

AROUND THE CITY
GENERALLY FAIR

SIBERIAN MAILS.
The Siberian mails for three sailings will close tomorrow on March 3rd, 10th and 15th.

TENDERED RESIGNATION.
Premier Foster announced yesterday that Hon. William Currie had tendered his resignation as speaker of the legislature.

INQUEST UNNECESSARY.
Coroner Kenney, as the result of inquiries made, has decided there was no occasion for an inquest into Tuesday's automobile tragedy.

SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT.
Major Ashton, of the Dominion Soldiers' Settlement Board, arrived in the city yesterday. Today he will have a conference with Premier Foster regarding the details of the provincial plans for soldiers settlement on the land.

NURSING SISTER FLAGLOR.
A cablegram yesterday from Nursing Sister Marion Flaglor, daughter of J. S. Flaglor, assistant postmaster, announced that she was ordered for Canada in the S.S. "Tandem" sailing from Liverpool on March 12. Miss Flaglor is at the Verdun Hospital, Weymouth.

WEEKLY MEETING HELD.
The weekly meeting of the High "Y" Club was held in the Y. M. C. A. at noon yesterday. A. Selwyn Coster presiding. A very interesting talk was given by Wilbert E. Braden, who spoke on the possibilities of leadership. Before the meeting broke up it was decided to hold a St. Patrick's masquerade on the night of the 17th of March.

A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.
Yesterday afternoon and evening the city was visited by a heavy fall of snow. The flakes were large and as there was hardly a breath of wind blowing at the time the snow remained on the branches of trees with the result by the assistance of the electric lights the scene last night in the squares, in front of the Cathedral, and in other places presented a beautiful sight.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES.
The monthly meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held yesterday. The hearing in the application of the Farmers' Telephone Co. of Carleton county, for an increase in rates, was continued. After hearing the evidence submitted by the company, the board approved the new schedule and will issue an order granting the increase. M. L. Hayward appeared for the company.

STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE.
James Collins, a teamster for H. P. Robertson Company, 28 Britain street, while en route to his home on Tuesday evening was run down by an auto and a rear wheel of his carriage broken off. The horse ran away and completely demolished the wagon. After hitting Mr. Collins' wagon the chauffeur sped up and got out of the way. The horse was caught further out the Marsh Road, quite unharmed.

MILITARY NOTES.
Among the military personages of note in the city yesterday was Col. Godson Godson, C. C. G. D. S. O. Provost Marshal at Ottawa, who arrived on the noon express and left on the evening train for Halifax on military business.
Major Heron, G. S. O. local military headquarters, returned the city yesterday from Fredericton, where he been on military business in preparation for the military guard of honor for the opening of the House on March sixth.

RECOVERING AUTOMOBILE.
A party of workmen were engaged yesterday on the Kennebecasis river near Sandy Point, recovering the automobile owned by Lieut.-Col. J. L. Mackay, which plunged through the ice on Tuesday afternoon, with the result that Robert L. Johnston and E. O. Osten lost their lives by drowning. Late Tuesday afternoon, diver Edmund Howard placed a rope about the car, and yesterday, after the men had cut a channel through the ice to the shore, the automobile was towed to the bank of the river, and it is expected it will be towed into the city today.

RETREATS AT CATHEDRAL.
Next Wednesday, March 27th, the Men's Retreat in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will open, under Rev. Father Cox, S. J., conductor. During the present week the retreat is for the unmarried ladies of the parish in session, and is meeting with pronounced success. The Mass every morning at 5.30 o'clock, large congregations are present, and at the seven o'clock Mass equally representative congregations present themselves for the devotions, which are of an exceptionally high order. The retreat ends tomorrow evening, marked by an hour's adoration.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
About fifty members of the Ladies' Aid and choir of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Carson, Lansdowne avenue on Tuesday evening to congratulate Mrs. Carson on having a birthday. A pleasant social evening was spent in games and songs. A dainty supper was served and as it happened to be Rev. Mr. Plisner's birthday, as well as that of the hostess, he was chosen to cut the birthday cake, which contained many useful and some mirth provoking presents. During the evening Rev. Mr. Plisner, on behalf of the guests presented to Mrs. Carson a suit, neck and silver bread tray.

