

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and a little milder. Washington, Jan. 14—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair, Friday; Saturday cloudy. Toronto, Jan. 14—The weather in the west today has been moderately cold, with local snow flurries, while from Ontario eastward it has been fair and comparatively mild.

Around the City

An "Old Timer" in the City. Ed. H. Barnstead is in the city and is being given a royal welcome by his hosts of friends. Mr. Barnstead is representing the Young-Adams Company, and has been coming to St. John as representative of theatrical companies for many years.

Basket Ball. The first games in the Ladies' Basketball League of Fairview were played last evening in the Baptist Church gymnasium. The Red were defeated by the White sixteen to six, and Tans won from Blue twenty to seventeen. Roy Stevens refereed.

Infusorial Earth. One of the trade demands that is coming from England is for infusorial earth. There are deposits of this kind both in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The St. John Board of Trade has called the attention of the owners of some of these deposits to the importance of "getting busy."

Union Bank of Canada. In a notice in The Standard of yesterday with reference to the Union Bank of Canada, the statement was made that the total assets of the bank now amounted to over \$1,500,000.00. This was a typographical error. What should have been said was, the Union Bank now shows total assets of over eighty-one million five hundred thousand dollars.

Entertainment at St. Jude's. The Young Ladies' Association of St. Jude's church gave an entertainment in the church school room last evening to the young men of the congregation and their friends in the Army Service Corps. A very pleasant social time was spent by those present. Those taking part in the programme were Mrs. Murray-Lewis, Miss Lucy Goss, Miss M. Douglas, Miss V. Fenton, Mr. Westery and others. Refreshments were served.

Municipal Bills. The bills committee of the Municipal Council met yesterday afternoon and approved of several bills to be presented before the Municipal Council for approval before being sent to the Mayor. One bill gives the county power to exempt from taxation the stand pipe which the water and sewerage department of the city proposed putting up in Lancaster.

Opera House Company. The annual meeting of the St. John Opera House Company, Ltd. was held last evening when a dividend of six per cent. was declared. The officers for the year were selected as follows: President, R. H. Dockrill; first vice, S. P. Gerow; second vice, John Mitchell; board of directors, John Ross, D. O'Connell, E. W. Paul, H. J. Anderson, P. J. Mooney, P. M. Reid and T. A. Linton. At a subsequent meeting of the directors John Ross was selected treasurer and H. J. Anderson, secretary, while the board of management was as follows: R. H. Dockrill, E. W. Paul and S. P. Gerow.

Trade Enquiries. It takes almost five full pages of the Weekly Trade Report of January 11th to give the names of enquirers in Britain and elsewhere for articles that might be made or procured in Canada. Among the enquiries are for boots and shoes, leather, trunks, harness, hosiery, flour, wheat, evaporated apples, artificial flowers, apples, axes, bacon and hams, lumber, spruce deal, box shooks, oats, beans, pulpwood, pit prop ends, round wire nails, and a score of other articles. The report may be consulted at the Board of Trade office.

Delayed by Gales. The Head Line steamship Bengore Head, Captain Kane, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Greenock with general cargo. The ship was nineteen and a half days on the voyage having been delayed by strong westerly gales and heavy head seas but the ship came through without any damage. Captain Kane's report of the stormy voyage is about the same that is being reported by all the commanders of ships that are arriving at the different ports from Halifax to New York. In nearly every case the ships are some time overdue and for the past month it has been one strong westerly gale after the other and so far it has proven about the worst winter on the Atlantic for shipping that has been experienced for some years.

APPOINTED REGISTRAR OF ALIENS IN CANADA.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—Mr. A. J. Russell Snow has been appointed registrar of aliens by the Dominion government to succeed His Honor Judge Coatsworth. His Honor communicated with the Minister of Justice some time ago and asked to have a successor appointed as the work became so great that he could not attend to his duties on the bench and look after the registration as well. The work of registration practically takes up all of one man's time.

PRESPECTIVE CHIEF OF POLICE HAS ARRIVED FROM EDMONTON

D. W. Simpson, Almost a Giant in Stature—Forty Years of Age, Weighs 250 Pounds—Will Likely Be Recommended to Council Today By Commissioner McLellan.

