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THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, JULY 4, 1921

## TRAGIC DEATH OF WALTER C. MCKAY

Opera House Manager Found  
in Room With a Bullet  
Wound in Head.

Many citizens will be shocked to learn of the death of Walter C. McKay, manager of the Opera House, which occurred this morning under tragic circumstances. For some little time it is said he had been acting a little strangely and from little sayings and doings intimate friends feared that he was under a severe mental strain. About 11 o'clock this morning while alone at his residence in Queen street he shot himself in the head. Dr. C. M. Kelly was summoned, but when he arrived Mr. McKay was dead. He left two letters, one sealed and addressed to his father in Alliston, Mass., and the other to his employer, M. Franklin of Halifax. In the latter he expressed regret at a shortage in the funds. In conversation with the Times Mr. Franklin, who happened to be in the regularity and that there was no shortage. He feels that Mr. McKay was laboring under a mental depression and as a result of this his mind became unbalanced and he ended his life. Mr. Franklin said everything about the Opera House was in good order and that he highly esteemed Mr. McKay, who was a conscientious and hard worker and a competent and experienced show man. He said he was greatly shocked and grieved to learn of his friend's sad ending.

Mr. McKay leaves his wife and father. He came to this city about eight years ago and at that time entered the employ of F. G. Spencer who was proprietor of the Opera House. Four years ago J. M. Franklin took over the house and Mr. McKay conducted the business in a manner which won commendation from his employers as well as patrons at large. He put forth every effort to keep his show clean and not infrequently presented features in acts billed because they did not meet with his approbation. During his stay in this city he was one of the most active members of the New Brunswick Kennel Club and it was partly due to his efforts that they achieved such marked success in recent years. He was a lover of dogs and a keen judge of their good points and many friends collected about him in picking out prospective ribbon winners from the big kennels in upper Canada and the States.

Covered Horace A. Porter said this afternoon that he did not consider an inquest necessary.

**SERVICE RESUMED.**  
Halifax, N. S., July 4.—Following the pre-war tourist service between New York, Halifax and Quebec, the Farness Wilby line resumed today the service which had been suspended since the morning and will sail at five this afternoon for Quebec.

**Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.**

## BIRTHS

**EVANS**—At St. John, N. B., on July 4, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans, a son. (Ottawa Herald.)

**STRACHAN**—To Mr. and Mrs. James Strachan at Evangeline Maternity Hospital, July 4, a daughter.

**SMITH**—On June 23, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, a daughter.

**McDERMOTT**—At the St. John Infirmary, on July 1, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory McDermott, a daughter.

## DEATHS

**TREBARTIN**—At his residence, 271 Lancaster St., on July 4, 1921, John Trebartin, leaving his wife, six sons and one sister to mourn.

Funeral Wednesday at half past three o'clock. Friends invited.

**GILLILAND**—Suddenly at Gagetown, July 3, Robert Gilliland, leaving three sons, one daughter, one step-daughter and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral this afternoon at Gagetown.

**MACPAILL**—On June 30, at Buctouche, in the 74th year of his age, John D. MacPail, leaving his wife, seven sons, two daughters and two brothers to mourn.

Funeral Saturday, July 2.

**LOCKHART**—On Sunday, July 3, 1921, Theodosia A., beloved wife of C. B. Lockhart.

Funeral to be held from her late residence, 273 St. John street, West St. John, on Tuesday at three o'clock.

**HANFORD**—At the General Public Hospital, Sunday, July 3, Frederick Shearn Hanford, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from St. John's (Stone) Church to Fernhill.

**WALSH**—At the Carney Hospital, Boston, on July 3, 1921, Cecilia, wife of Edmund B. Walsh, of Hingham, Mass.

Funeral Wednesday morning from her parents' residence, 160 Queen street, West, to Church of Assumption, high mass at 9 o'clock.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BLOOMFIELD**—In loving memory of my dear wife, Ellen Ethel Bloomfield, who died July 3, 1920.

