

AROUND THE CITY
MILD—SNOW OR RAIN

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.
Contributions of \$5 from Rev. J. L. Shanklin, Belleisle Station, and of \$1 from a friend have been received by Mayor Hayes for the Belgian relief fund.

BEING KEPT COOL.
Yesterday morning some boys found four bottles of Jamaica rum in a snow bank on Brussels street, and turned the find over to the inspectors.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.
The Mayor yesterday received a letter from the G. W. V. A. yesterday, stating that the association favored the appointment of a returned soldier to the office of Chief of Police.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.
The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Bible Society will be held at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday next. There will be addressed by His Lordship Bishop Richardson, C. J. Hazen and others.

MAJOR BRUCE CALDWELL.
In the issue of "Canada" of December 22nd is an excellent picture of the Canadian Postal Corps along with their commander, Major McC. Caldwell, who has been in charge of this important branch of the service ever since the commencement of the war.

BILL FROM BOSTON.
Mayor Hayes has received from S. H. Midram of Boston, consulting engineer, an account for \$382.97 for professional services in connection with the power company investigation during December.

TRANSPORT DUE.
The transport Scandinavian is due here tonight with 163 officers, 153 other ranks and 746 civilians. There are six soldiers for St. John and thirty-three civilians, while four officers, thirty-one other ranks, and sixty-three civilians are for Halifax.

NOW LIEUT. HARRINGTON.
Sergeant J. A. Harrington, of the C. A. D. C., is receiving congratulations on his recent promotion in the service, as he has been gazetted "lieutenant" in the same unit. The order takes effect at once, and was past N. C. O. is now Lieut. Harrington.

SHOWING LITTLE IMPROVEMENT.
Hosts of friends of Rev. Richard Coughlin, formerly rector of the parish of Johnsville, Carleton Co., and now in the St. John infirmary undergoing treatment, will regret to learn that the recovered priest is showing very little improvement.

EN ROUTE OVERSEAS.
Major Ashplant, Royal Army Medical Corps, and party of about fifty sailors and marines, called on the city yesterday from the Pacific coast on route overseas on the Tunisian. While in the city awaiting the sailing of the Tunisian, the men are being quartered in the Exhibition barracks.

ST. DUNSTON'S COLLEGE.
Lieut. J. F. Smith left for Montreal last evening to meet Sir Arthur Pearson, founder of St. Dunstan's College, England, a world-famous institution for the gallant men who lost their arms in the thrift stamp campaign. Smith's hope is to arrange for vocational training at St. Dunstan's.

THE COUNTY COURT.
The trial of the case of the King vs. Whitman, charged with stealing from the W. H. Thorne Co. Limited, was taken up in the County Court yesterday morning before Judge Armstrong. W. B. Wallace, and George H. V. Belyea appeared for the crown and Daniel Mullin for the prisoner.

HALIFAX PILOTAGE INCREASE.
A difference has arisen between the Halifax board of trade and the pilot authorities. Certain changes were made in service and the advance of twenty-five cents. The board of trade has taken up the matter and made representations to Ottawa objecting to what has been done.

MISS MARGARET LYDON ILL.
Miss Margaret Lydon, of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries' staff, is quite ill at her home with pneumonia. Yesterday she showed marked improvement and the attending physician believes that he has checked the ravages of the disease in its first stages. Her many friends hope she may speedily recover, and regain her strength.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
The mayor has received from Sir Arthur Harris, Director General in Canada for the British Ministry of Shipping, acknowledgment of the receipt of a copy of the agreement of the ministry and the local coal handlers and trimmers, and longshoremen's unions, signed by officers of the union and witnessed by the Mayor.

NO PERMANENT QUARTERS YET.
Commissioner of Public Safety Thornton and staff are occupying the ante-room of the mayor's office in the city hall until their permanent quarters can be secured. Commissioner Thornton states that nothing further has been done in the matter of a successor to ex-chief Simpson of the police force, as the right man has not yet been secured.

