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Greater Activity On Western Front

Several Successful Raids Made by British on German Trenches—Sharp Artillery Work on French Lines

London, June 25.—Increasing activity on the western front is reported in today's official announcement, which records various successful raids by the British. The statement follows: "Successful enterprises were undertaken by us last night at several points on our front. Parties of our troops raided the enemy's trenches in the neighborhood of Epehy, Bullecourt, Roeux, Loos and Hooge, killing many Germans and taking several prisoners.

In a raid east of Vermelles we captured fifteen prisoners and two trench mortars. Our party remained more than two hours in the enemy's trenches, blew up his dugouts and inflicted heavy casualties on his garrison.

French Report.

Paris, June 25—Sharp artillery fighting was in progress continually during the night near Froidmont Farm and Chevroux, says today's official statement. The statement follows:

"Unusually active artillery fighting continued during the night in the sector between Royere and Froidmont Farms and also near Hurtebise and east of Chevreux. Two surprise attacks against our trenches, east of Chevreux cost the enemy losses without any other result. German attacks on our small posts in the Woevre and in the region of St. Mihiel were checked completely.

"Everywhere else the night passed quietly."

THE BURNING OF THE CRAWFORD COTTAGE

Further Evidence in Case in Which Incendiarism is Suspected

The entire session of the police court was taken up this morning with the preliminary hearing in the case of John Hughes and Joseph O'Brien charged with setting fire to the summer house of W. J. Crawford, Loch Lomond road. Several witnesses were examined but no new light was thrown on the case other than the fact that a mail-driver in the employ of Frank Donnolly, Coburg street, said that on request of Mr. Sinclair he had measured the hoofs of the horse which the defendants had out on the night the house was destroyed. The witness also said that he had measured the hoofs of horses in the barn and one was the same measurement as that the two accused had out.

Mrs. Esther McAleer said that she lived at Coldbrook near the Three Mile House. She sold soft drinks. On Friday evening, the night the Crawford summer house was destroyed, the two defendants were at her house about 10.45 o'clock. They ordered soft drinks. Hughes had a cap on. The witness said it was raining. Harold McKiel, she said was there at the time. They left before McKiel did. Some remarks passed about plumbers and O'Brien said he was one. Hughes said to the witness that "we had a hard road as we have been to Loch Lomond."

O'Brien also said he had sent for liquor to Montreal and was fined $100.

Cross-examined by Mr. Henneberry, the witness said that the defendants signified their intention of going home when they left.

The witness said that some talk passed about a man named Winchester and one of the defendants called him "a rat."

David McCrossin said he knew Hughes. On Friday evening, June 15, Hughes called to hire his horse in his barn in Brussels street. The witness said he refused. This would be between seven and seven thirty o'clock. He saw Hughes in Gibson's stable later on. The defendant wanted to hire a horse as he said he was going out to Mayall's on the Loch Lomond road. He didn't get the horse.

Cross-examined, the witness said this would be near 8.30 o'clock.

Edmond Given of Lake Wood said that a week ago Friday he and Mr. Sweeney were in Mrs. Lyden's store. They got there about 9.30 p.m. About twenty minutes later two persons entered. He did not see any team. Witness saw two men going out the door. Could not recognize them, he said, and did not hear any conversation between the men and Mrs. Lyden.

Asked by Mr. Taylor if witness's father had told him to say nothing about the case, the witness answered no. He also denied that he was told to say nothing to the police about the affair. His father and Policeman Saunders had spoken about the case in his presence. There was another man present also at the time. The witness said he had heard about the fire but knew nothing further.

The court here suggested that if any one was shown to interfere with a crown witness there was a special section in the criminal code to deal with them and the penalty was a severe one.

James Covenay said he worked as a teamster driver from Frank Donnolly's stable in Coburg street. He said that a week ago Friday night, Hughes, with a friend, called at the stable with a small horse and rubber tired buggy. The horse, he said, was wet. It was then about 11.30 p. m. The witness identified O'Brien as the man with Hughes. He told of County Policeman Saunders measuring the horse's hoofs on the following Sunday morning in the stable. The buggy was not very muddy.

