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LOCAL NEWS

MRS. BESSIE McLEOD
The death of Mrs. Bessie McLeod, widow of Kenneth McLeod, occurred on Friday. She is survived by two daughters, Emma Douglas and Marcella, of this city. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 from her residence, 27 Charlotte street.

EPWORTH LEAGUE
The St. John Epworth League of Portland Methodist church held a missionary meeting in the Y. M. A. hall last evening. Miss Muriel Farley presided. The theme of the evening was China and readings on Sowing the Seed in China were given by Miss Otis Maxwell and Miss Laura Farley. William McEachern sang a solo and Miss Lillian Skidmore and Miss Kathleen Blaisdell sang a duet which was rendered exceptionally well.

LABOR AND BEER
Organized labor in this province is continuing to take an interest in prohibitory legislation and it is anticipated that a resolution calling upon the government to permit the sale of five per cent beer will be before the provincial labor federation in Fredericton this month. In order to determine the sentiment of the members, the matter is being presented to each local union in advance of the provincial gathering for an expression of opinion.

FOR AN ORPHAN'S HOME
The Times has received from an unknown correspondent the sum of one dollar as a contribution toward a Protestant Orphan's Home. The writer suggests that The Times open a fund and solicit subscriptions. A better way would be to form a definite organization which would not only collect the money but direct and manage the Home. The dollar received will be added to the fund whenever it is started.

TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING
The annual meeting of the trustee board of Fairville Methodist church was held last evening. Rev. Thomas Marshall presiding. The financial report for the year was most gratifying. Improvements were ordered to church property and other matters were discussed. Election of officers for the year resulted in the re-nomination and election of Robert Catherwood as treasurer, W. J. Linton, secretary, and O. D. Hanson chapel steward.

SEASONABLE AILMENTS.
There is considerable upcropping of whooping cough among children with prospects of the "croup" of this latter some ailment being up to normal before the spring is here. Mothers and doctors say this is a good sign. If the weather usually dispels it. Mumps and diphtheria are as yet fortunately rare throughout the city. Compared to other seasons, due doubtless to the long spell of pleasant winter weather. However, with March and April in prospect, it is a little early, a prominent physician says, to do any boasting.

THE MATTER OF MAIL TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE DEPOT

In answer to published statements relative to delay in handling bulk mail matter to and from the train, Harry Green, teaming contractor, came out in a morning paper with the statement that at times his men and teams have been held back by inefficient help at the depot and that some postal men have been under the influence of liquor.

D. McKendrick, superintendent of railway mail service, when interrogated on this accusation of Mr. Green's this morning, did not deny that he knew of drinking among the mail clerks, whom he characterized as "bums like anybody else," and he intimated that disciplinary measures had been taken.

Mr. McKendrick, while making no further comment upon Mr. Green's statements, said that he felt the price at which the North End man contracted to transfer the mails was not satisfactory to the contractor. Ottawa was being informed of the arguments which have arisen. If a government contract, it is the duty of government officials to see that the provisions of that contract are carried out, especially in such a lively utility as the mails.

The railway mails superintendent explained various mail business mail until he said this was an absolute necessity, great as it was to the pressure on that little emergency office with its limited staff. Many merchants were holding back their business mail until almost train time (Montreal and American trains) and the post office was being sidetracked to a large extent.

This was a wrong thing to do, for the depot sub-station was only a convenience for internal postal work mostly and while a reasonable amount of mail matter could be handled there, it was not possible to accept letters, etc., for intermediate places. All this eastern mail should be sorted out from the western and kept for up-town mailing. It was not being sent out from the depot but returned to the post office for the 11:30 train.

Another thing the depot mail office would not accept was papers, magazines and small parcels. This was purely matter for regular sorting offices and not the emergency premises.

In conclusion, Mr. McKendrick said that since the mail bag depository had been moved from Montreal to St. John last September and the teamster contractor had to haul these to and from the station, which possibly had something to do with the argument over transfer work.

Doubtless when L. J. Gabory of the mail bag depository branch arrives in St. John something will be done in connection with the foregoing matters in general.

NINETY-FIVE PER CENT VOTE TO STRIKE

Boston, March 1.—Tabulators of the New England joint council of telephone workers announced last night that ninety-five per cent of the 12,000 organized employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Providence Telephone and Telegraph Company had voted in favor of a strike to enforce wage demands and the principle of collective bargaining. Exact figures were not disclosed.

