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**SAILORS ARE GRATEFUL FOR KINDNESSES SHOWN**

While in the city last week Lieut. Gardner and some ninety men of the royal Navy were well looked after, every effort being extended to make their stay one of real pleasure. Before leaving the city Lieut. Gardner

and Sub-Lieut. Adams wished through the columns of The Standard to express their thanks to the Mayor and the people of St. John for the kindness shown them during their stay here.

Two letters were also sent by the men themselves, expressing their gratitude, especially to the ladies and the Citizens' Recruiting Committee for the use of the Soldiers' Club, to His Worship the Mayor and to the Manager of the Imperial Theatre. The men finish by saying that it is a cheering sight to see so many soldiers in the city all eager and willing to get over and do their bit for the Empire.

**DIED AT LOWER RIDGE.**

Lower Ridge has lost one of its oldest and highly esteemed landmarks in the person of John F. Anard, who passed to his reward on Wednesday, Dec. 29, aged 92 years. The late Mr. Anard was a staunch member of the Baptist church at Lower Ridge and his seat was never empty until the last year. His wife died years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss one sister, Mrs. Stephen Perry of Canaan Road and three sons, Samuel of British Columbia, Humphrey of Boston and Geo. of Lower Ridge with whom he resided, and six daughters, Mrs. Susan Almeida of Boston, Mrs. Hughson of St. John, Mrs. Helen Price of Sussex, Mrs. George Gorham, Smith's Creek; Mrs.

**BOARD OF TRADE PRESIDENT MAKES STATEMENT REGARDING HARBOR AND PORT FACILITIES**

Monthly meeting last evening took no definite action on proposal to give \$1000 from funds for Patriotic objects—Summary of Council's work.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade last evening there was good attendance, J. A. Lively being in the chair. Reports of the work of the board were read and generally approved. Some discussion took place as to the possibility of contributing \$1,000 out of the board's funds for patriotic purposes, some of those present contending that this could not be done, in view of the specific purposes for which the fund was provided even before the war began. This matter was left over for future consideration.

The following summary of the activities of the board was read:

"Since the last meeting of the board the council has organized the different committees for the year to deal with internal affairs covering membership and finance, rooms and publicity; and external affairs including industries, civics, traffic and transportation, harbor and harbor development, trade and commerce, legislation, and one or two special committees dealing with specific subjects such as Valley Railway and vocational education."

"Following up the matter of passports on which a resolution was passed at the last board meeting they have received word from the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs that the Governor General is the only authority in Canada empowered to issue passports which will be recognized by foreign powers and His Majesty's representatives abroad, but the Dominion Immigration Agent at St. John had been authorized to issue certificates of Identification which will be accepted by the British authorities for enabling travellers to enter the United Kingdom."

"A complaint of one of our shippers regarding delay in shipment of freight by the steamer John L. Cann was investigated and it was found that the delay had been caused by bad weather and that the management had afterwards put on an extra boat to relieve the congestion; also that this line had made seven more trips than required by contract."

"The Council has been active, through our representative, Hon. Mr. Hazen, in endeavoring to secure a share of the remount business for the port of St. John. A telegram was sent Mr. Hazen asking him to assure General Benson that St. John has accommodation for over 3,000 remounts."

"A letter from the Quebec Board of Trade was received enclosing copy of communication sent to the Prime Minister asking the Government to equip the ports of Quebec, Halifax and St. John with ten million bushels elevator storage, in order that grain traffic originating on the Transcontinental Railway should find an exit through ports of Canada instead of being diverted to foreign ports. The Board was requested to endorse this request and a committee was appointed to draft a suitable resolution expressive of the views of the Council on the Quebec request, on the reported elimination of the port of St. John from any share in Transcontinental grain traffic this winter, and upon the Valley Railway and its connections with the Transcontinental and with the terminals at St. John."

**Statement by President**

"Before taking up the regular order of business tonight, I want to extend to all the members of the Board of Trade my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year."

"I think business generally has been fairly good in St. John the past year. At the beginning of the year we are looking forward to even better trade conditions for the coming year. I be-

lieve we will have the largest export shipments through the port this winter that we have ever had. Our harbor facilities will be taxed to their fullest capacity to provide berths for all the ships that are coming here to carry away the enormous quantity of farm products and other goods that are finding their way here over the Canadian Pacific Railway for shipment to the old country."

"As far as the Canadian Government Railway system is concerned, I do not look for much export business from that line this winter. The Minister of Railways and the General Manager of the Government Railway seem to have forgotten that there is such a place as St. John. They act as if Halifax was the only terminus of the Government Railway. St. John is treated as a way station. A special low rate of freight is given direct from Winnipeg to Halifax. St. John is put out of the grain business this winter altogether, although Mr. Guterus assured a committee of the Board of Trade that considerable quantities of grain would be shipped here over the Government line this winter and handled through the Canadian Pacific elevator."

