

AROUND THE CITY  
FAIR AND COLD

**FOR FIREMEN'S FUND.**  
Vassie & Co. have donated fifty dollars to the Firemen's Relief Fund in acknowledgment for prompt and efficient services rendered recently at their premises.

**GOV. CARLETON DAMAGED.**  
The ferry steamer Governor Carleton ran into the East Side dock and approached early Saturday morning, and about three hundred dollars damage was caused to the boat.

**WILL OPEN TODAY.**  
The free Kindergarten Schools will open today, excepting Union street, which will open tomorrow. The Marsh Road will have an afternoon session instead of the morning opening.

**LICIOUS SEIZED.**  
Liquor inspectors McAlister and Garneet seized two suit cases full of liquor on the Montreal train Saturday afternoon and in addition discovered the owner and placed him under arrest.

**BOARD OF TRADE.**  
The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held tonight. The annual report will be submitted, and the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of civic aid to a steel shipbuilding plant will be taken up and discussed.

**MEET AT OTTAWA.**  
The Central Committee of K. of C. Hut Fund will meet at Ottawa today to deal with matters, and Dr. W. P. Broderick, state deputy for the Maritime Provinces, left Saturday evening for Ottawa to attend the meeting. The Maritime Province contributed about \$215,000.

**RAILWAY TAX LIFTED.**  
The railway privilege taxes, which have been tacked on to the prices of sleeper car berths, parlor car chairs, etc., for during the war, will be lifted today. They have amounted to sixteen and two-thirds per cent, which on a drawing room ticket to New York or further, has been quite a penny.

**TO ATTEND CONVENTION.**  
Charles Robinson, secretary of the New Brunswick Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, left last night for Ottawa to attend the convention of the Provincial Secretaries, to be held in that city. Problems attending the demobilization of the soldiers will be considered, and suggestions approved in the handling of troop ships will be taken up.

**EXTENDED A CALL.**  
Rev. F. H. Westworth for the past nine years pastor of the Waterloo Street United Baptist Church, yesterday afternoon received a telegram from Quebec, extending a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church of that city. Mr. Westworth will announce his decision in the matter on Wednesday night.

**THE CANADIAN CLUB.**  
C. W. Romans, secretary of the Canadian Club, wrote Senator Robertson minister of labor, asking if he could address the club at an early date on the subject of national reconstruction. Senator Robertson has replied that he could not make any outside engagements at least till after the first of the year.

**REV. G. M. CAMPBELL.**  
The many St. John friends of Capt. the Rev. George M. Campbell will regret to learn that he is very seriously ill at Hornell, N. Y. The trouble is pneumonia, and a telegram Saturday presented his condition as very serious. Mrs. Campbell, who has been in Nova Scotia, passed through St. John Saturday evening on her way to Hornell to assist in caring for Dr. Campbell.

**EVENING SONG SERVICE.**  
At German street Baptist church last night the usual Sunday evening song service for the soldiers was largely attended. A number of the boys who arrived yesterday on the Scandinavian and sailors from the cruiser in port were present. A violin solo by Master W. Currie was a feature of the programme. Refreshments were served by the young ladies of the Philathea Class.

**SATURDAY NIGHT FIRE.**  
The firemen called out by an alarm Saturday evening for a fire in a vacant dwelling house on Wright street, formerly the property of the late Josiah Fowler, but now owned by J. S. Gibson. From an unknown manner the fire caught on the outside of the house, and although the firemen kept the blaze from eating its way inside, considerable damage was done to the building. It is believed that the fire is the work of an incendiary.

**EXPECTED HOME SOON.**  
Flight Lieut. Kenneth Golding, son of Mrs. Edgar Golding, and brother of William B. and Arthur Golding, is expected to arrive from England shortly, possibly within a week. He has recently been in England after a distressing career as a prisoner of war in Helsholm and elsewhere in Germany; then as an intern in Holland. Lieut. Golding was captured by the enemy when forced to descend with a broken machine within the enemy's lines.

**ST. DAVID'S CORNER STONE.**  
The corner stone of St. David's new church is to be laid this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock by Rev. Prof. J. W. Paterson, D.D. of Pine Hill College, Halifax. The laying of the stone was considerably delayed, owing to the fact that it was buried beneath a pile of debris from the edifice that was destroyed by fire on December 13, 1917. The stone is the same as was used in the former two structures; it was first laid in 1840 and re-laid in 1877, after the St. John fire.

**HOUSEWIVES' FAIR.**  
Remember the Housewives' Fair at G. W. V. A. Rooms, beginning tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 under the auspices of Royal Standard Chapter I.O.O.F. Fish Chowder will be served at six o'clock.

