

AROUND THE CITY

UNSETTLED

THANKED THE MAYOR. Sir Arthur Harris called on Mayor Hayes yesterday morning and thanked him for his services in settlement of the restorers' strike.

NEW ELEVATOR WORKING.

The new government grain elevator was used for the first time yesterday, when a steamer was loaded at the Potters' wharf.

FLY YOUR FLAGS.

Mayor Hayes requests that all citizens fly their flags today in honor of the visit of His Excellency, the Governor-General.

A FORMER CHAMPION.

The body of Dr. H. A. Donahue, former all-round intercollegiate champion athlete, passed through the city early yesterday morning en route to Montague, P.E.I., his old home. Dr. Donahue died at Rocanville, Sask., from Spanish influenza.

EXPRESS TRAIN DELAYED.

The Truro express (No. 17) due in the city at 9:30 o'clock last evening, did not arrive until 11:10 o'clock, the delay being due to a run of this side of Moncton. Many passengers were on board and a large amount of baggage.

THE PENION SCHEME.

Commissioner McLellan expects to have his pension scheme in connection with the police force ready to submit to the city council at its meeting on Thursday, and it is expected some action will be taken on the recommendations he submitted to the council on Monday re the strengthening of the force and increase in pay.

A GOLD BUILDING.

One of the tubes in the boiler at the Central Police Station broke yesterday morning, and before being fixed caused much inconvenience. Men were placed on the work and succeeded in making repairs in the afternoon. In the interim of the break and the mending of the same oilstoves were utilized to great advantage.

YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

Early yesterday morning the firemen were called to the home of William Knodel, 34 Pitt St. Four rooms in the house were practically destroyed before the blaze was extinguished. The damage, about \$1,200, is covered by insurance. A fire broke out at noon yesterday in an ash shed owned by the Thistle Cruising Club, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

THE COUNTY COURT.

In the County Court yesterday the case of the King vs. Clifford Atkinson, charged with theft from the C.P.R., was taken up. The first witness for the crown, Louis Ramel, was under cross examination when the court adjourned last evening. W. B. Wallace, K.C., is appearing for the crown, and Daniel Mullin, K.C., for the defence.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY.

Mrs. John Mantle, 117 King Street East, received the following letter yesterday from Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works:

Ottawa, Dec. 2. Dear Mrs. Mantle:—I am sorry to see by recent casualty lists that your son has been gassed, which I hope will not prove fatal, and that you will soon have him home once more. Sincerely yours, F. B. CARVELL.

THE GUARD RETURNS.

The Madam express, due at 11:20 p.m., was forty-three minutes late due to heavy traffic, and poor connections at the western points. The guard of honor, composed of members of the Depot Battalion, reached the city on this train after performing their duties relative to the arrival of the Duke in the Capital yesterday. The men presented a fine appearance when they lined up in the Depot, prior to their departure for barracks. The band which accompanied the guard came in on the same train.

THE PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of David J. Mullin, deceased, letters of administration were granted to his wife, Mrs. Josephine G. Mullin, by W. Mahoney, J.P. In the estate of Frank L. O'Regan, deceased, letters testamentary were granted to his wife, Mrs. Mary A. O'Regan, Leonard A. Condon, probator. In the estate of Mrs. Geo. Caples, 26th Battalion, C.E.F., deceased, letters of administration were granted to his father, Inspector Thos. Caples, I.P.D. Thos., K.C., probator. In the estate of John H. Ellison, deceased, letters testamentary were granted to his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth M. H. Parlee, probator.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

James Estey, an employee of Grant & Horne's shipyards, Marsa Road, received an injury while at work yesterday morning necessitating the amputation of one of his fingers when removed to the General Public Hospital, and reported at an early this morning to be resting very comfortably. Harry Hooper, victim of a shooting accident last Friday evening, was reported last night to be resting more comfortably than formerly. Harry Hooper, victim of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, who is convalescing from a recent severe attack of pneumonia, was reported to be resting quite comfortably.