D. W. Simpson, who will likely be recommended for the position of chief of the local police force by Commissioner McLellan, arrived in the city yesterday from Edmonton and will be introduced to the commissioners today. Commissioner McLellan said last night that Mr. Simpson had come from Edmonton in order to see the conditions here and if he proved satisfactory would likely be placed at the head of the police force. Commissioner McLellan said he was well recommended and had served for five years on the force of Edmonton, working his way up to chief of the detective force. The candidate for the position of chief of police was born in Scotland here and if he proved satisfactory before coming to Canada. He is forty years of age, about six feet three

ART CLUB MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED

President Gives Good Address on Travel—An Enjoyable Function—Many Paintings Coming.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. John Art Club was held last night at the studio, Peel street. After a few matters of business had been disposed of the president, W. S. Fisher, gave an informal talk on travel in Western Canada. The talk was illustrated by more than one hundred lantern views, and the large number present were provided with a distinct treat. Mr. Fisher's entertaining descriptions of the many places which he has visited being much appreciated. W. F. Hatheway had been announced to address the club on "The Rhine," but owing to illness was unable to be present. Music was provided by a small but efficient orchestra, consisting of Miss Lynch, cello; Miss Connell, violin, and Miss Hogan, piano. The numbers Un peu d'amour and Rendering of Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, and Mrs. James Manning; assistants, the Misses Sturdee.

CANADA SHOULD AID EMPIRE NAVY

Rev. Mr. Barraclough Points to Duty of This Country in Assisting Motherland.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough in Centenary school room last night delivered an interesting lecture on The British Navy. About one hundred lantern slides of different features of the British navy were shown and Rev. Mr. Barraclough showed how the British navy compared with the other navies of the world. He pointed out that Canada was doing her share in assisting the motherland with soldiers and he hoped that this country would soon decide to assist, as she should, with some naval equipment. He was not speaking from a political standpoint, but he thought every loyal citizen would agree that Canada should do her share in assisting the empire navy. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Epworth League of Centenary Church and the proceeds were devoted to the Belgian and Red Cross aids.

RECRUITING FOR MARITIME MOUNTED RIFLES.

Hard work is now the order of the day for the officers and men of the 26th Battalion. The different companies are being pitted against one another in tactical manoeuvres, with the idea of increasing a friendly rivalry between the companies as well as increasing their efficiency in field work. Major McLean, who will have command of a squadron of the Maritime Mounted Rifles, returned from Nova Scotia yesterday where he has been in consultation with Col. Ryan, who will command the Mounted Rifles. Officers of the 28th Dragoons are taking on recruits for foreign service. This regiment is expected to furnish one-quarter of the men required for the Maritime Mounted Rifles.

BUSINESS MEN CONSIDER ESTIMATES

Council of Board of Trade Invites Business Men to Attend Meeting at 11 A. M. Today, and Discuss Proposed Increase in City Taxes.

In consequence of criticism of the city estimates, the president and council of the Board of Trade have decided to ask any business men who wish to express their views on the increase in taxation to attend the meeting of the council of the board which takes place at eleven o'clock this morning. The matter of the increase in the estimates will be taken up by the council of the board and any business man who attends will be given an opportunity to express his views. It is said that members of the council of the board have been approached by many citizens who have urged that it take up the question of the increased estimates and endeavor to persuade the city council to adopt a more economical policy during the war. While these does not seem to be any organization ready to take the lead in making a protest against the increases in the estimates, there is no doubt that the citizens that additional expenditures should not be proposed by the city commissioners at the present time. "The fact is," said one prominent citizen who called up The Standard last evening, "the people have been fairly stunned by the action of the city commissioners in passing such greatly increased estimates at the present time and have not yet recovered sufficient breath to make a protest."

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED AT TRINITY CHURCH

Badminton Club Give the Men a Good Time—Music and Refreshments.

The members of the Badminton Club of Trinity church provided a good entertainment for the soldiers last night in the schoolroom, nearly one hundred being present. Songs, recitations and pianoforte selections were given and there was a bountiful supply of refreshments, besides cigarettes. The refreshment department was particularly well cared for by the ladies of the club, a novel feature being the placing of a tiny, natty Canadian flag in the centre of each plate of cake. The entertainment given last night was much appreciated by the soldiers, who are invited to visit the quarters reserved for them in Trinity church any night between seven and nine o'clock. Literature and writing material will be found there, besides a hearty welcome.

