

LOCAL NEWS

Judgment on Monday.
Judgment will be given by Police Magistrate Limerick on Monday next in the indecent assault case which was before him Wednesday and yesterday. The evidence was completed yesterday afternoon.

Mother's Day.
Next Sunday is to be observed in the churches of the city as Mother's Day. Miss Ada Schleyer has a fine stock of flowers on hand for those who will wear a flower in observation of the day.

At the Gaiety Today.
"The Wax Model" with Vivian Martin will be presented at the Gaiety Theatre today and Saturday instead of Marguerite Clark in "The Fortunes of Rifi". This last named production will be shown on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Lieut. Wetmore Returns.
Lieut. F. W. C. Wetmore of the 236th Battalion, who has been taking a qualifying course at the Royal School of Infantry, Halifax, has returned to the city. He reports that the other members of the battalion who are undergoing instruction are making good progress and expect to complete their courses in the near future.

At the Gem Today.
The usual Mutual Weekly, latest events. Sixth episode of The Secret Kingdom. This chapter is a thriller, two reels. The American Film Co. presents The Man in the Sombra, a society drama featuring Harold Lockwood, also a good side splitting comedy. This is a grand week end programme.

Contract Awarded.
McLaggan & McBean, contractors, have been awarded the contract for the erection of the new Gaiety Theatre which is to be erected by the Messrs. Fenety on the Spahn property, Queen street. D. J. Shea & Son have been awarded the contract for the plumbing of the new theatre. Work of construction will begin next week.

Granted His Degree.
Mr. C. Robert Hawkins, son of Manager G. N. C. Hawkins of the Bank of Montreal has been granted the degree of LL. B. at Dalhousie. Mr. Hawkins was studying law at Dalhousie when the war broke out, but gave up his studies to go to the front. He went overseas with an artillery unit, and while on active service in France was granted a commission.

Bird Fair and Sale.
A Bird Fair and Sale of Bird Houses is being held in the Normal School Annex this afternoon and evening. Tea is served from four o'clock to seven. The fair consists of a most interesting exhibition of the work of the Normal School students in the construction of bird houses.

Movement for Incorporation.
Another movement for the incorporation of St. Mary's and 'Gibson is on foot. A public meeting for the discussion of the project is to be held in St. Anthony's hall on Tuesday night next. The last movement for the incorporation of the two villages was defeated at the polls when the ratepayers voted on the question. It is understood that public opinion now is in favor of incorporation.

Death at Lake George.
William Ballentyne, a well known resident of Lake George, passed away at his home last night. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Martha Ballentyne of Jamaica Plain, Mass., one daughter, Patience, and six sons, John, Allen, David, Joel, Oscar and Clarke, all residing in the United States. Other surviving relatives are one sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Munroe, of Southampton, and one brother, Robert of Green Lake, Carleton county. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at Lake George.

Arbor Day Observation.
Arbor Day was observed in the schools of the city today. Special exercises were carried out. Unfortunately the weather was not favorable to planting operations. At the Smythe street school the various departments gathered in assembly hall where appropriate exercises were carried out. The pupils of the Model school gathered in the assembly hall of the Provincial Normal School and carried out a lengthy programme.

Awaiting Appointment.
Dr. Frank W. Johnson, formerly of Fredericton, who has been practicing dentistry in the state of Maryland since his graduation from the Baltimore Dental School, is in the city. Dr. Johnson gave up his practice upon notification that he had been appointed to the Canadian Army Dental Corps, and returned to New Brunswick to take a commission. After passing the required medical examination he was informed that the appointment already had been filled. This treatment was not particularly relished by Dr. Johnson, who had made sacrifices to return to his native land for overseas service. Efforts are being made to have his appointment go through as it should.

U. N. B. Graduating Class.
The following compose the 1917 graduating class at the University of New Brunswick. The encaenia will be on May 17: Isabel St. John Bliss, William Vincent Creaghan, James Raymond Fraser, Jean Margaret Gorman, Dorothy Blanche Greene, Helen Gladys Gregory, Whitman Alfred Haines, Leo Cornelius Kelley, Austin Percy MacDonald, Jasper Allen MacGibbon, George Lee Miller, Harry Cameron Moore, Charles Ross Smith, Maurice Edward Smith, Ella Winifred Thurott, Eleanor Harriet Salome Townsend, Cecil Hartley Turner, Arthur Fenwick VanWart, David Gordon Willet.

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AT BIDDEFORD

Committee of Public Safety
Want Information Concerning
Alex. Robenian Who
Once Lived Here.

The fear of alien enemies in the United States has caused some inconvenience to a former Fredericton man in Biddeford, Me., judging from a query received by Chief of Police Finley from the Committee of Public Safety of Biddeford, Me. Mr. Fred A. Tarbox, private detective, is acting for the committee and asks Chief Finley for information concerning Alexander Robenian, an Armenian, who was naturalized in the United States under the name of Alexander Robinson. Robenian's statement to Mr. Tarbox was that he had been born in Constantinople but had fled as a refugee in a French ship at the time of the Armenian massacres in Turkey twenty years ago, also that he had lived in France for a time and had gone to school there. Concerning his residence in Fredericton he stated that he had gone to school here and gave the name of the lady in whose department he had been.

Well Remembered.
Robenian is well remembered in Fredericton. He attended the York Street School and also took special classes at the High School about seventeen years ago. His brother also lived here for a time and claimed to have served in Cuba with the field artillery of the United States during the war with Spain. Alex. Robenian was a musician of some ability and played in the High School orchestra while here. He also was a linguist of local distinction, speaking both English and French as well as his own tongue and having an acquaintance with Greek and Turkish.

The fact that he is a foreigner has brought him under suspicion in Biddeford.

Convicted and Fined.
Robert Ralsten of St. Mary's, was convicted in the police court this afternoon of violating the Lord's Day Act by keeping his place of business open on Sunday several weeks ago. He was fined ten dollars and costs.

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Judgment This Morning by
Mr. Justice Barry — Intention of Legislature Must be Supported.

Mr. Justice Barry this morning gave judgment in the appeal in the case of C. Edward Long, appellant, and The King on the information of Samuel J. Raymond, respondent, stating that he was of the opinion and also that there was abundant authority to support that opinion, that the extension of the liquor license to the appellant by the Liquor License Commissioners of Victoria county was improperly and improvidently granted and that it cannot be buttressed up by invoking the aid of the language of section 196 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1916, which is generally known as the Prohibition Act. His Honor further stated that the sale of liquor by the defendant on May 1st having been admitted, was an offence against the Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1916 and the conviction therefore must be affirmed.

The appeal was dismissed with costs to be paid by the appellant to the respondent, His Honor taxing such costs at the sum of \$15.

Ground Taken.
His Honor in his judgment took the ground that the primary and really the only object of the Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1916 was the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquor in New Brunswick and that it is the duty of the judge to make such construction of the statute as shall, if possible, suppress the mischief aimed at and advance the remedy. Even where the usual meaning of the language falls short of the whole object of the Legislature a more extended meaning may be attributed to it.

Mr. P. J. Hughes of Fredericton, appeared for the respondent, having been retained by Inspector W. D. Wilson. Mr. T. J. Carter, K. C., of Andover, appeared for the appellant.

City Council Tonight.
The City Council will meet in special session tonight for the purpose of considering the proposed "Clean Up Week" and also the question of increased production.

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