

Around the City

VERY COLD
BLIND SCHOOL DONATION. Mayor Hayes yesterday acknowledged receipt of \$10 for the Halifax School for the Blind from Mrs. M. Swook 148 Grand street.

ANOTHER DEFAULTER ARRESTED. A defaulter was given in charge at the central police station last night by the military police for not reporting for service when summoned.

FIRST EXAMINATION THURSDAY. The first year students at King's College Law School will be examined on Thursday next at real property by Dr. J. Roy Campbell. This marks the first examination for the year.

LANTERN VIEWS ENJOYED. An exhibition of lantern views was given last evening before a large gathering at the Red Triangle Club on King Square by Gordon F. Wellman. The views were much appreciated by the soldiers present.

HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY. David Belyea, clerk of the city market, was being congratulated yesterday on his 70th birthday. Friends presented him with a large young turkey, also an address and a large bouquet of carnations.

THREE BOYS ESCAPED. It is stated that three boys escaped from the Industrial Home yesterday morning. Up until last night they had not been apprehended. The boys were sent to the institution from Newcastle, Moncton and West St. John.

HONORED BY THE KING. At Buckingham Palace on Jan. 23 King George invested Lt.-Col. Henry Harrison, artillery and Lt.-Col. Albert Masse, Army Service Corps, with the D. S. O. and Capt. Gerald Anglin, infantry, with the bar to Military Cross.

Sgt. DRAPER RECOVERED. Mrs. Harold T. Draper, of Duke street, has been advised that her husband, Sergeant Draper, who went overseas with the 10th Battalion, and who has been seriously ill in France, has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital.

THE POLICE COURT. In the police court yesterday two men charged with being drunk were remanded. Nine men arrested Thursday night for being in possession of a gambling house forfeited deposits of \$20 each. The proprietor, Robert Brown, pleaded not guilty and his case will be heard on Monday.

WORDS OF PRAISE. Gunner Clarke of the 3rd G. A. who was taken suddenly ill while in the city, and who was taken to the Pitt Street Military Hospital, has recovered and in speaking of the care he received while in that institution gives the highest praise to Captain Thomas and nursing sisters Walsh, Baskin and Compton, for the excellent manner in which they look after the invalid soldiers.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE. A man while hauling ashes from an alley off Church street, yesterday afternoon, was struck by a large piece of ice and narrowly escaped serious injury. The sheet of ice, measuring several feet in length, became dislodged from the roof of the building and in falling struck square across the sled, stunning the driver. He however quickly recovered and was able to resume his work.

APPOINTED LIEUT.-COLONEL. News has been received here that Major Cecil G. Porter, officer acting in command of the 26th Battalion for several months past, has been appointed a lieutenant-colonel. Probably Lieut.-Col. Porter is one of the youngest officers of his rank at the battle front. He has seen a lot of active service, and so far has escaped injury. Lieut.-Col. Porter is a son of Alfred Porter, now a resident of Bear River, N. S., and a brother of Horace A. Porter, St. John.

TRADES AND LABOR. The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held in their room in the Oddfellows' Hall, Union street last evening. President Kemp occupied the chair. The auditor's report on the New Brunswick Power Company was read. It was then turned over to the legislative committee, which will report on it at the next meeting. John Kemp and George McElwin were appointed delegates to represent the council at the New Brunswick Federation of Labor conference to be held in Fredericton on March 18th. A confidential report of the labor conference at Ottawa was read.

SOLDIERS' RECEPTION. A large number of recently returned soldiers were given a formal reception at the discharge depot yesterday morning. The soldiers reception committee was present and the men were addressed by Mayor Hayes and S. H. Hayes. The St. John men were: Wallace Blair, J. Bennett, H. Cairns, N. A. Dobin, T. H. Doherty, G. G. Foley, C. S. Frisars, E. J. Gray, W. H. Griffin, V. McDonald, H. McMillan, H. L. Fedorenko, A. J. Smith, C. E. St. John, G. G. Sherwood, J. Smith, C. A. Snyder, C. J. Uplham, W. Vibert, Sgt. Harold C. James.

