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ON VICTORIA ALLEYS

The members of the Two Men League opened their second series on the alleys on Tuesday night, when four teams met. The games were closely contested and many spectators watched with interest. The excellent work of the bowlers, many of the participants in this league are practically new at the game, and this makes the matches interesting, both to the bowlers and spectators. Many excellent scores are being put up and many of the players would do better in faster company. Al Jordan was high man with the fine score of 120, and also had an average of 94.2.

The following is the result of the game:

Howard	80	88	83	262	87.1-3
Jordan	80	80	120	284	94.2-3
100	112	205	546		
D. Colgan	74	98	78	245	81.2-3
P. Smith	85	92	100	277	92.1-3
150	185	178	522		
Hutchinson	91	76	96	263	87.2-3
R. Colgan	88	79	70	237	79
179	155	166	500		
Jessome	70	66	72	208	69.1-3
Chisholm	87	82	89	258	86
157	148	161	466		

In the daily competition on these alleys during the last week, the following are worthy of mention:—McIlveen, 140; Smith, 125; Jordan, 120; Howard, 134; Pacey, 127; Steele, 127; Jones, 137; Brennan, 129; McMichael, 133; Lanergan, 124; Jenkins, 130; Slocum, 130; Kane, 124; McCurdy, 128; Thurston, 127; O'Brien, 138; Epstein, 128; Barry, 127.

Much more interest is being displayed this season than ever before.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN, SOLDIERS AND RECTOR AND HIS WIFE

Last evening the Sunday school of the Church of the Good Shepherd held an annual Christmas treat, which proved most enjoyable. There was a very large gathering. A large tree, handsomely decorated, occupied a prominent place on the platform. Near by a chimney had been built and at an appropriate time in the proceedings Santa Claus came down the chimney and distributed a treat to the children, causing much merriment.

The event was by no means a one-sided affair, as each child brought a gift which was deposited in a large basket for the soldiers in king and country. The teachers are to meet next week and the gifts to be sent overseas.

On behalf of the Women's Auxiliary Santa Claus graciously presented to Rev. Walter P. Dunham, the rector, and Mrs. Dunham, each a piece of gold with very best wishes.

John Dunlop, superintendent of the Sunday school, also made Rev. Mr. Dunham the recipient of a gold piece from the teachers in the Sunday school.

DOMINION L. O. B. A. OFFICERS.

On Wednesday evening the Most Worshipful Grand Mistress, Mrs. George Akerly, assisted by Sister Cummings and Brother Stackhouse, installed the following officers of Dominion Lodge No. 18, L. O. B. A., for the ensuing year, as follows:

Worthy Mistress—Mrs. J. B. Shields.
Worthy Deputy—Mrs. T. Rogers.
Chaplain—Mrs. G. Estey.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. L. Patriquin.
Financial Secretary—Mrs. W. Vanbuskirk.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. C. Moran.
Director of Ceremonies—Mrs. G. Marshall.
Lecturer—Mrs. T. Vallis.
Inside Guide—Mrs. S. G. Logan.
Outside Guide—Mrs. S. G. Logan.
Investigating committee—Forelady, Mrs. L. Brown, assisted by Sister Malcolm, Sister Green, Sister J. Rogers, and Sister Bartlett.
Finance and auditing committee—J. Rogers, Sister Marion Shields and Sister Bartlett.
Guardian L. Rogers.
Trustees—Worthy Mistress, treasurer and recording secretary—Patriquin, Mrs. E. Hamilton. The lodge closed by singing the national anthem.

LOCAL NEWS

FROM M. J. DOOLEY

Mrs. D. McDonald, of 281 Union street, has received a letter from her grand-son, Private M. J. Dooley, of the 28th Battalion. He says that the weather in France at time of writing was dry and that they had a few snow storms but they did not amount to much. He says that where the 28th Battalion was stationed they could get a bath once a week and also have a chance to spend a little money.

POLICE COURT

Charles Burns, arrested this morning by Policeman Hopkins, was sent to the Municipal Home for three months, as he was considered a common vagrant.

Nell Tobin, arrested by Policeman McAlmish for vagrancy, was sent below. The police say the man has been coming to the police station begging for shelter for some nights.

Four prisoners, charged with drunkenness, were fined \$8 each or two months in jail.

