

AROUND THE CITY

UNSETTLED—RAIN

ONE LONE DRUNK. One lone drunk was gathered in by the police last evening.

HERE FOR SUMMER. The Canadian Government steamer Laurion will be attached to St. John station for the summer.

ROAD INSPECTOR HERE. Burton M. Hill, chief road engineer of the province, was in the city yesterday attending the meeting of the local government.

ON INSPECTION TOUR. Brigadier-General Macdonnell and staff will shortly visit Fredericton on a tour of inspection. It is reported one company of the new R. C. R. will be stationed there.

UNION MEN HAPPY. There was a large attendance at the special meeting of Carpenters' Union No. 919, held in the Painters' Hall, Charlotte street, last night.

CAUSED EXCITEMENT. A horse attached to a wagon from Love's stables took flight on Union street yesterday and ran away causing some excitement. The horse was recaptured shortly afterwards and little material damage resulted.

NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE. Dating from May 1st the Provincial Government will have a new source of revenue. Under the act passed last year, and becoming operative May 1st, an Indian owning one dog will have to pay an annual tax of \$1, and \$3 for each additional dog.

RETURNED TO MONTREAL. Dr. Donnelly, of this city, left for Montreal last evening, having returned from Yarmouth, where he had accompanied the Hon. Mr. Spinnery, member for Yarmouth in the federal house, who recently underwent an operation in the Montreal General Hospital, and had the misfortune to lose one of his legs through necessity of the operation. The doctor is looking well and enjoying life, although working quite hard.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY. The Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Imperial League, met last evening in the G. W. V. A. headquarters, with the President, Mrs. F. E. Flewelling in the chair. Plans were outlined for the entertainment in the near future of the members of the G. W. V. A. and Mrs. Flewelling was appointed chairman of the entertainment committee, with Mrs. J. H. Lang as convener of the refreshment committee. Several new members were added to the auxiliary last evening.

AUCTION. Sale of Surplus Stock—28 Head. The following live stock will be sold at Public Auction on the premises of Wm. J. Held, Bloomfield, Kings Co., N. B. (formerly known as the Jas. Ditchet property), on Thursday, May 8th, at one o'clock sharp, 13 grade Shorthorn (milking strain) Heifers, some due to freshen coming winter; 10 grade Cows, freshen coming fall; 2 Heifer Calves, 3 weeks' old, fifteen sixteen's Holstein, extra choice stock. 1 Mature Sproeder; 1 Hiding Bow. Terms 12 months' credit on approval joint notes without interest. Sale positive.

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NOTICE. To Ticket Holders Anna Case Recital. Will those attending the Anna Case Recital this evening, kindly arrange to be in their seats before 8.30 (new time), as it will be necessary to close the inner doors of the theatre during the time Miss Case is singing her first number. Programme, by Imperial Orchestra from 8 to 8.30.

SOLDIERS' PICTURES. Large panorama groups of mostly all New Brunswick units, and thousands of individual soldiers' pictures. A postal card will bring a complete list to you. The Reid Studio, St. John, N. B.

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ANNA CASE RECITAL ON DAYLIGHT TIME. The Anna Case recital in Imperial Theatre tonight will be held on Daylight Time to accommodate the out-of-town train patrons and others. Recital commences at 8.30 sharp, and late comers will not be ushered until a number is finished. Carriages at 26.45.

Depot Battalion Canteen Muddle

Following instructions from Ottawa Yesterday Seven Well Known Officers Were Placed Under Arrest—The Facts of the Case.

Following instructions received yesterday morning from Ottawa, the General Officer Commanding this district yesterday placed under arrest the following officers: Lt.-Col. James L. McAvity, Major Frank H. Rowe, (56th, Moncton), Captain G. Earle Logan, Assistant Judge Advocate General, Captain R. Ingleton, Clearing Services, Lt. Stockwell Simms, Pay Department, Lt. J. H. Belyea, 1st Depot Battalion, Comp. Sergt. Major Wm. Rawlings. Of the above Lieut. Belyea and Sergeant Rawlings have been under arrest for some time.

