

AROUND THE CITY  
FAIR, TURNING COLDER

ONE LONE DRUNK.  
One prisoner, charged with drunkenness, appeared in the police court yesterday morning, and was fined eight dollars.

LEFT FOR QUEEN'S COUNTY.  
Dr. J. F. L. Brown, medical health officer for the Southern district, left yesterday for Queen's County in connection with his official duties.

HALIFAX SMALLPOX.  
The light type of smallpox that has developed in Halifax is not yet subsiding. There are 40 or 70 patients in hospital and one of them is seriously ill.

LEFT FOR HALIFAX.  
Charles Robinson, secretary of the New Brunswick Returned Soldiers' Commission, left last night for Halifax to confer with the secretary of the Nova Scotia Commission. He will leave Halifax tonight on the return trip.

THE PAVING MATTER.  
Commissioner Flaher says he has further information to submit to the city council in connection with the proposed paving and will take up the matter at the first meeting of the council. In preparing plans for paving Union Street, between Waterloo and Brussels streets, it had been discovered that a number of the properties encroach on the street lines.

ACCEPTED A CALL.  
The Rev. A. C. Fenwick, former rector of Upham and of Springfield, which latter parish he left just a year ago to assume duty as assistant clergyman to Archdeacon Smyth of St. George's, Montreal, has received and has accepted a unanimous call to the Rectory of St. Albans, Sydney, Cape Breton, N. S. Mr. Fenwick will take charge of his new parish in April.

PASSED A DERELICT.  
Captain J. Black, master of the S. S. Cassandra, which arrived yesterday reports passing a derelict, hull up, about 6 miles north of the Larcher Lightship. Before sighting it he had passed a quantity of floating debris and other lumber. Doubtless the derelict was the ill-fated George Melville Cook-ranch, which is drifting out to sea to become a greater menace than ever to navigation.

"Y" TRAIN PARTY.  
The troop trains which carried the soldiers from the Cassandra yesterday had the following Y. M. C. A. representatives on board: Vancouver, D. Hunt; Regina, M. Nobles; London, H. W. Wilson; Kingston, F. C. Colwell; Halifax, J. J. Irvine. These men will help to entertain the boys on the last leg of their journey home and also distribute the various comforts provided by the Red Triangle.

SHOWS AN INCREASE.  
Traffic at the harbor piers during February showed an increase in comparison with the corresponding month last year. The number of passengers carried was 196,260, as compared with 147,707, an increase of 31.67%. The revenue from passengers was \$3,354,14, an increase of \$728.94. Taxes crossed to the number of 9,388, an increase of 42%, producing revenue of \$661,15, an increase of \$88.26. The total increase in revenue, as compared with February of last year was \$757.19.

RECORD FOX SALE.  
Chester McLure, Charlottetown, manager of the P. E. Island Fox Sales Board, arrived home on Tuesday night from New York and St. Louis. Mr. McLure is feeling very optimistic upon his return and has excellent reasons for it, he having made the largest individual sale in record of silver foxes—over a hundred thousand dollars at one sale. The highest price paid for a single skin was \$800. This sale was made in New York to a large exporting company. Mr. McLure sold \$62,000 worth of skins to this same firm last year.

THE MURDER TRIAL.  
Further evidence in the murder charge laid against Ahmed Abdurman, Sultan Roussel and John Sterling, which was to have been heard yesterday afternoon, was postponed until 10.30 o'clock this morning as Dr. Wallace, who is appearing for the prosecution was unable to be present. The trial was continued this morning by the coroner's jury. It is felt that the evidence to be taken this morning will have completed preliminary hearing before the magistrate.

THURSDAY EVENING SOCIAL.  
There was a large attendance of soldiers and sailors at the St. David's church social last evening and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The programme was as follows:  
Solo—Miss Marnie Myles.  
Song—Miss Gladys and Blanche Dykeman.  
Recitation—Sergeant Major Horns.  
Solo—Private Bent.  
Recitation—Miss Bertha Roberts.  
Song—Miss Dykeman.  
Solo Dance—Misses Dykeman.  
Refreshments were served by the ladies after which there was a general sing-song.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE.  
The High School Alumnae held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Marjorie McKim, Main street, last evening. The President, Miss Jessie Lawson, presided, and a number of new members were welcomed to the society. The evening's programme was in charge of Miss Jean Scriver, and these taking part were Miss Helen Genter and Miss Marnie Myles, who sang French songs; Miss Grace Robertson and Miss Betz, who gave readings on French subjects.  
The Honor Roll for the High School boys, who were soldiers, was discussed, and the proposal made to establish a scholarship as a memorial. Plans were made for the St. Patrick's Day Tea to be held at the Germain street Institute.

