

AROUND THE CITY

COLDER WITH SNOW

PUBLIC NOTICE.
The public schools of Kings county will not be opened until further notice. By order Chairman Board of Health.

INSPECTOR APPOINTED.
A. T. LeBlanc, of Shediac, has been appointed inspector under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

HANDSOME CALENDAR.
Connor Bros., manufacturers of painted goods, are sending out to their friends a handsome calendar for 1919.

LEFT FOR MONTREAL.
Lieut. O. Lawson, secretary for the G. W. V. A. of the Provincial Command of New Brunswick, leaves today for a special medical board in Montreal and expects to return to the city in a few days.

TOURING EASTERN PROVINCES.
Colonel R. J. Binkley, General Secretary of the St. John Ambulance Association, who is on a tour of the eastern provinces, in the interest of the First Aid Movement, will arrive in St. John today, and will be a guest at the Royal.

NEW MAN ON JOB.
Alex McKay, of this city, a returned soldier, was sworn in on Tuesday as a sub-inspector of the St. John Police, Inspector McAlister, Inspector Garnett, who heretofore has been acting in company with McKay, has been given territory of his own.

SERIES OF LECTURES.
Rev. H. K. Palmer, of Quebec, Ont., is expected to arrive in the city shortly and will deliver a series of lectures in the interest of the Orange Association. The old Brussels street church has been secured and the most of the meetings will be held there.

DELAYED BY SNOW.
The McAdams express was twenty minutes behind time last evening in reaching the city. Delay was due to the heavy road bed caused by the fall of snow. Few passengers were on the train, the majority of whom were en route further east.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER.
The annual supper for the children of the Main Street Baptist Sunday School was held last evening and proved very successful. The primary classes were the first to sit down to table about half past four and were followed by the intermediate and senior classes. Between three and four hundred attended and partook of the good things provided.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED.
The public schools of Kings county will not reopen until further notice. Dr. O. B. Peters, Rethel, has informed the Standard that, probably due to the extensive shopping through the holiday season, and the influenza has again broken out in Hampton, Sussex, Rethel and Norton. The situation, though not grave, has made it necessary to take all precautions.

THE CITY LEAGUE.
The match scheduled to be rolled on Black's alley last night between the Blues and Weasels did not materialize, or rather the Weasels did not materialize and so the Blues won the four points by default. Tonight the City League is represented by the Lions and Panthers and there ought to be quite a fight. In the Commercial League the Maritime Nall Warriors are opposed to the Best Office team.

ANNUAL COLLEGE NIGHT.
The long looked for annual college night at the Y. M. C. A. last night was a great success. The entertainment was under the auspices of the High Y. Club with Mrs. Ralph Fowler, Mrs. A. D. Barbour and Mrs. T. H. Somerville acting as chaperones. A most enjoyable evening passed in parlor games and music, the piano accompaniment for the evening being furnished by R. E. Coupe.

OFFICIAL AT FREDERICTON.
Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission, has received word that the official artificial limb setter will be at Fredericton from January 4 to 10. This visit will afford any returned soldier whose artificial limb is giving trouble an opportunity for consultation. All that is necessary is to notify Mr. Robinson and he will issue the transportation enabling the soldier in question to go to Fredericton for consultation.

FIVE MINUTE BLOCK.
There was a five minute block on the street car service yesterday afternoon around five o'clock at the head of King street. A Haymarket, a King and a British, and a West St. John car evidently got their signals crossed and met at the "Y" at the head of the street. The Haymarket and the West side cars backed up to five thoroughfare to the King and British car and after an exchange of personal compliments on the part of the motorists traffic was resumed as usual.

AN INVITATION.
The Board of Trade has issued an invitation to all business men of St. John who are interested in the future development of the harbor as a national port, and the future progress of the city, to attend a meeting to be held on Monday evening next in the board rooms, Prince William Street, to consider plans for a peace program of development. It is proposed to have short talks from leaders in the various lines of activity, and all are cordially invited to attend and help along this movement.

THE NINTH OPERATION.
After a one month's visit to his home in this city, Serrt. James O'Brien left last evening for Montreal. While in Montreal he will undergo treatment for his left leg, preparatory to an operation which will be performed in a few weeks' time. This is the ninth operation which he will have undergone for his leg, which was badly shattered in the battle of Ypres and Langemark. His many friends in this city hope that this operation may prove successful.

CLOSED ON SATURDAY.
During January, February, and March the stores and offices of T. McAvity and Sons, Limited, will close at 1 o'clock on Saturday.

