Auditor's Report On School Accounts

Bonded Debt of Board Is $903,500—Teachers' Salaries Last Year $250,364.36.

The annual audit of the city comptroller on the books and accounts of the School Board was presented yesterday at the meeting of the city council and ordered filed.

Mayor McLellan referred to a very large amount of money going for school purposes, taking a goodly proportion of the taxes collected. Commissioner Frink paid a tribute to the comptroller, particularly in reference to the sinking fund account, which he had been instrumental in putting on a satisfactory basis.

The report is as follows:

St. John, N. B., Sept. 22, 1922.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Common Council of the City of Saint John:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present my annual report upon the books, accounts and finance of the Board of School Trustees of the City of Saint John.

I audited the books and accounts for the year ending the 30th day of June last.

The statement of assets and liabilities, signed by me, which is now handed to you, was correctly prepared from the books of the Trustees and in my opinion represents their position on the 30th day of June past.

Statements of receipts and expenditures (capital and current accounts) signed by me, are also presented and show the sources of the Board's income and for what the expenditures were made. These were proved respectively. All expenditures were properly vouchered. The bonded debt on the 30th June last was $903,500. Debentures to the amount of $16,500 matured during the year, which with $21,500 that matured the previous year, in all $38,000, were re-issued as redemptions for twenty-five years at 6 per cent. interest. Debentures on capital account, amounting to $157,000, were issued for Lorne school and other capital work at twenty-five years expiry at 6 per cent. interest.

The interest on overdrawn account paid Bank of Nova Scotia was $1,502.85.

The repairs to buildings and furniture were $47,352.71. The coal for heating the schools for the year cost $45,457.29.

The amount paid out for teachers' salaries was $250,364.36, and that required for janitors, $21,518.90.

I inspected the securities held for the sinking fund, and are as follows:

Invested in bonds (face value $90,000)	$82,439.70
Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia "Special Acct."	14,925.25
	$377,364.95

These bonds are in safety deposit box at their bankers.

It is a pleasure to see this fund grow, as it was unknown prior to the year 1908. All debentures issued since that date have carried amortization.

I also inspected the securities held for Parker Medal Trust and found them correct.

The Board carries fire insurance on buildings and furniture to the amount of $525,900.00.

A blanket policy on boilers is also carried to the amount of $10,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,
ADAM P. MACINTYRE, C. A.
City omptroller

Sergeants' Mess Is Reorganized

Officers Were Elected With Representatives of Different Units on Executive.

The re-organization meeting of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess was held last evening at the armouries. The following officers were elected:

President, Sgt. Major W. E. Ross, C. A. S. C.; Vice-president, R. Q. M. Sgt. Charles Moore, St. John Fusiliers; Secretary-Treasurer, Sgt. T. E. Tracy, R. C. A. S. C.; Caterers, Sgt. C. Tremaine and Sgt E. N. Alderman; Audit Committee, S. Q. M. Sgt. F. Choppin and Sgt. Doherty.

Representatives of the units of the general executive committee were elected as follows: B. Q. M. Sgt. C. R. Kipeade, 3rd N. B. Heavy Brigade, and Sgt. C. G. Sterling, 6th Signal Co. Permanent force, Sgt. T. E. Tracy, R. C. A. S. C.; N. B. Dragoons, S. Q. M., Sgt. R. Knowles 7 C. M. G. Brigade, Sgt. Major C. A. Stevens; St. John Fusiliers, R. Q. M. Sgt. C. R. Moore; C. A. S. C., Sgtt. Major W. E. Ross; 15th Field Ambulance, Sgt. Sudsbear.

It was decided that this committee elect a committee of three to be the mess committee. It was also decided that the annual mess dues be fifty cents and a certificate from the commanding officer be produced before membership tickets are issued.

Well Cared For By Railway Officials

Rev. Father MacDonald, Who Is Critically Ill, Transferred from C. P. R. to C. N. R. Train En Route to P. E. I.

Everything was done to facilitate the passage of the Rev. Father Macdonald, who was brought in on the C. P. R. train yesterday morning and was given the best attention by the C. P. R., who arranged for him to stay in the drawing room, until the departure of the C. N. R., whose officials were most attentive and thoughtful in their plans for the sick man's comfort.

