

Around the City

SHOWERY.

THE STEAMER PREMIER. The steamer Premier has been towed to her wharf at Indianstone and it is expected she will be able to go on her route on Saturday.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mayor Hayes has received \$5.00 from a resident of Dorchester street for the 13th Reserve Battalion fund, and \$2.00 from E. B. T. for the Belgian Relief.

INQUEST STAYED.

The further hearing in the inquest of the late George Kimball, scheduled for this evening, has been postponed late until further notice, on account of the illness of one of the jurors.

DROP IN POTATOES.

The farmers from up river are asking \$2.50 per barrel for potatoes, while carloads are being shipped in from Woodstock at \$2.00. According to present indications potatoes seem to be plentiful in the district in the future.

THE COUNTY COURT.

The session of the county court has been held on November 3 because of the Board of Health regulations about influenza. Jurors and others should take care of the change.

AMERICAN SAILORS.

About fifty American sailors passed through the city on their way to an Atlantic port. The men were a fine lot and noble specimens of America, who will give the wily Huns a heavy and rude shock when once in action.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

An evening paper announces "That on and after Nov. 1st hair cutting will be thirty-five cents on the West Side," and citizens are wondering just what part of the cranium is the "west side," or if it means that barbers are in the future to trim locks by the aid of a compass.

THE POLICE COURT.

John McIntyre, charged with being drunk and resisting the police, was fined \$88 in the police court yesterday morning. Two soldiers, charged with being drunk, were remanded until the military authorities were conferred with. A man accused of acting disorderly in Horsfield street on several occasions was before the court, and remanded.

THE COAL SHORTAGE.

Uniontown, Penna., Oct. 31.—Influenza and a car shortage caused a drop of 63,333 tons in coal production in this region last week, according to figures issued by the fuel administration today. The report shows that the total output of coal and coke in terms of coal was 686,151, against the quota of 800,000 tons a week.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

Today is All Saints' Day (sometimes called All Hallows' and is a holy day of obligation in the Anglican and Roman Catholic communities throughout the world. The day is a holiday in Quebec province, France and other countries. The London stock exchange and Paris bourse are closed today. Tomorrow, All Souls' is a holy day of obligation also in the Roman Catholic church.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

The condition of Mrs. Sarah Birke remains unchanged, according to a late report from the General Public Hospital last evening. The patient, being still unconscious, George Rogers, shot at his home in Barnesville about two weeks ago, showed no improvement last evening. Mildred Freena, who met with an accident Tuesday, necessitating amputation of a finger, is improving rapidly.

"NUTS" ARE AT IT AGAIN.

Five department men and apparatus were called out last night on account of an alarm from box 52 on the corner of Dorchester and Hazen streets, and on their arrival found that some brainless person who wished to see the wheels go around had sent in a false alarm. To use a fireman's term, "All the persons who are troubled with mental diseases are not in the Provincial Hospital."

PLEASING PRESENTATION.

H. Russell Sturdee, for twenty-seven years connected with the firm of James Pender, Ltd., has severed his connection with the firm to accept a position as accountant with the Workmen's Compensation Act Commission. Yesterday Mr. Sturdee was presented with a purse of gold and address by the employees of the firm with which he had been so long connected. He will take up his new duties today.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Statistics regarding the weather of yesterday given out at the Meteorological Observatory Station last evening gave the maximum temperature for yesterday 54; the minimum 51, as compared to 54 and 51 of the preceding day. During the twenty-four hours slightly over one inch of rain fell. Fog has been quite permanent since Sunday last, but Director Hutchinson stated last evening that today promises fine, with the sun once more coming out.

CAUSED EXCITEMENT.

A horse belonging to A. C. Smith and Co., ran away on King street yesterday afternoon and caused considerable excitement. When about half way down the hill the animal started kicking and knocked the driver off the seat to the back of the sloven. Fortunately he did not lose his grip on the lines and on getting to his feet was able to stop the horse as it swung into Prince William street. No damage was done either to man or team.

ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND.

