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To Call Public Meeting On Building Project

Citizens' Opportunity To Express Views

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Heating Plans for City Hall Lead to Discussion of Larger Scheme for New Building in King Street East to Accomodate All City and County Offices

Proposals for a new municipal building, which have been discussed informally since the old court house was burned, and the need for more accommodation at city hall has been realized, are assuming concrete shape. At a meeting of the common council in committee this morning the presentation of a report on plans for a new heating system for city hall led to a general discussion of building needs. It was generally agreed by the commissioners that it would be worth while to consider plans for the erection of a new building in King street east which would accommodate all the city and county offices and departments, rather than attempt to add to the present accommodation. In order to secure the views of the citizens, it was agreed that the mayor should call a public meeting at which the whole project might be threshed out.

Mayor Hayes presided and all members of the council were present.

Mr. Fisher reported that he had received from the Repatriation Commission in Ottawa a questionaire regarding the amount of civic and municipal work which was to be carried on here this season, with a view to securing information regarding work for returned soldiers. He had filled in the information regarding his department and the documents were passed along to the commissioner of water and sewerage for his attention.

The commissioner of public works also reported that he had received from S. W. Palmer, on behalf of A. C. F. Sorrell, a communication claiming damages from the city for injury from blasting operations in 1910. After consulting the city solicitor, he had replied that no damage had been caused by the city.

South End Wants Grant.

C. M. Lingley, Thomas Killen and D. W. Puddington appeared and asked for a grant of $500 for the South End Improvement League. They told of the work that has been done by volunteer effort and subscriptions, but said that they could not continue without aid. The mayor remarked that the fact that the council had granted $500 for the west side playgrounds did not indicate that the city had lots of money; they had to assess for these grants. Mr. Fisher did not favor granting money for the improvement of a property which, he understood, was privately owned. Action was postponed until Mr. Fisher can report on this feature of the matter.

Mr. Thornton presented plans and specifications for a low pressure heating system for city hall which, he said, would be more efficient and more economical.

The mayor remarked that complaints had been received regarding the smoke nuisance arising from the use of soft coal and asked for information regarding appliances with which to lessen this nuisance.

Mr. Thornton said that he was preparing a report on the subject which would include reference to smoke consumers.

The city engineer suggested that care in stoking would reduce the volume of smoke.

Mr. Fisher said that he had not been able to find that stoking made much difference; he thought that the city should use hard coal in their public buildings.

Mr. Bullock urged that, before dealing with the heating plans, the council should also consider the proposals for an additional story on the building, the installation of an elevator and other improvements, which would cost about $40,000. He added that the toilet arrangements were totally inadequate.

Mr. Jones suggested that the matter of a new municipal building also should be considered.

As War Memorial

The mayor said that many citizens favored the erection of a new building to include both the city and county offices as a war memorial, as some other cities were doing. It was criminal, he said, to keep the treasury department in their present offices, which were practically a basement. He was doubtful whether the addition of a story to the present building would be adequate, and also doubted the wisdom of repairing the old court house. He suggested that a public meeting be called to discuss the matter.

In reply to Mr. Bullock, the mayor said that he favored the King street east site. Mr. Jones and Mr. Thornton were of the same opinion.

Mr. Thornton said that he was having a report prepared on the cost of repairing the court house.

Mr. Fisher said he was opposed to spending $40,000 on the present city hall.

It was decided that the mayor should call a public meeting at which citizens could express their views regarding the building project.

Mr. Fisher brought up the matter of ornamental electric sign posts in front of McPherson Brothers' store in Union street and the Imperial Hotel in King square, which, it was said, had not been kept lighted according to agreement. It was decided that the city should remove the posts.

Contract Awarded

Tenders for setting granite curbing for Douglas avenue and City road were opened. They were as follows:

Louis Stevens, 55 cents per lineal foot.
Harold O. Clark, 69 cents.
Frank Wade, 49 cents.