THE MORE A STORE DOES THE MORE IT CAN DO.
And as far as Dykeman's is concerned the more it will do. Last year's January White-wear Sale from a value standpoint was well as from a sales standpoint was one of the most successful in this store's history. This splendid record, however, will serve us only as a stepping stone to greater achievements this year.

The stage has been well laid for a month of remarkable shopping. The goods, fine and good, the most of them fresh, are ready, and values in most cases, present markets considered, have seldom been equalled here. The feature about this sale, that will impress everybody, is the absolute reliability of everything it offers, and to this assurance has been joined that of unrivalled low prices, in accordance with the store's policy.

Thursday is the day of Dykeman's Big January White-wear and Clean-ance Sale.

THE HARBOR A PUBLIC UTILITY

Commissioner Bullock Not Opposed to Commission, But Should be Viewed With Open Mind and from Business Standpoint.

Speaking to The Standard yesterday Commissioner Bullock said that he was not opposed to harbor commission, but he viewed the matter with an open mind and from a business standpoint. The harbor was a public utility, the same as a railway, power company or water system and the way the federal government was going about the matter was the same as if a syndicate laid a proposition before the council of taking over all the streets and civic highways, at a very low figure, and giving no guarantee of service or expenditure in return. The government has figured on an expenditure of \$700,000 on the waterfront but he does not see where such an expenditure is called for, unless it is the intention of overhauling and rebuilding wharves that are entirely satisfactory at the present time. He does not believe that the city should be begging Ottawa to take over the harbor for its value is apparent to all thinking men, and the figure placed by the city is a very conservative one. The credit of the city at the present time could not be better. Every bond it is carrying is its own sinking fund and the municipal issues are so popular with the local investors that it was not necessary to advertise or underwrite the last bonds.

FREED FROM THE DESERTION CHARGE

Extenuating Circumstances Were Taken Into Consideration by Court Martial Tribunal.

The court martial of Private Lloyd Tucker, of the First Depot Battalion, which commenced Monday and was adjourned until Tuesday, was finished last night at eleven o'clock. Private Tucker secured a transfer last summer from the Depot Battalion to the Royal Air Force, and after the completion of a six weeks' leave, secured formal discharge from the D.B.N.B. He was given transportation to Toronto, and went home to Elgin to arrange his affairs, and there was taken ill, being sick ten days. Later he reported at the R.A.F. headquarters in Toronto, but they had no record of him, and after waiting a day, he left his name at the headquarters and returned home. No record of him signing on with the R.A.F. coming through to the D.B.N.B., the headquarters, he was taken in charge by the military police at Moncton, and brought to St. John some time ago under the formal charge of desertion. The court yesterday was composed of Major Donald, President, Major Tremere, Major C. J. Morescau, Major Barnes and Capt. Smith. The judge advocate was Capt. G. Barie Logan, and the prosecuting officer was Major Perley. Daniel Mullin, K.C., was counsel for the prisoner. A verdict of not guilty was brought in, the extenuating circumstances being apparent.

POLICE COURT CASES YESTERDAY

Fred Secord Was Charged With Assaulting His Father—Prince Green Done Damage With Revolver—Freeman Dunphy Charged With Stealing.

Fred Secord, 136 Sheffield street, appeared in the police court yesterday morning on the charge of beating and abusing his father Albert Secord. After the evidence in which it was edly tried to beat his father, and was only prevented on the last occasion by his brother, the case was set aside until this morning. Magistrate Ritchie in alluding to the case remarked on the prevalence of such cases in the city, when a man appears on the charge of beating his wife, a son or a daughter, or a brother, and concluded by stating that such offences were to be minimized in the future, as all such offenders were to be meted strict punishment. Prince Green appeared, charged by James Dugan, the proprietor of a boarding house in Union Alley, with firing two revolver shots in the morning of Sunday last, and with destroying several panes of glass, a window blind, and a mirror, all damages amounting to about \$10. Some evidence was taken in the case which was then postponed until this morning's session of the court.

