

Around the City
GENERALLY FAIR

AN AUTOMOBILE TOUR.
Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkpatrick, Boston, Mass., reached the city yesterday afternoon on an automobile tour.

FOR RED CROSS FUND.
The sum of \$12.35 has been received for the British Red Cross fund. The amount is the proceeds of a picnic social recently held at Gooseberry Cove, South Masouash.

ANOTHER CONTINGENT.
Another party of colored recruits for the British forces arrived in the city yesterday en route to Camp Fort Edward, Windsor, N. S. They proceeded over the bay this morning.

A BAD CASE.
Private Fred Nutter of the Depot Battalion was brought to the city yesterday suffering from progressing paralysis of the lower limbs. He has been at his home at Eryandale on the river.

ENJOYABLE PICNIC.
A large crowd attended the Cathedral picnic at Torryburn yesterday. A slight rain in the afternoon marred the pleasure for a time but all attending report having had a good time. The proceeds are for the orphans.

SAFE IN ENGLAND.
Mr. and Mrs. George Silliphant of 95 Middle street, West, has received word that their son, Harry Silliphant, an engineer, has arrived safely in Seaford Camp, England.

GERALD MERRITT KILLED.
Word has reached the city that Gerald Merritt has been killed in France. The soldier is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Merritt, formerly of St. John but now of the Pacific coast. He went overseas with a Nova Scotia regiment.

IN BROOKVILLE COURT.
In the Brookville court last evening before Magistrate Adams a man was charged with a serious offence against a young girl. Some evidence was heard and the case was adjourned until this evening.

LABOR CONGRESS.
A war time Labor Congress of Canada will be held in Quebec City in September. James E. Tighe, E. G. Langbein and James L. Saurin will attend, representing the local Trades and Labor Council, and Fred Collins, the Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

WILL BE ENTERTAINED.
A number of soldiers are to be entertained by a sail up river on the steamer Hampton today. The party was arranged by a committee with Mrs. W. H. Shaw at the head and the management of the Hampton has aided the committee in every manner to make the soldiers enjoy themselves.

HANDLERS AND TRIMMERS.
A meeting of Local 519 I. L. A. Coal Handlers and Trimmers Union was held last night in the Oddfellows building with the President, F. Freestone, in the chair. Routine business was transacted and it was decided to call a meeting next Tuesday at which important business will come up.

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JOHN.
M. Bernstein of the Paramount Aircraft Corporation, who has until recently been in the Montreal office, has been transferred to St. John and will have charge of the local office. Mr. Bernstein was formerly manager at St. John, and is appointed here in place of A. E. Smith, who has been called to the colors of the American army.

A SLACK PERIOD.
The sardine factory on the West Side is passing through a slack period of the season, only fourteen hogheads of sardines having come in within the last two days. A large catch of 108 hogheads was made at Point Lepreau recently, nine hogheads of the catch going to the West Side and the rest to the Eastport factory.

NORTH END BAND CONCERT.
The North End will be the scene of tonight's band concert. The Temple Band will render the following programme:

- O Canada.
- March—National Emblem, Bagley.
- Overture—Lustspiel, Kela Bela.
- Serenade—Cupid's Charms, Miller.
- Waltz—Sounds from the Operas, Werner.
- Two-step—Oh, Johnny, Olman.
- Selection—Caledonian Bouquet, arranged by C. J. Hayes.
- Waltz—Night of Gladness—Ancliffe.
- Popular hits—(a) Joan of Arc; (b) K-K-Katie; (c) Missouri Waltz.
- Selection—Southern Memories, arranged by C. J. Hayes.
- March—Argandab, Thompson.
- The King.

LEUT. C. GRANNAN
WOUNDED IN ACTION

Young North End Officer
Cables From England That
He Is Slightly Wounded.

Mrs. Philip Grannan, 267 Douglas Avenue, received a cablegram yesterday afternoon from her nephew, Lieut. Charles P. Grannan, stating that he had been slightly wounded while in action and was now in hospital in England. The cable was sent from Plymouth, England.