NEW CAR FARE BOXES.
The New Brunswick Power Company have in their offices at the present time a new and more modern type of fare box. The new type will be installed in the very near future. It is somewhat larger than the one now being used on the cars, with glass cover, enabling the conductor to observe more closely the fares being deposited by passengers. Another feature of the new box is the fact that the slot for the coin is much larger, so that all encumbered with parcels will in the future be enabled to push in their coins or tickets without doing any acrobatic stunts, as is the custom with the present boxes in use.

CONCILIATION BOARD AWARD
REACHES MINISTER OF LABOR

Understood Board Concedes Right of Policemen to Affiliate With Trades and Labor Congress—Sets Forth Scheme for Linking up With Other Labor Organizations—Calls for Revision of Police Manual—Policemen to Receive Pay During the Time They Were Off Duty.

Official notification was received in the city yesterday that the award of the police conciliation board had reached the Minister of Labor at Ottawa and it is expected that the award will be placed in the hands of Mayor Hayes this morning. It is understood the report of the board concedes the right of the policemen to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress and sets forth a scheme for linking up with other labor organizations.

A recommendation is embodied calling for the revision of the police manual, to bring it in line with the commission charter, in the matter of appointment and dismissal. The charter places the appointments in each department in the hands of the non-elective heads, but in the police manual this is placed in the hands of the commissioner. It also, it is understood, recommends payment to the men of the money they would have received had they remained on duty.

The award of the Board, in the form of a long and hard fought battle, the policemen winning on all counts. Last September the policemen decided to form a union and applied to the Trades and Labor Congress for a charter. Their intention became known and they were called together by Commissioner McLellan, who addressed them on the matter. He told the men he had no objection to them forming a union, but he did object strongly to affiliation with any

other labor body, and gave them forty-eight hours to make up their minds what course they intended to take, at the same time pointing out that if they went ahead with the union it would mean dismissal. At the conclusion of the forty-eight hours, as the men came off their beats, they were called into the office of the Chief of Police, and each man who expressed his intention of going ahead with the union was asked to hand in his uniform. About thirty of the men stuck to their guns and handed in their uniforms.

The matter was then taken to the council and that body, with the exception of Commissioner Fisher, endorsed the action of the Commissioner of Safety. The men then asked for a Board of Conciliation and in this were backed up by the Board of Trade, but the Common Council of the day decided there was nothing doing. The Trades and Labor Council then took a hand and it was decided to put in motion the recall provision of the council charter, and at the election held on December 30, 1918, two new commissioners were elected to the city council.

After the new members had assumed office, the request for a Conciliation Board was again made, and this time was granted. The men appointed their representatives, James L. S. G. and A. H. Wetmore, and these two agreed to form a union, but he did object strongly to affiliation with any

JUVENILE COURT
MATTER DISCUSSED

Many Persons Interested in Child Welfare Attended Meeting in Y. M. C. A. Last Night—Address by Wilbert E. Braden.

Practically everyone interested in child welfare was present last night at a special meeting in the Y. M. C. A. when the matter of the juvenile court for St. John was thoroughly discussed. Wilbert E. Braden, Toronto, secretary for employed boys, National Council of the "Y," started the ball rolling with a general talk on juvenile delinquency. He stated that recent tests prove that 50 per cent. of delinquent boys who have been brought before the courts are feeble-minded; that many who are put on parole and are classed as making good, do not really become good citizens, but pursue such occupations as news selling, or work in pool rooms and bowling alleys. He gave as the principal reasons for delinquency the lack of proper supervision of street traffic, absence of the father from the home, home environment and demoralizing motion pictures. He believed that "under privileged" was a better name than "delinquent," as whenever a case is brought before a court one of the principal causes for the boy's downfall is found to be severe restraint in the home. In witness of this belief, the speaker told of several instances which have come under his personal observation.

The problem of the feeble-minded is joined hand-in-hand with that of delinquency. The speaker knew of a case where seven boys broke into a house in Toronto and did over a thousand dollars' worth of damage. The leader of the gang was a feeble-minded boy. There is a great need in the city for a doctor to examine suspected and actual delinquents, both physically and mentally; and another need is that for a sympathetic judge, the speaker stating emphatically that a police magistrate could not properly and capably act as a juvenile judge. He also spoke of the necessity of probationary department, so that every boy who appeared before the juvenile court could be placed under the care of a sympathetic probation officer, who would also have as his duties the improving of home conditions for the delinquents and the organizing of working men and women into a band of big brothers and sisters who could be called upon for assistance when necessary. It could be arranged that the probation officer could have the power to settle minor offences without the necessity of appealing to the court. As to the cost, a juvenile court might cost \$3,000 a year; but it would be worth it. The value of the boys returned to the city, and in proof of this remark Mr. Braden read a letter from a boy overseas written to his benefactor in Toronto. This boy had been classed as a hopeless delinquent, but by kindly help he has risen to be a man among men, grown mentally, physically and morally, and has been working on the big job overseas for over three years.