WIGGINS' BOYS HAVE XMAS TREE

Pleasant Entertainment Held Last Evening at Orphan Asylum—Boys Give Good Programme and Receive Presents.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Wiggins Male Orphan Asylum was held last evening. The board of governors and many friends of the institution were present and thoroughly enjoyed the splendid programme given by the boys who sang very well and went through a fire drill showing what good training they had received.

A Christmas tree laden with gifts was on view and each of the twenty-two boys received several presents. Refreshments were served and the evening was a delightful one for both the boys and the guests.

After the entertainment had been concluded Arthur Adams on behalf of the governors presented Mrs. Pearce with a gift as an appreciation of the assistance she had given in the institution. Miss Marjorie Pearce also given a present. Mr. Adams stating that it was a slight recognition of the help she had been and the good work she had done in the training of the boys.

Senator Thorne then made a few remarks saying that the institution was fortunate in having Mr. Pearce and his family in charge, and that the boys were a credit to them. He told of the good record of the Wiggins boys both in commercial life and as soldiers overseas, and hoped that the present scholars would also be a credit to the institution, as he felt sure they would. Senator Thorne spoke of the spiritual training which Rev. H. A. Cody so ably looked after, then presented Miss Marjorie Pearce with a birthday gift from the board of management.

Miss Pearce responded gracefully. Arthur Adams called upon Dr. Curran and thanked him for the care he had given the boys during the past year.

Judge Armstrong asked the boys to line up in front of him and gave them each a twenty-five cent script and five cents, telling them it was the gift of J. D. O'Connell, "the Orphan's Priest."

Among the numbers on the programme the singing of the three little boys, Chester Schindler, Reginald MacNeil and Henry Hewett, was especially enjoyed. The physical drill led by Miss Ethel Pearce was excellent, and well and Henry Hewett, was especially enjoyed. The physical drill led by Miss Ethel Pearce was excellent, and well and Henry Hewett, was especially enjoyed.

William Pearce was the chairman and was assisted by Robert Dibble, William Pearce was the chairman and was assisted by Robert Dibble, William Pearce was the chairman and was assisted by Robert Dibble.

Yesterday a housekeeper who has been a resident of this city for a number of years purchased an order of liver from a local licensed meat dealer. She carried the meat home herself and around five o'clock proceeded to prepare it for the evening meal.

The first incision made by the knife resulted in a key-hole like ejection of a duck, white fluid which covered a part of the table and one side of her dress. The aroma from this fluid made a most odorous assault on the nostrils, but was eclipsed by the reeking fluid which followed from the meat dealer.

Evidently this particular piece of liver has been a portion of a carcass of beef which has been affected with a cancerous or tubercular growth of some kind. It is not likely that the liver would be so badly affected and the remainder of the beef be perfectly sound. And of course some of that beef has been sold, bought and paid for, and possibly eaten.

Whether the beef was an abattoir product or country killed, the matter should be investigated for it is something that immediately affects the health and safety of the entire city.

WILL ATTEND IN A BODY

Members of Holy Name Society Will Receive Holy Communion in All City Catholic Churches Tomorrow.

Tomorrow the members of the Holy Name Society in all Catholic churches throughout the city will receive Holy Communion in a body. At the Cathedral the men of the parish will attend the seven o'clock mass in the morning in a body, when a special sermon fitting to the occasion will likely be delivered. In the evening a meeting to be held in the Cathedral for the purpose of electing the officers of the society for the coming year. Previous to the election of officers a sermon will be delivered by one of the fathers of Saint Peter's Parish. No doubt tomorrow's activities of the Catholic churches will equal past successes if not surpassing them.

A treat for the members of the Women's Canadian Club will be the descriptive war movie by F. A. McKenzie on Monday at 4 o'clock at the Imperial Theatre. Friends admitted at 25c.

A brilliant description with view of our victorious boys on the Canadian front will be given by F. A. McKenzie on Monday at 4 o'clock in the Imperial Theatre.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

Playgrounds Association Discussed Matter of Grant from City, Unified Management of Playgrounds and New Home for Boys' Club.

The monthly meeting of the executive of the Playgrounds Association was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. and some very important matters were discussed, among them the grant from the city council, the need for unified management of the playgrounds, and a new home for the Boys' Club.

Those present were A. M. Belding, president; Mayor Hayes, H. H. McLellan, Capt. and Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy, Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, Mrs. H. C. Groat, Mrs. J. H. Duddy, Mrs. W. C. Good.

