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The Weather
Fresh southwest winds, fair and mild today and on Wednesday.

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A FURTHER ENQUIRY WILL BE MADE INTO THE DEATH OF LEWIS A. KING—WITNESS ARRESTED

Sensation Develops at Inquest in Connection With Recent Fire at Oxford, N. S.—Post Mortem Showed That Victim Had a Clot of Blood on the Back of the Brain—Cause of Death However, was Suffocation.

Amherst, N. S., March 22.—That Lewis A. King came to his death from suffocation and that the request be made to the crown for a further enquiry was the substance of the verdict of the coroner's jury at Oxford today. The verdict came after an afternoon of intense interest in which M. A. Peel was again on the witness stand when he was able to recall some incidents in connection with Saturday morning's fire which were a blank to him on Saturday afternoon. On the completion of his evidence he was placed under arrest on a charge of violating chapter 15, section A of the criminal code relating to "prevention of fires," passed by the Dominion parliament last year. That statute reads: "Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years imprisonment who by negligence causes any fire which occasions loss of life or loss of property." The arrest under this section was made before the jury returned its verdict.

The evidence of doctors who conducted the autopsy, disclosed that there was a clot of blood on the back of the brain which they said would be caused by an external injury, that there was a flattened nose which might be caused by external injury or by a fall, that there was a cut on the face which might be caused in the same way; that there was a clot of blood on the chest which could have been caused by some other person or by the deceased falling. They said that these injuries were caused while the deceased was conscious. That the ultimate cause of his death was suffocation. The jury's verdict was on the open lines suggested by this evidence.

Peel was brought to Amherst this evening, accompanied by his mother, who with his wife was with him during the trial, and is now lodged in the jail here.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO OCCUPY SAUNDERS BLDG.

Committee in Session Last Night—Price About \$8,000—Furnishings Will Come High.

A meeting of the Club committee of the York Commercial Club was held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms to consider the formation of a social club in affiliation with the Commercial Club. It was decided to purchase the Saunders building, Queen Street. The cost of this building will be \$8,000 and it will be necessary to raise about \$7,000 more to furnish and equip the new quarters. To do this it will be necessary for the Club to sell that amount of stock and provide a sinking fund. Committees were appointed to obtain members. The membership list may be limited to about one hundred and the dues will probably be in the vicinity of thirty-five dollars per year. Though the new organization will be in a way

THE TRIAL OF GERMAN CULPRITS IS LIKELY TO BE PROLONGED

Berlin, March 22.—No doubt is entertained here that the trials at Leipzig of those arraigned on charges of misdeeds during the war will last for several years. The cost will necessarily be enormous, and it has not yet been decided whether the state or those who are found guilty shall bear it. It is expected that witnesses in Belgium, France and England will be heard by commissions sent to those countries. There is no doubt that in several cases, after the preliminary investigations, it will be decided not to proceed with the trials on the ground that the accusations are baseless.

PROF. STOCKLEY, FORMERLY OF U.N.B. FACULTY

Sinn Fein Alderman in Cork, Ireland—Attempt Upon His Life was Made Last Week.

Prof. Stockley mentioned in despatches yesterday as having an attempt made against his life last Thursday night is Prof. W. F. P. Stockley for seventeen years a member of the faculty of the University of New Brunswick and a resident of Fredericton. Prof. Stockley joined the faculty of U. N. B. in 1885 and was Professor of Modern Languages until 1902 when he resigned going to the University of Ottawa. He remained in Ottawa until 1905 when he went to Halifax, N. S., where he was headmaster of St. Mary's College for some time. He then returned to Ireland where he was appointed Professor of English in Queen's College, Cork, now known as the University of Cork. Prof. Stockley is a native of Ireland and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin.

Change in Religion
While a resident of Fredericton Prof. Stockley became prominent through a change in religious belief, ceasing to be a Protestant and embracing Roman Catholicism. Rev. Dr. Alexander, a clergyman of the Church of England embraced the same faith at that time. The incident caused a sensation.

Mrs. Stockley died in Fredericton in 1893. In 1905 Prof. Stockley married the second time his bride being Marie Germaine daughter of Max Kobb, ex-superintendent of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Munich, Germany.

Sinn Fein Alderman
Since joining the faculty of Cork, University Prof. Stockley has been closely identified with political movements in Ireland. He was long a pronounced Nationalist but despatches classify him now as a Sinn Fein alderman for Cork.