Mrs. J. Clifford Dickinson and child passed through St. John yesterday on their way to New Brunswick, where she will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickinson. Mrs. Dickinson has recently arrived from England. Her husband went to France with the 50th Battalion. He was absent in 1916 and spent several months in England in hospital. Later he was transferred to the Railway Construction Corps and is now in France.

PROHIBIT DRIED FRUIT SHIPMENTS

U. S. Government Prevents Exportation of Same to Canada—Severe Rains Cause Shortage of California Crops.

That the housewife may be forego the luxuries of raisins in her plum puddings, fruit cakes and pies at Christmas time is the outlook this winter in Canada and all because of rainstorms in California.

The United States government has issued an order prohibiting the exportation of dried fruits to Canada, which includes raisins, prunes and peaches, on account of the shortage of crops in California due to the severe rainstorms prevailing there. Part of this shortage is also attributed to the large quantities of the dried fruits used by the American army. Raisins compose the largest part of the dried fruits and as practically all the raisins used in Canada come from the States this country will have to conserve the supply already on hand. The raisin situation in the States is so acute that all carload shipments that have left for Canada from California will be held up at the border.

In speaking with The Standard yesterday a member of the Smith Bros. Co. stated that the ban on dried fruits was on for an unlimited period. He added that the wholesalers and retailers probably had enough raisins in stock to last them until the first of the year. He added that one effect that the ban on raisins would have would probably be the raising in price by both the wholesalers and retailers.

SYMPATHY SENT BEREAVED FATHER

Howard L. Johnson of Richardson, Deer Island, Receives Condolence from Chaplain in France on Death of Hero Son.

Howard L. Jordan, of Richardson, Deer Island, Charlotte county, whose son, Pte. C. O. Johnson, was killed in action August 8th, has received from the chaplain of the battalion in which his son was serving the following letter of condolence:

Dear Mr. Johnson: The incessant fighting and traveling in which we have been engaged lately have prevented my writing as soon as I could have wished to express to you my deep sympathy in the death of your son, Pte. C. O. Johnson, of this battalion, who was killed in action August 8th. So far as I can gather he was killed in the attack that morning, and one can only feel thankful that death came so quickly that he was mercifully spared all suffering and pain. He was buried in a military cemetery a few miles east of Villers, Brionneux. His loss is a great blow to all. He was a great favorite with all who knew him, not only because of his cheery nature and his coolness under fire. His comrades now very sincerely mourn his death. But he has fought his good fight and now won his reward. And we can leave him in the loving hands of the Father, knowing that all is well with him there, and looking forward to that great day when we shall all meet again in the land where there is no more sorrow or parting. His personal effects will be sent to you through the official channels, but it is a slow process, and it may be months before anything reaches you. Again assuring you of my deep sympathy, Yours faithfully, C. S. BULLARD (CAPT), Chaplain 24th Canadian Battalion.

MAJOR BENSON ON SAD MISSION

Called to Chatham by Death of Brother—Few Days Later His Father Died.

Major Benson, senior chaplain of the Depot Battalion, received word a week ago last Sunday that his brother had died in Chatham, Ont., and the senior hastened to attend the funeral. On his arrival in Chatham he found that his father and mother were very ill and word was received from him yesterday that his mother died on Wednesday night. His father is recovering. Major Benson's many friends in the city will fully sympathize with him in his double bereavement.

MEDICALLY UNFIT.

A few recruits left the city last evening on the Boston express en route to their respective American homes. The men were recruited by the British and American Legion in Boston, but upon arrival at camp in Nova Scotia were termed medically unfit, and allowed to proceed to their homes again.

WASTE OF FOOD.

A grocer in the city yesterday remarked on the Halloween to relatives of the younger generation, who, armed with "gun shooters" were bombarding all pedestrians. Aside from the inconvenience of those affected by the pranks of the youngsters, he alluded to the food waste, which was in many cases sufficient to feed a family of seven, and concluded by stating that in such times of scarcity and the stringent measures of the Food Controller it seemed a shame that such actions should materialize, in spite of the conditions above mentioned.

BLAME THE KAISER.

A story is related of a man who owned a local mercantile house in the city who wished a safe store installed in his residence, and accordingly notified a merchant who carried the line of goods desired. Unfortunately the order became confused, and when the former came to see the safe store he found it was not a safe store but a large cooking stove. The merchant, the owner of the residence said things "too nice to print," but which were so effective as to have the gas stove installed in short time.

