

Around the City

COLD WITH SNOW.

FARMS SETTLEMENT BOARD. A short session of the Farms Settlement Board was held last evening with A. W. Hay presiding. Only business of a routine nature was transacted.

NO SESSION YESTERDAY.

Owing to the fact that the Montreal train with Commissioner Stevens on board did not arrive in the city until late in the afternoon there was no session of the Valley Railway enquiry. The enquiry will be resumed this morning at 10.30.

THE HARBOR RECEIPTS.

The month of January this year promises to be a good one for the harbor and it is expected the receipts will be between three and five thousand dollars more than for the corresponding month last year. The receipts for January, 1917, were \$30,000.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

The temperature in St. John yesterday ranged in degrees from zero to above. Last night at 12 o'clock the thermometer showed 13 degrees above zero. Snow fell to a depth of about an inch during the day. The indications at an early hour this morning point to colder weather.

A NEW FEATURE.

A new feature has been inaugurated in the Girls' Club on Princess street, in the form of a girls' class which meets Sunday afternoons under the leadership of Miss Laird, deaconess of St. David's Presbyterian church. Miss Laird will be assisted by an official committee of ladies from St. David's church who will serve five o'clock tea to the girls.

PASTOR'S HELPERS.

A meeting was held in Gentry church last night for the purpose of organizing a group of pastor's helpers. Several committees were formed for the different church districts who will report back later. The object of the organization is to promote more sociability in the church. Rev. H. A. Goodwin presided over the meeting.

WILL LOSE AN EYE.

Elmer A. Ritchie, of Cherryfield, a village near Moncton, a young man employed at the Maritime Nail Works, was operated on yesterday at the General Public Hospital for an injury sustained while at work in the plant. A flying nail struck young Ritchie in one of his eyes and yesterday it was decided that he would lose the member. He will be confined to the hospital for a week or two.

THE PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of John P. Strang, deceased, the will was proved and letters testamentary granted to Sarah Madilla Strang, R. A. Wilson, proctor. In the estate of Ann Blair, deceased, administration was granted to Fred J. Blair, another son having renounced all right and title to administration. The value of the estate is placed at \$4,800, of which \$1,400 is personal. D. L. Gerow, proctor.

A NOVELTY SHOWER.

Friends of Miss Lillian H. Wallace gathered at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. H. A. Anderson, 337 Union street, Monday evening, to tender her a novelty shower in view of a very interesting event in which she is to take part. A very enjoyable time was spent by all and Miss Wallace was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Games were indulged in and refreshments were served.

DRAMA REPEATED.

A packed house witnessed the second presentation of St. Rose's Dramatic Club of the four act play, "The Dust of the Earth," last night in the assembly hall of the Y.M.C.I. building. The enactment of the play was excellent and the actors were given a warm reception for their efforts. The same specialties were introduced between the acts as on the evening before and they were well received by the audience.

ST. CHARLES DAY.

Today is the 26th anniversary of the beheading of King Charles I. in England by the Cromwellians. The day was formerly generally observed in Anglican churches in Canada and to some extent by churches in Great Britain and the United States. In the Episcopal Church of the United States there is an organization known as the Society of St. Charles the Martyr.

SOLDIER MISSING.

W. A. Quinton, Lanaster, is the recipient of a letter from his sister, Mrs. E. C. Ferguson, Vancouver, informing him that one of her three sons now overseas, Pte. John E. Berteaux, has been reported wounded and missing since November 17. The soldier, who is a son of the late Mr. George E. Berteaux of this city, enlisted at Vancouver and went overseas with the 121st western Irish Battalion.

ST. CLEMENT'S SOCIETY.

A parlor concert was held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michum at Millidenville. The affair was arranged by the St. Clement's Red Cross Society, the programme being in charge of Mrs. H. Hayward. Miss Rita Brennan sang several solos. The proceeds which amounted to the sum of \$14 are for the local Red Cross Society.

