

AROUND THE CITY

SNOW-OR RAIN.

CRITICALLY ILL. John C. Kea, of the railway mail service has received word that his son William, in the veterinary department of the Imperial army, was critically ill with influenza.

INFORMATION FORWARDED. Commissioner Fisher has forwarded to Mayor Hayes, at Montreal, information in regard to facilities for the handling of hospital ships at this port.

FAIR-PRICE REPORT. Commissioner Fisher has completed a draft of the report of the fair price committee on the milk question. This will be submitted to Commissioner Bullock on his return from Boston, and will likely be presented to the council on Tuesday next.

FELL IN A FIT. A teamster fell in a fit near the Union depot yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. Kind pedestrians carefully lifted him up and rendered the necessary aid to him. Upon recovering he was advised to go to his home, and accordingly set off apparently quite himself again.

SPEAKS ON RECONSTRUCTION. This evening at 8:15 o'clock Sir John Williston, chairman of the National Reconstruction will address the members of the Canadian Club at Bond's. The subject of the address will be "Reconstruction," and will undoubtedly prove interesting.

NOW IN LONDON. Mrs. Edith Gabriel has received word that her son, John, is now in London, England. Private Gabriel was some time ago listed as dead and later on his mother received a card from him in which he stated he was a prisoner in Germany.

BOTH FOUND GUILTY. Cora Smith and Harry Horseman were tried before His Honor Judge Armstrong under the Speedy Trials Act yesterday on a serious offence, and both were found guilty of the charge against them. They were remanded for sentence.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS. The regular meeting of the Brotherhood of Stationary Engineers, No. 27, was held in the market building last night with Daniel Campbell presiding. Charles A. Hinkney was appointed secretary, filling a chair vacant for some time. After the initiation of one new brother the regular routine was carried through.

SLOWLY IMPROVING. A telegram received yesterday from Winnipeg by Mrs. David Hutchinson brought the good news that her son, William, and his two children were slowly improving. Dr. Hutchinson will arrive there tonight. The funeral of Mrs. William Hutchinson will be held at Winnipeg this afternoon.

THE FAIR PRIZES. The management of the City Cornet Band fair pointed out last evening that many of those winning prizes had not called and their negligence cost them certain amount of unnecessary work when the returns of the fair were being made out. Any of the lucky ones may yet procure their prizes by visiting the band rooms on King Street East.

THE CASE RESUMED. The case of the Bank of B. N. A. vs. the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, was continued yesterday before Judge Chandler. The evidence of Col. Hibbard, who was on the stand at adjournment on Tuesday was concluded and Leon Cohen, president of the Hibbard Company took the stand. At the conclusion of his evidence adjournment was made until this morning at ten o'clock.

LOCAL COMMITTEE THANKED. P. Hoare, Brigadier-General, commanding the Royal Air Force, in letters to members of the St. John committee, thanking them for their splendid co-operation, says: "You will be interested to know that we have sent overseas 2,538 pilots, while we have 562 in Canada who have completed their training. These figures are considered very remarkable in England."

FOUR YEARS' SENTENCE. Millicent McGrath, who was arrested on Tuesday evening by Detective Biddlecombe, on the charge of stealing a sum of money and various articles of clothing from Ethel Fisher of the Royal Hotel staff appeared in the police court yesterday morning. Evidence was given in the case by Detective Biddlecombe, Miss Rosemar, and the plaintiff. The accused denied the charge at first, but later admitted her guilt. She was sentenced to four years in the Home of the Good Shepherd.

WILL HOLD INQUEST. Coroner Kenney stated last night that he had practically decided to hold an inquest into the death of Miss Annie Berryman, who was thrown from her sleigh and killed Tuesday afternoon. It is said the boy who was driving is under age. In regard to the death of little Isabelle Downey, Dr. Kenney stated that as the child had been buried he could not hold an inquiry unless ordered to do so by the attorney-general.

HAVE ACCEPTED OFFER. Acting-Mayor Fisher yesterday received word that representatives of the film companies, in session at Montreal, had decided to accept the offer of the city council to secure legislation amending the assessment act insofar as they were concerned, to allow for a 100 per cent business tax and tax on stock in trade in lieu of the tax on gross revenue which the act imposes, and would for the present keep the exchanges in St. John.

