

AROUND THE CITY
FAIR AND MILD

WEST END FIRE.
The West St. John Bremen were called out yesterday morning for a slight fire, which caught in a mattress in the house of Mr. McKee, Guilford Street. The damage was slight.

SLOWLY IMPROVING.
Major R. F. MacLaughlin is improving slowly at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, following an operation for blood poisoning on Monday last.

OFFICIATED AT HAMPTON.
Rev. Father Moore, of the Cathedral parish reaches the city today from Hampton, where he spent Sunday celebrating morning masses, and conducting the evening services in the absence of the pastor.

ONLY ONE PRISONER.
The week-end in police circles was unusually quiet, only one being numbered to answer a charge today before the Magistrate. Lemon extract has apparently lost its prestige among the old offenders, and the strongest potent is harder to procure and is entailing an "undesirable risk."

PROCEEDS FOR ORPHANS.
Announcement was made at the masses in St. Peter's church yesterday of the amateur production to be put on next week in the city, the proceeds to be devoted to the orphans. All were exhorted to attend these productions or contribute to their support, as a worthy cause is the base for the actions of the players.

HARD ON SIGNS.
The high wind last evening accompanying the rain and sleet storm wrought havoc on loose signs near the sidewalk. One utilized as a billboard for the Imperial Theatre at the head of King street, was torn from its hangings and lie in the wet and silt, which were abundant on all the streets.

THE POLICE COURT.
Harold Robinson appeared in the police court Saturday morning charged with driving his auto over the Haymarket Square crossing on Thursday morning last at a speed greater than allowed by law. Policeman McLeese made the report. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, but explained he was getting a running start for speed up the Waterloo street hill, having lost one of his chains. A fine of \$10 was struck but allowed to stand as this was Mr. Robinson's first offence.

AT SEAMEN'S MISSION.
The usual Sunday evening service at the Seamen's Mission last night was held under the presidency of Mr. Seymour. The programme included a speech by the Rev. A. L. Tedford of the Tabernacle Church, dist. by Rev. A. L. Tedford and Henry A. McEachern, solos by Henry McEachern, Peter Murray and Rev. A. L. Tedford, and a trio by these three gentlemen. A large number of seamen were present and the usual refreshments were served at the close of the musical programme.

IMPROMPTU DIP.
Saturday night, while watching some of the boys swimming in the Y. M. C. A. tank, one of the men on the side lines became so absorbed that he stepped over the edge and became immersed in the drink. The suddenness of his involuntary plunge, his surprised expression as he bobbed to the surface, and his bedraggled appearance as he clambered out of the water, furnished comedy of the character that has made Charlie Chaplin famous and the boys are anxious for a repetition of the performance.

PROGRAMME OF WORK.
The C. P. R. have outlined quite a programme of work for the New Brunswick division during the coming summer. The timetable at McAdam is to be replaced by a larger and heavier one, to handle the new heavy engines; forty-five miles of rails between this city and Megantic are to be replaced and fifty miles of ballasting is to be done. Three dwelling houses are to be erected at Brownville Junction and ten at McAdam, for employees of the company, and two miles of young spruce trees are to be set out along the line to serve as wind breaks.

GREAT WAR VETERANS.
A meeting of the Provincial Executive of the Great War Veterans' Association was held in the G. W. V. A. rooms Saturday afternoon. Captain Barton, Moncton, the provincial president, occupied the chair, and the attendance included representatives from Moncton, Sussex, Woodstock, Campbellton, St. Stephen and St. John. Routine business was transacted, several resolutions were passed and Secretary Conrade A. J. Lawson was appointed delegate from the provincial command to the parent association convention.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.
The annual meeting of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society was held in the Hazen Avenue Synagogue yesterday. J. Ellman, the president, submitted a report, after which the following officers were elected: H. Jacobson—President, J. Goldberg—Vice President, B. Jacobson—Treasurer, J. Ellman—Financial Secretary, J. G. Goldberg—Recording Secretary.

COMPANY FALL IN!
A gentleman, who had apparently imbibed too freely of forbidden liquors on Saturday afternoon, was en route down Charlotte street, while walking along, nonchalantly on the sidewalk he believed himself an N. C. O. or an officer of the army, as he was forcibly giving instructions, "Stand Easy! Attention! Right, left and forward." Reaching a business entrance on the left side of the street he lost his poise and fell headlong through an open door leading into the establishment. Those within were frightened somewhat, screamed and requested aid. Hearing the unusual noise the proprietor picked himself up, replaced the fallen hat on his head, brushed himself and proceeded onward with the words "Company, fall in," never dreaming that he himself had fallen in.

GR. W. H. ELLIS
DIED OVERSEAS

Victim of Broncho-Pneumonia on February 28 — Was Member of 4th Siege Battery—Touching Reference to Death in St. David's Church.

