

Around the City SHOWERY.

THE ROTARY CLUB The Rotary Club was addressed yesterday by A. M. Belding on the playground work.

THE DREDGE IROQUOIS The dredge Iroquois, recently purchased by Salvage Engineer Edward C. Leahy, and which will be converted into a hoisting machine went on Gregory's blocks yesterday to be fitted with new equipment.

FOR FRENCH RED CROSS C. B. Allan yesterday received the sum of \$489.55 from Newcastle for the French Red Cross. This is the largest outside subscription yet received and brings the total up to about \$8,300.

ENTERED THE HOSPITAL Two patients entered the St. James street Military Hospital on Sunday. The men are both from Sussex, being members of No. 1 Depot Battalion. Their condition is not reported as serious.

ONLY FOUR RECRUITS ARRIVED Few recruits came in yesterday for the British Army Legion at Windsor, N. S. On yesterday's Boston train, four men arrived. On Wednesday and Thursday next a large number are expected, who are mostly recruited in New York City.

PIECE OF CEILING FELL A half dozen ladies were given quite a fright in the ladies' waiting room in the Union Depot last evening about 8.30 o'clock, when a large piece of the ceiling fell and crashed to the floor. Fortunately those in the room were not under the plaster when it fell and accordingly no person was injured.

THE POLICE COURT Two drunks were fined \$8 each, in the police court yesterday morning. Raymond Tobias was fined \$10 for violating the traffic law, when he drove his car on the wrong side of Marsh Road.

A TEN DAY RETREAT A ten day retreat commenced last evening in the Mother house of the Order, in St. Vincent Convent, Cliff street. Between ninety and one hundred sisters were in attendance, including those from Fredericton, Moncton and other places in the diocese. There are also four sisters from St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, Prince Albert, Sask. Rev. Joseph Sholly, C. S. R., of Toronto, conducted the exercises.

MILITARY NOTES Capt. A. C. Young, M. C., has been detailed as assistant C. R. C. E. M. D., No. 7, succeeding Lieut. Young, who takes up another command at another quarters. Capt. Young is a resident of Toronto.

Lieut. E. A. Lezer, late of the 165th has been gazetted to the Depot Battalion at Sussex—transfer dating from July 15th.

Col. Jost left for Sussex yesterday.

TOWED ACROSS THE BAY. When the steamer Keith Cann steamed into the harbor last evening she had towing astern a large motor boat, and the general opinion along the water front was that a boat had been picked up by the steamer out in the bay. It was learned later that the motor boat was the Margaret T., of Sanborne, N. S., and was towed here from Tiverton yesterday. Two young men who own the boat, it is reported, are bringing her to St. John for the purpose of selling.

CITY MARKET PRICES Berries in the market were a scarcity yesterday, as compared to former days. However what did come in from up river, went at good prices.

Raspberries in appearance yesterday, and were selling at 25 cents per box, and going very quickly.

New potatoes still hang up the golden ladder of price, and commanded 30 cents per peck. Other produce was on the scarce side, and prices were on buyers may see a full market of all lines, about Saturday, so added a merchant in the market place.

HE DID NOT PREACH. As stated in yesterday's Standard Rev. Patrick Dennis, former pastor of Tabernacle church did not arrive in the city on Sunday. In time to preach at the two services as scheduled and renew old acquaintances with his former congregation, as he was delayed by an accident to the automobile which was bringing him to St. John from St. Catharines, Ont. Rev. Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Dennis arrived in the city about ten o'clock Sunday night and yesterday proceeded to Moncton to visit friends.

EXCHANGING PULPITS The plan of exchanging pulpits so as to give the city clergyman a month's holiday in the country is working very well in St. John. The two parishes of St. John's and St. Paul's adopted this plan and for July the services were held by Archdeacon Crowfoot at St. Paul's in the morning and at St. John's (Stone) in the evening. For the month of August Rev. G. A. Kuhring will be in charge of the two parishes, morning services will be held in Stone Church while the congregation of Valley will go to their own church in the evening.

FRENCH ARMY LIEUT. Lieut. Stehlin of the French army is passing through the city returning to Boston from a visit to his parents in Weymouth, N. S. Lieut. Stehlin has been in charge of the Allied Recruiting Mission in the United States for the last six months. His father is seriously ill in Weymouth. It will be remembered that Lieut. Stehlin consented to stand for the "French Officer" in the Review given two years ago by the Loyalist Chapter I. O. O. E., and the French army as typified by this officer was greeted with prolonged applause.

