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**AGAIN ARRESTED**  
"Andy" Irvine was again before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning charged with drunkenness. Although the police officials have lost run of the exact number of times that he has been arrested, still it is safe to say that he has appeared nearly 100 times. Despite the fact that his name appears on the interdict list, he still is able to secure liquor. There was a time that it was thought he had reformed. The police magistrate secured a position for him on the Valley railroad, and he worked for nearly a year and kept straight. But the path proved too narrow. This morning he was sent below. What will be his fate this time remains to be seen.

**JUVENILE COURT**  
In the juvenile court this morning a boy aged twelve years was before Magistrate Ritchie. Policeman McLeese arrested the boy in Charlotte street last evening on a charge of wandering about and not giving a satisfactory account of himself. The lad was sent below.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**HOME FROM WEST ON VISIT**  
Jack Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Howard of 619 Main street, is home spending two weeks, after an absence of six years in Edmonton. He formerly played on St. Peter's baseball team, and is well known throughout the city.

**NEW POLICEMAN**  
James A. Sibley, of this city, was sworn in as a member of the local police force yesterday afternoon and went on duty last night. He got his first baptism of police work soon after reporting when he and two other policemen were called to Princess street early this morning to make an arrest.

**GOVERNOR VISITS HOME**  
Lieutenant-Governor Wood, accompanied by Hon. John E. Wilson, visited the Boys Industrial Home in East St. John this morning. They made a thorough inspection of the buildings and the equipment and the governor expressed himself as greatly pleased with the institution. His Honor addressed the boys and the latter sang several choruses for his benefit.

**SOLDIER ARRESTED**  
Gunner H. Brown of the Ammunition Column in Halifax, was arrested this morning by Policeman Gorman. Last evening Chief Simpson received a telephone message from the O. C. of the draft at Halifax and as a result this soldier was taken into custody this morning, quick work by the local police department. The man will be detained at headquarters awaiting the arrival of an escort from Halifax. The charge is overstaying his holiday leave.

**TOMORROW NIGHT'S MEETING**  
In addition to R. B. Bennett, M.P., and Hon. D. H. Cameron, at the invitation of the service meeting in the Imperial tomorrow evening, G. S. Campbell, national service director and an officer of the S. Sherrard, for District No. 4, Montreal, are invited to be present. Every citizen of St. John is interested in national service and the speakers will be greeted by a crowded house. Mr. Bennett comes fresh from a western tour, and his message should be heard by an audience limited only by the capacity of the great auditorium.

**ANOTHER SAD CASE OF CHILD IS REPORTED**  
Children's Aid Society Steps in and Chesley Ford is Arrested

The Children's Aid Society has another pitiful case at the wheel with W. R. Robinson, the secretary, was called this morning to 68 Paradise row, rear, where a West India colored man named Chesley Ford lives with his wife and child. They were boarding for \$4 a week a white girl of ten years, her board being paid by a man who had adopted her but whose wife had died and whose home had been broken up. The girl gives the name of Nellie Morrison, and is brought relative to her parentage will be fought out in court.

The girl charged that, though she was a boarder, Ford forced her to go out and steal coal and wood and when she refused on the day before yesterday because she had whooping cough and was ill, he beat her with a strap and a broom, cutting her eyes, and that he renewed the assault yesterday for the same reason.

Mr. Robinson reported the case and took the girl to the police station. Ford was arrested, and the case will be enquired into this afternoon. Robinson had to borrow a coat for the girl to wear. She shows the evidences of the terrible beating she received. Though ten years old she cannot read or write. She had been at school for a short time last fall, but she contracted whooping cough. Steps will now be taken to see to it that she gets both care and schooling.

**LT. COL. J. C. MERSEREAU**  
**CHIEF OF STAFF OF NO. 6 MILITARY DISTRICT**

Sometimes ago it was rumored in military circles that there was to be a change among officials on the headquarters staff of the 6th division at Halifax, in which division New Brunswick is included. Today it was learned that the change had gone through and that Lieutenant-Col. J. C. Mersereau, a retired soldier and one of the many Canadians who distinguished themselves at the front, while attached to General Currie's staff, had been appointed to the position of chief of staff of military district No. 6 at Halifax.

Lieut.-Colonel Mersereau is well known in this city and was for several years the commanding officer of the Corps of Guides at Camp Sussex. Many friends will be pleased to learn of his excellent promotion.

This position at the outbreak of the war was held by Major Hayter of the imperial service and, following his retirement, Major A. N. Jones, of the 25th Battalion, who returned from the front suffering from wounds, was made acting general staff officer, which position he ably filled. He has now been appointed to general staff officer of the Halifax garrison.

**GOULD AGAIN ON THE STAND TODAY**

In the arbitration matter of A. R. Gould and associates vs. the Province of New Brunswick, hearing was resumed in chambers this morning, with His Honor Chief Justice McKeown as arbitrator. Mr. Gould, who gave his direct testimony prior to adjournment for the Christmas season, was today cross-examined by F. R. Taylor, K.C., who is appearing on behalf of the province. Mr. Gould reiterated a statement made in his direct testimony to the effect that when the Lionhart Company failed to get the sale of the second mortgage bonds in 1913, he offered to throw up the job of buying the railroad. He said that, even though this meant falling down on the contract, still he would not have had anything had the government permitted him to withdraw. The contract itself protected him against individual loss even if he failed to carry out the contract. M. G. Tread, K.C., A. S. Gregory, K.C., and A. P. Barnhill, K.C., were present in the interest of Mr. Gould and associates.