After passing safely through over three years of battles Gunner William Henry Ellis was stricken down with broncho-pneumonia and died in 48 Casualty Station on February 28th. Not knowing that he was even ill, the official telegram announcing the death was received with a shock by the brave soldier's wife and his daughter, Mrs. Walter Warren, at their home, 177 Pitt street, on Saturday morning. The last letter they received from the loving husband and father was from Germany while he was there with the army of occupation and in that letter he spoke of soon being home now that the armistice was signed. In fact Mrs. Ellis was expecting her husband home most any day. As a result of the sad news Mrs. Ellis has been prostrated and is under the care of a doctor.

Besides his wife and daughter the deceased soldier leaves two sons, William A. Ellis, of East Brantree, Mass., and Sergeant-Major A. E. Ellis, M. M., with the 4th Siege Battery; also his mother, Mrs. Harriet Ellis, of 208 Carmarthen street; one sister, Miss Mabel Ellis, and four brothers, Charles, Edwin and Albert H. Ellis of this city, and Fred, of East Brantree, Mass.

The late Gunner Ellis went overseas with the 4th Siege Battery in which his son was sergeant-major, and his son-in-law, Walter Warren, was a gunner. Before enlisting he was employed with the James Robertson Company. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, a member of St. David's church, and some years ago was a valued member of the Fire Department, having been attached to No. 1 Hook and Ladder Company. He was of that jovial disposition that won him friends with all he met and "Billy" Ellis, as he was known to his close companions, will be greatly missed by a very wide circle of friends who extend their heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones at home.

At the morning service yesterday in St. David's church, of which Mr. Ellis was a member, the minister, Rev. J. A. MacKegan made a touching reference to the deceased. It has been the custom of the church, when one of their members paid the supreme sacrifice to make a suitable prayer for the bereaved and to sing a hymn such as would be used at a funeral service and then make a short reference to the life of the deceased. Mr. MacKegan yesterday morning said the congregation had again been called upon to mourn through the war, not this time by shot and shell but by disease, the loss of a member, Gunner Ellis had shown a splendid spirit of sacrifice in leaving home and native land to fight in the cause of righteousness and had done yeoman work. After passing through the perils of the battle field safely and just as he was about to sail for home he had been stricken down with disease and passed away in hospital. The congregation mourned with the family by the loss which had been sustained in the death of Mr. Ellis.

R. W. WIGMORE, M. P.
HOME FROM OTTAWA

States That Government Has Increased Its Price for Harbor—Only C. N. R. Executive Offices Will Be Removed from Moncton.

Rupert W. Wigmore, M. P., who returned from Ottawa Saturday afternoon, states that the government has increased its price from \$1,250,000.00 to \$2,200,000.00, but the city desires an additional sum of \$300,000.00, being the capitalization of anchorage and harbor master's dues for a five-year period.

In the event of the port becoming nationalized, Mr. Wigmore explained, the federal authorities will take over the fisheries, leaseholds and other properties, the rights of the city being confined to the ferry approaches and slips. Mayor Hayes, who is now in Quebec, having stopped off on his way home from Ottawa, has stated that there will be a plebiscite following an agreement of the two governments on the proposed commission.

The energetic and capable member for St. John-Albert is to be congratulated on the splendid assistance he has been able to give the city representatives at the Ottawa conference, and his promise before he left to call on a Board of Trade meeting not long ago has been met in large measure and with complete success.

Before returning home he took up the matter of office removal from Moncton, with Chairman Hanna of the Canadian National Railways and was told that only the executive offices would be removed from Moncton to Montreal, there being no intention to move the shops or other departments.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.
The following officers have been struck off the strength of M. D. No. 7: Major G. E. Kinross, Lieutenants W. R. Currie, R. J. Maxwell, E. C. Vincent and A. M. Cameron. The following officers are appointed to the reserve: J. McIntyre, Lieutenants W. L. Bonnell, W. C. Ewing and D. Blakney.

SAURDAY AUCTION SALES.
Auctioneer T. T. Lantala, at noon Saturday, sold timber lands near Newburg to estate of George Hamilton, deceased. The first tract of land was bought by H. H. Peters for \$900; the second lot was bought by George McArthur for \$77.

Auctioneer F. L. Potts sold the two-story house, 29 Cranston Ave., belonging to estate of Mrs. Eliza Cook, deceased. The purchaser was Michael Collins, Lombard street, for \$1,025.

SPECIAL SERMON
IN ST. ANDREWS
LAST EVENING

Rev. Dr. Morison Preached on the Subject, "Whither Are We Drifting, or is the Church Any Longer Necessary in National Life?"