The programme last night included songs by some of the soldiers. Others who helped to provide a pleasant time were Louis Knight, who sang delightfully "Don't You Hear Me, Honey," and "The Bonnie Blue Kerchief"; Stanley E. Irvine, who gave a recitation in good form; Steve Matthey, who sang an entertaining dialogue; George Cairns, whose voice was heard to advantage in "My Own Canadian Home," and "Somebody's Voice is Calling"; and Corporal Harwood, who sang "Parade," very acceptably. Tipperary and other numbers were sung, and when the men left after singing the National Anthem it was agreed by all that a real good time had been spent. Miss Biedermann presided at the pianoforte with her usual efficiency.

PRESENTATIONS TO OUR SOLDIERS

Gatherings at Which Overseas Men Were Remembered by Friends.

There was an enjoyable time spent at the residence of J. A. Brooks, 21 High street, North End, last evening, the occasion being in honor of William Longmire, who has enlisted as a signaller with the 26th Battalion to do duty at the front. There were about fifty of Signaller Longmire's friends assembled, and the rooms were prettily decorated with flags of the different nations who are at war with Germany, and presented a most attractive appearance. A sumptuous repast was served, and when all present had done full justice to the good things offered Signaller Longmire was called to attention and Mr. Brooks, with a brief yet appropriate address, on behalf of those assembled, presented the soldier with a handsome military wrist watch. Mr. Longmire was completely taken by surprise and received the gift with a short address of thanks. The party then enjoyed a few hours with games and music. Miss Daily presided at the piano, while her brothers, Alfred and Thomas, rendered selections on the violin. A number of patriotic songs and choruses were rendered, and the what might be termed a regular patriotic event came to a close in the vicinity of midnight.

There was a pleasant gathering at Mrs. Gifford's last evening when Lewis Gifford, formerly with the public works department, but now a member of the 26th Battalion, was the guest of honor. He was presented with a purse of gold. Mr. Gifford is a great grandson of the late Alderman Lewis.

Glasses Found. Campbell McKay found a pair of spectacles in the Old Burying Ground yesterday and gave them to the police. The owner can secure the same on application at the Central Station.

BIG HOCKEY GAME

and skating on at the Queen's Rink TONIGHT. See advertisement on page 2. Band in attendance at the Queen's Rink tonight. See ad. on page 2. PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE. Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO SYNOD COMMITTEE VERY SATISFACTORY

Conditions in Diocese very Encouraging—Rothsay College Has Largest Enrollment in its History

A number of committees of the Anglican Synod met yesterday to prepare for the meeting of the Synod which takes place in St. John on the first week of February. A gratifying feature of the meetings was the fact that practically all the committees were able to report progress and produce evidence of the prosperity of the diocese. When the board of education met yesterday afternoon the principal of the Rothsay College was able to report that 62 boarders were in the school, the largest number ever enrolled. In view of the fact that the attendance at boys' schools all over Canada have dropped off since the war began, this report was regarded as very satisfactory.

In addition to this evidence of the prosperity of the diocese the board of missions which met last evening was able to report that notwithstanding the fact that the clerical spend had been increased by \$100 during the year, the board closed its financial year with a surplus of \$800. A gratifying feature of the church literature met yesterday morning and the secretary, Rev. H. A. Cody, presented a report, showing that a great deal of good work had been done during the year and that the outlook for the future was bright.

A number of other committees met and dealt with routine business. Other committees will meet today.

Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

Socks, Sox. One hundred and fifty pairs of men's cashmere and Scotch knitted socks which came from a big Scotch manufacturer are on sale at P. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. They run from 17 cents to 45 cents. There is no two pair alike, and the best makes and the finest qualities can be found among the lot at prices which are one third below the regular price. Many of them are silk embroidered and silk clocks.

BARGAIN SALE OF CORSETS AT M. R. A'S.

This is an accumulation of odd this season's corsets, to be disposed of at attractively low sale prices. The opportunity to secure bargains is so desirable that the usual great rush may be anticipated, and intending purchasers should come early. The sale will start promptly at 8 o'clock this morning in the Corset Department, second floor.

