

## AROUND THE CITY

### FAIR AND WARMER

#### LEFT FOR OTTAWA.

Brig. Gen. A. H. Macdonell, O. C., M. D. 7, left last night for Ottawa, to take up matters in connection with this district with the headquarters staff at the Capital.

#### FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR.

The Canadian National Railways' staff at Island Yard and Union Station heard an instructive lecture yesterday afternoon given by B. B. Begin, the first aid instructor.

#### A CORRECTION.

In the account of the sinking of a submarine given in Wednesday's paper the name of the chief steward is given as Edwards. His name is Meadows.

#### WATER PIPE BURST.

Yesterday morning about three o'clock a break in the water main on the corner of Water street and Market Square caused a five-foot fountain to burst through the street. Police Officer Killen notified the Water Department and a gang of men were sent to make repairs.

#### CAR DEMURRAGE.

The Board of Railway Commissioners advise the Board of Trade that in the matter of average demurrage (which question was allowed to stand over when the judgment on car demurrage rules was delivered in July, 1917), it is prepared to arrange for hearings if interested parties desire to add to the record in the case.

#### FOR MILITARY HOSPITAL.

A thirty-foot motor boat, powered by a three-cylinder 18 horse power Fairbanks-Morse engine developing eighteen miles an hour, has been donated to the Fredericton Military Hospital by the R. C. Army Huts Committee, through Major Keefe. A large Chestnut canoe has also been given the institution by the same organization. Major Frank Eason and two returned soldiers came down from the Capital yesterday to take possession of the gifts.

#### BAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

The Temple Band will occupy the King Square bandstand this evening. Under the leadership of Bandmaster F. M. McNicoll the following programme will be rendered:  
O Canada.  
March, Second to None (Hume).  
Overture, Pretziosa (Skaggs).  
Serenade.  
Selection, Airs of Scotland (Hayes).  
Popular hit, Belgian Rose.  
Waltz, Rich and Rare (Round).  
March (by request), Sons of the Brave (Biddood).  
Waltz, Till We Meet Again (Whiting).  
Operatic selection, Bohemian Girl (Balfie).  
March, Viscount Nelson (Zahle).  
Jod Save the King.  
The operatic selection was to be played last Thursday, but had to be omitted on account of there being no electric lights on the stand.

#### POPULAR PROMOTION.

P. H. Quirt, for the past eight years manager of the Canadian Oil Company in this city, has been promoted to the management of the Montreal office and will leave in the near future for that city. He will be succeeded here by C. A. Conlon.

Canadian National Suburban Train No. 392, due to leave St. John at 12:20 p.m., will be held until 1:20 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, June 19th and 20th, to accommodate parties attending the closing exercises at Rothesay.

#### PLANS TO SECURE MORE NEW MEMBERS

Meeting of G. W. V. A. Committee Held Last Evening—Arrangements Made for Meeting in Imperial Theatre Sunday Evening Next.

The committee recently appointed by the Great War Veterans' Association to secure new members met last evening and decided to start a membership drive with a big meeting in the Imperial Theatre, Sunday evening. The committee is composed as follows: C. H. McLean, chairman; N. P. McLeod, Joseph Dryden, W. H. Harrison, J. K. Scammell, R. J. Harrington, H. Brindle, F. J. Jennings, secretary; H. McInerney, J. B. Dever and T. J. Morrissey.

The meeting Sunday evening will be at 8:30 o'clock, and will be open to all returned men, each of whom may bring a friend. Lieut.-Col. C. W. W. McLean, C. M. G., D. S. O., will be one of the speakers.

Other public men of the province will be invited, and it is hoped to have many returned men present.

The G. W. V. A. band will provide a programme for the occasion.

#### TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MET

Session Held in Mayor's Office to Consider an Application for the Ratification of Plans of Sub-Division on Seely Street.

A meeting of the Town Planning Commission was held in the Mayor's office yesterday to consider an application for the ratification of plans for laying out a small sub-division on Seely street.

The commission decided to make a counter proposition in regard to the laying out of the proposed new lots, and this will be submitted to the owners of the property.

The Mayor, Commissioner Jones, F. F. Burditt and A. H. Wetmore were present, and Messrs. Stockford and March appeared to represent the property owners.