The acceptance of the lowest tender, that of Mr. Wade, was recommended to council.

FURTHER SUM IN SUPPLEMENTARIES FOR COURTENAY BAY DEVELOPMENT

S. E. Elkin, M.P., who arrived home from Ottawa on Saturday, says that, in addition to the $750,000 recently apportioned by the federal government for a continuation of the Courtenay Bay harbor facilities work, there will be another $250,000 in the supplementary estimates, rounding out a million.

But this, of course, would not be sufficient to prosecute a work of such magnitude for a long period, so in a short while the contractors themselves will commence financing the job under the provisions of the Dry Dock Subsidy Act which allows them to float bonds and other securities.

It is expected the Bedford Construction Co. will issue fully two millions of dollars worth of securities and market them in the money centres where the demand is uite keen at present. Therefore it declared that the Courtenay Bay works will proceed steadily and the aims and plans of the government's engineers be pushed to conclusion.

Mr. Elkin is highly sanguine of the prosecution of St. John's new eastern harbor facilities and feels from what inside knowledge he has acquired through close touch at Ottawa, that this city is to share generously in the fruits of reconstruction soon to follow. The Courtenay Bay contract is a duplex one—one side being the construction of the immense dry dock with its special financial arrangements, the other the erection of the breakwater, dredging, etc.

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY

Policemen Killen and Young In Time to Prevent Brussels Street Success

While Policemen Killen and Young were patrolling Brussels street about 2 o'clock this morning they saw two men jump from a doorway at Jeffrey's grocery and rush down the street. Both policemen immediately gave chase, but the men fled down an alley and in the dark succeeded in eluding them. The policemen returned to the store after their search and found that the window had been broken and the door forced. As far as they could learn nothing had been stolen. It appeared as if the men had just succeeded in opening the door when they saw the policemen approaching.

ELEVEN CASES OF STOLEN LIQUOR FOUND

While Policeman Killen was patrolling his beat in Drury Lane on Friday morning at 2 o'clock he noticed two forms coming from a shed but when he gave chase they ran and escaped. The policeman found eleven cases of "Black and White" whiskey in an open coal shed in the rear of the Brayley Drug Company's warehouse from which it had been stolen. Around the corner he saw a car. He was about to go to it when his attention was attracted by a man walking up and down as if he was waiting for some one. The policeman accosted him and not getting a satisfactory explanation he arrested him and took him to the central police station, where he gave his name as Matthew Friars.

THIS IS BETTER

Hitherto all troops from the hospital ships have had to proceed through to Fredericton, not being allowed to stop off at their homes here. This caused disappointment to the boys and much dissatisfaction on the part of relatives. Through the efforts of Charles Robinson this has been changed and henceforth only the cot cases will have to go through to Fredericton.

The hospital ship Araguaya will be met at Portland by the medical officer of the military hospital at Fredericton, and the secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission. Arrangements will be made so that as the train proceeds to St. John, the boys will be given their furlough and allowed to go to their homes without having to go to Fredericton, so that men for this city will arrive here on the regular Boston train.

MRS. ELIZA KEARNS

The death of Mrs. Eliza Kearns, widow of John Kearns, occurred on Sunday evening at her home, 272 Pitt street. Mrs. Kearns was born in Ireland eighty-four years ago, and at the age of six years came with her parents to St. John, where she has resided ever since. She was a kind and loving mother and was greatly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a member of St. James' church. Mrs. Kearns is survived by six sons, Alfred, George, John, Charles, Frederick and William, all of South Boston; four daughters, Mrs. Eliza Shanks and Mrs. Alexander Stinson of West St. John; Mrs. Maud Macdonald and Mrs. Nellie Galbraith of this city; also twenty grandchildren and thirteen greatlgrandchildren.