Lieut. Grannan, who is a son of Patrick Grannan, 24 Rutland Road, enlisted with the 14th Battalion under command of Lieut.-Col. Fowler, and was later transferred to the 14th, under command of Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn, going overseas with the latter battalion. On arrival in England he was drafted to another New Brunswick regiment and had been fighting for many months in France up to the time he was wounded. No further particulars have been received in the city regarding his condition but his friends hope that nothing serious will result.

ST. JOHN MAY FACE STREET
RAILWAY STRIKE TOMORROW

New Brunswick Power Company and Their Employees Are Deadlocked Over Wage Question—Employees Demand Twenty Per Cent. To Date From April 1 Last—Company's Offer To Give Increase Dating From August 1 Is Rejected.

St. John is likely to be faced by a street railway and power strike on Thursday morning at nine o'clock. The New Brunswick Power Company and their employees are deadlocked over the wage question, the employees demanding that the company grant the increase of twenty per cent. to date from April 1 last as recommended by the majority report of the Conciliation Board, and the company offering an immediate increase of twenty per cent. to date from August 1st with the increase from April 1st to August 1st to be paid as soon as the company is given permission to increase its rates.

This is the net result of the conference held yesterday between the company directors and a committee representing the men, and if both sides hold firm a strike is certain. The men's side of the case was expressed to The Standard last evening by a member of the committee in the following statement: "Our committee met a committee representing the company and presented our request that the award of the Conciliation Board be adhered to. The company did not accede to the request and we have given them until Thursday morning at nine o'clock to come to our terms. If they refuse we shall at once declare a strike and tie up the system."

One of the officials of the company said: "We agreed to pay the twenty per cent. increase from August 1st, but explained our financial position to the men and said it was impossible to pay the increased rate from April 1st as we did not have the money. We also agreed that if the men would accept the offer we would pay them the increase due from April 1st to August 1st just as soon as we secured permission."

Chief of Police Demers of Magog, Que., Brought Deported Man To Railway Town.

Chief of Police Demers, of Magog, Quebec, passed through the city last evening en route to his home. The chief stated that he had been to Moncton where he had conducted William White, a young man who was demented and whom he placed in the custody of the police in the railway town. The chief said that White hailed from Indian Mountain, near Moncton, and had gone to Montreal where he worked for a time and then decided to return east. He purchased a ticket to Moncton but on hearing of the home here for the demented he had not travelled a great distance when he left the train and returned to Montreal and then went to Magog. Here White strolled around, molesting citizens, and was taken in custody by Chief Demers. White showed two tickets, one being a return ticket to Montreal and the other a ticket to Moncton. The chief had arranged for his passage to Moncton White dashed from the station and plunged into a nearby lake but was followed and rescued. The man gave no trouble en route to Moncton but put up considerable resistance on arriving. It is expected that White will be brought to the Provincial Hospital today.

N. B. PLUMBERS
IN CONVENTION
Annual Session Held At Loch Lomond Yesterday—Reports Received and Officers Elected.

Members from all parts of the province attended the provincial convention of the New Brunswick plumbers held yesterday at the Log Cabin Fishing Club, Loch Lomond. The party numbering between forty and fifty, left the city early yesterday morning in automobiles and a pleasant day was spent at the club. During the business session, George S. Dorman presided, many matters of importance were taken up, all tending toward the general improvement in sanitation in the province. The election of officers resulted as follows: President—S. Dorman, Moncton. Vice President—R. E. Fitzgerald, St. John. Secretary-Treasurer—H. W. Thorne, Fredericton. Sergeant at Arms—Robert Harrison, St. John.

After business had been finished, informal sports were held and the plumbers returned to the city at a late hour last night well content with their day's session. HE WAS SURPRISED. Gordon Johnson, a telegraph operator of Berry's Mills, who was in St. John a day or two ago, was a surprised man when he read in some of the newspapers sensational stories that he had probably been murdered for his money. He had been stationed in Winnipeg and was touring Ontario and Minnesota on his way home. When he reached St. John he learned that his mother had died and he immediately left for home.

THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE MAINTENANCE

Statement From Comptroller Read By Mayor At Council Meeting Yesterday—Cost and Revenue of Water Department Steadily Increasing.