WILL YOU PLEASE BRING DADDY BACK?

Pathetic Pleadings of Four Year Old Boy to Doctor—Physician, on Entering House Found the Father Dead.

A pitiful story caused by the ravages of influenza was told yesterday by a local doctor. Sent for to visit a family he arrived at the house and on the stairs was accosted by a little chap about four years old, who said, "Are you the doctor?" The medical man assured him he was, and the little man said, "Will you please bring my daddy back?" The doctor enquired where his daddy was and the little fellow replied "He has gone away." Proceeding upstairs the doctor found a family of four, including the mother, sick in bed with influenza, and his father dead. The little chap whom he had met on the steps was the only one who had escaped the disease and he was only half dead. He it was who had told the neighbors that his "papa, mama and brother and sisters were all sick." The neighbors, upon investigation found the child's statement to be true and that the father had been dead for three days. They at once notified the physician, and it is understood the family are being looked after. The doctor says it is one of the most pathetic cases he ever experienced.

A. PAUL KEITH DIED WEDNESDAY

Head of Keith Interests and Owner of Imperial Theatre, Died in New York After Few Days' Illness.

News was received in St. John last night of the death in New York City of A. Paul Keith, the well known theatrical manager and head of the Keith interests, which own the Imperial Theatre of this city. Since the death of his father, B. F. Keith, he had been in charge of the extensive theatrical interests of the Keith circuit.

While Paul Keith was in New York last week he was stricken with pneumonia and was removed to the home of a business associate, E. M. Robinson. His condition grew rapidly worse and he passed away Wednesday night. Mr. Keith's home was in Boston. He was born in New York City in 1875 and was graduated at Harvard University in 1901. He was a member of the Boston Athletic Association and a member of the Algonquin Club on Commonwealth Avenue, in the Back Bay District, Boston, and of the Harvard Club of New York. He was unmarried.

Mr. Keith was in St. John when arrangements were made to build the Imperial Theatre and the opening of that palatial house was again in the city.

He was practically brought up in the show business and was a familiar figure about his father's office in the old Bijou theatre, on Washington street, Boston, when a boy. After leaving college he became an assistant to his father and had an office in Keith's theatre which was erected alongside the Bijou about twenty years ago. He was popular and active when at college and was well known in the theatrical profession. He inherited a large part of his father's fortune.

The Keith interests will now probably be wholly in the hands of Mr. Albee, who was with the Keiths for many years.

PROMOTION FOR CAPTAIN CATHELS

is Now Assistant Brigade Major on Staff of 15th Brigade—Enlisted as Private With Famous Scottish Battalion.

Friends of Captain L. P. Cathels will congratulate him on a recent promotion, news of which was received in the city yesterday. Captain Cathels has been promoted to the staff of the 15th Brigade, and is now Assistant Brigade Major. In token of his long period on active service, Captain Cathels is due six months' extra pay at home.

Captain Cathels enlisted as a private in the famous Scottish Battalion, and was with it in Gallipoli, Egypt, and Palestine, later going with his regiment to France.

REMODELLING CONTRACT LET

J. H. Doody Begins Work on Deaf and Dumb Institute Today—The Ford Plant Contract.

The contract for the remodelling of the Deaf and Dumb Institute building, Lancaster, recently purchased by the military authorities for a hospital, was let yesterday to J. H. Doody, a local plumber, who begins work this morning. The site is to have the building ready for the admittance of patients in the course of two weeks. An operating room is being fixed up, and all necessary equipment is to be installed at once. This latter work may consume a greater length of time in the renovation proceedings, but the work will be rushed along.

The contract for the remodelling of the Ford plant, at Coldbrook, purchased a few days ago, to be utilized as a barracks, is yet open for tender, the same closing at noon Saturday when the contractors will be publicly announced in the press.

WERE NOT FILED. Common Clerk Wardroper reported last night that he recalled papers of Commissioners McLellan and Hillyard had not been filed with him yesterday afternoon.