As Hiram Sees It

"Say," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter this morning, "I overtook a feller this mornin' comin' in from the settlement that was mad as a hornet. Sile Jones ast him to go out an' stay with him, Sat'eday an' Sunday in an old camp he has at the lake. Well, sir, he went. Sile told him he needn't bring nothin' ony a fishin' line, an' he'd see to the rest. When he got out to the shack it was time for supper. Nat'ully this feller from town cal'lated on gittin' a square meal. Well, sir, Sile put the kittle on, made some tea, dug out some bread an' butter from a shelf an' ast the feller to set in. The feller he'd been to France, an' I s'pose he said to himself he'd fared a good lot worse, so he made the best of it. When he was done, Sile says to him: 'How'd you like that bread?' 'Fine,' says the feller—'home-made, wasn't it?' Then Sile he says, says he: 'Yes sir—but it's more'n that. It's been in that little cupboard sence last fall. I'm glad you liked it. I tried it on the dog last week an' he turned up his nose at it. I hate to see good vittles wasted.' Well, sir, that feller said he didn't know whether he'd met up with a lunatic or a brother to the man that wouldn't give a dollar to the Red Cross because he wasn't at war with enybody; but he stuck it out an' went out early next mornin' an' fished the lake, thinkin' he'd git some fresh trout for breakfast. He didn't git one, an' when he came back Sile had dug out some cold beans that'd been in the shack all winter an' served 'em up. By this time the soldier was fit for anything. He walked into them beans jist as if they was rashins an' he says to Sile: 'Aint you got somethin' older—I been jist pinin' for well-preserved home cookin.' Aint you got a chunk o' moose that was killed or died three or four years ago—or somethin' like that?' Sile he never turned a hair. 'Well,' says he, 'I seen a dead porkypine over here in the woods last week.' 'Bring it in, says the soldier, ' an' I'll show you the kind of soup we had when I was a prisoner in Germany.' 'No,' says Sile, 'I draw the line at the Germans. They're the meanest critters on the face o' the airth.' 'Mister,' says the soldier, 'if a German ever comes this way I'll tell you how to git red of him.' 'How?' says Sile. 'Ask him out here fishin,' says the soldier. 'An with that he grabbed up his kit an' started for the clearin.' "

MANY AT FUNERAL OF JAMES T. DUKE

A great many friends attended the funeral of James T. Duke, which took place this morning at 9 o'clock from his late residence, 185 Waterloo street. The body was taken to the Cathedral, where requiem high mass was celebrated by his brother, Rev. Wm. M. Duke, assisted by Rev. J. J. McDermott of Sussex as deacon, and Rev. C. P. Carleton of Silver Falls as sub-deacon. Final absolution was given by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc. Other priests present in the sanctuary were Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G., Rev. A. J. O'Neill, Rev. F. J. McMurray, Rev. H. L. Coughlan of West Quaco, Rev. A. P. Allan and Rev. W. L. Moore. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery, where prayers at the grave were said by Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G.

Amongst those who attended the funeral were large representations from the Knights of Columbus and the Y. M. C. I., as well as many of his fellow workmen from the Courtenay Bay works. A barouche following the hearse was filled with floral offerings, including several set pieces. There were also a large number of spiritual bouquets.

SOLDIER SON WELCOMED.

The home of Mrs. Thos. Furlong, 259 Germain street, was made happy on Friday by the arrival of her son, Dvr. Maurice F. Furlong, who arrived home with the army service corps after an absence of more than four years' service in France. He was warmly welcomed by many friends. Private Furlong's brother, Redmond J. Furlong, gave his life in the great war.

POSTPONED.

The official opening of the St. John Baseball League, which was to have taken place this evening on Queen square diamond in West St. John, has been postponed owing to unfavorable weather conditions. The initial contest will take place tomorrow evening between St. Peter's and Fairville.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—A disturbance which has developed since yesterday morning is causing strong winds and rain in the maritime provinces. The weather continues fine and very warm in the western provinces and is becoming quite warm in Ontario.

Cool and Showery

Maritime—Strong winds, cool and showery today and on Tuesday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Northeast winds, cool and showery today and on Tuesday.

