

Around the City

FAIR AND MILD

THE TRAVELLERS INVITED.
All the commercial travellers in the city are invited to the "Milk House" this evening to discuss the operations of the big drive of the day for the soldiers' comfort.

THE THORNE BUILDING.
Stanley Williams is performing the carpenter work on the Thorne building, recently damaged by fire, and Messrs. B. Mooney & Sons will do the masonry work.

THE CARRIAGE DAMAGED.
Yesterday morning a horse that was being led by a rope while Thomas Hayes was driving along Union street, became frightened, reared in the air and came down on the rear of the carriage which was badly broken. Mr. Hayes was fortunately uninjured.

READY FOR APPLICATIONS.
Local military headquarters have been advised relative to the immediate organization and despatching overseas of a Canadian tank battalion. Applications should be made to headquarters office here by any person wishing to enlist.

FRIENDS ENTERTAINED.
Miss Greta M. Robinson entertained a few friends at her home on St. James St. on Thursday evening. Music was the order and after refreshments the young people dispersed, after spending a nice evening.

PTE. SEARS WOUNDED.
Word was received this week that Pte. H. C. Sears, son of Melbourne Sears of Midgie, has been wounded in action, receiving gunshot wounds in both knees. Private Sears went overseas in 1916. He has a wife and four sons.

DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.
Pte. Farrel F. McElroy, who was undergoing treatment in St. James Military Hospital on account of a sore hand, has now been discharged from hospital and is again on duty at the Depot Battalion, reporting on Thursday.

BACK FROM FLORIDA.
Lance-Corporal "Jack" Pickles, who has been spending some time in Florida on account of his health, arrived in St. John yesterday en route to his home in Annapolis. The returned soldier enlisted in the 7th Battery and spent some considerable time at the front. He was registered at the Royal Hotel.

SIXTY BOY SCOUTS AT WORK.
District Commissioner Waring has placed sixty Boy Scouts at the disposal of the Soldiers' Comforts Association for the big drive today. Ten of these will be at the headquarters of the commercial travellers for the purpose of carrying messages, etc.; twelve will be at the S.C.A. headquarters for the same purpose and the balance will be at the headquarters of the shell cases which will be placed at various places for the reception of offerings for the fund.

FUTURE OF THE HARBOR.
The future of the harbor will be one of the subjects under consideration at the regular meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday evening next. At the last meeting of the council of the board this matter was discussed and the feeling was that now was the time for all interested to get together and co-operate for the nationalization of this port in order to keep all the present trade and get a proper share of the increase which is bound to come after the war. All members are asked to attend and take part in the discussion on this important subject.

BOAT OWNERS BUSY.
Marble Cove presented a busy scene yesterday, a number of motor boat owners taking advantage of the holiday to paint and otherwise fix up their boats in preparation for placing them in the water next month. While the ice is still quite thick in the Cove it is weak and will quickly break up as soon as the weather begins to rise. There will probably be fewer boats on the river this coming summer than previously and war conditions will undoubtedly make a big change generally in the summer camps where the young men will be conspicuous by their absence, many of them having been taken into the army during the winter.

ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME.
Atlantic standard time will govern movements of C. P. R. trains east of Megantic under the new schedule which is to go into effect at two o'clock tomorrow morning, according to an announcement made by C. P. R. headquarters. There will be no other change in the running of the trains. Atlantic standard time will be used in order to have the service conform with the change in United States time under daylight saving, which goes into effect in the republic at the above mentioned time. The C. P. R. at present operates on eastern standard time.

SOLDIERS CARED FOR.
Through the kindness of the Canadian War Contingent Association, the soldiers in St. John have been supplied with most acceptable Easter gifts in the form of prize apples. The men in khaki appreciate the generosity of the association going without saying, especially since the remembrance comes in substance so delightful as first class apples.

The C. W. C. distributed through Mrs. C. H. McLeod, local convenor, 100 boxes of apples to the Depot Battalion and 100 boxes to the men on the island.

Through the local Red Cross, 150 boxes of the choice fruit were sent to the armories; 100 boxes to the St. James street hospital; 75 to the Pitt street hospital, and 75 to the Martello Hotel.