His brother accompanied him, also another priest, who was in the party that left some time ago to tour the west. There was much interest felt in the matter, and the result of the journey and the faint hope that the ailing man may possible recover, will be in all the minds of those who are following the case.

Tragic Tale of Mounties In North

Trooper, Looking for War News, Tells of Harrowing Experiences of Chums in Arctic Regions.

A trooper of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police was a visitor to The Journal office last night, making anxious enquiries about the war news. Stationed at Halifax he finds his duties there rather monotonous and seemed to be rather disappointed when told there was nothing definite as to Great Britain's attitude.

Speaking of the far northern posts of the R. N. W. M. P., from which he was transferred only last year, he said he had received a letter from a chum giving details of the tragic sufferings of two fellow troopers in the icy cold regions of the Arctic. One Trooper, John O'Brien, was found frozen to death on February 28, last on the South Nahanni River. He had left his partner to follow a trap line along the river, and when he did not return his comrade set out to look for him. He found him lying face downward in front of a fire which had hardly caught up before it had gone out again. It is supposed O'Brien became ill and was unable to fight off the cold.

The harrowing experience which he related of the trooper, J. L. McLeary, nearly touches the acme of human sufferings. For eighteen weeks this man lay alone in a cabin on an island in the MacKenzie River, unable to move, without a fire and with frozen feet. With a jackknife he amputated the toes of his left foot in an effort to ease his suffering. He ate nothing in all this time but raw flour, mixed with melted snow secured through an opening in the cabin wall by his beddside. For this long period he fought the cold, the slowly rotting flesh of his frozen feet and death. Indians who had been trapping near the cabin reported to the police last April that they had seen no signs of O'Leary for many days, but it never occurred to them to investigate themselves. When the mounted police were informed, a rescue party was sent out and brought the poor man into Fort Norman.

"Both of these men," said the trooper," were veterans of the world war. The cold of the north got both of them when German bullets could not do it. According to the letter I received, McLeary is expected to recover, although it was necessary to amputate both feet. Some people think the Mounties have an easy time of it now," he said as he went out, "but it is not all cream and honey. The boys would like to have a crack at the Turks."

APPEAL COURT ENDS SESSION

September Docket One of Largest to Come Before Court.

Special to Journal

Fredericton, Sept. 27—In the court of King's Bench, York sittings, this afternoon, the jury brought in a verdict for $405 for the plaintiffs in the case of Camp vs Merryfield.

Suit had been brought by Camp Brothers, of this city, livery stable keepers, for $610, for a team of horses which they alleged had been overdriven in 1917 by Merryfield. One horse died, after being returned to the stable and the other was seriously injured.

C. K. Melliday, of St. John, appeared as counsel for the defense, R. B. Hanson, K. C., began the case for the plaintiffs but P. J. Hughes completed it after the withdrawal of Mr. Hanson.

Appeal Court

The Appeal Division, Supreme Court, adjourned, sine die, shortly after six o'clock this evening, for finishing the docket for September sittings.

The Chief Justice, Sir J. Douglas Hazen, announced after the completion of the last case, that he would not consent to such extension of the hours of the court in future. There would be better presentation of argument if the regular hours were adhered to, instead of attempting to rush a docket through.

The docket was one of the longest which has come before the Appeal Division. Two cases were struck off with leave to re-enter. They are in re Bessie May Cosman, an infant, and International Jobbers Ltd. vs Kunitsky.

This afternoon argument was completed in the case of Hatfield Limited vs Cronkite. R. U. Hartley supported appeal. C. J. Jones contra. J. C. Hartley, K. C., in reply. Court considers.

In Leander W. Buckley et al vs British American Assurance Company, the case being consolidated with three other cases, M. G. Teed, supported the appeal of plaintiff from the decision of Chief Justice McKeown of King's Bench Division and order staying proceedings. F. R. Taylor, K. C., and J. H. A. L. Fairweather, contra.

CHARGED WITH MURDER OF HIS SWEETHEART

Alleged to Have Fired Two Charges of Gunshot Into Girl's Body.