At the meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon the mayor read a statement from the comptroller on the receipts and expenditures for water maintenance for the last six years, as a comparison. The statement is as follows:

Year	Receipts	Expenditures
1912	\$189,932.46	\$161,045.32
1913	201,116.19	185,348.52
1914	209,669.09	189,431.64
1915	221,427.47	180,996.50
1916	237,529.44	232,683.24
1917	256,908.39	229,528.99

You will note that the cost of the department has been steadily increasing but the revenue has been increasing also. During 1918 you will note a very large increase in expenditure over the prior years. This was caused by the purchase of cast iron pipe and valves for the present operation now going on at Lake Fitzgerald which amounted to \$21,016.80; also in that same year's expenditure it bore the expense of sewerage maintenance \$9,644.57, and hydrants \$8,501.72, in all a total of \$37,123.09 in those three expenditures.

The year 1917 had the expenditure of the Moore Hill work in Lancaster of \$30,000, and also \$3,813.00 in other work for house and hydrant connections, etc., in consequence of this new work.

In regard to receipts. The assessment for the year 1917 was \$153,669.65. The deductions, including discount, were \$15,998.61, during the year and still your revenue almost equaled that of the previous year, being less by \$1,820.61.

Water assessment of 1916 unpaid at the end of the year 1916, was \$35,510.04 on an assessment of \$169,515.35, of the year 1917 was \$14,307.70 on an assessment of \$153,669.65—total of \$21,172.34.

This shows less asset in water assessment to collect in year 1918 as against that collectable during year of 1917, and will certainly make a difference in this year's collection. I presume the estimates of water maintenance were made up to absorb the revenue looked for, but I should think that those can be so shaped as will meet their revenue even with sewer maintenance and hydrants against this account.

Sewerage maintenance and hydrants are a proper charge against this account. They are a part of the water system distribution, the delivered water to the citizen after use must be taken away. The hydrants are only a part of water distribution, the same as any other distribution and for the fire protection of the assets of the citizens, and this protection is included in the assessment.

The expenditure for interest and sinking fund for this year will be \$28,123.74, of the year 1917 was \$112,323.47. The amount required this present year is less than last by \$14,196.54. The sinking funds having been added to the same as the requirements of increased interest on investments, etc., largely helped in making up this sum.

All departments of the city are the same as that of the same as the departments are to any other corporation. If there is any unexpended balance they belong for the reduction of the assessment. The city should live within its income before taking any unexpended balance for a special purpose. Setting aside any unexpended balance on a deficit, makes a heavier assessment.

The city is not like any other corporation in respect of cash capital to invest for work. It makes the assessment on the capital against the wealth of its citizens, as the works are for their benefit by borrowing against this wealth, and debentures should not have a longer date than the life of the capital construction. Maintenance account maintains it during its life.

To pay this capital expenditure a sinking fund reserve is created and liquidates the debt at maturity.

"EVERYWOMAN" DELIGHTS BIG HALIFAX AUDIENCE
Halifax Herald: Had it not been for the inclement weather last night the S. R. O. sign would certainly have been lit up at the Maritime theatre when Harry W. Savage's entrancing production of the beautiful and noble morality play, "Everywoman" received its first presentation on the return engagement of the excellent company which performed this winning and purifying spiritual drama last year at the same theatre. As it was, despite the weather, the majestic was packed from the orchestra to the second gallery; and the large audience by repeated applause and curtain calls, showed how much they were enjoying this ennobling drama of good and evil. "Everywoman" is a noble play, superbly staged, and adroitly acted. A special symphony orchestra travelling with the company, furnishes exquisite music.

Tickets for the St. John engagement of this stupendous production are selling steadily at the Imperial box office—a high tribute to the worth of this uplifting spectacle-drama which pleased so well last summer.

HERE FROM BERMUDA
H. F. North of Bermuda reached the city yesterday and stated he left home about two weeks ago. At the time of his leaving the natives were experiencing some real warm weather. Regarding trade conditions he added: "Never saw it better; work is plentiful and produce sells at a good figure."

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