AROUND THE CITY

CLEARING.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brundage announce the engagement of their daughter Leah Winnifred, to Ansell T. Baker, the marriage to take place at an early date.

BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

The Boys' Parliament, which it was intended to hold under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., has been postponed until about Easter time.

THE POLICE COURT.

No session of the police court was held on Tuesday owing to the absence of Magistrate Ritchie, and yesterday none was held because of the holiday.

NO DECISION YET.

No decision has yet been reached in the dispute between Commissioners Fisher and Hilyard in regard to who should pay for certain items of work on the streets.

THE BOYS' CLUB.

After the New Year the Boys' Club will have a busy time. It is proposed to devote two nights a week to physical culture and a number of interesting entertainments are being planned.

IS RECOVERING.

Sub-Inspector McAnsh, who has been confined to his home with pleurisy and neuralgia, is now rapidly recovering, and his friends expect to see him out again and able to resume his duties in the near future.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS MAIL.

The Christmas mail which was brought to this port by the C.P.O.S. Grampian, on Tuesday afternoon, numbered some 2,700 packages, including bags, boxes and bundles. No mail was brought on the Corsican yesterday.

A POSTPONEMENT.

Owing to the serious illness of the family of Sergeant B. J. Puddy, Secretary of the G.W.V.A. who resides in the G.W.V.A. home, it has been found necessary to postpone the Christmas Tree to the widows and orphans until Friday, January 3rd.

ACCEPTED POSITION.

Miss Marion Curran, 37 Golding St., leaves this evening for Toronto where she has received an appointment to a position in the C. P. R. offices. Her many friends in the city, while sorry to see her depart, are congratulating her on the appointment, and wish her every success.

TURKEYS WERE SCARCE.

Although turkeys were selling on Tuesday morning for 65 cents per pound, and people were quite willing to pay the price, many persons who waited until the evening to make a purchase were disappointed, as the market had been cleared and at night there were none left.

SUPERINTENDENT REMEMBERED.

William F. Knoll, superintendent of The James Pender Nail Company, was presented on Tuesday morning with a handsome gold watch from the men in the employ of the firm. Accompanying the gift was an address which was read by J. McMurray Reid. Mr Knoll made a suitable reply.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

The general public is invited to the Christmas Tree Concert, which will be held in the Municipal Home this afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. There will be a varied programme by the school children, following which the gifts on the tree will be distributed to the children and the inmates of the home.

FOURTEEN DAYS' VOYAGE.

The passengers on the S. S. Corsican, which docked at Sand Point yesterday afternoon, were rather tired of their life on the ocean wave. The ship was fourteen days making the voyage, some of the delay being due to the call at St. John's, Newfoundland, but the greater cause for the delay being a slow passage, through engine trouble and dirty boilers.

OLD LADY INJURED.

Miss Annie Turnbull, who had a hip and right arm injured by a fall at her home, 88 Queen Street on Monday night, was reported resting quite comfortably at the General Public Hospital late last night. Miss Turnbull, who is 78 years of age, has been an invalid for some time and the injury was received when walking across a room in her home. Her friends expect to see her home again in a few days.

MAJOR McGOWAN HOME.

Major John T. McGowan returned home on the Grampian on Tuesday afternoon. He is one of the originals, having volunteered and been accepted for overseas service in August, 1914. The Major, who was home during the summer on furlough, left in September in command of a section of the famous Canadian Tank Battalion, and the many friends who were at the pier to meet him express the hope that he is home now to stay.

PLEASING PRESENTATIONS.

The Lansdowne House was the scene of a very pleasant event on Christmas Eve, when the guests of the house called Mrs. E. Leffel King, Mrs. Dickinson and Miss Dickinson to the parlor, and Albert Donaghy, on their behalf presented to the ladies suitable gifts of china, at the same time expressing the appreciation of all the guests of the untiring efforts of these ladies to make life pleasant for them. The recipients thanked the donors for the gifts and the kindly words of appreciation.

POLICE CHIEF VACANCY.

Speaking to a Standard reporter last night, H. R. McLellan, commissioner of public safety, stated that no successor to Police Chief Simpson had been appointed, and there is no one in immediate view. Several verbal applications have been received, but as far as Commissioner McLellan is concerned it will be a returned officer or soldier who will get the appointment, and a sufficiently qualified man will be soon secured. At present everything relating to the matter is in statu quo.

HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE DEAD IN WINNIPEG

Samuel K. C. Tobin, Formerly of Milledgeville, Died Thursday—His Wife, Who Nursed Him, Passed Away Following Day.