Freeman Dunphy appeared charged some time ago with stealing a pair of shoes. John Russell gave evidence in the case stating that on the twenty-eighth ultimo a man came to his residence on Douglas avenue and asked if Mrs. McDonald lived there. He left a parcel there being informed that the lady he inquired for was not a resident of the house. Returning soon after the same man procured the parcel and went away again. Witness could not swear that the defendant was the man who called at his house on the night in question. The case was then postponed until Thursday afternoon. Wm. M. Ryan is appearing for the defendant.

PRETTY CALENDARS

The Standard is in receipt of three very pretty calendars. That from Connors Brothers, Ltd., of Black's Harbor shows a very pretty scene entitled "Sunset on the Clifton Coast." Another is a beautiful wood scene, the calendar presented by the Wilson Box Co., Calendars from J. J. McNeely, the German street planning contractor, and that from the Motor Car and Equipment Co., are also attractive.

NEW QUARTERS ON BARRACK SQUARE FOR THE MILITARY

New Buildings and Remodelled Quarters Are Most Worthy of Inspection—Grand Opening in Near Future.

The new and remodelled quarters of the Militia on Barrack Square at present add much to the appearance of the property. Some time ago shortly before the signing of the armistice, the military authorities fully cognizant that the open quarters were entirely unfit to meet the qualifications and the demands of the increasing numbers of men, decided to take the necessary steps to promote the remodeling of the old edifices, and the erection of new ones to meet the growing needs of the day. Ottawa on being made acquainted with the facts of the case, sanctioned the movement of the local body.

An order was at once made demanding a new mess room to be erected, and other buildings with new quarters. At the same time the Y.M.C.A. concluded to build an Army Hut on the grounds, and they at once engaged contractors after the necessary arrangements had been made with the Militia.

Contracts were let at once for the erection of a mess room, a detention camp, an ordnance store and the new army hut. Satisfactory progress has been made on all the buildings, and a visit to the grounds yesterday revealed this fact.

Commencing with the new army hut. This is a one-story structure, dimensions 120x20 feet, with nine separate compartments consisting of a recreation room, a reading room, an auditorium, general offices for officers, and a mess room. In the auditorium is placed a stage with the necessary fixtures and two ante-rooms. The space on the auditorium floor will grant room for nearly one thousand persons when properly arranged in seating space.

At the extreme end of the building rests a moving picture booth, which is heightened to such a degree that the pictures will fall on the screen in the proper place.

Relative to the different compartments in the building it might be added that each is fitted up in the best of style, and only the best of hardwood has been used in the interior. The walls when completed will present a fine appearance as the right quality and shade of wood is to be utilized. The general offices in the building will comprise what is known as the Triangle Club, Charlotte St., once the necessary touches have been given to the interior, which will present a view of the casual observer the effect of doors. These grant much light into the place.

The contractor of the building, who has nearly completed his duty, is to be congratulated on the success he has attained as the famous who drew the plans of the "Famous Y. Bungalow."

The detention camp is also a one-story structure, being about 40x22 ft. in dimensions. It is fitted up in the best of style, having eleven smaller bunks for the detention of military violators, and a larger cell which will hold about eight persons, and is suitably a sort of guard room for those awaiting court martial. In the eastern extremity of the building are the offices, these, for the most part, of the sergeants and other N.C.O.'s, who have to deal with those detained in the camp. The new and more modern quarters will grant better accommodation than before.

Regarding the new mess room it might be added that the building is a very long structure, perhaps 100 ft. in length, and the width of the building affords ample room for the accommodation of eleven hundred men. In the past the mess quarters of the troops was a mess cramped up building, and did not come up to the requirements in any manner. This has now been rectified to perfection in the erection of the new quarters.

At one end of the building rests the cook rooms, which are most modern in every respect and quite spacious, granting the necessary room to the "cutlifers," who are well versed in the concoction of the diverse array of dishes, and are made quite palatable to the generous exertions of the army cooks. The mess room is now in perfect working order, and is quite presentable to an observer, being nicely decorated, with flags and other decorations.

