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**MILITARY APPOINTMENTS**

Notice has been received in military headquarters that Captain Donald Fisher, C.R.D., C.E.F., who is now home on leave from the front, and is at present in Quebec, has been given an appointment as a government representative at the Dominion rifle factory, and is to take up his duties soon that will probably take him into the United States.

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FROM THE ATLANTA JOURNAL

**LOCAL NEWS**

**SPECIAL SERVICES END**

The services in connection with Rogation Days were brought to a close this morning at nine o'clock in the Cathedral when Rev. Harold L. Coughlin celebrated high mass. The congregation was even larger than on the previous two mornings. The Litany of St. Basil was chanted before mass and His Lordship the Bishop, with the priests and forty altar boys, marched in procession around the church. The scene was a solemn one.

**SET GOOD EXAMPLE**

Mrs. Mary Crawford of Duke street, West St. John, has set out with a will and a ready hand to do her bit for the empire. In the small lot at the rear of her house, she has undertaken the aid of her neighbor, Mrs. J. J. Shaw, to plant a large garden that will furnish more than enough vegetables for her family during the coming summer. This morning, with a hoe, she was seen busily at work in her garden. Later she says, she is going to add herbs, carrots, cabbage, beans, and lettuce to her potatoes. While she realizes that she cannot shoulder a basket she fulfills her duty to her king and country by yielding the hoe and spade.

**THE Y. M. C. A.**

In order to allow more time to clear away the deficit that now faces the Y. M. C. A., the annual meeting of the board of directors, which was scheduled for last night, was postponed. The association officials hope that by another week they will be able to balance accounts, and start a new year with a clear sheet. The death of the vice-president, Frank C. Smith, who was also chairman of the finance committee, was a big loss to the directors of the association, and he has been greatly missed. Now that the winter gym classes have closed, the junior members are taking up outdoor activities. An all day fishing trip and a bare and bound chase for the younger boys are on the programme.

**THREE ON DRUNKENNESS CHARGE**

The case of three prisoners, Romeo Presioso, Antonio Geordano and Philip Farro, answered the charge of drunkenness and resisting the police, created some interest as it was thought there would be some revelations as to where the liquor was purchased. The only revelation was the explanation offered by the men to the effect that they had been taken out of the Digby boat and had their supply provisions to landing in St. John. The three men were arrested by Police Constable Quinlan and Cooper. They were told what they were liable to and it is likely preparations will be made to see them safely home again.

**MRS. WM. KIRKPATRICK**

An old and highly respected citizen of Douglas town passed away on Thursday evening, May 10, in the person of Mrs. William Kirkpatrick, after a prolonged illness. Her death cast a gloom over a wide circle of friends and relatives. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was seventy years of age, and besides a sorrowing husband, leaves to mourn her death three sons, John, William and Arthur, and one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Gouby of Digby. She also leaves sisters, Mrs. John Hanlon of Fairville, and Mrs. John Foley, Roxbury, Mass. The funeral services were held on Sunday, conducted by Rev. Father Cormier, in the St. Samuel's R. C. cemetery, Douglas town. She was the widow of the deceased—Thomas Lane, Robert, William and James Dymann, James Hanlon and John Brophy.

**DECLINE IN FLOUR**

Manitoba flour declined fifty cents a barrel today and the wholesale price is now \$16.40. A decline in Ontario would not surprise the trade. The Chicago wheat market is again lower. War on the speculators is having its results. A Chicago despatch says—

"A sentiment of pessimism on the Chicago board of trade Tuesday that the action Monday of the board of directors in suspending further trading in May corn and oats and suspending for two days all purchases of wheat, except for the liquidation of existing contracts was but the forerunner of more drastic steps to curb speculation in grain."

Delegates from the grain exchanges of St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, Duluth and Toledo are expected to meet here late Tuesday with the board of directors of the Chicago board to discuss the situation in an attempt to evolve a plan for concerted action by all grain markets of the country.

Today's sales continued heavy on a hand-to-mouth basis. The available stock in the city is rather light, but jobbers are buying mostly only for present requirements. In consequence, sales of flour are unusually light.