The people of Campobello were greatly shocked and grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Samuel K. C. Tobin and his wife, Hazel Tobin, at St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg.

Mr. Tobin was injured in a railroad accident near Winnipeg, and was taken to St. Boniface Hospital for treatment. His young wife went to the hospital to help nurse him back to health. Both of them contracted influenza and pneumonia developed in both cases. Skillful physicians, trained nurses and loving hands did everything possible to save their lives, but in vain. Mr. Tobin passed away at 4 p. m. Thursday and his wife followed at 1 a. m. Friday. The double funeral was held at Rainy River on Sunday, December 22nd.

The late Samuel K. C. Tobin was the son of Samuel K. and Eliza Tobin, formerly of Milledgeville, St. John County, but at present residing with their son, Rev. G. E. Tobin, rector of St. Ann's Church, at Campobello. The aged parents as well as the rector and his wife are grief stricken over the sad occurrence, but are bearing it with truly Christian resignation and fortitude. The blow falls particularly hard on the rector's wife, as she has recently been called upon to mourn the death of her young brother, Thomas Ludley, who was killed while heavely fighting in one of the last battles in Flanders.

The late Mr. Tobin was only 29 years of age. He left Milledgeville and went west about ten years ago. In 1916 he married Miss Hazel Everett, of Spooner, Minn. Their married life was very happy and two bright children were born unto them—the eldest is now two years old and the baby is only five months. It was his fond desire that his parents come west and make their home with him, and they were just ready to start when the sad news arrived.

Mr. Tobin leaves his father, mother and brother to mourn his death, in addition to the two young children. Mrs. Tobin leaves her children, father, mother and sister at Spooner, Minn., to mourn her untimely death.

The heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends all over the province is extended to the sorrowful relatives.

N. B. SOLDIERS ARE AT HALIFAX

Returned Men Reached Port Yesterday—Number of St. John Heroes in the Party.

Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers Commission, last night received word that a number of men for New Brunswick had arrived at Halifax and he would be notified when they were leaving for their homes. As soon as he receives the notice that they have left the sister city for this province a notification will be sent to the relatives.

The names of the men are as follows:—Lieut. Robert N. Bell, Newcastle; Sergts. J. L. Hawkes, Plaster Rock; H. V. Yearwood, 29 Harding street, St. John; F. W. McKay, Little Shemogue; Privates Y. Adams, Rowena, Perth, Victoria county; C. B. Carey, Cross Creek; J. L. Dillon, Doaktown; P. J. Harding, 9 Ann street, St. John; A. Knight, Cape Tormentine; W. McCauseland, Chatham; S. McClaghan, St. George; W. McFadden, 61 Victoria street, Moncton; A. J. Robichaud, Upper Poke Mouche; L. M. Doherty, 192 Paradise Row, St. John; H. L. Gregory, St. Stephen; J. F. Jones, 50 Exmouth street, St. John.

The following men have no address: Sergt. F. Putnam; Privates N. Brindle, M. C. Brown, Y. Bryenton, W. Burns, H. G. Clinton, T. G. Frenette, A. S. Goodwin, A. Jean, L. J. Leeman, E. Manzercole, W. A. McDonald, J. McDonough, C. T. Rand, L. A. Targette, J. E. Wilson, C. Armstrong, R. G. Bickerstaffe, W. M. Conway, E. H. Clarkson, R. Gould, H. R. Lawson.

WELCOME HOME FOR N. B. SOLDIERS

Twenty-one Men for This District Arrived on the Grampian and Are Happy to Return Home.

There were twenty-one men for M. D. 7 arriving on the Grampian Tuesday afternoon but only four for St. John city.

Signaller Walter Joyce went over on June 28th, 1916, with the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles and was severely wounded in the left leg at Passchendaele last spring. His regulation sword which has been his companion by day and night through the heavy fighting over there has been brought home as a souvenir of the "days of danger, nights of waking."

Gunner J. Malcolm was one of the first thirty thousand, being attached to the R. C. H. Private C. G. Gillis is a 115th man and Corporal R. J. Long, of Milford, went over with the 55 in October, 1915, and was wounded in the right eye at Amiens last fall. The men were given a rousing reception when they disembarked, being presented with chocolates, fruit, cigarettes and welcoming addresses by the authorities and the different reception committees.

WE ARE SEVEN.

Persons remarked yesterday on the quietude in the city during the holiday. Seven persons who had imbibed too freely of prohibition liquor were arrested.

If in the market for a good used car, or wish to sell, consult with J. A. Pugsley & Company, Used Car Department. Used car exhibition now being held at showrooms, 45 Princess street. Open day and evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

LT. ROY EDWARDS ARRIVED HOME

Went Overseas First as Sergeant-Major With Fighting 26th—His Second Time to Front Was as Lieutenant.

