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**OBITUARY.**  
**John Murphy.**  
The death occurred on Christmas morning of John Murphy, a well known resident of Fairville. He leaves his wife, three daughters and one son to mourn. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning.

**William Harper**  
The death took place on Christmas morning of William Harper, a well known resident of this city, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Fleming, 1 Elliott Row. He was an employee of the James Robertson Company for more than twenty years, being by trade a file cutter. He lived for many years in Bangor before coming here and was a veteran of the civil war. He leaves, besides his wife, one son and four daughters. The son is Harry of Cambridge, Mass., and the daughters, Mrs. L. E. Almon of Charlottetown, Mass., and Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. William Fleming and Mrs. John Bridges, all of this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from No. 1 Elliott Row.

**Harley Ebbett.**  
Hartland, N. B., Dec. 24.—The death took place on Tuesday morning of Harley Ebbett of Middle Simonds. He had been operated on for appendicitis and good hopes were held out for his recovery, but blood poisoning set in and his young life was snuffed out. He was 22 years of age. Deceased was an officer in Brighton Lodge, K. of P., and

**James MacKinlay**  
The death is announced of James MacKinlay, which occurred at his home, 83 St. Patrick street, on the 24th ult. Mr. MacKinlay was eighty-one years of age and was a life long resident of this city, and for forty-eight years carried on a large teaming business, which business he continued up to about a year ago, when owing to failing health he was compelled to retire. He leaves five daughters to mourn, viz.: Mrs. A. H. Barber of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. W. Johnston, Mrs. T. Ramsey, Mrs. A. Anderson and Mrs. M. Jones, all of this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon from his late home, the services commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

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Notwithstanding these conditions there were many about the streets during the day; more so, probably, than a year ago when there was very cold weather, with snow on the ground in sufficient quantity to make sleighing easy.

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In the afternoon and evening the Opera House and the picture houses throughout the city received generous patronage, these places having provided special attractions for the holiday period. A large number of people came to the city from various parts to visit friends, the heavy traffic on the incoming trains of Thursday and Friday having brought here several hundreds of visitors. So heavy was the traffic on Friday that all the incoming trains were behind schedule time in consequence.

**With The Soldiers.**  
In military circles there were festivities appropriate for the day. Many of the soldiers who had received leave of absence were entertained by private individuals that had been thrown out by some of the citizens. In the Armory there was plenty of decoration, and good fare and amusement for the men on duty. On Park ridge island the day was well celebrated by the men. Turkey and pudding, with other suitable fare were in evidence, and additional comforts were provided by a committee of ladies. There was an impromptu entertainment after dinner.

Special fare was provided in the mess room for those soldiers stationed on the West Side, who had not been released from duty for the holiday. The men of the 1164th Battalion, having been mobilized on special provision had been made for them, and most of the members of this unit spent the day with their own friends.

Taking all together the day was one of general enjoyment notwithstanding the war and adverse weather conditions. In the various charitable and philanthropic institutions as well as in the homes of the great majority of citizens there was enough and to spare of the many things that help to make the season one of good will and real enjoyment.

**Interesting reminders of the Yuletide—Theatrical Manager surprised—Other presentations.**

Anyone familiar with the inside workings of the theatrical profession is quite aware that the life of a manager is not always a happy one, and because the theatrical manager is seen "out front" with a million dollar smile, that smile is largely for his patrons and at the same time he may be worried almost to state of collapse. This is not always due to financial stringency, but on occasion he is forced to father all the troubles that may arise among members of the company playing in his theatre. Perhaps things are not going smoothly with the boys who handle the scenery.

On Thursday night at the Opera House Manager W. C. McKay was head over heels in business in his office and had hardly time to wink one of his large slant eyes when the property boy rushed in from the stage and in an excited manner announced that there was trouble "in back."