It is necessary to go back to the time of the Crimean war to find flour prices as high as they are today. Since then, the biggest feature in the history of the flour market had been the excitement which followed the cornering of wheat by Joseph Leiter in 1898. At that time the advance in flour caused a tremendous flurry, a rise of twenty-five cents a barrel almost every second day being regarded as something unprecedented. Before the corner was broken the total advance amounted to \$2 or \$3 a barrel. Business men who look back at those days are inclined to smile when they compare the excitement caused by that situation with present day conditions. During the last forty-five days, alone, flour has shown an advance of \$2.20 a barrel, an increase greater than the total price of flour before the war, and there have been no record jumps of ninety cents and \$1.20 in a single day.

During the last week other commodities showed the upward trend which is now regarded as customary.

Ordinary commercial advanced from \$8.20 to \$8.50 a bag.

There was a heavy advance of \$2 a hundred in Siam rice, the wholesale price now being \$8 to \$8.10.

Canned beef showed an advance of seventy-five cents a case in the top price. Canned apples went up twenty-five cents a case.

Cream of tartar showed another advance of three cents.

Pork and beans also are higher, but the wide variety on the market offers a range of from \$4 to \$5.50 a case.

Laundry soaps were advanced fifty cents a case.

Eggs and cheese showed a slight decline from \$8.50 to \$8.40 a fifty pound crate.

Winnipeg, Man., May 16—A drop of forty cents in the price of flour is announced by local millers and first patents are quoted at \$7.50 per sack of ninety-eight pounds.

**CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED**

R. A. Corbet to Build Power House and Laundry at Hospital For \$19,900

Tenders for the construction of the general public hospital have been passed upon by the joint committee of the municipal council and the hospital board, and the contract awarded. The successful tenderer is R. A. Corbet, who has given the contract of the entire construction. The building is to be completed by October 1st and the price fixed is \$19,900. This is \$1,200 below the estimate, and even allowing \$1,800 for excavation, etc., will bring the price well under the limit fixed.

Plans and specifications for the equipment are being prepared by F. M. Hoadley of Montreal, and he expects to present them to the committee for approval next Monday.

Examination of the plans in the office of the architect, F. Neil Brodie, this morning shows that provision has been made for a fireproof building of modern construction and ample room. The erection of the new building will make it possible to remove the power plant and laundry from the main building and thus remove what has been considered a fire risk.

**THE SEQUEL OF A PLEASANT EVENING**

The home coming of a party of young folks at an early hour this morning proved rather disastrous when one of the male members of the party was taken into custody about one o'clock by Detective McAlush on charge of acting disorderly in the street by shouting and yelling.

In the police court this morning the evidence of the detective went to show that a party of young people, including some soldiers, were proceeding along Union street following the celebration of a happy event. Some of the party were overjoyous and gave vent to their feelings in song when the detective stepped up to them and made a remark. Eugene Barry, apparently not knowing who the officer was, refused the remark with the result that he was placed under arrest. The remaining members of the party became much excited over the affair and it is said a married lady in the party fainted and had to be assisted home.

**A SOLDIER'S CASE**

The case of Pte. Fred Macaulay for absenting himself without leave from military duty was taken up this morning by the magistrate and the military authorities. The soldier has been in jail some time. He was arrested in this city. The records as supplied the court by his new commanding officer showed that on September 5, 1916, he had enlisted; on November 29, 1916, three days pay was stopped; December 10, 1916, he refused duty and was sent to the island; December 19, was absent without leave also on January 22, 1917. On this occasion he was brought before the court, adjudged guilty and let go on suspended sentence; on February 23 he was confined to barracks for twenty-eight days with the understanding, it is said, that he would get his discharge when he returned. In the meantime the regiment to which he was then attached went overseas and since then he was arrested on a charge of absenting himself from duty without leave. The court remanded the soldier, and the paper wherein is contained his discharge will be secured. The magistrate will then deal with him. It is understood the military authorities will not take him back.

**THE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL**

Mrs. G. A. Kuhring and Mrs. H. A. Powell visited the emergency hospital in St. John's Hotel, west side, yesterday. They were shown over the building, talked with all the patients, and found the arrangements generally satisfactory. Of course this is only an emergency hospital, and could not be all pleased with what they found. The men are getting every attention and the ladies are getting every attention and samples of the food showed that it is well cooked. The patients are comfortably housed. The patients made no complaints, but paid a warm tribute to the Lanecater Red Cross and Brunswick Chapter, I. O. O. F., especially mentioning Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Duval and Mrs. Anglin. The patients under a regular system of visitation, are given home delicacies every day. They have a supply of magazines, and the Soldiers' Club will provide some amuse.

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