Ever in my thoughts. From  
HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

**ANDERSON**—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. Alex. J. Anderson, who made the supreme sacrifice on July 4, 1917, somewhere in France.

PARENTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

## CARD OF THANKS

Bliss Cox and son Roy, wish to thank their many friends and relatives for sympathy and floral tributes received by them in their recent sad bereavement and for kindness shown to their son, Mary A. Nannan, during her recent illness; also friends for flowers and spiritual boogers.

## HAPPY LITTLE ONES AT PLAY

City Playgrounds Opened  
Today and Attendance is  
Large.

The supervised playgrounds of the city were opened this morning with the equipment all in place for the summer's work and with a large attendance at each. Miss Heffer, general director, expressed herself as having high hopes of an even more successful summer than last. Some trouble was experienced owing to the resignation of several of last year's staff, but this had been remedied and each playground now had a capable staff in charge.

At the Allison play ground about one hundred kiddies were taking advantage of the opportunity for wholesome recreation this morning. The equipment here consists of several swings, chutes, sand lots, etc. The handicraft work will be started soon. Those in charge are: Miss Woodrow, director; Miss Agar, play leader, and Mr. Chaisson, male instructor.

At Centennial grounds the staff consists of Miss Simonds, director; Miss Dever, play leader, and Mr. Williams, boys' work instructor. The swings, chutes and other equipment were in good demand. An exciting ball game was in progress under the direction of Mr. Williams. A basketball floor is used in connection with this ground. The raft and read work is also started and the kiddies are making fine progress with this line.

At Aberdeen grounds the work is well under way and a very large attendance was reported this morning. The swings appeared to be the centre of attraction here. Those carrying on the work here are Miss Nugent, play leader, and Mr. Holder, male instructor.

At the West Side playgrounds the equipment is somewhat more extensive, as there are a very large number of children in this district. Upwards of two hundred were in attendance this morning. Miss Lundy is in charge here and is assisted by Miss Tait, play leader, and Mr. Crowley, boys' work instructor.

At Alexandra playground Miss Higgins is director, Miss Walsh play leader and Mr. McMurray is male instructor. George grounds are directed by Miss Eleanor Cline, assisted by Miss Grannan, play leader. The work at both these grounds was very large for the first morning and the work is progressing nicely.

It is the hope of each staff that even more children will attend the playgrounds where play is directed in the right channel.

## CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN TODAY

Republicans and Unionists of  
South Ireland.

De Valera Called It—Hoped  
it Will Lead to Meeting of  
Irish Leaders With Lloyd  
George in London.

Dublin, July 4.—A conference which may have an important bearing upon future developments in Ireland opened today at the Marlborough House where representatives of the Republicans and Unionists of Southern Ireland gathered at the invitation of Eamon De Valera, the Republican leader.

The meeting attracted great public interest. Large crowds gathered about the United States flag which floated from the building.

The newspapers of all shades of opinion give much space today to the subject of the conference, which is encouraged by a movement towards peace. No final result is expected from the meeting, but the hope is expressed on all sides that the discussions may have the effect of bringing about a meeting of De Valera with Premier Lloyd George and Sir George Craig, the Ulster premier, in London.

**Train Held Up.**  
Dublin, July 4.—Fifteen armed Sinn Féin held up a train at Ardara, County Kerry, on Saturday, and according to an official statement on the raid, tried to steal the mail. Four cadets of whose presence on the train the Sinn Féin were not aware, fired, killing two members of the raiding party. The train proceeded under fire, but no one aboard was injured.

A mine exploded on a road near Middleton, County Cork, yesterday as a detachment of soldiers were passing. Three of them were wounded.

## EARLY REPORT ON CASUALTIES OF "THE FOURTH"

New York, July 4.—(Canadian Press) at San Jose, California, Gladys Flatman, a youthful fourth of July celebrant, is dead, and her playmate, Joyce McLaughlin, is not expected to live. Their dresses caught fire while they were playing with fireworks.