## BAKERS OF ST. JOHN NOTIFIED TO REDUCE PRICES IMMEDIATELY

Cost of Living Commissioner Has Sent Notification—Bakers Say They Have Received No Official News About it—Local Baker Gives Reason for High Prices—Comparative Prices for Bread as Given by Labor Gazette.

A report from Ottawa says the cost of living commissioner has notified the bakers of St. John, Milford and Halifax to reduce their prices immediately, but apparently the notification has gone astray, as bakers here say they have received no official news about it. The Ottawa report says: "A representative of the Cost of Living Commissioner, who has just returned to Ottawa from the Maritime Provinces, where he has been investigating the cost of bread in St. John and Milford, N. B., and in Halifax, N. S., reports that the price prevailing in that district is too high and should be reduced. The bakers have, accordingly, been notified to reduce their prices immediately."

"If these bakers fail to act on the warning of the commissioner, they are liable to prosecution for combining to exact an unreasonable price."

"It is intimated that bakers in other parts of the Dominion may shortly be visited by the department's baking expert."

C. Robinson, the well known baker and confectioner, when interviewed last night said it was news to him that the Cost of Living Commissioner proposed to prosecute anybody. "I noticed in the newspaper about two weeks ago," said Mr. Robinson, "that a representative of the Cost of Living Commissioner had been looking over the situation, and had declared prices here were too high. The fact is we have been making returns to the commissioner all along every month. So they ought to know what the price of bread is by this time, but I don't think any bakers have been notified that they must reduce prices."

## COMMON COUNCIL DOING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE

The City Fathers Are at Loggerheads Over Question of Going Ahead With Work That Must Be Done—Important Civic Improvements Hanging Fire Ever Since Commission Form of Government—Severe Criticism Among Citizens.

The city fathers are at loggerheads over the question of going ahead with work that must be done in St. John. It is ever to be more than a one-horse town, and if provision is to be made for the increasing number of unemployed, among whom are large numbers of returned soldiers, who in view of the failure of private enterprise to provide them a chance to earn a living are looking to the city and provincial authorities for some relief. Com. Fisher and Com. Jones want to go ahead with important civic improvements, which have been hanging fire ever since the commission form of government arrived on the scene with the avowed purpose of making St. John a model city, but they are unable to go ahead because two of the commissioners are strongly opposed to making any new bond issues, though if the experience of the county council is any criterion, the bonds could be sold over the counter to the citizens, and the money would not go out of the community anyway.

Having failed to get his plans for street improvement adopted under the local improvement act, owing to the opposition of abutters to paying a proportion of the cost, Com. Fisher has had to content himself with making provision for the permanent pavement of Union street between Waterloo and Brussels, for which a bond issue has been authorized, and which will be proceeded with as soon as the street settles after the excavations for the renewal of the sewers. But the Commissioner hopes that more money will be forthcoming next year.

Com. Jones has been talking about constructing a new water main from Spruce Lake to give the West Side a better water service, and supply the pulp mill with water it has been asking for years. But this project is also held up for lack of money, and incidentally so is building operations on the West Side.

The pettifoggery policy of the commissioners is coming in for some severe criticism among the citizens, who feel that there is no need of the city presenting a down-at-the-heels appearance. Owing to the disgraceful condition of many of the streets which have been neglected worse than in the old days of the common council, and the clouds of dust in circulation, many property owners have allowed their houses to go for years without any paint, and the general aspect of many parts of the city is very shabby. If the local improvement act is not workable it is said that the city should go ahead with a comprehensive programme of permanent pavement, covering the principal streets used for heavy traffic. It is argued that heavy traffic streets which carry the business of the city might very properly be paved at the expense of the whole city, as the abutters on such streets would pay a goodly proportion of the cost through the enhanced valuations.

Com. Fisher said yesterday the city should get a portion of the taxes levied on automobiles, as the great proportion of these vehicles were owned in St. John and were hard on the city streets. He said the commissioners had tried to persuade the provincial government that the city should have a portion of the automobile tax to help in the upkeep of its streets, but he was not hopeful of the province relinquishing its control of this tax, however unfair the present situation was to Com. Jones said that the provincial government ought to hand over to the city its fair share of the automobile tax, or undertake the pavement of the streets.

Dr. H. L. Abramson, government bacteriologist in a report to the Board of Health yesterday afternoon, said his report is made as the result of an experiment conducted by Dr. T. Fred Johnston, food inspector, who has been casually selecting samples of milk vended in the city, from teams, stores, milk trains and other sources, giving the samples to obtain a test in germ-proof receptacles at the hospital laboratory.