COLD IN PARIS.

That America and Canada are not the only countries that are experiencing a coal famine, is illustrated in a letter recently received by Mrs. W. C. Good from Col. Good, who is now in Paris. In his letter he wrote that it was so cold in his hotel that it was almost impossible to write. In referring to the scarcity of coal, he stated that between the great scarcity of coal and the exorbitant prices for it that prevailed, it was next to impossible to heat the buildings in Paris. He also referred to the great scarcity of cigarettes in France, saying in this respect that what few could be had are being retailed at top-notch prices.

BOBBIE BURNS' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

About 150 Members of Clan MacKenzie and Friends Assembled Last Night—Addresses and Musical Programme Carried Through.

The 150th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's immortal bard, "Bobbie Burns" was celebrated in right royal style last night by Clan MacKenzie. About 150 members and their friends gathered at the rooms of the Clan, German street, where they were welcomed by the Chief of the Clan, Joseph Murdoch, who in a brief speech reviewed the life and work of the illustrious son of Scotia.

The evening was spent in songs, speeches, etc., interspersed with dancing. The McKay Musical Revue from the Opera House were the guests of the Clan, and their contributions to the programme added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. McKay in a short address thanked the members for their kind invitation to attend, and Mr. Bell and Mrs. McKay sang several Scotch songs which were well-received by the audience.

Those who took part in the programme were: Mr. and Mrs. Girvan, Miss Girvan, James Laidlaw, Chief Murdoch and Deputy Royal Chief McEwen.

An interesting relic, a copy of Burns, printed in Edinburgh in 1787, was on exhibition during the evening.

MAJOR J. H. EVANS, 65TH BATTERY, HERE

Will Have Conference at Headquarters Today—Men Called up Under Military Act Want to Join Other Units.

Are the artillery units and military organizations of similar character, which were started under the military system in New Brunswick and elsewhere, permitted to recruit men from the ranks of the first call, but who have not been summoned to the colors, is a question which will likely be settled today. It is understood that Major J. H. Evans, officer commanding the 65th Battery at Woodstock, who arrived in the city last night, and registered at the Royal Hotel, will take the matter up with headquarters personally.

There are a number of young men who have been called up under the act who are desirous of joining a unit such as the 65th Battery, but no rule has yet been made locally. The only men thus apparently eligible to join the artillery units are those who are not liable for the first call, such as men under or over the age limit, or who are married. Major Evans told a standard representative last night that there were stationed at Woodstock, the home of the 65th Battery, about 130 men. This does not include the next draft to overseas under the command of Lieut. G. H. Lutz.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BOYS' CLUB

Excellent Addresses by Mrs. W. C. Good, A. M. Belding, R. E. Armstrong and Rev. Neil McLaughlin.

An entertainment was given at the Boys' Club on Union street, last night and though it was mostly of an educational character, the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A. M. Belding headed the programme with a talk on "The Duty of the Boys to Themselves." He pointed out in simple language that the boys owed a duty to themselves in being honest and clean in word and deed. He spoke strongly against the cigarette habit and explained to the boys the detrimental effects this habit would have on their minds and bodies. At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Belding was given three rousing cheers by the boys.

Mrs. W. C. Good spoke a few words to the boys in which she drew their attention to the invaluable services performed by Harry Scott. Mr. Scott has been connected with the club for over five years and during that time he has presided over the activities of the boys. The boys responded to Mrs. Good's tribute by lustily cheering Mr. Scott.

R. E. Armstrong gave several interesting stories dealing with aviation, and Rev. Neil McLaughlin gave a short address in which he referred to the career of a boy who rose from a position in a coal mine, and who is at present a great divine in his own right. John Bean and George McIntyre rendered a duet and Percy Reid played several selections on the mandolin. The entertainment was brought to a close with the singing of God Save the King.

MILITARY NEWS.