Cross-examined the witness said the horse did not show signs of being driven a long distance. He had driven the horse before. There was nothing peculiar about the horse's feet. He had measured them and found them to be five inches in length and three inches wide. The horse had corks on the rear shoes and had been shod on Thursday by A. S. Mott. The horse had plates only on her front hoofs. He had measured another horse's hoofs and one in particular had measured the same as the one the defendants had out. He said horse shoes usually ran in sets. He told the court he measured them through curiosity and to Mr. Taylor he said he had measured the horse for Mr. Sinclair. He could not say whether other horses were out that night or not. To collect mails he started at the One Mile House. He personally visited forty-five boxes. He never saw a horse being shoed.

Mr. Taylor produced a three-inch piece of rubber tire cut off the wagon the defendant had out. It was offered in evidence. The witness said that there were several rubber tired wagons in the Donnolly barn, which were similar to the one from which this piece was removed.

The hearing was postponed until this afternoon at three o'clock.

ESCAPE FROM THE JAIL IN GAGETOWN

Frank Smith and Another Who Said He Was From Carleton

Fredericton, June 25.—Frank Smith of Fredericton, a young man, who has had a long record in police circles in this city and other parts of the province, again is in the public eye. Last week a dwelling at Hampstead was broken into and on Saturday Smith and another young man were arrested by Sheriff Reid at Gagetown on suspicion of being concerned in the break. On Saturday night young Smith escaped from the jail at Gagetown and up to noon today had eluded searchers.

When arrested Smith and his companion wore military uniforms with the exception of the coats and caps which had been replaced with civilian clothing. The other young man gave his name as Hanson and said he belonged to West St. John.

Both said they were not concerned in the break at Hampstead. Smith denied that he was arrested in Queens county upwards of a year ago for an attempted holdup and sentenced to penitentiary but let go on suspended sentence. That man was his elder brother.

MORE THAN HALF MILLION VOLUNTEERS IN UNITED STATES IN THREE MONTHS

Washington, June 25—More than half a million men have volunteered in the American army and navy during the period of less than three months elapsed since war was declared to exist.

The army, navy and national guard represented an aggregate strength of little more than 300,000 men when the war resolution was adopted. Today between 700,000 and 800,000 are enrolled in the various branches of the fighting service and the great majority of them are armed, equipped and under training. They will be joined at the end of the summer by nearly a million men, selected for the new national army from the millions registered for war during June 5.

GETS REWARD FOR HIS AIR RAID ON LONDON

London, June 25.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Times says that Captain Brandenburg, who conducted a German air raid on London, on June 13 in which a large number of persons were killed and wounded, has received the Order Pour Le Merite from the German government.

THEIR NEW TITLES

London, June 25.—The Times learns that, in view of a recent decision of King George that those princes of his family who are his subjects and bear German names and titles should relinquish them, the Duke of Teck takes the title of Marquis of Cambridge and Prince Alexander of Battenberg becomes Marquis of Carisbrooke.

British and German Commissioners At Hague to Discuss Prisoner Question

The Hague, June 25.—A British commission, headed by Lord Newton, has arrived here to discuss with German delegates, headed by General Friedrich, the question of war prisoners of both countries. The prisoners' camps, reprisals and matters connected with the exchange of interned prisoners over military age and disabled prisoners will be considered. The Netherlands government will be represented by Baron Von Vredenbyrich.

WOMEN SEIZE A TON OF POTATOES

Storm Barges In Inner Harbor of Rotterdam

INTENDED FOR ENGLAND

Incident in Trouble Which Has Arisen Involving Holland With Both Britain and Germany Over Contracts Made With Both

London, June 25.—A despatch to the Times from Amsterdam reports that a crowd of women stormed a dozen barges in the inner harbor of Rotterdam on Saturday and seized about a ton of potatoes destined for England. The barges, which were loaded with 11,000 tons of potatoes, were then removed to the outer harbor, guarded by police.

