

## Lieut. John Edens.

The official announcement of the death of Lieut. John Edens, from wounds received in action on November 20th, ends in sad manner the heartbreaking suspense in which his family have been held for days by lack of definite news of him. It is now certain that the brave young officer was buried two days after the date of the engagement.

Jack Edens, among the most popular and best known of the St. John's boys that have answered the call, answered it as soon as it was heard. He offered himself at the outset of the war, but was rejected as being underweight. He was not the sort to be daunted by this, but remedied the defect and a few months later presented himself again. He was this time accepted, his regimental number being 883. Further hardship was in store for him, which again showed his fine mettle, for he had to undergo a seri-



THE LATE LIEUT. JOHN EDENS.

ous operation for appendicitis soon after enlisting. As soon as he was fully recovered he left with E Company in 1915 and went across as a private. In June 1916, after the usual period of training, he went across to France and was among the reserves in the drive of July 1st. Since then he has been in constant action in France, winning his promotion and commission by merit and service.

His family lately received a letter from him dated November 19th, written in the trenches the night before he went over the top for the last time. As if inspired by presence of his fate, he said good-bye to all at home and his last words were "God's will be done." May his grief-stricken family find their greatest consolation in the same courageous thought. To Mr. and Mrs. Edens, whose sons have played so full and fine a part in the great cause, and to the relatives and friends of the young hero a deep and general sympathy will go out in their sorrow.

**C. C. C. BAND DANCE.**—(In aid of Band's expenses) St. Stephen's Night, December 26th, in the C. C. C. New Hall at 9.15. Tickets: Gent's (Double) \$1.00; Lady's 50c. Music by the full band.—dec18,11

## St. Bon's College.

### DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Yesterday was prize day for the pupils of St. Bonaventura's College and in the afternoon at the Casino Theatre the distribution took place, preceded by a comic opera entitled "All Ba-Ba" in which the following played the leading roles realistically: Masters J. McGettigan, J. Carew, P. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, J. Gibbs, L. Spurrell, R. Guilfoyle, C. J. Daley, C. Eagan, J. Kavanagh and A. Larkin, who were instructed by Prof. Hutton and Rev. Bro. Fennessy. There was a large audience present, including His Grace Archbishop Roche, attended by Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott, also other clergy of the diocese as well as the parents of the pupils. The music by the orchestra, consisting of Miss Brown and Messrs. Hutton, Bradshaw and Bulley was excellent. Rev. Bro. Ryan, Principal of the College, read the annual report, reviewing the work of the institution for the past year in all its branches. He also thanked Mr. J. P. Kelly for the free use of his theatre and the Archbishop for his attendance and patronage. His Grace, who was accompanied on the platform by Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott, Hon. P. T. McGrath, J. McGrath, Esq., and W. J. Carroll, Esq., then presented the prizes to the fortunate winners, after which he thanked the Brothers for the pleasant evening, congratulated all concerned on the rare excellence of the theatrical performance, and paid a well merited tribute to the College from an athletic, scholastic and patriotic standpoint. He hoped for a speedy victory for the Allies and closed by wishing everybody present a very happy Christmas.

## Halifax Disaster Ranks With Greatest in World's History.

The Halifax disaster is the most tragic explosion in the number of lives lost in the last quarter century. Indeed few catastrophes of any nature exceed it in the number of dead. Among them are the Messina earthquake in 1908, when approximately 200,000 lives were lost, the Mont Pelée volcanic eruption on the island of Martinique in 1902, when 40,000 persons lost their lives, and an earthquake to the interior of Italy in 1905, when 15,000 dead was the toll.

The Iroquois theatre fire in Chicago in 1903 claimed 555 lives, while the sinking of the ocean liner steamship General Slocum, in the East River, New York, in 1904, left a death list of about 1,400. In 1906 the earthquake and fire in San Francisco took the lives of approximately 1,000 persons, while the loss of the steamship Titanic, in collision with an iceberg in 1912, resulted in a toll of 1,500. In 1914 the steamship Empress of Ireland went down in the St. Lawrence river, with the loss of 1,027 lives. Then followed the sinking of the Lusitania by a German torpedo, and the steamship Eastland in the Chicago river in 1915, with death lists respectively of 1,198 and 812. In October of this year it was reported that 4,000 persons had lost their lives in a munition explosion in Austria, but the report has never been confirmed.

**CLOSING EXERCISES.**—To-morrow afternoon the closing exercises of St. Mary's school will take place at Botwood Hall. An operetta will be given which will be followed by the distribution of prizes.

## Xmas Poultry,

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## The Need of Foresters.

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## The Declining Dollar.

Providence Journal: According to an economist, the value of the dollar, steadily declining in purchasing power since 1914, has now shrunk to 56.36 cents. Worse than that, occasionally, as when it comes to coal or sugar, the dollar is not worth anything.