**LIUT. COL. FREDERICK PALMER  
LONG TIME IN A GERMAN PRISON**

Canadian Officer Who Arrived in St. John Yesterday Tells of His Twenty-Three Months a Prisoner—Officers Were Treated With Indignity and Food Very Poor—Great Praise for Canadian Red Cross.

Lieut.-Col. Frederick Palmer, one of the men who arrived on the steamship "Scandinavian" yesterday, spent twenty-three months in one of the German prison camps, and his opinion of them is not of the highest. Col. Palmer enlisted in the late C.O.R., as a major commanding one squadron. He proceeded with this unit to France and served there for eight and a half months. At the battle of Sanctuary Wood he was unfortunately captured, while leading his squadron, to be captured by the enemy and for the next twenty-three months had his home in one of the other of the prison camps. He said the treatment accorded to the officers varied with the camp and army corps commander, as all the camps were under the control of an army corps commander. The last few months of his stay were spent in the camp under command of Gen. Von Heinisch, commander of the 10th Army Corps, and this was considered the worst camp in Germany. The officers were all treated with indignity, and the food was very poor. The only use made of it by the Canadians was to get the fresh vegetables to eat with the food sent from home, and by the Red Cross. In this connection Col. Palmer said that too much praise could not be given to the Canadian Red Cross for the way in which they had looked after the prisoners of war. The parcels of food and clothing sent in by them were the means of keeping the boys alive and in fairly good health. On April 30 last he was exchanged and started for Holland, where for some time he was working for the Red Cross. While in Holland he organized a number of trips for Canadians, who in this way were enabled to see something of the country. He met Capt. Morris Spovill, of Gasqueton, and a Mr. Van Der Osten, who claimed to be from New Brunswick. The case of the latter was a particularly hard one. He was a German born, but had lived in Canada, and married a New-Brunswick girl, and had served as an officer in the Canadian militia. When the war broke out he and his wife were in Germany, and Mr. Van Der Osten was interned as a Canadian officer and has been a prisoner ever since. On October 23 Col. Palmer arrived in London on route home and was unlicky enough to catch the "flu" which delayed his sailing some three or four weeks. Lieut. W. R. Somerville, Toronto, served with the 8th Italian Army for fifteen months. He was a member of an Imperial unit, and was sent with this unit to the Italian front. During the time he was with them the big retreat of October, 1917, occurred, and Lieut. Somerville was through that. He also had the satisfaction of taking part in the big drive of the Allies which ended in the downfall of Austria and the great victory of Italy. It was hard work in the mountainous country, but that was all a part of the game, and had to be taken at once. The Italians were splendid fighters and proved their mettle in the last campaign, where they held the Austrians, who had launched no less than seventy-five divisions against them in an effort to break through.

**FROM GERMAN PRISON**

Private Henry Sanderson Here Yesterday—Made Two Attempts Before He Was Successful—Ill-treated by the Hun Jailers.

To have been a prisoner in the hands of the Germans, to have made an unsuccessful attempt at escape, and a little later to succeed, was the experience through which Pte. Henry Sanderson of Winnipeg, a member of the 5th Battalion, who returned yesterday on the Scandinavian. Pte. Sanderson enlisted with the 6th Battalion shortly after the outbreak of the war, and crossed to France with that unit. During the second battle of Ypres, on April 25, 1915, he was gassed and taken prisoner by the Huns. He was taken to the prison camp at Hunster, Germany, and spent fourteen months in that country. In September of 1915 he and two others made an attempt at escape, but were caught and brought back to the camp. He was beaten three times by his jailers and one of the times a wire cable was used. His companions were served the same way. This did not cause him to give up the idea of escape, however, and in June of 1916 he and Pte. Claude E. Miller, made a successful getaway and won through to London. They left the camp on the night of June 3, got to Holland on June 15 and arrived in London on June 19, ten days after leaving camp. He and his companion were members of a working party on one of the farms in the vicinity of the camp, and on one occasion when they set their uniform wet the farmer had given them some old clothes to put on. They kept these clothes hidden, and when the time came for their escape put them on under their uniforms before leaving the farm for the camp. About half past nine on the night of June 3, they got out of the camp, travelled until midnight and then hid in a barley field until the next day. This procedure was repeated each day until they crossed the border of Holland. On arrival in England he was given a position in the pay office in London, where he carried on until given his discharge for home.

**SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ATTEND STONE CHURCH**

Men of Garrison Regt. and H. M. S. Changinola Hear Rev. Capt. Kuhring Preach—Collection Given Seamen's Institute.