The trouble, whereof this is a mere incident, has arisen, according to the correspondent, between Holland and England and Germany. Germany expected last week a consignment of new potatoes in return for German exports of coal to Holland. Before a consignment could be made, 11,000 tons of old potatoes had been shipped to England under contract. The people of Rotterdam, who are themselves insufficiently supplied, learning that these potatoes were awaiting shipment, raided the barges. Meanwhile the Germans are threatening to seize coal supplies unless the potatoes are sent. The correspondent says that if the Dutch yield to German pressure and send these potatoes to Germany they will break their agreement with England and endanger their supply of grain from America, which might prove as serious as the loss of German coal.

GOING TO THE WAR

John L. Rawlings, of Albany, N. Y., is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Leonard T. Lingley, of 28 Douglas avenue. Mr. Rawlings, who is a well known engineer on the Boston & Albany Railway, will leave in the near future for Boston, where he will join the 4th U. S. A. Reserves, composed of engineers, who are going to France on special duty.

Mr. Rawlings is a veteran of the South African war. He was a member of the second C. M. R's, under Colonel Otter, and was later with a unit under command of Colonel Steele. He is a son of the late Captain Richard Rawlings of this city, who was a veteran of the Crimean War.

BOY SCOUTS TO WORK IN FERNHILL

An offer has been made to the directors of the Fernhill Cemetery Co. by the Boy Scouts to send out at least 100 boys for two or three days to assist in the work of keeping the cemetery in good order, and their duties will be to weed some of the paths, clean up the avenues and generally do such work as is impossible to be done by the present staff, as it is found difficult to obtain as many men as are required, in addition to the very high rates of wages which have to be paid. The offer is therefore a welcome one, and as nearly every Boy Scout and every family in the city is interested in the cemetery, much interest will be taken by the boys. The directors of the company will arrange all details and will provide for the boys a substantial dinner each day on the grounds, in tents or huts.

The superintendent will direct the work and provide all the necessary tools to work with. No time is to be spent on private lots, as these will be looked after by the cemetery staff.

The boys will probably begin the week after next.

JURY THAT WILL MAKE INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF LITTLE RONALD TOTTEN

A jury was empanelled this morning by Dr. F. L. Kenney, coroner, to inquire into the ccircumstances surrounding the death of Ronald Totten, three and a half years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Totten, Lombard street, who had been missing from his family since last Sunday afternoon, June 17, and found on last Saturday night within the shadow of his own home. The jurymen are James Huey, Fred Flewelling, Fred Kee, Arthur Farmer, Fred McMulkin and Fred McLean.

The little body was viewed this morning at 11.45 o'clock by the members of the jury after which adjournment was made for a week. A postmortem has been made by Dr. F. T. Dunlop.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—Since Saturday morning showers and thunderstorms have been general in the western provinces while rain has fallen heavily in the southern portions of Ontario and the maritime provinces.

Ottawa Valley—Fine and a little warmer today and most of Tuesday, then some local showers.

Fair; Moderately Warm

Maritime—Moderate west to northwest winds, fair and moderately warm today and on Tuesday.

MAY EXPLAIN LOSS OF NORWEGIAN VESSELS

Explosives From Germany Seized In Christiania

SETERAL ARRESTS MADE

Infernal Machines in Cases Resembling Lumps of Coal — Case of Baron Von Rosen is Recalled; The Man With the Bacilli

London, June 25.—The seizure of a quantity of explosives which had just reached Christiania, Norway, from Germany, and the arrest of three foreigners, has been officially confirmed, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The police are continuing the investigation, and when the details are known another official communication is expected.