Last night Rev. Dr. Morison delivered a special sermon in St. Andrew's church, this city, dealing with the present condition of the Presbyterian church. He told of having been recently interviewed by one of Canada's most successful business men who has his home in a western city, as to the serious condition confronting the churches of the great cities owing to the non-attendance of the people at many of the services, witnessing it is to be feared upon one of the best streets in the city with fine organ and choir and able minister, yet owing to the fact that they could not get an evening congregation they had been compelled to give up the service held at seven o'clock. "If the weather is bad the people won't come out, and if it is too fine they go elsewhere," said this stalwart Presbyterian from the west. "What is wrong with our churches?" he asked.

In answering this question Dr. Morison also drew attention again to the most serious condition confronting the eight theological colleges of the Presbyterian church in Canada. "Twenty-five years ago," said the doctor, "from our ten theological colleges we got an average of nearly two hundred graduates per year while this year from our eight theological colleges supported by the funds of the church the forecast is only some twenty-five graduates." Dr. Morison traced the causes of all these various conditions to the lack of home religious training. Family worship had largely disappeared it was to be feared. Fathers used to read the Bible every day with their families and pray with and for them but this good wholesome custom had it was to be feared fallen upon evil days. There was also the widespread practical materialism and worship of wealth, everywhere in evidence and the altogether too scant attention paid to the teaching of religion in schools and universities. A most impressive part of the discourse was that part dealing with what the church had done for individual and national life.

He showed that just as the ladies for the presently organized Ladies' Aid for the General Public Hospital this city were drawn from the churches so it had ever been with all the philanthropic work of the world. The great majority of the money and supplies for the carrying on of such work coming from the churches. It was as Benjamin Kidd had said in his Social Evolution "Christianity had stored the world with a great fund of altruism which is incorporating itself in institutions for social betterment and stimulating to philanthropic activities multitudes of men and women who do not suspect the source of their generous impulses."

"Without the organized church," said Dr. Morison, "it is inconceivable that Christianity could have spread throughout the world bringing these measures of light and cheer." He also showed the mighty work that the churches had done for the securing of justice and liberty referring to the Magna Charta and to the American declaration of independence and the constitution which latter Chief Justice Taftman said was modeled after that of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Dr. Morison made an impressive plea for a wider recognition of the church, and of that religion which it proclaims in individual and national life.

"BETTER 'OLE"
STARTS TODAY

First Show at 1.30—10,000 People Expected to See the Grand Cheer-up Film of the War at the Unique This Week—Old Bill, Alf and Bert, the Bainsfather Characters, Will Delight Old and Young.



Few attractions have aroused greater interest than the "Better Ole" engagement at the Unique this week, commencing at one-thirty today. To readily accommodate the large attendance six shows daily are announced: one-thirty, three o'clock, four-thirty and six o'clock, seven-thirty and nine o'clock. The prices are: Matinee, adults, twenty-five cents and children fifteen cents; evening, main floor, fifty cents, balcony twenty-five cents. Judging by the remarkable success attained by "The Better Ole" elsewhere, fully ten thousand persons will see it locally, so all who can attend the matinee and the early evening hour should do so and avoid the rush. There are doubtless thousands here who have refrained for good reasons

RETURNED MEN
ARRIVE TODAY

Heroes from Overseas Reached Halifax Yesterday on S. S. Adriatic—District 7 Men Including Fourteen St. John Soldiers Arrive This Morning.

The steamship Adriatic with a large number of returned soldiers docked at Halifax yesterday. Those for District No. 7 left Halifax last night and are due to arrive here this morning at six o'clock.

Charles Robinson, secretary of New Brunswick Returned Soldiers' Commission, received a wire yesterday that the following were on this district:

- Lieut. Grez, M. F., 87 Bentinck street, Sydney, N. S.
- Lieut. McCormick, N. F., Chipman, Queens county.
- Lieut. Porter, D. A., 86 Spring street, St. John.
- Lieut. Seeley, H. A., Hampton.
- Lieut. St. John, H. C., 193 Princess street, St. John.
- Major Harrison, W. A., P. O. Box 101, St. John.
- Capt. Plkes, J. W., P. O. St. John.
- Sergt. Pechey, F. E., Plaster Rock, Victoria county.
- Sergt. Cuthbertson, E. L., 52 Fleet street, West St. John.
- Pte. Andrews, L. W., 32 Charles street, St. John.
- Pte. J. H. Cross, Cross Creek, York county.
- Pte. Carroll, J. E., 46 Cornhill street, Moncton.
- Pte. Cormier, A. Gen. Del., Moncton.
- Pte. Cromwell, C. A., 141 Orange street, St. John.
- Pte. Crowley, J. J., Campbellton.
- Pte. Cuthbertson, E. L., 52 Fleet street, West St. John.
- Pte. Dewly, L. D., Mineral, Carleton county.
- Pte. Dowell, D., Stoney Creek, Albert county.
- Pte. Eccleston, J. H., Somerville, Carleton county.
- Pte. Ellis, H. C., 38 Guilford street, West St. John.
- Pte. Fowler, G., Hampton Station.
- Pte. Fortin, O. R., 331 Queen street, West St. John.
- L. Corporal Jennings, J., Hoboken, N. J., U. S. A.
- Pte. Godin, J., Legere P. O. Northumberland county.
- Pte. Hanes, W., Queen street Fredricton.
- Pte. Hanson, O. E., Stoneridge, York county.
- Pte. Henry, J. R., Campbellton.
- L. Corporal Kitchen, P., Chatham.
- Pte. Linden, B. N., 200 Park street, Moncton.
- Pte. Mallen, A. W. H., Box 109 Sussex.
- Pte. Martin, W. A., Lakeview, Maine, U. S. A.
- Pte. Mean, G., Hartland, Carleton county.
- Pte. Mayer, J. F., Moncton.
- Pte. Malanson, A. T., 127 Lutz street, Moncton.
- Pte. Mott, H. L., 104 Fulton street, Bedford, Mass.
- Pte. McCafferty, D., Newcastle.
- Pte. McDonald, D., 92 Woodville Road, St. John.
- Pte. Nichols, C. G., 6 Wellington Rd., St. John.
- Pte. O'Neill, E. P., 124 South street, South Boston, Mass.
- Pte. Polis, F., St. Andrews.
- Pte. Preston, W. H., G. P. O., St. John.
- Pte. Purcell, R. C., 173 Brunswick street, Halifax.
- Pte. Regan, A. C., 302 German street, St. John.
- L. Corporal Relliey, T. A., Box 124 St. John.
- Pte. Richardson, H. P., Carttita, Grand Manan.
- Pte. Roy, A., Campbellton.
- Pte. Robert, A., Middle Caraquet.
- Pte. Spence, E. R., Bayfield, Westmorland county.
- Pte. Steel, W. A., 183 Main street, St. John.
- L. Corporal Stiles, T. H., Stilesville, Carleton county.
- Cpl. Symonds, F., Dalhousie.
- Pte. Thompson, J. H., Glen Sevit, Westmorland county.
- Pte. Thompson, R. R., Campbellton.
- Pte. Till, F., Andover, Victoria county.
- Pte. Tozer, G., Newcastle.
- Cpl. Tremblay, J., Port Elgin.
- Pte. Unsworth, F., 188 Army street, Jamaica Plains, Boston, Mass.
- Pte. Vanbushkirk, P., Lewisville, Moncton.
- L. Cpl. Woise, C. R., 137 King street, Moncton.
- Cpl. Burke, F., Chatham.
- Pte. Duggett, J. J., G. P. O. Newcastle.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The following deaths are reported for last week:

Heart disease	3
Pneumonia	2
Infantile	2
Cerebral hemorrhage	2
Convulsions	1
Bronchitis	1
Endocarditis	1
Peritonitis	1
Marasmus	1
Septicaemia	1
Premature birth	1
Broncho-pneumonia	1
Congestion of lungs	1
Arterio Sclerosis	1
Intestinal obstruction	1
Total	20

W. H. Kettle, deputy registrar of vital statistics, reports four marriages for the week, also thirteen births—4 males and 9 females.

from viewing war pictures, or anything relating to the war, but who will be anxious to see the "Better 'Ole" which has cheered millions in all parts of the world during the past six months. The Bainsfather characters, Old Bill, Alf and Bert, are household names in St. John, as elsewhere, and all will be anxious to see the picture which has so added to their reputation.

COURT QUARTERS.

The temporary court quarters in the Masonic building, Germain street, will not be ready for use next week, so that court will have to be further postponed. The delay is due to the fact that new wiring is being installed and the painting and renovating thereby held up.

TO THE RETAIL TRADE.

There has been a rumor in circulation that we are interested in a chain of Retail Cash and Carry Grocery Stores to open shortly in St. John. We positively deny any connection with the above. H. W. Cole, Ltd.

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Men's—Military Drab Enamel 22 in. drop frame	\$60.00

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THE SKIRTS—In these big plaids and colorful stripes are developed in smart styles for Sport and Utility wear. "Ruffenuff" and other new silks are also shown in clever designs.

THE DRESSES—Among these are charming new models in silk, satin, georgette, serge, jersey and many handsome combination effects. They are beautiful and well designed. A dress for every occasion and in your size.

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GET-TOGETHER MEETING HELD

Over One Hundred Men Gathered at St. David's Under Auspices of the Brotherhood Saturday Evening.

On Saturday evening a get-together meeting of the men of St. David's church was held under the auspices of the Brotherhood, and over one hundred men gathered and spent about three hours in pleasant social

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