The members of the garrison regiment paraded to St. John's (Stone) Church yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, where the soldiers listened attentively to a special service, conducted by the Rev. Capt. G. H. Kuhring. At the regular eleven o'clock service there was a large congregation of citizens present, as well as about 130 officers and sailors from H. M. S. Changinola. Rev. (Capt.) G. H. Kuhring preached a thanksgiving sermon, and during the course of his remarks spoke about the very important part that the Navy had played during the past four years or more of war. He spoke of the great change of conditions, showing plainly the position of the Kaiser at the commencement of the war and at the present time. At the start the Emperor of Germany was head of a very prosperous nation, and had planned to become a much greater ruler, having planned to defeat practically all other nations. It was here that the British Navy took a very important part and with its grand fleet, with brave officers and men, kept the German fleet bottled up and today, like in past years, Britain rules the seas. During the service there was special music and the sum of twenty-one dollars of the collection taken up was turned over to the Seamen's Institute, which is the home of the sailor while in the port of St. John.

**CELEBRATED ITS 120TH ANNIVERSARY**

Members of St. Andrew's Society Enjoyed Banquet and Programme at Bond's Saturday Evening.

St. Andrew's Society commemorated its one hundred and twentieth anniversary on Saturday evening, when the members, with representatives from other societies, assembled at Bond's Restaurant and a programme of music, addresses, etc., was carried out. The different societies were represented as follows: St. Andrew's, by Colonel E. T. Sturdee, Clan Mackenzie by J. A. Murdoch, the Irish Societies by His Honor Judge Ritchie, and the Salvation Army by Mr. Loos. Greetings of the day from brother societies were received and read, all of which bespoke of that feeling of brotherly love and rejoicing in exaltation of the Allied arms over the unscrupulous foe, Germany. Addresses suitable to the occasion were given by the representatives of the various societies as well as by the president, H. C. Rankine. Needless to relate all the addresses were full of wit and created much enjoyment to those present. Professor Falconer, of Halifax, enlightened the audience with a splendid address and was received with heartiness. Mr. Loos, of the Salvation Army, delivered a short address, and was applauded heartily, as were all the speakers. Then followed merriment in recitations and songs. Major Weeks gave a recitation and was forced to encore. Songs were given by Messrs. Anderson, Guy, Young, and Dishart, which were well applauded. Piper Ross in full recalls of the Highlanders was on hand, and was received with that usual applause which is accorded to him at all social gatherings. Several others were heard in songs, recitations, etc., and added much to the good time. A bounteous repast was served, and those present voted that the 120th Anniversary commemoration was above that of usual years. The gathering broke up about 11:30 and those present saw that the president, H. C. Rankine, was escorted to his home safely.

**PTE. ROBINSON BADLY INJURED**

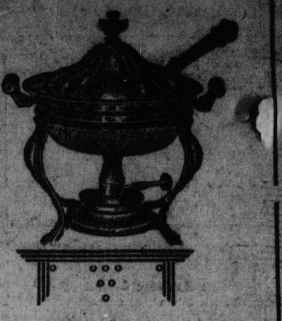
Son of Charles Robinson Knocked off Bicycle in England—Young Soldier is Improving in Hospital.

Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, on Saturday received a letter from his son, J. Benson Robinson, Brampton, Camp, England, telling of a rather severe accident which he had met with in the discharge of his duties, but saying that he was coming along all right and not to worry. Pte. Robinson was attached to the 26th reserve, R.C.H. in the mail office, when he was run into by an ambulance and thrown from the wheel. His ankle was broken, with fractured, face badly cut and several of his teeth knocked out. The letter was the first intimation that his parents had received of the accident, and in it the young soldier told them that he was improving, though still in hospital. Pte. Robinson enlisted with the 25th Battalion, and crossed overseas with that unit, later being transferred to the Royal Canadian Highlanders.

**PROCLAMATION**

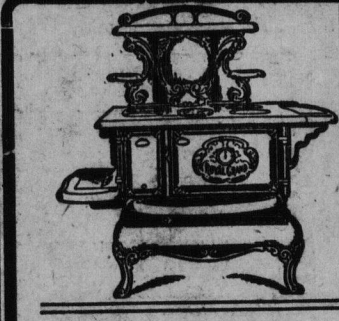
His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, and Executive Council of New Brunswick will hold a reception in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on the evening of December Third at nine o'clock, so that the public may have the opportunity of being presented to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor general of Canada, on his first official visit to the capital of the Province. Those wishing to attend the reception will kindly provide themselves with two cards, each with the name printed or plainly written thereon, one to be handed to the members announcing and the other to the officer presenting the people to His Excellency. R. F. BARKER, Official Secretary.

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