

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gates, westerly; partly fair and turning colder with some local snowfalls or flurries.

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Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION

W. B. Tennant, Chairman. Phone Main 454. G. Earle Logan, Secretary. Phone Main 1300.

McMillan's Store. will be open evening until Christmas. Largest stock of Christmas Booklets, Patriotic Souvenirs and Calendars in the city. All prices.

Notice to Mariners. J. C. Chesley, marine and fisheries agent, received word last evening from the deputy minister of marine and fisheries to the effect that vessels are forbidden north of Ireland.

Three Brothers in the Ranks. Among the soldiers of the Ammunition Column who left yesterday amid the cheers of the citizens were W. J. Stephenson, H. A. Stephenson and A. E. Stephenson, three sons of Edward S. Stephenson of 111 Orange street.

To Meet Here in June. The Methodist ministers at their weekly meeting yesterday morning heard that both Centenary and Queen Square churches had invited the conference to meet in St. John next June.

The H. M. S. Audacious. When reports were received in American and Canadian papers announcing the sinking of the British warship Audacious, off the Irish coast, and the rescue of her crew by the White Star liner Olympic, R. W. Frink wrote to a relative in England asking for further information about the alleged destruction of the battleship by a mine.

Arrested For Burglary. On the night of the 14th inst the saloon of Philip McGuire on Mill street was broken into and two bottles of liquor and twenty-five cents stolen. Yesterday morning Detective Killen and Deputy Chief Jenkins went on the warpath and arrested William Moore, having obtained information that he was the thief. Moore confessed having been with another in the break. During the afternoon the detective and the deputy arrested Carl P. Kemp, aged twenty-four years, on the charge of having been with Moore in making the break.

Local Government Supporters of the Parish of Simonds No. 2, will meet in Wallace's Hall, Gardner's Creek, on Saturday the 26th inst., at 8 p. m. for organization purposes.

Of Interest to the Gentler Sex. Believing that this would be a year for utility gifts, and knowing that the St. John people appreciate a bargain, F. A. Dykeman and Co. have secured a lot of children's and ladies' dresses at about half their usual price.

Christmas Sale of Overcoats at M. R. A. This is a sale of regular M. R. A. quality overcoats for both men and boys and offered at prices low enough to considerably lengthen the Christmas gift appropriation. Come and you'll see that the values are decidedly interesting. The sale will start this morning in the clothing department.

THREE ROUSING RALLIES SHOW HON. MR. BAXTER AS SURE OF HANDSOME MAJORITY

Liberals as Well as Conservatives Volunteer Their Support for the New Attorney General and Predict a Record Poll in His Favor—His Workers are Ready Should an Election be Necessary.

Three rousing rallies of the workers supporting Hon. J. B. M. Baxter were held last evening when it was clearly shown that the spirit of the electors was thoroughly in favor of Mr. Baxter and his return to the legislature as a member of the provincial cabinet.

The meetings took place in the Conservative Club rooms, Beaconsfield, Temperance Hall, Fairville and Peck's Hall, East St. John. At all three places the number of workers present greatly exceeded the expectations.

The meetings showed the people of the county, both Liberal and Conservative, behind Hon. Mr. Baxter almost to a man and it was clearly indicated that, should an election be made necessary by the placing of a candidate in the field by the opposition, the majority rolled up by Mr. Baxter would make a record for the County of St. John.

Mr. Baxter was present at all the meetings and he advised the workers to become thoroughly organized and ready for any emergency. Even if an election were not held now the workers would have had the pleasure of meeting together.

It was noticeable at the meetings that both Conservatives and Liberals were present and expressed their determination to support Mr. Baxter. Councillor O'Brien, who was secretary of the opposition organization in Lancaster at the last provincial election, addressed the meetings last evening and pledged his support to Hon. Mr. Baxter, should an election be held.