Citizens of St. John were delighted to welcome home on Tuesday one of their gallant "26th," when Lieut. Roy Edwards returned home on the C. P. O. S. Grampian

Lieut. Edwards has had a most interesting and honorable military career. As a private in the old 62nd Regiment, he was one of the most popular men in that crack military organization. On the outbreak of the war he secured his release from that body and immediately enlisted in the famous Fighting 26th, under Lt.-Col. McAvity. Here his popularity and military skill did not desert him, and in a very short time he was promoted to a sergeancy, and before the battalion left the province he had added another chevron to the three already on the right arm.

Leaving Canada he was on the cards for a promotion to the highest ranking non-commissioner office in the gift of the battalion, and as soon as the 26th was encamped in England, Roy was sporting four stripes and a crown as regimental sergeant, major of one of the finest battalions that ever crossed the Atlantic.

In the trenches as in the training camps, Sergt. Edwards made good, and early in 1916 he was recommended for a commission, and shortly afterwards crossed back to Canada to take the necessary qualifying courses. About that time the Nova Scotia Highlanders, the 85th Battalion, was looking for good men and it was not long before Roy crossed over to the trouble zone in the capacity of First Lieutenant of this crack Nova Scotian regiment.

He stayed with the 85th Battalion until March of this year, when he took a fancy to the machine gun arm of the service, and so behind a lead-spouting battery of Vickers' machines he took a most successful part in the stemming of the Fritz offensive which the Huns tried to pull off last spring. Lieut. Edwards stayed with the machine gun corps until September last, when he succumbed to a gas attack which kept him in the different French and English hospitals for three months.

He left Liverpool on the Grampian on Sunday, 15th inst., at four o'clock, making an eight-day trip to this port The crossing was rather rough the first few days, but generally it was a very pleasant voyage, with quite a number of highly enjoyable concerts in the main saloon. The Grampian exchanged Christmas greetings with the Olympic three days out.

Lieut. Edwards has brought home with him some very interesting souvenirs of his different experiences with the infantry and machine gun branches of the service. Among his collection is a gas mask and a shrapnel helmet which has followed the Fighting 26th through all its battles—a gift of some of the boys to their old former commander, Lieut.-Col. McAvity, whom the boys still fondly remember.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Christmas Day was fittingly observed in all the Catholic churches of the city. Midnight mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve. At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Rev. Wh. Duke, Rector, celebrated the midnight mass and there was a record congregation, the seating capacity being taxed to its limit, many of the hearers being obliged to stand during the services. The number of communicants was indeed a pleasing sight and this part of the service required a very long time.

Again at the morning masses yesterday at 8.15, 9.15, 10.15 and 11 o'clock the numbers attending the different services was an evidence of the good faith of the Catholic people of St. John. "The Pontificial Mass" was celebrated by His Lordship Right Rev. Bishop LeBlanc, who was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Duke, Allen, Moore and Fraser. Rev. Father Moore delivered a sermon at the 11 o'clock mass touching on the day and its meaning to the world, and all good Catholics. His sermon was short, but very instructive and interesting. In the evening the services were fitting to the day and were largely attended by all the parishioners. At the other Catholic churches the services were similar to those in the Cathedral parish and all were largely attended.

LETTER FROM GUNNER BOYLE

Gunner William F. Boyle, whose home is in Enniskillen, N. B., now stationed at Seaford Camp, England, writing to a friend in the city on December 8th, stated that he expected to be home in the course of a few months, as many of the boys of the camp wherein he was stationed were daily being forwarded back to Canada, the majority of these being Westerners returning to their farms.

At the time of his writing he had just returned from the Emerald Isle, where he had enjoyed himself immensely on a well earned leave. Speaking of Ireland, he stated that it was indeed all that "reality" which is dreamed of and often told in song and story.

Since going to Seaford he met quite a number of local boys, whose companionship made it very pleasing to him. Concluding he wished to be remembered to all the boys whom he knew, and expressed the hope of seeing them all in the near future.

CAPT. ARMSTRONG AWARDED THE M. C.

Word has been received in the city that another St. John boy has made good "over there" and has been awarded the military cross, in the person of Captain R. Fraser Armstrong, son of R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade. Captain Armstrong is with the Canadian Engineers and for his services in the last big drive has been awarded the coveted mark of distinction. At the present time he is with his corps in Germany.

Before enlisting Captain Armstrong was in the employ of the city as engineer in the water and sewerage department and was regarded as one of the best informed and capable of the younger men in his profession.

