

## COMMON RELIEF BUREAU URGED

Charitable Organization Representatives in City Have Talk on Conditions

Delegation Will Interview Members of Common Council—Meet Again on Friday

Representatives of relief organizations in the city met in the Bible Society rooms yesterday afternoon to discuss ways of dealing more effectively with the problem of relieving poverty and distress. It was suggested

that the municipality might undertake some work to provide employment. They will meet again on Friday afternoon to discuss the matter further. W. Shivers Fisher, president of the Associated Charities, was in the chair. Others present and the organizations they represented were as follows: A. M. Rowan, almshouse commissioner; Miss Grace Robertson, secretary of the Associated Charities; Mrs. I. F. Longley and Mrs. Margaret Lawrence, Saint John Red Cross; Miss H. MacKay, Victorian Order of Nurses; Miss Stella Payson, Associated Charities; Rev. W. M. Duke, St. Vincent de Paul; Harold Rising, St. George's Society; A. R. Melrose, St. Andrew's Society; and Rev. A. L. Tedford, Evangelical Alliance. Those who had been invited and did not attend included Acting Mayor J. H. Frink and representatives of the Salvation Army and Lieut.-Col. N. P. McLeod. Rev. J. Cloran, C. S. S. R., sent regrets at inability to attend. Mr. Fisher explained why the meeting was called and outlined the work of the Associated Charities, summing it up in the following extract from its constitution: The objects of this society shall be:

To secure the concurrent and unanimous action of the different charities of Saint John in order to raise the needy above the need of relief, prevent begging and imposture, diminish pauperism, to aid in the diffusion of knowledge on subjects connected with the relief of the poor. Mr. Rowan outlined a suggested plan for concentrating all relief work under one head, with a central office where accurate information could be tabulated. The Commissioners of the Poor, he said, expended in 1925 the sum of \$5,183.76 in outside relief work, exceeding their allowance of \$4,500 for this purpose by nearly \$700. He gave an itemized statement showing the money had been spent for groceries, fuel, bursals, board and lodging, dry goods, boots and shoes and railway tickets. He advocated having all charitable grants secured by assessment and distributed by the central bureau. Father Duke thought this method could be made to work for the distribution of relief but could not touch the more important work of prevention of poverty. Mrs. Longley spoke of the Red Cross problems in relief work with the cases

which return again and again. Mrs. Lawrence believed present methods of handing out emergency relief were tending to pauperize the needy and that while Saint John people were very charitable they were working along destructive and not constructive lines. She urged some form of civic employment. **UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS.** Miss MacKay spoke of the bad effects upon the health of the people of long periods of unemployment and referred to the problem presented by those who are able to work but will not work. She advocated the establishment of a central welfare bureau, and said follow-up work was the most important of relief work. Mr. Tedford said some cases went the round of all organizations during the year and existed entirely on charity. He felt that a central bureau would accomplish much good, but was not sure whether such a scheme could be worked out in practice. The community chest idea for all charitable funds was discussed and Mr. Rising thought that a plebiscite should be taken on this matter. He also advocated having a central war-

house to which clothing for the poor might be sent. Miss Robertson said that the Salvation Army had such a depot and sold clothing at a very small charge, and the people were glad of the opportunity of paying for the clothing and retaining their self respect. Father Duke explained how St. Vincent de Paul Society operates. The men make investigation of the cases which are reported to their weekly meetings and applicants for relief receive their stated allowance on a certain night each week. The women's committee of the society are where there is no possible income are taken off the books. The society functions in three Catholic parishes. Father Duke regretted that it did not function in all the parishes. Its objects, he said, were to help the rich by allowing them to give to the poor and to prevent unwise charity. **DIFFICULTIES FACED.** Mr. Tedford believed some difficulties in administering relief in the city came about because the Associated Charities was not always used. Father Duke suggested that it might be practical for the secretary of the Associated Charities to receive all appeals and to assign them to the organization of individual. Miss MacKay pointed out that it was essential that cases should be lost sight of and that follow-up work should be carried on consistently. Father Duke said that he had urged men to go to the United States to find work temporarily, and had aided them in securing transportation. He suggested that charitable organizations might pay half of the cost of civic work, if such was provided to give employment. Mr. Rowan thought the grant for such work should be asked for from the municipality and not from the city, as the larger field should be covered, and the city now faced the situation of having 25 per cent. of taxes unpaid, and the public works grant was over expended.

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### SAINT JOHN TEAM FOR DEBATE CHOSEN

Meet British Visitors Here on Jan. 23 on Question of Geneva Protocol

Preparations for the debate with the Imperial team which is to take place on the evening of Jan. 23 in Saint John were made by the Saint John City Debating League at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. last night. Rev. J. S. Bonnell, of St. Andrew's Young Men's Society, president of the Debating League, was in the chair. Others present were J. N. Dow, representing the German Street Baptist Y. M. A.; Adrien Gilbert, representing St. John's (Stone) church debaters, and A. M. Gregg, representing the Y. M. C. A. debaters. The members of the Imperial team are: A. H. E. Molson, Oxford University; T. P. MacDonald, University of Edinburgh; Paul Reed, University of London; and R. Nunn May, Birmingham University. The subject of the debate will be, "Resolved, that the Geneva protocol is worthy of the support of Great Britain and her Dominions."