MUST PAY MORE FOR THEIR MILK

Kings County Milk and Cream Producers' Association Have Decided to Raise the Price and Dealers Will Do the Same.

The citizens of this city must pay more for their milk as the Kings County Milk and Cream Producers' Association have decided to raise the price of that article of diet to the dealer, and the dealer must in turn raise his price to the consumer.

The Standard last night got in touch with one of the officers of the association and was informed that negotiations were now being carried on between the farmers and the dealers, and it was expected a satisfactory agreement would be arrived at in the near future. The contention of the producer is that with the present price of feeds he cannot produce milk at seven cents per quart, and they are asking for an increase to nine cents per quart for the winter months, during which they have to use large quantities of heavy feed to keep up the flow of milk. They state that unless they get this increase they will not be able to buy the feed, and as a consequence the supply of milk reaching the consumer in the city will be much smaller.

For the past few days there has been a shortage in the milk supply coming into the city, and in an endeavor to find out the reason The Standard got in touch with some of the dealers, and also asked the official mentioned above whether any of the producers were holding back their milk for the increase in price. The official stated no milk was being held back and nothing of that nature had yet been discussed by the producers.

The dealers ascribed the shortage to the amount of milk which had come into the city during the last week. One dealer stated that one morning he had less than thirty cans of sour milk in his shipment for that day. This condition of affairs was said to be due to the weather, which was less than thirty cans of sour milk in his shipment for that day. This condition of affairs was said to be due to the weather, which was less than thirty cans of sour milk in his shipment for that day.

CAPT. FERGUSON DIED YESTERDAY

Retired Mariner Had Hosts of Friends in This City—Was Commander of Many Large Ships.

Numerous friends in the city learned with regret of the death at Moncton yesterday of Captain Philip L. Ferguson, formerly of this city.

Capt. Ferguson had been ill a few weeks. His brother, John C. Ferguson, visited him recently, but did not anticipate any immediate danger. Complications set in, and the end came yesterday morning.

Capt. Ferguson was a native of this city and was educated in the city schools. Fond of sea life, he early began his voyaging, sailing for many years as master of some of the largest ships owned by the firm of Troop & Son. He was a man of fine character, upright, and kind hearted, gaining and retaining the respect and affection of all who knew him. While commanding the ship Hudson, he was instrumental in saving the lives of the crew in a foundering vessel, at great risk to his own life, and safety of his ship. He is survived by one brother, John C. Ferguson, of the Inland Revenue Department, two sisters, Mrs. James Gerow, Garden Street, and Miss Annie R. Ferguson, of the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion, now in France, is a nephew of the deceased.

ARCTIC OWL FOR ROCKWOOD PARK

Charles G. McCormick Captured Snow-White Bird on Kennebecasis Island and Presented Same to the Park.

Rockwood Park has not received many additions to its nucleus of a zoo of late and is therefore the more pleased to acknowledge the gift from Charles G. McCormick of Mill street, of a very handsome owl of the variety known as the Snowy or Arctic (Nyctea nyctea), captured at the Kennebecasis Island. It is pure white, a native of the northern circumpolar belt, it migrates in winter for comparatively short distances, but for a period at times it is said hardly a specimen is seen outside of the Arctic region. Unlike most of the family its habits are diurnal and is therefore the more attractive.

The only other variety which the Park possesses is the Great Horned Owl. There are many other kinds to be found in New Brunswick, such as the American Barn, the Barred, the Sawwhet, the Screech and the Hawk Owl, each of which would be an object of interest.

Anyone having in his possession either one of these varieties is requested to communicate with the curator of Rockwood Park or the Horticultural Association, St. John.

AUTUMN WEIGHT RAINPROOF COATS

Sharply reduced for Friday and Saturday selling.

In most cases their present selling prices are much less than their original cost. They are made of Poplin Cravenette, and Tweed faced fabrics, and represent a smart appearance. A few in the very popular Trench model, and a few in the way found. The coats are of the popular buttoned up tight style. The regular prices of these coats are \$10 to \$20. Friday and Saturday only, special \$6.00 to \$12.50. Dykeman's. We are unworthy to be thus promoted. We sell the way found. Buy Bonds today. Dykeman's.

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