The Sugar Season
Maple sugar makers of Queensbury are now all ready for business and anticipate a good season. The first new maple sugar is expected to appear on the market this week. With the high price of other sweets maple products are likely to advance in price over last year.

PERSONAL.

C. McN. Steeves of the Dominion Public Works Department is in the city.

Mr. Lawrence Gilmore who has been attending U. N. B., left last night for his home in Stanley. Mr. Gilmore is a nephew of Mr. F. A. Good, with whom he has been living during his stay here.

a branch of the Commercial Club its members will not necessarily be members of that body.

W. R. Dunbar is the present owner of the Saunders Building which was occupied for some time by the District Discharge Depot.

CANADA'S EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR WERE RUN CLOSE TO BILLION DOLLAR MARK

The Estimates Tabled in the House of Commons Yesterday Afternoon—Large Sum Expended in Connection With Demobilization—Shipbuilding Programme Calls for an Expenditure of Twenty Million Dollars.

Ottawa, March 22.—Whereas Canada's expenditure this fiscal year under Federal government auspices will total \$900,852,231.73 on March 31, in the coming fiscal year the total is set by the main estimates tabled today at \$537,149,428.09, or a decrease of \$363,702,803.64. As this year the total has been greatly raised by an expenditure of \$350,000,000 for demobilization, \$40,000,000 voted as an emergency unemployment fund to carry returned soldiers out of work through the winter, \$40,000,000 for the government shipbuilding programme, \$25,000,000 for the housing scheme and \$35,000,000 for miscellaneous railway equipment, or \$490,000,000 in all, it was anticipated by those not in the secrets of the Union government that reduction would be very much greater than that which has been shown, an dto which will have to be added later such supplementary estimates as are brought down. But demobilization is not over. The estimates ask \$38,463,400 for this purpose, \$9,745,000 being for demobilization overseas and \$28,505,900 for services in Canada, \$57,500 for services of the Department of Justice, \$105,000 for the Department of Trade and Commerce, and \$50,000 for the department of the Secretary of State. No provision is made in the estimates for spending an emergency fund for the soldiers, but a committee has yet to meet where additional assistance is not beyond the bounds of probability. The government shipbuilding programme for the next fiscal years calls for an expenditure of \$20,000,000, half that of this year, and for housing the estimates place the total required at \$13,310,000.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S SHARE.

New Brunswick's estimates show the various increases decided upon in 1919 for the judges. For St. John harbor they show an appropriation of \$1,250,000 under the general title of "improvements" the other items are small, including \$7,000 for improvements to Dominion buildings in St. John, \$2,500 for repairs and renewals to the heating system in the post office and \$9,000 to be spent in rebuilding the detention building, destroyed by fire.

Under the heading of harbors and rivers there is an amount of \$172,525, allocated to New Brunswick, mostly for repairs and improvement generally, \$15,000 for repairs to the breakwater at Petit Rocher, \$22,000 for reconstruction of the breakwater and repairs to pier at Quaco (St. Martins). Half a million dollars will be spent for dredging in the Maritime Provinces

WILL ASK FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Archie McCoig Has an Important Question on the Order Paper at Ottawa—The Wheat Board a Mysterious Body Responsible to Nobody.

Ottawa, March 23.—Mr. Archie McCoig has a question on the order paper designed to bring out some information regarding the Wheat Board, that somewhat mysterious body which does not appear to be responsible to any person or department in particular, and the operations of which have been conducted under a cloud of mystery which places it almost on a footing with the inner council of the War Cabinet. The operations of the board have been successful in one respect at least. It seems to have gained the unqualified approval of the farmers. The immense powers of this body are illustrated by its method of dealing with the export of flour. When the board was created it was not generally understood that it was, for example, supposed to have the power delegated to it by the Government, to impose export duties on Canadian flour; yet that is what has happened. No flour may be exported from Canada unless it is bought from the Wheat Board. In many instances private parties have asked quotations from millers for flour for export. They have reached the same, but have been informed that it was necessary to have the consent of the Wheat Board to make the purchase. On application to that body they would be informed that no flour could be exported from Canada except when purchased from the Wheat Board. When asked for quotations, they were generally found to be from a dollar and a half to two dollars a barrel in excess of those quoted by the millers. It would appear that the Wheat Board has been imposing this tax, and it would be interesting to know what authority they have for doing so, and what the effect has been on Canadian business?

