

Around the City WEATHER—SHOWERY

PROBATE COURT. In the matter of the estate of Miss Louise Dismore, letters of administration have been granted. C. S. Hanington is proctor.

NOBODY WANTS IT. The F. E. Williams house on Gormish street was offered for sale at Chubb's Corner, on Saturday by T. T. Lantlam, but there were no bidders.

TO BE RENOVATED. Central Baptist church is to be given a thorough renovation during the summer months. The bell of the Brussels street church is to be set up in the tower of Central.

GUNNER SMALL SAFE. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Small of Mace's Bay, Charlotte County, have received a message from their son, Gnr. Arthur B. Small, of No. 9 Siege Battery, announcing his safe arrival in England.

MORE HARBOUR REVENUE. The receipts from the city wharves for the month of June totalled \$3,280, an increase of \$180 over the corresponding month last year. For the first six months of this year the increase is \$17,500.

HAS ARRIVED SAFELY. Mrs. Thomas Nash, 9 Brindley street, received a cable yesterday morning that her husband, Pte. Thomas Nash, who was home on leave as one of the first contingent, has arrived safely back in camp in England.

SPECIAL MEETING. A meeting of the city council will be held in the Mayor's office this morning at eleven o'clock to consider some matters relating to the New Brunswick Power Company's application for increased rates.

NO INVOICE NEEDED. Official advice has been received by H. S. Culver, United States consul, that no consular invoices will be required with shipments of materials from Canada for any of the branches of the United States war department.

HOME ON VACATION. Charles J. Carroll of Silver Falls arrived home yesterday afternoon on the Halifax express. He is a student at Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, and has just been ordained there as a sub-deacon.

ORDINATION AT HALIFAX. At the Seminary of the Holy Heart, Halifax, on Saturday, Archbishop McCarthy ordained Raymond McCarthy, Raymond McCarthy, D. Robichaud, Charles Carroll, J. Malette and Simeon Orm, all of St. John, as sub-deacons.

STRAWBERRIES CHEAPER. Strawberries took a sudden drop yesterday and last evening were selling at Indiantown for fourteen cents per box. It is expected that the next week will see the largest quantities coming in and they will probably be the cheapest about Wednesday.

ST. JOHN GIRL ABOARD. At least one St. John nurse was on the torpedoed Llandoverly Castle. Miss Anna Stammers, daughter of Mrs. B. A. Stammers has been doing transport duty on this vessel since March last and while no word has been received, it is hoped that she may have been among the survivors of the wreck.

REVENUE DECREASES. The customs revenue in St. John in June was \$186,857.40 less than in the same month last year. The figures were:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Revenue. 1917: \$412,544.93; 1918: \$225,452.05. S. M. Fund: 1917: \$409.09; 1918: \$235.45. Total: 1917: \$412,954.02; 1918: \$225,687.53.

ARRIVED IN ENGLAND. Capt. John A. Mooney, this city, received word yesterday that he had arrived safely, and was "feeling fine"—before proceeding overseas, Mooney was a member of the Tank Battalion at Ottawa. Another brother, Sgt. Harold is in France, having enlisted in Montreal in 1914.

TO JOIN IMPERIAL ARMY. Jack Adams, Newburyport, Mass., arrived here yesterday from overseas to join the Imperial army. Before enlisting, he was a commercial man, and had travelled extensively through Southern Europe and Asia, spending nearly a year in the Philippines. One of his brothers is today in the service, having enlisted in the American navy.

POPULAR YOUNG OFFICER DEAD. Capt. Frank H. Elliott, One of Original 26th, Passes Away Suddenly At Military Hospital.

The many friends of Capt. Frank Elliott will learn with sincere regret of his death which occurred suddenly at the Military Hospital, St. James street yesterday morning. This popular young officer, who was in his 31st year, was one of the original members of the 26th and served for some time with that unit in France.

He returned to Canada in April, 1917, suffering from shell shock, and a little later went to the United States where he was engaged as an instructor to American officers in one of their training camps. He assisted in the recent Liberty Loan campaign and while speaking in Boston contracted pneumonia. On his return home he was stricken with pleurisy and was under treatment for this when he died.

Capt. Elliott was at one time a member of the city council and before going overseas was manager of the James Elliott Machine Company. He is survived by his father, James Elliott, and one sister, Mrs. Harry S. Day, of Edmonton, Alberta.