HALIFAX WANTS THE BIG FIGHT

Evidently a Serious Bid for The Wilard-Lepsey Championship Being Made

Telegraphic reports that Halifax city is making a bid for the world's championship "heavyweight" fight between Wilard and Dempsey are more than borne out by conversations with some of the live wires of that place, even with some of the straight-laced and sober-minded ones.

At a weekly luncheon of prominent business men during the last week the fight proposition was seriously talked about in an informal way from chair to chair at the tables. In sporting circles the discussion is red hot. On Wednesday night a lively bout was put on in one of the theatres and 700 men jammed the place at \$2 a head.

"Just think what it would mean to Halifax," said a commercial traveler hailing from the Nova Scotia capital. "It would put it on the map bigger than would any amount of newspaper writers down here, would earn the hotels and boarding houses, would have the city pictured all over the world and would certainly leave at least \$100,000 in currency in the place."

When it was suggested that Halifax was not a convenient location for the big sporting event the booster was right there with the counter-attack. "Not convenient?" he answered, "why its right in the very centre of things. Isn't it more central than some far western or down-south place where the fight laws are broad enough to allow such a battle? New York is a better place for the fight than any other place."

Even some newspapers in Halifax are taking up the matter and seriously forwarding it to mention bank managers and other usually sedate business men. New York sporting writers, eager to have the fight on the east are favoring the Halifax suggestion in their daily columns. A delegation will probably interview Tex Rickard when he comes up from Texas. Ten Halifax business men say that they are willing to put up \$10,000 each to see the championship boxed in their city—for business reasons of course.

For real thrill the once-modest and discreet twin-sister, Halifax, is getting her name up.

ST. JOHN MAY BE HOME OF BIG BRITISH SHIPBUILDING FIRM

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"Industrially the future of Canada should be very bright, providing that labor and capital will work together and be reasonable in the adjustment of post war conditions that require to be taken care of, owing to the unusual conditions that prevailed during the war."

The prospects of trade between Canada as an export, Europe and the other British colonies as importers, depends very largely on two things, one being the result of the Peace Conference as to Germany's limitations, it being obvious that if she must foot the total war bill, some of the markets of the world must be left open to her in order for her to treat a reprieve. This would make for serious competition, particularly as she is so demoralized commercially. The other and the most important feature is that Canada should control her own mercantile marine either by means of ownership or by subsidizing shipbuilding in order that they may control the trade routes in which these ships shall operate. This latter feature is of the utmost importance and very vital to Canada's export trade to which we must look to liquidate our national debt and correct our balance of trade under peace conditions.

"In the past Canada has depended largely on immigration as a means of reducing her per capita indebtedness and developing her natural resources. The future of this immigration is problematical. One must be guided by one outstanding feature of this situation in Europe, namely, that heretofore emigration has been almost quite freely by European countries. At this time these same countries find themselves with very heavy national debts and facing conditions identical on general principles as to per capita debt and tax that we face in Canada. To reduce the population can only be to their detriment and our benefit. It is safe to assume, therefore, that the rumors of restrictions to emigration may be an accomplished fact when peace is finally signed. Any such legislation in the interim would be injudicious. Canada's future development therefore is in the hands of Canadians."

"Canadians generally will be interested in knowing that food conditions are rapidly assuming normal in England, practically all restrictions having been removed in the last ten weeks. Everything is very much higher in price in England and France than in Canada. There is a decided tendency in England and Europe to make no further purchases of foodstuffs and other articles exported from Canada at the abnormal prices prevailing during the war and the sooner we are able agriculturally and industrially to adjust prices to something like normal the greater will be the volume of business flowing our way for the reconstruction period."

"I had the pleasure of meeting many Canadians of all ranks; they are all naturally very anxious to get home, but quite realize the difficulty of transporting in a few months an army that took four years to take to the battle line. The thing in their minds is that Canada is good enough for them and that they want to get home."

URGES GET TOGETHER CONFERENCES OVER RECONSTRUCTION WORK

Toronto, March 1.—Appealing for consideration of reconstruction problems, the Canadian Reconstruction Association has written to boards of trade asking them to call conferences in their communities. It suggests that there be a frank discussion of pertinent facts with a view to co-operation between employers and workers, and a sympathetic understanding among all elements in the community of the actual situation and outlook.

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THE DRESSES

The New Spring Dresses offer unusual style features. There are simple tailored effects, smart variations of the box coat tendency, tunic and straight line models prettily trimmed with military and other braids, string belts, silk or wool embroidery and buttons; in navy and spring colors. \$18.85 up.

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