WANTED AT ONCE—Three stenographers. Apply to Charles Robinson, secretary Returned Soldiers' Commission, 49 Canterbury street.

ST. JOHN AND THE HOSPITAL SHIPS

Hon. F. B. Carvell Says They Will Not go to Portland—Asks Regarding Possibilities Here.

The report that preparations were being made to send the hospital ships to Portland, N.S., because of the mix-up at Halifax, was brought to the attention of our federal representative, S. E. Elkin, by acting mayor Fisher, who requested the former to take up the matter of passing over St. John with Hon. Mr. Carvell. Mr. Elkin immediately wired Hon. Mr. Carvell and yesterday he received from that gentleman an assurance that the hospital ships would not go to Portland, and a request for information as to the possibilities of this port handling this class of ships. Mr. Elkin obtained the necessary information from Gen. Macdonnell, O. C. Military District No. 7, who expressed the belief that St. John could handle these ships if they were sent here, and sent it forward to Hon. Mr. Carvell last evening.

CIRCUIT COURT CASES YESTERDAY

Sinclair vs. Hutchings Matter Was Settled—Mrs. Baxter Sues Mis Parker for Alienation of Husband's Affections.

In the Circuit Court yesterday the case of Sinclair vs. Hutchings was settled. B. L. Gerow appeared for the plaintiff and John B. M. Baxter, K. C., for the defendant. The case of Baxter vs. Parker was taken up. This is an action by a wife for alienation of her husband's affections. Geo. H. V. Belyea, K. C., and K. A. Wilson appeared for the plaintiff and John B. M. Baxter, K. C., and J. D. P. Lewin for the defendant. An application was made to have some questions of law disposed of before the trial of the action. On the application of the plaintiff's counsel this morning at ten o'clock was fixed as the time for hearing the argument. The defendant contends that it is not competent for a wife to sue for alienation of her husband's affections. If the judge takes this view the action will come to an end, otherwise a jury trial will proceed. Hampton vs. Smith, an action for injury to the plaintiff's automobile, may also be taken up today. D. Mullin, K. C., for plaintiff, John A. Barry for defendant.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD HERE TODAY

Morning and Afternoon Sessions of N. B. Social Service Council—An Address in Evening by Dr. Pittsburg.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, general secretary of the Dominion Social Service Council, arrived in the city last evening to attend the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Social Service Council, which is to be held today in St. Andrew's church school room.

Two sessions of the council will be held, at ten o'clock in the morning and two o'clock in the afternoon. At eight o'clock in the evening an address by Dr. A. R. Pittsburg, of the Federal Health Department of the United States, will be given in St. Andrew's church under the auspices of the council. At this meeting Rev. E. F. Smith, B.A., the newly appointed field secretary of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Councils, will also give an address.

The appointment of Rev. Mr. Smith brings N. B. and P. E. I. in line with the other provinces in the matter of paid secretaries, all having them now except Quebec and British Columbia, and these will be in line within the next few months. Ontario is planning for five secretaries, Manitoba has three, Saskatchewan three, and Alberta three.

HOLD MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

Commissioners of County Hospital Will Discuss Matter of Taking Over New Wing.

At a meeting of the commissioners of St. John County Hospital, which is to be held today, the question of taking over the new wing which was built by the government for the treatment of returned tubercular men will be considered and it will probably be decided to take over the building the first of the year.

Under the arrangement now in force the municipality are paid \$12 per week for the maintenance of the soldiers in the institution, but under the proposed arrangement the government will pay for the cost of caring for the patients, the hospital commissioners taking over the entire responsibility of heating the buildings, providing nurses, etc.

The share of the expenses to be paid by the government will be determined by taking the gross expense of the institution and dividing that by the number of patients receiving treatment.

HAD BUSY DAY.

The Y. W. P. A. had a busy day at the Natural History committee rooms yesterday when forty members in the afternoon, and twelve in the evening, were engaged in sorting and grading sphagnum moss preparatory to export. These young ladies have been doing strenuous and valuable work for different war-time needs and it is expected that public assistance will be called for after the holiday season has passed.