He was a supporter of Hon. Mr. Baxter because he thought it was in the best interests of the County of St. John. When he (O'Brien) was elected county councillor he had promised to do all he could in the interests of the county and it was as a result of this pledge that he now supported Mr. Baxter. He had hoped that Mr. Baxter would not be opposed but he knew Mr. Baxter's record and for that reason he would support him.

The object of the meetings was to get the workers together prepared to carry on a campaign should an opposition candidate be nominated to run against Mr. Baxter.

Hon. Mr. Baxter was well pleased with the fine turnout at the rooms and he endeavored to encourage the workers. He pointed out that the meetings were for the purpose of going over the lists and preparation for getting the electors to the polls in case of an election. Should an opposition candidate be selected there would likely be meetings held and then the questions raised could be answered. He said that the government of today intended to take the full responsibility for the province. When Hon. Mr. Hazen became premier of the province, a new audit act was passed and since that time the provincial treasury had been adequately safeguarded.

Hon. Mr. Baxter appreciated the efforts of the electors of the county. He was surprised to learn of the number of men, who had formerly opposed him, but had now come forward and offered their support. Among these were Councillor O'Brien of Lancaster, who had volunteered his support. Mr. Baxter thought that should an election be held his majority would be all that could be desired.

He felt satisfied with the constituency of St. John County. While he had been the person selected for the cabinet he felt that it was the people of the county who had made it possible for him to be in that position. The new government would make a thorough investigation of the public service departments and also cleaning that was necessary would be made. Hon. Mr. Baxter was in favor of a wider road policy and would strive to have more money appropriated to this important work.

J. A. Barry felt that Hon. Mr. Baxter was the proper representative for St. John county and he therefore urged all present to assist in securing a big vote for the candidate. He pointed out the advantages of having a representative in the government and made reference to the successful career of Mr. Baxter and his work in the public interest. The opposition had taken a stand against elections in war time and he hoped they would see it that way now.

MEN OF 1914 ARE COMING INTO SHAPE

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Sergt. Beach acted as accompanist. While all the numbers of the programme were good and much enjoyed, the numbers contributed by Miss Wayne, Miss Beatty and Sergt. Bond and Sergt. Duplissea were especially good.

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Mrs. Robinson reported that 210 pairs of socks and ten mufflers had been received since the last meeting, those contributing cash and material being Mrs. Jameson, Miss Stetson, Miss Parks, Mrs. J. E. Garwood, Mrs. Branscombe, Mrs. Miss Milligan, field socks, five pairs of hospital socks, a knitted nightgown, twenty hot water bottle cover; from St. John of Jerusalem Association, three pairs mitts, one pair wristlets from Upham; also two hospital shirts, three bed jackets, twelve pairs socks and eight handkerchiefs; twenty dozen handkerchiefs, eighteen pairs bed socks, from Localist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire; one dozen towels and two pairs wristlets, Mrs. Mackenzie; bed socks, Mrs. Job, Elliott Row; six hospital shirts, Mrs. A. M. Rowan; quilt, two hospital shirts, two flannel bandages, St. John Ambulance Association; thirty-two pneumonia jackets and 265 safety-pins, Ladies' Aid circle of King's Daughters, per Mrs. C. A. Clark; fifty hospital shirts, twenty suits pyjamas, nineteen pairs bed socks; Victoria street Baptist church, thirty-one hospital shirts, thirty-six handkerchiefs, seventy-five bandages, twenty-nine pairs socks; young people of Waterloo street Baptist church, per Miss Farlow, twenty-one pneumonia jackets, Miss Duval and Miss Eslington; eight pneumonia jackets; Philathea class, Germain street Baptist church, forty-eight pneumonia jackets were sent from the Mount Pleasant sewing class, amongst those assisting being Bertha Christenson, Mary Christenson, Hazel Christopher, Annie Coll, Annie Crawford, Katherine Crawford, Rosa Dezell, Ethel Daley, Helen Daley, Bertha Dunlop, Marjory Ellison, Marion Finley, Francis Flynn, Helen McDonald, Ruth McDonald, Margaret Gough, Edna Morris, Ella Reedy, Dorothy Oaty, Marjory Oaty, Lillian Wilson, Mildred Wood, Ruth Wood, Annie Torrance, Maudie Torrance, Pearl Taylor, assisted by Mrs. Finley, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Lena Lamb.

