

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING IN AN AIRHOLE

**JACK MCKENZIE RESCUED
BY TWO COMPANIONS**

**Roderick Bidlake and Owen
Branscombe Dragged Him
from River at Great
Personal Risk.**

Jack McKenzie son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McKenzie of this city and a U. N. B. student narrowly escaped drowning in an air hole under the C. G. R. Bridge last night. A group of young men among whom were McKenzie, Owen Branscombe and Roderick Bidlake were enjoying the skating McKenzie recognizing a friend near the span beyond the draw started to skate out to him at a lively clip.

Skated in Airhole

He had almost reached his friend when he disappeared from sight. His friends at first thought he had fallen on the ice but on not seeing him appear they stopped short. Soon they heard him splashing about in the water. He made several unsuccessful attempts to get out but his skates and wet clothes weighed him down and he was unable to do so. Only the prompt action of his two friends saved him from drowning.

Dragged Him Out

Bidlake crawled out on the ice which commenced to break under him while Branscombe held him by the feet. Bidlake secured a hold on McKenzie's coat and by the united efforts of his two friends McKenzie was pulled out of his perilous position.

He suffered nothing but a bad scare and a wetting while Bidlake also suffered a wetting. Much praise is due Bidlake and Branscombe for their heroic conduct.

Another Quiet Day

The local police report another very quiet day. No offences have been reported and no doors were found open last evening.

For Pensions Board

Mr. Frank W. O'Connor of St. John representing the Pensions Board, arrived in the city last night, registering at the Queen Hotel. He dealt with a number of cases in this vicinity.

Late Mrs. William Gilbert

The funeral of the late Mrs. William Gilbert took place this afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was made at Sunnybank Cemetery, Very Rev. Dean Neales conducting the service.

Removed to Her Home

Miss Annie F. Kirke was sufficiently recovered from her late operation to be moved to her home on Charlotte Street on Wednesday last. Miss Kirke is now doing very well.

Twelve Discharges Given

In all about twelve discharges were given at the District Depot today. The number of discharges being given is daily increasing because of the number of soldiers reporting here.

Late Albert M. Schleyer

The funeral of the late Albert M. Schleyer took place yesterday afternoon. The pall bearers were Harry Smith, George Lockart, George Scott and Isaiah Staples. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery, Rev. G. M. Young conducting the service.

Death at Devon

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Dunbar on the loss of their infant child Ronald after a short illness. The deceased is survived by his parents two brothers and one sister. The funeral took place this afternoon at one o'clock, service being conducted by Rev. A. D. McLeod. Interment was made at Sunny Bank Cemetery.

Spending Vacation Here

Mr. Hugh J. Alward of the Department of Marine, who is stationed at Halifax is spending a vacation at his former home here. Mr. Alward was graduated in Civil Engineering by the University of New Brunswick in 1905 and since that time has been in the Lighthouse Section of the Marine Department. He is a son of the late Abram Alward of Fredericton.

U. N. B. Closed Wednesday

It was thought for a time that the University of New Brunswick would remain open till Monday next in order to complete the examinations going on but the faculty received the notice to close and the examinations were put off for the time being. Several had already been written and the remainder will be completed on the opening of the college when the ban is removed.

Soldiers' Mother Appears

Mrs. Jane Kitchen, mother of the soldier George Kitchen, who has lost his memory in the Toronto Convalescent Home turned up today at the Patriotic Fund office and asked her son's address from Mr. R. H. Simonds. Mrs. Kitchen stated that her son had been shell-shocked and was taking treatment but had not been heard from for some time. Mrs. Kitchen had seen the news in yesterday's paper and had recognized the soldier as her son.

Mr. J. Underwood of New Glasgow is registered at the Queen Hotel.

