

AROUND THE CITY
GENERALLY FAIR

FILING STATEMENTS.
About fifty per cent. of the policemen have filed statements of time lost while out of the city's employ, was the announcement made by Commissioner Thornton yesterday.

ASKED TO REMAIN.
At a meeting of the official board of Queen Square Methodist Church, held on Tuesday evening, it was decided to ask Rev. George Morris to remain as pastor another year.

THE ICE RUNNING.
A lot of ice was running at Indian-point yesterday, and the river is reported open as far as Westfield. The steamboat men are making preparations for an early opening this year, and the stevedores are receiving the usual spring overhauling.

HAD THREE YEARS' SERVICE.
Pte. Harold Henderson, of the 72nd Highlanders, who arrived in the city on the Cassandra, after three years of service in the trenches, is the guest of Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Fraser, 64 Coburg Street, and will spend a couple of weeks with them before proceeding to his home in Chilliwack, B. C. The young soldier is a brother of Mrs. Fraser.

TRUSTEE APPOINTED.
Application was made in Chancery Court yesterday before Mr. Justice White in the matter of the trustee of the will of Emily R. Emerson, widow of the late Henry R. Emerson, James Friel, of Moncton, made application for the appointment of a new trustee of the real and personal estate. The order was made, and Julian T. Cornell was appointed trustee.

WAR SAVINGS CLUB.
A War Savings Club has been formed in the principal room of Victoria School with an initial membership of eighteen. The officers are: Ella Hatfield, president; Stanley N. Hill, vice-president; Gordon Adams, secretary; Bernard Walsh, treasurer. The club has done splendidly having bought \$21.25 of Thrift Stamps in the first week of its existence.

LANCASTER FERRY.
A meeting of the Lancaster Ferry Commissioners and City Commissioners was held yesterday morning at the Mayor's office. Chairman Vroom announced that the present contract for ferry service expired on May 1. For the future it was proposed to ask the provincial government for the subsidy of \$1,000 a year, and the city council and parish of Lancaster to make up any deficit. Those present were the city commissioners, W. Vroom, and councillors Golding and O'Brien.

POSTAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.
At the annual meeting of the St. John branch, Dominion Postal Clerks' Association, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: A. E. Wilson, president; J. W. King, vice-president; F. Frank Walsh, secretary; A. W. Lindley, treasurer. Executive: H. Cecil Brown, C. G. Day and L. B. McLaughlin. A. C. Toole, who was recently elected delegate to the Dominion Convention, which opened at Montreal yesterday, left here on Monday night.

GIVES WARNING.
Commissioner Thornton announced yesterday that it was his intention to have the lavatories in the Market Building cleaned up, and after this had been done, any person found destroying them or leaving rubbish around could be punished to the full extent of the law. For some time past, from the empty bottles in evidence, it looked as though these lavatories had been used as a place in which to drink lemon extract, and he proposed to put a stop to that sort of thing.

LEAVE FOR WOODSTOCK.
Provincial Prior A. M. Rowan will leave this morning, accompanied by the following knights, for Woodstock: H. A. Porter, A. Dodge, Loh, Wilson, H. R. Campbell, G. E. Day, W. H. White, W. J. McClaverly, Dr. Sawaya, H. R. McLeellan, H. E. Crawford, H. W. Thorne, E. J. Hilyard, M. S. D. Bets, W. A. Munro and G. Hay. I will be a big day in Masonic circles in that town, Woodstock Preceptory No. 41 having a class of over thirty, who will receive degrees.

LARGE PASSENGER LIST.
The C. P. O. liner Minnedosa is due here on Sunday, March 16, with 1,651 passengers. Of this number 400 are second class and 1,251 third class. The former are composed of 298 civilian adults, twenty-nine children, four infants, seventeen officers on duty (eleven belonging to a military party), ten on the conducting staff and fifty-seven special. The latter include 64 civilian adults, 193 children, fifty-two infants, and 272 belonging to the military party.

ON MILITARY BUSINESS.
Major G. D. Knowlton, Captain G. Earl Logan, and Captain N. M. Burke were in Fredericton yesterday on military business in connection with the restoring of the exhibition buildings at that centre to civil authority, in a like condition as found, when troops were first quartered there. It is believed that between seven and eight thousand dollars will be remitted to the civil authorities at the capital of the province for the use of the buildings in the time of actual warfare.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS.
Habeas Corpus proceedings were held before Chief Justice McKeown in the Supreme Court chambers yesterday morning over the custody of an infant. Adjourment was made until the 21st of this month. The infant, 15 months old, is the child of Mr. and Mrs. William Edgar Dean, of Musquoddy, who have been living apart for some time past. Recently, it is alleged, Mrs. William J. Dean, grand-mother, took the child from the arms of the mother. A writ of habeas corpus was issued against the grand-mother that she present herself and the infant before the court. On the evidence this morning, the child was given into the custody of the mother until the court meets again, March 23. E. B. Haslin appeared for the mother, and B. L. Gervoy for the father and grand-mother.

CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' UNION

At Meeting Last Night Decided to Demand an Increase in Wages to Take Effect on April 15.

At a largely attended meeting of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union, held last night in their hall, Union Street, it was unanimously decided to vote for an increase in wages, thirty-three and one-third per cent, the increase to take effect on April 15th, 1919. W. W. Williams, president of the Union, was in the chair, and after a full discussion of the need for higher wages, in view of the increased cost of living, the motion to increase the rates demanded from forty-five cents per hour, as it is at present, to sixty cents per hour, passed, and after April 15th any person desiring the services of a member of this Union will have to pay the new rate. The members were unanimous in their decision to ask for higher wages, and intend to stand by the action taken.

ENGINEERS HOLD AN OPEN MEETING

Large Attendance Last Night—Addresses by Commissioners Thornton and Jones, Also W. F. Hatheway and Judge Ritchie.

The International Union of Stationary Engineers met last evening in their room, Market Building. The feature of the evening was an open meeting in which the public were invited. President Daniel Campbell was in the chair. Commissioners Thornton and Jones were present, and each were heard in addresses, which were greatly enjoyed. W. F. Hatheway and Judge Ritchie delighted the gathering with humorous addresses, and were well received. No business was transacted at this meeting, the evening being solely devoted to a social manner.

SUBALTERN WHO WILL REMEMBER

While Only One Day at Front Before Armistice Was Signed He Wrote Interesting Press Notices—Which Happened to Him.

The last overseas mail has brought to some of the returned officers of original units a most amusing description of the conduct and court-martial of an officer who was recently quartered at Bonn, Germany.

This particular officer was noted as considerable of a swanker and never appears in public unless ironed out as much as his purse and batman will allow.

The first day he saw France was November 10th, last—the day before the long expected armistice was officially signed. Like a conqueror he came, did this suit, the muddy roads were not for him; he rode all the way in the draft's blanket wagon.

Even at this, perhaps nothing would have been done, but the sub soon doled himself with the belief that he was an old campaigner and began leaving fatherly advice and sage counsel to his brother officers.

This was the last straw. A mock court-martial was formed and the lieutenant was brought to answer the charges of "impersonating an officer" and "divulging information, probably of value to the enemy." The information being the printed statement that he was now an officer of the army of occupation at Bonn. He was duly found guilty and the court's decree was posted in the orderly room, the punishment accorded being the payment of drinks for the whole mess and one day's rest soldiering under active service conditions.

WEDDINGS.

Stuart-Stephenson.
A very pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at the home of John Stephenson, Golden Grove, when Rev. H. C. Fraser united in marriage Miss Isabelle Stephenson, of Golden Grove and Edgar Stuart of Scotch Settlement, Westmorland County. The bride entered the drawing room, which was nicely decorated for the occasion, in pink and white, on the arm of her brother, to the strains of the wedding march, played by Mrs. S. McCarthy, of East St. John. She was dressed in white silk tulle, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. After the ceremony the guests to the number of about fifty sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper. The bride is a niece of Fred Stephenson, 53 Stanley street. The groom is a prosperous farmer of Scotch Settlement, where they will make their home.

CLEARING SERVICE COMMAND.
Colonel Spittal and staff of the Military Clearing Service Command, have removed their office, 103 Prince William Street, to the Bank of Montreal building, which is the headquarters for the clearing service. At present Colonel Spittal is in Ottawa on military duty, in connection with the demobilization of soldiers.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.
Mayor Hayes yesterday received from the Greenwich branch of the Woodstock Institute, the sum of \$10 for Belgian relief.

THE PRELIMINARY HEARING CLOSED

Lawyers for Crown and Defence Case Addressed Court Yesterday—Magistrate Will Give Decision This Afternoon.