CANADIAN OFFICER WON MANY HONORS

Major Charles Shurgold of Toronto Arrived Yesterday—Among First in War and Fought in Many Battles.

St. John was honored yesterday for a short time by the presence of the first Canadian soldier to win the coveted distinguished conduct medal, a Canadian who has won the Mons star, the military cross, the King's medal for the South African campaign, the Victoria decoration for the South African campaign, a medal for service in West Africa and the Imperial long service medal.

Such a warrior is Major Charles Shurgold, Toronto, the officer commanding the troops which debarked at this port yesterday from the C.P.O.S. Corsican.

Major Shurgold has the unique distinction also of being perhaps the first Canadian in France after the outbreak of war. In July, 1914, when he was attached to the Imperial forces as regimental sergeant major with the Royal Canadian Engineers, he had occasion in his official duties to cross the Atlantic. He was in London on the memorable August 4th, 1914, when war was declared against Germany, and immediately volunteered his services for the rapidly mobilized expeditionary force and crossed to France on August 14th, just ten days after Great Britain had pledged herself to free the world from German militarism.

How he went through the terrible days at the first battle of Ypres and Mons, where he won the rare and highly prized Mons star for conspicuous bravery, how he won the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and later the Military Cross, and how he rose rapidly from a sergeant-major to lieutenant, to captain and finally to major in the Imperial forces, promotions secured in the thick of the worst fighting in the world war, are stories which are well worthy the pen of a Walter Scott or a G. A. Henty.

But Major Shurgold, like other heroes, is a very modest, unassuming and reticent man, and the only story-telling feature of his personality is borne on his cuffs and the left breast of his tunic.

Standing nearly six and a half feet tall, weighing in the vicinity of two hundred and twenty-five pounds, with grave bronzed face, lithe and quick in his movements, the Major is the ideal type of a warrior. He has seen thirty-one years of military life, serving twelve years with the Canadian army and attached to the Imperial forces for nineteen years.

He served through the South African war, being frequently cited for bravery in the field, and also took a hand in quelling the Boer and native uprising in West Africa in the early 'nineties.

Thirty-one years a soldier, the wearer of seven medals that have cost years and blood, the recipient of four promotions in the field of battle, the first Canadian to win the distinguished conduct medal and one of the very few to have the right to wear the Mons star, this is the record of a man of whom not Toronto alone, but the entire Dominion from Sydney to Vancouver, is proud to hail as its citizen.

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KIDDIES WILL GET PRIZES TODAY

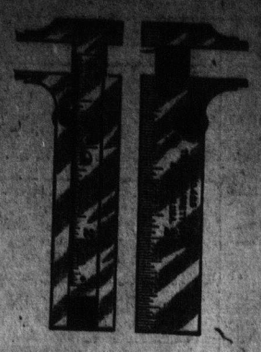
The children who participated in Imperial Theatre's prize guessing contest for the splendid assortment of mechanical and stationary toys shown in the big window of late, will find out today who of them are the lucky winners. The tickets were counted last night by an impartial committee and the number will be announced from the stage this afternoon after the first show. It will be well for all who made guesses to be present, so that the prizes will be taken home from the matinee. Guesses can be handed in up to 3 o'clock.

HARRY LAUDER SEAT SALE STARTS TODAY.

At 10 o'clock this morning in the Imperial box office the reservation of seats for the great New Year's Day performances of Harry Lauder and his company of forty artists will be opened There has been a constant demand for seats in advance but nobody has yet been favored ahead of the advertised day and hour. Therefore everybody starts in with a fair chance. The whole house is reserved. The boxes are $2.50, the lower floor complete $2.00, the two front rows in the balcony also $2.00, the remainder of the balcony $1.50; the first two rows in the rear balcony $1.00, the remainder 75c. Matinee and evening prices the same. The sale will be for three performances, two New Year's Day and one on Thursday evening the 2nd.

COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD MEETING.

Commissioners McLellan and Hilyard will hold a public meeting in the Imperial Theatre on Friday evening, December 27th, at 8.30, immediately after the first show. This will be the only public meeting held by the Commissioners, as it has been found impossible to arrange meetings for North and South Ends.



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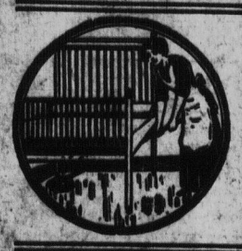

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Another attractive model is in pale green Taffetta with overdraperies of Tulle to match. Wide girdle is made of the same material as gown. The overdraperies are stitched with dainty silver threads, crystal bead tassels here and there, add much to the charm of this desirable little frock.

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