New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; fresh west winds.

Only Responsibility Belgian Violation Is New Hun Contention

Head of Delegation Says That is All

REPLY TO CLEMENCEAU

Paris Believes Italian Question Nearer Settlement on Basis of Treaty of London — Austrians Want Allies to Hurry Up

Paris, May 26—(By the Associated Press)—Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau's thirteenth note to the Allied council was delivered yesterday morning. It is a rejoinder to the council's reply to the German note regarding responsibility. He insists that Germany's only responsibility is for the violation of Belgian neutrality, for which it is ready to make reparation and declares that all the powers were responsible for the war and that the material damage done was the work of the Allied armies as well as the Germans.

Berlin, May 26—(By the Associated Press)—Information from unimpeachable sources is that the counter-proposals to be made by Germany will declare in favor of military disarmament, saying that Germany is ready to reduce her forces to 350,000 within two months after the conclusion of peace and by the expiration of another year to cut the size of the army down to 200,000 men.

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JOY REIGNS IN HAWKER HOME

Plucky Wife Hopeful up to Hour When News Came That Husband Was Safe

London, May 25—(By the Associated Press)—There was a merry party in the home of Harry H. Hawker near Surbiton tonight, many callers, including Thomas O. M. Sopwith, head of the Sopwith Aviation Company, builders of the machine in which Hawker attempted to cross the Atlantic, going to the house to congratulate Mrs. Hawker. Many airmen were among those who called.

Mrs. Hawker never lost confidence that her husband would be rescued. Even on Saturday evening she was still hopeful, declared that Sunday was her lucky day, and said: "We shall have good news tomorrow." Today her home was inundated with telegrams of congratulation and the telephone in the gaily beflagged dwelling was constantly ringing.

In a message expressing his own and the queen's sympathy and condolence, King George on Saturday expressed his fear that Hawker had lost his life. He added: "I feel that the nation has lost one of its most able and daring pilots and that he sacrificed his life for the fame and honor of British flying."

An official statement confirming news despatches of the rescue of Hawker and Lieut. Commander Grieve was issued tonight. It follows:

"Harry G. Hawker and Lieut. Commander Grieve were rescued in latitude 50 degrees and 20 minutes north and longitude 29 degrees 30 minutes west. They alighted close to a steamer, owing to a defect in the water circulation of their motor. Both men are in perfect health. The airplane was not saved."

The news of the rescue has electrified all Britain. Nothing except some great battle has excited London more than today's unexpected tidings.

St. John's, Nfld., May 26—Alcock and Brown, operating a Vickers airplane, began the assembling of their machine this morning at Quidi Vidi, where the Martinsyde machine is located. They have another field in view for the final flight if Quidi Vidi proves unsuitable.

N. C. 4 Still Held.

Washington, May 26—Confirming weather forecasts of yesterday, Admiral Jackson at Ponta Del Gada this morning cabled the navy department that the naval seaplane N. C. 4 still was held at her moorings by unfavorable weather.

WORLD'S GREATEST TRIPLANE WRECKED ON FIRST FLIGHT

London, May 26—One man was killed and several were hurt when a giant Tarrant triplane, the largest in the world, was wrecked this morning while trying for its first flight near Farnborough. The machine dug its nose into the ground and turned over. It weighed twenty tons and was equipped with six engines.

FIVE LITTLE ONES BURNED TO DEATH IN QUEBEC HOME

Sherbrooke, Que., May 26—Five children of Alfred Deperron, a farmer of La Patrie, were burned to death last night. They were left in charge of Emma, a nine-year-old girl, and somehow the lamp was knocked over. Emma, though badly burned, managed to escape. The dead: Ethel, seven years; Attila, six; Oscar, five; Edward, three, and Lucien one.