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William Golding acted as chairman in Fairville and after the speeches of the candidates and others, the workers got down to the business of going over the lists. The rooms of the committee will be opened tonight and tomorrow night. In Beaconsfield H. Colby Smith was appointed as the speaker of the candidate and others the committee settled down to work and plans were arranged for bringing out the voters on election day. In East St. John, which is officially known as Simonds No. 1, the meeting was particularly enthusiastic. John Barrett acted as chairman and introduced the speakers. He felt that Mr. Baxter was the man to represent the county. He referred to the good work of Mr. Baxter and hoped if an election were necessary that every voter in the county irrespective of party affiliations would rally to his support.

Contributions to the Red Cross Society through the St. John Ambulance Association up to December 21 have been as follows: St. Stephen's church, three scarfs, one cap, five pairs of socks, twenty-five pairs muffs; Santa Claus, \$1; Miss M. E. Sutherland, \$5. Contributions from the ladies of Hardwood Ridge, Sunbury County were received as follows: Mrs. J. R. Kavey, Mrs. James Jardine, Mrs. George Jardine, Mrs. Charles Fiddiscombe, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Mrs. James Campbell, Miss Annie Miller, Mrs. William Kadey and Mrs. James Brown. The contributions included four pairs of wristlets, five pairs of socks, two nightshirts, one quilt, two belts and one scarf. Further contributions were reported as follows: Ludlow Street Baptist Church, per Mrs. C. E. Belyea, fourteen field shirts; Roxborough Lodge, West End; per Mrs. MacLeod, eight field shirts, seventy-two wristlets, twenty-four helmets, six scarfs, a pair of mittens, four towels, ten pairs of bed socks, two pairs of field socks, five pairs of hospital socks, a knitted nightgown, twenty hot water bottle cover; from St. John of Jerusalem Association, three pairs mitts, one pair wristlets from Upham; also two hospital shirts, three bed jackets, twelve pairs socks and eight handkerchiefs; twenty dozen handkerchiefs, eighteen pairs bed socks, from Localist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire; one dozen towels and two pairs wristlets, Mrs. Mackenzie; bed socks, Mrs. Job, Elliott Row; six hospital shirts, Mrs. A. M. Rowan; quilt, two hospital shirts, two flannel bandages, St. John Ambulance Association; thirty-two pneumonia jackets and 265 safety-pins, Ladies' Aid circle of King's Daughters, per Mrs. C. A. Clark; fifty hospital shirts, twenty suits pyjamas, nineteen pairs bed socks; Victoria street Baptist church, thirty-one hospital shirts, thirty-six handkerchiefs, seventy-five bandages, twenty-nine pairs socks; young people of Waterloo street Baptist church, per Miss Farlow, twenty-one pneumonia jackets, Miss Duval and Miss Eslington; eight pneumonia jackets; Philathea class, Germain street Baptist church, forty-eight pneumonia jackets were sent from the Mount Pleasant sewing class, amongst those assisting being Bertha Christenson, Mary Christenson, Hazel Christopher, Annie Coll, Annie Crawford, Katherine Crawford, Rosa Dezell, Ethel Daley, Helen Daley, Bertha Dunlop, Marjory Ellison, Marion Finley, Francis Flynn, Helen McDonald, Ruth McDonald, Margaret Gough, Edna Morris, Ella Reedy, Dorothy Oaty, Marjory Oaty, Lillian Wilson, Mildred Wood, Ruth Wood, Annie Torrance, Maudie Torrance, Pearl Taylor, assisted by Mrs. Finley, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Lena Lamb.

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