Danger to property estimated at half a million dollars was reported from Marysville, California. Small boys setting off fire crackers started a fire.

Today at Springfield, Mass., a young girl was assaulted and badly beaten; Joseph Starkey, also of Springfield, in hospital suffering from severe knife wounds received during a fight in "East Long Meadow."

Losses resulting from the explosion of blank cartridges resulted today in the death of Wm. Drummond, 16, and Michael Santello, 14, at Norwalk, Conn.

ARRANGING LIQUOR PRICES.  
A meeting of the N. B. Liquor Board will be held in Fredericton on Wednesday or Thursday to arrange a price list. The board already has filed some orders from vendors.

## GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

CHAMP. DEMPSEY,  
KIDDIES AND FILM

Imperial Has Another Knock-  
out Programme Tonight  
and Tuesday.

With a fifteen minute picture review Jack Dempsey in training for his battle of Saturday in which he clinched the world's championship, a continuation of the Imperial's Miniatures in "Jack and the Beanstalk" and Will Rogers in the roving comedy "The Guide of Women." Imperial Theatre is going to again be headquarters for home folks and visitors tonight and Tuesday.

The Dempsey picture was made during his late training. It shows his wonderful physique, shows him fast at work in the ring fighting with several husky sparring partners and is the most interesting and closest-up of all sporting films of late years. The thirty-five children in their fairland opera are a tremendous hit as everybody knows. They will appear at 8:30 and 8:45 daily. The Rogers (Paramount) film feature is a true delight in quaint comedy and will appear all this week while kiddies are playing.

## AT THE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

Jack Roof Company Opens  
Musical Comedy Season.

With a very pretty girl, some clever comedians headed by Jack Roof himself, the Opera House inaugurates its policy of summer shows tonight, with a reduction in prices for good measure. Bright and musical numbers, pretty costumes, special scenery and stage settings all combine to make the Roof show most attractive for this season of the year. Complete change of programme every Monday and Thursday. Opening bill today, "All at Sea." Three performances daily. Matinee at 2:30; evening, 7:30 and 9 p. m.

## "THE PENALTY" AT THE STAR TONIGHT

The theatre attraction at the Star Theatre tonight and Tuesday is Goldwyn's great production "The Penalty" with Lou Chase.

It might be well to mention that as a feature production, "The Penalty" is equally good as "Madam X." Both were produced by Goldwyn.

## PROVINCE IN NEED OF RAIN

It was 94 Above at U. N. B.  
Yesterday.—N. B. Repre-  
sentatives at World Meth-  
odist Meeting.

Fredericton, N. B., July 4.—It was 94 above at U. N. B. yesterday. This is the official figure. All farming districts report that springs and brooks which have not been known to be dry in a long time, are now running full. It is a source of great satisfaction to the farmers. It is also a source of satisfaction to the city dwellers. It is a source of satisfaction to the city dwellers. It is a source of satisfaction to the city dwellers.

## THE ROTARY CLUB

On a day to be remembered the Rotarians will take the members of the club and youth boys' club to a picnic at Grand Bay, carrying all of them, if possible, in motor cars. Twenty-five cars were offered at today's luncheon. D. W. Ledgeman presided. A new feature was an alarm clock, forty-two set for 2:15, and the members rose on the minute, although the chairman was speaking and sang the national anthem. Another and more dramatic feature was the taking of the Union Jack in one hand and the Stars and Stripes in the other by President Spangler, touched them with his lips and raised them above his head while the Rotarians rose and cheered. This was done at the suggestion of J. King Kelley as a tribute to the American national holiday. Harold Rising gave a brief address on Rotary to eleven members who have joined this year, and who were formed into a class at one side of the room. There was much hearty singing, and Rotarian Calms sang "Here Comes the Bride for the benefit of the newly-weds."

## EXAMS. TOMORROW.

Fredericton, N. B., July 4.—Almost a thousand students will begin to write the annual departmental examinations tomorrow at fifteen stations throughout the province. There are 209 for university matriculation, forty-two for high school leaving, 68 for Normal School entrance and twenty for superior licenses.

