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WIN THE WAR

St. John Men Wanted at Montreal Convention—Some Who Are Named—The Call

How many St. John men are preparing to attend the great win-the-war convention in Montreal? This is a non-political movement. For example, New Brunswick delegates already named are such men as E. A. Schiefel, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, M. E. Agar, T. H. Estabrook, Major Tilley, P. Michaud, M.P.; President A. H. Wetmore of the board of trade; J. I. Sugrue and John Kemp, representing labor; "Bud" Tippet, of the Veterans' Association; Judge McLatchy, Richard O'Leary, G. W. Ganong, J. E. Masters, G. H. King, L. A. Dugal, T. J. Carter and many others.

It was at first proposed to have fifty-five from New Brunswick, but this limit has been dropped. All who can be urged to go, and any desiring to go should communicate with E. A. Schiefel, C. B. Allan, A. H. Wetmore or any of the gentlemen named.

A meeting was held last evening at the Board of Trade rooms. E. A. Schiefel occupied the chair, and C. B. Allan was the secretary. There was a large attendance and it was decided to send a circular letter to the representative men in the various centres of the province requesting their co-operation with the local committee in sending a large delegation from this province.

The following is the original circular sent out to all parts of Canada:

National Unity For Canada
A national convention of representative Canadians from all parts of

Canada is to meet in Montreal on May 28, 29 and 30.

More than 1,000 men and women will gather from all the provinces of Canada to consider the position the country is in with relation to the war—to discuss the situation in an effort to bring about that national unity which, in the opinion of every patriotic person, ought to exist during these great days.

At a time when all the people as individuals are moved as never before by a common national impulse, it is proposed that people from all the provinces shall meet together, and in honest conference decide upon plans of common action throughout Canada as regards the war, so that those who live may prove themselves worthy of those who die.

Representative men and women from all the provinces will attend this national convention, bringing together, no doubt, many different views, but all animated by the one ruling purpose—to discover the basis on which Canada as one united country can throw her energies into the war in which at present she is involved. It is believed that it will be found that the political and other distractions which impede national action will be dispelled in honest conference, and that the voice of the country will find earnest expression.

Canada has now been at war two years and nine months. Twenty thousand Canadians have already made the supreme sacrifice, that we who have remained behind may enjoy unmolested by Prussian tyranny, the liberties built up through long generations by the two greatest liberty-loving races in the world. It is not our duty to sink all petty differences, adjust conflicting views, and get together in support of the young men, who on land, sea and air are giving their lives. A country that has such men ought to deserve such service as their's.

LOCAL NEWS

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Monthly meeting of the Natural History Society this evening. Topic: The Weapons of Primitive Peoples. Free to the public.

BURIED TODAY
The funeral of Captain James Maynes took place this afternoon from his late residence, Riverside. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Daniels, and interment was made in Fernhill.

SCHOOL BOYS LEAGUE
Mr. Rank has had a conference with Dr. Bridges, who is heartily in sympathy with the revival of the school boys' baseball league to compete for the trophy now held by the Winter street school. The principals will be interviewed and the teams formed as soon as possible.

SAVINGS BANK
The savings bank returns here for April were: Withdrawals, \$162,278.71, and deposits \$67,574.22. The cause of the large increase in withdrawals was that several of the banks' customers had invested in the war loan and last month they paid the full amount of their investment.

PRESENTATION TO SOLDIER
At the home of Mrs. Edith Gabriel, 32 Rock street, last evening friends assembled to give a farewell greeting to her son John, who will leave tonight for Toronto to join the Army Service Corps. The young man received a valuable signet ring from R. H. Wallace, on behalf of friends. A very pleasant evening was spent and all extended to Private Gabriel their hearty good wishes.

PORTLAND METHODIST CHURCH
The Women's Missionary Society of the Portland Methodist Church held a public meeting last evening in the Sunday school room. Mrs. George Wheeler presided. Miss Jane Henderson led in prayer and Mrs. Nell J. McLaughlin read a Scripture lesson. A life membership certificate of the society was given to Rev. Neil J. McLaughlin, pastor of the church. Mrs. E. A. Westmorland gave a reading and a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Edith Magee. A feature of the evening's entertainment was a playette entitled "The Birth of Hope" which was presented by seventeen young ladies from the Methodist church in West St. John.