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**The Man In The Street**

As the hospital reports would say, the New Year's resolutions are "doing as well as could be expected."

One of the most enjoyable features of those good resolutions is the breaking of them.

The W.C.T.U. seems to have made a New Year's resolution not to attend any prize fights in 1917.

But isn't there a little difference between a prize fight and a well conducted boxing exhibition? The law seems to recognize some such distinction.

The Man in the Street was not among those present at the New Year's patriotic entertainment, but he would be willing to bet dollars to doughnuts—if he had the dollars and the parties of the second part can make good doughnuts—that not one of the critics of the affair is in a position to talk from personal knowledge, either.

The commissioner who was elected to save the city from the extravagance of the old council seems to be quite willing to spend money in the process.

Of course the city could collect garbage and ashes more economically than the draft at Halifax and under the present system, but one dollar on the tax bill looks bigger than five in the household expense account.

**Not in Their Class**  
United States financiers are accused of profiting by a leak of advance information on the peace proposals to make a killing in the stock market. If that Dutch boy, unarmoured in the school books, who saved the country by plugging a leak in the dyke with his finger, had been in their class he would have harnessed up the leak and used it as the excuse for floating a hydro-electric corporation or an irrigation scheme.

That idea of making those who have the money bear the heavier share of the patriotic assessment, by means of a graduated scale did seem to the average man to be a little too good to be true. The government seems to be willing to revert to the usual plan of soaking the chap who has not enough to live on to begin with.

**Nearly Right**  
It was the appropriateness of the error which made it embarrassing. He was opening some bottled goods for some friends who had dropped in and asked the maid to bring a bottle opener. She was not familiar with this weapon and it was described to her. In a few minutes the girl returned triumphantly with an old-fashioned skate wrench. To the accompaniment of unkind comments from his friends he had to explain that he did not intend to get either kind of a skate on that evening.

**It Was Warm Enough**  
After two days of cold weather, a well known young man of this city decided to take steps to keep warm on Saturday night and purchased an electric foot warmer. He placed it in his bed, although he was not quite sure whether it would be effective. It was. The next thing he knew he was being shaken by his alarmed parents. He sat up in bed to find the room filled with smoke and the heater smouldering fiercely. The heater had heated.

**L. A. BELVEA SUPERINTENDENT**  
First Annual Business Meeting of Central Church Sunday School

The first annual business meeting of the Central United Baptist church Sunday school, since the amalgamation of the two churches, was held last evening in the parlour of the church. Supper was served by the ladies of the congregation and, after full justice had been done to their culinary skill, the attention of the gathering was turned to the business matters.

Reports were submitted by the superintendent, secretary-treasurer and superintendents of the primary, Chinese and home departments. Organized classes also reported, those represented being: Knights of Honor, Each-Oae-Win-One, Philathea, Good-Cheer, Live Wires, Barrens, Ever-Ready, Merry Maids and Good Fellowship.

The report of the nominating committee was received and the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Superintendent, L. A. Belvea; first assistant superintendent, Hartley S. Wamsnamaker; second associate superintendent, Z. G. Alwood; secretary, John H. Collins; assistant secretary, Edwin Caswell; treasurer, J. Bennett; librarian, W. H. Downey; assistant, John Parker; home department, Mrs. Bertha Brundage; assistants, Mrs. L. A. Belvea; primary, Miss Edna Everett; Chinese, Mrs. H. D. Christie; cradle roll, Mrs. J. J. Gillies; temperance, G. H. Hagerman; assistant, Archie Gillies; pianist, Miss Ruth Corkum; assistant, Miss Ray Wilson.

The rest of the evening was devoted to a discussion of matters relating to the welfare of the school. The meeting proved one of the most interesting and profitable held in either school in many years. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the ladies who had served supper.

**INLAND REVENUE RECEIPTS**  
**SHOW LARGE GAIN FOR YEAR**

The inland revenue receipts at St. John for December were:—

1915	1916
Spirits .....	\$22,771.24 \$26,908.09
Cigars .....	513.00 321.00
Raw leaf .....	228.56 146.44
Bonded Mfgs .....	95.92 101.90
Other spirits .....	4,013.95 3,547.61
	\$27,622.67 \$32,985.10

Increase for 1916, \$5,362.43.

A comparative statement of inland revenue receipts for the last two years shows:—

1915	1916
January .....	\$19,054.51 \$20,496.44
February .....	15,181.13 24,726.23
March .....	15,073.08 17,509.35
April .....	20,222.07 25,396.90
May .....	19,334.84 29,151.19
June .....	19,819.44 24,557.24
July .....	18,118.70 25,588.22
August .....	18,234.52 27,057.04
September .....	21,039.74 28,878.49
October .....	21,171.11 30,369.22
November .....	20,108.97 33,350.21
December .....	27,032.97 32,265.10
	\$207,104.74 \$300,167.43

Increase for 1916, \$93,062.69.