LONDON VISITORS. Among recent callers at the office of the Agent-General for New Brunswick, London, have been Lt. J. H. Kimball, E. N. V. R., St. John; Capt. F. A. Kirkpatrick, St. John; Lt. J. B. Hanning, C. E. Smith, C. E. St. John; Lt. F. T. Flanagan, R. F. C., Halifax; Lt. G. E. Stuart McLeod, R. N. A., St. John; Flight Lt. L. A. Sunde, R. N. A. S., Moncton; Capt. Wood, 28th Bde., St. John; Maj. E. C. Wynne, St. John; Capt. Rev. E. C. Gordon Lawrence, Kingston, N. B.; A. L. S. B. Allen, Fredericton.

THE PROGRESS OF THE Y.M.C.A. MILITARY WORK

A. S. McAllister, the Maritime Secretary, Was in the City—Tells of Great Work Being Accomplished by the Association.

A. S. McAllister, Maritime secretary of the Y.M.C.A., returned to Halifax yesterday after having spent several days in the city in conference with the local staff and the president, G. M. Harbour. Mr. McAllister was also a delegate to the Rotary conference here representing the Halifax Rotary Club. In a statement to a Standard representative relative to the military work of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. among the men at home and abroad, Mr. McAllister said that the National Council have raised and spent during the last year upwards of a million dollars, 95 per cent of which was expended on war work. The military staff overseas at the present time consists of 120 trained leaders with 600 helpers provided by the military authorities. That the military leaders are thus supplementing the trained staff is one of the strongest evidences of their recognition of the fact that the work of the Y.M.C.A. is a vital department of the army work. It has been repeatedly stated by military leaders and statesmen that no other contribution has meant so much to the wonderful morale of the Canadian troops.

In addition to the staff overseas, fifty secretaries are giving their full time to this work in Canada. This work is being greatly enlarged at present owing to the mobilization of men under the Military Service Act. One of the outstanding features of the home work today is found in the service to the returning soldiers. The side of this constituency is indicated by the fact that last year over 20,000 troops returned through the port of Halifax. At the annual meeting of the National Council recently held in Montreal, a budget of \$2,250,000 was decided on for 1918 of which 95 per cent will be used for war work. Included in this budget is an item of \$150,000 for the promotion of educational work among the Canadian boys in England and France. This work was started by the Y.M.C.A. leaders overseas and has been approved of by the Dominion government. Principal Torry of the University of Alberta is at the head of this great movement and also prominently connected with it are Principal Clarence McKinnon and Professor Kent of Pine Hill College, Halifax.

Another new item in the budget this year is a sum of \$200,000 which will be given as the Canadian Y.M.C.A.'s contribution towards the work in the interests of the Canadian prisoners of war in Germany. The entire expense of this work has previously been borne by the International Committee in New York. Lieut. Col. Gerald Barker, overseas supervisor of the Y.M.C.A. work, will return to Canada during March, accompanied by other prominent overseas leaders. During April they will visit the entire country for the purpose of relating the marvellous achievements of the Red Triangle Club in the war and also to outline the new developments and extensions absolutely necessary for this year.

Seating of the work in the Maritime Provinces, Mr. McAllister said that there is now a home staff of ten men who in addition to serving the thousands of soldiers going overseas or returning are effectively serving some five thousand troops which are more or less permanently stationed in various mobilization centres in the provinces. He expressed his great appreciation of the hearty support which the citizens generally are giving to every undertaking on the part of the Y.M.C.A. aid to the well being of the splendid Canadian soldiers who have shown the way to the armies of the Allies.

RETAIL MERCHANTS OF THE CITY TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL "DOLLAR DAY" ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21

Thursday next will be the Biggest Shopping Day of the season. About fifty of our leading merchants are pledged to give Bargains on that day. They include: Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Flurs, Drugs, Furniture, Hardware, Clothing and Furnishings, Ladies' Stationery, etc. Shop on "Dollar Day" and supply your wants for months to come. It will pay you to do so.

The Names of the "Dollar Day" Merchants will appear in all the Daily Papers on Monday. Read this list of names carefully to keep the Date in Mind—February 21.

"CLEVERNESS" TEMPERED WITH UTILITY. The combination of style, color and workmanship found in a F. A. Dyke garment, which is often termed "cleverness" in garments plus first grade fabric, gives a much sought after result.