What Machinists Ought to Know. That STARRETT'S MACHINISTS' TOOLS represent the highest attainment of mechanical perfection, has been almost universally admitted for years. The Starrett people are pioneers in the manufacture of Machinists' Tools, and everything they turn out is recognized as the topmost standard of accuracy, workmanship, design and finish. All parts of STARRETT'S MACHINISTS' TOOLS are carefully tested at every stage of manufacture, each complete part is rigidly inspected, every part being warranted accurate and satisfactory before shipment. The man who uses STARRETT'S MACHINISTS' TOOLS will tell you that they measure up to the most exacting requirements in every detail and will give the longest and best service. PROVE IT FOR YOURSELF. W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD., MARKET SQUARE AND KING ST.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Our Stores Open 8.30 a. m.; Close 6 p. m. Each Evening During January, February, March. Clean-Up Sale of Children's Toques and Mitts TODAY AND SATURDAY. The entire stock must be cleared regardless of cost. Room must be found for Spring Goods which are daily arriving, consequently we are compelled to sacrifice our profits and clean them up at 39c each. These serviceable Wool Toques, which are suitable for skating, tobogganing, and general winter wear for women or children, are shown in the following combination colorings: White with Sky, Navy, Grey, Black, Cardinal or Scarlet. WOOL MITTS. All-wool Mitts with gauntlet cuffs in serviceable, plain colors such as Scarlet, Cardinal, Navy or Khaki. Regular 50c. qualities. Clean-up sale price -- 25c. pair. WOOL GLOVES. Ladies' Ringwood Gloves, wrist length, plain or fancy stitch, in Black, Navy, Browns or White. Clean-up sale price -- 40c. pair. MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

A Modern Labor Saving With an Up-to-Date Washing Machine the week-end wash may be done in a few minutes. Accomplishes more than any hand washing can do, and with greater satisfaction. It is not necessary to send your clothes to a wash or have a woman do your work. Prices \$4.25 to \$14.75 each. Wringers (all sizes) -- Prices \$3.00 to \$10.00. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORES OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND CLOSE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK AT 6 O'CLOCK. Free Hemming Sale. CONTINUED IN THE LINEN ROOM. Whitewear Opening. GREAT EXHIBIT IN WHITEWEAR DEPT.

Odd and Manufacturers' Sample CORSETS ON SALE Commencing This Morning. Every woman knows that this opportunity each season is a chance for a substantial saving in the purchase of a stylish corset. These are odd corsets and manufacturers' samples all in this season's models which it becomes necessary to clear at decided reductions. Corsets in Batiste and Coutil, medium and long lengths, high and low bust, two, four and six hose supporters. Some of the samples have become slightly soiled from handling, the others are in perfect condition. Sale prices 35c., 50c., 75c., 95c., \$1.10, \$1.75. Bust Distending Brassieres. Sale price 35c. Misses' Waists, Sale prices 15c. and 35c. A SPECIAL CORSET FEATURE DURING THIS SALE. AT 68c. A Corset strongly made of Coutil, medium bust, good length, four supporters, sizes from 18 to 28. Exceptional value. NO APPROVAL. CORSET DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR. NO EXCHANGE.

Special Bargains in Men's Winter Underwear. MEN'S WINTER UNDERWEAR—All reliable brands offered at specially reduced prices. GREY ALL-WOOL FLEECE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS. Sale price, per garment, 50c. BEST SANITARY WOOL FLEECE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS. Sale price, per garment, 65c. SOFT, GREY, ALL-WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—Shirts double back and double-breasted; Drawers with double backs to match shirts, favorite winter garments. Sale price, per garment, 75c. OTHER BARGAINS IN MEN'S FURNISHINGS. MEN'S HIGH-GRADE SWEATERS—Only a few, but every one a prize. They are all of the most reliable makes and the favorite high collar styles. In the most popular colors, such as greys, browns, navy, myrtle and two-tone effects, in the soft brushed finish. All marked at one clearing price. Each \$3.50. KNITTED MOTOR SCARFS—Only the higher grades were left, and they must go quickly. They consist of the very newest designs of knitting and the latest two and three-tone mixtures; also white, grey, brown, navy, etc. Greatly reduced prices. Now, each \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.75. MEN'S SCOTCH WOOL GLOVES—A limited quantity to clear. They are one of the most desirable dark heather mixtures; real warm, durable gloves in three sizes. While they last, at sale price, pair 35c. ALSO GREAT BARGAINS IN ENGLISH CAPE, MOCHA AND REINDEER GLOVES—With fleecy wool and seamless knitted linings. All greatly reduced. Sale price, pair, 75c., \$1.10, \$1.50, \$2.00. UNDRESSED MOCHA AND REINDEER GLOVES—With natural blue and genuine grey squirrel fur linings. At greatly reduced. Sale price, pair, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00. Exceptional Bargains in Every Section of the Men's Furnishings Department. Cotton and Flannel Shirts, Pyjamas, Underwear, Wool Rugs, Hand Bags, Suit Cases, etc.

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