McKay did not lose an instant. He bounded from his office chair and raced to the stage expecting to be the principal in settling some dispute, but he was given a great surprise when he found members of the musical company, the orchestra, ushers and stage hands standing about, each with the Christmas grin on every face. When the manager enquired "what's the trouble," Morton L. Harrison, leader of the orchestra, stepped forward and gave Mr. McKay the greatest and most pleasant surprise in his lifetime by reading the following address:

Dear Sir:—  
We, the undersigned members of the Opera House staff, cannot allow this festive season to pass without expressing to you our appreciation of your efforts on behalf of the Opera House and the public, and your untiring interest, courtesy and kindness on our behalf. We realize how great have been your efforts to keep the house open in these trying war times and, sometimes, under very discouraging circumstances, and we congratulate you on the services achieved in the year just closing. We hope the members of the staff doing all possible to further your efforts during the coming season to make 1916 a banner year for the Opera House.

Would you kindly accept the enclosed souvenir as a slight token of our appreciation and esteem, and wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are, dear Sir, faithfully yours,  
Miss Arline Lloyd, Miss Edna Dowd, Miss Marion L. Harrison, J. W. Stackhouse, W. C. Bowes, Harry Gibson, John Brown, Howard Marr, William Scott, Walter Harding, Charles Williams, Harold Williams, Garfield Stevens, Harry Rouse, David Lattimer, John Morrissey, W. E. McGinley, Gerard Daley.

The present received by Manager McKay was a handsome gold watch and a silver cigarette case, and a gold signet ring suitably engraved.

Mr. McKay received the gifts with a brief address of thanks, being taken completely by surprise.

Arnold Martindale, dock superintendent, on Saturday presented with a library table and electric reading lamp by his dock staff.

A. M. Phillips, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, and Mrs. Phillips, were on Saturday presented with a costly holiday dress set by the employees of the hotel. Mr. Phillips remembered the employees with cash presents.

At the Dufferin Hotel the manager, J. P. Dunlop, who presented him with a handsome toilet set.

J. Henneberry, head waiter of the Dufferin, was presented with a purse of gold from the office and dining room staff.

H. C. Green, proprietor of the Clifton House, and Mrs. Green, were remembered on Saturday by the guests who presented them with a beautiful silver tea service and silver and from the employees Mr. Green received a handsome brass cigar box. Mrs. Green was the recipient of separate tokens of esteem from each. The employees were all remembered by cash presents from the proprietor.

**A Handsome Calendar.**  
The Standard has received a very handsome calendar from D. McArthur.

**For the Orphans.**  
In the Cathedral, yesterday, it was announced that the collection taken Christmas day for the benefit of the orphans amounted to \$725. His Lordship Bishop Ledwith thanked the congregation and expressed his appreciation of the generosity of the people during the past year which has made exceptional demands on all.

**Returns From England.**  
F. W. Sumner, the agent general for New Brunswick in England, arrived in the city yesterday and went to his home in Moncton.

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**WEDDINGS.**  
**Garnett-Gray.**  
A quiet wedding took place on Friday evening last at the residence of Walter Gray, 230 St. James' street, West St. John, when Rev. Wellington Camp, pastor of Leinster street Baptist church, united in marriage John L. Garnett, formerly of St. John, but now residing in Western Canada, with Miss Helen Muriel Gray, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Garnett will make their home in the west.

**Collings-Wilkinson.**  
Marysville, Dec. 23.—A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson, George St., Wednesday evening, when their daughter, Miss Alice, was united in marriage to Mr. Len Collings, by Rev. Mr. Lake. Miss Deborah Wilkinson was bridesmaid, while Mr. Arnest Armstrong was best man. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper. The bride was the recipient of many useful and beautiful presents.

**Rogers-Wyeman.**  
The marriage was solemnized on December 18 of William A. Rogers and Miss Rama A. Wyeman, both of Moncton, by Rev. Wellington Camp, the ceremony taking place at the residence of the officiating minister.

**Matthews-Macpherson.**  
Marysville, Dec. 23.—The wedding of Miss Mary Fayson Macpherson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Macpherson to Mr. Hilman Oston Matthews of Wilson's Beach, Campbellville, was solemnized at the Methodist church, Wednesday evening in the presence of relatives and very few friends. Rev. Theo. Hicks tied the nuptial knot. The bride, who was unattended, looked charming in a navy blue broadcloth traveling suit with hat to match. This was the first wedding to take place in the new church and in accordance with an old time custom the trustees presented the bride with a beautifully leather bound Bible, suitably inscribed. The presents were numerous, showing the popularity of the bride. The happy couple will remain here for a short time before leaving for their home in St. John.

