

AROUND THE CITY

AMUSEMENT TAX. The recent exhibition netted nearly \$2,000 for the provincial exchequer through the sale of amusement tax tickets.

RECEIVED CROSS. Mrs. Mary Connell, 30 Frederick street, has received the cross of her husband, Robert J. Connell, who died at Vimy Ridge in 1917.

FAMOUS ST. JOHN. "We would like to know why your city is so famous," writes a school boy of London, Ont., to the secretary of the Board of Trade. He says, "We are starting a project in our school," hence his enquiry.

STEER GOVERNOR DINGLEY. The Eastern Line Steamer Governor Dingley arrived yesterday morning with 160 passengers and forty-one tons of freight. The steamer returns to Boston this morning with a large passenger list and a fair freight.

LEFT FOR CHARLOTTETOWN. President W. F. Burditt and Secretary R. E. Armstrong of the local Board of Trade, left for the Maritime Board of Trade which opens in Charlottetown today.

A NEW MANAGER. Percy W. Thomson, manager of the New Brunswick Power Co., announced yesterday that W. C. Birrell, manager of the Eastern Electric Co., has been accepted as the new manager, effective September 15. E. A. Wyse, formerly of Montreal, will assume management on that date.

THE PRIZE CONTEST. In a prize contest over the number of beans in a jar at the exhibition, for the Provincial Home the number of beans was 10,386. Mrs. Merryweather was nearest, 10,223, and wins a silver meat fork. Mrs. John Baird guessed 10,540, and gets a combing jacket; J. K. Knox, of Sussex, with 10,500, wins a baby doll; and Mrs. Wm. Sullivan, of Wolford, 10,500, a boudoir cap.

RECEIVING STATION. At a meeting of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission here yesterday the tenders for the construction of a receiving station for the hydro-electric power in the Manawagashish road were considered and it was decided to recommend the acceptance of one of the tenders. The matter will come before the next meeting of the provincial government.

WILL BE REPORTED. Robert Harris, city constable, who is handling the enforcement of the traffic laws in the city, states that he had to warn several automobile drivers recently for carrying license tags the number of which were almost entirely obscured by mud or dust. He said this non-observance of the law interfered greatly with the carrying out of his duty and he intended to check it up closely.

STEAM ROLLER RAN AWAY. A large steam roller ran away on Main Street yesterday afternoon. After turning the corner at Douglas Avenue, the driver appeared to have lost control of the machine for it started at a mad pace and was only brought to a stop near Simonds Street. Fortunately there were no street cars on Main street at the time or a serious accident might have occurred, as other vehicles were able to dodge the machine as it swung along.

THE OCEAN HIKERS. The Halifax to Vancouver ocean hikers, who were in St. John recently, the second party to arrive at Rockland, Me., sailed up the harbor at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning. They left Bar Harbor at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and after a sail of twenty-two miles arrived at Bartlett Isle, where they stopped for the night. They left Bartlett Isle Sunday morning at 8:15 o'clock and after a good day's run made Owl's Head, Me., a distance of 47 miles, at 9 p. m. Leaving Owl's Head Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock they sailed into Rockland, deciding to stop over there for the day.

MEDITERRANEAN SERVICE. The Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., inform the board of trade that in addition to the S. S. Canadian Rancher loading at Mediterranean ports for Canada, it has been arranged to load the Canadian Hunter during October. The ports of call will likely be Smyrna, Patros, Messina, Valencia and Denia. If sufficient cargo offers, calls will be made at other ports. St. John importers are requested to take the matter up with H. E. Kane, port agent of the company here.

MANY MEN WORKING. The city public works department has 271 men on the payroll the majority of the crew being engaged in the Prince Edward street paving. Work there is progressing rapidly. The asphalt surfacing has been completed on one side between Hymark square and Richmond street. Excavation for the foundation on the east side has been finished up as far as the Prince Edward street church. The power company has twelve on the track setting work on the eastern side and they are being closely followed by the city crews.

