

Local News

RETURNED FROM HOLIDAY TRIP.

City Treasurer George Perkins and Mrs. Perkins have returned from a holiday trip to Boston, Philadelphia, New York and other American cities.

GOVERNMENT MEETING.

Acting Premier G. J. Clarke went to St. John this morning to attend a meeting of the provincial government there this evening.

A PROVISIONAL OFFICER.

Sixty-seventh Regiment (Carlton Light Infantry)—To be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary): Color Sergeant Fred Brown, 1st September 1914.

LAW EXAMS.

The law examinations which have been going on here for the past week, were finished yesterday. The attorneys will be sworn in before the Supreme Court on November 11th and the barristers on the 12th.

BOY SCOUT ORGANIZER COMING.

Mr. F. R. Perrott, dominion organizer of the Boy Scouts, will likely visit Fredericton during the latter part of this week. Mr. Perrott is now in St. John but will go to McAdam Junction tomorrow.

SAFE IN ENGLAND.

The many friends of F. E. Spencer will be pleased to learn that Mr. John Pelsley received a letter from him yesterday, stating that he had arrived in England and was well. Mr. Spencer enlisted for overseas service with the contingent from the 71st Regt.

CLERGYMAN VOLUNTEERS.

Rev. E. B. Hooper, an Anglican clergyman at St. John, is anxious to go to the front as chaplain with a New Brunswick regiment if it is formed, and has urged those of his congregation who are able to do so, to volunteer for overseas service.

TO WED ON THURSDAY.

The wedding of Mr. Frank Sadler of this city, and Miss Rose M. Curley of Bristol, England, will take place on Thursday evening in the Episcopal church at Lower Maugerville, Sunbury county. Rev. Canon Smithers of this city, will perform the ceremony.

PREACHED FIRST SERMON.

Rev. Father Hector Belliveau, son of Prof. A. Belliveau of this city, who was recently ordained, preached his first sermon in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at St. John. Father Belliveau's discourse was on The Holy Eucharist and was very instructive.

SIGNALLER GOING TO HALIFAX.

Mr. George Keen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keen of St. Mary's, left last evening for Halifax, where he will join a company of signalers now on duty at that place. Mr. Keen is a qualified signaller and has been actively connected with the Fredericton High School Cadet Corps.

LATE WILLIAM LOCKHART.

The funeral of the late William Lockhart took place this afternoon from the home of his son, Mr. George Lockhart, 756 Charlotte street, and was very largely attended. Rev. Dr. H. Smith, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, conducted the funeral services and interment was made at the Old Burial Ground.

PROVISIONAL SCHOOL AT HALIFAX.

Major W. H. Gray, the officer commanding the 71st Regt., has received word that a provisional school of instruction has been opened at Wellington Barracks, Halifax. No definite word has yet reached here as to whether a similar school will be established in this city early in November.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Junior Mission Band of the Brunswick Street United Baptist church last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Leader, Mrs. Havelock Coy; president, Miss Cora Niles; vice president, Donald Porter; secretary, Miss Beatrice Phillips; treasurer, Miss Ethel Harris; auditor, Miss Nellie Ferguson.

THE PROVINCIAL WAR GIFT.

Secretary of Agriculture J. B. Daggett and Provincial Horticulturist A. G. Turvey went to St. John yesterday on business connected with the shipment of the New Brunswick contribution of potatoes and apples to the imperial authorities. It is expected that by tomorrow morning at the latest, New Brunswick's war gift to the mother country will be on the way to the other side. Nearly 100,000 bushels of potatoes are now on board the Sellasia at St. John. To what port she will sail is not definitely known but it is thought to be London.

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MRS. GEORGE H. OFFEN CUTS HER THROAT WITH A RAZOR

Sad Death of the Wife of a Local Bailsmaster—Had Been a Cripple for Years and of Late Had Been Melancholy

Mrs. Jamie Offen, wife of Mr. George H. Offen, the well known musician, and formerly bandmaster of the Royal Canadian Regiment, committed suicide at her home on Charlotte street yesterday afternoon at about five o'clock by cutting her throat with a razor.

Rendered almost helpless by an incurable disease, it is supposed that in a fit of despondency Mrs. Offen decided to take her life and put an end to her sufferings. She committed the dreadful deed while alone in her bedroom, the only other person in the house at the time being her mother-in-law, Mrs. F. Offen, who is here from London, England, on a visit. The latter was in the kitchen and was in ignorance of what had happened until her son came home from his work at six o'clock and found his wife lying on the bed in her room in a semi-conscious condition with three ugly gashes in her throat and a razor nearby.

Medical aid was immediately summoned and they had Mrs. Offen rushed to the Victoria Hospital. Everything possible was done to save her life but she passed away on the operating table at about half past seven with out regaining consciousness.

The coroners are satisfied that it was a clear case of suicide and will not hold an inquest.

The victim of the sad affair was about forty-five years of age and besides her husband is survived by two

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SETTLEMENT MAY BE ARRIVED AT IN RAILWAY CASE

Board of Arbitrators Met This Morning and Adjourned—Counsel Are in Conference Today—Big Sum Involved

Negotiations are on for a settlement of the dispute between the Hibbard Construction Company and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, and the hearing before a board of arbitrators composed of A. B. Connell, K.C.; R. H. Cushing, C.E., and Harry F. McLean has been deferred. Mr. Cushing, who was detained at home yesterday by illness, arrived from St. John this morning and soon afterwards the arbitrators met in a committee room of the Parliament Building and adjourned. The Hibbard Company is represented by George W. Fowler, K.C., M.P., and Fred R. Taylor, K.C., while Messrs. H. A. Powell, K.C.; R. B. Hanson and Mr. Pascus of New York, are looking after the interests of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. A conference of the counsel was held this morning and another is being held this afternoon. The announcement was made at noon that there was some prospect of an agreement being reached. A number of those who had sub-contracts on the road are here watching the proceedings and are hoping that an agreement will be reached.

The amount involved is in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars and includes the ten per cent held back on the contractors over which there is no dispute.

Mr. L. B. Staeves of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. W. F. Humphrey, M.P.P., of Moncton, is among the guests at the Barker House.

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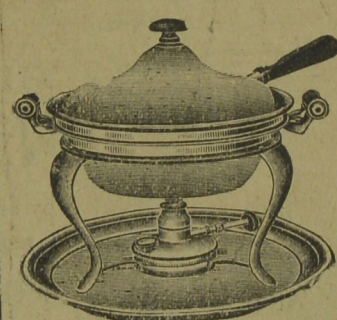
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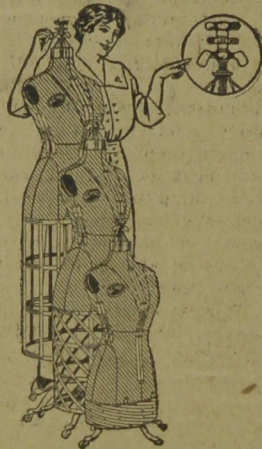
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