MRS. WILLIAM J. FORBES
Many friends were shocked to learn this morning of the death of Mrs. William J. Forbes of East St. John. Though she had long been ill the end was entirely unexpected. She passed peacefully away in her sleep. Mrs. Forbes was formerly Miss Mason, a sister of Fain Mason of Indian town and the late Captain Mason, well known in local waters. Besides her husband Mrs. Forbes is survived by one daughter, Miss Bertha, who is a teacher in Alexandria, N. B. The family lived in Indian town, where Mr. Forbes was in business, until about three years ago when they moved to East St. John. A wide circle of friends regret deeply the death of Mrs. Forbes, who was a woman of fine character.

THIRTY PRISONERS MAKE SESSION OF POLICE COURT BUSY

A total of thirty arrests were made yesterday by the local police. In half of the cases the charges were drunkenness. There were two disorderly house cases and one liquor case on the docket. It was an exceptionally busy morning in court.

Gillie Guillard was before the court, following a raid by Detectives Bout and Policemen Hopkins and Winter, on his premises, 585 Main street, last night about 11:30 o'clock. He was charged with keeping and selling liquor on his premises without a license and also with supplying liquor to a minor.

Dolphie Christie, aged eighteen years, said that he had been in the place twice and had been given liquor each time. Only yesterday he had secured some there.

The evidence of Policemen Hopkins and Detective Briggs showed that they had many complaints in the premises. They produced eighteen flasks as a result of the raid. The court remanded the defendant.

Edward Marr, aged forty-three, and his wife, Lena, aged fifty-three, were before the court as a result of a raid about 2:45 o'clock this morning on the premises in the rear of 17 Brunswick street. Robert Malcolm, aged forty-five, Eva Marshall, aged fifty-two, and Easter Henderson, aged thirty-six, were charged with being inmates.

The raid was made by Detective McAlmsh and Policemen Straight and Estey. Their evidence was that the house has been under surveillance by them for several weeks, they spoke of the reputation of the proprietors and inmates. Liquor was confiscated. Disorderly night and early this morning was also supplied to a minor.

The prisoners were all remanded except Easter Henderson, who was sent back to the Home of Good Shepherd. She was allowed out only on Friday, as her husband had returned from the front and was in ill-health.

Following a raid early this morning by Sergeant Sullivan and Detective McAlmsh, with Policemen Straight and Estey, Alexander Leger, aged twenty-four years, with his wife, Ellen, aged twenty-two years, answered the charge of keeping a disorderly house in an alley off Brunswick street, and Margaret Thomas, aged fifty; May Dobson, aged twenty-two, and John Meagher, aged twenty-six, entered a plea of not guilty to being inmates.

The evidence was that when the police entered all the inmates were under the influence of liquor, the language was very bad and the general condition of the house the same. Some bottles of liquor were confiscated.

John Davis was remanded on charges of fighting and being drunk in Clarence street. The evidence was that he had been arrested on a warrant charging assault. Joseph Guoguan was also remanded. He was arrested on a warrant charging assault. Joseph Mayes was remanded on a charge of being connected with the theft of the suit case from the Peris Hotel, the property of Charles McLaughlin. This case was commenced yesterday, and Pte. J. Hanley was charged with straggling the suit case.

Bliss Dempster was remanded on the charge of being drunk and breaking furniture and other fixtures in the father's house in Thorne avenue. William Loney was fined \$8 for drunkenness and \$22 for resisting the police.

Of the prisoners arrested for drunkenness, some were fined and others were remanded.