WAS POSTPONED. The first session of arbitration proceedings between the St. John and Quebec Railway Co., and the owners of property on the right of way near Westfield was commenced yesterday morning in the provincial government building, but it was agreed not to go along with the matter until the jurisdiction of the court was definitely established. Hon. W. B. Jones of Sussex presided. Hon. W. F. Jones, K.C., president of the company, represented the railway; W. H. Harrison appeared for some of the property owners, and Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K.C., was present on behalf of himself and other right of way owners. October 6 was set as the date on which the matter will be again taken up.

Nine Witnesses Gave Evidence At Inquest Into Death of Albert Norris

Edward O'Brien and James Spellman Charged With Murder Said They Did Not Wish to Make Statement—Piece of Board Found Thought to Have Been Weapon Used in Assault—Enquiry Will Be Resumed on Thursday.

Nine witnesses gave evidence at the inquest into the death of Albert Norris which was begun before Coroner Kennedy in the court rooms in the Masco building, Germain street, last evening. As other witnesses are yet to be called the hearing was postponed to Thursday at 8 o'clock.

Both O'Brien and Spellman, who are accused of Norris' murder, were present at the hearing. When questioned by the coroner as to their wishes, both stated they did not wish to make a statement yet.

The court room was packed at last night's hearing and was hardly large enough to accommodate the crowd, the majority of whom had to stand. The prisoners presented a subdued appearance, especially O'Brien. Both of them seemed to be quiet, respectable young men, and neither presented the appearance of the hardened criminal such as would be expected to be charged with the crime for which they are held.

Prior to the hearing of the evidence the coroner stated the jury had previously viewed the remains of the deceased, Albert Norris, and the scene of his murder. The accused, Edward O'Brien and James Spellman were then brought into the court room, escorted by Sergeant Detective Powers, Detectives Biddiscombe, Donohue and Saunders.

Dr. R. M. Pendrick. Dr. Robert Murray Pendrick, an intern at the General Public Hospital, was then called. He stated that he was called at 5 a. m. Friday the 9th to the bedside of Norris and pronounced him dead. Death was probably due to a fracture of the skull.

Mrs. Margaret Moore. Mrs. Margaret Moore, 128 Erin street, stated she lived in the fourth story of the Ryan house facing the yard where Norris was found. At about 8:30 Thursday night she and three men came round the corner of Erin and Brussels street and turned into the yard.

One of the young men, entered the house and came up the stairs to her door and asked if Mr. O'Keefe, who lived across the hall, was in. The man appeared sober. Mrs. Moore said she saw the three men distinctly but could not say who any of them were, except Spellman, who had come to her door. She had known Spellman previously, but not O'Brien. She did not know of what happened in the yard until she saw Norris carried away.

Dr. Pendrick, recalled, said that when he first saw Norris the man was breathing heavily, and bleeding from the ear. He then diagnosed his injuries as fracture to the base of the skull.

Dr. H. L. Abramson. Dr. H. L. Abramson, provincial pathologist, gave evidence of the post mortem he had performed on Norris. As a result of the examination he found there were no street cars on Main street at the time or a serious accident might have occurred, as other vehicles were able to dodge the machine as it swung along.

There was a bruise about an inch long and half an inch wide on the top of the skull. The spot was free from hair, discolored, and the center of the depression below the surface of the skin, which was very thin at that spot. There was hemorrhage of the brain. The doctor described Norris as a sufferer from several serious complaints. Although his body was that of a well nourished man, he found him to have chronic kidney, liver and spleen trouble, an enlarged heart, and chronic adhesive pleuritis of the right lung.

The evidence of bruises on the different parts of the skull might have been caused, he said, by force applied to the skull. Two pieces of two-inch board, one about three feet long and three inches wide and tapering to a point at one end, the other of the same thickness, four inches wide and four feet long, were shown the doctor, who said the injuries might have been caused by such weapons, but could not have been due to a fall unless the man had turned a complete somersault and fell perpendicularly.

Mrs. Alma Smith. Mrs. Alma Smith, 135 Erin street, said her house was across the street from the scene of the crime. Between 8:45 and 9 o'clock she was putting her baby to bed and on looking out the window saw three men near the Benefit Store corner who went into the building. Later she heard something struck and saw an object fall, but because of the darkness could not see what it was. Then two men came out. One went across to the square and then turned, came back to the other, and both went quickly up Erin street. At the time of the blow she heard a sound like a score when the men first appeared they were bumping against the building. The men were in the yard between five and ten minutes.