Lt. Col. George W. Fowler, 104th Battalion, has been struck off the strength to take effect January 1; and Lt. Colonel W. S. Parlee, 19th Reserve, has been struck off the strength, to take effect December 1st. Captain L. R. Richard, formerly of the Forestry service, is now attached to the Reserve C.E.F. The following officers who went overseas with drafts are now on the strength of overseas C.E.F.: Lt. J. F. McKenzie; Lt. C. H. Coll, Lt. F. H. Tingley. Men exempt for a period may, before their exemption expires, exercise their option in joining any unit of the C.E.F.

THE NEW MILITARY HEADQUARTERS WILL BE READY NEXT WEEK

Staff of Military District No. 7 Will Remove to Sydney Street Building—Paymaster's Staff Remain in German Street Building.

Unless something unforeseen occurs it is likely that the headquarters staff of Military District No. 7 will remove next week from the building they now occupy on German street, to their new quarters on Sydney street, the building formerly occupied by the Soldiers' Club. Since the establishment of the military district in New Brunswick, and the appointment of additional officers to the command, the office room at headquarters has been so congested as to interfere considerably with the work.

The new building on Sydney street, recently taken over by the government, will provide more commodious quarters for the executive and administrative staff. The building on German street will be used by the paymaster's staff.

The top floor of the new quarters will be occupied by General Macdonnell, G. O. C., Lieut. Colonel Powell, A. A. G., Major Heron, G. S. C., Major S. S. Wetmore, D. A. A. and Q. M. G., Capt. R. S. Hayes, casualty officers, and Capt. B. M. Hay, in charge of returns and statistics. The first floor will be occupied by the other members of the staff, and the clerks. A switchboard is being installed with an inter-communicating system with all rooms.

MILITARY HOSPITAL IN FREDERICTON NEAR COMPLETION

Major Osborne Says Old Government House Will Compare with Any Other Hospital in Dominion—Renovating Will Finish Last of Next Month.

Major Osborne, the officer commanding the "K" unit of the Military Hospitals Commission in New Brunswick, arrived in the city yesterday. Major Osborne states that the work of completing the renovating and repairing of the old government building in Fredericton for a hospital institution is progressing favorably, and barring any appreciable mishap, the work will probably be consummated the last of February or the first of April.

It is the intention of the authorities to have the interior of the building so fixed as regards facilities for the care of the patients, as to compare with any institution of similar character in the Dominion. The staff will have the benefit of commodious quarters, containing improvements of modern construction, and no efforts have been spared to make the interior the last word in hospital equipment. There are no repairs effected on the outside of the building with the exception of alterations to the windows. The institution will accommodate upwards of 400 patients.

DISORDERLY HOUSE RAID IN WEST END

Wife of Soldier Now Overseas Charged as Keeper—Three Children Being Brought Up Under Miserable Circumstances.

A house situated on Middle street, West St. John, which has been under the vigilance of the police for some time on account of the suspicious actions of the occupier, was entered last night about 8.45 by four police officers, and a woman, Ethel McDonald, and a soldier of the 62nd Regiment, Harry Egan, were arrested. The woman is charged with being the keeper of a disorderly house, the man an inmate. The saddest feature of the incident was the finding of three little children in the house who were being brought up under such miserable circumstances. They were given to kindly neighbors for the night and will probably be looked after by the Children's Aid Society this morning.

It was stated by the police that the woman has been entertaining company considerably since the departure of her husband overseas. He left with the Forestry Battalion last summer. The defendant gives her age at twenty-four years. The officers responsible for the arrests were Sergeant O'Neill, Detectives Briggs and Blidessome, and Police Constable Gosselin.

TRAINS CANCELLED ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.

Until further notice the night trains between St. John and Halifax will be cancelled. The last trip of No. 10 from St. John will be Saturday, January 26. The last trip of No. 9 from Halifax for St. John will be Friday, January 25. Commencing Monday, January 28th, numbers seven and eight will run between Halifax and Sydney. Number seven will leave Halifax 7.10 p. m. daily except Sunday, arriving Sydney 3 a. m. No. 8 will leave Sydney 10.30 p. m. daily except Saturday, arrive Halifax 11.50 a. m. Trains numbers 11 and 12 between Halifax and New Glasgow are also cancelled.

REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS CITIES WERE IN SESSION

Are Opposing Application of New Brunswick Telephone Company for Permission to Change Hours—Request Independent Investigation.

Representatives of the various cities in the province who have been opposing the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., for permission to change the hours at which the night rate on toll messages shall apply, met yesterday afternoon at the office of County-Secretary, J. King Kelly to discuss the new phase of the matter arising out of the order of the Utilities Commission adjourning the enquiry for further hearing.

Those present were J. S. Magee, City Clerk of Moncton; Alderman R. W. McLellan, Fredericton; Commissioner G. Fred Fisher of this city and J. King Kelly, Secretary of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., for permission to change the hours at which the night rate on toll messages shall apply, met yesterday afternoon at the office of County-Secretary, J. King Kelly to discuss the new phase of the matter arising out of the order of the Utilities Commission adjourning the enquiry for further hearing.

The committee urged on the premier the need of an independent investigation, and the selection of counsel to confer with experts in the examination of the claims put forward by the Telephone Co. The committee expressed the opinion that as the application necessarily dealt with mechanical and operating difficulties, the Utilities Commission not professing to be experts should not rely on their own judgment in deciding as to whether the company had made out a preliminary case for further investigation.

It was also pointed out to the premier that the municipalities had no means to provide for the employment of counsel or experts.

MANY SPECTATORS AT THE CARNIVAL

Some Excellent Costumes in Victoria Rink Last Night—The Prize Winners—Girls' Circle Sell Refreshments.

There were many spectators at the carnival in the Victoria Rink last evening, which was one of the most successful ever held. The ice was in first class condition and the number of skaters in costume was large, many unique and picturesque characters being represented. Eight ladies and gentlemen constituted the judges. There were six prizes awarded. The first prize in each group was ten dollars and the second five dollars. The winners were as follows:

First prize, ladies—"Bride and groom, two in one," Miss Edith Kerr; second, "Liberty," Miss A. B. Campbell. First prize, gentlemen—"Allies," G. W. McNeil; second, "Spanish pirate," John Strait. First prize, combination—"Telephone girls," Miss Woodworth and Miss Kelly; second, "John Bull and Uncle Sam," H. Garnet and M. B. Smith.

During the evening a committee of young ladies of the Girls' Circle, Soldiers' Comforts Association, with Mrs. W. H. Shaw as convenor, sold coffee and sandwiches over the refreshment counter for the purpose of raising money for their wool fund. The proprietors of Bond's restaurant generously gave the ladies the use of the premises for making sandwiches.

The Girls' Circle have sent hundreds of parcels to the soldiers overseas each year since the commencement of the war. They have just received several letters from the front acknowledging the receipt of Christmas boxes. The Girls' Circle have sent hundreds of parcels to the soldiers overseas each year since the commencement of the war. They have just received several letters from the front acknowledging the receipt of Christmas boxes.

OPERA HOUSE CHANGE.

An important change in the Opera House schedule is announced to go into effect this week. Owing to the cancellation of the night train to Halifax, which made necessary a rearrangement of the bookings of the programme so the vaudeville acts could reach Halifax in time to open on Saturday, the current week's programme will close on Thursday night and the regular weekly change of programme open on Friday night with the usual two performances. This week, Thursday night, will be the last opportunity to enjoy McKay's Scotch Revue and the balance of the splendid entertainment in this week's bill. Friday night the new programme opens. There will be no performance on Friday afternoon. The new schedule will continue in effect until further notice.

CANADIAN CLUB.

There will be a meeting of the club on Thursday at 6.15 p.m., in Bond's restaurant. There will be no performance on Friday afternoon. The new schedule will continue in effect until further notice.

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