

Around the City

GENERALLY FAIR

POSTPONED.

The showing of the athletic and war pictures that was to take place in the Y. M. C. I. Wednesday, April 17th, has been postponed until Monday, April 22nd.

QUEENS HEALTH CHAIRMAN.

Mr. H. O. Branscombe, Cumberland Bay, has just received his appointment as chairman of the Board of Health for Queens county. Mr. H. H. Gilbert, Gasquetown, has been retired.

LT.-COL. OSBORNE HERE.

Lieut.-Col. Osborne of Fredericton is in the city. Speaking to a Standard representative he stated he was still unprepared to give any statement regarding his command but would probably be in readiness tomorrow.

THE LOBSTER SEASON.

The Nova Scotia lobster shippers have begun their shipments for the season to New England. The first shipment to Boston consisted of 12,500 pounds of live lobsters from Sheet Harbour. They were sent by the schooner Gladys L. Creamer.

GREATER FOOD PRODUCTION.

J. A. Hilton, Megantic, was in the city on business. Speaking regarding the greater food production he said: "We are up against it; if we don't realize this supreme duty—the hour is at hand now. We must act." He stated that the food measures should be enforced rigidly in Canada and "save" is the watchword.

PRENTICE BOYS' FAIR.

The Prentice Boys' Fair was attended by a large crowd last night and the several games and booths were well patronized. The prize winners for the evening were: Door prize, load of wood, Miss Pitt; air gun, Mr. Ernest Brittain; ring toss, spritz lamp, Thomas Macaulay; ten pins, carving set, George Adams; bagatelle, clock, William Brown. The door prize for tonight will be a ton of coal.

SERG. ORR WOUNDED.

Miss M. Orr last night received word that her brother, Serg. Earle S. Orr had been wounded and admitted to No. 1 Field Ambulance Depot on April 9. Serg. Orr left St. John with the first contingent as a member of No. 1 Field Ambulance and has been in France for over three years. Serg. Orr was for a number of years in the employ of the Bank of Nova Scotia and at the outbreak of the war was with F. D. Clements.

BIRD HOUSE EXHIBITS.

A large number of exhibits for the Bird House Exhibition have been sent in to the Natural History Museum and bird houses are still arriving. Keen interest is being taken by the boys and girls of the city and vicinity in this competition. The exhibition will be held this coming Friday afternoon instead of Saturday as originally intended. This change was considered advisable as it was found that many of the parents would be going to the country with their children on Saturday.

WIRE FROM MEMBERS.

The following wire was received from Messrs. Wigmore and Elkin yesterday:

Ottawa, April 15, 1918.
R. E. Armstrong, Secretary, Board of Trade, St. John, N. B.:
Mayor Hayes wires Council voted against taking plebiscite. Government will take no action towards favorable expression from citizens towards harbor commission. Our responsibility therefore ceases. Any further action must come from citizens.

ELKIN, WIGMORE.

A CLASS "B" MAN GOT COLD FEET

Fearing that He Would be Called to Colors he Leaves the City—May Yet be Apprehended.

"Grease my shoes my mother, I'm going to slide out of this city" was the last remark heard by a young man in the city after he had read the article recently published in the city in which was stated that class "B" men were to be called out. His whereabouts since his departure remain unknown, but it is presumed that he still inhabits a part of the Dominion. The young man complied with the provisions of the military service act and when medical boards he was placed in class "B." Apparently he was strong in his belief that once outside of St. John the act would be ultra vires, and when the guns cease to roar on the western front he could return to his home and friends. Fortunately for him he has his registration papers with him and when the call is made for his class throughout the Dominion the travelling "recruit" will likely hear the call and obey the summons.

H. H. WARMAN IS COMPLIMENTED

Advocated Soldiers of the Soil Movement. Nearly Four Years Ago—Is pleased with What is Being Done.

H. H. Warman, manager of the Lonsbury Company of Moncton, finds pleasure these days in the fact that the Federal Government of Canada and eight Provincial Governments have recently adopted a policy advocated by him almost four years ago.

