

Around the City

FAIR AND COOL

HAY IS SCARCE. Hay continues to be scarce and high across the bay. The Dibley steamer Bear River will take over today a large quantity of the pressed fodder.

A JEWISH UNIT.

A Jewish unit of seventy-eight men came to the city yesterday morning. They are on their way to Palestine to reinforce their brothers in the British forces. The men enlisted in Chicago and vicinity.

IS VISITING HOME.

Geo. R. Cogswell, accompanied by his son, Arthur, a member of the Depot Battalion, left last evening on the Fredericton train for their home in French Lake. Mr. Cogswell is on a six days' leave to visit home as he is soon going over the "pond" in a draft.

WON GOLD MEDAL.

George D. Clark, formerly a member of the No. 9 Siege Battery, Partridge Island, now in the 13th Siege Battery, England, finished second in the half-mile foot race at Warley, outside of London, winning a gold medal, presented by the colonel of the Irish Guards.

MEET THIS MORNING.

The Public Utilities Commission will meet this morning to further consider the application of the New Brunswick Power Company for an increase in rates, and it is expected the Waterman report on the physical value of the company's property will be placed before the commission.

INTERESTED IN SHEEP-RAISING. S. Mackim of Ottawa passed through the city yesterday on his way to Sussex. Mr. Mackim is interested in sheep-raising, and is on his way to buy up any good breeds for sale. He thinks the wool business is yet to boom. Prices now are low to what they will be in a few years, so he contends.

THE LUMBER BUSINESS. A. S. McPain of Montreal was in the city yesterday. Mr. McPain is interested in lumber and is going through to Yarmouth, N. S., to make arrangements for the transfer of some lumber lands in the southern part of the peninsula. War has affected this industry somewhat, he added, but this business is yet promising.

IN POLICE CIRCLES. A small boy charged with stealing articles from a store in Mill street was up before his honor yesterday. He was given a good lecture and allowed his freedom. In the morning two men charged with having liquor in their possession were remanded and were told they were liable to a fine of \$200 each or six months in jail.

EXPECTS TO ENLIST. R. B. Caldwell, an operator on the C. P. R., was in the city on a visit yesterday. Mr. Caldwell was formerly with the Western Union in Truro, N. S. His brother, Arthur B. died lately. He was a member of No. 9 Siege Battery, but contracted a bad cold which developed into pneumonia. Mr. Caldwell himself expects to don the uniform in the coming summer.

WAGES INCREASED. The Atlantic Sugar Refineries followed in the footsteps of the Canada Cottons when they raised the wages of their employees yesterday. It is understood a ten per cent. basis was the raise in all departments. The concern readily realize now that in order to get the business they also must increase the earnings of their employees.

EXECUTIVE OF G. W. V. A. The executive of the Great War Veterans' Association held a meeting in their rooms on Wednesday evening to discuss the matter of putting on a play in May to raise funds for their meeting. It was decided that as the Y. W. P. A. had consented to take up the matter that Major Johnson, president of the Y. W. V. A., should be appointed a committee to go ahead with the arrangements. Other matters of routine business were discussed.

A GAME OF MARBLES. Interest prevailed yesterday on Charlotte street. The interest was "a game of marbles." A few of the little fellows on way from school put aside their books, in the ditch, and commenced a friendly game. But one chap, more fortunate than the rest, was gathering in the marbles, and then the fun commenced. The "marble victor" was edged on to scrap, and in the usual a few of the "disinterested" ones gathered up his winnings. But such is life anyway for the victor—his loss is another one's gain.

TWO FIRES YESTERDAY. Yesterday morning a fire broke out in the cell of Isaiah W. Holder's house on Main street and an alarm was sent in from Box 123. The fire started from the chimney and was extinguished before much damage was done. The firemen were called out at 5:45 yesterday afternoon by an alarm from Box 24. A barn containing hay in the rear of Wm. Magee's, 185 Charlotte street, caught fire. A horse in the barn at the time was safely got out. No damage resulted to the surrounding buildings, but the barn and hay were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

RETURNED MEN WELCOMED. Twenty-three war veterans were welcomed yesterday by the Returned Soldiers' Reception Committee. In the absence of Mayor Hayes, R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, gave the address of welcome. Following cheers by the committee, refreshments were passed among the soldiers by the ladies of the committee. The St. John men to return are: Pte. Edward Collins, St. Patrick street; Pte. Richard Conty, Britain street; Pte. Joseph Wood, 155 Hawthorn Avenue; Pte. Robt. J. Short, Brussels street; Pte. E. J. Gibbons, 101 Simonds street; Pte. G. H. Dryden, 141 Sheriff street.