"It is about eighteen months since the government elevator was burned down, and no effort has been made to rebuild it. Unless a beginning is soon made in that direction it will not be ready for next winter's business."

"In regard to the Courtenay Bay wharves, on the 30th March, 1912, the government entered into a contract with the Norton Griffiths Company to complete these terminals in five years, including dredging, the building of piers and a breakwater. On the 30th March next it will be four years since the contractors began work. Not more than half the dredging has been done, and nothing whatever has been accomplished so far as the building of piers and breakwater by the present rate of progress. It will take from five to ten years more to finish this contract."

"With respect to the Valley Railway the Local Government has called for tenders to complete this railway from Garretstown to Bathurst, and from Centerville to Andover. Tenders were to close on the 31st December. We should know in a few days who the contractors are and what arrangements have been made for the completion of the road. It is understood that the Dominion Government will build the bridges across the St. John and Kennebec rivers."

"When the Valley Railway is finished and running into Courtenay Bay, as part of the Transcontinental Railway, and when all the facilities are completed it should double our winter port business, and that would mean a large increase in our population, more houses for workmen and increased business in every line."

"Respecting the breakwater at Partridge Island, tenders were asked for this work by the government last winter, and it was stated that the Maritime Dredging Company were the lowest tenderers, but no contract was made and the work has not been begun."

"The council of the board is prepared to deal with any matter which they ask for your support and advice."

"While the war has not closed, there is justification for the hope that the end is not far distant. When that happy result has been reached we may look forward confidently to a revival of immigration, to the influx of new industries, and to enlarged development both in this city and in the province at large."

**PROVISIONAL OFFICERS AWAY FOR INSTRUCTION**

In addition to the provisional officers and non-commissioned officers of the 104th who have gone for instruction are many from other points, including the following:

Lieutenants Ian MacLaren, Laurence MacLaren, H. McDonald and Keltie Jones of the artillery left on Saturday night for Quebec to take a six weeks' course. Thirty non-coms. of No. 4 Siege Battery and twenty of the Composite Battery left yesterday for Halifax for instruction.

Officers of the 115th who have left for Halifax include Lieutenants C. McN. Steeves, R. A. March, Alexander Turner, D. B. Weldon and I. F. Price; provisional sergeants: W. R. Leavitt, G. A. Hargreaves, A. O. Hickson, J. Reilly, W. Duncan, W. C. Montfort and B. Winchester.

Ten officers of the 69th also left for Halifax yesterday. Sergeant Keith and Mrs. Ethel Perry of Lower Ridge. He also leaves 45 grand children and 19 grand grand children. He was laid to rest on Friday afternoon in the family lot at Lower Ridge. The pall-bearers were four grandsons of the deceased, Nathaniel Gorman, Douglas Alward, Dalton Alward and U. S. Keith.

**INQUEST INTO CONNELL DEATH REVEALS SAD CONDITIONS**

Deceased had been drinking heavily—Doctor gives as opinion death due to smothering indirectly brought on by alcoholic liquors.

The enquiry into the cause of William Connell's death was continued before Coroner W. F. Roberts, in the Court House, last night, and after considerable evidence had been taken an adjournment was made until this evening when it is expected the inquest will be concluded.

Two witnesses, William Nicholson and William Mulcahy, appeared in court under the influence of liquor, and on request of the Coroner were taken into custody and locked up at police headquarters, where they will be detained until this evening when they will be sober enough to give evidence.

The first witness was Bertha McCacheron, who gave evidence that the deceased had been a drinking man. He was intoxicated on December 24th, but the day following was sober when she saw him. Witness was in George Buckley's house on Simonds street on the night of the 25th ult., and stated that Mrs. Buckley went into a room and saw Connell lying on a bed, but witness could not say whether the man was alive or dead.

Ida May McCacheron, of 12 Murray street, said she was in the Buckley home on Christmas night when Connell entered. He was staggering and laid down on a bed with his clothes on.

Dr. Dunlop, who made a post-mortem on the remains, testified that the deceased was a well developed man about 35 years of age. The post-mortem developed that death was due to smothering brought on indirectly by the use of alcoholic beverages.

Jennie McCacheron testified to being in the Buckley house and seeing Connell lying drunk on the bed. She heard him tossing about and breathing hard a half hour after he was taken into the room. She was afraid to waken him.