INVESTIGATE AVAILABLE WOOD SUPPLY ON CITY LANDS

Council To Ask City Engineer For Report As To Quantity and Quality—North and West Ends To Have Band Concerts—Vehicle Tax To Be Taken Up Thursday.

The common council yesterday decided to have the city engineer prepare a report on the trees available for cordwood on the city lands, both as to quantity and quality, and whether it would be feasible to use it this season to help out the fuel shortage.

Commissioner Fisher reported that nothing definite had yet been done in the matter of playgrounds, but that he was considering several sites. In the matter of band concerts it was decided to have a concert every two weeks in the North and West Ends, and to erect a temporary band stand on Victoria Square. Commissioner McLellan brought up the matter of memorials presented to the government and the common clerk was instructed to write the premier about these.

A communication from the residents of Lancaster asking for more water, was referred to the commissioner and city engineer.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners McLellan, Bullock, Hilyard and Fisher were present.

The commissioner of finance and public affairs reported payments for June amounting to \$97,293.82, and recommended the following payments: Treasury department, \$1,005.86; public safety department, \$2,907.02; public works department, \$3,229.70; water and sewerage department, \$2,447.33; harbors, ferries and public lands department, \$3,543.65.

Lancaster Wants Water. A petition from the residents of Lancaster asking for a better water supply was received. Commissioner Hilyard, said the only way their request could be granted was by the extension of the new main to Spruce Lake and the installation of a pumping plant. The letter was referred to Commissioner Hilyard and the city engineer.

A communication in regard to the fuel situation was received from J. H. Frink, fuel administrator of the province. After pointing out the shortage of coal Mr. Frink suggested that for the residents of Fairville and vicinity arrangements be made to allow them to cut the wood on the city lands at Spruce Lake.

Commissioner McLellan moved that the communication be received and the city engineer asked to prepare a report showing the quantity and quality of the wood on the city lands. He stated he would be glad to support any move which would tend to relieve the fuel situation, but they wanted to be sure the wood on the city lands was worth bothering with.

Commissioner Hilyard said he would oppose the cutting of the trees on the waterfronts as they were needed to conserve the water supply. The motion carried.

A communication from the city clerk of Toronto in regard to the increase in the price of gasoline, and advocating government fixing of the price was referred to the mayor.

The following tenders for repairs to the north side of the western ferry approach were received and referred to the Mayor, Commissioner Bullock and the city engineer with power to accept—Edward A. Farrer, \$7,000; John A. Adams, \$5,687; S. Herbert Mayes, \$3,480.

Public Playgrounds. At this stage the council went into

committee to hear the report of Commissioner Fisher on playgrounds. He reported that he had in mind three possible sites for the large playground, the lot near Rockwood Park, Queen Square, West, and the old Shamrock grounds. It would cost about \$1,000 to level and ditch the grounds near Rockwood, and he was inclined to think the Shamrock grounds could be more quickly and cheaply put into shape. It was decided to develop the Shamrock grounds it would be necessary to purchase the property. The Queen Square grounds could be made suitable for a playground at an expenditure of about \$300. With regard to the land at the foot of St. James street he reported it would cost about \$600 or \$800 to level and put in shape; the Victoria Square would not be ready this season.

Commissioner McLellan said the Queen Square should be made available for the boys of the West Side, and he was inclined to support the development of the Shamrock grounds rather than the land at Rockwood Park, as it was more easily reached by people from all parts of the city. It was decided to have the engineer prepare a report on the matter for the committee meeting on Thursday.

The Vehicle Tax. Mayor Hayes brought up the vehicle tax and asked if the council were ready to dispose of it. He now proposes to tax automobiles twenty-five cents per one hundred pounds of the weight, and instead of taxing horse-drawn vehicles to tax the horses, the tax to be \$2 on each horse.

Commissioner McLellan remarked that if a man owned a number of horses he was taxed on them as personal property in addition to the proposed license fee. He thought the tax should only apply to vehicles used for public hire or as carriers. The license should apply to these as it was through this means the city had control and could enforce the traffic laws, although it was not much use in taking a man to court under present conditions for violations of the traffic laws.

It was finally decided to take the matter up on Thursday.

Band Concerts. Commissioner Fisher reported that he had arranged for a concert each fortnight during July and August on the West Side, and on the suggestion of Commissioner McLellan he included the North End, and will arrange for the same number of concerts on Victoria Square where a temporary band stand will be built.