CITY WELCOMES MANY MORE OF THE BOYS HOME

Some 240 New Brunswickers Here This Morning

Lieut. Harold N. Raymond Arrives Few Days After Brother—Several More Steamers on the Way—Some Hospital Cases; More of Siberian Forces

About 240 men from the Aquitania and Bohemia arrived in the city this morning at six o'clock. Captain G. C. F. Keirstead of St. John was in command of the party. The boys were met at the depot by the citizens' reception committee and Catholic Army Huts representatives. All looked happy and expressed themselves as quite satisfied with the treatment they had received both on the boat and on the journey from Halifax.

Charles Robinson, who went over to meet them and accompanied them from Halifax, said that he had gone through every train that left Halifax with troops from the both boats and he did not find one dissatisfied man. Altogether 225 passenger cars had pulled out with troops and fourteen troop trains passed through Moncton yesterday between 2 p. m. and 1.30 a. m. Mr. Robinson said that great praise was due to the officials for the speedy and efficient way in which the boys were handled.

One of those to arrive this morning was Pte. A. A. Tedford, a member of the 26th. He went overseas with the 140th and transferred to the famous New Brunswick unit in October, 1916. He was wounded at Lens in August, 1917 and after recovering was kept in England as an instructor until after the armistice. Pte. Tedford belongs to East Centreville, Carleton Co. He is visiting his brother, A. E. Tedford, in this city.

New Names

The following men who arrived this morning were not in this morning's list as the telegram with their names did not arrive until late: J. Mackin, 72 Brussell street, K. H. Moorehouse, 4 Wall street, J. McGoudel, 31 Hillman street, N. Connelly, Fitzwilliam street, F. A. Tait, 285 Rockland road, Lieut. H. H. Raymond, Royal Hotel, all St. John.

J. C. Hopper, Moncton, C. Strachan, Centreville, J. N. Manship, Dorchester, F. S. Murray, Shemogue, E. W. MacDonald, Newcastle, A. A. Arsenault, Grand Digue, Capt. T. H. Atkinson, Newcastle, A. Birthlotte, Bel River, J. E. Chaisson, Lameque, W. Chaisson, Lameque, S. M. Dawson, River Louison, M. Derache, Lower Caraquet, H. H. Deakin, Benton, S. S. Davis, Oak Bay, Charlotte County, J. Doherty, Moncton, G. Johnston, Woodstock, R. M. Leinder, Glassville, A. Wheaton, Salisbury, F. J. Whiteley, St. Stephen, R. A. Savoy, Chatham, D. J. Ouillet, Port Elgin.

More on the Way

Chas. Robinson has received wires to the effect that the Carmania with one officer and forty-five other ranks for this district is due at Halifax on the 29th.

The Araguaya, hospital ship, is due at Portland on the 29th. She has three officers and twenty-six other ranks for this district, including five amputations and four cot cases.

The Empress of Russia is due at Vancouver on the 29th with one officer and 170 other ranks for this district from Siberia.

The Empress of Britain will reach Montreal tomorrow and the troops for this district will probably arrive on Wednesday.

The Regina is due at Halifax on the 28th with three officers and 171 other ranks for New Brunswick.

Lieut. H. N. Raymond.

Lieutenant Harold Newman Raymond, son of W. E. Raymond of this city, arrived home this morning after four years of overseas service, coming via Halifax.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. Raymond left St. John about ten years ago for Colorada and while there took a four years course in electrical engineering in Boulder College. After graduating he accepted a position with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y., and was there for two years.

When war was declared he promptly resigned his position and left for Montreal, where he enlisted as a gunner in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. His brother, William, enlisted in the same unit and together they crossed to England in February, 1915, leaving for France in April.

William Raymond was transferred to the engineers and received his commission. Gunner Harold refused a commission with the Imperial Artillery in March, 1917, preferring to remain with his battery, but soon afterwards was sent to England to qualify and soon returned to his unit as a lieutenant. He continued with the battery until the end of the war and returned with his comrades last week.

Driver K. H. Morehouse.