After Mr. Braden's helpful address a general discussion was held the principal participants being A. M. Belding, R. E. Armstrong, Rev. George Scott and J. King Kelley, all advocating a juvenile court for the city of St. John. Eventually a motion was carried unanimously appointing J. King Kelley, A. R. Crookshank, Rev. George Scott and A. M. Belding as a committee to prepare an amendment to the Children's Protection Act, adding that portion from the Ontario act which brings delinquent boys and girls, and those charged with them, under the jurisdiction of the court. The amended bill is to be submitted to the executive committee of the organization promoting this reform and the provincial government will be asked to make it a law.

IS RECOVERING.
Miss Helen Irvine has sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the hospital and return to her home.

MUNICIPAL HOME
FORESHORE RIGHTS

Application of St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company Under Consideration Yesterday by Municipal Sub-Committee.

The application of the St. John Dry Dock Company for the foreshore rights on the Municipal Home property was under consideration yesterday afternoon by the sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter, and while no decision was arrived at it was felt by the members that some progress had been made toward a satisfactory agreement between the company and the municipality.

The committee met at three o'clock in the office of the County Secretary, and after a short conference adjourned to the Municipal Home, where, with the city engineer, G. G. Hare and A. R. DuFresne, manager of the company, an inspection of the site was made. The whole proposition was talked over and Mr. DuFresne agreed to submit to the committee a statement of just what his company wanted, and what they were prepared to do in a financial way. In the meantime it is proposed to have an appraisal made of the Municipal Home property. The members of the committee expressed a desire to help the company in the work of appraising an enterprise here, but at the same time stated their determination to protect the municipality.

SALVAGE CORPS'
SOCIAL EVENING

Auction Forty-fives Tournament Closed and Prizes Awarded in No. 2 Company Rooms—All Ready for Another Session.

Brigadier D. C. Moore has taken over his duties as officer commanding this district for the Salvation Army until a permanent officer is appointed in the place of Brigadier Barr. This is the first time Brigadier Moore has been stationed in the Maritime Provinces, though he has served over 22 years in army work in Ontario and Quebec, being nine years in the City of Montreal and comes to this city from Toronto, where he was attached to the territorial staff. Brigadier Moore is a personal friend of Bandmaster Christmas, of Kingston, who led the first Canadian band into Germany, and was also acquainted with the first Canadian who lost his life in the great war, a Salvationist of the Windsor, Ont., corps. Without counting the coming Red Shield drives Montreal, Lunenburg, the eastern provinces have come well above their objective, the latest returns showing a total contribution of \$1,250,000.

Brigadier Moore does not know whether he will be permanently appointed at this post or not, but is eager and anxious to follow on the good example set by his predecessor, Brigadier Barr, in all work making for the social betterment of the eastern provinces.

LEAVES FOR TORONTO.
Adjutant W. H. King, who has been connected with the divisional headquarters staff of the Salvation Army in the city for some time, leaves this week with his wife and family for Toronto, where he will be attached to social service work.

UNION SERVICE TONIGHT.
The Union Service of Intercession will be held this evening in Censerton Church, commencing at eight o'clock.

WOULD LIKE NEWS
OF MISSING SON

W. F. Austin of Cliffordvale Seeks Information to Pte. Edwin E. Austin—"Pat"—Missing Since Battle of Lens on April 15, 1917.

Herewith is shown a photograph of Pte. Edwin Earl Austin, No. 742644, concerning whom information is



PTE. EDWIN E. AUSTIN.
Sought by his father, W. F. Austin, of Cliffordvale, R. R. No. 1, New Brunswick. Mr. Austin writes: "My returned soldier who was in the Battle of Lens on August 15, 1917, who can give me any information of my son, Pte. Edwin Earl Austin, No. 742,644, 26th Battalion, kindly inform me. He was nicknamed by his chums "Pat," and was reported missing on August 15, 1917. Has reddish brown hair and brown eyes, over six feet, nineteen years old, and weighed about one hundred and eighty lbs."