**W. S. HARKINS PLAYERS OPEN IN TWO BILLS**

**Excellent Company score pronounced hit in Opera House — Comedy bill tonight.**

No better proof of his popularity in St. John could be tendered to W. S. Harkins than that accorded him, indirectly, and through his company, on Saturday, in the Opera House, when two large audiences, capacity houses in fact, greeted the players and cheerfully enjoyed their offerings, "Our Wives" and "The Spy in the House." At the evening performance fully 800 people were turned away.

The consistently capable companies which Mr. Harkins brought to St. John in the past had theatre-goers to expect something superior to the average, and they were not disappointed. The real "Harkins character" was stamped on both play and players.

"The Spy in the House," the offering for Christmas night, provided a very delightful closing for the holiday's festivities.

A dramatic performance's claim to success depends on the manner in which the three essentials are provided, the glaze itself, the ability of the players and their conception of their roles.

In the average case one would ask allowances for defects in the performance considering that the members of the company played together on Saturday for the first time, presenting two entirely new plays and in a new environment. But to ask indulgence in this case is unnecessary; the three essentials of a successful performance were adequately fulfilled and the audience was entirely satisfied.

As to the piece itself, no more opportune selection for St. John at this time could have been made. The very spirit of the play is sufficient to inspire a British audience, breathing as it does the devotion of a strong soldier to King and Country. The title gives an idea of the theme, in the course of the story is depicted the deep love of a soldier for his wife, who, in the power of a German spy and to save her husband's life, co-operates with the spy in stealing valuable military secrets in the possession of her husband, and how the latter, after a period of absence, returns to duty and devotion to his King and Country. However, there is a satisfactory denouement and the audience leaves the theatre with a kindly feeling even for the unfortunate wife who betrayed her husband through love for him.

The piece is decidedly dramatic with a tenebrous note found in the ordinary play. Besides it is almost akin to a recruiting sermon, the very spirit and words being such as to instill into the most lethargic a feeling of pride in the Empire and a desire to fight for it and against an enemy who fights behind women's skirts and delivers almost to the nadir of baseness to gain an advantage.

As to the performers. As already mentioned the company is a characteristically Harkins aggregation, in fact, taken as a whole, a little better, if possible, than in the past.

The audience offers greatly from the average, but in the manner in which the players held themselves during the whole performance, and particularly during the tense moments when a stillness supreme pervaded the theatre, was a silent but fitting tribute to the ability of the company.

In the leading role an old favorite, Joseph Selman, is welcomed back. Mr. Selman gave a very delightful delineation of the role of Lieut. Goward, here, who, in the past, all the good blithes it afforded, typifying in an eminent degree Tommy Atkins at his best, the true type of the British soldier.

Miss Margaret Lotus, the leading lady as Mrs. Eward, is a newcomer, and has a charming stage presence, which, combined with rare ability, stamps her as a clever actress who will soon win a permanent place in the esteem of St. John theatre patrons. Her role, a strictly emotional one, makes heavy demands and could easily have been overdone. However, Miss Lotus' interpretation left nothing to be desired.

Another clever young lady is Miss Dorothy Chalmers, the ingenue. Her work was consistently good and won the hearty approval of her audience.

Miss Eugenie Dubois is another familiar member of the company, having visited St. John in the past and the standard she has shown on former occasions. The other members of the cast gave a good account of themselves and lent valuable support to the work of Messrs. Alderson and Townsend, the latter in the title role being worthy of particular note, Jack Pentland as Teddy Jones provided plenty of laughs.

The production of "The Spy in the House" was a successful inauguration of the company's engagement, creditable both to Mr. Harkins and the members of the company. During their stay they will produce a number of standard pieces and with their work on Christmas as a criterion St. John theatre patrons are assured of a dramatic treat and the company of generous patronage.

Tonight "Our Wives," a whirlwind of comedy, will be presented.

**More wounded soldiers back from battle lines**

**Heroes arriving yesterday cheerful despite injuries — Complete list of men and their regiments.**

Lieut. Col. F. A. Howard, of the 2nd Battalion, arrived in the city yesterday from England in charge of a large number of officers and soldiers who have returned from the front. In nearly every case the men have been wounded, some by German gas, received fractured limbs, are suffering from concussion, or by some other means rendered physically unfit to continue in active service.