QUARTER OF MILLION DOLLARS PAID IN TO CHAMBERLAIN

Grand Rush of Taxpayers To City Hall, Taking Advantage of Discount Offered—Three Quarters Million Yet To Come.

Only four more days in which to pay taxes and get the five per cent. discount, and the chamberlain warns those who intend to take advantage of the discount to call early in the morning if they wish to get waited on with promptness.

The grand rush started yesterday morning, but the thunder storm put a crimp in the business, many of the ladies preferring to wait until another day rather than take the chance of getting caught in the downpour, and in consequence the receipts for the day were not as large as expected.

Up to last night about a quarter of a million dollars had been paid into the chamberlain's office, and of this about twenty-five thousand dollars came in yesterday. From now until Friday night it will be one grand rush as there are still three-quarters of a million to come in if the total levy is paid before the discount date ends.

Should the payments only total the usual percentage paid each year, over six hundred thousand dollars will have to come in during the remaining four days.

THREE THOUSAND BAGS ARE NEEDED

Drive Started By Natural History Society For Bags in Which To Pack Sphagnum Moss.

Three thousand bags to carry on the sphagnum moss were needed by the Natural History Society, and a drive has been started in St. John with that end in view and already a hearty response is being made to the appeal by firms and individuals.

Lightning Entered By Chimney, Passed Through Stove Pipe Hole and Out Front Door.

Canon Daniels' residence at Rothery was struck by lightning yesterday during the height of the storm, but practically no damage was caused.

The bolt of lightning entered by the chimney, and ran down, it burst out through the stove pipe hole that had been covered over, sending a stream of soot and plaster out into the room. At this point, deciding that it had done enough damage, the bolt disappeared via the front door.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD LAST EVENING

Fair Vale Outing Association Elect Officers—Will Hold Sports on Labor Day.

The annual meeting of the Fair Vale Outing Association was held last evening and was well attended. The officers elected were as follows:

President—George Dobbin. Vice President—E. A. Hoyt. Treasurer—Hugh H. McEllan. Secretary—A. C. Wilson.

It was decided to hold field and water sports at Fair Vale on Labor Day and a strong committee will look after arrangements, when an excellent programme will be carried out. It was decided by the association to invite the soldiers from the military hospitals to be their guests for the day, which promises to be the best outing yet held by the association.

MAJOR JOHNSTON MET WITH SUCCESS

Gathered in Defaulters During Trip Through Province—Denies He Was Struck With Club At Andover.

A report stating that Major G. B. Johnston of Headquarters Staff, had been wounded in the shoulder by a club in the hands of one named Ayer, who resides at Andover, N. B., is denied by Major Johnston.

While looking for Ayer's son, who is a defaulter under the M. S. A., the father caught a club and wielded it savagely, purposing to hit Major Johnston. The officer dodged the blow, however, and received no bruises, as reported. From information gained, Ayer intended the assault and no doubt would have struck down the officer if the major had not been quick enough to get out of the way.

Major Johnston returned to the city on Sunday, after visiting northern sections of the province, in quest of defaulters. He achieved much success whilst away, and secured a goodly number of men who were defying the military laws.

CHIEF OF POLICE MAKES STATEMENT

Mentions Certain Matters Alluded To By Magistrate Before Common Council—All Money Left on Deposit Was Handed To the Court.

Speaking of the statement given by Magistrate Ritchie before the common council yesterday morning, Chief of Police Simpson last evening remarked: "If Magistrate Ritchie is correctly quoted by the press, his remarks might lead the public to believe the police or the members of the force held deposit money which was never turned into the magistrate. So far as the police are concerned no such case ever took place since I came into office. I recall one case where one man out of a number arrested was allowed out without paying any fine, for, considering certain circumstances of the case he was allowed to go by order of the commissioner of public safety."

Another case, in which the magistrate said that the party had not paid a deposit, it was shown to me that this one of the party was unable to pay his deposit, as his wife was sick and upon a relative becoming responsible to produce him next morning I allowed him to go. Next morning he appeared before the magistrate, pleaded guilty and was fined. He had no money to pay his fine. The magistrate then allowed him to go, and that fine remains still unpaid. No deposit was ever handed by the police or department, but was handed over to the magistrate in court."

