

Around the City FAIR AND COLD.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley will receive on Saturdays, during the month of February, at their residence, Rotheray.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.
The Assessment Commission met yesterday afternoon and discussed income taxation. The Dominion income tax law was taken up. It is altogether likely some of its provisions will be incorporated in the law drafted by the commission.

ROTARIAN CONFERENCE.
The Rotarians have about finished arrangements for the district conference to be held here next week. The business sessions will be held at the Board of Trade rooms. A luncheon will be served at Board's the evening of the first day. After lunch the gathering will be addressed by E. Leslie Pidgeon, of Ottawa.

SLIGHT FIRES.
The firemen were called out twice yesterday morning for slight fires. An alarm from box 12 called them to Peters street, where a blaze, caused by thawing out a frozen water pipe, started in the basement of James McDonald's house. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done. The other alarm was from box 313. This fire was caused from an overheated chimney in the residence of Thomas McMaisters, Rockland Road. Very little damage resulted.

CHIEF BLAKE ISSUES WARNING.
Chief Blake has issued a warning to all householders to use every precaution against fire at this season of the year. He points out that the heavy snowfall has made it very hard for the fire apparatus to respond as quickly as usual, and the cold weather has resulted in a lowering of the water pressure. No hot ashes should be put in wooden barrels, and all waste paper and inflammable materials should be removed from cellars.

THE FISH MARKET.
The supply of all kinds of fresh fish in the retail market is limited. There are no haddock at all. Fresh cod is fifteen cents a pound; mackerel are 30 and 35 cents each; fresh herring are 12 cents a pound; cod steak, 18 cents a pound; flounders, 15 cents a pound, and halibut, 30 cents a pound. There is the usual variety of cured fish. Kipper herring are 7 cents each; finnan haddies, 20 cents a pound, and smoked salmon, 30 cents a pound.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.
There was a good attendance at the regular Thursday night entertainment for soldiers, given by the ladies of St. David's church in St. David's school room last evening. The following programme was carried out—Solos, Miss Louise Brown and Private Carrell; sailor's hornpipe, Buglar Strickland; recitation, Stoker Pinkham. The men also sang a number of choruses. The accompanists were Mrs. I. F. Archibald and Miss Evelyn Curry. A R. Cruikshank presided. After the entertainment, the ladies served refreshments.

SIX HUNDRED ATTEND MISSION ON BRUSSELS ST.

Meetings Increasing in Interest as They Proceed—Rev. F. H. Wentworth, Pastor of Waterloo Street Baptist Church, Preacher Last Night

The united mission in the old Brussels street church is increasing in interest and last night was attended by about 600 people. A feature of the meeting was a reading by Mrs. D. J. MacPherson entitled, "A Hidden Robe." Bayard Strickland sang with splendid effect "Eternity." The address of the evening was given by Rev. F. H. Wentworth, pastor of the Waterloo street Baptist church, who took for his subject the "Call for Power," and he based his remarks on the following words: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." He dwelt at length on the necessity for the power of the Holy Spirit in the churches today and pressed home the question asked of the Ephesians of old by St. Paul, "Did ye receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed?"

DAMAGED GOODS OPENS TO REMARKABLE BUSINESS

Lyric Filled Three Times Yesterday and Thousands Could Not Secure Admission—Two More Days for Men Only.

It is questionable if any attraction ever aroused more interest locally than the motion picture Damaged Goods which opened a six day engagement at the Lyric yesterday. At the end of the three shows many hundreds were unable to secure admission and in all probability more than two thousand persons were disappointed. Today and Saturday next only are admitted, and the first three days of next week are reserved for women. The management is being urged to extend the engagement to nine days and if at all possible this may be arranged, so as to conveniently accommodate the numbers which it is quite apparent will not be able to find accommodation in six days.

PREFER TO FORFEIT ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE 'BONES'

Than Have the Matter Tried on Monday Morning at the Regular Session—Four of a Party Arrested Sunday Night.

Rather than gain the publicity which generally attends police court cases, the two young men and the two girls taken into custody on Sunday night by the detectives for disorderly conduct forfeited the amount of the security they gave for their appearance to the authorities on Sunday night.

According to the facts learned by The Standard the four were located in one of the offices in the Oddfellow's building on Union street about midnight Sunday by three detectives, and as the hour for entertainment was considered rather late, it was thought advisable to place the four under arrest. Explanations were offered by the parties, but it was decided that their conduct justified the step taken. Rather than suffer themselves to confinement at the central station over night, and brought before the magistrate in the morning, the two women managed to raise \$125 between them. This amount was accepted as sufficient security for the appearance of the parties. They left the police station, no doubt firmly resolved to entertain no more at such an hour of the night.