According to a statement made by Dr. Abramson the lowest grade of milk fit for human consumption is that which does not exceed one million bacteria to the cubic centimetre. That is, in the raw state. Cooked, bottled or used in puddings or such food, the percentage of bacteria can be somewhat larger without absolute danger.

After eight special tests one sample of milk obtained by Dr. Johnston was found to contain 27,000,000 bacteria per cubic centimetre, or twenty-six million times the lowest grade of healthful milk. Another was found to contain 17,000,000 bacteria per cubic centimetre, and so the quality ran down to a comparatively small proportion. It was pointed out that cities which have been under strict food regulations this quality of milk is confiscated, and that if the vendor or producer persist in marketing such a quality after a warning, their license is taken from them.

The worst sample of milk came from a producer in Kings county, and was decided by the board that another test of this man's product would be made. The first specimen may have been contaminated in transit. If the milk on second analysis doesn't come up to the requirements, the local vendor will be prosecuted as the readiest way of alleviating the evil. Dr. Abramson stated that good milk

## Health Officer's Startling Report

Dr. Brown's Investigation Shows Eleven Filthy Wells in the City Supplying Water to Twenty-three Families.

That families, well within the city limits, have to depend for all their water supply upon surface wells which are as bad as the worst polluted cisterns of Belgium, was the fact brought out before the meeting of the Board of Health, yesterday, by Dr. J. H. L. Brown, district health officer.

The report covers an actual investigation of eleven wells, supplying 23 families, located on Hawthorne Avenue.

Well No. 1 is in the street ditch. It is shallow, unsealed at the edges and the top is in line with the street gutter. This well supplies twelve families with all their water.

Well No. 2 is in a front yard and is in continual danger of pollution by surface drainage. It supplies water for three families.

Well No. 3 is a shallow one, three feet deep, and is subject to surface dirt water and is subject to surface drainage. Three families get their water supply from it.

Well No. 4 is only three feet deep, is unsealed, has no coping and the sides are subject to surface drainage. A family with six small children gets their supply thereby.

The seventh well, at the ice barn, is used mostly for horses, as the family find it more satisfactory to melt ice for drinking and other purposes.

Well No. 8 is much lower than the house it supplies and is only two feet deep. It has the common fault of no coping, no seal and subject to surface drainage. It supplies a family of four.

The other three wells have the same faults, and one particularly is situated so that it is sure to get some of the drain from the adjacent barn. All these wells supply fairly large families.

This information, with a letter showing up the serious lack in the city limits of a proper water supply, and a recommendation that a public hydrant be established at the ice house corner, was sent to the Commissioner of Water and Sewerage.

## MUCH ACTIVITY IN WEST ST. JOHN

West Side Improvement League at Meeting Last Evening Decided to Carry Out Important Plans.

The fans attending the baseball games on the West Side will soon have a set of bleachers on which to sit and watch the games in comfort, as the West Side Improvement League last evening appointed a committee to go ahead with this necessary work and the committee will at once get busy on the job.

The offer of the Carleton Methodist church to allow the use of the tennis courts on their grounds for the young ladies of West Side was accepted, and the tennis will be put in shape immediately.

The matter of aquatics was discussed, and it was decided to go ahead with this branch of sport, and a starter will be made with four boats, which will be procured at once.

It was announced at the meeting that the erection of the score board, donated by T. H. Estabrooks, would be begun on Saturday.

The meeting was largely attended and at times wildly enthusiastic, and it clean sport does not flourish on the West Side it will not be the fault of the League.

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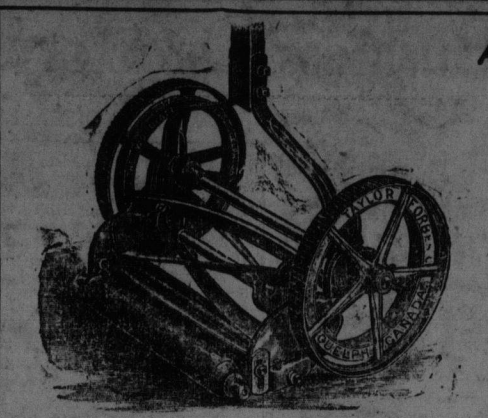
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Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Harrison will resume the practice of law with offices at Room 36, Royal Bank Building.



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