RIVER NAVIGATION WILL BE VERY LATE OPENING THIS YEAR

No Sign of Break-up at Any Point on the River—This Time Last Year River Was Open as Far as Carter's Point—Thirty-Two Inches of Ice in Grand Lake.

From present indications river navigation will be very late opening this year as there is no sign of a break-up yet at any point according to the reports from several places between here and Fredericton. Last year at this time the river was open as far as Carter's Point, but this year it is not open above Bear's Head and unless there should come a very heavy warm rain it will in all probability be well on to the last of April before any of the steamers will be able to go on the route.

In the vicinity of Wickham, Gagetown and Hamstead people are still crossing the ice with teams and it is seemingly as solid as in the middle of winter with not the slightest signs of weakening.

In the Grand Lake there is still thirty-two inches of ice at White's Cove was the report brought to the city yesterday by Hon. L. P. Ferris, who undertook to cut some last week and gave it up because of the depth.

Last year the Majestic, which was the first boat to make a trip, left in midtown on the 22nd of April, but it is hardly possible the first trip will be made as early this year. In 1916 the first trip was made on April 15 and in 1915 April 7 was the date of the initial trip.

THE WAR GARDENS ASSOCIATION BUSY

Thomas Adams, the "Town Planning Man," Will Address the Public Wednesday Evening—Expected Many Persons Will Grow Vegetables This Year.

The War Gardens Association formed by the Rotary Club for the purpose of stimulating interest in vacant lot and back yard gardens is getting down to business and expect soon to have their plan of campaign complete. It is expected that the city will be divided into districts, the city proper, East St. John, West St. John, Lancaster and Manawagonish each forming a district under the supervision of a committee.

On Wednesday evening next a public meeting will be held at the Court House and all persons interested are invited to attend and hear Thomas Adams, the "Town Planning Man," who will have something of interest to tell.

St. John did very well last year with the Lancaster plots and no doubt this year they will do even better. In Montreal last year the estimated value of the vegetables grown on vacant lots was \$100,000 and many other cities did equally as well.

This year the using of canned vegetables will be prohibited until October 15th in eastern Canada and November 1st in western Canada and this is expected to set more people raising their own green vegetables.

AN ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE SOLDIERS

A Good Programme Carried Through in Depot Battalion Barracks Last Evening.

The entertainment for the soldiers at the exhibition building last evening was one of the most enjoyable yet given. An exceptionally good programme was rendered including the following numbers: Solos, Mrs. Murray Long, Seaman Henry and Sgt. Smith of the Depot Battalion; reading, Miss Jean Teed; step dancing, Pte. Davies of the Depot Battalion and Pte. Prescott. Several enjoyable quartettes were rendered by some of the men and ladies of the Y.M.C.A. including the following selections: "My Old Kentucky Home," "It's a Long Long Trail," "Tipperary," "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp the Boys are Marching," "Comin' Through the Rye."

A. M. McLeod gave an interesting address in which he referred to the darkness which overshadowed the first Good Friday and which he characterized as "the darkest hour before the dawn." He compared that day with the present and stated that although we are now facing a crisis in the war situation and have received serious setbacks yet he thought we are facing the dawn of a glorious victory.

W. C. Ross also spoke briefly. The Women's Auxiliary and the Young Ladies' League of the Y.M.C.A. served refreshments.

PICTURES AND CIGARETTES.
A large number of people were present at the last evening service in Central Baptist church to hear the last lecture by Evangelist Kenyon in the series on "The Beginning of Things." During his remarks the speaker condemned theatre going and the smoking of cigarettes.

The display of the newest models in Automobiles by the Motor Car and Equipment Company, Limited, at their show rooms, Cor. Duke and Charlotte streets, is attracting general attention, and is well worthy of a visit.

Purchasers of Victory bonds please note that their payments are due on Monday. Don't forget to call at your bank unless you have arranged with them to look after the payments.

Big day at the Nickel, Queen Square, today. Drama, comedy and the Last Express.

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER FOR GOOD FRIDAY WAS FULLY ENJOYED

Business Houses Were Generally Closed—Large Congregations in Churches—Prayer for Success of the Empire.