MRS. JOHN MURRAY

The death of Mrs. Emma A. wife of John Murray, occurred this morning at her home, 851 Haymarket square, after an illness extending over several years. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William R. McDonald, who made her home with her. Rev. William M. Drake of the Cathedral staff is a nephew. Mrs. Murray was born in Ireland seventy years ago and had resided on St. John since she was fifteen years of age. She was well known and her death will be regretted by many friends. Her funeral will take place on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock, from her late residence.

INCREASE IN FIRE DEPARTMENT IS \$1,654

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Commissioner Fisher proposed the increase to the chief, the employment of a detective sergeant, the increase in number of constables, and the \$800 item for office rent.

Commissioner Russell said he thought the increase justified.

Commissioner Fisher moved an amendment that the estimates lie on the table until all the others are in. The commissioner of the fire department, but lost out and the fire figures were taken up. They were presented as follows:

Fire Appropriation.

1 Chief	\$2,000
1 Engineer at \$85 per m.	6,120
1 Engineer at \$65 per m.	1,140
1 Engineer at \$75 per m.	900
15 Drivers at \$60 per m.	1,800
2 Drivers at \$80 per m.	1,600
1 Motor driver, \$75 per m.	900
1 Chief driver, \$75 per m.	900
6 Tailmen, at \$70 per m.	5,040
4 Pipemen at \$70 per m.	3,360
1 Lineman at \$80 per m.	960
Extra C. driver at \$5 per m.	300
Call men	\$8,760
Prop. Commrs. S.	\$1,000
Prop. Clerk's S.	450
Prop. Clerk's S.	450
2,000	
Fire alarm supplies	\$1,000
Shoeing	700
Harness and repairs	300
Ground rent	81
Repairs and painting	750
Advertising	50
Light	600
Fuel	1,800
Hose	2,500
Rent of bells	40
Horses	1,500
Repairs and painting	1,000
Cannel coal	600
Horse hire	600
Stable supplies	6,000
Rent of phones	250
Sundry small accounts	2,000
Water rates	150
Uniforms	1,300
Badges	92
Notages	100
Life net	150
Pulmotor	250
Gas helmet	150
Bell striker	500
Contingencies	500
Prop. office rent	300
22,293	

Salvage Corps

Salaries	\$1,980
Uniforms	50
Drivers' holiday	120
Rubber coats	45
Annual grant	600
Repairs and painting	150
Rubber covers	400
Insurance	25
Unforeseen	200
Commrs. salary	500
84,905.00	
Less insurance grant	\$ 400
Less unexpected bal.	4,876.59
\$79,628.41	
Cost assessing and collecting.	
1 per cent	792.28
Total assessment, 1917	\$80,420.69
Total assessment, 1916	78,264.56
Amt. increased asmt. 1917	\$1,356.13

The proposed increase in expenditures is \$1,289, but \$2,676.59 of the increase is provided for by unexpected balances and insurance grant.

The increase provides \$200 additional salary to the chief and \$10 per month, additional, to the salary of each permanent member of the department.

The increase also provides for increased cost of fuel, and other necessities for operating the department, as well as additional apparatus, as pulmotor, life net, gas helmet, etc.

The approval of the estimates was moved by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Wigmore.

Commissioner Fisher objected to the reduction of estimates for cost of collection from two to one per cent. Commissioner McLellan said that his unexpected balances and better collections had reduced the cost and this figure had been fixed by the chairman.

Commissioner Fisher thought the increase in the salaries of the chief and clerks should be left over for consideration with all other salaries. He again opposed the proportion of the office rent. The mayor said he would vote against the adoption at present.

The vote was taken and the estimates recommended for adoption.

A communication from Charles Robinson, secretary of the returned soldiers commission, asking that the office of ferry toll collector, left vacant by the death of one of the collectors, should be filled by the appointment of a returned soldier, was referred to the commissioner of harbors and ferries.

CHARLOTTE STREET BLAZE AT 6 A.M.

