

LOCAL NEWS

FINAL SESSION.

The final session of the Mock Parliament at the University of New Brunswick will be held in the university library tonight. An interesting session is expected.

RETURNED FROM NORTH SHORE.

Lieut. W. H. Steeves has returned from the North Shore, where he was engaged in dental inspection of the troops quartered there. He was accompanied by Mr. James Adams.

COL' McLEAN'S GIFT.

Col. H. H. McLean, W.P., has presented St. Andrew's church, St. John, with a beautiful silver communion service, suitably engraved, in honor of his late wife. The presentation was made at the church last night.

BRITISH LUMBER MARKET.

The timber circular of H. W. Lightburne & Co. Liverpool for the month of March, states that the importation of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine during the month was 530 standards, the consumption, 920 standards and the stock still on hand amounts to 6,790 standards.

RETURNED SOLDIER SPOKE.

Private Rossborough of Prince William, who recently returned from active service in France, addressed the members of C Company, 140th Battalion, this morning. Private Rossborough has been instrumental in sending a large number of recruits into the ranks of the 140th Battalion.

FIRE THIS AFTERNOON.

Fire was discovered at about two o'clock this afternoon on the roof of the dwelling at the corner of Campbell street and Court House Square owned by the John A. Ladds Estate and occupied by Mr. John McLean and family. Both water and chemicals were used to extinguish the blaze. The damage was slight.

EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

It is reported that the charges to be preferred against Chief of Police McCollom have been prepared and will be formally presented before the Police Commission next week by ex-Policeman William Saunders. Mr. William McKay, chairman of the Police Commission, stated this morning that there had been no developments in the matter.

VALLEY RAILWAY BRIDGES.

In a report by Engineer Maxwell, brought down in the House Thursday it was estimated that the Valley Railway bridge across the St. John River at the Mistake would cost \$1,732,618 and the bridge across the Kennebecasis \$225,120, making a total of \$2,057,740. The report is dated January 16, 1916 and he states the bridges can be completed by December next.

SHOULD ORDER EARLY.

The schooner Charles C. Lister is now in St. John with a cargo of free burning, stove and Chestnut, hard coal, consigned to Mr. R. T. Baird of this city. It will be delivered direct from the vessel for \$10.25 and \$10.50 per ton, less five per cent. As coal prices are likely to advance in the near future, users of hard coal will save money by laying in a supply for next winter as early as possible. Conditions at the mines are unsettled and it may not be possible to obtain coal at all after this month.

TROOPS ARRIVED SAFELY.

Official confirmation of the arrival of the transports Olympic, Adriatic, Baltic and Empress of Britain at Liverpool, with Canadian troops on board, has been given. The 4th Siege Battery, which included many Fredericton men, was aboard the Olympic, and the 6th Battalion, which also included many Fredericton men, was on the Adriatic. Local men in the 6th included Capt. R. M. Barbour, Lieut. Chas. Hobkirk, Lieut. D. B. Winslow, Company Sergeant Major Albert E. Finnemore and Sergt. Herbert Creed. Other members were Sergt. Macdonald and Private Macdonald of St. Mary's, and Private Young, son of Mr. J. A. Young of Taymouth.

OFFICERS TRANSFERRED.

The latest issue of Canada, a periodical devoted to Canadian interests and published in London, contains the following announcements of local interest: Major A. J. Markham, St. John, N.B., has been transferred from the 5th C.M.R.R. to the Cavalry Depot, Shorncliffe. Hon. Major R. A. March, Hampton, N.B., quartermaster, 6th C.M.R., has been transferred to the Cavalry Depot, Shorncliffe. A splendid picture of Captain E. R. Vince of Woodstock, N.B., who recently won the Military Cross, also appears in this issue. He has been appointed to command a field company, 3rd Divisional Engineers, C. E. F.

Amherst, Guardian:—Mrs. J. H. Sproul and Mrs. Hilyard left yesterday for Fredericton. Mrs. Sproul will go to Ottawa shortly to join Captain Sproul, who is now on duty there.

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DONOHUE GAVE
HIMSELF UP TO
MILITARY GUARD

Information on Charge of Rape Laid
Against Him This Afternoon—
Attorney General's Department Acting.

Private William Donohue of C Company, 140 Battalion, who is accused of criminal assault on Charlotte McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCoy of St. Mary's, gave himself up to the military guard at the Exhibition Building this morning. Major F. A. Good, officer commanding the local detachment of the 140th Battalion, had Donohue placed in the military detention rooms and communicated with Lt. Col. Beer, officer commanding the battalion. It is expected that Col. Beer will order the prisoner to be handed over to the civil authorities.

Information Laid.

Information against Donohue was laid early this afternoon before Police Magistrate Limerick. The mother of the girl was the informant and the charge is rape. In the information the mother swore that the girl was fourteen years of age on February 15 last. The youth of the girl will make the charge much more serious.

Attorney General Active.

The attorney general, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, interested himself in the case through his department and yesterday afternoon instructed Chief of Police McCollom to take action. The city police acted together with the military authorities yesterday and searched in St. Mary's and the city for Donohue. The search was unsuccessful, although it is said that Donohue was seen during the afternoon in the West End of the city. Mr. R.

FIRST SAILING
VESSEL EXPECTED
EARLY NEXT WEEK

Tern Schooner Charles C. Lister Now
At St. John—Tug Onawana Arrived Yesterday—Heavy Ice-Run.

The opening of the St. John River has caused the beginning of the importation of American coal for the local market. The tern schooner Charles C. Lister arrived at St. John Thursday night with a cargo consigned to Mr. R. T. Baird of this city. The Lister is the first coal schooner for Fredericton this season. She is expected to arrive here on Tuesday or Wednesday next. She will be the first sailing vessel to arrive here this season.

Coal Will be Dearer.

Incidentally, the arrival of the Lister will show that there has been a heavy advance in the price of coal. Trouble between the miner and operators in Pennsylvania is one cause of the increase and another is the advance in freight charges on account of the war. The demand for ocean-going tonnage has drawn many vessels from the coasting trade and higher rates are the result. The rate on American coal now is \$3.50 to \$4 per long ton instead of \$2.50 per ton as was the case a short time ago. Local prices for coal out of the vessel are chestnut \$10.50, stove or nut \$10.25. These are expected to increase.

The Onawana, owned by Rowan (Continued on page four.)

B. Hanson of this city, is representing attorney general and was present when Mrs. McCoy swore to the information. Donohue will be handed over by Major Good to the civil authorities this afternoon.

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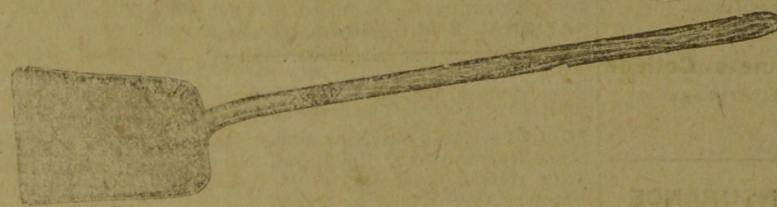
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