This action is the outcome of enquiries into matters affecting the administration of the Depot Canteen to which previous reference has been made in St. John papers. It is felt very generally that the action which the military authorities at Ottawa have felt compelled to adopt is unfortunate from the standpoint of this district which in the past has been ably treated by the Militia Department and that as regards the men involved it will in no degree deprive them of any part of the esteem in which they are held by their fellow citizens.

Those concerned are now under detention either at their homes, or at the armories, with the exception of Major Rowe, who is in Fredericton and who will be brought to St. John at once. The arrest of these officers is, as stated, the outcome of enquiries covering a period of some months. In brief, the facts of the case are as follows:

The Depot Battalion operated a canteen in St. John and in Sussex, which canteen was supposed to be under control of a canteen committee. This committee through stress of work did not operate in accordance with regulations and the management of affairs was left to a large extent in the hands of the canteen officer, who in this case, was Lieut. Belyea. He was responsible for the buying and selling and for the keeping of accounts. These accounts should have been overseen by the committee which, however, because of the desire to get men overseas as rapidly as possible, and because of stress of other work did not attend to these duties as prescribed by Ottawa regulations. There should have been an audit of the canteen books every month by an auditor from Ottawa, but it is stated that this system was not followed with regularity. However, as a result of unpaid bills for supplies being presented to Lieut. Col. McAvity as commanding officer, a committee of officers from the battalion was appointed to audit the books. This committee found, and so reported, that the books were not kept according to Ottawa regulations and that there was a shortage in the accounts of several thousands of dollars. To make matters right, it is stated that Lieut. Col. McAvity got up several thousands of dollars to meet the unpaid bills—\$5,500 to be absolutely correct, which amount is still due him. But the report of this court of enquiry in which Major Rowe was president, and Capt. Ingleton and Lieut. Simms were members. This court of enquiry substantiated the report of the audit committee, but added that inasmuch as the commanding officer of the battalion had undertaken to pay liabilities and that as Col. Deacon's department was supposed to carry on a monthly audit, Lieut. Col. McAvity was entitled to know the exact status of canteen accounts. Following this report a further audit was made, this time of a confidential nature, it being conducted by Major Rowe and Captain Campbell of Ottawa, assisted by Mr. Payne. That report went to Ottawa and resulted in a further court of enquiry, which concluded its findings a few weeks ago. The last court consisted of Brig. Gen. Cruikshank and Helmer, Lieut. Col. Barnes and LeFanne, assisted by Col. Deacon in charge of canteen affairs. The arrests made yesterday are the result of the report made by that court.

From what The Standard is able to learn, the depot canteen was managed exactly in accordance with regulations, this being due largely to the fact that officers in responsible positions here were more concerned in getting men overseas and in providing for their comfort than in attending to a lot of detail work. It is stated that the canteen was expended in comforts for the men and that these, while not showing directly in the canteen accounts, are accounted for by those entrusted with their disbursement. At the same time it is understood that the books of the canteen were not properly kept and that there are shortages in the funds which will require further explanation. Yet in view of the past records of the men involved, an impression prevails that when the time comes and full explanations are made it will be found that in so far as at least some of the men are concerned, there will be little ground for the charges which have now been preferred. Of the officers under arrest it is understood that fourteen charges of embezzlement are made against Lt. Col. McAvity, a condition which those who have followed his career and know his record will regard as ridiculous. That in the case of Capt. Logan, charged with failing to volunteer evidence against his commanding officer, his attitude will in this instance lead to a recognition of the fact that he placed friendship before military duty and is more or less a victim of circumstances. That Lieut. Belyea as the responsible officer in charge of the canteen will be required to explain his methods of accounting and reply to the charges of embezzlement against him. That the other three commissioned officers as members of a board of enquiry suppressed evidence. And that Sergt. Rawlings committed perjury according to the charge now standing against him. It is also learned that ar-

AN ALLEGED BLACKMAIL AND TWO LIQUOR CASES IN POLICE COURT

Dr. E. J. Broderick Complainant Against Two Supposed Inspectors for Demanding and Receiving Two Hundred Dollar Cheque—Third Man Charged With Having Liquor in Possession—The Doctor is Being Tried on the Charge of Selling Liquor Illegally.