BUSY SARDINE SEASON.

A few boat loads of herring reached several Eastport sardine factories late Saturday and many of the employees worked until late into the night, while one plant had up steam Sunday and a number of employees were engaged in packing the last supply of fish of the season. It will be several days before all the factories are cleaned up and made ready for the winter as considerable work will be had about the shipping rooms where many thousands of cases of newly packed sardines will be acted over and packed in wooden cases ready for shipment, although casks and barns are in demand for storing supplies. It was a busy season from early October.

ST. JOHN IS ONE OF MOST FORTUNATE CITIES IN CANADA

This the Opinion of J. A. Grant Who Returns from Ottawa Conference—Tells of Builders' Contractors and Supply Men's Session.

"In my opinion St. John is one of the most fortunate cities in Canada at the present time, in that it has the windfall of work to keep labor fully employed in this transition time between the cancelling of the munitions contracts and the equipping and setting in running order of these plants for other lines. In the Upper Canadian cities many men have already been thrown out of employment, and many more will be in the next few weeks, and there does not seem to be much prospect of their finding work until a readjustment of things takes place." This is the statement of J. A. Grant, of Grant & Horne, who has just returned from the conference of builders, contractors and supply men recently held at Ottawa.

Mr. Grant in conversation with The Standard last night said the conference which had been held at the suggestion of J. P. Anglin, of Montreal, one of the biggest contractors in the Dominion, was a most representative one, men being present from practically every city in Canada, from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Many matters of interest to contractors were discussed and the problems connected with the re-establishment of the country on a peace basis were fully gone into. The effect of the cessation of munitions work upon the labor market was thoroughly canvassed and the unanimous opinion of all present, as well as of the cabinet ministers who addressed the conference, was that the labor situation was a serious one. All were optimistic, however, that the country would come through the trial all right. They had gone from the war to conditions without unsettling the country, and it was believed that the change from war to peace conditions would be carried through without any serious unsettling of conditions, although there was bound to be for a time a shortage of employment. The conference has suggested to the government that so far as possible only Canadian contractors be given work in Canada, and that wherever possible Canadian materials be used, and this stipulation was made a part of every contract given out by the government.

Another matter considered by the conference was the housing problem, and they have asked the government to aid in the building of homes for working men of moderate income. This aid to take the form of a bonus paid to the various provinces or cities which would erect these homes. The suggestion was also made to the government that it was the duty of the federal parliament to construct highways throughout the Dominion. The matter of a federal contract form for use all over Canada was also discussed. This will probably grow out of the conference.

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Mr. Carvell in an address to the conference announced his intention of doing as much public work as possible, and in this respect referred to the fact that in many cities the government were paying rent for buildings in which to house government departments, and he expressed his intention to build in those cities permanent homes for the government offices. Hon. A. K. MacLean referred to the amount of building which would have to be done and estimated that this would amount to at least \$500,000,000.

Hon. Dr. Reid announced his intention of proceeding with railway work. Mr. Grant said from what he had seen and heard he believed that New Brunswick would get its fair share of the public works which were being planned and St. John would not be left out. At the close of the conference an association was formed taking in the contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers, J. P. Anglin, Montreal, was elected president, and a vice-president for each province was chosen, the New Brunswick choice being Mr. Grant. A. B. Reid, of engineers and Contractors, Ltd., and John F. Tilton, of W. H. Thorne & Co., were elected as members of the board.

LUDLOW STREET RALLY SERVICE

The rally service last night at the Ludlow Street Baptist Church, was under the auspices of the Missionary Aid Society, Mission Band and Young Ladies' Guild, and was attended by a large congregation. Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the church, presided, and led the devotional exercises. Miss M. E. Mullin presided at the piano. Rev. A. L. Tedford, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, delivered a strong address on missions; Miss Pearl Wright read a letter from Miss Gance, a lady missionary in India; a solo by Mrs. Murray Long, a reading by Russell Godard, a duet by the Misses Carvell and a number of choruses by the Mission Band made up a most interesting and instructive programme which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

ON INSPECTION TOUR.