In the party were 24 officers, three nursing sisters and 87 privates, making a total of 114.

A glance through the special train which held the wounded heroes gave one person some idea of the cheerful men with which these returning Canadian soldiers endure hardships while doing their bit for King and country. There were a couple of able-bodied young Canadians enroute to Upper Canada, who had a hand amputated, two others who had each lost one of their eyes, several were suffering as the result of having been overcome by the German gas. The greater number in the party, however, have just returned from hospital where they have been treated for gunshot wounds. The majority who received such wounds were disabled in the limbs, and it will be some time before they are fit again to resume their duties. Despite their injuries they were far from sad, many enjoyed a song, while others joked and appeared to be glad that they were nearing home and friends again.

Before the special train left the city the ladies and gentlemen composing the returned soldiers' reception committee visited the soldiers and presented them with cigarettes.

The following is a complete list of those returning with the nature of their injuries:

Lt. Col. F. A. Howard, 2nd Batt., in charge of the party.  
Captain N. G. Ogilvie, Princess Patricia Regt.  
Captain W. A. Kirkconnell, 14th Battalion.  
Captain A. W. McNally, 7th Battalion, assistant in charge.  
Capt. F. W. Pickles, C. A. M. C.  
Major R. Wilson, C. A. M. C.  
Capt. James Roberts, No. 3 C. A. M. C.  
Major W. R. Brown, 26th Battalion.  
Major M. Alexander, Reserve Staff.  
Lieut. Spriggs, 39th Battalion.  
Lieut. F. Woolcombe, 12th Battalion.  
Lieut. H. A. Webb, 6th Brigade.  
Lieut. C. E. Cragg, 3rd Battalion.  
Lieut. J. F. H. McCarthy, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.  
Lieut. Col. J. Bruce Payne, Reserve Artillery.  
Lieut. Col. J. J. Creelman, C. F. A.  
Sergeant L. Algoe, Headquarters for Escort.  
Nursing Sister Eva Hambley—Resigning.  
Nursing Sister Cummings—Six months leave.  
Nursing Sister Rose Gratton—Sanatorium.  
Lance Corporal W. R. Congdon—Gunshot wound, right arm.  
Pte. J. Jones, 9th Batt.—Injury to skull.  
Pte. J. F. Robbins, 9th Batt.—Injury not stated.  
Pte. W. G. Banner, 11th Batt.—Bronchitis.  
Pte. D. J. McLean, 11th Batt.—Bronchitis.  
Pte. G. Dowling, 11th Batt.—Nephritis.  
Pte. Beers, 11th Batt.—Bronchitis.  
Pte. W. G. McClelland, 11th Batt.—Lost left eye.  
Pte. S. T. Fairweather, 12th Batt.—Concussion.  
Pte. J. Virgent, 11th Batt.—Gunshot wound right hip.  
Pte. Z. Riepel, 12th Batt.—Gunshot wound right hand.  
Pte. G. Rayner, 12th Batt.—Gunshot wound left foot.  
Pte. H. Smith, 12th Batt.—Varicella disease of the heart.  
Pte. W. Finch, 12th Batt.—Fracture.  
Pte. J. Laven, 12th Batt.—Gunshot wound left hip and arm.  
Pte. H. S. Baker, 23rd Batt.—Lost right eye.  
Pte. J. B. Campbell, 23rd Batt.—Gas poisoned, gunshot wound right ankle and elbow.  
Pte. F. Cowan, 23rd Batt.—Gas poisoned, double pneumonia.  
Pte. F. J. Dean, 23rd Batt.—Gas poisoned, gunshot wound on face and right hand.  
Pte. A. E. Smith, 23rd Batt.—Gas poisoned.  
Pte. H. Hutt, 23rd Batt.—Rheumatism.  
Pte. C. Mulhern, 23rd Batt.—Rheumatism.  
Pte. L. D. Warren, 23rd Batt.—Blind in right eye.  
Sergeant W. E. Turley, 23rd Batt.—Defective vision.  
Pte. E. Arpin, 23rd Batt.—Injured.  
Pte. W. Hughes, 23rd Batt.—Fracture.  
Pte. A. G. Lapiere, 23rd Batt.—Double fracture.  
Pte. G. P. Anderson, 23rd Batt.—Not stated.  
Pte. O. Durocher, 23rd Batt.—Not stated.  
Pte. L. Gagnon, 23rd Batt.—Not stated.  
Pte. C. A. McGilliam, 23rd Batt.—Not stated.  
Pte. C. Fox, 23rd Batt.—Fracture.  
Pte. R. Gardner, 30th Batt.—Ulcer.  
Pte. B. H. Stackford, 30th Batt.—Neurasthenia.  
Pte. H. Allan, 32nd Batt.—Sight bad.  
Pte. J. H. Baillier, 32nd Batt.—Fracture.  
Pte. T. H. Jones, 32nd Batt.—Not stated.  
Pte. G. H. Noble, 32nd Batt.—Gun-

