

AROUND THE CITY UNSETTLED.

NOTICE

Effective immediately, The Standard office will operate on Daylight time. The business office opens at eight o'clock (Standard time) and closes at five o'clock. Advertisers will please govern themselves accordingly.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

To date only two cases of influenza have been reported to the District Board of Health. They are of moderate type, but have been removed to the Isolation Hospital for full protection.

CASUALTIES COMING.

The hospital ship Araguay is due at Portland, Maine, today with 46 officers, 7 nursing sisters and 743 other ranks. They are of moderate type, but have been removed to the Isolation Hospital for full protection.

AN INVESTIGATION.

An investigation was held in the armories yesterday morning into an outbreak among the officers of the various units quartered here, who were in open revolt last Saturday evening. It is stated that some of the past troubles and causes for such among the men received an airing, and it is felt now that everyone will be satisfied to live and let live.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There was a meeting of the congregation of the Centenary Methodist church last night when the reports of the various committees were read, discussed and adopted. The financial statement showed a good balance on the right side of the ledger, and the church enters a new year with excellent prospects. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the lady members of the church.

THE ROTARY CLUB.

The Rotarians met at luncheon yesterday, and unanimously granted a donation of \$100 towards the banquet tonight in the Armories for the first contingent men. A committee was appointed to work in connection with other committees in preparing to welcome the different New Brunswick units soon to return. Among the guests were Major Turner, F. M. C. D. G. M., and Major Peat, F. A. D. D. Keman presided.

BANQUET POSTPONED.

A meeting of the First Contingent men was held in the G. V. A. rooms last night when it was decided that the banquet to be held to-night be postponed until Thursday night. The reason for the postponement is that a number of men are arriving today from overseas who would like to spend their first day home with relatives and friends, and by having the banquet on Thursday night, these late arrivals will have the opportunity of being present.

DAYLIGHT TIME FOR CHURCHES.

It was decided to have the evangelistic churches operate on daylight time hereafter, starting next Sunday. A committee to assist in the working out of the details of the change came into existence at the meeting of the New Brunswick units returning soon was appointed at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday with Rev. F. S. Dowling presiding. It was also suggested that a committee meet with the members of the School Board with the idea of having the schools operated on the new time as well.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Exmouth street Methodist church was held last evening here being a good attendance. The chief feature of the evening was an address by Rev. A. L. Fedford, of the Tabernacle church, who gave an able and interesting presentation of the missionary theme. The Mission Band carried out an enjoyable program. The Easter offerings amounted to \$60, and the Mission Band raised \$15 by a sale of home made candy.

ARE RECOVERING.

The victims in Saturday evening's trolley car accident are progressing favorably, none of whom are believed to be seriously injured, although some are somewhat shaken up. Thomas Mitchell and Austin Smith, motormen on the trolley which collided are reported to be rapidly improving and will be on the job again in a very short time. James Murphy, Charles Knorr and Clarence Norwood are reported as having received more or less minor injuries at the time of the accident, but are happily improving very quickly.

ENQUIRIES FROM ENGLAND.

R. B. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, received yesterday a communication from Leeds, England, inquiring into the prospects of a shoe finding plant to be established in the city. The board has also received from the department of militia and defence at Ottawa copies of the various forms necessary for those who wish to tender for any of the army stores now offered to the public, such as trench boots, trousers, belts, socks, braces, etc. At 275 Sydney street there is displayed samples of many of these articles where intending purchasers may get further information.

SAILORS ENTERTAINED.

The Y. W. P. A. entertained over three hundred sailors at the Seamen's Institute last evening. Refreshments were served by the ladies with Miss Hannah in charge, and the following programs arranged by Miss Amber Teed was fully enjoyed: The Soul Herder, Moving Pictures—The Silent Herder, Dialogue—'The Coquette',—Misses Pearce and Fleet. Exercises—Boys of Wiggins Orphan Home. Cornet Solo—Mrs. Pettis. Comic Recitations—H. Collins, of Minnedosa. Dances—J. Glammel of Minnedosa. God Save the King.