ROSEBUD DAY. Give all you can on Saturday, December 14th, for the Children's Home.

MILITARY NOTES IN DISTRICT 7

Staff Additions Contemplated

New Hospital Nearly Ready for Patients—New Quarters for Garrison Soldiers.

Staff additions in military district No. 7 are contemplated, so as to be enabled to care for the returned men as they pass through the city en route to their respective military districts. The new military hospital at Lancaster Heights, West St. John, formerly the Deaf and Dumb Institute, lately acquired by the military authorities, is rapidly nearing renovation changes, and patients will be admitted in the course of a few weeks.

The Seventh Canadian Garrison Regiment, formerly stationed in West St. John, reached their new quarters yesterday at the exhibition building. "B" company of the Depot Battalion, which was recently transferred to this unit, moved with the city yesterday to their new quarters. On arrival at the quarters the men were busily engaged in making the place ready. Others were enjoying themselves in games and music and apparently the boys were glad of the change.

General Macdonnell and Major S.S. Wetmore, Acting A. A. G., of this military district, reached the city yesterday after attending the County banquet to the War Veterans of that section.

Lieut. Leslie Martin, Winnipeg, has been gazetted as Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal of this district, and took up his new duties with Captain Gooday, A. P. M. yesterday. Lieut. Martin was formerly on duty in military district No. 10, being with the Canadian Military Police Corps of that district.

THE NEW STEAMER NEARS COMPETITION

Finishing Work be Done on the War Fundy—Ship Will be Well Fitted Out.

The "War Fundy" launched in the early part of the autumn now lies at Reed's Point Wharf, undergoing the finishing touches. A crew of painters, carpenters, machinists and electricians are on the job, and the new ship is rapidly becoming to look quite shipshape. A trip through the Fundy yesterday revealed the fact that when finished the new vessel will be by no means an inferior one.

The pilot rooms, engine room and all minor quarters of the vessel are being wired and an electric dynamo is being installed. The work will not be completed for some time yet, as the officials are using every means to make the vessel, most modern in every particular.

ACCEPTS POSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Captain G. Horace Vanwart of Fredericton Leaving to Take up Duties With Venezuelan Government.

It was learned yesterday afternoon that Captain G. Horace Vanwart, of Fredericton, now attached to the Depot Battalion, is leaving for the South immediately on discharge from the service, to accept a position with the Venezuelan government of South America. Captain Vanwart enlisted at the early commencement of the war and served in the trenches of Belgium, and finally returned to Canada as a convalescent. On arrival in Canada he was compelled to undergo considerable treatment but fortunately recovered. His numerous friends in the city and Capital will be glad to learn of his new and varied successes.

FOUND THE MILK UNFIT FOR SALE

Following a complaint about the quality of milk, Dr. J. F. Brown, health officer for this district, made some tests of milk coming from certain producers, and found one to be very poor. The dealer who was receiving milk from two of these producers was instructed not to take any more milk from them, as it was unfit for sale. Dr. Brown gave it as his opinion that some of the producers were watering their milk. Dr. Brown contends there should be a systematic testing of milk, samples being collected from the teams on their routes.

WILL INSTALL MODERN KITCHEN

The commissioners of the General Public Hospital are contemplating the installation of a modern kitchen at that institution, and yesterday they paid a visit to the T. McArthur & Sons' plant, Rotheray Avenue, to inspect their kitchen.

They were guests of the firm at dinner served in the dining room of the plant, and after dinner made a thorough inspection of the kitchen equipment, which is the last word in installations of this kind. All expressed themselves as delighted with the facilities for the serving of meals and in all probability in the near future a similar kitchen will be placed in the hospital.

JUST A CONVERSATION.

Two elderly ladies walking down Sydney street yesterday afternoon were enjoying a social chat, and their recent trip to the Emerald Isle, was relative to the return of the boys home from overseas. One of the ladies expressed a hope that her son would reach home for Yule Tide, as he has been absent for the previous three seasons. The other apparently had lost her son in the cause, as she concluded with "Poor Jimmy will not return."