Colonel F. S. L. Ford, of the headquarters staff, Canadian Army Medical Corps, with offices at Ottawa, is a guest at the Royal Hotel, arriving in the city yesterday morning. He leaves for Ottawa tomorrow, being here on military business connected with his department. Colonel Ford made a recent inspection of the military hospitals for the city and reported everything in first class condition. His mission this time is relative to the same duties, which will include the inspection of the new and acquired military hospital at West St. John, formerly the School for the Deaf, acquired since his former inspectional visit.

WANTED—Girl to operate passenger elevator, afternoons only, hours 1 to 6 o'clock (Saturdays and Sundays excepted). Apply The Standard, Ltd.

WAS ARRESTED AS DEFAULTER

Young Man Being Held in Guardroom for Not Reporting—Young Men Must Still Carry Their Papers.

In spite of the fact that the armistice has been signed, the military authorities are not dispensing with the former regulations of holding men eligible for the service who are in any manner violators of the military regulations. About a week ago a young man was arrested in Moncton, being without the necessary military documents in his possession, brought to this city and confined to the guard room of the armories, there to await the decision of the military authorities.

The young man in question is a defaulter under the M. S. A., as he was ordered to report a time previous to the signing of the armistice with the Royal Force, Moncton, and failing to do this was arrested. His relatives contend that he is not a defaulter under the act, as he had forwarded to his commanding officer, the Royal Air Force headquarters in an endeavor to receive a furlough or an extension. However, the papers did not reach their destination, and headquarters at Toronto hold no records of the same, and due to this he is being held as a defaulter.

Again his relatives contend that he is ill and not in the condition to be confined, and asked for his immediate release from the guard rooms. This was not granted, but orders were issued at once to the military doctors at the armories to examine the prisoner at once, and if ill that he be removed immediately to a military hospital, but under no condition is the man to be released until such time as the military authorities have received official notice from Ottawa relative to disposing of the man. Readers of the above might gather a lesson for thought, which is, that those relative to the discontinuance of military documents of the civilian population have not been received at headquarters here, and all are obliged as formerly to carry their military documents on their persons, otherwise they might be subject to much inconvenience and at a time most unexpected. A penalty of \$50 is attached to the violation of these military papers, and this might induce the more thoughtless ones to carry the necessary documents at all times and in all places.

LIEUT. KUHRING'S GALLANT ACTION

Volunteered and Accomplished a Daring Mission—Received Severe Wound and is Mentioned in Despatches.

Word has come to Rev. G. A. Kuhring and Mrs. Kuhring that their son, Gustav, who was recently wounded, received his wounds while performing a very gallant act for which he was mentioned in despatches.

Volunteers were called for to go through the barrage and find a position for the guns and for an observation post, and Lieut. Kuhring was among the volunteers. He safely accomplished his mission and was returning when a shell struck a horse which he was leading, killing it instantly and wounding both the young officer and the horse. At the present time Lieut. Kuhring is recovering from his wounds at the military hospital, and is expected to be discharged in a few days. The various suggestions for meeting the re-construction problems were laid before the following ministers: Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works; Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of railways and canals, and Sir Thomas White, finance minister, and were listened to with a sympathetic ear.

JOHN E. ADAMS OF NORTH END DEAD

Was Victim of One Week's Illness With Influenza and Pneumonia—Was a Returned Soldier.

John E. Adams, aged thirty-three years, a highly respected resident of the North End, residing at 555 Main Street, died at his home last evening after a short illness of one week's duration. He became ill with influenza, which developed into pneumonia, which resulted in his death. In the year 1915 deceased signed on in the 64th Battalion, and was later transferred to the 104th, but on account of ill-health did not reach France, as an active service man. On his return to St. John he was employed under Commissioner Fisher, of the Public Works Department. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams, and is survived by his wife and little infant daughter. Other surviving relatives are his mother, a brother, Clayton, of Edmonton, Alberta, and Harry, of this city. The funeral will be held this afternoon from his late residence, 555 Main Street.

