for the whole winter, but Mr. Starr said that the supply of his firm in this city was sufficient for present demands. He further stated that he expected a consignment of 1500 tons of coal to reach the city today. While it is known that the fuel controller is busily engaged in the matter, no announcement can yet be made regarding the consignment of coal ordered by the city for local consumption. Mr. J. H. Frink said yesterday he had nothing further to announce on the subject, but intimated that he would make a statement shortly with reference to the question of supply and price.

ST. JOHN MAN HERE AFTER JOINING THE U. S. DRAFT ARMY

Louis Hennegry Has Spent the Last Five Years at Newton, Mass., and Was One of the First of That Centre to Be Called.

Louis Hennegry, who for the past five years has made his home at Newton, Mass., is probably the first St. John man to become a member of the new draft army in the United States. Mr. Hennegry is on a visit to his old home here and will be the guest of his family on Castle street for a few weeks. He was in the automobile business in Newton and in common with other citizens there registered for service in the American army. He was one of the first Newton men to be selected. Following his enlistment he left his family in this city. Mr. Hennegry is just recovering from a rather serious illness. Friends in Massachusetts are reporting promptly for service and that the compulsory system which was put in force there shortly after the outbreak of war, while not free from difficulties was, nevertheless, working out very satisfactorily.

PARKS' CONVALESCENT LIKELY TO BE USED AS HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS

However, Nothing Official Has Been Given Out—Organization Practically Completed at Armory Hospital—Eight Nurses on Staff.

There is a probability that the Parks Convalescent Home, recently vacated by the military hospital commission, will be used as a convalescent home for returned officers who are in need of further treatment. Although nothing official has been given out concerning this move, it is the general opinion that such may be the case. The returned men who have been transferred to Armory Convalescent Hospital are becoming accustomed to their new quarters. The nursing staff in connection with the hospital will likely be augmented by the arrival of two nurses from Fredericton. Upon their arrival the staff will number eight. The appointments so far approved by the authorities are Nursing Sister Ada A. Burns, matron, and the following: Misses Ethel Delaney, Julia Peters, Ruth Marston, Isabel A. Drayton and Elaine B. Hatheway. They have all entered upon their respective duties.

WILL ATTEND WELFARE CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA

James Gilchrist, provincial immigration agent, who is a member of the immigration committee of the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction, which meets in Ottawa, Sept. 23, 24, 25, will leave tonight to attend the sessions. This will be the sixteenth annual session of the conference and one of the most important matters to be dealt with is the changing of the name and the adoption of a new constitution. It is proposed to change the name to the National Conference of Public Welfare. In connection with the conference there will be a public welfare exhibit. There will be held at the same time a meeting of the Canadian Public Health Association and the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. All the leading welfare workers in Canada will be present at these conferences and much good is expected to follow. After the war problems will have a large place on the programme.

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HURRY ALONG YOUR SOLDIER SOCKS. Yesterday was another encouraging boost for the soldiers' socks campaign which ends Saturday night in the Imperial Theatre rooms. SPECIAL PURCHASE OF Sample Linens some slightly soiled but the price reduction more than makes up for this. HURRY ALONG YOUR SOLDIER SOCKS. Yesterday was another encouraging boost for the soldiers' socks campaign which ends Saturday night in the Imperial Theatre rooms. 1,500 pairs have been placed in the big windows so that all may see. There are still 5,000 pairs to be donated before the 5,000 figure has been accomplished. However, it must be remembered many are still knitting their patriotic footwear, others are waiting for pay-day. In fact the big rush is expected Friday and Saturday. Still, it is well to rush in your donations at once if at all possible so that people able to make tramping big donations to complete the order at the last minute may be furnished with figures covering the final needs.