Mrs. Smith said she did not notice the height of the looks of the two men who came out. Florence Patterson, Erin street, was in her house at the time and she said she saw the same thing Mrs. Smith did. The girl also said she heard a cry and saw a handkerchief.

Mrs. Smith said she could not describe the blow, it sounded hard and heavy; at the time it was very dark, but it was agreed not to go along with the matter until the jurisdiction of the court was definitely established. Hon. W. B. Jones of Sussex presided. Hon. W. F. Jones, K.C., president of the company, represented the railway; W. H. Harrison appeared for some of the property owners, and Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K.C., was present on behalf of himself and other right of way owners. October 6 was set as the date on which the matter will be again taken up.

John Leonard Steeves. John Leonard Steeves, commission merchant, 129 Brussels street, said he

knew the deceased and saw him in the east end Thursday afternoon, and later in a yard on Erin street when he went to take a short-cut to Albion. He then found Norris near the Ryan building after being attracted by the sound of groaning. He lit a match and saw it was Norris.

He then went to Norris' daughter, Mrs. Linton, on the Marsh Road, and brought Harry Norris and his mother and some others to the yard. With their help he took Norris into the Benefit Store.

Mr. Steeves said when he found Norris he was accompanied by Judson Totten and Roy Shannon. Norris was lying on the right side of his face near a picket fence between the Aberdeen school and the Ryan yard. His hat was three feet from his head and there were two pieces of board near him and also a piece of paper and some string and a few cents.

His son Harry searched his clothing in the store and said there was nothing in them. About a dozen had hold of the hat and board when Steeves returned from Linton's, he said. He took them away from them and laid them aside. When he saw Norris in the afternoon he appeared sober. The hat was not altered by handling. He did not detect any sign of liquor on Norris when he found him.

The hat produced in court, a dark gray one, with one side dented, was identified by Steeves as the hat in question.

Judson Totten. Judson Totten, 345 City Road, teamster, said he was with Leonard Steeves when he discovered Norris and the evidence given by him was true in every detail. He knew O'Brien but not Spellman but did not see them that night.

Harry Norris. Harry Norris, of Barnesville, son of the deceased, said he last saw his father alive at about 6:30 p. m. on Brussels street. He was perfectly sober at the time. His father took a drink occasionally, he said, but at such a time was not quarrelsome and did not mix with strangers. He heard his father's name near where he was lying at the hospital, but did not know how much money he might have had.

After leaving him on Brussels street he did not see him again till he saw him lying in the yard on Erin street. There was a board lying by him which looked to have come from a picket fence near where he was lying. So far as he knew his father had no enemies.

James Roy Shannon. James Roy Shannon, 153 Erin street, said he was with Totten and Steeves when they found Norris at five minutes after nine. He knew both Spellman and O'Brien but did not see them near the spot that night.

Detective Saunders. Detective John Saunders knew the deceased and that he took liquor. At such a time he was quiet and useless but minded his own business. The spot where he saw Norris' body at the hospital morgue. Later he went to the scene with Harry Norris and found the hat and board. There were tracks that looked like signs of a struggle and there were two empty small sized lemon extract bottles, one was fifteen feet from where the deceased was said to have been lying. The other was ten feet. There was a fresh odor about the bottles that would indicate they had not been there long.

The picket seemed to have come from the fence between the Ryan building and the old shipyard. It would have to have been torn from the side opposite to that where the body was found. In answer to the coroner both O'Brien and Spellman said they did not wish to make a statement yet.

Purchased Liquor. A local vendor said Norris was in his store at about seven o'clock Thursday evening and later at 8:15. The first time he presented a prescription for liquor and was given a bottle of White Horse whiskey. Later Dr. McCourt phoned and said the whiskey did not suit Norris and the witness told him to bring it back. Norris did so and was given a bottle of King George and returned for the first bottle from which a few ounces were taken for medicine. Driscoll said he did not remember seeing Spellman or O'Brien about the shop at the time, and would not know them if he had.