## Here and There.

Gem Rings, Pendants, Brooches, Chains, Wrist Watches, and all the different lines of pretty jewellery most suitable for Xmas Gifts, just now in at TRAPNELL'S—dec18,11

**ERRATUM.**—The amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) which appeared in The F. D. Wood Co.'s name should be F. B. Wood as the amount was from him personally.

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**PRIZE-GIVING AT QUIDI VIDI.**—The presentation of prizes at Quidi Vidi school took place yesterday morning and they were distributed to the winners by the Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Rev. Dr. Jones. Mr. G. Adams was also present, and addressed the pupils. A number of patriotic songs were nicely rendered by the children, all of whom acquitted themselves in a splendid manner. Miss Edith Percy, their teacher, was complimented on her good work by the visitors.

**"FAIRY PEARLS"**—A Cantata to be given by pupils of St. Hilda's School at the Casino this evening at 7.45. Prizes to be presented by Miss Harris. Tickets 30c. and 20c.—dec18,11

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GALLS AND WOUNDS.

## Running Germany.

The state to which Germany has been reduced by the war, is clear to the vision of that Hamburg business man who tells the Leipzig Neues Nachrichten that Germany will be isolated commercially after the war. It makes no difference, he says, whether England grants her "the freedom of the seas" or not; "no voluntary agreement of England's, no paper understanding, can protect us." The German merchant marine has been destroyed; her commerce with the world is so irretrievably gone that we must literally begin from the beginning again, and decades of strenuous work will not suffice to rebuild what has been destroyed in these three years.

This calamity, he declares, has not been brought about so much by the forcible destruction of the merchant marine as by the alienation of hitherto neutral countries, which, of course, he ascribes to England's machinations, not to the real cause.

"The heaviest blow of this kind was the inducement of China and most of the South American countries to take steps of this nature. The German business man, who, after peace is declared, goes out into the world, will find ruins everywhere, and if he attempts to rebuild them he will be prevented by a wall of enmity.

If this condition is kept up, he declares, "the German Empire would be reduced to a second-class power." All this he makes an argument for continuing the war until England is thoroughly beaten, so that she cannot effectively keep up her enmity after peace is declared. It seems a non sequitur, and inclines one to believe that the conclusion is recorded only for the purpose of avoiding the censorship. However that may be, he has possibly without knowing it, framed a terrible indictment of the German militarists for the injury they have inflicted on their own country.—N.Y. Times.

## Rev. Capt. Nangle Sends Greetings.

Hon. J. D. Ryan, President of the B. I. S. is in receipt of a card from Rev. Fr. Nangle, C.F., who is "somewhere in France" extending hearty Christmas Greetings to the members of the Society and sending them all best wishes for New Year. The card also contains verses appropriate to the festive season.

## Here and There.

**RECRUITS COMING IN.**—Three recruits for the army reached the city by yesterday's express and five by the S.S. Fogota last evening.

**SILVER COINS ARRIVE.**—A shipment of silver coins of various denominations for circulation in the trade has just reached the city for the Government.

**BOWRING'S SHIPS.**—The Prosperi is due to-morrow morning from the northward and the Portia at the end of the week from the westward, after stormy trips.

**TRADE REVIEW COMMERCIAL ANNUAL AND CHRISTMAS NUMBER.**—For sale at Trade Review Office, on the street and at the bookstores; only 10c. a copy. The best out; 94 pages; 52 illustrations. The very thing to mail your friends for Christmas. Boys wanted all the week.—11

**FOGOTA ARRIVES.**—The S.S. Fogota reached port at 5 p.m. yesterday from the north, bringing a full freight and the following first class passengers: J. Byrne, S. Marcell, S. Parsons, E. Walton, A. Hearley, W. R. Jackson, P. Mitchell, H. Blackmore, R. C. Jackson, Miss E. Dave, Miss E. Benson and 13 second class.

**ENTERPRISING FISHERMEN.**—A man named Newell and a couple of other enterprising fishermen of the Battery were on the local fishing grounds this morning. After being out a couple of hours they returned to port with their boats filled with herring which they disposed of readily on arrival. Needless to say they made a big day's pay.

**A LOVE CASE.**—A contentious affiliation case engaged the attention of Judge Morris in private at the Magistrate's Court to-day. The parties involved were a married man and a young woman (single), both belonging to the North Battery. The former, on complaint of the latter, was charged with having tampered with her love and affections. The accused denied the charge.

## From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. **CAPE RACE, To-day.** Wind east, blowing strong, weather dull. Several schooners passed west yesterday afternoon; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 30.30; Ther. 82.

## DIED.

Died of wounds in France, November 11th, 1917, Albert Ernest Willis, Royal Field Artillery, aged thirty-nine years, youngest son of the late J. W. U. Willis (Architect), formerly of St. John's. Interred with full military honours at Etaples.

This morning, after a long illness, from tuberculosis, James, second son of Margaret and the late Thomas J. Nash, aged 23 years; funeral on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 22 Adelaide Street; friends will please accept this, the only, intimation.

Killed in the explosion at Halifax, on December 6th, 1917, Annie Duff, wife of John Redmond.—R. I. P.

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