CANADIAN CLUB  
HEARD ADDRESS

Fletcher Peacock, Provincial Superintendent of Vocational Education, Was Speaker at Luncheon at Bond's Last Evening.

The Canadian Club had as their guest at Bond's last evening, Fletcher Peacock, provincial superintendent of vocational education, who delivered a most interesting and instructive address on this important subject. The size of the audience was hardly worthy of the importance of the subject. In the absence of the president the chair was occupied by A. A. Wilson. Dr. A. F. Emory, chairman of the School Board, occupied a seat at the head of the table.

Mr. Peacock said the subject of education was of perennial interest and appealed to two of the most sacred feelings of the human race—love of country and love of children. Vocational education had been defined as "that education, the purpose of which is to fit for a profitable life," and was intended to take into the school life the vocation which the pupils expected to take up later on in life. The scope of vocational education was not a narrow one, it did not aim to lessen the amount of classical teaching, but rather to supplement this with something which would appeal to the boy and girl who did not take up the study of the classics. It was not simply intended to make a boy a good mechanic, but to at the same time make him a better citizen by giving him instruction in English, Art, Music and Government.

At the present time ninety per cent. of the boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18, were out of school and only ten per cent. took the High School course, and the need for vocational education was found in this ninety per cent., a great majority of whom formed the failures of civilization. The leaders in the industrial world had come to realize the need and they were a unit behind the movement to enlarge the scope of the schools of the land and include vocational education, a secondary course, which would keep the boys and girls in school until they were eighteen years of age.

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CADET C. W. SCOTT  
RETURNS HOME

North End Soldier Received Warm Welcome from Friends Yesterday—Went Overseas With 4th Siege Battery.

Cadet Charles W. Scott, son of Alexander Scott, Main street, arrived home yesterday morning via Halifax, having crossed from England in the Mercantile, and was given a warm welcome by his friends.

Mr. Scott left St. John with the 4th Siege Battery under Major Barker, and served with that unit in France for twenty-one months. In May of last year he applied for transfer and was given a transfer to the Royal Air Force and had hardly completed his course when the armistice was signed. He was with the battery at the big scrap, Somme Hill 170, Vimy and many others, and was one of those lucky enough to escape without injury. The battery had made a name for itself and was regarded as one of the crack artillery units of the British Army.

RETURNED SOLDIERS  
WERE ENTERTAINED

Successful Function Held in G. W. V. A. Hall Last Night by Canadian Imperial League—Presentation to Miss Hipwell.

The entertainment for returned soldiers given last night by the Canadian Imperial League, proved a most successful function. The large hall of the G. W. V. A. was well filled and all present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The feature was the presentation to Miss Hipwell of a gold wrist watch, suitably inscribed, as a mark of her services in writing letters of condolence to the families of those who lost sons in the war. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. Alberton Smith, and Miss Hipwell made a fitting reply.

H. L. McGowan, president of the League was in the chair, and after an address of welcome to the friends present, introduced the following programme:  
Duet, Mr. and Mrs. L. Leachue.  
Address, Dr. James Manning.  
Solo, Mr. Allan.  
Address, E. Alberton Smith.  
Solo, Miss Gertrude Hatfield.  
Solo, Thomas Guy.  
Mr. Manning in his address gave a history of the organization, and its aims, which are to advance the interests of the returned soldiers in every way.  
Mr. Smith gave a most interesting talk on the part the British navy and merchant marine played in the war. At the close of the programme light refreshments were served by the ladies.

DUVAL PROPERTY  
GUTTED BY FIRE

Loss Will be About \$10,000—Had Just Been Purchased by H. Gilbert—Amland Bros. Also Suffer.

A fire which gutted the Duval property on Waterloo street, recently purchased by H. Gilbert, and caused more or less damage from smoke and water to the premises on either side, broke out last night shortly after twelve o'clock, and gave the firemen an hour and a half's hard fighting before it was extinguished. The loss will be in the vicinity of \$10,000. Mr. Gilbert estimates his loss at \$7,000; Amland Bros. were not able last night to estimate their loss, which will be considerable, the fire getting into the wall next the Duval house, doing a lot of smoke and water damage; Fredrick L. Tutts, who occupied the flat on the other side of the Duval house, had his furniture damaged by smoke and water.