As other witnesses were to be heard the coroner adjourned the hearing to Thursday at 8 o'clock. AT RICHMOND. Richard O'Leary, of Richmond, was in the city yesterday and states that many of those who were burned out in the recent heavy fire are rebuilding, but most of the larger business firms did not intend rebuilding until next year.

AUTOMOBILE TOUR. W. A. Simonds and family and Charles Magnusson and family left yesterday afternoon in two automobiles on a tour of the upper St. John river country. They plan to visit Fredericton, Woodstock, Houlton and other places of interest and will be away about a week.

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.

Was The King's Harbor Master

Lieut. - Commander W. G. Lewin at Scapa Flow—Is Navy League Representative.

"To create in Canada a sea consciousness. This object, which is only one of the four main principles of the Navy League, need not be well upon every man in St. John's. Lieut. - Commander W. G. Lewin of Charlottetown, Maritime representative of the Navy League, in talking to a Standard representative last evening. "What St. John should have, however," Commander Lewin went on to say, "is a first-class Boys' Naval Brigade. In Charlottetown there is a splendid Brigade of sixty boys, fully equipped. They have their Blue Jacket uniforms, Winchester repeating rifles, two cutters and a comfortable Headquarters. They man the boats, pull around the harbor and are very proud of their Brigade."

Commander Lewin explained that joining a Naval Brigade does not mean that the boy is in any way compelled to sea. It simply gives him a good nautical training, admitted by all to be useful in any career. The members learn sail making, knotting, line pulling and sailing. Physical drill is included in the course and the results have been excellent. The ideals of the British Navy League lie upon the boys in all classes have benefited by membership in Brigades.

The Navy League. As Special Commissioner for the Navy League—an appointment recently made, Commander Lewin is in St. John to preach the gospel of the Navy League, an explicit peace time policy which, he points out, is both practical and patriotic. Its four aims are, relief work among sailors and their dependents; Sailors' Institute work; Boys' naval brigade work; Education and propaganda work with the object of creating a sea consciousness.

In regard to relief work it should be remembered that the Government does not pay pensions for men who have served in the merchant service and that the Navy League is the only Institute which supplies this need, caring for widows and orphans of the merchant service. In addition, Commander Lewin said that most of the funds provided for Sailors' Institutes come from the Maritime Provinces and that the Institute work, Boys' naval brigade work, Education and propaganda work with the object of creating a sea consciousness.

As a broad principle the following definition of the Navy League may be quoted: "Membership in the Navy League should proclaim to the world that the member has taken his or her stand on the side of right, liberty and justice, which things have been made possible to the world by the British traditions of the sea."

Tours Nova Scotia. Commander Lewin arrived in St. John from Halifax yesterday and returned this morning. He intends to tour Nova Scotia in the interests of the League after which he will come to New Brunswick. Confering with R. E. Armstrong, president, and C. B. Allan, secretary, he will be in St. John for the purpose of organizing the St. John Seaman's Institute will be arranged.

The Special Commissioner is a Devonshire man who speaks with the pleasant voice of one from that historic portion of Great Britain from which sprang so many of our famous sailors of the past and of today. During the war, Lieut. - Commander Lewin held the interesting and important post of King's Harbor Master at Scapa Flow, where he was in charge of the salvage work consequent upon the sinking of the German liner, the *Immelmann*, only twelve months ago, he has taken up the work of the Navy League with enthusiasm. His headquarters are at Charlottetown, where already much has been accomplished to increase membership and teach people what the Navy League really means.

A Kitchen Shower for the Bride-to-be. IS ALWAYS IN ORDER and invariably appreciated. You'll find in our Kitchenware Department many suitable suggestions such as "WEAR-EVERY" ALUMINUM Frying Pans, Cake Pans, Bread Pans, Pudding Pans, Roasting Pans, Windsor Kettles, Sauce Pans, Coffee Pots, Tea Kettles, Tea Pots, Ladles, Forks and Spoons. Also ENAMEL WARE in Blue, White and Grey. FINWARE of every description. "PYREX" TRANSPARENT GLASS OVEN WARE especially the Wedding Gift Set of ten pieces, which comes nicely packed in a neat cardboard box. Then there are single pieces of "Pyrex," such as Casseroles, Bake Pans, Pie Pans, Custard Dishes, etc., all of which are excellent for kitchen showers. Come in and have a look at them. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. Hardware Merchants. Store Hours:—8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Open Friday till 10 p. m. Close at 1 p. m. Saturdays.