Commissioner McLellan asked if any reply had been received from the provincial government in regard to the memorials sent from the city with regard to the vehicles used by the Police Magistrate and giving the violators of the prohibition law. He was informed that the memorials had been received and moved that the city clerk be instructed to write to Premier Foster and ask if these had been considered, and what disposition had been made of them. The motion carried.

Committee rose and council resumed. The report of the committee was adopted and council adjourned.

SUBSTANTIAL AID FOR SHIPBUILDING PLANT REQUESTED

Company Asks For Cash Grant of \$500,000, Municipal Home Land and Diversion of Red Head Road.

If St. John wants the St. John Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Construction Company to establish a steel shipbuilding plant here they must be prepared to give the company the land on which the Municipal Home now stands, must change the road leading past the works, and induce the provincial government and the municipal council to share in the cash grant of \$500,000 which the company are asking for.

At a conference held yesterday morning in the mayor's office, between the city commissioners, Premier Foster and representatives of the company, Col. Duff presided. The list of concessions asked for and stated that unless these were granted the shipbuilding plant would not be built. After some discussion it was decided to lay the matter over for a week before taking action and in the meantime the company will present their request for these concessions in writing.

After the conference, Col. Duff stated that within sixty days the work on the dry dock and ship repair plant would be started, and this would be rushed to completion, but the establishing of a shipbuilding plant depended entirely on the action of the council and the government in giving the required aid.

CAPT. J. H. PRATT MAY BE VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

Well Known St. John Man Commanded the George L. Eaton, Reported Sunk By U-Boat.

Captain John H. Pratt, well and favorably known in St. John, was in charge of the American steamship George L. Eaton, reported yesterday in a despatch from New York as having been sunk, presumably by a German submarine. The fate of the crew is not known. Captain Pratt, who is a native of this city, was in charge of the government steamer Curlew for years with headquarters here. Afterwards he was captain of one of the United Fruit Company's steamers plying between United States ports and the West Indies. About three weeks ago Captain Pratt passed yesterday in to take his new charge and while here renewed many of his old acquaintances.

The George L. Eaton was a steamer of 2,900 tons gross, and was engaged in trans-Atlantic service. She left an American port for France about two weeks ago.

COL. T. E. POWERS HERE THIS WEEK

Popular St. John Officer Has Gone To Halifax on Official Business.

Col. T. E. Powers, D. S. O., officer commanding the Signaller's Depot and the mobilizing point for the Forestry and Construction recruits, at Ottawa, returned to St. John on Saturday.

Col. Powers is another St. John man, who by sheer ability and interest in military affairs has won his way to the top. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war in the first contingent and went overseas with the signallers. In order to proceed to the front he reported for duty in England, but was not long in active service before he won back his majority. At Ypres for conspicuous bravery under fire he was awarded the D. S. O. Since his return to Canada he has been recruiting for the signal branch of the army and has been marked with success. The good work of the St. John officer for his him his colonelcy and promotion to the responsible position he now holds.

MISSING BOYS ARE AT EPWORTH PARK

Rain Monday Night Prevented Their Return—Will Be Home Today.

Considerable anxiety was caused in the homes of Harold Green and Coram Lodge of Fairville by their non-arrival Monday night as they had been last seen in the Grand Bay in a canoe headed for home, and this anxiety was not relieved until yesterday afternoon when word was received that they were both at Epworth Park and would be home this morning.

The lads who are employed with Vassal and Company spent the holiday at Epworth Park where they had a camp and Monday night about nine o'clock left in a canoe for their homes in Fairville. Shortly after they left it began to rain and the boys got drenched. They decided to return to the camp to spend the night rather than continue home in the downpour. Yesterday morning a search party went up to Epworth Park in a car and the boys at the camp and notified their families that they were all right and would be home on Wednesday morning.

FOUR FUGITIVES FROM ST. JOHN ESCAPE AGAIN

Quartette From St. John Reformatory Rounded Up By Chatham Chief Use George McDade's Junk Evidence and Make Their Get-Away.

Foreman Finnegan's famous telegram of brevity telling the railroad superintendent of a run-off: "Off again, on again, gone again, Finnegan," sums up the latest developments in the celebrated chase of four youths, James Cunningham, William Melanson, William Taylor and William Konner, who made their get-away from the St. John Reformatory some time ago. All four are gone again.