The first alarm was sent in at 12.25 by Harry Golding, of Ungar's Laundry, who saw the smoke as he was coming out of the laundry, and pulled the hook. The department was quickly on the scene and on the arrival of the chief he ordered in a second alarm as the blaze looked to be a serious one. Smoke was pouring out of the windows and doors, and this made it hard for the men to get at the blaze. In a short time five streams of water were pouring into the burning building and their effect became manifest.

Mr. Gilbert when seen was unable to account for the fire, but was inclined to think it was caused by defective wiring. There was a fire in the store, but he did not think the fire caught from the store. He had just bought the building and stock, and intended to sell the stock and then remodel the building. The building was formerly owned by Mrs. Duval, and was occupied by Amland Bros., and it was found necessary to tear off some of the sheathing. Smoke and water did considerable damage to the stock of Amland Bros.

Mr. Gilbert did not know just how much insurance he had on the building and stock, but thought the loss was fully covered. Amland Bros. had \$12,000 insurance and their loss is covered.  
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SERGT. J. G. EMSLIE  
ONE OF ORIGINALS

Arrived Home Yesterday After An Absence Since 1914—Wounded and Taken Prisoner in April, 1915.

Among the men who arrived yesterday on the Cassandra was Sergt. James G. Emslie, one of the "originals" who left the shores of Canada in 1914, did service in France for a short time, he had the misfortune to be wounded and taken prisoner in April, 1915, and was a guest of the Kaiser until March, 1918, when he was exchanged and sent to the Hague where he stayed until the armistice was signed.  
Sergt. Emslie was one of the first to answer the call in August, 1914, and went to Valcartier with the St. John contingent, where he was attached to the 12th Battalion and crossed to England with that unit. When the time arrived to go to France, Sergt. Emslie was transferred to the 14th Battalion. In the battle of St. Eloi, April 24, 1915, he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Hun and while a prisoner, was at many of the camps. The first was at Glessen, and here he remained for one year; from there he went to Saltau. Later he was sent to two smaller camps, and the "worst of the lot" in the words of Sergt. Emslie, was Hiessemmer, where he spent nine months.

Sergt. Emslie says that all that has been said about the treatment of prisoners of war is true and then some more. He himself had experienced some of the usage handed out. He had been compelled to work on the railroad and for a time he had to work as fireman in a factory. None of the men were given sufficient food and clothing, and he had not been paid for the boxes from friends and the Red Cross the men would have starved. He said it had not always been possible to acknowledge these parcels as oftentimes the wrapper would be torn off before the box was given to them, and when they asked who it was from all the reply given would be, "you have the box, that is enough" and he personally wanted to express his appreciation of the kindness of the home folks in sending the boxes, which had meant so much to the men who had the misfortune to fall into the hands of the Germans.  
Before enlisting Sergt. Emslie represented the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., in New Brunswick.

PRESENTED WITH PIPE.  
William Baxter was presented with a beautiful smoking pipe a few days ago, by the members of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society, for general efficiency in the domino contest just finished. The presentation was made by President George Stafford on behalf of the members.

PERSONALS

Miss Florence Phillips, Summerside, P. E. I., is a guest at the Dufferin.  
Miss Beatrice Williams, O'Leary, P. E. I., is in the city on a combined business and pleasure trip.  
S. Belliveau, Memramcook, is a guest at the Victoria.  
H. A. Cornier, Buctouche Bay, is in the city on business.  
H. A. Smith, Fredericton, is registered at the Victoria.  
Francis Taylor and Alexander Hartland, Montreal, were visitors in the city yesterday.

VANCOUVER MAN  
A MEDAL WINNER

Sergeant R. McCarthy Arrived on Cassandra—He Wears the Mons Star and Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Among the few medal winners who arrived on the S. S. Cassandra yesterday was Sergeant R. McCarthy, Vancouver, who wears the Mons Star and the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Sergeant McCarthy went over with the first contingent as a private in the 29th Battalion and served with that unit through all its engagements, without receiving a wound, an unique record, considering the battles in which the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade was in.  
Last summer General Dunster organized his famous composite Canadian unit, taking McCarthy as one of his sergeants, and in what he calls a "Cook's Tour of Europe," the unit proceeded from France to Italy, then to Mesopotamia, and finally to Persia where they tried to capture the Caucasian mountains with the object of recruiting an army from the natives with which to capture the Russian oil fields.

However the natives did not take kindly to this venture and vastly outnumbering the handful of Dunster's adventurers, they managed to hold all the mountain passes and filled each day of two months with enough action and excitement to credit a Kipling novel.  
Sergeant McCarthy thoroughly enjoyed himself during those two months finding a relief in the open warfare with the natives which was denied in the trench fighting of France. It was during the heaviest fighting of the campaign, and practically the decisive battle which gave the victory to the Kurds, which won for McCarthy the D. C. M.