Ferry Rates Are Advanced

Transient Passengers to Pay Five Cents Per Trip—Bond Issue for Water Extension Increased—Other Business at Council Meeting.

An agreement to raise the Carleton ferry rates from three cents a trip to five cents for each transient passenger, and the announcement that the ferry was a source of deficit to the extent of \$57,798.13 last year were the outstanding features of a committee meeting of the Common Council held yesterday morning.

On motion of Com. Jones the bond issue for the East St. John extension was increased from \$65,000 to \$70,000. The expenditure has been heavier on account of increased cost of labor and material.

Com. Jones was given full authority to act, pending the issue of the bonds.

A petition regarding improvements of the sidewalk and roadway on Metcalf street extension, east of Adelaide street was met by a recommendation from Com. Fisher to the effect that the street be partially graded and a chime sidewalk furnished by the department; this to stand until the work was taken up permanently.

On motion of Com. Fisher he was authorized to increase the wages of paving, crusher and temporary foreign fifty cents a day, motor drivers forty cents a day, and engineers, road graders, crushers, etc., fifty cents a day.

Com. Bullock, in speaking of applications for lots on the MacEwan road, said it was time to do some definite town planning, and that he would take the matter up with the committee later.

With reference to the West Side ferry he stated that the receipts last year were \$41,375.64, the expenditure was \$101,038.77. He stated that the cost per passenger was four and three-quarter cents and said an increase to five cents of the regular three-cent fare would mean an additional \$10,000 in yearly revenue. The team rate had been increased to eight cents for single and twelve cents for double vehicles, and he thought that was as much as the traffic would bear. In closing he moved that the fare be increased from three cents to five cents.

This was opposed by both Commissioners Thornton and Fisher, but the motion was carried, Mayor Hayes casting the deciding vote with Com. D. G. M. and Major Peat. F. A. D. D. Keman presided.

HOUSING SCHEME BEING DISCUSSED.

Commissioners May Take Advantage of Dominion Government's Offer of a Loan—The Propositions Presented.

The City Commissioners have been discussing the matter of devising a housing scheme to take advantage of the Dominion Government's offer of a loan, with W. F. Burditt and other citizens interested in housing reform. One proposition is to build new houses on the city lands in Lancaster, and another is to utilize land behind Port Howe near the old Shamrock grounds. The city has figured out that her share of the loan would be about \$300,000. But it is said that it would cost considerably more than that to build a trunk sewer to serve the land back of Port Howe, as the sewer would have to be run down to the river near the mill at Indiantown.

Laying sewer and water mains on the city lands in Lancaster would also involve a considerable expenditure. At present the commissioners have a good deal of work ahead of them in the way of repairing sewer mains in various parts of the city, and to provide sewer facilities for a housing scheme on any scale it would be necessary to make a bond issue which the commissioners desire to avoid until conditions become more settled.

Nevertheless it is recognized that something must be done before very long to improve the housing situation in the city, or the returning soldiers may find it necessary to establish themselves in dugouts on the flanks of Port Howe for lack of better facilities. Mr. Burditt has given much attention to the problems of town planning and housing and it is hoped that further conferences with the city authorities may result in some practical scheme for improving the situation.

WAR SAVINGS OFFICE.

The headquarters for the War Savings Societies will be moved soon from the Kennedy Building to the Globe building, formerly occupied by the Registrar for the Military Service Act.

GREAT WAR VETERANS.

The Great War Veterans' regular meeting scheduled to have taken place last evening in their rooms, Wellington Row, was postponed until a later date, owing to the absence of many of its members. The executive meeting of the association will be held tomorrow evening and much business is expected to be transacted.

GREAT RUSH FOR 'TEA FOR THREE' TICKETS YESTERDAY.

The sale of tickets for the special engagement of the Selwyn production 'Tea for Three,' at the Imperial Wednesday and Thursday of this week opened with a great rush yesterday and continued all day. A large portion of the orchestra floor for both nights is already taken. Another sharp demand is expected for today. The box office opens at 10 a. m. and personal callers will be served before telephone orders.

BROOCH FOUND, apply Standard.

Police Court Cases Yesterday

Large Number of Prisoners Dealt With—Men Charged With Having Liquor—Three Charged With Stealing.

