Around the City

FAIR AND COOL

THE FIRE ALARM.

The fire alarm was sounded yesterday morning about eight o'clock by crossed wires.

ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert O. White of St. Martins announce the engagement of their daughter, Lila Agnes, to Arthur F. Burditt of this city.

A SLIGHT FIRE.

A slight fire was discovered in W. J. Linton's house on Collins' street, Fairville, yesterday morning. The fire was about the sill of the house and was extinguished before much damage was done.

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN.

Marcy B. Roderick, Britain street has been appointed inspector of tools and machinery for the Erie Railroad and is at present superintending the installation of machinery in the new Erie terminals, Jersey City.

HOME ON FURLOUGH.

Flight Lieutenants Fred E. Power and Balf Paterson, who have been training with the Flying Corps, arrived home yesterday for a short furlough. They were promoted from cadets.

LEFT FOR FREDERICTON.

Commissioner Fisher left for Fredericton last evening to be present at the legislature this morning, when the Power Bill comes up. The citizens of St. John await in suspense the outcome of today's proceeding.

WAS NOT SOLD.

The advertised sale of the iron bark Ashmore, which is on the rocks at Muir Ledges, did not take place at noon yesterday, as some particulars regarding salvaging were not obtainable. As a result of this the sale was postponed.

THE RIVER ICE.

The ice in the St. John river at Fredericton made a start above the Fredericton bridge and ran for a short distance Tuesday night. The river is clear from above Woodstock to Kingsclear. A jam eight or ten miles long is formed at the islands above Springhill.

A FARMER INTERESTED.

J. A. Clement was in the city yesterday on his way to Hillsborough. Mr. Clements is a farmer and was greatly interested in the Soldiers of the Soil movement. He states that recently he was in Toronto and the movement there has a great start. But, he added, "We don't want to talk about it; we want to act. Give the boys a chance, give them an interest in the farm and they will stick with us."

HAD A GROUCH.

A traveller on his way to Montreal voiced strong sentiments last evening in the station. He said: "I've visited St. John many times, each and every time I found only one man selling tickets, when all are in a hurry. Again the restaurant adjoining is small and once one is in he has to tramp over others to get out or suffer himself to have others climb over him. Surely the railway officials can remedy this." After much waiting he procured his ticket and started on his way.

INTERESTING EDITION.

The April number of the Educational Review contains many interesting articles for teachers and educationists generally. There is a paper on The Birds of Grand Pre region (N. S.) by Robie Wilfred Tufts. Another specially contributed article on Preparing a War Garden, by Mary C. Davidson. The programme for the Maritime Education Convention to be held in Moncton in August is also printed in full.

SERGT. EMSLEY FREE.

A card was received by a friend yesterday from Sergt. J. G. Emsley, former Lake of the Woods representative here, and long a prisoner of war in Germany, contained the gratifying intelligence that he is now at Scheveningen, in Holland, having been transferred there. Sergt. Emsley writes he is safe and sound and glad to be once more among Christians. The news of his transfer will give satisfaction to many friends.

A LARGE PARADE.

Watson Raynard and daughter, of Yarmouth, were in the city yesterday. Mr. Raynard is on his way home after visiting relatives and friends in Boston. Sunday afternoon, he said, was a big day in Boston, a big parade of the men in khaki there and all the labor unions marched in a body. A British tank was seen in action in Franklin Park, making its way through solid stone walls and over, or through many other obstructions. The papers estimated the crowd in the march at 9,000 persons.

PTE. ALLAN DEAD.

Private Walter H. Allan, who resided with his mother, Mrs. B.R.D. Allen, 55 Belvidere street, Back Bay, Boston, has died from wounds received in France. He was the son of the late Walter H. Allan, formerly connected with the Allan Iron Foundry, on the West Side, and had only been with his mother in Boston a little over a year, as he got his schooling in St. John. He enlisted with Col. Guthrie's MacLean Kilties at the time of their recruiting drive in Bostoon, in June, 1916.

WILL BE REPORTED.

Smoke was seen issuing from the basement of Thomas Reed's residence on St. James' street yesterday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock, and a citizen who was passing at the time sent in a still alarm. When an entrance had been made to the house it was discovered that the smoke was coming from the kitchen stove. Chief Blake, however, found a large amount of ashes piled up on the floors and stated that he would report the matter to the police court. Mr. Reed stated that he had arranged for the removal of the ashes and had them all cleared away after the fire department left the scene.

OFFICER WHO SAFELY GUARDED KING PETER OUT OF BELGRADE TALKS TO STANDARD REPORTER

Lieutenant Pavle Yovanovitch Visitor to St. John En Route to New York—Courageous Serbian Officer Tells How His Country was Overrun by Countless Enemy Aliens—He is Stately, Modest and Courteous in His Manner.