MORE PROTESTS AGAINST THE BAN FOR INFLUENZA

**DELEGATION WILL MEET
THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Curlers and Poultry Show Pro-
motors Offer Objection—
Public Opinion Against
The Ban.**

A delegation from the Fredericton Curling Club is expected to appear before the Fredericton Board of Health tonight and protest against the application of the ban in its present form to the curling rink. It is understood the delegation will ask that the members of the club be allowed the use of the rink for purpose of play only, on condition that the general public be excluded from the building.

Provincial Poultry Show

The question of the holding of the Provincial Poultry Show in Fredericton January 7th, 8th and 9th is under discussion in connection with the ban Mr. A. C. McCulloch, Provincial Poultry Superintendent, wrote a letter to the board asking if public meetings could be held in connection with the show. It is probable that more will be heard about the matter a delegation meeting the Board tonight.

Temporary Hospital Ready

It was announced today that the temporary hospital in the Gilman Building, York Street, which has been established by the Board of Health was open this afternoon. Miss McGivney formerly acting-matron at the Victoria Hospital has been engaged as matron. Mrs. Boyle who has had hospital experience in both Fredericton and Newcastle has been engaged as cook.

Secretary Dibblee of the Board of Health, today stated that sixty cases of influenza had been reported since Saturday last. This number is not as great as has been reported previously in a similar length of time.

Opinion Against the Ban

A considerable section of public opinion in Fredericton has been against the imposition of a second ban from the first and that section appears to be growing. There is frequent comment upon the futility of forbidding public gatherings for purposes of amusement while crowds are allowed to be in stores and church services are permitted. A number of annual meetings of lodges and other organizations are held in December and January and the imposition of the ban means that they must be postponed, with considerable inconvenience to the members. It is further pointed out that the neighboring towns of Devon and Marysville have no bans on public gatherings although influenza exists in both places.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE HERE TO BE CLOSED

**A. B. WILMOT TAKES UP
NEW DUTIES AT ST. JOHN**

**Travelling and Investigating
Officer and Inspector of Em-
ployment Offices—A
New Policy.**

With the advent of the new land settlement policy adopted by the Dominion Government the Immigration Office in this city will be abolished. The land settlement policy assumes that the Federal government should take upon itself the securing of settlers from Great Britain, and from foreign countries other than enemy and that the Provincial governments should take upon themselves the matter of land settlement of immigrants.

Transferred to St. John

This policy abolishes the Immigration Office in the city and Mr. A. B. Wilmot who has held the office of agent since May 1912 has been transferred to St. John in the Inspectorial Department as travelling and investigating officer as well as inspector of employment agencies. Mr. Wilmot's new position makes him inspector of children from the British Isles who arrive in the Maritime Provinces chiefly through the Middlemore Homes. His duty will be to see that the children who arrive are given suitable employment with farmers and others in the provinces. Later when they have been put into homes he will act as investigating agent to see that they have been properly cared for.

The New Policy

In regard to the new policy it has been suggested that there should be created a Federal Land Settlement Board comprising the Minister of Immigration and a representative from each province. The board would be consultative and advisory and not active. It would meet at least once annually for the purpose of reviewing the working out of any policies that may be adopted for land settlement throughout Canada.

I. S. C. Wants Office

Capt. G. H. Boyd who is in charge of Vocational Education at the N. B. Military Hospital has applied for former Immigration offices in the Post Office Building for the use of the Invalid Soldiers' Commission.

Death of Robert Peppers

The death of Robert Peppers occurred at Lower St. Mary's last evening after a lingering illness. The deceased was eighty-five years of age. The funeral took place this afternoon, service being held at the church at four o'clock by Rev. G. R. Fisher. Interment was made at Lower St. Mary's.

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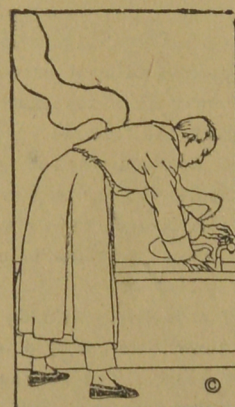
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