GOVERNMENT WANTS CITIZENS VIEWS ON HARBOR COMMISSION

Question May be Submitted to Voters at Election April 22—Understood, Government is Willing to Take Over City Wharves.

The question of harbor commission will in all probability be submitted to the electors at the final election for commissioners on April 23, and they will be asked on that date to pronounce either for or against the taking over of the harbor by the federal government. Through the efforts of Messrs. Wigmore and Elkin the negotiations have reached the stage where the government is waiting for a proposition from the city and if the citizens show by their vote that they are favorable to the change, the council will at once get busy and submit an offer. It is understood the government is willing to take over the city wharves, and in the case of those which have debentures outstanding against them they will take over the city's liabilities and pay the debentures when they mature. In this way the city will be relieved of the interest charges on outstanding debentures to the amount of about \$1,400,000, and the responsibility for the upkeep of the wharves. In the case of the wharves owned by the city on which no debentures are outstanding, it is understood the wharves will be placed on the properties and the government will take them over at the amount arrived at by them.

LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN SESSION

Largely Attended Meeting in St. Phillip's Church Last Evening—An Interesting Programme Carried Out.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society was held last evening in St. Phillip's Church, Queen street. A neat programme was carried through, and the participants were loudly applauded. An appreciative audience listened to the speakers which dealt largely with missionary work connected with the war. The following programme was carried out: Reading, "A Challenge," Mrs. Westmoreland. Reading, "Alabaster Box," Mrs. Holder. Vocal solo, "Just Beyond the Shadows," Mrs. Izard. Reading, "Mite Box," Mrs. Watters. All the numbers were well received. Mrs. Westmoreland's paper dealt with the work of women at the war, and the part of woman in civil life. Mrs. Holder's address was also very interesting, as was Mrs. Watter's address. The gathering broke up about 10 p. m. after a vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies.

UNITED BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION

First Session of Quarterly Meeting Held in Central Church Last Evening—Another Session this Afternoon.

The United Baptist Women's Missionary Union executive held the first session of the quarterly meeting last evening at the Central Baptist church. Those present from outside the city were Mrs. Schurman of Wolfville representing the home mission committee; Miss M. E. Hume of Dartmouth, corresponding secretary of the Union; Mrs. Mary Smith of Amherst, general treasurer; Mrs. Seaman of Amherst, provincial treasurer for Nova Scotia; Mrs. C. S. McLaren, provincial secretary for Nova Scotia and Mrs. W. G. Clark of Fredericton. Miss Hume read a very full report from the lady missionaries on the field and encouraging reports were received from the Mission Band superintendents and treasurers. The reading of literature and the provincial secretaries. The committee's jubilee report reported that satisfactory progress had been made. Another session will be held this afternoon.

MILL TO START.

Stetson, Cutler & Company's large saw mill at Indiantown will start operations tomorrow morning. The owners have a large supply of logs on hand and will not have to wait for the opening of navigation on the river to secure a supply.

RED TRIANGLE CLUB.

The Red Triangle Club still draws a good crowd of the boys in khaki. The club rooms are as home to the boys, who can enjoy themselves with very small outlay. Mr. McLeod always sees that the boys are made at home, and they certainly appreciate his endeavors.

LIEUT.-COL. OSBORNE HERE

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Osborne, of Fredericton, is visiting the city in connection with his duties as officer commanding the Military Depot for New Brunswick. The depot was formerly known as "K" unit of the Military Hospital Commission. It is likely that within a few days official announcement as to the staff of the depot will be announced.

AROSTOOK MAN IN NET.

A young man from Bridgewater, Me., who was visiting relatives in Fredericton got caught in the Dominion Police net Wednesday and was brought to St. John for military service. He was detained until it could be proved that he was an American citizen, when he was permitted to return to the capital. He was somewhat alarmed over the situation, and was quite happy to be set free.