One of the soldier boys to arrive this morning was Driver Kenneth H. Morehouse, who came over on the S. S. Acquitania. He went overseas with the first draft from the 9th Siege Battery. He spent a few weeks in England and then went to France, where he was transferred to the 2nd Canadian D. A. C. He served with that unit until a few days before the armistice was signed. Once while he was driving ammunition to the trenches his horses ran away, throwing him out and he was painfully injured. He spent several weeks in hospital and was then sent to England and finally drafted for home. Driver Morehouse took his family completely by surprise this morning, but it was soon made plain to him that he was a welcome guest, as his home at No. 4 Wall street was soon decorated with flags and the sign of Welcome Home was there to greet him. He has many friends who will be glad to see him back home.

Sergt. F. Garnett.

Among the soldiers who arrived in the city this morning from overseas, was Sgt. Fred Garnett. He went overseas in the early days of the war, and during his long service escaped without any serious injury. He participated in many of the big engagements and as a result of conspicuous gallantry won two decorations, a military medal and a distinguished service medal. His brother, Pte. Len. Garnett, returned home last week with the 26th Battalion. Both boys are sons of David Garnett of Silver Falls.

Reds Said To Have Asked For Armistice

WILL NOT BE INFLUENCED BY DEMONSTRATIONS

Winnipeg, May 26—Shortly after a statement from Gideon Robertson, federal minister of labor, was made public today declaring that federal employes on strike here have an opportunity today to determine whether "the government is bluffing," word was received from Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon that sympathetic strikes will be called at those cities today because of the government's attitude.

It is understood that the Ottawa ministers received formal notification of the threatened action in the western cities. Senator Robertson announced that the government's attitude was final, that the Winnipeg postal clerks who do not return to work by noon today are discharged from the service, and that the government will not be influenced by demonstrations in other Canadian cities.

Regina Votes Tonight.

Regina, Sask., May 26—Regina trades and labor council meets tonight to take action on the Winnipeg strike situation. As this city is well organized, it is anticipated a strike vote will be taken tonight.

Support From Montreal.

Montreal, May 26—Moral and material support of the Marine Trades Federation was tendered to the Winnipeg strikers in a vote which was carried at a meeting of the federation yesterday. This vote ratified the resolution which was adopted by the employes of the Canadian Vickers Company, Limited, on Thursday last. A delegation from the marine trades federation will wait upon the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, Tuesday morning at Ottawa. In the meantime negotiations between the company and its employes are open, but have been suspended until not later than June 2.

A. B. GILBERT IS RHODES SCHOLAR

Fredericton, N. B., May 26—Adrian B. Gilbert, B. A., has been chosen by the U. N. B. for a Rhodes scholarship. He is a native of Gagetown, taught school in St. Stephen and was in the artillery overseas. His mother, Mrs. T. H. Gilbert, now resides in St. John.

WORD OF APPOINTMENT FOR MAJOR F. F. MAY

Major F. F. May, who has been in command of the depot battalion company here, has been appointed to the inspector's branch of the chief inspector of accounts at Ottawa.

THE CANADIAN CLUB.

Major (Rev.) E. B. Hooper addressed the Canadian Club at luncheon today and gave a most interesting and impressive talk on his work and experiences, and what he still hopes to do for the soldiers in hospital. He was given a most hearty reception. In the unavoidable absence of Sir Douglas Hazen the first vice-president, A. M. Belding, presided. Before the speaker was introduced the club rose to drink the health of Queen Mary, on the anniversary of her majesty's birth, and the national anthem was sung.

St. John Man Wins Case.

Fredericton, N. B., May 26—Judge Wilson this morning gave judgment in favor of the defendant in the case of Harry Bennett vs. P. Kinsella. The defendant belongs to St. John and was sued for commission of ten per cent. on orders for monuments on tombstones.

TO BE APPOINTED

The civil service commision has authorized the appointment to the local post office staff of seven additional clerks and one porter. The appointments are expected to be made in the near future.