TWO INTERESTING LETTERS FROM A NURSING SISTER

Miss B. Torgay Attached to No. 3 Canadian General Hospital in France—Description of Trip While on Furlough.

Letters recently received from Nursing Sister B. Torgay, who is one of the staff at No. 3 Canadian General Hospital, "Somewhere in France," tell in a most interesting manner of a holiday trip which she and a number of the nurses attached to this unit spent at Cannes.

Sister Torgay is a sister of Mrs. W. A. Munroe, 134 Paradise Row, and of Mrs. F. J. Cameron, 132 Waterloo street, to whom the letters were written.

The first letter is dated February 24, the day of their arrival at Cannes. They made their home at a British rest home for nurses. The accommodation provided was splendid, she said, and it did not cost the nurses one cent. This home was under the charge of Lady Gifford who runs it for the Princess Louise. The view from her room she described as magnificent, with palm trees and flowers in front and in the distance the blue waters of the Mediterranean. It took two days and a night to go from their hospital to Cannes and they were rather tired when they arrived but a good night's sleep made them all as good as new in the morning.

The promenade, she said, was miles long and on one side was the palm trees and flowers in full bloom and on the other the sea, a sight long to be remembered.

The second letter which is dated March 13 was written after she had returned to duty and tells of the trips enjoyed while on the holiday. The first trip was to Monte Carlo. The party were shown through the Casino but were not allowed to enter the gambling rooms, the door of one was opened and they were allowed to look in for a few minutes. The garden around the building was wonderful but that was about all there was to see. From there they went to Monaco and were shown through the Princes' Palace.

Nice, she says, is a city with lots of pretty gardens and shops in which everything is priced very high. They spent one day at Mentone, driving from there to the Italian border. They were allowed to set foot on Italian soil and bought some post cards which the shopkeeper posted in Italy. Another day they visited the city of Grasse, the centre of the perfume industry, and had the pleasure of going through one perfume factory, then drove around the Gorge du Loup, a drive through the mountains only wide enough for one team with turn-pikes. On one side of the road was the mountains and on the other the valley and at many places along the route could be seen beautiful water falls.

The Sunday before they left Cannes they took a 40 mile motor trip to St. Raphael, the road skirting the Mediterranean all the way. On the way back they ran into a big snow storm and had to hold up for half an hour as it was impossible to see the road ahead of them while the storm lasted.

On the return journey the train was crowded that they had to sit on their baggage in the corridor from five o'clock in the afternoon until three the next morning. On arriving at Paris they decided to stop over for a day and that night five of the party attended the Grand Opera and enjoyed themselves immensely. The next morning at nine o'clock they left Paris for the hospital, arriving there at four o'clock in the afternoon.

FIRST CONTINGENT MAN WRITES HOME

Charles Chase is in Charge of Picture Machine—Quite a Change from Work in the Trenches.

Charles Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Chase, Hawthorne Avenue, one of the first contingent men, writes home that he is looking forward with keen delight to the promised furlough and the opportunity to see his home and loved ones after nearly four years of absence.

When the letter was written he was behind the lines having been placed in charge of one of the moving picture machines that provide entertainment for the boys in billets and said it was quite a change from the trench work. Speaking of the expected furlough for the "originals" the writer said the boys felt more than grateful to the Union Government for this boon and were prepared to go back after the rest and stay with the job until the Hun was beaten to his knees, but they certainly felt that after nearly four years of that hell over there they were entitled to a change for a time.

He was well at the time of writing and sent his best wishes to all at home.

Mr. Warman wrote to his home newspapers early in the war advocating what has now become the "Soldiers of the Soil" movement. He outlined plans whereby men and boys employed in towns and cities could be mobilized for work on the farms; suggested schemes whereby the various governments might assist farmers by supplying seed and fertilizer and properly distributing same, and generally outlined other plans which are now being put into operation. Mr. Warman is naturally pleased with what is now being done, and his friends are complimenting him on being the first to advocate a comprehensive plan which is today proving so popular.