A sensation was sprung in the police court yesterday when J. Hamilton Catty, alias Charles O'Hara, was charged with getting money under false pretenses; Charles O'Reilly, conspiring with him, and Arthur Blizard, with having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling. The whole case turns on an alleged matter of blackmail with Dr. E. J. Broderick of Union street being the victim.

Two bottles of liquor were procured from the doctor by the alleged conspirators on Wednesday afternoon followed by a demand of "hush" money, and the doctor claiming to have been previously assisted in this was to be "planted," worked into the hands of the trio, and after consultation with his solicitor, gave a cheque for the amount of \$200, on account, then notified Sergeant Detective Power and the arrest of the three men was made.

Following the arrest of the three Dr. Broderick was yesterday charged by Inspector Saunders for unlawfully selling liquor on April 30th. The doctor pleaded not guilty in the police court, evidence was taken, and this case was postponed for further hearing, the doctor placing a deposit of \$200 for his appearance, while O'Reilly, O'Hara and Blizard were remanded to jail pending further examination in their case. O'Reilly and O'Hara were posing as inspectors under the prohibition act, and Blizard was being used as a "stool pigeon" for them. Chief Inspector Rev. W. D. Wilson admits having had a conversation with O'Reilly and O'Hara who offered their services, and although they were not employed directly they were told they were to be used as "stool pigeons," providing they worked straight.

Detective Power located the men in the Royal Hotel where he made the arrests, this being the case of the city yesterday and it is expected that other developments may crop out before the matter is ended. When the doctor opened yesterday morning Dr. E. J. Broderick was the first witness called. He testified that Blizard called at his office Wednesday afternoon shortly after three o'clock. A half hour later Blizard called again and was accompanied by O'Reilly, and in another half hour O'Hara called at the office and asked witness why he gave two bottles of liquor to his (O'Hara's) two operators. The doctor said that he was taken by surprise and asked O'Hara what he meant, and who he was, and in reply O'Hara said that he was manager of a detective agency and had been ordered to investigate the prohibition people and was here to get convictions under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, but not against politicians and prominent men, and he thought the matter could be fixed up.

The doctor said he asked him how it could be fixed up and that the deal was by paying \$200 to him, for if it went to court it would cost him that anyway. The doctor said he told him that he had no money, but he would agree to the terms, but suggested that a hundred would do, but the alleged detective told him he was going to make it \$200 instead, saying that Donald Fraser would give \$500 to get him. The doctor said he then asked the accused what guarantee he would have of his good faith, and the accused said the doctor's good faith would have the doctor's good faith word of honor.

At the suggestion of the accused, the doctor's solicitor was consulted, and the doctor gave the accused a check for \$200 on deposit. The accused, he said, did not want to take a check, but wanted the cash, but as the bank was closed he had to wait, he then immediately telephoned the police, and as the transaction was completed at the Royal Hotel, Detective Power arrested the three accused there.

Afternoon Session. When the case was resumed in the afternoon Dr. Broderick was recalled to the stand. Questioned by O'Hara, witness denied that he had asked O'Hara if he could be fixed without having to go to court. Continuing witness said that when O'Hara visited his office after the other two, and while they were dickering about the price to be paid, O'Hara said: "I'll have to consult with my partner regarding the figure." Witness said that he showed O'Hara the telephone and O'Hara spoke over the phone as follows: "Operation will be expensive; you had better come up to the doctor's office." In the meantime a patient, having come in, the doctor said he told O'Hara to sit in the outer office until the patient was treated. O'Hara replied that he would get out of doors and have a smoke. O'Hara then pointed witness said that he observed O'Hara and O'Reilly consulting with each other a short distance from the office towards the corner of Union and Germain streets. When the two returned to the office witness said O'Hara asked O'Reilly: "What is your price?" and O'Reilly replied: "Not a damned cent less than \$150." Witness then said he told O'Reilly not to fool with a "long bow," as he (witness) and the boss had already set a price of \$200.

