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FIRE SUSPECT CASE
ARRESTING MAN

McFarlane's Father, in Court, Says Son is Not Guilty One

REMAINED FOR PRESENT

Three Cases of Fire Setting in City in Daylight Followed by Arrest in North End on Suspicion—The Court Proceedings

The large number of incendiary fires that have been reported in the last few weeks, and the fact that a man had been arrested yesterday afternoon on suspicion of setting fires in the office of the St. John Sign Co. in Union street, the Market building and the court house aroused interest in the city and standing room was at a premium in the police court this morning.

The space outside the rail was packed to the doors by men who were anxious to hear proceedings in the case against William P. McFarlane, who was arrested in Main street about 5:30 yesterday afternoon by Chief Clark on suspicion of having set fire to the buildings mentioned. McFarlane appeared rather pale when he was brought upstairs from his cell. When the charge was read out to him he was told by Magistrate Ritchie that he was not required to plead, but he repeated several times, "Not guilty."

No evidence was taken in the case this morning, as J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., who is conducting the prosecution, asked that the preliminary examination be postponed until Friday morning at ten o'clock. Magistrate Ritchie then remanded McFarlane to jail until Friday. In remanding him the magistrate said, "You will have until Friday morning to get your defence arranged. You wish for your defence, and I would advise you to do all you can in this direction as there are only two days left in which you are considered by law as being more serious than arson, of which you are suspected, and one of these crimes is murder. I will not mention the name of the other."

The prisoner's father was in court and bid a seat inside the rail, and when his son was ordered to be taken down stairs again, he said to the magistrate: "I think the police have got the wrong man. I have been a resident of this city for a great number of years and I know that my son would not commit the crime that he is charged with."

The magistrate asked him, "If your son is innocent do you know who your guilty person is?"

"Then you will have to wait until Friday," said His Honor, "and then both you and your son will have an opportunity to prove that he was not the person who committed the crime."

The police search for the fire bug or firebugs here is first fruit yesterday afternoon when Chief Clarke arrested McFarlane as a suspect.

The first clue was given to Deputy Chief Jenkins yesterday afternoon when F. G. Gates gave him the description of a man who had been seen where a desk had been set fire to in the office of the St. John Sign Co. in Union street. The deputy chief learned that a man answering the description given him had also been seen around the Market building. A little afterwards a fire was discovered in one of the buildings about the time the fire broke out in the Conservatives there.

The police on the beats in the city were notified to keep a lookout for the man and in the meantime Chief Clarke paid a visit to the North End police station and gave instructions to his men there in regard to the arrest of the suspect. On his way back to town he caught sight of a man who fitted the description and brought him to central station. When searched a quantity of old papers besides several other articles, were found on the prisoner. The arrest was made about 5:30 o'clock.

McFarlane is quite well known throughout the North End. It has been noticed by many throughout that section that a change has come over the man during the last year or so. He was at one time a full-time conductor, and was noted for being particularly stylish, dressing very neatly and being garbed in a manner which would style him among men as a "good dresser." Latterly, however, he has not seemed to trouble himself so much in this respect, and the change was noticeable. There seemed also to come a change in his manner and he held himself aloof from others. In conversation he was a polished talker, but would suddenly revert from one subject to another.

So far as could be learned today he had not been identified as one who had set any fires about that section of the city, supposed to have been started within the last few weeks. He was not suspected even by those who knew him best. Some little time ago there occurred just next door to the house in which he has lived in Metcalf street, that owned by Mrs. French, a blaze which bore the appearance of having been set, having been lighted from the rear end on the outside of the building, but McFarlane had never been suspected in this connection.

STILL MISSING.
Win. Crowley, who disappeared from the Municipal Home on Friday last, as reported in The Times, is missing, but little fear is expressed for his safety. It is said that about this time of year it is customary for one or more of those at the home to step away from the institution after the confinement of the winter, and Crowley set before did so and went to Nova Scotia. He is not a colored man.

FIGURING ON MATTER
OF AN INCINERATOR
PLANT FOR ST. JOHN

Commissioner Agar Likely to Go to Halifax to Inspect Operations There

Matters relating to the department of public works were under consideration of the city commissioners today. There was a general discussion of the proposed street work and also of the desirability of various types of motor trucks and the proper organization of the department to secure the best results from the adoption of such trucks.

The establishment of an incinerator was also discussed. Mayor Pink pointed out the necessity for a modern plant to take care of the city's refuse. As it would be possible to develop about 140 horse power by electricity from such a plant it would be, at least partly, self-sustaining. If this scheme were carried out it would give the city the opportunity to undertake part of the street lighting. It is possible that Commissioner Agar will take a trip to Halifax to inspect the incinerator recently installed there.