The police court was the scene of much activity yesterday afternoon when a large number filed into the dock on various charges. Five drunks pleaded guilty and each was fined \$5. William Kelly, on the charge of being drunk on Brooks street, and with having liquor in his possession pleaded guilty on both charges and was fined \$8 on the first, and told he was liable to \$200 on the second charge. He was remanded.

Joseph Myles appeared for being drunk and having liquor in his possession. He paid a fine of \$8 and was told he was liable to \$200 on the other charge, and was remanded for further hearing.

George Lang and Howard Robinson appeared on the charge of having liquor in their possession while in the Prince Albert Hotel last Thursday. Robinson admitted guilt, but Lang pleaded not guilty. Inspector McAlmish stated that he, along with other inspectors, visited the hotel on Thursday evening. Going into room 21 he found the two accused sitting on a bed with a bottle between them. In the room were found also some empty whisky bottles. He arrested the two, motor drivers were corroborated by Inspectors Meryeth and Garnett. The prisoners were remanded for further hearing this morning.

William Perry was charged with larceny and lurking in Kelly's barn on Somerset street early Sunday morning. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded for judgment.

Clement Creary, Joseph O'Leary and Robert McEachern appeared on the charge of breaking and entering into the store of B. Titus, 576 Main street, early last Friday morning. Mr. Titus told of the manner in which the store was broken into and of its being secured fastened on Thursday night at 11.15 when he left it. At 3.15 on Saturday morning he was advised by the police to come to the store which had been broken into. He identified several articles in the court room as being his.

Sergeant Journey told of arresting the trio and of finding articles in their pockets. The case was postponed until this afternoon.

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE MET.

Many Matters Regarding Welcome to be Given New Brunswick Units Discussed—General Meeting Thursday Evening.

A meeting of the Citizens' Committee which are preparing for the reception to be given to New Brunswick soldiers on the arrival of the units, was held last evening, and various proposals were put forward, consideration of which was postponed until the general meeting to be held in the Board of Trade Rooms Thursday evening. Among the proposals made to the committee is one to have an elaborate display of fireworks, probably from the old House on King square. Another proposal is to provide abundant refreshments for all soldiers who have been overseas, and it is said that the question of finding a buffet under cover big enough to accommodate all the soldiers who may be in St. John on that day is causing some worry. It is proposed to have all the principal streets decorated with bunting and noisettes, and it is believed the necessary material can be secured wholesale at Toronto.

WOOD-HOWAN.

English letters of the marriage at Hurst, Brighton, on April 2, of Miss Alice Armstrong Rowan, only daughter of Mr. M. Rowan, 185-1/2 Main street, G. Wood, M. C. son of Mrs. J. Herbert Wood, of this city, whose appointment was announced yesterday. Miss Rowan went to England in July last as a V. A. D., while Major Wood, or decaies, went over in the early days of the war, and with the 26th was promotion after promotion. It was originally planned to have their wedding in St. John, but the uncertainties of their homecoming decided the young couple, and they were married at Brighton.

JERSEY SILK AND GEORGETTE FROCKS.

Several Displayed in Dykeman's Show Window.

Such festive looking frocks—with myriads of beads twinkling from every seam and fold. One can well appreciate the hold they've taken on Miss New York's affections. The most guileless ingenue could not help but know she is never more adorable than when arrayed in beads, some with their rich Floss and Braid embroidery, others with just beads, some have both.

A particularly pretty frock is this one of Henna Georgette, rich, heavy embroidery work of self shade. Another rich and very simple one of Georgette is Navy with its many tiers of Georgette Crepe, and the outline of the neck and trim is done with one row of Henna beads. Still another rich frock is this Navy Jersey silk, richly embroidered with 'Sons of the South' motto, and the ready-to-wear Salon, second floor. Dykeman's.

GOOD WORK BY Y. M. C. A.

The Disambiguating Period is costing the Canadian Y. M. C. A. an immense amount of money for Concerts, Athletics, Move Shows, Religious Work, Transport, Troop-train departments, Free Distribution at Ports and on Trains, Red Triangle Clubs, Hospital Services, etc. Watch for the 1919 financial statement, it's a tremendous record of extensive service. Remember the 1919 Budget Campaign May 5 to 8.

