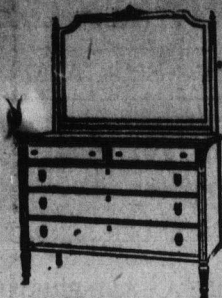


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OBITUARY

The remains of Mrs. Elsie Stark, who died at Pittsburg, Penn., 4th inst., arrived in the city by the Boston train yesterday and were taken to the residence of her father-in-law, E. D. Stark, 147 Main street. The funeral

will take place Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Death of Dr. W. A. MacFarlane. The death occurred at Chicago on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, in his seventieth year, of Dr. W. A. MacFarlane, formerly of St. John. He was a native of the parish of St. John, Kings county, N. B., but had lived in Chicago since 1881, and had practised medicine there for twenty-nine years, having graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. For a short time he had lived in Oklahoma, having gone there after a very severe illness. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was buried on Feb. 26th with Masonic honors. He left a widow and daughter. He was a brother of the late Dr. Foster MacFarlane of St. John.

FUNERALS

The funeral of James H. Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adamson, of 48 Murray street, who died in London, Ontario, and whose body was brought home for burial, took place yesterday afternoon from his parents' residence. Services were conducted by Rev. Gideon Swin and Rev. Mr. Williamson. Six members of the Dental Corps acted as pallbearers. A firing squad from the Depot Battalion accompanied the body to the grave. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of William H. Muir took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 268 Brussels street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Dawson. Interment was made in Fernhill.

FURTHER EVIDENCE HEARD
BY THE UTILITIES COMMISSION

Sessions Held Yesterday Morning and Afternoon
—Manager Hopper of N. B. Power Company Only Witness—Said Only Additional Assets Held by Company to Warrant Increase in Interest Charges by \$69,000 Were Undeveloped Water Power.

That the only additional assets held by the New Brunswick Power Co. to warrant the increase in the interest charges by \$69,000 were the undeveloped water powers was the statement made before the Utilities Commission by H. M. Hopper, manager of the company yesterday. Two sessions were held, morning and afternoon, and Mr. Hopper was on the stand all day. He gave evidence in regard to the plant and stated that the company estimated there would be a deficit of nearly \$4,000 for 1918, exclusive of interest charges on that portion of the bonds.

Dr. Baxter and Dr. Wallace represented the city, and H. A. Powell the New Brunswick Power Co.

Morning Session.

At the morning session H. M. Hopper was put on the stand and gave evidence in regard to the gas and water powers. Mr. Hopper submitted a statement of the gas division for the months of December, 1917, and January, 1918.

Mr. Hopper said the deficit for December was \$800, higher than was estimated when the application was made to the commission, and the actual deficit for 1917 was \$7,841.19. In January there was a loss of \$2,074 on operating expenses alone. For lighting purposes, \$1,178.51 worth of gas was sold; coke sales totalled \$4,112.46 and tar sales totalled \$239.00. 1,364,000 pounds of coal was used; 5,775,000 cubic feet of gas was produced in January, 1918; in January 1917, 4,802,800 cubic feet of gas was produced.

Leakage sometimes ran as high as 25 per cent, and this was due to the steam rollers on the street. Some of the pipes were laid on rock, but in renewals they were bedding the pipes and this helped to stop the leakage. The company was using steel pipes instead of iron and filling the joints with lead and oakum.

Mr. Hopper estimated the increase in wages for 1918 at \$1,221.90; the increase in bench coal based on the 1917 consumption would be \$4,422.08. The cost for 1917 was \$25,802.42, and for this year would be \$50,204.50. The increased revenue based on the 1917 consumption at the 1918 price would be \$577.40 on lighting gas, \$19,924.10 on heating gas, and \$5,775.55 on coke.

In answer to Dr. Wallace Mr. Hopper said there was no provision for discount this year.

The unit price of gas was \$1.346 at the plant, and \$1.715 delivered. This price was made up by taking the 1918 price of coal, increased wages and data of other years.

Mr. Hopper said the company had ordered a "Booster" to improve supply conditions and were preparing to install a new condenser, to put in a large boiler to replace some small ones and rearrange the benches. The company had sold gas at \$1.00 to popularize it.

In answer to Mr. Connell the witness said the price of gas in Boston was 90 cents, but they had contracted for coal at \$1.00 per ton with the Dominion Coal Co.

Mr. Powell—How long have you been in the employ of the company?

Mr. Hopper—27 years.

Mr. Powell—Explain the relationship of the Eastern Electric Co. to the railway.

Mr. Hopper—It is a lengthy story. Mr. Connell—it was explained at the first hearing.

Mr. Powell—Was there any suppression in reference to the Eastern Electric, so far as the shareholders of the St. John Railway were concerned. This was instigated in a statement by Mr. MacIntyre.

Mr. Hopper—Eastern Electric matters were discussed before the directors of the railway and were brought up at shareholders' meetings.