He arrived in St. John unnoticed and left unseen, yet in the annals of history recorded by writers the world over, the name of Lieutenant Pavle Yovanovitch, who is now en route to New York, will be inspiration for the posterity of that brave little country, Serbia, whose future although overhung by a heavy cloud at present, must surely again realize the qualities of an independent state. It is doubtful if the bitter pangs of grief could be more vividly mirrored in the countenance of any man than in that of the courageous Serbian officer when his story carried him back to his native land, now over-run by countless enemy aliens, whose respect for law and order makes the barbarian age appear civilized. Stately in his appearance, modest in his expressions, and courteous in his manner, fittingly describes the officer, when a Standard man had occasion to meet him. Admiration increases as the conversation is prolonged and a Canadian longs to be able to talk his tongue and learn more of the country which has sacrificed everything in the fight of the rights of small nations.

It is true that in St. John there have arrived soldiers from this small ally of the Empire, but never did an officer visit St. John who has the proud distinction of fighting the German and Austrian hordes, while his king fell back from the dangers of being captured by the enemy. All will recall the terrible onslaught of the Austrians and Germans on Belgrade when they sought to break down the morale of the Serbian army by attacking in masses and hurling all the strength of a powerful army upon the brave Serbians, who stood up against overwhelming odds and resisted the invaders, until exhausted by the throwing of fresh Teutonic troops into the battle they were compelled by brute force to bend their knee in submission to a tyrannical ruler. Night after night and day after day, this sanguinary struggle continued; nearer and nearer crept the invaders; village after village fell; town after town, and finally the grand fortifications of the cities crumbled before the terrific bombardment of the enemy. During these momentous days, King Peter at the head of his people, encouraged, assisted and prayed for the safety of the nation. When the shells of the Austrians fell like thunder in the outskirts of that beautiful city which majestically arises on the right bank of the Danube, and it was seen that resistance was of no avail His Majesty was advised to leave. Hours brought the enemy nearer and ere preparations had been made for the exodus, the German officers had detailed men to positions on the roofs of houses where they were supplied with machine guns. A body guard for King Peter and a reliable and courages one was sought. Out of the entire Serbian army, the officer who visited St. John was selected. Being associated with the 1st Serbian army, in the ranks of which there were men who knew no fear, the officer chose a company of these veterans. In the number were men who had fought in the Balkans and men who first encountered the Austrian army after the severance of diplomatic relations with that country. From the royal palace King Peter was escorted to an awaiting conveyance and although the distance was short, the enemy inicted severe damage upon the company, but the king escaped without injury. The hail of the machine guns grievously wounded the officer. Bleeding from the freshly made wounds, and suffering from the loss of blood, the brave officer made his way to where the king's carriage stood and commenced to tell the story of the narrow escape. His weakness grew worse and he fell prostrated at the king's feet. The sovereign gently assisted him to his feet and upon his breast affixed two distinctions for the loyalty displayed and the heroism shown during the exodus. Proudly the officer pointed to the ribbons on his tunic, one the Order of the White Star, which is equivalent to the Victoria Cross, and the other, the Order of the White Eagle, which represents our D. S. O. In addition to this high marks of distinctions, Lieut. Yovanovitch received several gold bars, for services rendered in the Balkan wars.

The officer arrived in St. John from France. He left on the C. P. R. for New York, and after a few weeks he will return to the battlefields in Europe.

CLAN MACKENZIE WERE GUESTS OF SONS OF ENGLAND

Marlborough Lodge Carried Out Successful Programme Last Evening—A Welcome to Major J. T. McGowan—Was Large Attendance.

In Marlborough Lodge Germain St. last evening, a fitting programme was carried out in honor of a visit of "The Clan Mackenzie No. 96." It proved a success and a large number were present which enjoyed the nicely arranged programme. Judging from the applause which greeted each number it voiced the sentiments of fellowship and good-will which prevailed between the members. After a greeting to their visitors, the Marlborough Lodge carried ont the following programme:

Entry of the Clan led by Piper Cruikshank with the bagpipes amid great applause.

An address of welcome to the visitors by T. H. Carter, Supreme Vice-President of Sons of England.

Patriotic solos .....F. J. Punter
Times on Belts .....W. Bagnall.
Solo, Vocal .....W. C. Parker.
Address .....Joseph Murdock.
Solo, Vocal .....Harry Marley.
Instrumental Trio Messrs Bond Massie and Bagnall.
Address .....H. L. McGowan, Royal Deputy of Clan.
Home Made Violin Solo Dr. Leonard.
Speeches by Messrs. J. Stanton and H. W. Brown, recently returned heroes.
Vocal solo, ...Mr. Dennison.
Address, ...F. Z. Fowler, Past Clan Chief.
Song, ...F. J. Punter.