Purning to the ordnance building, which is also completed, and has left the hands of the carpenters, there is noted a garage, most up-to-date in every respect, a blacksmith shop also quite modern, and the necessary accessories connected with ordnance work. This building is well erected and is, as the other buildings, fulfilling a dire necessity.

The old and previous quarters of the troops, have all undergone much repairing on the exterior, while in the interior is found a pleasing change from the former conditions as there are new floors, and the old wooden ones are thrown out, and are being utilized for other purposes.

The daily building has been shined, as well as the cultural building, and the same interior changes made.

Thus it is noted that the new quarters of the militia in this city, when fully completed will meet that stage of perfection which is characteristic of the German street planning contractor, and that from the Motor Car and Equipment Co., are also attractive.

BOARD OF HEALTH MET YESTERDAY

But Little Business Transacted—Preparing Financial Statement Was Object of Meeting—Secretary Ill and Business Postponed to Monday.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon in the board rooms, Ritchie building, but not much business was transacted, owing to the illness of the secretary, T. M. Burns. The main object of the meetings was to prepare the financial statement of the board for presentation to the city council, as the present board will retire on the 21st of this month, but owing to the illness of the secretary the meeting was postponed until Monday next. Reports show that the Parks Emergency Hospital had but 11 patients, three have been discharged and it is hoped to close the institution within a week or so. The isolation hospital had 4 cases of smallpox, but two will be discharged tomorrow, and the two patients remaining will probably be discharged soon.

With regard to the rumor that the local theatres and public meeting places may be closed again on account of health conditions in the city, The Standard has been told by Dr. J. R. Brown, district health officer, and Dr. G. G. Melvin that such reports have no foundation whatever. No meetings of the district board have been held this week so the situation is not viewed with any great alarm.

GRIPPE EPIDEMIC CLEARING UP

St. Patrick's School Getting Over Its Heavy Run and Disease is Abating.

The grippé epidemic among the inmates of St. Patrick's school at Silver Falls is fast losing its prestige. For a quarter as well as popularity. For a time previous many of these in the suite III. Fortunately the trouble is abating after the excellent work of the numerous good sisters in the home, who saw to it that all were cared for properly. The chaplain of the home, Rev. C. P. J. Carleton, is at the present convalescing from a recent attack of the grippé.

PLEASING LECTURE LAST EVENING

Junior Members of Natural History Society Entertained by Talk Delivered by Curator McIntosh.

Last evening the juniors of the Natural History Society were entertained by a talk on the work done by the sphagnum moss collectors last summer, and the trip taken by them up Curvey, Clara, Melroy, Gladys, Price, Annie, Doris, Dorothy Sinclair and Hazel Thompson. J. R. Campbell presided and the fifty members present had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

CANADIAN CLUB AFTER SPEAKERS

Sir Arthur Pearson Regrets Cannot Accept Invitation—Capt. Dan Owen is Coming and Captain Carpenter Invited.

In reply to an invitation extended to Sir Arthur Pearson, the British Philatrophist, who has done so much for the blind soldiers of England, the secretary of the St. John Canadian Club has received the following telegram from him:

"(Sd.) 'ARTHUR PEARSON.' The Canadian Club will shortly have as a guest Capt. 'Dan' Owen of the Royal Flying Corps, whose machine fell back of the German line and who was made prisoner in that country. He will speak to them on his experience in the German prison camps under the title 'The Guest of the Kaiser.'"

The secretary of the club is also trying to arrange with Captain Carpenter, the winner of the Victoria Cross to address the members on the activities of the navy in the great war.

Good Ice 20n Victoria Rink every afternoon and evening, band every night and Saturday afternoon.

Reorganizing the flushing touches. When all is completed there will be a grand opening, when Premier Pater, His Worship Mayor R. T. Hayes, and the commissioners, along with other representative officials, will be asked to visit the buildings when the opinion is being made. The time of the inspection of the new and remodelled quarters was not officially learned, but it is believed that their opening will take place in about two weeks' time. The military authorities and contractors are to be congratulated on their quite significant and distinguished success in the erection of these buildings.

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