CHAPERONES TO DECIDE
Montreal, April 14—The question as to whether the "turkey trot" should be included on the dance programme or permitted at the weekly hops of the Cartierville Boating Club was raised last night. The dance found many champions among the younger members.

SUFFRAGETTES DESTROY THE
MANSION OF UNIONIST M. P.
Hastings, England, April 14—Militant suffragettes today destroyed a handsome mansion at St. Leonards-on-Sea, belonging to Arthur Philip Du Cret, Unionist M. P. for Hastings. The women not only set fire to the house, but placed explosive in many of the rooms. The residence had only recently been vacated by the man although O. S. Crockett, M. P., is pushing his claims.

MIX-UP OVER ISSUES
OF CALGARY DEBENTURES
London Times Says Serious Blunder—May Be Legal Battle With Bank

London, April 15—The Times understands that a serious blunder was made in connection with the placing of a City of Calgary loan, with the result that the issue has been withdrawn.

SIR CHARLES WILL ADDRESS
HALIFAX CANADIAN CLUB
Halifax, N. S., April 15—Sir Chas. Tupper has accepted the invitation of the Canadian Club to meet the members on May 2 and to say farewell on leaving. This is the only invitation of the kind accepted by him on his present journey.

DEATH OF MISS ELLEN BULLOCK
The death of Miss Ellen Bullock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Bullock, of Rock street, occurred this morning in the General Public Hospital after an illness of seven weeks. Her death was due to typhoid fever. The young lady, who was nineteen years of age, was a member of Brussels street Baptist church, and also of Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T. She had many friends who will sympathize with her family in their bereavement. Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers and two sisters. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her father's residence, 22 Rock street.

BLOCKED IN ICE
Word was received this morning by D. J. Purdy to the effect that the steamer of that name was blocked in the ice at Oronoco. There was a considerable quantity of ice running, and the probability was that the steamer would not be clear for a couple of days at least.

Will Go To Arctic
London, April 15—Another important member joined the forthcoming Canadian-Steffanson expedition today in the person of Dr. Mackay, who was surgeon on Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition. He will fill a similar position in the new expedition.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE LOST WITH THE TITANIC
New York, April 15—Today, the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, men and women who went down with the ship. It stands on the corner of the institute building overlooking the harbor, and will have a range of twelve miles. It will be chanted by the governments and a time ball will drop on the flag staff at noon daily for the convenience of mariners in adjusting ship's chronometers.

WEATHER
BULLETIN
Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis—Pressure continues low along the United States Atlantic coast. It is also low in the northwest. The weather is fine throughout the dominion. Showers Tomorrow.
Maritime—Moderate easterly winds, fair today, showers in the Bay of Fundy on Wednesday.

"LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE,"
Prominent British Newspaper Says That is Proper Course on Naval Bill

Manchester Guardian Urges British Government to Use Its Influence at Ottawa to Have Borden Put Matter Before the Electors—Tory Leader in Canada Has Not Been Discreet

(Times' Special Cable).

London, Eng., April 15—The Manchester Guardian editorially again urges the British government, if it has any influence with the Canadian government, to exert it to bring about an appeal to the electors on the navy bill. Hon. Winston Churchill, as judged by his public utterances, has been the danger, and has been trying to avoid it.

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Frederick, N. B., April 15—The supreme court will meet tomorrow on the issue of the balance of the docket. This will probably be the last session of the court as at present constituted, as the resignation of C. H. Wheeler of Halifax to leave the track for a mid-summer meet and was now under consideration.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS
PAY IS TO BE INCREASED
Outcome of Recent Boston Strike Move—600 Men Break From Industrial Workers

Boston, April 15—A general increase in wages for its operators in the greater Boston district and in other large cities in which it operates, was announced last night by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. The increase averages slightly less than \$1 a week. June 1 is the date upon which the schedule will go into effect in Boston, and probably elsewhere, according to a company official.

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Do you own an American dollar dated 1804, or have you a quarter dated 1853? Did you ever see a 10-cent stamp of the issue of 1847? If you have these valuable coins or this rare stamp, doubtless you are a stamp and coin collector. "Do you know that through the Want Ad section of this paper you can, for a few cents, get in touch with scores of other collectors with whom you can exchange your duplicate coins or stamps? A little Want Ad, costing but a few cents, can find you almost anything you want."

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ANOTHER WRECK
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HORSE AND WAGON
INTO THE WATER;
OWNER GOES ALSO
Considerable excitement was caused about noon today in Indian town when H. D. Ferris, grocer, of Adelaide street, was suddenly toppled from a small boat into the waters of the harbor while endeavoring to get up his wagon from the river bottom, after it also had gone overboard. Mr. Ferris had taken a load of freight to the Public Wharf to have it loaded aboard the steamer Champlain to be taken up river. In some way the horse was backed over to the edge of the wharf and the wagon went over the wharf. The horse was left to save the horse.

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