Continuing the chief said: "I have only dealt with but one particular case of a disorderly house in receiving deposits, without first consulting the magistrate. On that occasion deposits were as follows: \$50 from the keeper, and \$25 each from each inmate, which deposits were handed over to the police magistrate the following morning. These I considered as reasonable deposits."

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SNOW WHITE COTTON, MARQUISITE AND VOILE DRESSES.

Two new groups re-priced for the remaining July Clearance Sale days: \$8.75 and \$9.90. Regular, up to \$15.90.

DYKEMAN'S They assuredly better your utmost expectations for even compared with values offered months ago they are astonishing. The styles are smart and rich looking, the materials are good, and the variety is splendid.

The simplicity of the dress means good style and splendid materials is seen in both groups, some are handseemingly embroidered in white and colors, others are all white showing the new color.

Each is to be seen on display in Dykeman's show window on sale to-day.

NOTICE TO WEIRMEN

The Canada Food Board, after a consultation with the American Food Administration, fixed a maximum price for sardines at \$25.90 a hoghead throughout the season. This step was taken after careful consultation with representatives of the Weirmen's Association. The board felt that this price would give a living profit to the producers, and lead to the prosperity of the industry. This price is now the law in Canada, and must be strictly observed by every producer. Any violation would be subject to prosecution and imposition of a heavy fine. The Food Board is obligated to see that this price is maintained.

WRECKING CRANE USED

A large wrecking crane arrived at the mouth of the Nepisiguit from McAdam Sunday morning and was essential in lifting the crane owned by the Canadian Bridge Company which recently upset and rolled down the bank.

FORWARDED REPORT

The report of the arbitration between the Street Railway Men's Union and the New Brunswick Power Company has been sent to the minister of labor at Ottawa. The recommendations have already appeared in the Standard.

THE BOY SCOUTS MARITIME OFFICE

Representative of General Council H. O. Eaman in the City—Will Open the Office in Truro, N. S.

H. O. Eaman, representative of the Canadian general council at Ottawa, in charge of the organization work for the Boy Scouts, was in the city yesterday, and leaves today for Truro, N. S.

Speaking to The Standard last evening Mr. Eaman related he was proceeding to Truro to open up a maritime office in connection with Boy Scouts. The work of the movement concerning the maritime provinces will be handled altogether from offices at Truro in future, all records being kept there, and badges issued from that centre.

What in Ottawa the matter of a maritime office was discussed fully with the Dominion officers with success.

He reported that the 'New Canadian Hand Book' is now completed, and will probably reach the markets early in the fall. The new book contains 500 pages, and from four to five hundred illustrations which covers fully the work of Boy Scouts, and would prove interesting to any who love the 'great outdoors.' It has been arranged with provincial officers regarding a leader's training camp, presumably about the last week in August, to be held at some central place at which all boys and masters may receive instructions in scoutcraft and develop qualities of future leadership.

The movement was well under way now in the province, and at a near date everything would be running in excellent order.

CENTRAL NO LONGER TO GIVE THE TIME

Nor May Heavy Sleepers Hereafter Depend on the "Hello Girls" To Wake Them in the Mornings—Too Much of a Strain on the Service.

For several years the telephone operators have been giving the time of day to anyone who asked for it and also have been calling subscribers in the mornings. Both of these customs have grown so in the interests of service efficiency it has been found necessary to discontinue this service on Aug. 1, 1918.

While the giving of the time of day to anyone who has called has been of service to some of the public, the practice has grown to such an extent that many of the telephone companies in other parts of the country, as well as ourselves, have felt it necessary to discontinue such service. In St. John this calls average over 1500 calls per day. The bulk of such calls coming at times when our operating forces find it most difficult to handle them.

As such a burden is obviously an avoidable one and so large a portion of these inquiries have become a habit with many people, as happens in homes where clocks differ, and particularly through the desire of children to learn the time easily, we decided to discontinue this service.