Mr. Hopper said he was manager of the New Brunswick Power Co. and the Eastern Electric Co. owed the railway \$25,000 for goods furnished when that company started in business. Through the Eastern Electric Co. the Power Co. was enabled to get goods at jobbers' prices.

Chairman—What do you say in regard to the MacIntyre said were wrongly listed in the contingent and depreciation account?

Mr. Hopper—In consequence of an amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act, and because two actions were pending, we set aside \$17,000 in a suspense account. I personally do not think we had set aside enough for depreciation. We would have set aside more if we could have afforded it.

Mr. Powell—Have you anything to say about the \$50,000 paid Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Hopper—I can't explain it. The session then adjourned to resume at 2:30.

Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session the examination of Mr. Hopper was continued. He explained that in the January statement the company did not get the new price for the full month, but only for half of the month, and they estimated the price received to be \$11.75 for the lighting and \$1.10 for the heating gas.

In connection with the \$50,000 loaned to Mr. Taylor Mr. Hopper said the company had the \$50,000 in the Bank of Montreal at 3 per cent, and as the money would not be needed until the summer the directors authorized him to try and arrange a call loan.

He had tried but failed, and on reporting this to the directors Mr. Taylor had offered to transfer a loan which he had at the Bank of British North America to the company and had his offer accepted. Mr. Taylor

had then given the collateral at the Bank of B. N. A. to the company and the company got the additional 2 per cent. on the money lying idle. Before arranging for the loan they had tried to buy from McGill University some St. John Railway bonds at 95, but the McGill authorities refused to sell at less than par. He considered the security given by Mr. Taylor more than sufficient.

In connection with the \$10,000 to himself Mr. Hopper said this matter had been talked of before 1914, but in that year he was voted \$10,000 in bonds and they were placed in the hands of the trustees, he to receive the interest so long as he remained with the company, and in the event of his severing his connection with the company he was then to get the bonds. When the St. John Railway Company decided to sell out he was given the cash, as the New Brunswick Investment Company did not want to handle the bonds.

Mr. Powell then asked the witness a number of questions in regard to the gas division of the business. The witness estimated the deficit for 1918 at the increased price of gas based on the 1917 consumption as \$3,734.18 exclusive of dividends.

In answer to Mr. Connell the witness said the total interest bearing securities of the Power Co. were \$1,750,000. 5 per cent. bonds, \$1,000,000 1st preferred stock, 7 per cent. cumulative and \$500,000 of 2nd preferred stock 7 per cent. non-cumulative. This amount was paid by the company for the assets of the old company and the water powers situated at Lepreau and Magaguadavic, but he had no idea what was allowed for these water powers.

Dr. Baxter—The St. John Railway Co. had \$1,000,000 common stock and \$1,057,500 of bonds, the stock paying 8 per cent. and the bonds 5 per cent. for this was substituted \$1,750,000 of bonds, \$1,000,000 1st preferred and \$500,000 2nd preferred stock, the bonds bearing 5 per cent. and the stock 7 per cent. interest, a difference of \$1,042,490. Now can you show what there is to represent this increase in capital liability?

Mr. Hopper—There is the physical value of the St. John Railway plant and the water powers.

Dr. Baxter—Can you place a value on the water powers?

Mr. Hopper—No.

Mr. Hopper—He intended that the physical value of the assets of the St. John Railway Company was much more than the securities issued against it, and said he considered the physical value was over \$2,500,000. He considered that when the St. John Railway took over the property in 1895 the value instead of the \$500,000 shown was at least \$500,000 more than that.

Dr. Baxter—There is a difference of \$360,000 between the construction account and the securities—does this represent profits?

THE JAPANESE
CONSUL GEN.
PRAISES U. S.

Canada is Wonderful, Declares Y. Numano, Who Has Been Promoted to Important Post at Tien Tsin, China.

Ottawa, Mar. 6.—A signal honor has been conferred upon Mr. Y. Numano, who for the past fifteen months has occupied the important post of consul-general of Japan in Canada, with headquarters at Ottawa. Advice from the foreign office announces that Mr. Numano has been appointed consul-general of Japan in Tien Tsin, China—one of the most important posts in the Japanese consular service. Mr. Numano will leave for Yokohama at the latter part of next week.

Not successor to Mr. Numano has been yet appointed but an interim Mr. Y. Iwate, at present attaché at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, will come to Ottawa, and with the title of vice-consul, will assume charge of Japanese diplomatic and state affairs in Canada.

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In referring to Canada's part in the war, in the course of an interview today, Mr. Numano was most enthusiastic.

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Winnipeg, Man., March 6.—An appeal for every man to do his utmost to provide food for Canada and the Allies was made by Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, when he prorogued the Manitoba legislature this afternoon. The House has been in session since January 17th.

An act providing a dowry for the wives of the province, the Act to provide for minimum wage standards for women in industry, the civil service act and the establishing of a purchasing department, both designed to eliminate patronage, and the act to establish a government employment bureau, were also mentioned in the speech from the throne.