Hard pressed by the enemy, who wrought deadly havoc with their long-barrelled rifles and curved swords, the valiant band was forced steadily back to the Persian boundary. McCarthy in many cases safeguarding the withdrawal at personal risk, seeming entirely oblivious to danger in his thirst for adventure. For his gallantry the commanding officer publicly commended him and he afterwards received the coveted D. C. M., one of the highest decorations given to a soldier of the ranks.  
Late December saw the adventurous band in what might be called a "strategic retirement," and then followed a retreat through the countries in which they so confidently advanced. They landed in England in January 1918 and as far as McCarthy knows, he is the first of the few Canadians in the party who has returned home.

CIVIL COURT  
CASE CONCLUDED

Jury of Three Decide That Woman Was Not Justified in Leaving Her Husband, and Latter is Liable for Paying a Grocery Bill.

Hearing in an interesting civil court case was concluded yesterday afternoon in the police court; and judgment awarded. The case has been awaiting trial for some time, being composed of many delicate intricacies, which were deserving of careful consideration on the part of the opponent lawyers in the case.  
The case arose when a woman left her husband some time ago, taking along with her the two children; and she procured groceries in a local store, had the bill forwarded to her husband. The husband refused to pay the bill, on the ground that he was not the person who had contracted by his wife, who had left him without sufficient reason. The grocer entered suit against the husband. A feature of the case was the fact that the husband's client on the stand. The husband was quite frank in his evidence, admitting some of the circumstances surrounding why his wife had left him. However, some difference between his evidence and that given by the wife was noted. At various times as the evidence unfolded, the magistrate remarked on the frivolity of the case, as both husband and wife had been, apparently, a happy couple until a little after the middle of the year, when a little row developed, emerging into a serious struggle. Further, he commented on the qualities of both man and wife, who were faithful to one another, had two little children, and for their sake, he believed the matter should be amicably settled and both live together in the future in harmony.  
After the evidence was all in, Scott E. Morrell, for the defendant, Daniel Mullin, K. C. for the storekeeper, and Judge Ritchie, made addresses.  
The jury after about forty minutes deliberation, rendered a verdict as follows: "That the wife was not justified in leaving her husband at the time she did, and secondly, that the husband was liable according to their finding, for paying the grocery bill."  
The jurors in the case were George N. Mott, H. R. McKim and James W. Hamm.  
It is said that the case may be appealed.

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Sale in Linen Section, Ground Floor.

New Modes in Spring Millinery  
DIFFERENT IN STYLE, VARIETY AND NEWNESS OF DESIGN  
Quite notable and interesting are the NEW HATS of Pineapple, Straw, Milan, Satin and Georgette, in their bright and mellow shades. They strike a decidedly new fashion note and are considered particularly smart by women who know.  
The hats are variously trimmed. Flowers and Wheat are used in abundance, and many artistic effects are brought about by the addition of feather mounts or a twist or bow of bright colored ribbon.  
Among the untrimmed shapes can be found SAILORS in popular kinds, including the new "Charlie Chaplin." Watteau titled Hats, smart close fitting models and many other individual styles.  
The Springs Colorings are decidedly new and delightfully fresh. Prominent among them being Dusk, Victory Red, Henna, Jay, Purple and Peace Blue.  
Showing in Millinery Section, 2nd Floor.  
Have you seen the NEW NAVY SERGE DRESSES? Be sure and look them over as they are featuring the very latest New York style points. Showing in Costume Section, 2nd Floor  
Ladies' Home Journal Patterns for March now in stock. A superb collection of new styles are represented.

OLD CAMPAIGNER RETURNED HOME  
Private J. Taylor of Calgary Arrived Yesterday—Is Proud Wearer of Many Medals—Through Many Battles.  
Another old campaigner returned home yesterday in the person of Private J. Taylor, 31st Battalion, Calgary.  
Pte. Taylor wears the decoration given to the veterans of Omdurman and Khartoum, the King's South African medal, the Queen's South African medal, the Sudanese expedition ribbon, the long service medal and the Mons star from the great war.  
He went over with the Alberta unit in May, 1915, taking part in the battle of Ypres, and the other battles in which the 6th Infantry Brigade figured so prominently. In June 1916 he was severely wounded by shrapnel at the St. Eloi crater fight and after recovering from his wounds was taken on the strength of the Canadian Dental Corps with which he was attached at the time the armistice was signed.