Also the practice of calling subscribers in the morning has been a considerable burden on the telephone public. This required considerable work on the part of the operating force. The order to call a certain number at a specified time in the morning had to be left the night before. This order was recorded carefully by the operator on a special call record form. The orders usually come in from 9.00 p. m. until after midnight. As direct orders are delayed the force that slow service was often given especially between 10.00 p. m. and midnight. Then starting about 2.00 a. m. it was necessary for the operators to call subscribers every fifteen minutes up to 8.00 a. m. Often in the morning slow answers were given to important calls because the operator was endeavoring to take some specially sound sleepers. Also as the human element is sure to err at times, occasionally a subscriber was not called upon in the time. The complaints we have received on this account would lead us to believe that the public does not appreciate that the operator is doing a favor not called for in the contract and also the duty of a common alarm clock.

Therefore should any subscriber, through long habit, thoughtlessly ask the operator for the time after next Thursday, the operator will make this response: "I'm sorry, but it has become necessary to discontinue giving the time of day." Our subscribers, therefore, will know that this is a standard statement which will be used by all of our operators, and an operator's refusal should not in any way be considered as a personal discourtesy.

Also if anyone should call the operator after next Thursday and ask to be called in the morning the operator will make this response: "I'm sorry, but it has become necessary to discontinue calling subscribers in the morning." This is a standard statement to be made by all operators in cases of this kind and should not be considered personal discourtesy.

WHOLESALE ROBBERY

Following the announcement in The Standard a couple of weeks ago that a Nelson street bonded warehouse had been robbed of fifteen cases of gin, it is now reported that a large quantity of alcohol has been stolen from the bonded warehouse in connection with the McCreedy pickle factory in the North End. It is reported that alcohol was obtained by some person boring a hole through the floor and the barrel.

BOILER INSTALLED

The Safford boiler to be used for the heating of sheds 5 and 6 has been received and will be installed by W. Laundries, the cause being "Who E. Emerson.

BOUNDED FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Charlotte street was lined with men last evening near the American Globe Laundry, the cause being "Who E. Emerson.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Many friends yesterday congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Henry McFarlane at their home, 113 St. David street, on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Well worded addresses and bouquets of flowers were received from Mr. McFarlane's associates in the city market and from Hibernia Lodge F. and A. M.

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COUNTY TAXES

The collectors for the Parish of Lancaster and Simonds will be in attendance on Wednesday, August 1st, 1918, at the County Treasurer's Office, 108 Prince William street, for the purpose of receiving taxes from all who may desire to take advantage of the 5 per cent. discount. Also the collector for the Parish of Lancaster No. 1 will be in attendance in the court house, Fairville, over the engine house, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for the same purpose.

How about HAYING TOOLS? Only the best makers are represented in our extensive line which embraces Scythes, Hay Forks, Scythe Handles, Carriers, Grindstones. Also Gardening and Farming Tools, including Spades, Potato Diggers, Shovels, etc. First Floor - Market Square Store. W. H. THORNE & CO. Ltd. Market Square and King St.

Open Friday evenings until ten, closed Saturdays at one. ALL THE WANTED STYLES IN PANAMA HATS See the special \$3 quality Pencil Curl Brim Panama that we are now selling at \$1.75. This price includes a silk sport band. Marr Millinery Co., Limited

BICYCLES MADE IN CANADA CRESCENT IVANHOE Built to meet the demands for a dependable machine at a moderate price. The construction and quality of materials superior to the average machine at the same price. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Men's Outing Shirts Only the Most Reliable Makes—Perfect Fit and Comfort Guaranteed. All soft finishing, with the Newest Shapes of Collars attached, and some Reversible, including several kinds of Stylish Cloths in all White, plain colors and Fancy Striped Cottons and "Ceylonette" finished cloths. A splendid assortment from which to make a selection. Sizes from 14 to 18 inches. Prices.....\$1.15 to \$2.00

Items of Interest Round the Store Teale Yarns in Black, White and Dark Grey; Khaki Yarns, White Yarns, Grey Yarns, Black Yarns. White Bretonne Nets, Cream Bretonne Nets. Mairnes and Tulles in all colors. Black Tosca Nets. White Pearl Slides for finishing coat belts. Smoked Pearl Slides. Grey Slides. White Pearl Buttons. Smoked Pearl Buttons. White Washing Gloves, 60c pr. Ladies' Shopping Bags, many styles. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

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