A woman can get along on bran bread and corn muffins and all other sorts of Hoover substitutes, but when she gets a desire for a new bonnet only a new bonnet will do.

That month there had been an expenditure of \$4,750 for repairs to benches. The witness said he did not know what the stock and bonds of the Power Company sold at. They had been turned over to the New Brunswick Investment Company for the property, and that was all the Power Company had to do with them. He had no knowledge as to who composed the New Brunswick Investment Company. He said the Eastern Electric Company had been made a part of the St. John Railway Company by Act of Assembly, but this was questioned by Dr. Wallace and Dr. Baxter.

Adjournment was made until Friday, March 15, at 10:30, when the examination of Mr. Waterman will be taken up.

TWO OF THE STANDARD BOYS SEND
LETTERS HOME FROM THE FRONT

"Bill" Atherton of the Siege Battery Tells How the Soldiers Spent Christmas — "Little Jim" Gaulton, an Original Member of the 26th, Had a Well Earned Furlough to Old England.

Once in a while some member of The Standard staff receives a few lines from one of the twenty odd boys from this paper who are "over there" fighting the good fight. Despite the fact that they are continually in battle and are present where there is plenty of exciting incidents happening every day these newspaper boys have either forgotten the fact that a newspaper man should always have a nose for news or else they are so taken up with their work of fighting the Hun, and that fighting has become such a regular routine to them that they can't see any news in it, they generally look for some news from their old home and continually state that there "is nothing of interest to write over here."

They apparently think that with the dispatch matter that a newspaper receives that we at home know all that is going on about the firing line and therefore it is not necessary to tell us anything about it, thinking that it might be stale news, and on the other hand the censorship is so strict that they know it would be useless to write what we would think was interesting for it would only be food for the censor's scissors or pencil. At all events letters from The Standard boys are always welcome, and even if they are short they are all received with the greatest of interest.

Letters from two of the Standard employ were received yesterday, one from "Bill" Atherton, a mail clerk, who is with a Siege Battery, and the other from "Little Jim" Gaulton, an original member of the Fighting 26th, and who previous to enlisting with this famous battalion was "bank boy" in the composing room, and also a sergeant with the St. Stephen church cadets.

What Little Jim Says.

I wish to thank you so much for your Christmas present which was waiting for me when I returned from England. I went to England on a two weeks' furlough and I had a very enjoyable time while away. Although the weather was not very nice it takes some pretty bad weather to spoil a fellow's holiday, especially when he gets into a big place after spending many months out here with nothing doing but shots and shells, fighting, only soldiers to tag to happen next, on the long run there is a certain sameness to the war game that we get used to, it is like a fellow's regular work and there is nothing so very new to the game that we can see to write you about. Well, when I was in good old England I made up for the time that I missed, I saw some fine shows and in fact wandered about looking at the sights that I became tired and it seemed like a rest to get back into the old regular game again. But on the other hand a few extra days leave makes a whole lot of difference and I hope that the next time that I leave France it will be for Canada and home and then there will certainly be one great time.

I really think that this old war will

end this year for the whole world is tired or fed up with it as we soldiers say, therefore the governments of the different countries will have to find some way of bringing peace, but as far as us fellows over here are concerned we don't want peace unless it comes the right way.

News is just as scarce as ever and it is almost impossible to write any kind of a letter. I am engaged in canteen work and am very thankful for it. I am in charge of the old canteen and have two other boys with me. We have a fairly good cook stove so we live very well. We are able to buy a few extras and fix them to suit ourselves. It makes a whole lot of difference when you are able to roast meat and have mashed potatoes, in fact the canteen job is like heaven to what it is on

the front line. Remember me to all the staff on The Standard and give my best regards to all.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES GAULTON.

What "Bill" Says.

I received your welcome letter and was glad to hear that the boys are all well. I think it would be safe to say that you all voted for conscription, that is what all us fellows did. I was speaking to Lieut. Cudlip a few days ago, he is in No. 3 Battery and was looking fine. At Christmas we were out of the line and on Christmas Day our officer appointed us with our dinner as you know the army rations are no different on that day than any other time of the year, except for a little Christmas pudding. Our bill of fare consisted of roast goose or fowl, boiled potatoes, (this time without their jackets), vegetable and apple sauce, there was also on the table apples, oranges and nuts. The sergeants acted as waiters and the bombardiers and corporals did the carving. The major had a corrugated iron hut built for the occasion, so altogether we had a pretty good time of it, but of course it was not like eating one's Christmas dinner at home.

We had some cold weather for a few weeks with a little snow now and then, but yesterday it rained and was mild, so now there is nothing here but mud. We have a new major in Major Scully of Montreal, who came to us a couple of months ago. Captain Ring went to Blighty on a course and we miss him very much.

Where we are now there once stood a village, but now there is not one brick standing on another and all there is to let you know that there was once a village are a few cellars that the men use for billets.

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