WOMAN FACES A SERIOUS CHARGE

Bertha Joslin appeared in the police court yesterday afternoon on a charge of giving disease to soldiers. A military doctor testified to examining the prisoner and of finding her diseased. A soldier also testified regarding the prisoner. This concluded the evidence, and the case was set aside for a time until the jail physician examines the woman also. Captain G. Earle Logan is appearing on behalf of the military authorities.

Mrs. Kenneth I. Campbell (see Friends) will be at home to her friends at 261 Douglas avenue, on Thursday and Friday afternoons, December 5 and 6.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Submitted Last Evening Show Successful Year—Curator Tells of Work Accomplished—The Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Natural History Society was held last night at the museum and was largely attended. The reports of the officers showed the year to have been a good one, and the prospects for the coming year are bright. The curator reported that as much of the time of the staff had been given to war work during the year the exhibits on view remained about the same as for the previous year, but it was hoped to have two new floor cases installed before the first of the year. In the matter of visitors no record had been kept, but it was believed the number of the previous year had been exceeded. During the year a number of donations had been received, although many of them had not interested in the Society. During the year the educational work of the Society had been maintained, and the following statement of aid to teachers was presented:

Lessons sent to teachers, 4,612. Information given, 691. Specimens given to schools, 105. Specimens loaned to schools, 55. Specimens identified, 1,679. Letters written, 976. Newspaper articles prepared, 31. During the summer and fall the members had spent the time gathering and saving sphagnum moss for surgical dressings and a great number of these dressings had been prepared and sent overseas.

The library committee reported that the exchanges with the English-speaking peoples had been maintained and a number of valuable old books had been donated during the year. The building committee reported that practically no repairs had been made, but during the coming year a new roof would be required, and some interior repairs would have to be made.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Dr. Roy Campbell—President. R. B. Emerson—1st Vice President. Rev. David Hutchinson—2nd Vice President. A. Gordon Leavitt—Treasurer. W. McIntosh—Curator and corresponding secretary. W. L. McDiarmid—Recording secretary. F. B. Ellis—Librarian.

T. H. Estabrooks, J. A. Estey, W. F. Burditt, were elected additional members of the executive.

HARVEST LEAVE MEN SENDING IN FORMS

It is stated that many of the members of the Depot Battalion now out on harvest leave, are forwarding their required military forms for their immediate discharge from the service. The men have the alternative of presenting themselves to their O. O. for release at their former military address, or referred to, which is the signing of the necessary release issued by the military authorities, giving the latter the means to adjust the affairs and release the men from all further military service. Of the two methods the former is the more desirable, as it relieves the military authorities of the burden of the multitude as it eradicates much of the clerical work attached to such a process. In view of the fact that many of the men are busy on the farms or in the woods at the present time the release method will conserve much of the valuable time of the men.

WILL TENDER RECEPTION.

Miss Joan Arnold, lieutenant of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission, England, who will speak in Centenary Hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club will be tendered an informal reception on Thursday afternoon from four to six at Bond's by the executive of the Soldiers' Comfort Association, to which all members of local patriotic societies, including the Women's Canadian Club, the Red Cross, Y. W. P. A., Daughters of the Empire, and all members of S. C. A. circles are cordially invited. Miss Arnold who is touring New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, is a very interesting speaker and every effort is being made to meet with an enthusiastic reception.

BUMPER HOUSES FOR "TURN TO THE RIGHT" TONIGHT.

There are a few seats left on the orchestra floor of the rural comedy-drama "Turn to the Right" at the Imperial tonight. They may be had at the opening of the box office at 10 a.m. There are choice balcony seats. For Thursday night the sale is almost as large as for tonight. The matinee promises to be well-filled as well. Curtain at 8:15 tonight and 2:30 for tomorrow afternoon.

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