The Spring display showing by this firm will appeal to those desiring quality at a moderate cost. Incidentally we suggest early purchases. There is a reason.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT ALDERMANIC SYSTEM. An interesting debate between the Young People's Societies of Centenary and Edmund street churches on the above subject, will be held in Centenary church, Monday evening, February 18th.

VICTORY RINK CARNIVAL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH. Victoria Rink, the largest circular rink in America—nor does any rink in America give to the public so much skating and music for such a small entrance fee. No rink can boast of so many good skaters—such good order—good accommodations—good ice—good time for everybody.

William Russell in "New York Luck" Monday at NICKEL, QUEEN Square.

PLANS ARE HERE FOR NEW WING AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Erection Will Commence as Soon as Weather Permits—Will Be for Returned Tubercular Soldiers.

The plans for the new wing to be built at the St. John County Hospital for the care of returned tubercular soldiers are now in the city and a start on the new building will be made just as soon as the weather will permit. In the meantime the changes in the present building which were found to be necessary are being made under the supervision of Lieut. Presley, the representative of the Military Hospital Commission. These changes involve the completion of the unfinished portion of the basement and the removal of the kitchen from the ground floor to the basement.

The matron's quarters which are now in the front of the building now occupied by the kitchen and the room at present used by the matron will be turned into a waiting room. By moving the kitchen to the basement it will also be possible to provide a larger and better room for the drugs and medicines.

C. S. E. T. CLUB'S MONTHLY MEETING

Short Programme Much Enjoyed—Address by Rev. H. C. Fraser on "The Religion of the Chinese."

There was a large attendance of boys at the monthly gathering of the C. S. E. T. Club, the city at the Y. M. C. A. last evening. Rev. P. R. Hayward presided. A banjo solo by Redvers Muskie, and a reading by Edwin Wetmore were much enjoyed. An address on "The Religion of the Chinese," was given by Rev. H. C. Fraser. He stated that the Chinese people were not essentially a religious people. In fact, they were not even a religious people in fact, only formalism. The chief difference, he said, between the Hindu and the Chinaman is that the former is inclined to be speculative and meditative, while the latter is entirely practical. He said that Confucianism is the religion of the major portion of the Chinese, but that it was more a matter of social and political ethics than religion. Mr. Fraser gave extracts from the life of Confucius. He stated that the practice of the worshippers of Confucius of burning money and materials before the shrines of the dead was the source of tremendous waste, many millions of dollars being thus consumed each year.

ST. JOHN UNIONIST CLUB EXECUTIVE

Plans for Season's Work Discussed Last Night—Number of Important Matters Dealt With.

A meeting of the executive of the St. John Unionist Club was held in the rooms, Market building, last evening when plans for the season's work were discussed. The president was instructed to procure at the earliest possible moment a copy of the Stevens' report on the Valley Railway enquiry with a view to discussing it at a public meeting to be held in the near future. A strong committee was also appointed to secure all possible information in regard to the New Brunswick Power Company's request for, increase of rates, and all other bills to be brought before the legislature having to do with the people's rights, and to plan for meetings for the discussion of the same. A number of applications were received and eighteen new members elected.

THE 3RD C. G. A.

Lieut. Thomson, of the 3rd C. G. A. says that already over thirty men have responded to the call for recruits for his unit, and that there are only about a dozen more needed to bring the unit up to full strength. Any man between the ages of 18 and 45 not in category "A" of class 1, is eligible. Mr. Thomson said the unit would especially like to get a first class color and a lad. There would be a reward extra remuneration for work done in addition to the \$1.10 per day and allowances. Any man wishing to join this unit can apply to any recruiting officer, or to Lieut. Thomson, adjutant, 3rd C. G. A., Partridge Island.

INQUEST UNNECESSARY.

Coroner F. L. Kenney stated yesterday that there would be no inquest in the case of William Crosby, who died at the General Public Hospital last night as a result of injuries received from a fall into the hold of one of the west side ships. The fall, he stated, was purely accidental.

Don't forget the Royal Standard Chapter pantry sale in the Imperial Lobby this morning.

Don't miss "The She Devil" this afternoon and evening—Nickel, Queen Square.

MET IN CONFERENCE.

The members of the medical inspection committee appointed by the Board of School Trustees at their last meeting were in consultation with Dr. W. P. Roberts last night with respect to the new arrangement.