The Tidens Tegn says that 1,000 kilograms of explosives were seized, including several infernal machines. One of the men arrested is Aron Rautenfels, a German citizen, born in Finland, who declared that the bombs were intended for use in Finland. Accoring to the newspaper, however, the infernal machines, which were enclosed in cases resembling lumps of coal, were to have been put aboard Norwegian ships, in the coal bunkers. It adds that the discovery of the plot probably explains the loss of many Norwegian ships which were supposed to have been mined or torpedoed.

Christiania despatches received here say that the leader of those arrested calls himself Baron Von Rautenfels.

The Christiania despatches say that there have been five other arrests including that of two Finlanders named Pehrsson and Witauen, in whose lodgings the bulk of the explosives was found and also much incriminatory material, identical with that found in the baggage of Baron Von Rosen, a Swede, who was arrested in Christiania last winter but was subsequently released.

The affair has been discussed at a secret meeting of the Storthing, but the official investigation is still incomplete. One report says Rautenfels will be compelled to leave Norway.

Baron Von Rosen fled to Norway after his pro-German activities had aroused suspicion among the Swedish authorities. In his baggage in Sweden were found cans of explosives labelled "corned beef," while a search of his luggage by the Norwegian police revealed, among other things, cans of explosives marked "table salt," bottles marked "mouth wash" contained cultures of dangerous bacilli, and boxes of lump sugar, each lump concealing a glass vial also filled with bacilli of anthrax or glanders.

Von Rosen's field of operations was along the Swedish-Finnish border. It was supposed that his purpose was to destroy Russian food and munitions stores and with the bacilli infect the horse transport between the Norwegian town of Narvik and Finland by which a tremendous tide of merchandise flows into Russia.

LOCAL CELEBRATION OF 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION

A special meeting of the Evengelical Alliance was held in St. Andrew's church school room this morning. Rev. Neil J. McLauchlan, president, was in the chair. A special deputation from the Anglican church, consisting of Rev. Canon Armstrong, Rev. G. A. Kuhring and W. H. Sampson, attended. Rev. Mr. Culp, new pastor of the Coburg street Christian church, was received as a member and welcomed to the association and Rev. Canon Armstrong also was received as a member and welcomed.

A resolution commending to the Protestant congregations of the city, a proper observation of the 400th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, was carried unanimously and a committee composed of Rev. Messrs. McLauchlin, J. C. B. Appel, W. H. Sampson, Dr. Hutchinson, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pinkett and Ensign Betts, of the Salvation Army, was appointed to suggest a suitable programme. The celebration will be in the autumn.

PICNIC ON SATURDAY

The Sunday school picnic of Knox Presbyterian church was held at Rockwood park on Saturday afternoon.

LOCAL NEWS

ONE PRISONER.

One prisoner marred the otherwise clear sheet of the police record over the week-end. He was arrested in the vicinity of Union Alley on drunkenness charge. The policeman told the court the circumstances and the man was remanded.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Miss Loretta Delaney took place this afternoon from her mother's residence, Kingsville road, to St. Rose's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment was made in the Holy Cross cemetery.

MAY GO AHEAD

The committee dealing with the problem raised by the unexpected increase in the cost of the equipment for the power house of the hospital will report at the special meeting of the common council on Tuesday afternoon. While no statement has been given out, it is understood that the committee will report that the work be proceeded with, despite the increased cost.

CONFIRMATION TOUR.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, accompanied by Rev. William M. Duke, returned home on Saturday after a confirmation tour of Carleton and York counties. The places visited with the number of candidates confirmed, were: McAdam, eleven; Debec, thirty-nine; Woodstock, twenty-eight; Newburg, ten; Williamstown, ten; Johnville, sixty-one, and Clearview, fifteen, making a grand total of 174 candidates.

NO WORD TODAY.

No further word has been received in the city in regard to the condition of James Collins of this city, a C. P. R. checker, who suffered the loss of his left leg and whose spine and right leg were fractured when he was run over in the C. P. R. freight yard in Montreal on Friday night. His condition was last reported as being serious. He is a grandson of Mrs. John Campbell of St. James street, West St. John.

