

**FAIR AND COOL**  
A QUIET DAY.  
It was very quiet in the police court yesterday as there were no prisoners to be dealt with. The morning was taken up with cases in the city court.

**FOR HALIFAX BLIND.**  
Mayor Hayes yesterday received two subscriptions for the Halifax School for the Blind, one of \$50 from Miss Barton and one of \$25 from E.

**WILL SURVEY WRECK.**  
Captains J. H. Crossley and A. J. Brown will make a survey of the wrecked Norwegian bark Ashmore on the Mull Ledges.

**ON FOOD SITUATION.**  
The mayor received a letter yesterday from R. W. Reek, deputy minister of agriculture, asking him to arrange for a meeting on Friday, April 13, to be addressed by Dr. J. W. Robertson of Ottawa on the food situation.

**LETTER BOXES DAMAGED.**  
The commissioner of city public works has received a bill from the post office authorities for damage done to letter boxes during the winter by city plows. He says he expects to pay the bill but doesn't think it is right.

**OLD AND BRAVE.**  
Pte. Wm. Poor of Ormococt is in the city. Pte. Poor enlisted in the early days of the war, but on account of age was only on duty in England, returning back to Canada. He has a son, Leonard, who has been wounded. After undergoing treatment for a long time he is again in the trenches. A nephew also suffered the same fate at the battle of Ypres, but is again on duty in France.

**THE FISH MARKET.**  
The retail fish market is beginning to look better and prices are dropping somewhat lower. A few fresh salmon are on the market, the first lot of the season. These are selling at from 40 to 50 cents a pound. Fresh gaspareaux are 5 cents each, smelts 30 cents a pound, haddock and cod 15 cents and about 30 cents. Finnan haddies are 13 cents a pound, boneless cod 22 cents and smoked salmon 30 cents.

**A SUGGESTION.**  
It has been suggested by one of the 1st Contingent men in the city that the men of the First Contingent on a roughing should have the place of honor at the annual church parade of the G. W. V. A. on Sunday, April 21st, and this will probably be arranged for. It has also been suggested that all of the First Contingent men in the city should have a group photograph taken. Arrangements have been made to have this done on Sunday next and all the officers and men of the First Contingent are asked to meet on King Street East at two o'clock in the afternoon for this purpose.

**RED TRIANGLE CLUB.**  
The Red Triangle room at the Exhibition buildings is being used daily by large numbers of the soldiers to whom it is a great convenience when they wish to read, play games or write letters. As the military secretaries are very busy men and can only give a very limited amount of time to this one feature of their work, the room, to a large extent, is being looked after by some of the old boys of the local Y. M. C. A., these boys very graciously devoting a large part of their spare time to attending the canteen and supplying requirements of the men using that room.

**JOINED THE NAVY.**  
A dispatch from Boston yesterday states that Frank McLean, born twenty years ago in St. John, now a reporter on the Boston American, will tomorrow join the naval reserve as second class yeoman and will sail at once for Ireland. He is the son of George McLean of St. John, a newspaper man, for many years Boston correspondent of the New York Herald and at present press agent for Canadian recruiting office, Bromfield street, Boston, where many former St. John men have been enlisted into the Canadian service.

**BISHOP AT THE FRONT.**  
Corp. A. E. Stone of the Moncton city postal delivery staff, who is now overseas with a siege battery, in a letter dated the 16th of March, written to the proprietor of the Moncton Transcript, says in part: "I was just beginning to move when I left France. We had His Lordship Bishop Richardson visit us one day and he fired our guns. It seemed funny to see him pulling the lanyard. The first refused to go off, so we put in another tube and away she went. So he may have had the pleasure of killing some of the Hun."

**COMMISSIONERS WILL EAT.**  
Common Clerk Wardrop announced to the city fathers at City Hall yesterday that he had forgotten to have a resolution passed at the last council meeting to vote the sum of \$5 for the commissioners in the various polling booths to furnish meals for themselves and assistants on election day. The commissioners agreed that it was necessary that the men in the polling booths should eat and it was decided that the clerk go ahead with the plans and present the resolution at the next meeting. It was also agreed to pay polling booth clerks \$5 a day instead of \$2.50.

**MARKET QUOTATIONS.**  
The only change in groceries this week is rice which has advanced from \$9.00 and \$9.25 to \$9.50 and \$9.60. There is now no Manitoba patent flour on the market. The Ontario flour is \$11.95 and \$12.00. Eggs show a slight increase in price, case eggs selling at 50 cents and fresh eggs at 55 cents. Cans have dropped from 15 and 20 cents to 14 and 19 cents. Chickens are 45 cents a pound and fowl 35 to 40 cents. In fruit, lemons and California oranges are from \$8.00 to \$10.00. Cured fish remain about the same as last week except for tunny haddies, which are one cent lower, being quoted at 14 cents a pound.