**W. S. HARKINS PLAYERS MADE HIT IN "MAMZELLE"**  
—A COMEDY OF SURPRISES

Novel entertainment opens second week's engagement of sterling company in Opera House.

The production of the comedy "Mamzelle" by the W. S. Harkins players in the Opera House last night proved to be both a surprise and a delight to the large audience assembled. Incidentally it gave the several members of the company an opportunity to show versatility. One hardly expects dramatic actors to be particularly capable in the musical line, yet in this company, judging from last night's performance, there is talent of a high order that may be utilized for musical comedy whenever Manager Harkins wishes to change his policy and branch out as a musical producer.

"Mamzelle" was announced in the advance notices as a comedy of surprises. It certainly is in more ways than one. Imagine sitting in the audience intently watching a play, enjoying every minute of it and, unexpectedly, have your attention attracted to something going on on the stage, and after the commotion subsides find that it was all a part of the play after all. This happens not only once but often and it all comes in so naturally that the audience enjoys the fun as much as the actors themselves. The story of the play, so far as the first and third acts are concerned, does not matter much—it is interesting, of course, but it is in the second act that the big events occur. Here is where the vaudeville specialties are introduced and where unexpected events follow one another in quick succession, keeping the audience on the qui vive as to what is going to happen next.

In this act, Miss Chesmond of the company, who plays the part of "Toilette" in the piece, introduces a clever dance, that for poetry of motion and grace could hardly be excelled. For an encore she danced the "Bachante," a beautiful movement of life and daintiness—a la Isadora Duncan—which could hardly have been done better by the latter lady herself. This one part of the programme is well worth a visit to the Opera House in itself, as nothing quite so good has been seen on the local stage for a long time.

A vocal solo by Miss Gordon also received well merited applause. Officer Campbell of the Opera House staff distinguished himself in this respect although not programmed as a member of the company, and the ushers rendered valiant service in bearing to the footlights the many floral tributes presented to the artists of the vaudeville theatre.

Of the members of the Harkins company in their several roles, mention has already been made of the versatility shown in handling this unusual comedy. Perhaps one of the best of the male characterizations was that of Erville Alderson in the

Mrs. Connell gave evidence that William was a heavy drinker. On the Thursday before his death he remarked to her, "Beesie, I will be a dead man by Christmas, and I will bet five dollars that I am right."

Mrs. Margaret Connell, mother of deceased, gave evidence that her son had been a heavy drinker for the past ten years. He was 27 years of age. Mrs. George Buckley testified that Connell left her home about 6.40 o'clock in the evening and was sober. When she came home later in the night Connell was lying in a bed. Her husband dragged him out thinking he was drunk, and when he went to the room to get a pillow she discovered Connell was dead.

Mrs. Charles Connell, a sister-in-law of the deceased, testified that she saw William Connell and William Mulcahy on Murray street at 7.15 o'clock on the evening in question. Both men were drunk.

George Buckley testified to finding Connell in bed when he went home on Christmas night. He thought he was drunk, dragged him out into the kitchen, and then learned he was dead.

Detectives Barrett and Briggs were called on regarding the police career of Mulcahy. They stated he had been arrested on a number of times, that he was out on suspended sentence for stealing, and that they had good reason to believe he was selling liquor to soldiers and other persons, acting as an agent for other men. The detectives believed some of the liquor was brought on indirectly by the use of alcoholic beverages, "doctored." There had been many complaints to the police regarding Mulcahy.

The jury is composed of Hedley Hayes, foreman; J. Wesley Cassidy, John A. Brooks, Herbert W. Bromfield, Voyle Morrill, Charles McConnell and Joseph T. Quinn.

role of "Tupper," a gay old blade—who reminded the writer very much of Harry Gillott in his palmy days and was fully as clever. Mr. Selman was the dignified, much worried, theatrical manager and gave his usual finished performance. The excitable Frenchman, played by Wm. J. Townshend, was exceptionally well done, and the remainder of the parts were in capable hands. A feature being the appearance of Mr. Harkins himself in an interesting role. The stage settings were elaborate and in keeping with the atmosphere of the play. "Mamzelle" is worth seeing—it is a good play—it furnishes many a hearty laugh and a good, clean evening's entertainment. It will be repeated tonight.

"Baby Mine" is announced for the matinee tomorrow and "The Blindness of Virtue" for Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Good ice at the Victoria Rink tonight.

**\$60,000 LOSS BY FIRE.**

Gordonville, Va., Jan. 3.—Fire which threatened the entire business section of Gordonville early today was checked by the timely arrival of the Charlottesville fire department. More than a dozen buildings were burned, however, and the damage, estimated at \$60,000, is partly covered by insurance.

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