

HOSPITAL WORK IS REPORTED ON

Red Cross Workers Give Details at Committee Session

Lancaster Hospital Capacity is Taxed—Men Would Like Playing Cards

At a meeting of the Provincial Hospital Committee of the Red Cross, held this morning at the depot, reports of the work done by the various sub-committees for the Christmas cheer for the soldiers in hospital were listened to with great interest.

The sum of \$175 had been contributed by the branches as follows:—Westfield \$5; Kilburn \$10; Milltown \$10; St. Andrew \$15; Chatham \$25; Beaver Harbor \$10; Riverside \$10; Middle Sackville \$10; Shediac \$10; Centerville \$5; Rothesay \$25; St. Stephen \$10; Martins \$10; Saint John \$25; donation from Dr. A. P. Barnhill \$10 and filled stockings from Lakeville and Fredericton.

Fredericton also sent a box directly to River Glade and at Moncton a committee under direction of Mrs. McCoy had filled 25 stockings for the men at River Glade.

HOSPITAL FILLED.

Miss Payson reported that the Lancaster Hospital was now filled to capacity. One death had occurred just before Christmas. The large ward had been beautifully trimmed and trees had been placed in the rooms of the very sick men.

Mrs. W. H. Shaw reported that 29 pairs of socks had been given to the soldier patients at East Saint John. The hospital had been very well decorated and a tree had been provided. There had also been cards hung on the walls and the soldier patients had presented chair sets to the victo-

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Mrs. Fairweather reported that, through the kindness of Mrs. O'Toole and the St. Rose's Society a play had been given to the patients at Lancaster and had been very much appreciated. As the men at Lancaster would very much appreciate some more playing cards it was decided to make this want known.

The meeting unanimously passed a very warm vote of sympathy to John McAvity on the death of Mrs. McAvity, who had been a member of the committee.

Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Leonard Tilley, convenor; Mrs. G. E. Barbour, secretary; Mrs. Walter Harrison, treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. W. Forster, Mrs. W. P. Bonnell, Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. E. R. Taylor, Miss S. Payson, Mrs. J. V. Anglin, Mrs. F. Fairweather, Mrs. M. E. Lawrence and Miss E. Jarvis.

KIDDIES' CLOTHES DRY CLEANED FREE

New System Laundry Offer Free Sanitary Service This Week in Health Interest

Mothers of school children who find they cannot afford to pay for dry cleaning their kiddies' suits, dresses and overcoats are being treated to this sanitary service absolutely free of charge this week by the New System Laundry. Master dry cleaners from all over the country have voted to devote this week to lending a hand to the prevention of disease in the schools in this way. This week was chosen because the children are home from school all day long and it was thought to be a nice thing to have their clothing in as good shape when school re-opens as at the beginning of the term. As a rule outer garments don't get the cleansing the rest of their raiment does—woolens, fabrics shrink so when washed with soap and water. But the naphtha bath employed in dry cleaning kills all germs and refreshing the garment safely and thoroughly.

As the Saint John member of the Master Cleaners Association, the New System Laundry will call for and deliver the cleaned clothing—making no charge whatever to those who are financially underprivileged. School teachers are sending in lists of names for the free service, being quite enthusiastic to keep down disease contacts caused by accumulation in pocketed playthings in general.

Social Notes of Interest

The following clipping from a London, England, paper is of interest to friends in Saint John: "Viscount and Viscountess Falkland were among the guests at a banquet given last week by Mrs. Dorothy McAvity (formerly of Saint John, N. B.), at her studio in St. John's Wood. Other guests included General Sir Hill Child, and Lady Jackson, Lady Rivett-Carnac, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Webster, and Mrs. Findlay, as well as a number of younger people.

Mrs. McAvity, who four years ago painted the portrait of the Prince of Wales, which is now in Government House, Halifax, N. S., had on view newly finished portraits of Lord Falkland, General Sir Hill Child, and the little daughter of Dr. Douglas Webster (the radiologist).

Miss Clorine Myers, of Chatham, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. George Taylor, Saint John.

Miss Helen Miller entertained a few friends at bridge at her residence, 87 Victoria street on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. A. E. Belding, of Fredericton, who is a visitor in the city. The guests, who were intimate friends of Mrs. Belding, included Mrs. L. B. Belding, Mrs. O. B. Mullin, Mrs.

George McKel, Mrs. George Higgins, Mrs. Robert McLean, Mrs. Benson Mahoney, Mrs. Frederick J. Nisbet, Mrs. Percy Steele, the Misses Mabel and Mary Thorne and Miss Mildred Estabrook.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett, and Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, arrived in Vancouver on December 19, and registered at Hotel Vancouver for a week, en route to California.

Miss Jean McLaughlin entertained at a small but very enjoyable drawing room tea at her parents' home, 287 Charlotte street yesterday afternoon. Christmas greening and salvia were effectively used in the decorations. At the tea hour Miss Dorothy Nisbet presided and was assisted by Miss Margaret Hayward, Miss Frances Dunlavy and Miss Hazel Fisher. The guests were Miss Edith Curri, Miss Frances Elkin, Miss Margaret Hayward, Miss Lucille Hodgson, Miss Hazel Fisher, Miss Edna McCann, of Moncton, Miss

Frances Dunlavy, Miss Marjorie Long, Miss Marjorie Ronbury, Miss Vicars McLaughlin, Miss Muriel Langstroth and Miss Frances Macchum.

Mr. Ralph Secord, who has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Edmund Secord, Sewell street, for Christmas, returned to Boston, last evening.

Miss Minnie Allen, Baltimore, is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Lawrence T. Allen, and Mrs. Allen, Paradise Row.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marven and two sons, of Moncton, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Marven's mother, Mrs. J. H. Murray, 20 Orange street.

Mrs. D. A. Morrison, of Amherst, is spending a few days with relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hamm, Dorchester street, entertained a few friends

on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Horace Kinsman, of Toronto, who is spending the holiday season with his brother, Mr. E. Palmer Kinsman and Mrs. Kinsman, Mount Pleasant avenue.

Mr. Roy S. Armstrong, who spent Christmas in the city with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, returned to Toronto yesterday.

Mrs. J. Edmund Secord, Sewell street, left last evening for London, Ont., to visit her sister, Mrs. J. J. Foot.

Master Donald Gilvan, a student at the Clarke School, Northampton, Mass., is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Gilvan, Wentworth Hall.

Miss Edna McCann, of Moncton, is the guest of Miss Lucille Hodgson, Princess street.

Mr. H. P. Russell, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wells, King

street east, left for his home in Lexington last evening. Mrs. Russell and Miss Olive Russell, who are also guests of Mrs. Wells, expect to return home early in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Alken, of St. Catherine's, Ont., arrived in the city yesterday and are the guests of Mrs. Alken's sister, Mrs. J. J. Merryfield, 41 Guilford street, West.

Miss Alva Gillespie left Saturday night for Rockland, Mass., after spending the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gillespie, 187 Charlotte street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jordan and Willard G. Purdy arrived from Montreal yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Jordan's son, H. P. Beverley, and Mrs. Beverley.

James Huntley, former traveler for G. E. Barbour & Co., arrived in the city yesterday from Calgary, Alta., after an absence from Saint John of 18

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