

SMITH FOUNDRY PREPARES FOR RECONSTRUCTION

WOMEN WORKERS ON MUNITIONS ARE LEAVING

Shell Contracts will be Completed by Christmas—New Lines of Manufacture to be Adopted.

The Smith Foundry Co. is on its last orders for shells. It expects to have completed these by Christmas. After Christmas the plant will start on its regular work.

Early in the war the shell orders came in until the shell-making industry required the service of women in the absence of men. Thirty-five women joined in the munition making and proved themselves nearly as expert as men and some more so. Night and day shifts kept running until most of the shell orders had been filled. Now the number of women is diminished, they being let go gradually.

Shell-making produced a large payroll and has brought prosperity to the city during the period of war.

Reconstruction

As a part of the reconstruction after the war, the Smith plant will take on a number of men in order to reorganize for the regular work. The work of reorganization will be completed by spring and expansion of the plant will take place in preparation for more manufacturing. New lines of manufacture will be undertaken and these it is expected will result in increased activity at the Smith Foundry. It also is possible that new industries may be developed from these new lines.

Has Been Seriously Ill

Miss May Cunningham who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of Mrs. F. S. Sadler, St. John Street is recovering.

Had Paralytic Stroke

Mr. John Maxwell was seized with a paralytic stroke last evening at his home but is resting a little easier today.

Made Inspection Trip

Chief of Police Finley and Sub-Inspector Fraser Saunders made an inspection trip to Oromocto on Saturday. The trip resulted in no arrests and no discoveries of liquor.

Late Mary E. Harvey

The funeral of the late Mary Elizabeth Harvey took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. G. M. Young. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

Was Protectionist

A returned soldier who is taking the Vocational Education Course at the Vocational School of the N. B. Military Hospital was locked out last evening by his boarding mistress and claimed the protection of the police overnight.

Address on Thursday Evening

Mr. Gordon Wright, founder and Dominion President of the Associated Kin of the C. E. F. will give an address at the City Opera House on Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Admission free.

Ex-Warden McKeen

Ex-Warden John McKeen of Keswick Ridge, one of the best known men in York County is quite ill at his home. About a month ago he had a stroke of paralysis and while he has partially recovered he is not yet able to be about.

Weekly Roll-Off

The weekly roll-off took place at the Palace Bowling Alleys last evening being won by E. Tederson with a total of 309. E. Edney came second with 282 and George Brown followed with 278. On Thursday evening the Marysville Juniors will play the Fredericton Juniors at the Palace Alleys.

Arctic Alleys Open

The Arctic bowling alleys are now open to the public under the management of Mr. Earle Scott an energetic young man who will see to it that his patrons are well treated. Bowling is one of the most healthful and popular of all pastimes and has many devotees in this city. The Arctic alleys are centrally located and visitors will be cordially welcomed.

The Arctic Rink

The young people of this city will be delighted to learn that the Arctic rink the most popular of all amusement resorts will be open for skating early next week. The rink has been leased by Mr. Earle Scott and is now being put into shape for skating. Season tickets will be on sale tomorrow at the drug store of Mr. A. J. Ryan. Watch the advertising columns of the Mail for further announcements. Mr. Scott also has leased the Arctic Bowling Alleys.

Bathurst Visit Cancelled

Mayor Coffyn, Bathurst, received a telegram informing him that on account of the reported disorganization of all Bathurst activities following the recent outbreak of influenza the Governor General had decided to cancel his proposed visit to that town on Dec. 15 and 16. His Excellency stated that he was much disappointed that he would not have the pleasure of meeting the people of Bathurst, but that he hoped to be able to make a visit at some future time, when conditions were more opportune.

H. PAUL PHILLIPS DEAD AFTER AN EVENTFUL LIFE

SERVED IN U. S. NAVY DURING CIVIL WAR

Retired from Fredericton Police Force Several Years Ago—Was Wounded in the American Navy.

Fredericton this morning lost one of its best known citizens in the person of Henry Paul Phillips, late sergeant of the Fredericton police force, who passed away at his home, King Street, at the age of seventy-six years after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will take place at 2.30 Wednesday afternoon Rev. G. C. Warren conducting the service. Interment will be made at the Old Protestant Burying Ground.

Surviving Relatives

The deceased is survived by a grandson, son of the late Robert Phillips who gave his life in the first Battle of Ypres fighting in the Dorset Regiment of the Imperial Army and being one of the first victims of German poison gas. Other surviving relatives are a nephew Mr. R. L. Phillips of Fredericton and a niece, wife of Dr. Chipman of St. John.

Served in American Navy

He was a native of Fredericton his father being the late B. A. Phillips publisher of the Headquarters newspaper in this city and some time ago Queen's Printer. In his youth he enlisted in the United States Navy and took part in a relief expedition which went to the arctic regions and succeeded in bringing back a party thought to have been lost. He also served during the American Civil War in which he was wounded. After some years' service in the American Navy he took his discharge having by that time attained the rank of warrant officer. His service entitled him to draw a pension from the United States Government. At that time he bore the reputation of being the strongest man physically in the United States Navy.

On Local Police Force

After returning from the United States he took a place on the Fredericton police force which he held until about six years ago. For the greater part of the time in which he was a policeman he held the rank of sergeant. In all he served on the police force twenty-five or thirty years and in that time made an enviable record as a public official. Upon a reorganization of the force several years ago Sergeant Phillips severed his connection with it.

Had Numerous Friends

The deceased was a man of excellent qualities who made many friends.

GROUNDLESS RUMORS OF FLU OUTBREAK

UNFAIR TO BUSINESS MEN OF COMMUNITY

Rumors Spread Without Real Support for Them—Number of Cases Much Lower Than it Was.

The attempt on the part of a minority of the people of Fredericton to cause a panic on account of the influenza situation is not justified by facts and is detrimental to the best business and social interests of the city and vicinity. Official reports to the Health authorities show that there is no foundation for the rumor that there has been another outbreak of influenza sufficient to necessitate reimposition of the ban on public gatherings with its attendant interference with business. The present season is always devoted to an expanded retail trade in all communities and the merchants and others do not deserve to have their business and other activities further interfered with by the spreading of groundless rumors.

Pneumonia Cases

Many alarmists have been exaggerating the number of pneumonia cases now in the city regardless of the fact that the total number of cases is much lower than it was some weeks ago when a real epidemic was at its height. These stories in some cases have had the effect of decreasing the school attendance many persons not knowing facts placing too much credence in the reports.

Will Occur For Some Time

As in all districts which have been visited by the influenza cases of the disease will occur for some months after the height of the epidemic has passed. In fact physicians have issued a warning that this province will not be free of the disease during the winter. This however does not mean that there will be a continual epidemic and the alarmists who have been spreading rumors should be suppressed.

On Dental Inspection

Major McGee of St. John is in the city today on dental inspection of the N. B. Military Hospital.

Late Ernest Hutchinson

The body of the late Ernest Hutchinson of Douglastown arrived in this city at one o'clock this afternoon accompanied by Mr. Richard Hutchinson, son of the deceased. The body was transferred from the C. P. R. station to the C. G. R. by hearse.

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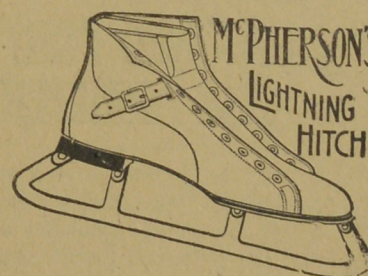
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