At the afternoon session of the police court yesterday, Ahmed Abdurman, Sultan Roussel and John Sterling, charged with being implicated in the Hassan murder, appeared for further hearing. No evidence was heard as all available had been secured. Sterling, Abdurman and Roussel in turn pleaded "not guilty." J. A. Barry appeared for Sterling, but held that the evidence was not sufficient to send his client up for trial, as it had been conclusively shown that on the night of the murder in December last, Sterling was at the Reame's mission until about 10.30 o'clock. Further it was proved that he returned to the city soon after midnight, and was in a game of cards. Near midnight he went to bed. He had not left the vessel in company with the other two accused. But he returned to the city with them, relative to the belt held by Sterling when arrested, Mr. Barry argued that all women, who are saving their money in such belts as found on Sterling at the time of his arrest. During the afternoon it was plainly shown that monies had been paid to the other two accused, but no money had been paid to Sterling, because he had a stop further than had Mr. Barry, in stating he felt no evidence was on hand warranting the sending up of any of the three accused. J. A. Barry then appeared for Abdurman, stating it was true blood stains were found on the trousers legs of his client, but he reminded the court that the stains were worn by Abdurman had been worn the night of the tragedy by Sultan Roussel, and as the other two counsel, he believed the evidence was not sufficient for the three accused being committed for trial. Dr. Wallace, K.C., appearing for the crown, argued that the evidence was sufficient to send the three up for trial. Sterling had the money—a large amount—where did it come from, how had he procured it? Abdurman had the address of the papers in his possession; and Roussel likewise—who wore stained clothing. Mr. Barry objected to the contentions of Dr. Wallace, stating that he had Sterling having any cigarette papers in his possession, as no evidence had been brought to show that he had any in his possession. The address of the court reminded all of their solemn duty in not misrepresenting facts. Considerable back fire emanated from Mr. Barry, who stated that Dr. Wallace then informed the court that further evidence would be brought into play if the three were committed to stand trial, evidence which could not be procured up to the present, but which would be presented in the course of time.

Magistrate Ritchie, alluded to the tardiness in the case, when evidence had been slow coming. The two East Indians and the deceased were seen in Miles Carroll's room at 11 o'clock. "Who had seen them there? When were they there?" They were observed to go to the Opera House show, who saw them going there? Why not have had evidence to trace the movements of the East Indians a few evenings preceding the sad tragedy? Continuing the magistrate alluded to the Williams murder in North End and to the newspapers, one and all, which loudly acclaimed where is the clue! Personally, he believed more evidence could be secured, but with due deference to the police and detectives whom he believed had done their duty in the case. However, he would send them up or not. If sent up and found guilty by jury, it meant hanging for the accused. But it was only his duty to see if evidence presented at the preliminary hearing was of sufficient weight to send them up. In the meantime he would have all the evidence read to him, to find out either of the accused, and this after noon at two o'clock would give his decision.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

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Seeking relief—27.
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Visits made—33.
Clothing given to 14.
Cases investigated—14.

A number of cases brought before the board were investigated and relief will be given. Employment is plentiful for women, it was announced.

THIRD AND FINAL DOG SHOW TONIGHT

Last Evening Exhibition of the Season Will Bring Many Fine Dogs to the Ring—Competition Should be Keen.

Tonight is the night—the third and final evening dog show of the season. The event will be held in the Fur-long Building, and all the blooded terriers will be there, with the exception of the Boston bull, which were judged at the first evening show.

Sergeant Thomas McCullough will judge the Scotch terriers, the wire-hairs, Yorkshire and fox terriers, and the others will be under the care of Ralph Prosten, who has officiated at many English bench shows, principally in Liverpool.

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HOUSING PROBLEM BEING DISCUSSED

Rents Are Soaring and Houses Are Scarce—Recent Arrivals Are Unable to Procure Suitable Living Quarters.

"The housing problem in the City of St. John is becoming a grave matter," remarked a gentleman in an aptown hotel last evening. He said that he knew of a gentleman who had been transferred to his city some little time ago, and with his wife took lodging in a central part of the city, including New Glasgow, and that he had been daily looking about the city for a place to reside but has so far been unsuccessful. A number of flats have been offered and these were not only unattractive but the rent that was asked was very high. The man in question said that he likes the city and the people in it, but the inducements offered as far as housing is concerned has made him disgusted and he now only hopes that he will be transferred to some other part of the country.

Early last autumn several men arrived in the city from Sydney, Pictou and New Glasgow to work in ammunition factories. They are married men and intended to bring their families at a later date and make their permanent residence in St. John, but being unable to procure living quarters, when the factories closed they were obliged to return to Nova Scotia where they could procure a house to reside in.

Many other instances can be quoted where men with families find it almost impossible to procure a flat, and despite the fact that the rents in the majority of cases have been advanced this year the tenants are obliged to pay up and look as pleasant as possible. There is an old saying that "it is cheaper to pay rent than move." A well known business man had his rent increased ten dollars per month this year. He felt that this was indeed too much of an increase and decided to move. After searching all over the city and being unable to procure a suitable residence he was obliged to hang on where he now resides and pay the extra dollars per month. More dwellings are needed in the city and they cannot be erected any too soon.

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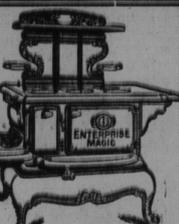
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