

LOCAL NEWS

Police Court.

The police report another clean sheet in police circles today.

Tag Day.

A Tag Day for the European War Veterans will be held on Saturday, May 26th.

Firemen Called Out.

An alarm was rung in last evening from box 15 for a chimney fire. The apparatus made a quick response.

For the Garden.

Tulips, all colors in bloom; cut carnations, roses; also perennial plants; daisies, pansies, all in bloom. Now is the time to make gardens. J. Bebbington.

Social Event.

Mrs. T. C. Allen is entertaining at bridge this afternoon in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. H. Allen of Montreal.

Had Forehead Cut.

Norman Goodine, messenger of the Western Union Telegraph Company, met with a severe accident last evening having his forehead badly cut. Dr. McGrath rendered medical aid.

Appointed Coroner.

Mr. A. L. Duplisse of Fredericton Junction, has been appointed coroner. The appointment of a coroner for the southern section of Sunbury county was much needed.

Mid Week Market.

Potatoes sold in the local market this morning for \$8 per barrel, and were scarce even at that. Eggs sold at 30 cents, butter at 40 cents, veal at 10 and 12 cents, pork at 20 cents, turnips at \$1.50 per barrel.

Recent Enlistments.

Pte. Frank Day, 41, Fredericton, has signed on with the Royal Flying Corps. Sapper Cecil E. McWilliam of Newcastle, who was a student of the '18 class at U. N. B., has enlisted here with the Divisional Signallers, Ottawa.

Bank Changes.

Mr. W. G. Anderson, accountant of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Main street branch, St. John, has been transferred to Fredericton, and Mr. J. E. Belyea of Prince William street branch will take Mr. Henderson's place.

On Three Months' Leave.

Lieut. Hazen Thompson is at his home in St. John on three months' leave. Prior to his appointment to the C. E. F. he was a well known commercial traveller and frequently visited this city.

Staff Sergt. Brewer Improving.

Sergt-Major Brewer has received word that his son, Staff Sergt. Roy Brewer of the R. C. E., Halifax, is steadily improving. His many friends here will be glad to hear of this improvement.

Capital Stock Increased.

The Royal Gazette today contains notice of the granting of supplementary letters patent increasing the capital stock of J. Clark & Son, Ltd., from \$100,000 to \$160,000. The head office of the company is in Fredericton.

Left For Montreal.

Mr. James L. Sugrue, representing the N. B. Federation of Labor and Mr. John Kemp, representing the St. John Trades and Labor Council, left last night for Montreal to attend the "Win the War" conference. Both were delegates to the recent meeting of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor in this city.

U. N. B. Alumni Essay for 1918.

The subject for the U. N. B. alumni essay for the year 1918 is as follows: "The best translation into Latin prose of the following passage of English: 'Smith's History of Greece, Chapter xxxvi., Sec. 11 (page 429), beginning with the words, "Their future route was now a matter of serious perplexity," and ending with the words "And expressions of the warmest regard." (Page 431, Sec. 13.)

New Club Incorporated.

L'Harmonie d'Edmundston, Limited, has been incorporated under provincial charter. Those incorporated are Messrs. Emile Simard, Sidney Laporte, Thomas Guerette and Willie J. Landry, all of Edmundston. The company is authorized to establish and carry on a musical, literary and athletic club. Real estate not exceeding the value of \$5,000 can be acquired.

Rumor Re 236th.

St. John Times-Star: That the 236th Kiltie Battalion, after its arrival in England, is to be broken up into drafts and the men sent forward to reinforce the Highland brigade at the front is a rumor that emanates from a semi-official source. Should this be carried out, it will leave some of the senior officers of the 236th in England without positions, as only junior officers would cross to France with the drafts. Military officials are of the opinion, however, that these officers will be returned to Canada and used in the Canadian Defence Force, or, if conscription should be put through, there will be plenty of places for these trained officers.

Looking for Recruits.