There was a warm welcome to Major J. T. McGowan who replied fittingly, alluding to his experiences and observations. "Over There'.

Patriotic Speech E. Sears.

The affair proved a success in every way and the occasion should not pass with some congratulatory remarks.

Mr. Parker's solo was excellent and he was forced to respond with an encore; as likewise Mr. Punter.

Dr. Leonard on a "Home-made" violin gave a pretty selection, and the boys remarked what would he give us on a "factory-made violin." All the addresses were listened to with great pleasure, each address dealing more or less with the war and conditions "Over Here" and "Out There." Refreshments were served and a happy time was brought to a close with singing God Save the King."

UNCERTAINTY AMONG THE AUTO DEALERS

Rumors of Partial Prohibition of Certain Classes of Cars—Heavier Duties on U. S. Cars—Increase Tax on Canadian Built.

There is a trifle of uncertainty among automobile dealers these days due to rumors of action by the federal government looking to the partial prohibition of certain classes of cars. It was understood that something would develop at Ottawa before now, but apparently other business is too pressing. However the stories that have reached here from local members are to the effect that a much heavier duty than at present exists will be imposed on cars which sell in the United States or other countries at more than twenty-five hundred dollars. This measure, if it carries, will affect very few lines of cars sold in this province for there are not many of the higher priced lines carried here. Those that are purchased are very frequently secured on special orders and not through permanent dealers who carry stocks, although this is not altogether the case. On the other hand there is talk of a government tax—ten per cent. on the manufacturer's price is mentioned—on cars built in Canada. This action it is felt will not be a very great hardship to such concerns as already have plants in this country, but will be a decided obstacle to such others as may now be seeking a portion of the Canadian trade with machines built in the United States. It would for the present at any rate practically confine Canadian trade to those companies now assembling cars in this country. And as these are as a rule the ones selling cars at a price under the twenty-five hundred dollar mark, whatever additional tax is imposed on these higher priced cars would be a further advantage.

The feeling seems to be that big cars are intended purely for pleasure and those owning them for this purpose can well afford to pay, while the smaller cars as an adjunct to business are really a necessity and should get off with a much lighter share of the burden. The present import tax on American-made cars is forty-two and one-half per cent.

THE AMBULANCE CALLED.

The ambulance was called out last evening to convey Miss Alice Emery of Tower street, West St. John, to the public hospital to undergo an operation.

LT. J. McA. SHARP HAS BEEN WOUNDED BUT NO DETAILS

Was Son of Major J. Otty Sharp, Former St. John Man—Lieut. Col. James L. McAvity is His Godfather.

Lieut. James McAvity Sharp, son of Major J. O. and Mrs. Sharp, 28 Wellesley street, Toronto, was wounded on March 30, according to official word received by his parents. No details of the occurence have been received, notwithstanding that Major Sharp has been making every effort to learn the nature of his son's wounds.

Lieut. Sharp is a graduate of the Model School, Trinity College School, Port Hope, and made the entrance to the Royal Military College, Kingston. He did not enter the military college, accepting, instead, a commission in the 127th (York County) Battalion, with which he went overseas in August, 1916. When the unit was converted into the 2nd Canadian Railway Troops, Lieut. Sharp retained his commission and went to France with the newly-formed unit. This is the first time the young man has been a casualty, despite the fact that he has served in France continuously for fifteen months. Lieut. J. Harry Knox, whose death in action was announced recently, was a chum of Lieut. Sharp. He fell in the same fighting in which Lieut. Sharp received his wounds.

Major Sharp was a former resident of St. John and while in the city was an officer in the 62nd Regiment. When married, Lieut.-Col. James L. McAvity, now O. C. of the Depot Battalion, was best man. When a son was born he was named after James McAvity, who was the godfather. On learning that the young lieutenant had been wounded Col. McAvity yesterday wired Major Sharp for particulars, but none had been received.

Major Sharp was in St John for a short time with the Sportsman's 180th Battalion and went overseas with that unit and was one of the officers who, a year ago, participated in the famous Vimy Ridge battle. He only recently returned from the front and his many friends hope that the wounds of the major's gallant son will not prove serious.

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR THE SOLDIERS

Convalescent Soldiers at Armory and Men in 62nd Barracks Enjoy Programmes Under Auspices of Military Y. M. C. A.

Two enjoyable entertainments were given for the soldiers last evening under the auspices of the Military Y. M. C. A., one for the convalescent men at the armory and the other at the 62nd Barracks, West End.