The fugitives headed up north when they got clear of this vicinity and were captured by Chief of Police Coughlan of Chatham, not McAdam as erroneously stated. When they were taken three of the lads were enjoying themselves in a Chatham theatre. The fourth, who was in the vicinity, was also rounded up.

Yesterday when the chief went to the lockup he found to his chagrin that the boys had made their escape. They had access to the corridor and during the night they found a quantity of junk stored in a vacant cell. This is the junk which Attorney George M. McDade convinced the court in an alleged theft case, had not been stolen. With the junk the boys broke the lock of the door of the door of the corridor and got away.

Taylor is fourteen years of age, four feet eight inches in height and has dark brown hair. He belongs to St. John, and has seven breaks to his credit.

Cunningham is a Chatham boy, aged fifteen, four feet nine inches in height and fair complexion and has a scar on his chin.

Melanson belongs to Scoudouc and has broken away before. Early last winter he was captured by Chief Gunn of Shediac. He is fifteen years of age, five feet two and a half inches and of dark brown hair.

William Konner, a Hebrew, hails from Chatham. He is eleven years of age and is four feet eight inches in height.

Three other boys escaped from the home on June 4.

DECREASE IN CANDIDATES FOR NORMAL SCHOOL

Comparison of Present Year With 1917 Shows Considerable Falling Off in Number of Prospective School Teachers.

The examinations for Normal school entrance, now being written in the High School building, show a large decrease in the number of prospective school teachers.

Various reasons may be assigned for this decrease, among which might be mentioned the present war, as many male aspirants had enlisted, again the profession offers poor remuneration in Eastern Canada; and the recent increased "Bond" a tax on student teachers, binding them to teach for a period of three years in New Brunswick.

Figures issued regarding the number of candidates this year, and last year show the numbers for the different classes, etc., also a like comparison for the town of St. Stephen:

Table with 2 columns: Class, Candidates. St. John 1917: 1918. Class I: 38 27. Class II: 60 44. Class III: 15 4. Total: 113 75. St. Stephen 1917: 1918. Class I: 16 14. Class II: 40 24. Class III: 0 1. Totals: 56 39.

In addition, two applicants wrote superior licenses at St. Stephen in 1917, in 1918, 4 are writing these; eleven wrote matriculation in 1917; in 1918 fifteen are writing them.

In St. John in 1917, fifty-one wrote matriculation; in 1918 sixty-one are writing.

PERSONAL. Douglas Lint, Camden, New Jersey, is a visitor in the city, for a few days. He will visit Fredericton, Woodstock, Dalhousie, Newcastle, Moncton and Halifax; returning home about July 20.

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WILL TEACH AMERICAN THE ART OF SWIMMING. William McNulty Appointed Swimming Instructor To Soldiers At Camp Dix. Wm. McNulty, a former St. John boy, has lately been appointed swimming instructor at Camp Dix, New Jersey, U. S. A. A few years ago he went to Trenton, New Jersey, and was later sporting editor for the "Trenton Evening Times" and "Telegram." Whilst there he captured two swimming trophies, also one for the one mile; second, for the three mile open water title. NOTICE TO BRICKLAYERS. Special meeting of the Bricklayers Mason Union, No. 1, will be held this evening, July third. Second Vice President George P. Thornton of Boston, will address the members. T. H. RILEY, Secretary. P. E. I. SERVICE. On and after Friday, June 28th, through rail and steamship service between Prince Edward Island will be via Summerside and Point Du Chene. S. S. Northumberland will leave Point Du Chene at 5.30 p. m. After the arrival of train leave Moncton at 4.15 p. m., affording connections for passengers from St. John via No. 14 express leaving at 12.50 p. m. SAVINGS BANK RETURNS. Deposits during June amount to \$53,491.77; withdrawals, \$54,588.89. A SHOPPING SEASON FULL OF PROFIT AND PLEASURE TO OUR PATRONS. Yesterday a busy day—all through this month—promises to continue to the end. People are busy getting ready for vacation, active in the campaign of conservation, eager to make the summer-time contribute most in pleasure and patriotic endeavor. At DYKEMAN'S you will find complete stocks of all substantial every day things, necessary and exclusive and patriotic endeavor. Worthy of special mention are these New Sweaters, pull-overs, and Coat effects—remember the "Peaches" we had—and you were so disappointed at not coming early enough to secure one. Well, here's a batch more, prettier than ever, all sizes, all colors, at Dykeman's.