Lieut. Stanley Scott of the 2nd New Brunswick Forestry Battalion is spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Scott. Lieut. Scott is looking for recruits for his corps and hopes to procure fifty men in this section of the Province. Those who are accustomed to work in the woods and saw mills are the kind wanted, and Lieut. Scott should have no difficulty in securing the required number. The men are required for forestry work in the old country. They will be well paid and will be sent overseas without unnecessary delay. Husky young men whose services are needed by the Empire at the present time should not allow this opportunity to slip by.

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Dr. W. V. Coffyn, formerly of Bathurst, who is serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps under General Maude in his campaign against the Turks, has been heard from again.

Recent letters received by Mrs. Coffyn, who is at present residing with her father, Mr. Geo. F. Burden, ex-M. P. of Pokiok, were written in the historic city of Bagdad, under date of March 1st. The doctor gives an interesting description of the fighting which preceded the capture of Bagdad by the British. He says that the English regiment of which he is medical officer was the first to cross the river and accomplished the feat after two other regiments had been driven back. Many of the Turks, on the first approach of the British troops, threw away their rifles and ran like a mob, but eventually they made a stand and fought like devils. They were literally mowed down by the British, the scene being described by the doctor as a perfect shambles.

People Polite.

The doctor describes Bagdad as a very fine city. It has good hotels and public buildings, while the people are very polite and salute everybody.

Shot Beside Him.

He says he has had some very thrilling experiences and many close calls, but is well satisfied with his lot, and hopes to pull through all right. In one engagement the adjutant of the regiment was shot down beside him, and expired in a few minutes. He says the British captured a great many prisoners in the fighting around Bagdad.

INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OF MARVIN THOMAS

People of Fredericton Junction Asking for Action by the Authorities—Want Remains Exhumed.

It is reported from Fredericton Junction that public opinion there is strongly in favor of an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Marvin Thomas on the night of Saturday, May 12th. Late that night the home of the deceased was burned to the ground and his remains were found in the cellar after the fire, burned almost beyond recognition. Mr. G. A. Perley, ex-M. P. of Manguerville, coroner, was summoned and looked into the matter but decided an inquest to be unnecessary, the facts at the time pointing to the burning of the house and the death of the owner as the results of his own acts while mentally deranged.

Demand Explanation.

Since that time residents of Fredericton Junction have learned facts that have led them to ask the authorities to investigate the matter. It is said by reputable people that they conversed with the deceased the morning before the tragedy and that he showed no signs of mental derangement. It is stated that Mr. P. J. Hughes of this city will act in the matter. The people want the body exhumed.

At the time of the tragedy the reason of Thomas' deed of self-destruction was assigned as jealousy of his wife who, it was said, was not at home at the time of the fire, having gone to the authorities to secure protection from her husband. It also was said that Thomas had driven his children out of the house before setting fire to it.

Sunbury Circuit Court.

In the case of Rush vs. Clark in the Sunbury Circuit court before Judge Barry this morning argument of counsel was completed and His Honor addressed the jury. The case is now in the hands of the jury. —disagreement is considered possible. Mr. John R. McCluskey of St. John is official stenographer.

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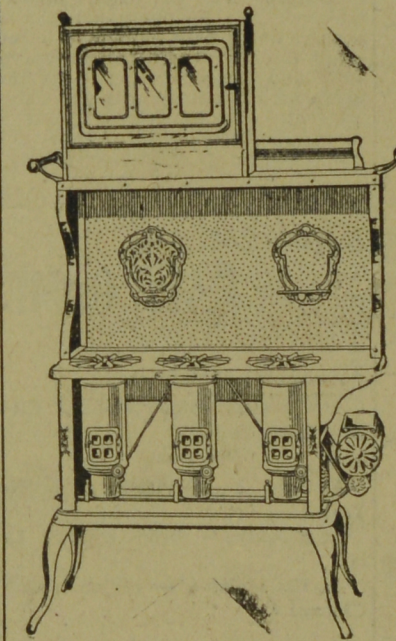
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