LIQUOR SALES

NIL TODAY IN ST. JOHN

Retail Vendors to Number Five But Not Yet Appointed

INSPECTOR IS IN CITY

Some Left-Over Stock in Stores Being Shipped Away, Chiefly to Montreal—St. John on Last Night of License

Not more than five retail vendors' licenses will be issued for the city of St. John under the new prohibitory act, and so far, not even the five have been selected. The chief inspector, Rev. W. D. Wilson, who is in the city today, announced that he would make recommendations for the appointment of certain vendors to a meeting of the provincial government tomorrow night, but said that he was not yet prepared to recommend the entire number.

Regarding the operation of the law under the new system, Mr. Wilson said this morning that there would not be sufficient business, under the provisions of the act, to enable any person to make a living as a vendor—and that they intend to see that the sale is confined to a limited number of vendors. Consequently, it must be handled as a side line and he regarded the drug stores as the proper place for the sale of the goods for medicinal purposes. The only reason that he will recommend so many as five is the peculiar geographical layout of the city, which makes it impossible to serve the entire city with a lesser number.

Regarding the appointment of additional inspectors, Mr. Wilson said this morning that he had nothing to announce at present.

So far as legal sales went, at least, St. John is "bone dry" today, although the old licenses expired last night and the former dealers could make no sales and as the vendors have not been appointed under the new act there was no one who had the right to sell. As the two wholesale drug houses in local waters in St. John are licensed distributors can sell only to licensed vendors, they had no one to whom they could sell and so could make no sales, either.

Despite their efforts to get rid of their stock, and the earnest cooperation of the public, most of the wholesalers and some of the retailers still had some stock on hand when their licenses expired last night. There is no provision under the act for the disposal of this stock, but it is understood that most of it is being shipped out of the city as rapidly as possible and that this is being permitted.

As the provinces of Quebec and British Columbia are the only places in Canada where the sale of liquor for general use is still legal, and as the latter province is too far away, practically the entire stock left in St. John is being shipped to Montreal. This does not apply to the stocks in local warehouses, as these goods may be held and shipped to "wet" territory as the owners may desire.

The change from license to prohibition took place in St. John with less excitement than was expected in some quarters and, as a result of last night's celebration only fifteen arrests were made for drunkenness. The police seemed to be in a fairly charitable mood and those who had more than they could comfortably carry off who still were able to look after themselves seemed to be allowed the opportunity to reach their homes.

The chances for a last minute orgy were lessened to a great extent by the fact that many of the saloons closed early in the day and by seven o'clock only a comparatively few were doing business. These, however, had all the business they could handle and, in many cases, the door was kept locked and only a limited number of customers were permitted to enter at one time.

BOARD OF HEALTH CLOSES HOUSES

The Board of Health officials have placed their sign, "closed" unit for habitation, by order of the Board of Health on several houses. The landlords were given the usual fifteen days notice with which to comply with the necessary regulations, but failed to comply. Two houses were ordered closed this morning and there are several more to meet the same doom.

The local board have taken on two additional rooms in the Ritchie building with the purpose of turning them into a lavatory. Vaccination will be carried on in these new rooms, and T. M. Burns, secretary, said this morning that several changes were in line. It is understood that the offices, including the additional rooms, will be remodeled and utilized for the various activities of the board.

NINE LOSE PLACES IN SCHOOLS OF BOSTON

Three Canadians Among Number Let Go As They Are Not Citizens of the United States

Boston, Mass., May 1.—The Boston school board yesterday discharged seven men teachers, a woman kindergarten instructor and a janitor because they were not citizens of the United States. Two of the men are Spaniards, three Canadians, one an Armenian and another a German. The latter informed that the board had tried to obtain naturalization papers, but was refused on the ground that he was now classed as an alien enemy. The janitor and the kindergarten teacher are British subjects.

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

The offices of the New Brunswick command are being extended. The room that was utilized as an armory for the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons is being remodeled into an office. It is to be occupied by Captain Wilson, acting senior medical officer for the province. The armory of the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons is being removed to the old post office building.

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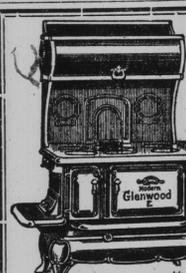
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