## LEAPED TO DEATH.

Halifax, N. S., July 4.—Eduardus the guardian, John Began, a demented fisherman who was being brought from St. John's to Halifax on the steamer Ross, jumped overboard and was drowned, so officers of the steamer reported on arrival here today.

## IN FOR REPAIRS.

Halifax, N. S., July 4.—With boiler trouble, the American steamer Soller, from New Orleans for Plymouth and London, put into port today for repairs.

## LOCAL NEWS

Dancing at Seaside Park tonight. Jones' orchestra. Buses running every half hour to Seaside Park.

We sell ladies' wash skirts for \$1.49 and \$1.99, at Bassett's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

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I. L. A. LOCAL 278.  
Regular monthly meeting Monday evening, July 4 in Hall 85 Water street, at 8 p. m. All members requested to attend. By order of the president.

Bring your boys and girls and fit them out with holiday apparel for less money at Bassett's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

GARDEN PARTY.  
Mt. Carmel Convent, Burpee avenue, Tuesday, July 5, afternoon and evening. Special attractions. Come. Bring your friends. Admission and tea 85c.

Dancing at Seaside Park tonight. Jones' orchestra. Buses running every half hour to Seaside Park.

NOTICE.  
All of the Dominion Life and Drum Band meet at the Portland fire station Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Orders by J. W. Preston.

Come and do all your shopping for less money at Bassett's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

## SEVERAL ARRESTS FOLLOW FIRE

Lima, July 4.—Several persons have been arrested and held for examination in connection with a fire which yesterday destroyed virtually the entire north-west wing of the government house. Among those detained are two painters, who are said to have been at work in the office of the president's secretary a little while before the fire was first seen. Reports that the blaze was of incendiary origin are current here, but officials attached to the government house are very confident. It is said that fire broke out simultaneously at three places in the residential suit.

Among the valuable objects destroyed were several pictures of great historical value, depicting scenes in the period when Pizarro invaded Peru. The state dining room adjoining the presidential office was not damaged.

## THE ROTHESAY CADETS FIRST

The results of the provincial cadet inspections held by Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Ross, who was received at military headquarters, and resulted in Rothessay taking first place with a score of 270 out of a possible 300, while the Boys' Industrial Home came second with 268 points. The other schools were as follows: Chatham, 224; Fredericton high school, 210; Victoria school, St. John, 200; Aberdeen school, St. John, 183; St. Andrew's school, 178; St. Thomas' College, Chatham, 168; St. John high school, 160; Grand Falls, 150; St. Peter's school, 130; West side, 115; King Edward school, 95.

## LIQUOR SEIZED.

Liquor Inspectors Crawford, Journeay, Thompson and Henderson visited the premises of Edward Dawson on Saturday afternoon because of complaints received from neighbors, and found quite a quantity of liquor. As a result of their visit, Dawson is charged with having liquor in his possession and is held in the police station. The liquor inspectors were located at first, as they were unable to locate the liquor, but one of them spied a small funnel lying out in the backyard, and from the funnel footsteps led to a pile of chairs and rubbish in one corner of the yard. The inspectors thought this pile was worthy of investigation, and after moving away the chairs and some earth they found a barrel which was concealed in a hole in the ground. In the barrel the liquor, St. Hubert and a can of alcohol, three or four bottles of spirits, and seven bottles of gin. The inspectors located the liquor, and Dawson was ordered to appear before the police court this morning to answer to the charge. He did not appear, but the case was expected to come up this afternoon.

## PERSONALS

An operation for appendicitis was performed upon J. B. McNair, of Winslow & McNair, Fredericton, yesterday afternoon. His condition is reported as encouraging.

Hon. W. E. Foster went to Moncton on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Raymond arrived in the city last evening on her return from the National Council of Women, held recently in Calgary.