THE EARN AND GIVE CAMPAIGN

Large Number of Boys Have Pledged Themselves to Earn and Give Ten Dollars to the Military and Boys' Work of Y. M. C. A.

The earn and give campaign, which is being conducted among the boys of Canada by the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., is rapidly progressing and already a large number of boys have pledged themselves to earn and give ten dollars to the military and boys' work of the association. In all 6,000 boys are wanted to raise \$60,000. Of this amount, \$50,000 will be devoted to the work among the soldiers at home and overseas, \$5,000 will go to boys' work in China and India, and \$5,000 to boys' work in Canada. The campaign will cover a period of about ten months and the boys pledging themselves will be asked to contribute at the rate of one dollar a month for that period.

Rev. A. D. Archibald of Picton, N. S., has been appointed provincial director with headquarters in St. John. In New Brunswick it is hoped to line up 410 boys on this proposition. The appeal is made to the boy to take his part in the sacrifices of the nation and to stand behind the fathers and brothers who have gone overseas. The fathers, mothers and sisters at home are well performing their part and now the opportunity is being given to the boys of Canada to do theirs.

THREE SLACKERS WERE CAPTURED

Trio of Young Men who Endeavored to Evade Military Service Landed by Military Police.

Despite strenuous endeavors to evade military service by a cross country flight three young New Brunswickers who would prefer to live in ease and comfort at home rather than fight for their country in France and Flanders will spend time in St. John preparatory to being sent overseas. Officer Ryan, a returned soldier now doing duty as a military policeman, had an exciting arrest in Kent County. Yesterday he returned from a county with the three slackers, whom he rounded up near Harcourt. All three had failed to register as required by law, and thought to evade service by the army by journeying in the smallport district of Kent. But Officer Ryan was not afraid of the smallport and he finally succeeded in locating the fugitives. After an exciting chase he placed them under arrest. One of the slackers broke away from custody twice, and on a second occasion the officer had a chase of a mile before the elusive one was re-captured.

IMPORTATION OF FLOUR FROM CANADA

United States People Along the Border Awaiting Ruling from Food Controller.

It is understood that the people of Eastport and along the border are patiently awaiting word from the food controller of the United States as to ruling on the matter of importation of flour from Canada into that country. During the past six months a considerable quantity of flour has been reaching Eastport and the towns along the coast, which was shipped from New Brunswick. According to the law no person is supposed to have in their possession flour to the extent of thirty days' supply. At the custom house the officials at Eastport learned that a large supply of flour had been recorded for entry and the tax of twenty-seven cents had been paid thereon, the people no doubt thinking that they were acting legally in the matter. In addition no doubt they were strong in their belief that they were conserving the American supply by purchasing Canadian flour. It was intimated that the American government, through the office of the food controller, might place an embargo on shipments of flour into the country at this port.

WARM RAIN WILL START RIVER ICE

Section of the River is Now Open—Huge Cakes of Ice Running Freely by Woodstock.

All that is needed now to start the ice in the river running in earnest is a warm rain. The lower river is open at this end as far as Carter's Point and from Palmer's wharf to White's Bluff and a raise in the water will start the Reach ice running as the word brought to the city yesterday by a visitor from up river. Reports from the river yesterday shows the huge cakes to be running freely by Woodstock. At Sugar Island the ice has jammed solidly, causing the water to back up and overflow land to a small extent. The overflow has not been of such a nature as to cause any perceptible damage.

NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT

The novelty entertainment given some weeks ago by the members of the Junior Natural History Society, was repeated before a large audience at the museum last evening for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. Additional features which were much appreciated were vocal selections by Ernest Hill and ghost stories very entertainingly directed. Photography excellent. Get there early if you want a seat.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY MEETING

Tenders Have Been Let for Work on New Shelter—The Agent's Report Shows Cases of Distress During Past Month.

At the monthly meeting of the board of management of the Children's Aid Society last night the agent, Rev. George Scott, reported that tenders in connection with the works on the new shelter at the foot of garden street had all been let, in each case the work being awarded to the lowest tenderer. The different tradesmen started work last Monday morning. It is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy about the 1st.