CHINESE CASE APPEALED

The case of the King vs. several Chinese was taken up on appeal in the county court this morning before His Honor Judge Armstrong. In this case heavy penalties were imposed by Police Magistrate Ritchie in the police court. The present case is an appeal from the police magistrate's finding. Daniel Mullin, K. C., is appearing for the Chinese, and J. B. M. Baxter in the interests of the city.

NO. 9 GOING DOWN THE BAY

Major Wetmore, commanding officer of No. 9 Siege Battery, has planned a three day trip for the boys of the battery. It will not be all a pleasure one. They intend going down the shore as far as New River and there Major Wetmore intends giving them training in tactics. This is something new in the line of training for an artillery unit, but this is the kind of training that they need. They expect to get away tomorrow morning, providing the weather keeps fine.

FIRE INVESTIGATION

The buildings committee of the municipal council is in session this afternoon to continue consideration of the fire at the county hospital in East St. John. While the evidence was supposed to have been completed at the last hearing, it is possible that H. B. Schofield, chairman of the hospital board, may have a further statement to make. Warden McLellan said this morning that it is the desire of the committee to fix the responsibility for the fire and decide on whom it rests.

BYE-LAW MATTER.

Hearing in a by-law matter against Harold Robinson, reported last week by Policeman Hamm for leaving two of his auto deliveries standing in Douglas Avenue from 1.30 o'clock until 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, was resumed this morning. Sergeant Smith of the North End division, said that his attention was called by Policeman Hamm to the two cars standing in Douglas avenue at 2.10 p. m. on the afternoon in question. The court again expressed surprise at the direct contradiction in the case. The case was further postponed until tomorrow at ten o'clock.

Works Near Berlin Blown Up

Amsterdam, June 25.—The Berlin Vorwaerts says that an explosion practically destroyed the Lichtenberg smelting works near Berlin on Saturday night. Six workmen were seriously hurt.

Turn Machine Guns On The Sinn Feinners In The Cork Troubles

Cork, June 25.—Machine guns were used on the Sinn Feiners in the disturbances here yesterday morning. They were brought into action after the police with clubs had failed to restore order. The soldiers cordoned various points while the police chased the rioters to side streets. After having borne much stoning, the police ordered that guns be fired on the disturbers. One rioter was killed, another severely wounded, while a dozen were treated in hospitals for bayonet and other wounds. The riot was eventually quelled without the troops coming into action.

London, June 25—The number of persons injured more or less seriously in the rioting in Cork last night is given as about thirty in a Central News despatch from that city.

One police inspector was injured seriously and several policemen had narrow escapes. When machine guns were trained on the crowd most of the rioters disappeared.

Council Grants Funds To Search For Murderer

DEUTSCHLAND DYE IN TARTAN PLAID FOR COL. GUTHRIE'S KILTIES

He Makes Interesting Statement in New York Where He is at Present on Brigadier White's Staff

New York, June 25.—German dyes, which the submarine merchantman Deutschland brought to America, will make it possible for a seven-colored tartan plaid kilt to flash over the trenches "somewhere in France on a McLean Clan Scotch Highland regiment.

This interesting fact became known here last night through a statement by Colonel Percy A. Guthrie, commander of the McLean regiment, at present a member of the staff of Brigadier-General W. A. White, in charge of British recruiting here.

Colonel Guthrie said that when forming the regiment it was learned that six of the colors which constitute the plaid of the organization were obtainable but the seventh could not be produced in the United States or any of the nations allied with Great Britain. Just at this time the Deutschland arrived in Baltimore with some precious dye aboard. It was obtained and eventually found its way to London and the brilliant kilties of the McLean Highlanders were forthwith made. The plaid used is that of MacLean of Duart and has often occupied a prominent place in conflict.