THE CAMPAIGN STARTS TODAY

Soldiers of the Soil Committee Complete Arrangements—Nine Teams of two men Each with Boy Scouts Start in.

The campaign was started this afternoon for volunteers among the teen-age boys of this city to help the farmers of our province to till the soil and make it possible for them to maintain or better still increase the amount of food stuff they will be able to produce this year to send over seas to resist in feeding our Allies and our men in the trenches. Nine teams, of two young men each, backed up by two score Boy Scouts, met at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 3 o'clock, loaded up with posters and started out in all directions to give every merchant and office holder in the city a chance to co-operate particularly in passing along the Government's call for "Soldiers of the Soil" by displaying these posters to the public.

The men report that they were kindly received and that the 700 odd posters are being prominently displayed where they should be easily seen by every available boy and his parents.

Sanitary boards were also taken to different points of vantage about the city calling the attention that the boys are asked to sign the enlistment forms during the week starting April 28th, school boys to sign the forms furnished by the Local Director of the S. O. S. to his teacher, while employed boys, that can be spared by their employers for part or whole of the summer months, can obtain the forms from the S. O. S. Committee men or the Y. M. C. A. This movement cannot turn out to be the success that is anticipated for unless the farmers also give their active co-operation and it is trusted that they will not delay in sending their applications for boys to the Department of Agriculture at Fredericton so that the boys be sent out to them as soon as possible.

PERFECT TYPE OF YOUNG DESPERADO

Thirteen Year Old Boy Arrested Yesterday—Charged with Three Robberies—This is Fifth Time in Toils of Police.

There is now in the cells at police headquarters a boy who is a perfect type of the young desperado who are overrunning some parts of St. John these days. Although only thirteen years of age he is far better acquainted with the inside of a police cell than many men who have attained more times his age.

He was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with no less than three robberies, two of which were aggravated by the additional charge of breaking and entering and it may be that before investigations now being conducted by the police, other charges will be laid against him. This lad has made in all five appearances before Judge Ritchie. On Dec. 8, 1917, he was charged with theft and wilful damage. At that time a fine of \$10 was struck and he was allowed to go on suspended sentence. On January 19, 1918, he came up again for breaking and entering and theft when he was allowed to go with a warning and told to be a better boy. On January 20, he went to the police station for protection, although his home is not more than 200 yards from the police station. Again on February 26, last he appeared in company with four other lads charged with breaking and entering and stealing. The charge which he personally faced was that of stealing from a car in the I. C. R. yard. Again he was allowed to go with a warning. It is fair to say that most of these juvenile delinquents are boys who have appeared in the police court again and again.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF SALVAGE CORPS

Officers Elected and Reports Received Last Evening—The Captains are K. J. MacRae for No. 1; Robert I. Cunningham for No. 2.

The annual meetings of No. 1 and No. 2 Salvage Corps and Fire Police were held at their respective stations last night. After the election of officers and reports had been received and adopted, the members enjoyed a couple of pleasant hours. The following is the result of the elections:

No. 1 Company.
K. J. MacRae, captain.
G. Harvey Tapley, lieutenant.
E. Percy Howard, secretary.
E. A. Ellis, treasurer.
W. J. Currie, foreman No. 1.
W. B. Stewart, foreman No. 2.
Fred Doig, foreman No. 3.
James Sterling, foreman No. 4.
Dr. E. H. Langstroth, surgeon.
The secretary in his report showed that the company has responded to 67 alarms during the year, worked 65 hours and spread 169 covers.

No. 2 Company.
Robert J. Cunningham, captain.
W. L. Brown, lieutenant.
Charles Cunningham, secretary.
Charles Sullivan, treasurer.
L. D. Brown, foreman No. 1.
William Morrisey, foreman No. 2.
Fred Campbell, foreman No. 3.
John Salmon, foreman No. 4.
Dr. C. M. Pratt, surgeon.