In the absence of the president, A. M. Belding, the second vice-president, Mrs. David McLellan, occupied the chair. The usual report of the agent was read and ordered placed on file. Mrs. J. W. Smith, lady visitor for the month read her report, which was also received and placed on file. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the Women's Canadian Club for the donation of two loads of furniture from the Park's Convalescent Home. The donation of \$5 from the Infant Class of the Carleton Methodist church from their birthday penny boxes, was also ordered to be acknowledged. The report of the agent was as follows:

During the past month the demands on the space of our shelter have been heavier than ever. Two little girls who had been placed there temporarily were taken out, but seven more children were put in, making a total now in residence of seventeen. Two more children were taken charge of and placed in the Municipal Home for the time being. Of these nine children six have been committed to the care of the society for the duration of the war by our commissioners, Rev. R. A. Armstrong and Rev. W. M. Duke.

The physical condition of these six was admitted to the shelter was very bad. They were all weak from improper nourishment and care, together with wholesome food and a wonderful effect in building them up. Two cases of destitution were brought before me, and in both through the proper channels. The most distressing feature in one of these cases is that the husband and father is working and making good wages. There are four children, none of whom were clothed warmly. The oldest, little girl of school age, was compelled to stay at home for lack of clothing. There was absolutely no food in the house. During the month ending March 31st, our president, A. M. Belding, and I received transportation for a girl in our charge to her home on P. E. Island.

EXPORT LICENSES FROM THE STATES

Copy of Regulations Governing the Same Received by the Board of Trade.

There has just been received at the Board of Trade a copy of the regulations governing the obtaining of export licenses from the United States to Canada and they require that all applications shall be made in triplicate to the director of licenses, War Trade Board, Ottawa. When the proper forms have been forwarded the War Trade Board will pass upon them and ratify them in full or in part. If in order, and if not in order, will refuse to ratify. The application will then be sent to the Canadian War Mission at Washington who will pass it on to the United States War Board, and this body will deliver the license or refusal to the Canadian War Mission, who will notify the applicant of the action taken. The above regulations have been in effect since April 1 and variations can only be made with the consent of the War Trade Board, Ottawa, or the Canadian War Mission, Washington.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE GIVEN

"The Land of the Hittites" was E. L. Jack's Subject at the Art Club Last Evening—Lecture was Illustrated.

"The Land of the Hittites," was the subject of an interesting lecture given while on earth shown by means of the reflectoscope operated by C. H. Flewelling. The lecturer also gave an interesting description of Palestine as it is at the present time. He made mention of Gen. G. G. G. and his recent triumphs in that country. Wm. Brodie presided.

A hearty vote of thanks moved by Miss O. McGivern and seconded by Mrs. Thos. A. Dean, was tendered the lecturer. A gift of an easel from Miss Mary Murdoch was acknowledged with thanks. Vocal solos by Miss Gertrude Heales and Dr. P. Bonnell with Miss Alicia Heales as accompanist were much appreciated. The evening closed with the National Anthem.

A BUMPER PROGRAMME.

The big Broadway star Gall Kane is to appear today and tomorrow in "Sons in Power" at the Nickel Queen Square. This picture is of extraordinary merit from every possible angle and Gall Kane appears to the best advantage of her stage and screen career. Superbly staged and directed. Photography excellent. Get there early if you want a seat.

Advertisement for GEM SAFETY RAZOR. Includes image of the razor and text: 'Have an Every Morning Shave with the GEM. Enjoy the comfort and luxury of a slick, clean shave every morning, right in your own room. It will get you ready to a good start with the spick and span feeling and well groomed appearance so essential to the up and doing man of today. THE GEM SAFETY RAZOR And Gem Damskeene Blades form the biggest shaving combination for ONE DOLLAR you have ever known. The Gem comes in a neat, velvet lined case with seven Gem Damskeene Blades, ready for immediate use. Gem Safety Razor, with 7 Gem Damskeene Blades, in Case complete \$1.00 Gem Damskeene Blades, per Package of 7 75c W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.'

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Advertisement for CARPENTERS WANTED. Includes text: 'Apply Grant & Horne, McAvity Plant, Marsh Road. vegetable seeds has been ordered. These will be subjected to a germ-tion test before being disposed of. The association is desirous of increasing its membership and a campaign in that direction will be started upon at once. Great week-end show at the Star tonight. See motion picture page.'