PRIZE WINNERS IN THE CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Cathedral Sunday schools, boys and girls, closed yesterday afternoon for the summer vacation. The closing exercises were marked by the distribution of prizes. The winners with the names of their teachers and the graduates are as follows:—

Girls.

Grade 8—Sr. M. Eleanor, St. Joseph's, Emily Fasuton and Edith Burns, prize winners.

Grade seven, same teacher; Mabel Bowes and Florence McHugh, prize-winners.

Grade six—Sr. M. Magdalena, teacher; Mary Kane and Mary Crozier, prize winners.

Grade five—Same teacher; Kathleen Caples, and Margaret Barns, winners.

Grade four—Sr. M. Mercia, teacher; Mildred McHugh and Bessie Ramsey, winners.

Grade three—Sr. M. Ethelreada, teacher; Rebie Stack, Josephine O'Brien and Mary Darrah, winners.

Grade two—Same teacher; Helen Kane, Constance McGee and Kathleen McCluskey, winners.

Grade one—Sr. M. Dominica, teacher; Gertrude Murphy, Martina Fennell, and Jean Magee, winners.

Grade 11, Sr. M. Patricia, teacher, Melville Nichol, winner, 1720 marks.

Grade 9, Harry Ryan, winner, 1759 marks.

Grade 7, Miss Kathleen O'Neil teacher, William McGinnis, winner, 1673 marks.

Grade 8, Miss H. Coughlan, teacher, Gerard Comeau, winner, 1699 marks.

Grade 7, Miss M. Killorn, teacher, Leo Riordan, winner, 1740 marks.

Grade 7, Miss N. Barry, teacher, Leo Frauten, winner, 1654 marks.

Grade 7, Miss Catherine O'Neil teacher, Leo McCrossin, winner, 1740 marks.

Grade 6, Miss Josephine McGuire, teacher, Fred Connolly winner, 1*36 marks.

Miss N. Brown, teacher, Walter Hughes, winner, 1747 marks.

Miss M. Cronin, teacher, James Nugent, winner, 1856 marks.

Grade 5, Miss E. Greany, teacher, William Hughes.

Miss Florence McHale, teacher, Thomas Beck, winner, 1762 marks.

Miss E. Duke, teacher, Edmund Chandler, winner, 1681 marks.

Miss M. Hogan, teacher, Douglas Murray, winner, 1862 marks.

Grade 4, Miss E. Keefe, teacher, Fred Breen, winner, 1651 marks.

Miss A. Clancy, teacher, Sarto Foley, winner, 1859 marks.

Miss Mary McHale, teacher, Ambrose McGourty, winner, 1870 marks.

Miss K. McCullough, teacher, James Lane, winner, 1840 marks.

Miss F. Allen, teacher, John McCarthy, winner, 1629 marks.

Miss Mary E. Powers, teacher, Willie Kirke, winner, 1008 marks.

Grade 3, Miss Mary Kelly, teacher, Chas. Mulholland, winner; Miss K. McCrossin, teacher, Thomas Burns, winner, 1803 marks; Miss M. Nugent, teacher, LeBaron Fennell, winner; Miss N. Gallagher, teacher, Francis Stanton, winner; Miss L. Mooney, teacher, Albert Phillips, winner.

Grade 2, Miss Katie Higgins, teacher, Noel Murphy, winner; Miss Mary Downing, teacher, Edwin Murphy, winner, 1637 marks; Miss A. Walsh, teacher; Harold Peterson, winner, 1333 marks; Miss Florence Nugent, teacher, John Dillon winner, 1478 marks; Miss H. Sharkey teacher, Francis McHugh, winner; Miss J. MacNeil, teacher, Ronald Gaynes, winner, 1632 marks. Grade 1, Miss M. McShane, teacher, Arthur Burns, winner; Miss M. Dwyer, teacher, Michael Bowes, winner; Miss Catherine Higgins, teacher, Charles McCluskey, winner; Miss Maud Downing, teacher, Harry Carmichael, winner, 1549 marks; Miss E. Melliday, teacher, Patrick Heffernon, winner; Miss Margaret Powers, teacher, Willie Stafford, winner.