**LARGEST DRY DOCK AND SHIP BUILDING PLANT IN AMERICA**

**Proposed Plant will Compare with Largest in the World—Will be a Surety if Concessions Asked for are Granted by City of St. John and Provincial Government—Will Involve Expenditure of \$7,000,000 and Employ Two Thousand Men Year Round.**

From facts gleaned yesterday afternoon from a reliable source it is the opinion of St. John and the provincial government are willing to make the concessions asked. St. John will be the location of the largest dry dock and shipbuilding plant on this side of the Atlantic and one that will compare favorably with the largest in the world. No official statements were available yesterday for publication, but The Standard secured sufficient material to give the public an idea of the proposed enterprise.

The dry dock, if satisfactory arrangements can be made, will measure 1,150 feet in length and at low tide will have forty feet of water over the sills. The proposed plant will involve an expenditure of \$7,000,000 and will employ the year round no less than 2,000 skilled and unskilled workmen.

The Standard was "tipped" off that a gentleman, Colonel T. A. Duff, who arrived in St. John yesterday and registered at the Royal Hotel, was here for the purpose of conferring with the mayor and commissioners with respect to the matter. He located Col. Duff at the Royal Hotel. When asked if his visit to the city carried with it any special significance, he replied that there was nothing he could say, but referred the representative to a conference being arranged for next week, when members of the provincial government, the city, the municipal council will meet representatives of the firm who propose building the dry dock and shipbuilding plant.

It was also learned that the provincial government had granted a favorable discussion on the proposed plant, but had decided to meet again to talk the matter over. Judging by the commentaries held and the one in contemplation the project all depends upon the concessions asked by the company. It will be of interest to state that already there is a provision made whereby the city is authorized to grant a site worth \$100,000. However the company interested are in a position to pay interested parties a position to take over the plant and site of the Norton Griffiths Company at Courtenay Bay and go right ahead with the work. There is also on the statute books of the province a sum for the purpose of encouraging the building of such a plant in the province, but it is claimed that these concessions were made when conditions were normal and the cost of constructing and erecting today are appreciably more than when these acts were passed.

Regarding the personnel of the company, The Standard learned that at least two local men are interested in the enterprise and the other gentlemen are located in upper Canada. One of the gentlemen interested is a multimillionaire while the others have all invested considerable wealth in Canadian enterprises. The Canadian Dredging Company, which carry on extensive operations in the Great Lakes, is deeply interested in the proposal as the majority of the men associated with the movement are also members of the company. In addition to this company it is said that the Midland Shipbuilding Company and the Great Lake Shipbuilding Company and the Great Lake Transportation Company are interested.

**ENLISTED TO FIGHT**  
Twenty-one Short Termed Men in Penitentiary Volunteer to Fight for King and Country—Twenty Passed Examination and will Come to St. John.

Twenty-one short termed prisoners at the maritime province penitentiary at Dorchester have volunteered their services to the Canadian military authorities on condition, it is stated, that they will be pardoned at the end of the war. The men have been accepted and will probably be brought under escort to St. John next week. The medical examination at the institution showed that all with but one exception passed the board. None of the men accepted by the authorities were convicted of a more serious offence than petty larceny, and in some cases their term of punishment has just about expired. It is also understood that the men found medically unfit will be let out on parole, owing to the fact that he volunteered his services.

The inmates of this institution were obliged to fill in the military service card to assume as other citizens of the Dominion.

Sometimes ago a prisoner who had served his time in the penitentiary stated that there were a number of men at the institution inspired with patriotism, who were willing to enlist and go overseas, but they were not accepted at the time.

**SEAMAN CHARGED WITH BROACHING CARGO ON STEAMER**  
Four Men are Arrested—City Detectives Locate Stolen Goods in Second Hand Stores—Other Goods are Found Concealed on Ship.

As the result of an arrest at McAdam by the C. P. R. police department, when a man by the name of Garret was arrested for deserting a steamer at the West Side, the officials yesterday arrested four seamen all charged with broaching cargo on the steamer while en route to St. John. The C. P. R. department and the city detectives succeeded in locating some of the cargo at one of the local second hand stores and the goods were removed to police headquarters. There was found also on the steamer, concealed in different parts of the boat goods which amounted to \$200 or \$250.

The stock discovered at the second hand store consisted of about thirty pairs of gloves and eight or nine razors.

It was rumored that the party threw overboard a hundred pairs of gloves, but according to one of the officials following the case, he places little credence in this story. The steamer on which the men were, was lying out in the harbor on Wednesday night, so it was necessary to await until yesterday morning to apprehend them.

**THE ST. LAWRENCE ICE IS MOVING**  
A slight movement of the St. Lawrence river ice has taken place, two miles above Victoria bridge, which is half a mile above the point where the break usually occurs. Open water is visible below as well as above the bridge but experts believe that unless a period of exceptionally warm weather sets in there will be no general movement of ice which is unusually thick this year, for another week. Little damage has been reported so far, though telephonic communication has been interfered with to a certain extent in some districts.

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**FIGHT CANCELLED.**  
St. Louis, Mo., April 4—The eight round boxing contest between Jack Dempsey and "Porky" Ryan, heavyweights, scheduled for next Monday night, has been cancelled, following an announcement by Chief of Police Young that the promoters would be arrested if the fight was staged.

