

MRS. VANDINE OBSERVES HER 88TH BIRTHDAY

Widow of Former Customs Official the Recipient of Many Congratulations — Attended Dedication.

Mrs. Mary VanDine today quietly observed her 88th birthday at the home of her son, Mr. R. B. VanDine George street. This highly esteemed lady is in the enjoyment of excellent health and yesterday morning attended a church service. Last evening and today she had numerous callers who extended hearty congratulations and god wishes. Mrs. VanDine is one of the people now living who attended the services in connection with the dedication of Christchurch Cathedral in the year 1853. She was formerly Miss Mary Barker a native of Fredericton and has resided here all her life. Her husband, the late Mr. Dow VanDine was for many years employed on the customs staff in this city.

In conversation with a Mail representative today Mrs. VanDine said that she had received flowers and other remembrances from friends in this city and elsewhere in honor of her birthday and wished to assure all that she was very grateful for the kindness bestowed upon her.

Replying to a question she said said that she had seen many changes in styles during her life time with respect to women's dress, and could not say that she disapproved of them. She added that it was not difficult for her to recall the time when women wore hoop skirts and bustles. "But," she added, "they didn't bob their hair in those days nor did they go to the movies."

Mrs. VanDine stated that in her opinion the radio was the most marvellous of modern inventions, and expressed delight that she had been spared to enjoy its wonders.

* CITY AFFAIRS *

Stock Market Weak
Advices from Montreal today stated that most of the active stocks sold off a few points as the result of profit taking. The New York market was also reputed to be rather soft.

Indians Arrested
Two Indians were arrested on the Indian Reserve over the week end by the Provincial Police charged with drinking and causing a disturbance. They were brought to the city and lodged in the local police station pending hearing which will probably be tomorrow. One of the Indians is Peter Brooks, an old offender.

Going on Hunting Trip
Dr. Coleman and party from Clinton, N. J., arrived in this city over the week end and are planning on a ten day hunting trip to the woods of the Miramichi, with guide Harry Allen. Dr. Coleman is well known here, and former friends are according him a hearty welcome to the city. The party are registered at the Queen Hotel.

Fires Saturday
Two alarms were rung in this city on Saturday afternoon and were quickly attended to by the fire department. The first was rung at box 13 and proved to be a false alarm. The second from box 24 was a slight fire at the paint shop of William Vaughan on King street and was extinguished without much difficulty.

Saw Two Bull Moose
Maurice Coll, of St. John, maritime manager of the Goodrich Rubber Company, saw two moose yesterday afternoon on his way to this city by car and says they would have been a perfect shot if he had been in possession of a gun at the time. Mr. Coll arrived in the city yesterday morning and registered at local hotel. He said that the two moose tumbled across the road in front of the auto and took plenty of time in getting across.

W. C. Stillwell of Moncton is in the city.

POLICE COMMISSION HEARD SIX WITNESSES AT INVESTIGATION OF ESCAPE OF TWO LEBLANCS

After Two Hour Hearing This Morning Most Likely Conclusion is That Lock Was Picked—Deputy Attorney General Asks That Demonstration Be Given in Lock Picking—Commission Adjourned Hearing at One O'clock Until Three This Afternoon When it Will be Concluded.

Six witnesses were heard at the investigation held this morning by the police commission over the escape from the city police station on Wednesday, 14th., of this month of Dominic LeBlanc and Ernest LeBlanc father and son, from Moncton who were charged with being in illegal possession of liquor, and whose arrest was made a few days previous to their escape by the Provincial Police officers. The investigation was held behind closed doors, in the mayor's office and besides the police commission, representative of the attorney general, court stenographer and press there were no others present at hearing. The attorney general was represented by Ralph St. J. Freeze, his Deputy.

After spending two hours, between eleven o'clock and one, hearing witnesses, cross examining them and

discussing various angles of the case, the commission composed of Mayor Clark, Magistrate Limerick and D. W. Olts, chairman, adjourned until three o'clock this afternoon when the verdict will be given and a practical demonstration in lock picking will be given by Thomas Young, lock expert and employee of one of the local stores, dealers in electrical supplies.

There was nothing out of the ordinary brought out at hearing this morning. The evidence given by all the witnesses points to the lock having been picked. Thomas Young's evidence, that he had picked the lock yesterday with a jackknife in the presence of one of the police officers is clearly indicative that the two LeBlancs, with any kind of luck, could have made their escape from the cell room where they were

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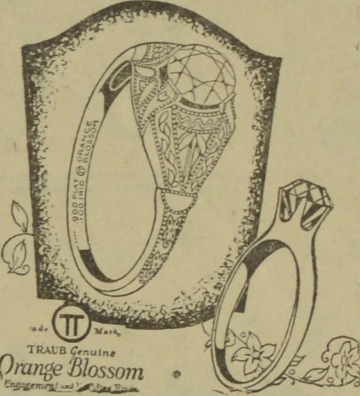
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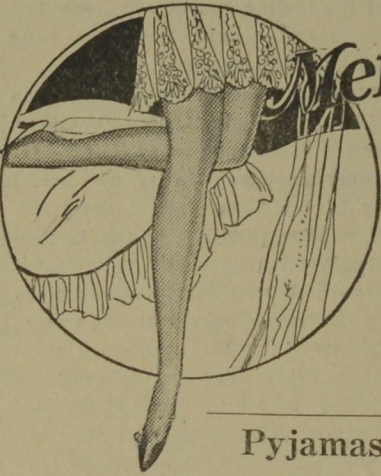
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