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Will Move For Issue of Bonds. Mayor Gives Notice He Will Move for Issue of Bonds Amounting to \$870,849.58. Mayor Schofield, who is the commissioner of finance and public affairs, yesterday at the city council meeting gave notice that after thirty days he would move for the issue of bonds for work done this year amounting to \$870,849.58. The bonds will run for different periods from five to forty years and are all six per cent. The details follow: Police Patrol and Ambulance, 5 years, \$4,000; sewers in Douglas Avenue, 10 years, \$5,000; heating Nos. 1 and 2 sheds, 2 engineers for public work department, paving Lansdowne Avenue north wharf and Germain street, 15 years, \$19,565.57; water construction Douglas Avenue, work shop for harbor department, 20 years, \$12,948.17; paving Douglas Avenue and City Road, 10 year renewable for 15 years, \$365,539; retaining walls, paving Adelaide street, paving City Road, deepening Newman Brook, culvert for Newman Brook, sewerage, 10 year renewable for 20 years, \$463,396.54. SPECIAL MEETING. A special meeting of the common council will be held Friday morning at eleven o'clock to consider the matter of linking up the west and east side water services. Commissioner John Thornton returned from Halifax yesterday where he was called on account of the death of his father.

OPERA HOUSE. Positively the Best Programme Seen at This Theatre for Some Time. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Mallia - Bart Company Delivering a Carload of Laughs in "THE BAGGAGE SMASHERS". Galletti and Kokin In Their Big Comedy Success "The Monkey Barber Shop" Introducing several clever Monkeys. 3 Other Sterling Acts SERIAL STORY JIMMY AUBREY COMEDY No Advance in Prices. Clifton House, all meals 60c. MADE FOUR ARRESTS. Four arrests were made by the police last evening. Two men were arrested for creating a disturbance on Peter's street another for being drunk and using profane language on Union street, and the fourth on a warrant for assault.

Finced For Selling Lemon Extract. Grocer Finced For Sale Made by Boy—Edgar Bareham Charged With Breaking Jail. The minimum fine of \$50 was struck against Alexander Porter, grocer, in the police court yesterday afternoon for selling lemon extract as a beverage in violation of the New Brunswick Liquor law. Inspector Thomson stated that in company with inspector Henderson he saw a man coming out of the defendant's grocery store in Union street at 11:20 on the morning of Sept. 8. The man was carrying a paper bag which the inspectors took from him and found that it contained three bottles of lemon extract. The man admitted purchasing it in the Porter store and accompanied the inspectors inside and pointed out the boy who had sold it to him. The youth, he said, admitted the sale. The inspector said he had previously warned the defendant in regard to the sale of the extract and Mr. Porter had then said he was going to quit the business. Mr. Porter made a statement in which he admitted the extract had been sold, but said the sale had been effected by a boy who was employed to do odd jobs, and was not supposed to sell anything. He was not in the store himself at the time, and he was sure none of his clerks would have allowed the sale had they been aware of it. W. M. Ryan, who appeared for the prosecution, called the attention of the court to the fact that the bottles seized were four ounce bottles, while the maximum weight allowed by law was three ounces. The minimum fine of \$50 was struck against the defendant. Edgar Bareham, who was brought to the city from Chatham, Ontario, by Detective Biddiscombe, was charged at the morning session of the court with escaping from jail after being convicted of stealing from W. H. Thorne & Co.'s King street store, which he burglarized. He will probably be sentenced by Judge Armstrong in the county court on the burglary charge, and then be tried in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie on the breaking jail charge. RED CROSS BOOTH. The Ashburnham Branch of the Red Cross at Fredericton will have a booth at the Fredericton Exhibition. It is expected that Miss Kate Stewart will take charge. The Provincial Red Cross is co-operating with this effort to spread the knowledge of Red Cross work and its importance. Bareham, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Double header, Commercial's vs Parth. East End Grounds.