WANTS CITIZENS TO CLEAR SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE

Commissioner Fisher Prepares Bill for Legislature Empowering City to Tax Citizens Who Refuse to Maintain a Decent Sidewalk in Front of Their Premises.

Commissioner Fisher yesterday presented to the common council a draft of a bill which he wants to send to the legislature, empowering the city to tax the citizens for the removal of snow from the sidewalks, and have the work done by the public works department.

The draft follows:—"That authority be given to the City of St. John or to any other city in the province, to take care in its discretion of the removal of snow from the sidewalks and to annually levy a franchise tax for the owner of any property in front of his property at all times up to a fixed date in the spring clear of snow out to the inside line of the gutter or to some other line determined by the city and would fulfill his agreement.

A conviction in the police court of neglect to remove the snow would be evidence of failure to fulfil the agreement and the tax would then be levied."

F. C. MESSENGER DIED YESTERDAY

Was Well Known Contractor and Merchant—Prominent in Masonic Circles.

The death of Frank C. Messenger, a well known contractor and coal and wood merchant of this city, took place yesterday after less than a week's illness. Mr. Messenger who was 60 years of age, had not been in the best of health, but was able to be around and attend to business. Last Friday he took a bad turn and passed away yesterday.

He was a native of Randolph, New Hampshire, and came to this city about sixteen years ago. For twelve years he was employed with Andrew & Co. as millwright, and for the last four years had been in business for himself as a contractor and in the coal and wood business.

The deceased was an active member of the Masonic fraternity and a member of Luxor Temple.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Mary J. Tufts, and one brother, Fred, who lives in New Hampshire.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon from the residence of Albert Winchester, 318 Waterloo street. The service will begin at 2:30.

Charming New Spring Silks with Satin Stripes or Plaids, \$96 to \$2.75 per yard, shown by F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

1918 REVUE PROVED GREAT DRAWING CARD

Imperial Theatre Crowded to Witness Clever Performance.

Beautiful Tableaux, Bright Numbers, Dances Songs and Graceful Catches Combined in Evening of Rare Enjoyment.

To have succeeded in an undertaking once an achievement but to have repeated that success not once but twice over is most remarkable and something that reflects great credit upon those responsible. Thus the large audience who had the pleasure of witnessing the Revue given last evening at the Imperial Theatre by the Loyalist Chapter I. O. D. E. must acknowledge that the Revue of last year held by the same chapter has been surpassed and the standard of bright, lively entertainment kept up. Every credit must be given not only to the principles who shone so brightly upon the boards last evening but to those who planned for the many pretty and clever numbers on the programme.

The costumes were made by members of the chapter and the stage settings most carefully considered in every detail.

The house was filled with a fashionable audience who showed their appreciation by frequent applause. The prologue was delivered by Miss Kathleen Coster who, in the character of Britannia, appeared from a war-like shell. She had as guards two soldiers, and the d-rap used for a background was formed of the flags of the Allies. The prologue, which was very cleverly written, was composed for the occasion by Mr. Francis Walker and was eloquently spoken by Miss Coster.

The Roof Garden cabaret which was arranged by Mr. Rudolph Des Brisay and Mrs. Alexander Fowler contained many charming dances and songs all of which were greatly enjoyed, beginning with the dance of four Pierrots and including a duet by Miss Jean Anderson and Mr. Hazel. A song by Miss Louise Knight, a modern dance by Miss D. Blizard and Mr. Hew Walker, a female impersonator, Miss Climo and the final song and chorus with F. C. McNeill as the soloist.

A very evident hit was made by Mr. Ormand Perley in his song and dance. Mr. Perley is a second Julian Ellias, a female impersonator and his dancing and coquettish ways received a large measure of applause.

The French Club have a reputation of perfection to live up to and it would be hard to praise too highly their Tableaux Vivants. The coloring and the artistic reproduction of famous paintings were very beautiful. Of the six it is not possible to single out one as more perfect than the rest.

Appropriate music was played by the Imperial orchestra.

With Mr. Harold Ellis as soloist, a bright little song and chorus followed the picture. "Along Comes Another Little Girl." Mr. Ellis was a Sailor and the little girls represented six nations. The costumes were original and becoming.

A pretty number was the duet sung by Miss Ermeline Climo and Mr. Jas. Humphrey.

It is not possible to refrain from quoting "The Garden of Love" when writing about the act arranged by Miss Grace Kuhring and staged by Mrs. William Angus and Miss Mary Blizard. The scene was a garden where hollyhocks formed a hedge, and in the centres of these old-fashioned flowers neaped pretty faces of the flower maidens who later appeared in a charming dance led by Miss Kuhring attired as a butterfly.