London, Ont., Sept. 27—Gordon Dibsdale, 23, charged with the murder of his pretty 15-year-old sweetheart, Christina Near, was placed on trial at the fall assizes here this afternoon before Mr. Justice Mowat. The accused fired two charges of gunshot into the girl's body, killing her almost instantly. He then turned the gun on himself but inflicted only a flesh wound.

The defense will set up a plea of insanity, according to the prisoner's counsel.

QUESTION OF THE OPEN SHOP TO BE BEFORE CONFERENCE

Methodist Church of Canada Will be Obliged to Give It Consideration.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 27—The question of open shop will likely be one of the problems with which the general conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, which opened its sessions today in Toronto, will be faced in a somewhat acute form through the publication by the Toronto Typographical Union of an eight-page pamphlet addressed to the general superintendent, the officers, and delegates to the conference with regard to the attitude being adopted by the Superintendent of the Methodist Book Room, Dr. Fallis, who, it is alleged in a communication sent to A. E. Humphries, secretary of Regina's Typographical Union states:

"I have had in two years enough experience to make it undesirable that I should be manager of a closed shop, and so have decided that, as far as we are concerned, the only thing is to have the open shop."

MILITARY COURTS TO BE FORMED BY IRISH PARLIAMENT

Would Try Persons Charged With Hindering Restoration of Order.

Dublin, Sept. 27—The Irish Parliament today approved in principle a resolution introduced by Wm. Cosgrave, President of the Dail Eireann, authorizing the formation of military courts of committees which would try persons charged with hindering the restoration of order or who endanger the public safety. The vote was 48 to 18 Parliament will discuss the details of the measure in committee tomorrow.

Labor leader Johnstone strongly criticized the resolution, declaring it was an "S.O.S." signal that the army was not strong enough to deal with the situation. He condemned the proposal as giving the army the power of life or death over every citizen and as virtually a plan for military dictatorship.

MAN EXHAUSTED FROM LACK OF FOOD

Found in Unused Shack in Which He Had Been Sleeping Past Month.

North Sydney, N. S., Sept. 27—Walter Norman, 21, a native of Bay Roberts, Nfld., is in a very critical condition at Hamilton Hospital here, due to exhaustion caused by lack of proper food and exposure. He was found last night in an unused shack at Indian Beach where he had been sleeping for the past month. It is stated that he had no food since Saturday last.

Norman has had little employment since April.

TURN TO RIGHT AFTER DECEMBER 1

Minister of Public Works Preparing to Put Into Effect Change in Rule of Road.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 27—Hon. P. J. Veniot, New Brunswick Minister of Public Works, who was here today on department business, is making preparations for the putting into effect of the change in the rule of the road in this province. Large signs are to be erected notifying drivers of vehicles to "Turn to the Right," after December 1.

REGISTRATION AT U. N. B. GRADUALLY INCREASING

Special to Journal

Fredericton, Sept. 27—Registration at the University of New Brunswick is increasing gradually with the return of students who formerly were in attendance and with the arrival of new students whose registration was delayed. The Freshman Class now includes thirty students who were not in attendance before this year. Students recently registered in the Freshman Class are E. O. Broderick, St. John, Arts; Gordon McPhail, Woodstock, Civil Engineering.

Flyer To Wed



Captain Georges Thenault, daring flyer and former commander of the famous Lafayette Escadrille, will wed Paule Dumont, daughter of the French embassy's military attache, at Washington this fall.

POSSIBILITY OF WAR AVERTED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY

Kemalists Declare They Will Respect Neutrality of Straits Pending Armistice Conference.

Constantinople, Sept. 27—Possible war between Great Britain and Turkey was at least temporarily averted this afternoon by an eleventh hour declaration of the Kemalists that they would respect the neutrality of the straits pending an armistice conference. The declaration relieves the situation, which even the British had admitted was critical.

In a message to Kemal Pasha at Smyrna, General Harrington urged an early meeting of the British and Kemalist generals at Mudania or Ismid, as the most effective way of reaching an amicable understanding in the present difficult situation created by the Kemalist advance in the Dardanelles.

The message, which was most conciliatory in tone, declared it would be a pity at the present juncture to allow local occupations of the straits to jeopardize peace.