The programme at the armory was in charge of the Lady Roberts' Chapter, I. O. D. E. Miss Anderson and Corp. Baker rendered several pleasing solos. Miss Bayard presided at the piano. The men entered heartily into the chorus singing. Three reels of motion pictures were shown, one reel of travel pictures and a two-reel comedy sketch. W. C. Ross occupied the chair. At the conclusion of the programme the ladies served refreshments.

The Y. W. P. A., with Miss A. L. Brock as convenor, had charge of the programme at the West Side. Vocal solos were given by Miss Dixon and Mrs. Murray Long and a piano solo by Miss Scovil. Miss E. Climo and Morris Watson were the piano accompanists. The period of chorus singing was much enjoyed. Four very interesting boxing bouts formed a feature of the evening's entertainment.

A. M. McLeod presided. Refreshments were served, after which the National Anthem was sung.

WM. JIMMO WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Letter from Chaplain Tells How Brave Escuminac Boy Lost His Life While Performing His Duty.

Ex-Councillor Jimmo of Escuminac received the following letter in reference to the death of his son:

Lewis Jimmo, Esq.,
Lower Escuminac, N. B.,

My Dear Sir: Referring to your letter of recent date concerning the death of your son, William Jimmo: He was a gallant stretcher bearer and on Nov. 6th, 1917, was killed in action while performing his duty bravely.

A shell burst in the transport lines where he was at the time. He with others rushed in to dress the wounded and while doing this duty another shell came over and killed him instantly.

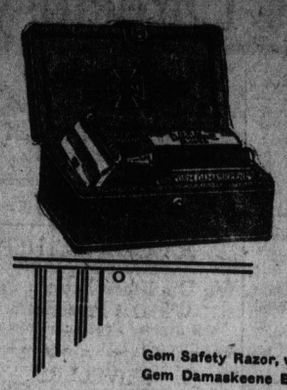
He was tenderly carried to a little cemetery in the village of Wiltage by Reverend La Bonte, one of our chaplains. I have applied for a photograph of his grave and will have it sent over if obtainable.

Your son is reported to me as being a very brave man. He did wonderful work at the battle of Hill 70, and won the military medal. He was instantly killed and thus knew no pain. I am sure if you could see the boys suffer as I have before going finally out you would feel glad he knew no pain.

A cross marks the spot, and the grave will possibly be more permanently marked after the war.

Accept our sincere sympathy.

Very sincerely,
GEO. O. FALLIS,
Major,
A. D. C. S., England.
For Colonel Director Chaplain Services Overseas Military Forces of Canada.



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Ladies' Nightdresses Prices 40c. to $1.50 ea.
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Ladies' Princess Slips Prices 50c. to 75c.
Ladies' Aprons 15c. to 45c. each

Children's and Misses' Nightdresses Prices 35c. and 45c.
Children's and Misses' Underskirts 25c. and 35c.
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Infants' White Dresses Long, 50c. to $1.25 Short, 60c. to $1.50

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Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

A meeting of the Associated Charities was held at 117 Germain street yesterday afternoon. Several cases before the meeting were discussed. Two families have been supported by Associated Charities for a week and it is expected another will have to be supported for some time. The report of the secretary for the month of March is as follows: Applications received, 183; requests for employment, 41; recommended, 47; requests for maids, 21; seeking relief, 13; relief procured for, 12; records given, 20; visits made, 16; cases investigated, 9; clothing given to, 16; asked for transportation, 2.

At the Nickel, Queen Square today is Anna Little and Frank Boazage in "Immediate Lee," also Mutual Telegram with all the latest news.

MANY CHARMING WEAVES IN SILK SHOWN AT DYKEMAN'S.

Whose prices give but little hint of a rising market. Fashionable weaves such as women are seeking for their Spring wardrobes. The advantages of early purchasing are shown in very moderate pricings at which they are available. New York alone is responsible for these lovely Foulards, Taffetas and Novelty Silks. They come in Coin Spots, Checks, and stripes predominating. Our stock is an extremely extensive one, and you are almost certain to find your particular choice at the price you wish to pay. We quote below.

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A beautiful new line of Shot Taffetas, all colors, $2.35 per yd.

36 in. Hirashiko Wash Silks for Outing at $1.70 per yd.

36 in Tuto-Ori, similar to heavy Jap Rajh-silk at $1.15 per yd.

See our window displays. A dress made of one of our $2.69 Taffetas is displayed here.

MILITARY FUNERALS.

The late William G. Caples, who was one of the first to enlist with the 26th Battalion and who died Tuesday night, will be buried with full military honors this afternoon, the funeral taking place at 2.30 o'clock from his father's home, 79 Leinster street.

The body of Sergeant John Wilson, who died at Cochrane when en route from Winnipeg to St. John on a visit his sister, Mrs. Sibley, Autumn street, arrived in the city at noon yesterday. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon and the gallant soldier, who had fought in many battles while in France, will be buried with full military honors.