Miss Valde Fenton in quaint dainty costume sang a delightful solo and at her call the pink flowers came to life. It was indeed a charming, and fairy-like picture.

In the "Wait Till the Cows Come Home" number Mr. Hew Walker is thoroughly at home upon the stage, (he has had some experience as English), and sang his songs with ease.

Anderson was his partner, and her fine voice has seldom been heard to greater advantage than in the duet in this number. Costumed not in the dress of modern usefulness but in the picturesqueness of the milkmaids of Romance the chorus sang very sweetly, the softness of tone being particularly noticeable, and look very attractive.

The musical direction for this was under the direction of Mr. James Ford and the staging was the work of Mr. John Sayre.

TWENTY-EIGHT DAY VOYAGE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

Freighter Arrived in Port After Tempestuous Trip of Nearly a Month—Probably Establishes a Record.

The arrival of a freighter yesterday from the other side after a rough voyage of twenty-eight days, brings to the mind of the veteran mariner the days of the sailing vessel when such time would be considered as fast. The tempestuous weather encountered from the time the steamer left port until she arrived on this side threatened the existence of the craft. It was stated that during the entire voyage the waves lashed high against the ship. Though no official figures are obtainable it is the opinion that this marks the longest period of time for a trip from the United Kingdom to this port since the port opened.

Owing to the precautions taken against the submarine several steamers have arrived at St. John after a voyage of twenty days, but it is doubtful if ever before this record has been reached.

It is likely that within the next few days St. John will have a visit from one of the latest trans-Atlantic liners constructed for passenger traffic.

It is understood that she has on board a number of soldiers who are returning to Canada.

SOLDIER "QUITS" A FRONT LINE TRENCH AND MAKES CANADA

St. John Detectives May Have Effected an Important Arrest—Soldier Answering Lance Corporal Laurie's Description Taken Into Custody.

If the soldier taken into custody last night by Detectives Duncan and Briggs proves to be Lance Corporal F. Laurie of the Northumberland Fusiliers, an old country regiment, they have arrested a man very much wanted by the military authorities at Halifax. From the front line trenches to St. John without the authority of the military officials is the deserter's remarkable career. The police received word last evening from Halifax that one Lance Corp. F. Laurie, a deserter from the front, was wanted by the authorities. It was stated last night that the man was wanted on a more serious charge, that of murder, but this report could not be confirmed at police headquarters and the man was not taken into custody.

Hearing that a soldier answering the description given by Halifax was at the Nickel on Charlotte street in company with three women and a little girl, the detectives and military police paid a visit to the theatre and searched the house. At the close of the show the exits were guarded, but the much wanted man was not among the audience.

Later the detectives paid a visit to a house on City Road and arrested a soldier answering the description. Laurie is of dark complexion, five feet eight inches in height and is twenty-five years of age.

It is thought that he managed to make his escape to Halifax on one of the steamers which recently arrived there. With the exception that the case was an important one, nothing to divulge the offence charged against the man was contained in the advice.

THE 1918 REVUE TODAY MATINEE

Great Rush For Tickets Makes Extra Show This Afternoon Necessary.

It has been decided to give a matinee of the Loyalist Chapter 1918 Revue afternoon, starting after the Imperial's first show, namely, 2:45 o'clock. The hour has been arranged to make it possible for school children to attend without interfering with their studies. The prices will be 50c for the lower floor and also the first balcony. The upper balcony will be sold at a quarter. Don't forget that the matinee starts after the Imperial's first show (2:45) and many, for the sake of securing good seats, there will be no reservations—will doubtless plan to attend the Imperial's new show and take in the Revue immediately after.

gramme was a comedy song "Follow the Girls Around," sung by Mr. F. C. McNeill dressed in Scottish attire. Mr. McNeill is thoroughly at home in this costume and the song was loudly applauded. "The girls" were in Scottish costume, also pink tartan kilts with pink jackets and pink gengarries to match. They were worth following around as they sang their chorus merrily and went through several marches and fancy steps, ending with the Highland fling.

The entire company joined in the final chorus and the performance ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Several of the principals were the recipients of bouquets. The thanks of the chapter are due Mr. James S. Ford, who, as musical director, had much to do with the success of the Revue. Mr. Frank Fitzgerald, stage manager, also gave great assistance.



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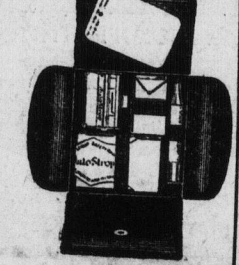
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