Commissioner of Safety Given Power To Take Steps

REFERENCE TO CHILD'S DEATH

Recent Tragedies Deplored by Commissioners—City May Establish Woodyard to Aid in Solving Fuel Problem

Authority to make what expenditures may be found necessary in the search for the person or persons responsible for the death of Robert Harris was given to the commissioner of public safety at the meeting of the council in committee this morning.

Reference was made also to the death of little Ronald Totten and action in the matter was indicated.

Steps to deal with the fuel question were discussed and the suggestion meeting with the most favor was the opening of a city wood yard.

Clarendon street, as usual, came in for some discussion but no action.

The petition of livery stable keepers for a revision of the rates was laid over until Thursday.

The mayor presided and Commissioners Wigmore, McLellan and Fisher and the common clerk were present.

Dominion Day

Plans for a public recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of confederation were discussed at the opening of the meeting. It was decided to have a band concert in King square on the afternoon of Monday, July 2, if a band could be secured. Commissioner Fisher will report on the arrangements at the Thursday meeting.

In reply to a question from Commissioner McLellan, Commissioner Fisher said that he would be ready soon to report on the regular programme for band concerts.

Attention was drawn to the proclamation asking all citizens to display flags on Dominion day.

The petition from the livery stable keepers asking for a revision of the by-law relating to cab fares was read. As it did not seem very clear, the petition was laid over until Thursday when the petitioners may be represented.

The matter of revision of licenses also was left over until Thursday.

Coal Prices

The mayor reported that he had received a reply from the office of Mr. McGrath, fuel controller, in Ottawa, announcing that Mr. McGrath was in Washington but that the local fuel problem would be taken up on his return. It appeared to be a matter of water freights. So far as he could see, the profits of the local dealers were not exhorbitant.

Commissioner McLellan suggested that the schooners which were earning such big freights should be taxed according to their war values.

The mayor said that he had an offer of 300 cords of wood, birch and spruce slabs, if the city considered it necessary to sell wood for the citizens' benefit. He raised the question whether the coal supply would be sufficient during the coming winter. He had wired several large dealers in the United States for quotations but had received little satisfaction. In one wire he asked for quotations on 5,000 tons, but was informed that none was available.

Commissioner McLellan suggested the establishment of a municipal wood yard, if sufficient supplies of clear hardwood could be secured. He also suggested that the government should commandeer the coal supplies in the dominion, and the coal carrying vessels. Another suggestion was that the agricultural fair grounds near the Marsh bridge be secured for a wood yard.

No action was taken.

Clarendon Street.

Commissioner Fisher reported that Miss Murphy had asked that a space of three and one-half feet be left between her house and the Clarendon street retaining wall. He could not recommend this but left it to the council. He also had received an application on behalf of Mr. Logan, who owns the opposite property, asking for openings for light and coal entrance.

Commissioner McLellan said the most he could support for the Clarendon street wall would be a depression in it to give access to the two doors.

The mayor asked for sketches of what was proposed and what was asked. These will be submitted at a later meeting.

No Change Here

Bringing up the matter of retaining walls, Commissioner Fisher said that his recommendation for the erection of several retaining walls had been defeated because of the opposition of one member of the council, the commissioner of public safety. The latter had opposed because he was unwilling to trust the commissioner of public works with the expenditures or to vote for a bond issue. Mr. Fisher wanted to ask whether the commissioner of public safety could suggest any alternative means of doing the work or whether he thought the work could be dispensed with.

Commissioner McLellan: "I opposed the bond issue and my opposition stands. I am willing to take a chance on the walls standing for another year or two."

To Seek Murderer

Commissioner McLellan drew attention to a deplorable happening, the death of

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