THE RADICALS NOW HAVE FIRM FOOTING IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT OF WEST GERMANY

Disaster Said to be Inevitable Should the Government Troops Try to Interfere With Them—Premier Bauer Proposes That a Labor Government be Formed—Heavy Fighting is Reported North of Spandau.

CHAS. W. HALL NEW ALDERMAN KING'S WARD

Nominated Monday Without Opposition—Will be Elected Formally on Monday Next.

Mr. Charles W. Hall was placed in nomination yesterday afternoon shortly before four o'clock for alderman for King's Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the election of ex-Ald. J. A. Reid as mayor. There was no other nomination and Mr. Hall will be declared elected on Monday next which is election day.

The new alderman is a son of the late Thomas Hall and was born in St. John. About twenty five years ago he succeeded his uncle the late Moses S. Hall as proprietor of Hall's bookstore



CHARLES W. HALL

New alderman in King's Ward

and stationery business in this city. Mr. Hall was graduated by the University of New Brunswick in 1884.

When the City Council was organized for the current year vacancies were left in chairmanships and in the personnel of several committees for the new alderman for King's. Under this arrangement Mr. Hall will be chairman of the Committee on Wharves and Cemetery and a member of the Committees on City Hall and Market, Appeals and Contingencies and Administration of Justice.

On Inspection Tour

Fishery Inspector H. E. Harrison left this morning for Boiestown and Juniper on business connected with the mills situated at those places and the disposal of sawdust and mill refuse so that it will not be washed into the streams by the spring rise of water.

Another C. N. R. Case

Harry Grant a C. N. R. driver was arrested at Napudogan yesterday and brought to Fredericton last night by T. T. Trenholm of the C. P. R. investigating department. Grant appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this afternoon on a charge of theft.

Hon. J. A. Murray, M. P. P. of Sussex returned to the city this morning.

A BILL PROPOSING SEPARATE PEACE WITH HUNS IN U.S. CONGRESS

Washington, March 22.—A bill proposing a separate peace between the United States and Germany and Austria for the purpose of "peaceful commerce," was introduced today by Representative Britton, Republican, Illinois. Creation of a European trade council to promote trade with Europe generally also was proposed. It would be headed by President Wilson and its members would be the Secretaries of State, Commerce, Treasury and Labor.

(Special to the Mail.)

London, March 23.—The proposal put before Gustave Bauer, the German Premier, for the formation of a labor government for Germany, excluding the bourgeois parties, was advanced by the Independent Socialist, the Exchange Telegraph Co. correspondent at Berlin reports. He adds: "The majority of the people would undoubtedly vote against such a proposal, fearing it would result in a proletarian dictatorship."

Held by Radicals.

The whole western industrial district of Germany is held solidly by radicals, and disaster is inevitable if the government troops try to interfere there, according to information received from Berlin this morning. The Social Democrats learn that a purely workers' government is on the point of formation.

Heavy Fighting Reported.

Berlin, March 23.—Heavy fighting between regular troops and insurgents occurred yesterday north of Spandau. Strong bands, equipped with machine guns, which have plundered the village of Boetow, encountered a company of regulars near Henningdorf, and the latter were obliged to retire temporarily.

WILLIAM ALLEN MISSING

Reported to Have Lived in Fredericton at One Time—Served Overseas.

An enquiry has been received by the Chief of Police of this city from Mrs. Clarence Sylvester of Glenview, Alberta, regarding the whereabouts of her brother, William Allen. It seems that he was last seen by his sister about thirteen years ago, and since that time she has lost trace of him completely.

The sister of the missing man has heard from Mrs. John Cunningham of Hanwell that her brother was seen in this city last spring. About nine years ago he was working here in the employ of a man by name of DeLong. He enlisted and served overseas with the C. E. F. and during the time he was away his wife and two children resided in this city. It was probably on his return that he was seen or heard of by Mrs. Cunningham.

He is about twenty-five years of age, and has blue eyes and light hair. Any information leading to the discovery of his whereabouts will, no doubt be greatly appreciated by his sister in Alberta.

THE KING HELD FIRST LEEVEE

(Special to the Mail.)

London March 23.—King George's first levee at St. James Palace since 1914 was held yesterday and was a brilliant affair.

Moncton Transcript: Mr. G. H. Lounsbury, of the Lounsbury Motor and Supply Co., returned yesterday afternoon from a two weeks' trip to Toronto and Detroit. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lounsbury.