Things Going Badly With the Bolsheviki

EXPLOSIONS IN PETROGRAD

Belief is That Surplus Ammunition is Being Destroyed, Preparatory to Retreat—Esthonians Through the Enemy Lines — Morale is Breaking

Paris, May 25—Interest in the Russian problem which the Council of Four is considering at every session, is intensified by despatches from Finland announcing that explosions and fires have occurred in Petrograd. This is interpreted as meaning that the Bolshevik forces are destroying their superfluous ammunition supplies, preparatory to retreat southward.

Helsingfors despatches declare that the Bolshevik demand for an armistice from Admiral Kolchak has been received. This, coupled with reports of anti-Bolshevik advances upon Petrograd from the north and west, as well as Kolchak's successes along the trans-Siberian railway, and General Denenkine's advance from the Don district toward the Volga, is regarded in conference circles as proof that the Bolshevik ministers, Lenine and Trotzky, are facing the worst crisis the Bolshevik government has encountered.

Military Situation Satisfactory.

Omak, May 20—(By the Associated Press)—The military situation is regarded here as satisfactory, and each week new units are being equipped and moved toward the front.

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LOCAL NEWS

STRAWERRY PROSPECTS GOOD.

The prospects of a bounteous strawberry crop are reported very good indeed if blossoms are an indication. The ground where the red fruit is usually found is rich in bloom just now and those familiar with the situation predict plenty of strawberries both wild and cultivated, provided of course rain does not prevent picking like it did last season.

TO VISIT THEIR SICK MOTHER

Miss Gertrude M. Hanington of Boston and Dr. Blois C. Hanington of Philadelphia arrived in the city at noon They came to be with their aged mother, Mrs. T. B. Hanington, who is critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs Wetmore, Dorchester street. Mr. Hanington, ex-postmaster, himself is confined to his bed.

NEW REGULATIONS.

The Canadian Railway Board has issued a circular embodying new regulations for the extension of credit for payment of freight charges. Although the credit period remains practically the same, the main difference is that the bond requirement, which was included in previous circulars, does not appear in the new regulations.

HOLIDAY CROWDS RETURN.

The incoming trains and boats today were literally jammed with returning holiday-makers, those who skipped the town on Friday so as to have a good long week-end. While the 24th was a bright pleasant day the Sunday was awful from the weather standpoint. Some fishermen confessed today that it was the wettest day's angling they had done since prohibition set in.

POLICE COURT.

Magistrate Ritchie returned today on the Montreal train from St. Stephen, where he was spending the holidays. A police court session was held this afternoon and several cases were before the court. Thirteen men were arrested during the holidays, ten on drunkenness charges, two on charge of having liquor in their possession other than in their private dwelling and one for acting suspiciously.

BURIED ON SATURDAY.

The funeral of Jean Verdun Landry, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Landry, took place on Saturday afternoon from her parents' residence, Waterloo street. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Edwina V. Wetmore, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Wetmore, 70 Wright street, took place on Saturday morning from her parents' residence. Service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson and interment was made in Fernhill.

PRICE WEBBER'S PLANS.

H. Price Webber, who needs no further introduction, is spending a short while at the home of A. Seaton, Fair Vale, while his wife regains her strength, having recently suffered seriously from influenza and pneumonia. Mr. Webber intends to resume his usual dramatic tour soon. His players are working in various organizations in the eastern states on contracts subject to a fortnight's notice which will enable them to rejoin the St. John actor-manager so soon as he recommences rehearsals.

Bill James to Boston.

Detroit, Mich., May 26—Pitcher Bill James has been sold by Detroit to the Boston American club.

Volcano Reported To Have Buried 31 Villages and Caused 15,000 Deaths

Amsterdam, May 26—The volcano of Kalnut, in Java, has burst into eruption, wiping out twenty villages in the district of Brengat and eleven in the vicinity of Blitar and causing deaths estimated at 15,000, according to a Central News despatch received here.