The 4th Siege Battery Coming

Major Barker and Men Leave England for Halifax Next Saturday—6th Siege Battery May Come on Same Steamship.

The 6th Siege Battery, two hundred strong, with seventy originals in it, will return to St. John as a unit. This was the word received yesterday in a cable to Major Lawrence T. Allan from Lieut. J. Lyons. The cable was dated Bhyll, and it suggests that the date of departure from the Old Country may be close at hand.

Word was received yesterday that Major Barker and the 4th Siege Battery would leave England next Saturday on board the steamship Mauretania, bound for Halifax.

It is possible that the 6th Siege Battery may come on the same ship as the 4th, and these two units will undoubtedly receive a grand reception, as they will be the first to come home in a body.

The date for the arrival of the 26th New Brunswick Regiment has not been learned, but it is expected that Lieut. Col. Brown and the seven hundred heroes with him, will not be long following the artillery men. This unit will come direct to St. John, and arrangements are being made for the infantrymen to land at the same pier which the fighting 26th embarked from in June, 1915.

RETURNED MEN ARRIVE HOME

About Sixty Reached the City Yesterday Morning and Were Given Grand Reception at the Depot.

Yesterday morning about sixty soldiers returned home via the S. S. Adriatic from Halifax, and though the hour was early, were met at the depot by Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, a detachment of the V. A. D.'s and members of the Citizens' Reception Committee, who distributed chocolate, cigarettes and fruit as the boys detrailed.

Among the officers in the party were Lieut. Cyril McDonald, Douglas Avenue, who wears the military medal, won at the second battle of Ypres, and the ribbon. Lieut. W. L. Wilson, Chesley street, went over as a private in the 12th Battalion and won his promotion in the field. Private F. L. Gorman, Main street, was with the 5th Field Ambulance and carried on with that unit until put out by poison gas a few days before the signing of the armistice. The boys report a good trip over and all were delighted to be back in Canada again.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DIED YESTERDAY

A. Rankine Bedell Will be Mourned by Many—Had Been Barrister Since 1864—Graduate of U. N. B.

One of the most popular barristers of the city, A. Rankine Bedell, passed to the bar of the Great Judge yesterday afternoon following a short illness, and his death will be mourned by a wide circle of professional and personal friends.

Mr. Bedell was a prominent churchman, having held the office of warden, vestryman and vestry clerk of St. George's Anglican church, West Side, for a number of years. He has held, for a number of years, the position of librarian of the Law Library, and was a most capable and obliging official.

His professional career began in 1852—fifty-six years ago—when he was granted permission to act as attorney by the Court on February 6th. Up to the time of his death he was perhaps one of the oldest living graduates of the University of New Brunswick, in the welfare of which organization he has always taken a particularly keen interest.

His death, coming yesterday at five o'clock, was learned with regret by his numerous friends, who mourn the loss of a sterling gentleman and a friend who was ever ready to offer his services or sympathy.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at St. George's church, West End, the services commencing at 2.30 p. m.

ON SAD MISSION.

While mourning the death of her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Cameron, Mrs. Thomas Birchell received a telegram yesterday announcing the serious illness of another daughter, Mrs. Fred Moore, in Montreal. Mrs. Birchell and her son, T. Elmer, had to abandon attendance at the funeral today and left on the express for Montreal last evening.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. A. Greenlees, Georgetown, P. E. I., who with Mrs. Greenlees has been visiting friends in New Hampshire, leaves today on the S. S. Minnedosa on a three months' visit to the homeland.

Miss Gretta Godfrey and Miss Gwen Walters, of Chatham, have been spending the Easter holidays at the residence of Rev. Mr. Dawson, of the Exmouth Street Methodist church. Miss M. J. Doherty, of the school work, Transport Troop-train department, Free Distribution at Ports and on Trains, Red Triangle Clubs, Hospital Services, etc. Watch for the 1919 financial statement, it's a tremendous record of extensive service. Remember the 1919 Budget Campaign May 5 to 8.

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