### GIFT FOR MEMORIAL

Money is Voted by The Duke of Rothesay Chapter, I. O. E.

The Duke of Rothesay Chapter of the I.O.E., at its meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Henry, in Rothesay, voted to give \$125 to the I.O.E. War Memorial Fund. The latest contribution to the fund brings the total that the chapter have given for this purpose to \$1,225 or \$45.97 per capita of the membership of the chapter. Mrs. H. Cannell, regent, presided and the meeting was largely attended. The various secretaries submitted very gratifying reports. The educational secretary told of showing educational lantern slides in the schools and of sending I.O.E. calendars to be hung in the schools in Rothesay. Nominations were received for the election of officers which will take place at the next meeting. A social hour was enjoyed after the meeting and delicious refreshments were served.

### ENTERTAIN CHILDREN.

The Order of Buffaloes held their annual Christmas tree last evening in their rooms. There were 100 children present, each receiving a gift consisting of stockings, gloves, caps and other articles of wearing apparel. Refreshments were served and songs were rendered by several of the children and the members. Nickson's orchestra was in attendance and furnished some excellent music. Brother James Mills acted as Santa Claus.

### Presbyterian W. M. S. Meeting Is Held

The central group of the Presbyterian W. M. S. held its first meeting of the New Year yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stevenson, 70 Wentworth street, and welcomed as honored guests Mrs. Clark Elliot, of Nova Scotia, president of the eastern division Presbyterian, and Mrs. J. H. Crocker and Mrs. Hodge, of Fredericton, who are members of the executive of the Presbyterian. Miss E. Shaw, president, was in the chair. The meeting was largely attended. Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. Crocker spoke of the outlook and hopes of the different Presbyterian societies and their addresses were heard with much interest. It was reported that the central group W. M. S. had given 20 articles of warm clothing to poor families in the city at Christmas time. Plans were made for holding a thank offering meeting in February. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

### CHIMNEY FIRE.

An alarm from box 89 about 8.30 o'clock last evening called the firemen to Erin street to put out a chimney fire in a house occupied by Mrs. Isaacs.

### Social Notes of Interest

Rev. A. L. Fleming and Mrs. Fleming entertained the senior choir of St. John's (Stone) church on Tuesday evening at the rectory, 99 Hazen street. Games and music were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served during the evening. About 20 of the choir members enjoyed the hospitality of the rector and Mrs. Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Stone, of Schenectady, N. Y., spent New Year's in Montreal with Mr. Stone's sister, Mrs. Fred T. McKean and Mr. McKean. Mr. and Mrs. McKean entertained at dinner on New Year's Eve at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in honor of their guests. Covers were laid for eight. The party afterwards attended the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Robertson, of Montreal.

Miss Gladys Smith, of Shediac, is the guest of Colonel and Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, German street. The Misses Sturdee entertained a few of Miss Smith's friends at the tea hour yesterday.

Mrs. T. Carleton Lee entertained very informally at bridge at her residence, Leinster street, last evening.

Mrs. John A. MacKellan, of Moose Jaw, and little Miss Mary MacKellan are expected in the city on Saturday to spend some time with Mrs. MacKellan's father, Mr. John A. McAvity, 58 Orange street.

Mr. Archibald Morton, of Regina, Sask., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. I. F. Longley, 15 Coburg street.

Miss Mary Hessel, teacher of vocal music at the Conservatory of Music, Mount Allison, who was the guest of Miss Olive Rankine, left for Sackville last evening.

Rev. David Lang, formerly of St. Andrew's church, Saint John, and Bloom street church, Toronto, now stationed at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been extended a unanimous call by the congregation of Zion Presbyterian church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Orr and little daughter, who have spent the holiday season with Mrs. Orr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McAvity, have returned to their home in Montreal.

Mrs. Milford H. Dalsell underwent an operation at the General Public Hospital on Tuesday, and was reported last night to be doing as well as could be expected. Her many friends are glad to know of the success of the operation, and wish her a speedy recovery.

The Misses Frances and Joyce Foster have issued invitations for a sleigh drive on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 9, and

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Miss Louise Tapley returned on Sunday to Toronto to resume her studies.



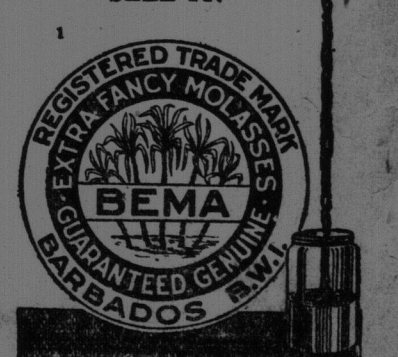
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