THE NAVY.
Do you realize that the navy has kept us safe from German attack? Then buy an English flag on St. George's Day and help the gallant sailors.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE ENJOYED LAST EVENING

Wm. McIntosh Lectured to Attentive Audience in Natural History Rooms—Addresses by J. A. Estey and T. H. Estabrooks.

In the Natural History Museum last evening an enjoyable lecture was given by the curator, Wm. McIntosh. J. A. Estey, president of the Natural History Society, acted as chairman.

Mr. McIntosh, by the aid of views, brought home to his audience the insects which are obnoxious to vegetation. Among these were mentioned "plant lice, flea beetles, cut worms, army worms, grasshoppers, weevils, spruce, cabbage maggots, may beetles" and many others too numerous to mention. Mr. McIntosh fully described the evil effects which these insects had on vegetation and enumerated the different methods by which they may be stamped out. He then showed slides of the animal kingdoms which are beneficial to vegetation such as the common toad, certain ants and swallows. He alluded to the swallows as "the God-given guard of the vegetable kingdom."

During his lecture the audience listened to the curator's explanation of the different species of evil bugs and the harmless ones. He answered all in a very nice manner and was only too willing to give any advice. He took up the "fungi growths" and dealt on these "insidiously." He again gave the different methods of spraying plants to overcome these growths and imperfections. Alluding to the different methods of overcoming these pests, he stated in the past it was his custom verbally to give the different formulas for spraying, etc., so much misunderstanding occurred that in the future he finds it more beneficial to give a written formula and these can be procured in future from the "Great War Gardens Association."

J. A. Estey then gave a short address with slides on the "Gardens of America." He dwelt on the spirit which the men in France did this work and cited the case where a soldier arrested by the Germans was still carrying his garden seeds in his knapsack. His address was listened to with pleasure.

T. H. Estabrooks then delighted the audience in a pleasing manner on "The War Gardens Association." He went into the subject fully, told of the different committees formed to push on the work and the appointment of a general superintendent (Mr. McIntosh) who was to give all necessary information. The committees to supply fertilizers, seed and in some cases help, to those requiring the last, at cost prices.

The committee as yet were confining themselves only to seeking vacant land around the city which could be procured and utilized for gardens. Already a generous response was forthcoming.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. McIntosh.

THE BOY SCOUTS ARE MOST ACTIVE

Will Assist War Garden Committee Today—Every troop will Parade to Church Next Sunday Morning.

District Commissioner Waring of the Boy Scouts paid an official visit to the city yesterday and found all in the order and the boys are keener than ever with their work. The troops visited were Waterloo, St. Paul's, Mission, Coburg and Stone. While at the Waterloo Street Church troop the District Commissioner presented Stephen Goldsworthy, the assistant scoutmaster, with his warrant. The Mission troop paid a visit to St. Paul's last evening and the boys spent a couple of pleasant hours together. Special orders were issued to the troops to help the War Garden Committee today in putting out posters, etc. A couple of hundred scouts will assist in the work and will be under command of Assistant Scoutmaster Basil Robertson.

The orders were also given out for the church parade next Sunday and this is expected to be the largest gathering of scouts ever seen in the city. The boys will assemble on the north side of the King Square at 10.15 a. m. and will be headed by the Scouts' Bugle Band, which consists of 25 bugles, seven small drums, a bass drum and cymbals. The scouts will fall in the big parade behind the Great War Veterans. The Methodist scouts will attend worship in Portland Church, the Baptist in Main Street Church, while the others will attend worship in St. Luke's Church.

IMPORTANT MATTERS DEALT WITH AT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Prohibition Enforcement League Met in Y.M.C.A. Last Evening—Want No Change in Enforcement of Law.

The executive committee of the Prohibition Enforcement League met at the Y. M. C. A. last evening with the president, Rev. W. R. Robinson, in the chair, and Rev. Thos. Marshall as secretary. The following resolution was passed:

That this league is of the opinion that the request of the commissioners of the City of St. John for a portion of the fines received from violators of the prohibition law should not be granted. This league believes that no changes should be made in the principle of the enforcement of the law. A change in St. John would inevitably evening.

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