The affair was pitiable to extremes, and the two dear old ladies continued on their conversation referring to their neighbor's boys who had returned.

GAVE HIS BLOOD TO SAVE COMRADE

Pte. Arthur Christopher, Former St. John Boy, Performed Brave Deed, for Which He Was Granted Special Leave by King.

Friends of Private Arthur Christopher, a former resident of West St. John, but who removed with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Christoph-

er, to Vancouver some few years ago, will be pleased to learn that this young hero has made good while fighting for King and country in France and Belgium, and for his gallant and self-sacrifice he was granted special leave by the King.

While residing here Pte. Christopher carried on a barbering business on Union street, West St. John, and a brother of the late Private Fred Christopher, who was killed in action on September 30th last.

The self-sacrifice of Pte. Arthur Christopher for a comrade is told in a recent edition of a Vancouver paper as follows:

"For a deed of great self-sacrifice, Private Arthur Christopher, son of Mrs. George Christopher, of 125 Twenty-sixth street east, North Vancouver, has been granted thirty-three days' special leave by the King. During the battle of Arras, Pte. Christopher, while out on patrol, found a comrade who was wounded, and carried him to a dressing station. The soldier had lost so much blood that his life was despaired of. A transfusion of blood was suggested by the doctors, and Private Christopher volunteered to give his blood. The operation was successful and both were sent to England where they are progressing favorably.

Private Christopher left Vancouver with the 158th Battalion but was transferred to the 4th. He was gassed in Lens, in August, 1917, but returned to the front.

CHRISTMAS GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS. Never Was the Dykeman's Selection More Attractive Than This Year. Handkerchiefs are now all ready lying in snowy folds in their gay Christmas boxes, as why not, like them, be prepared ahead of time, thereby getting just what you want, and avoiding inevitable crowds?

Practically all Handkerchiefs in this collection hail from the Emerald Isle—handkerchiefs of the highest quality and price. Each member of the family has been thought of. Father, Mother, Sister, Brother and Baby, handkerchiefs for one and all.

Many dainty styles for Madam and Mademoiselle, of Irish Linen, Shamrock Lawn, or Cotton, charming embroideries both white and colored, homestitched hems and colored cable hems, pretty motif embroidery designs, 2c. to \$1.25 per box.

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And such amusing Handkerchiefs for children. They are dainty cotton muslin and silk squares with charming colored borders and there are many old friends to be met—the pictures are carried out in color. There is jolly Charlie Chaplin, there is mischievous Jack and Jill, quaint Dutch boys and girls, Polly and the pease, and many other jolly folks. These handkerchiefs are put up in dainty boxes at most moderate prices, from 25c. to 45c. per box.

SEE WINDOW DISPLAY. DYKEMAN'S. Hear Dr. Pillsbury this evening in Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church. Subject: "The Suppression of Venereal Diseases."

Tonight is the night—"Cousin Kate," at the Opera House. Her arrival here has been looked forward to for a long time, but it is sure for tonight. Curtain promptly at 8.15. There are still plenty of good seats available in the first balcony but if the sale continues as it has for the past few days they will not last long. Better secure yours today and not miss the one big theatrical event of the season.

LETTER OF THANKS. S. E. Elkin, M. P., chairman of the Victory Loan Committee for St. John county, has received the following letter, from Sir Thomas White: Ottawa, Dec. 4th, 1918.

Dear Mr. Elkin: This is just a line to express to you and to the members of your organization my most sincere personal thanks for the fine work and patriotic zeal in the Victory Loan Campaign, which resulted in such notable success. I desire you to be assured that the valuable services rendered are very warmly appreciated.

Yours faithfully, (Sgd.) THOMAS WHITE. Stanley E. Elkin, Esq., M. P., St. John, N. B.

What to Give the Athletic Lad. A ready solution of your gift problem, so far as the athletic chap is concerned, awaits you in our Sporting Department where you'll find many suitable suggestions such as: DUMB BELLS, STRIKING BAGS, BOXING GLOVES, ELASTIC EXERCISERS, SKATES, HOCKEY STICKS, SKIS, and a large and comprehensive line of Sporting Supplies generally. SECOND FLOOR—MARKET SQUARE STORE. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. King Street

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