SALVATION ARMY
CHANGES NOTED

Brigadier Moore Now Officer Commanding This District—Eastern Provinces Show Red Shield Drive to Total \$1,250,000.

Last night marked the closing of the February auction forty-fives tournament among the members of No. 2 Salvage Corps and Fire Police and a very pleasant social evening was spent. The prizes were presented to the lucky ones and a short musical programme was provided.

When the last game was finished last night and the scores totaled up it was found that William Morrissey had made the greatest number of points during the month and he was awarded the winner of the first prize. The team prize for one two making the highest number of points went to William D. Brown and A. M. Rowan. The presentation were made by Robert I. Cunningham, captain of the corps, who in a neat little address, congratulated the winners and conferred the insignia of victory on them. Short addresses were made by Commissioner Thornton, A. M. Rowan and others. Songs were sung by the quartette, Alex. Long and several others. The accompanist of the evening was Mr. Lee. The tournament proved such a success that it is being started another for the month of March.

INCREASED WAGE
FOR CARPENTERS

House Carpenters' Union Held Meeting Last Evening—Charter for New Union Remains Open for Sixty Days.

The house carpenters, a union recently formed in the city, met in their rooms last evening, Union street. William L. Williams, the president, presided. It was decided to make a demand for an increased wage in the near future, further action to be taken at their next meeting on the second Wednesday of the ensuing month. The charter of the new union, which recently reached local officials of the union will remain open for sixty days' time, during which interim an initiation fee of two dollars has been set.

NEW CHEVET SUITINGS.
New Chevot Suitings will quickly be requisitioned for Spring purposes. They are fashionable in appearance—they make up smartly into Suits and Coats—they are durable fabrics and the colors are good.

A lovely Rose shade, a soft Grey and Taupe. These Chevot Suitings are 48 inches wide, and priced at \$4.50 per yard. Other colors are Purple, Beaver, Castor, Green, and Navy. A collection of some ten pieces of new checked and striped Taffetas, in such new shades as Plate Blue, Taupe, Castor, Green, and Navy, with Victory Red satin stripes or cross checks. Unfortunately the quantities are limited to only two skirts to each pattern. Our window display today may help you to decide on your best. 36 inches wide, \$2.75 and up to \$3.50.

The St. John Local Council of Women in their recent donation to the Princess Patricia wedding gift fund, received contributions from the following affiliated societies: Field Comforts Association, West St. John; St. Monica's Catholic Ladies' Society; Girls' High School Alumnae; St. Vincent's Alumnae; Daughters of Israel and Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A.

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Oak, Mahogany, and Colonial White, so much in favor, are prominent in the ample range of finishes shown in our display of Artistic Wood Mantels. Prevailing designs, thorough workmanship, and high quality in our Wood Mantels will at once appeal to the discriminating purchaser.
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Today, Friday and Saturday we will have on display over two hundred made, trimmed and tailored hats in the new colors, straws and crepes. To make extra big business for this week-end we will sell these hats at
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NOVELTY SILK NETS in such soft shades as Silver Grey, Sapphire, Gold and Rose are standing high in favor for evening dress fabrics. Among them lead designs in self colors are strongly featured.
Frocks made entirely of these nets or in combination with other handsome materials give expression to the latest work in Evening Dress attire.
These Nets are 36 inches wide and are selling at \$2.75 yard.
Black Nets in figured patterns or Coin Spots are very attractive and range in price from 75c to \$2.70 yard.
GENUINE BARGAINS in Japanese Hand-drawn Linens and Cottons, D'Oyleys, Centres, Table Covers, Bureau and Side Board Runners, Tray Cloths, etc. Note the sizes and exceptional values.
6 inches, 3 for 25c; 9 inches, 2 for 25c; 12 inches, 20 and 30c each; 18 inches, 65c and \$1.25 each; 18x27 inches, 1.00; \$1.25 and \$1.50; 18x36 inches, 55c, 90c, \$1.90, \$1.25 and \$2.00; 18x45 inches, \$1.25 and \$1.50; 18x54 inches, \$1.45 and \$1.75; 18x72 inches, \$1.50.
Almost every piece mentioned above is Pure Linen and the prices quoted should effect a speedy clearance.
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