Mrs. Walter Daley and two children, Stanley and Emily, arrived Saturday night on the X-ray photograph. Mrs. Daley was taken and the neck and shoulders enclosed in a plaster cast until the result of the X-ray report is known. Up to this afternoon no report of the X-ray had been made, but it was ascertained that some injury to the spine had resulted from the fall.

Two automobile parties from Fredericton were registered at the Dufferin yesterday. One party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Farrell, Helen, Ernest and Genevieve Farrell and S. C. Hurley. The second party were Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cooper, F. C. Cooper and R. G. Cooper.

W. Brindle, manager of the Seamen's Institute, arrived home yesterday after a short trip to Montreal.

Mrs. Allan Talbot of St. Stephen, N. B., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John McMahon, Hospital street.

Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne arrived in the city this morning from Fredericton, and is at the Victoria.

James Pringle, of Fredericton, arrived in the city this morning.

J. M. Franklin, of Halifax, is at the Dufferin.

## MINISTER IN PALM BEACH SUIT IN PULPIT

Montreal, July 4.—Although clerical dress has never been popular in the Baptist churches, and many of the pastors of the "white churches" the fact that Rev. J. M. Franklin, of Halifax, is at the Dufferin.



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## LOCAL NEWS

FOR BALL GROUND.  
Robert Harrington and Joseph Leary were sworn in this morning before Sitting Magistrate Henderson, as two special constables for St. Peter's baseball grounds.

**SPEEDING CHARGED.**  
Citizens of Chesley street complained to the Times today that automobiles are being driven recklessly along this thoroughfare day and night and are endangering the lives of citizens and more especially children. They say that the police should take steps to put a stop to it.

**BASEBALL.**  
The West End Indians wish to challenge the Duke street Stars for the establishment of a football station in West St. John, as Commissioner Bullock of the harbor department said this morning. The new company is still negotiating with the wharves at West St. John.

**ST. JOHN CAPITAL IN IT.**  
Has entered the field for the establishment of a fuel oil station in West St. John, as Commissioner Bullock of the harbor department said this morning. The new company is still negotiating with the wharves at West St. John.

**E. ROSS OFF ROUTE.**  
On account of a broken eccentric rod the Islandton-Lancaster ferry steamer E. Ross was compelled to go off the route on Saturday and the service across the river is now being taken care of by motor boat. It is expected that the steamer will be in operation again in a day or two.

**SPRUCE LAKE LINE.**  
Nearly half the new concrete water main to Spruce Lake has been laid. Altogether there are 11,600 feet of pipe to be placed and by the end of today's working period 9,400 feet will be placed. The three gangs at work on the job are following each other closely now. The excavating was done on Saturday and the pipe laying gang, while the party engaged in backfilling is not far in the rear. The fine weather has greatly facilitated the work.

**MR. PETER'S INJURIES.**  
Inquiry at the General Public Hospital to this afternoon elicited the information that the condition of C. H. Peters was unchanged today, but that he was resting comfortably. While visiting at the summer home of his brother-in-law, Dr. P. A. Goddard, at Pandemec, on Friday evening, Mr. Peters had the misfortune to fall backwards from the veranda to the ground, a distance of about eight feet, striking the back of his head and shoulders. Dr. H. L. Abramson was hastily summoned from his summer home and attended to Mr. Peters, and the patient was brought to the city and taken to the hospital on Saturday morning.

**MINISTER SINGS SOLO**  
AT THE PULPIT DESK.  
Montreal, July 4.—An innovation in pulpit etiquette was introduced last night in St. James' Methodist church by a visiting clergyman, Rev. John R. Clinton of Ballymore, Ireland, who sang a solo standing at the pulpit desk. This solo preceded his address on the "Obligations of Canadian Citizenship."

**HOUSE IN PALMER, MASS.**  
BLOWN UP BY BOMB  
Palmer, Mass., July 4.—Police throughout this section are searching for two men who are suspected of having thrown a bomb into the cellar of a large two-tenement house here last night. The building was destroyed. Occupants were away at the time.

**Canadian Honored.**  
London, June 26.—(By Mail).—Col. G. S. Santile of Montreal has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.

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