**VISITOR FROM TORONTO.**  
There was a large attendance at the meeting of York No. 3 L. O. L. in the Orange Hall Germain street last evening. Alex Hall, Editor of the Orange Sentinel, Toronto was a visitor and delivered an impressive address during the evening.

Another big programme for today and tomorrow at the Nickel, Queen Square. Edna Goodrich in "Who Loved Him Best" and Chapter Six of The Lost Express.

Men unfit for overseas military service may find employment in Depot Battalion. See advt. on page 5.

**A BIG SCOTTIE SAVED HIS LIFE**

**Pte. J. P. Dempsey First Contingent Man Here—Was Cornered by a Hun when Big Highlander Came to His Rescue.**

Pte. J. P. Dempsey, of Selkirk, Manitoba, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Dempsey came through from Halifax and left again last evening. He is a returned soldier, enlisted in the west in the early part of the war and was stationed for a long time in the 13th Reserve Battalion in England after coming from France.

He spoke of the need of "more men" for the armistice, and could not understand why the Canadian soldiers in France could not have assistance from the boys at home. Speaking of the battles he was in, he was very reticent, but showed the mark of a hard soldier wound in the breast and said: "Only for a big Scotchman I would have 'gone under'. A powerful Hun had me cornered when lucky for me, my friend 'Scot' happened along who soon dispatched the Hun."

He spoke of the good work of the Red Cross in France, and said it should be supported by all. It was doing a noble work.

Mr. Dempsey is journeying home to engage in farming this year, as he said laughingly, "Kaiser Murphy."

**WOOL STEALING CASE.**  
The counsel for the defence and the prosecution concluded their addresses to the jury yesterday afternoon in the wool stealing case and this morning Mr. Justice Barry will address the jury.

Four witnesses, all employed by the Colonial Hide Company, testified that they took wool from the warehouse from Dec. 1 until Feb. 17. George Drew, one of the defendants, took the stand in his own defence and swore that he did not endorse any cheque "John McLean" at the Bank of Montreal. He denied any connection with the wool. Harry Hayes and Jack Hayes both denied any connection with the theft of the wool, but said they were employed by a man named Johnson to haul wool.

**TRUE CANADIAN FAIR.**  
There was another large attendance at the fair in Prentice Boys' Hall, West End, last evening which is being conducted under the auspices of the True Canadian Soldiers' Comfort Association. The prize winners were as follows:

Door prize, clock, P. Fisher.  
Bean toss, picture, C. Adams.  
Bagotelle, foot stool, H. Colwell.  
Ladies air gun, combing jacket, Miss Reta Carleton.  
Gents air gun, fancy necktie, Albert Carleton.  
Gents bean toss, ring, Roy Campbell.  
Ladies' bean toss, silk waist, Mrs. Walton.

Owing to the great success of the fair it was decided on having the closing tonight when all prizes and lotteries will be decided.

Russell T. Bennett, Fredericton, spent the Easter holidays at his home West St. John.

**CIVIL ENGINEERS FORM A SOCIETY**  
Those of City and Nearby Vicinity Dine at Bonds and then Organize—Engineers Within Radius of 25 Miles of City Eligible to Join the Branch.

The local civil engineers of the city and nearby vicinity, held a dinner in Bond's last evening. After dinner a meeting was held by the civil engineers present. This meeting was for the purpose of forming a society of the engineers of the city and those within 25 miles radius.

A. Grey was appointed temporary chairman, and A. R. Cruikshank temporary secretary. A code of laws were first drawn up and these are to be sent to the parent society in Montreal for sanction. Nominations were there the order to appoint officers for this branch, another ballot to be taken in the near future by the members, within a 25 mile radius in the St. John district. Much was discussed at the meeting and the society expects to have a large membership. The mutual effects of the society are for the assistance of all its members regarding. One of its members stated the case, where they had some trouble in Montreal in regard to a civic affair there of the waterworks. A discussion arose, but a meeting of the "Civil Engineers Society" was called and after a discussion the affair was amicably settled. This is only one of its good effects, many more conditions would arise, but a society as this could work wonders. Another good effect would be the reunion of the boys who no doubt went to the same colleges.

**PASSING THE BUCK AT THE CITY HALL**  
Water, Hose and Hydrants are Offered—Matter Passed to Street Superintendent—The Dirt Still on the Street.

There was an informal discussion in City Hall yesterday regarding the cleaning of the streets of the disgusting dirt that has accumulated during the past winter. Mayor Hayes, in the absence of Commissioner Wigmore of the water and sewerage department, agreed to apply plenty of water from the city mains. Commissioner McCallan of the safety department offered a quantity of old hose and the use of the fire hydrants and the said water could be used to sweep the dirt into the sewers.

Commissioner Fisher of the board of works finished up by thanking his brother commissioners for hose, water and hydrants and promised to pass the matter over to the street superintendent and the engineer.

Last night the water was in the mains, the hose in the fire stations, and the dirt was still on the streets. The weather probabilities for today is fair and cool and it is quite possible that something more than broom sweeping will happen within a short time.

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