NEW BRUNSWICK OFFICERS RETURN FROM THE FRONT

Major J. J. Bull and Lieut. James Bennett Are Home—The Fighting 26th Still Going Strong—Canadians Rated as Best Fighters in the World.

"The brave and snow developed in the Dominion of Canada goes to make up the best fighting characters in the world, and from what I have seen of your 26th Battalion, they are second to none on this front." Such was the comment of a highly educated French officer, to Lieut. James Bennett, known among the "thakis" as the "Fighting Parson." He arrived in the city on Thursday after spending considerable time with New Brunswick's initial battalion on the western front.

Major J. J. Bull of Woodstock is also a visitor to the city, having returned from France on the last steamer. This officer went over with the 12th Battalion, in the 1st contingent. He returned to Canada sometime ago, but his desire to "carry out" took him back to the line of action as a member of the 55th Battalion. He was transferred to the 26th Battalion, but the strenuous work in the trenches resulted in placing him in the sick list and he was ordered back to England and given a most important post in the Royal Flying Corps. His duties in this branch of the service was in connection with the construction of aerodromes. He was associated with the service for a considerable period, but his health would not permit him to continue and he was obliged to return to Canada on furlough. While with the 26th Battalion Major Bull did splendid work and his services in charge of a machine gun squad before the arrival of Lieut. Bennett, was the subject of high comment by superior officers. With the boys of the battalion he was very popular and all regretted his departure from the first line trenches.

Lieut. James Bennett enlisted in the 104th Battalion and left with this unit to join the Canadians in France upon the arrival of the battalion in England he was transferred to the 26th Battalion. From Oct. 1916 until June 1917, Lieut. Bennett fought in many engagements. His health gave out in June and he was obliged to fall back, being given the commission of adjutant at the base. In November he was invalided to England and finally to Canada. In France with the New Brunswick battalion Lieut. Bennett was in charge of a machine gun squad, which accomplished effective work against the Hun. At Bully-Grenay, a name long to be remembered by the men, who were fortunate to pass through the machine gun squad commander with the "peppers" the enemy with splendid effect.

Speaking of the 26th Battalion, the officer said that the name was a proud one on the other side, and no words could be spoken strong enough to laudate the achievements of this unit in France. Although born in England, Lieut. Bennett is well known in New Brunswick. He has relatives living at St. Stephen. He said that he had been approached by staff officers in England, who spoke very highly of the 26th Battalion as also did a French officer.

Lieut. Bennett is known as the "Fighting Parson," among the boys, remarked Major Bull to a Standard representative last night. He was at one time stationed at Westchester and also in the parish of Stanley as rector of the Anglican churches at those places. Lieut. Bennett was also stationed at McAdam Junction and Campbellton.

With reference to the boys now reinforcing the 26th Battalion, members of the 116th and 140th Battalions, the returned officer said that they were upholding the reputation established by the "old" boys, where are not very many of the men who left here with the battalion at first, in the ranks, but the same New Brunswick stock is used to all the depleted ranks.

Speaking of Major Alexander McMillan, who has been given a staff position, Lieut. Bennett told the Standard that he was deserving of such promotion and his appointment was a popular one, as St. John officers were held in high esteem by officers and men. "When I left the 26th Battalion they were still fighting and nobody complaining," concurred Lieut. Thomson, while Lieut. Bennett will remain in the city for a few days.

LAST DAY FOR "DAMAGED GOODS"

Shown to Men Only. The last four showings of "Damaged Goods" take place at Lyric today. Final opportunity to see this most talked of feature. Men only. Matinees at 2 and 3.40. Two evening performances—4.55 and 8.40.

STREETS FLOODED.

With a decided rise in temperature and a fall of rain yesterday the banks of snow on the streets were being fast melted. The walking was very bad in some places, and for a time the street car service on a section of Mill street was held up owing to the amount of water on the street.

The same amount of some houses were flooded and the city department employees are working overtime thawing out catch basins.

CORPL. MARKHAM WOUNDED

Major A. J. Markham received word from Ottawa this morning to the effect that his son, Corporal Ralph T. Markham, infantry, had been admitted to the 4th Field Ambulance, suffering from barbed wire wounds in the knee on February 7. This is the second time Corporal Markham has been wounded. He enlisted here with the 104th Battalion under Colonel Fowler and went overseas with the 180th. He is 21 years of age.

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