The weather man was kind yesterday and served up a real spring-like day for the celebration of Good Friday. The business houses of the city generally were closed and a large number of people took advantage of the holiday to attend the church services and engage in prayer for the Empire and the boys who are fighting the greatest battle of history in defence of the ideals for which the "Man of Nazareth" laid down his life so many centuries ago. The regular Good Friday services were held in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

At Trinity there was morning prayer at ten o'clock. The three hour service held from 1 to 3 was largely attended and in the evening at eight o'clock the choir rendered a special programme of Passion music which delighted the large audience present.

At St. John (Stone) church two services were held at eleven in the morning and seven forty-five in the evening. Both services were largely attended and in addition to the usual service special prayers for the Empire were said.

At St. Luke's church morning prayer was held at eleven o'clock. In the afternoon at four o'clock there was a special lantern service for children, attended by at least four hundred and in the evening at seven forty-five the lantern service "From Olivet to Calvary" was given before a large audience.

At St. Paul's three services were held, morning prayer at ten o'clock, the three hour service from twelve to three and evening prayer at seven o'clock. These were all well attended. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc was celebrant at Good Friday services held in the Cathedral at the mass of the Pre-Sanctified he was assisted by Rev. Wm. M. Duke as deacon, Rev. A. Allan as sub-deacon, Rev. H. S. Coughlan as archdeacon and Rev. Francis Walker as master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Walker, Coughlan and Moore chanted the Passion. At the conclusion of the services there was public veneration of the cross.

In St. Peter's church Rev. Peter Costello, C.S.S.R., was celebrant at mass of the Pre-Sanctified. He was assisted by Rev. P. C. O'Hare, C.S.S.R., as deacon, Rev. P. Healy, C.S.S.R., as sub-deacon, and Rev. F. Coughlan, C.S.S.R., as master of ceremonies. At the conclusion of the services there was public veneration of the cross.

Several services were held at the Mission church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row. There was a large congregation during the leading service of the day, the preaching of the three hours, during the afternoon, from 12 until 3. The preacher was the priest-in-charge, Rev. Father J. V. Young, who ably interpreted the meaning of the lessons to be drawn from the seven last words spoken from the cross by the crucified Lord.

Tomorrow there will be seven services at the Mission church. There will be low celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8.7 and 8.9 a.m., matins and litany at 10.15; a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11; a children's service at 2.45 p.m. and solemn evensong at 7. The annual meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to the diocesan convention will be held Easter Monday evening.

The extra fine weather tempted many after they had returned from church to take a stroll and nature lovers might be seen on the various roads leading out of the city walking alone and drinking in deep draughts of the spring atmosphere and looking for the first blooms of the season.

CITY WELL COMBED BY OFFICERS OF DOMINION POLICE

Nearly Every Man Who is Eligible Under M. S. Act Has Been Approached—Six Men Rounded Up Yesterday.

"I guess the city is pretty well combed and practically every man whose appearance would justify us in quizzing him has been approached," remarked one of the officials engaged in the application of the enforcement of the Military Service Act in this district. For the most part the Dominion police are now busily engaged in locating and apprehending defaulters who have failed to report for duty. The office of the Dominion police is supplied periodically by the military authorities of men who should have reported and did not do so, and this way they keep in close touch with defaulters.

Yesterday six men were rounded up and handed over to the authorities. Out of this number four were "turned" into khaki before the shades of evening fell, the morning they will do their first "goose step" on the barrack square. It is doubtful if any other province can claim the same record regarding the enforcement of the act as can New Brunswick. In this province the police have met with but very little obstruction and where any was encountered it was combated with common sense diplomacy.

"I am under age," appears to be the common excuse advanced by the young men, but in the majority of cases they could produce no evidence of their statement. Young men who would rather not lay themselves open to the inconvenience of spending a night in the central station had better obtain a birth certificate from their clergymen," is the sound advice given out by the police.

IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED BY THE UNION CHAUFFEURS

Meeting Held Last Evening—Statement That Police Are Not Enforcing Law Respecting Unlicensed Chauffeurs—Minors Are Allowed to Drive Cars.