Continuing Doctor Broderick stated to the court that he was informed by him that he got directly from Chief Inspector Wilson that the chief said Donald Fraser would give five hundred dollars to get Dr. Broderick and O'Hara admitted that he did not receive the same information direct from Fraser. Witness said that he then gave the cheque for \$200, O'Hara and Blizard were being made for the arrangements of a court martial in St. John on Monday next, although this may possibly be postponed until Thursday. The court will be composed of officers from Ottawa.

was anxious to get money and not a cheque but as the banks were closed he seemed quite content. On the return from the Royal Hotel to the doctor's office, witness said that O'Reilly stated: "Well, I suppose I'll have to give the stool pigeon something," and O'Reilly further hinted that he wanted money before supper as he would be very busy in the evening.

Questioned by O'Reilly, witness said that he never set the price, and further that no intimation had been made that O'Reilly could purchase a case of liquor from him the next day. O'Reilly had asked witness concerning it but witness said that they could talk the matter over the next day. When asked what he had received from O'Reilly for the bottle of liquor witness replied he got five dollars, the charge being \$4.00, but he had no change. O'Reilly—"I was out fifty cents as was my companion." O'Reilly—"Did you not say in the office that you would pay any price which I might ask?"

Witness—"I suggested \$100." O'Reilly—"Furthermore did you not state that you would not care to get Inspector Wilson or the judge on you as they were suckers?" To Detective Power witness said that when O'Hara fixed the \$200 in the office witness thought that it looked suspicious and asked if the case did not look like blackmail, and O'Hara in return replied: "Well, just as you look at it; it all depends on how you look at it." The case was postponed until this morning at ten o'clock.

Their Records. The police records show O'Hara, alias Catty, as belonging to Scotland and Boston; O'Reilly or Riley as hailing from New Glasgow, N. S. When arrested the two carried cards with the words printed on them, "City and O'Reilly, representatives of the London Evening Times."

O'Reilly is of short build while his companion is taller and dark complexioned. Blizard, who was being used as a stool, is a returned soldier and has been residing in West St. John since he returned from the front.

Inspector Wilson Talks. Immediately after the court adjourned, Chief Inspector Wilson was seen in his office and in answer to questions stated that the two alleged inspectors were not "authoritatively" members of his department, although he, Inspectors Mann and Saunders had in turn conversed with the two. Inspector Wilson added he had told them to stop working if for work, if they would play the game straight and he did not wish any crooked work. The two at the time promised they would do his and his force's strength, and were out for honest work. Asked point blank if the two drew salary from the department the inspector replied they drew no salary, but were in reality legalized men. He knew apparently of their workings, but never dreamed of such as happened.

It is said that the inspectors, named around the Royal Hotel on Wednesday afternoon with the explicit purpose of selling Blizard whom they then suspected they were not as they were not in reality legalized men. He knew apparently of their workings, but never dreamed of such as happened.

The Doctor Charged. After the postponement of the case against Dr. Broderick of illegally selling liquor. The doctor pleaded not guilty. Evidence was given by Arthur Blizard, who told of seeing the doctor's office in the morning and getting a prescription from the doctor for some liquor. In the afternoon he returned five Power purchased a bottle from Dr. Broderick. Gerald O'Reilly took the stand and swore that he is in company with Blizard went to the doctor's office on Wednesday afternoon. Blizard went in first. When he came out, witness went in and procured a bottle of liquor. Blizard when cross-examined by Wm. M. Ryan, appearing for Dr. Broderick, stated that he met the two about a week ago, he did not know of their being inspectors until Wednesday afternoon, when O'Hara said he was an officer. Further he did not see O'Hara drink any time while in his presence. O'Reilly drank out of witness's bottle in the hotel room. Doctor Broderick took the stand and swore relative to last Tuesday evening when he received an anonymous telephone message, saying: "You will be planted, and the plant will spring through Blizard." Witness was informed he had already met Blizard. Hence, added the doctor, "the supply of the two with liquor was for an end, and the evolution of the case on the whole."

The case was then set aside until Tuesday afternoon next at two o'clock, the doctor putting up a deposit of \$50 for his appearance. The opinion is that the doctor who was being blackmailed, had only one resource, that of supplying the liquor in order to play his cards right, and counsel for the accused pointed out that this created a technicality in the case, which was worthy of consideration by the court.

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