Prior to announcement that the Kemalists would respect the neutrality of the straits, Hamid Bey, the Angora representative, said to the correspondent:

"The Kemalists naturally will come across the so-called neutral zones, but they have not the slightest intention of firing upon the British occupying these zones. If, however, the British move against us, we will be forced to reply.

WILL RESIST ANY TURKISH ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY THRACE

Revolutionists Determined Not to Surrender Eastern Thrace — Will Support Allies.

(Canadian Press)

London, Sept. 27—The essential feature of the Greek revolution, according to the Athens correspondent of the Times is patriotic determination not to surrender eastern Thrace. The revolutionists, he says, seem less hostile to Constantine than patriots opposed to former Premier Gounaris. Many of them are Venizelists but a considerable proportion are royalists, who are determined to support the Allies even at the sacrifice of the King. Importance is laid on the immediate recognition of the Crown Prince as George II, by the Allies, it being feared that if recognition is refused or delayed the republican elements which are threatening to take the most extreme action, may increase in strength.

It appears certain, the correspondent declares, that the revolutionists are prepared to resist to the utmost any Turkish attempt to occupy Eastern Thrace.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

There was a good attendance at the Carleton Cornet Band fair last evening, with great interest in all attractions. The door prize a wicker basket was won by ticket 483.

The winners of the games were as follows:—Excelsior, Electric lamp, B. Brittain; Devil among the Tailors, A. Kirkpatrick; Ring Toss, E. Wilson; Ten Pins, F. Stackhouse; Gents' Bean Toss, Cocoa Set, H. Newton; Bagatelle, A. V. Duffy; Flood Gates, A. Evans; Gents' Air Gun, Muffin Dish, A. Duffy. This evening the St. Mary's band will provide a programme of music.

Died

HINTZE—At Winthrop, Mass., Sept. 21st, Martha Elizabeth, wife of O.J. Hintz.

PATTERSON — At Vancouver, on September 19, Mildred B. Patterson, beloved wife of E. W. Patterson, leaving her husband, one daughter, mother, father, two brothers and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday morning from Union Depot at 8.30 o'clock. Auto conveyance from depot to Long Reach. Interment there at 11 a.m.

CREIGHTON—Samuel Creighton, died September 26, at his home, Silver Falls. Funeral Thursday from late residence at 2.30 p.m.

SMITH—At the General Public Hospital on the 26th inst., Winston C., eldest son of Edgar and Jessie G. Smith, in the 23rd year of his age, leaving his father, mother and two brothers, to mourn.

Funeral from his parents' residence, Black River, St. John Co., on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles M. Oakley was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 93 Thorne avenue, to the Episcopal Chruch in Golden Grove. Service was conducted at the home and in the church by Rev. R. Taylor McKim, and interment was in the family lot in upper Golden Grove cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. E. W. Paterson took place yesterday from the Union Depot. Service was conducted by Rev. Neil MacLauchlan. Interment at Long Reach.

Obituary

Walter T. Little

Apohaqui, Sept. 27—The death of Walter Tyng Little occurred this morning at 4.30 o'clock at his residence in this village.

The late Mr. Little was a son of Mr. David Little and the late Agnes Sharp Little of Apohaqui, and was born on the 25th July, 1885, being thus 37 years of age. Deceased is survived by his wife, who was before marriage, Miss Martha J. Daigle, of Bathurst, a family of six children: Marjorie, 14 years old, Walter 12 years, Lois 10 years, Gordon 9 years, Douglas 4 years and James 4 months—his father and two brothers, William of Hampton, and George of St. John, also one sister (Elizabeth), Mrs. Frazee, of Boston—and an aunt, Miss Cornelia Sharp of this place.

The late Mr. Little spent his boyhood here and after graduating from school took up the study of telegraphy in which he became very efficient and was President of the School of Telegraphy in Fredericton and later in Truro. His health becoming somewhat impaired, he gave up the work of telegraphy owing to his being confined indoors and accepted a position as travelling salesman for the Postum Cereal Co. and the Salada Tea Co., in which he continued successfully for several years, until his physician prescribed the rest treatment and he was obliged to give up his business activities for a time. Later he took up the comparatively easy occupation as proprietor of the "Cross Roads Inn" in this place, where ice-cream, light lunches, etc., were dispensed to the travelling public.

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