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shot wound left hand.  
Pte. W. Plumbridge, 32nd Batt.—Rheumatism.  
Pte. H. Miller, 32nd Batt.—Gunshot wound left shoulder.  
Pte. F. Ambrose, 36th Batt.—Asthma.  
Pte. L. Brerton, 36th Batt.—Defective vision, fracture left arm.  
Pte. C. A. Ellis, 36th Batt.—Fracture arm.  
Pte. A. McDougall, 36th Batt.—Gunshot wound left arm.  
Pte. L. Porrey, 36th Batt.—Gas poisoned, gunshot wound left arm.  
Pte. A. E. Wilkins, 36th Batt.—Gunshot wound right arm.  
Pte. J. J. Connors, 39th Batt.—Sick.  
Pte. A. R. Freeman, 39th Batt.—Gunshot wound left arm.  
Pte. A. Hubert, 39th Batt.—Rheumatism.  
Pte. W. E. Kendrick, 39th Batt.—Deformed feet.  
Pte. H. H. Taylor, 39th Batt.—Not stated.  
Pte. D. L. Anderson, 43rd Batt.—Defective vision.  
Pte. A. Cameron, 43rd Batt.—Gunshot wounds arms and legs.  
Pte. W. T. Smith, 43rd Batt.—Gunshot wound left chest.  
Pte. Breckborough, reserve artillery, kidney disease.  
Pte. J. Ryland, reserve artillery—Gas poisoned.  
Pte. R. Fountain, reserve artillery—Concussion.  
Pte. W. T. Smith, reserve artillery—Gunshot wound right arm.  
Pte. J. V. Scott, reserve artillery—Appendicitis.  
Pte. W. M. Watson, reserve artillery—Gunshot wound right knee.  
Pte. G. Stearne, reserve artillery—Fracture ankle.  
Pte. W. Williams, reserve artillery—Gunshot wound right arm.  
Pte. J. E. Crosby, cavalry department—Flat feet.  
Pte. O. Proud, cavalry department—Sick.  
Pte. W. Souve, cavalry department—Right hand amputated.  
Pte. J. Burdon, training department—Defective vision.  
Pte. R. McDougall, engineers—Apoplexy.  
Pte. J. P. Driscoll, C. A. S. C.—Fracture left forearm.  
Pte. E. Gark, C. A. S. C.—Dizziness.  
Pte. G. R. Howery, C. A. S. C.—Rheumatism.  
Pte. A. F. Troomer, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. J. Shorter, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. Mylica, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. A. D. Shaw, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. N. Armstrong, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. B. Cannon, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. A. Pettia, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. Mendal, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. G. A. Paille, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
Pte. R. Roland, C. A. S. C.—Not stated.  
In addition there were the following: Major Alexander, Sergt. Armstrong, Lieut. Becroft, R. N. R.; Capt. C. H. Bennett, Major Coleman, Sergt. Fox, Lieut. Johnson, R. N. R.; Sergt. Lavin, Major J. E. Mackenzie, Sergt. Mellor, Sergt. Mundell, Sergt. Blumridge, Lieut. F. W. Overholt, Lieut. Robins, R. N. R.; Lieut. Webb, Lieut. Tingling, Sergt. Trudel, Lieut. Va-