Fire Breaks Out in Building Occupied by Hudson Breen and Bassen's

Fire wrought considerable damage to the two storey wooden building at 29-22 Charlotte street about six o'clock this morning when the fire department was called out in response to an alarm from Bux 27 and before the stubborn blaze could be extinguished damage reaching well over \$8,000 was done. Hudson Breen, who conducts the Boston restaurant on part of the ground floor, and occupies the upper storey, for lodgers, suffered about \$600 loss in furniture and stores. Bassen & Company, who occupy part of the lower floor, also suffered from water and smoke.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. About 6 o'clock in the morning the flames were noticed issuing from one of the rooms. The room had been unoccupied during the night although engaged. The clothing and other personal effects in the room were all destroyed. The flames quickly spread from room to room and some of the lodgers just got out in time. Four rooms on the up stairs quarters were completely destroyed, also the bath room and two halls. Down stairs where the restaurant is situated was badly damaged by water and smoke.

The building is owned by the McLaughlin estate. Mr. McLaughlin said this morning that he could not tell exactly how much his loss was, but it is almost \$2,000. It is covered by insurance. The stock of Bassen & Company which suffered damage by water, also insured.

Owing to the situation of the fire and the building, it being in the heart of the business centre, three alarms were rung. The firemen worked well and confined the blaze to the building in which it started. This is the second fire within a short time in the same neighborhood, the origin of which could not be accounted for.

OPERA HOUSE CASE OCCUPIES THE COURT

In the police court this morning three by-law cases were before Magistrate Ritchie. A report against Walter C. McKay, manager of the St. John Opera House, for allowing the aisles and exits to become blocked during the rush on Christmas night, led to a great part of the morning session. The evidence of the defence was all concluded and the court reserved judgment as to how owing to the contradictory evidence submitted on the part of House Constable Campbell and the police statement to a door leading from the balcony to Union Alley, which is used as an emergency exit.

Harry Ervin, David Latimer, chief usher, Julius Wolfe, manager of the Metro Film company, Hazel C. Bowes, ticket collector, William McGinley, collector of tickets in the balcony, James White, electrician and the Standard House Constable Campbell testified. The latter denied that he had spoken to any of the policemen a plan of the emergency exit leading from the balcony to Union Alley. There was no dispute between the usher and the crowd going out or from those coming in.

Policeman Henrickson recalled, said that Campbell had come to him and said "there is nothing wrong with that door" with this he swung it open, removing the bar. Sergeant Rankine, recalled, also said that he saw Campbell remove the bar and swing the doors open. Previous to this he had spoken to one of the ushers, who paid no attention to his remark relative to the barred door, but went down stairs.

Manager McKay said that there was a rush that night and it could not be avoided. He submitted a plan of the exits. During the rush between the shows 14, with all his help, did the best possible to prevent disorder.

Policeman McNamee, recalled, said that he had told Campbell the next night about Sergeant Rankine's statement to him (witness) about the door being barred.

The court said that the evidence would have to be reviewed as there were some contradictions and judgment will be given tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

A report from Factory Inspector Kenney was submitted against Thomas E. Robinson, manager of the Standard Creamery Company on ground of alleged non-compliance with the regulations of the factory law as the boiler in the building was not properly inspected.

The court fined the defendant \$25 but allowed the fine to stand as the creamery manager said that he had secured a boiler certificate this morning.

E. E. Jones, reported last week for allowing his car to stand in front of the Royal Hotel for a longer period than permitted by law, was fined \$10. The fine was allowed to stand.

GAIN ABOVE HALF MILLION

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending last Thursday were \$2,372,708, corresponding week last year, \$1,764,920.

MRS. GEORGE H. WORDEN

Mrs. George H. Worden passed away at her home, 55 Hazen street, at an early hour this morning after an illness from which she suffered for two years but which became acute only during the last fortnight. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Miss Mand and Miss Lily, both at home, and two sons, Cecil, a member of the Field Ambulance Corps, and Charlie, at home. Mrs. Worden formerly was Miss Annie Roden, a daughter of the late Francis and Annie Roden of this city. Four sisters, Mrs. John P. Vanward, Mrs. William J. Fraser, Mrs. Alexander Corbet and Mrs. A. Douglas Malcolm, all of this city, and one brother, Francis R. Roden, of Williams Wharf, Long Reach, survive. Mrs. Robert Strain, whose death occurred a few weeks ago, was another sister. Mrs. Worden was a lady of sterling character, devoted to her home and family and greatly beloved by all who knew her. She will be sincerely mourned by her many friends and her family will have widespread sympathy in their bereavement. The funeral will be held from her late residence, 55 Hazen street, on Sunday afternoon, the service commencing at 2:30 o'clock.

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