It was the general expressed opinion at the meeting of the St. John Chauffeurs' and Repairmen's Union held last evening at the Odd Fellows' Hall, that the law respecting the driving of automobiles by minors and unlicensed chauffeurs was not being enforced in the city, notwithstanding the fact that the police department had been notified some time ago regarding this matter.

Things are settling back to the old state," said one of the members. President C. N. Jones called the meeting to order at eight o'clock. After the minutes of the last meeting were read the names of four new members were placed before the meeting and admitted to the union.

Referring to the duties of the police to stop chauffeurs and ask them to show their license, it was stated that where parties had been stopped, they merely exhibited their badge, which may have been secured two years ago. The meeting claimed that they should be called upon to exhibit the receipt of their license, which they receive from the capital after having registered.

It was also contended by the union that taximeters should be compelled to signal the public as to the direction they intend to take in the same manner as so automobile drivers. The party who advanced this at the meeting said that in this way the safety of the public would be further guarded.

The meeting also took objection to a practice which has come to the front in St. John, whereby garage owners are employing boys and sending them out with cars, contrary to the provision of the motor vehicle law. Regarding the dimming of lights, the meeting claimed that this matter was not receiving the attention or auto drivers that it should and delay in the enforcement of this regulation might prove disastrous.

As to the question of engaging experienced and licensed chauffeurs, the secretary-treasurer, G. V. McGrath, stated that persons desirous of obtaining reliable men could be satisfied in their wants by communicating with him at either phone M. 118-11 or 1014-22. It was decided to hold an open meeting in April when non-union and union chauffeurs will be admitted.

DWELLING HOUSES MAY BE ERECTED

It is Possible That Additional Residences Will Be Built Near the McAvity Plant on Marsh Road.

Since the announcement that T. McAvity & Sons are to erect a new plant on the Marsh Road, which will call for fully 500 hands to operate, the city will likely see the erection of a number of additional houses in this section to accommodate the employees. Although the parties contemplating the idea of erecting a number of houses near the plant have not made any statement regarding their decision, it is stated that if they decide to build, the houses will not be of a very extensive nature, but will be constructed with a view to meet the requirements of those who are likely to require the accommodation.

Since the company are determined not to engage any men of military age who are liable for service, it is contended that the majority of men to seek employment on this account will be married men. These men will require housing accommodation for their families and will welcome a considerable area of unoccupied land near the proposed building which would supply ample space for the enterprise.

YOUNG SOLDIER HAD HARD TIME

Private Hetherington Was Wounded Twice Before He Was Seventeen Years of Age.

Y.M.C.A. Military Secretary A. M. McLeod returned to the city yesterday from Halifax where he had gone to meet a friend, Pte. Joseph Hetherington, who returned a few days ago from overseas on a three months furlough. The latter, a Halifax boy, although not yet nineteen years of age, has gone through thrilling experiences which a much older man might well boast of. Pte. Hetherington served at the front in the 25th Battalion. He was wounded twice before he was seventeen years old. He was one of a machine gun party in one engagement where all the other members of the party were killed but he succeeded in reaching the objective alone. Mr. McLeod met him in a hospital in England where he had been taken suffering from wounds inflicted in eighteen or nineteen places by shrapnel.

B-WISE
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Ladies' Serge Dresses
or Combinations of Foulard and Serge or Satin and Serge. Long Tulle effects with narrow skirts are the thing. Navy, Sand, Brown, Green and Black.
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EASTER NOCKWEAR
The Latest Novelties just arrived.
Satin Peter Pan Collar and Cuff Sets, White, Blue and Mauve, \$1.50
Satin Tie Collars, \$1.00, \$1.50
Pique Vests, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.15
Gardiner Collars, \$1.10, \$1.45
Cowl Collars in Fancy P. K., 75c to \$1.10
New String Ties, Plain and Plaid Effects, 35c and 40c, Each
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Colored Cotton Hose, Brown, Black, White and Grey, 3 prs. for \$1.00

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White Silk Ankle Hose, 55c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00
Black Silk Hose, \$1.65, \$1.85 Pair
Black Lisle Hose, 35c, 45c, 50c.

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French Kid, Black, White, Tan, Grey, \$1.75
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White Doe Wash Gloves, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$2.00
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