The matter of the civic grant for 1919 was taken up and after a careful canvass of the situation it was moved that the city council be asked to make a grant of \$4,000, as it was felt this was the least amount with which the work of the association could be carried on. Mayor Hayes in discussing this motion pointed out the difficulty facing the council in trying to meet the wishes of all those asking for civic grants but assured the meeting that it was their disposition to be as generous as possible and the general feeling was sympathetic with the playgrounds work.

H. H. McLellan said that at Aberdeen ground last year a number of muckhefts had been used and several hundreds of dollars would have to be expended on the ground alone to make it fit for the work this year. Several others also spoke and the motion to ask the council for a grant of \$4,000 passed unanimously.

H. H. McLellan, Mayor Hayes, R. S. Ritchie, Capt. Mulcahy and A. M. Belding were appointed a committee to enquire into the possibilities of a new home for the Boys' Club.

The president spoke of the necessity for a unified control of all the playgrounds and said it would soon be a question as to whether the city should take charge of them or give the association authority to appoint a director who would devote all his time to the work.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$44.78 in the bank in the general fund. A. M. Belding and Mrs. Mulcahy reported for the Boys' Club. The enrollment was last year 1,000 and at the same time last year but it was thought this was due to the epidemic and in the near future there would be as many as 1,200. The year-end report had already been held for the boys and the yearly treat would be given on Tuesday evening next.

PROBLEMS FACING COMMON COUNCIL

Attention Called by the Mayor Yesterday—Streets, Fire Department, Harbor Commission, Municipal Ownership of Street Railway and Estimates.

Mayor Hayes yesterday called attention to a few of the problems facing the city council for the present year, and among them he named the streets, fire department, harbor commission, municipal ownership of the street railway and the estimates for the year.

In connection with the estimates, which have to be presented to council before January 31, he spoke of the necessity for careful consideration. The receipts for the city court were, 1917, \$9,214.55; 1918, \$5,272.50. The receipts for the city court were, 1917, \$9,214.55; 1918, \$5,272.50. The receipts for the city court were, 1917, \$9,214.55; 1918, \$5,272.50.

The matter of better equipment for the fire department was a live issue, and he said that the city was in need of the matter of placing the harbor in commission was an important one, and the question as to whether the city should take over and operate the street railway would have to be given consideration. Altogether the common council had in the year before it one of the most serious it had ever faced.

ALL PENSIONS ARE INCREASED

Local Board of Pension Commissioners Receive Orders That Orphans' Pensions Increased Dating from Sept. 1.

The local board of pension commissioners received a telegram from Ottawa yesterday, the contents of which will certainly bring gladness to the orphans of brave soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice for the King and country.

All the pensions have been increased as follows: Children and brothers and sisters of deceased soldiers who formerly received eight dollars for each child have been increased, viz. twelve dollars for the first child, ten dollars for the second, and eight dollars for the third and every other child whose mother is living. Orphan children: The first, \$24; second, \$20; the third and subsequent, \$16, the same as formerly. These new increases are dated from September 1st, 1918.

For all children who are on the allowance for disability pension the increases are on a sliding scale in proportion to the disability.

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL SESSION

Several Matters Affecting Business Life of City Discussed Yesterday—Special Committees Chosen on Special Subjects.

The council of the Board of Trade met yesterday and dealt with several matters affecting the business life of the city.

The matter of connection with the West Indies was taken up and it was decided to hold a conference early next week, at which all interested will be invited to attend.

A communication was received from the Edmonton Board of Trade asking the St. John Board to endorse a recommendation for the adoption of a standard decimal system of weights and measures and coins. The secretary was instructed to notify the Edmonton Board that the St. John Board had already endorsed a similar recommendation for the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures.

A number of recommendations from the Canadian Manufacturers Association were discussed and laid on the table for further discussion before taking action on them.

A number of additional committees were formed to take up special subjects in the interest of the city, and the chairman for each appointed. The committees, their duties and chairmen are as follows:

Agriculture and Immigration—(T. H. Pathebrook.) To aid in the promotion of agriculture, immigration and land settlement, co-operating with local and provincial authorities.

Coastal Services—(G. E. Harbour.) To attend to matters relating to Bay of Fundy freight and passenger services, to recommend subsidies, extensions, etc.

Exhibition Features—(P. W. Thomson.) To consider and recommend exhibition and holiday features for the city, in conjunction with exhibition association, independently.

Labor—(M. E. Azar.) To moderate in labor disputes; to seek to promote a friendly feeling between employer and employee; to study their duties and aims as they may affect city interests.

Insurance—(H. B. Robinson.) To attend to matters relating to fire insurance; to make recommendations respecting fire prevention, fire protection, etc.

Retail Interests—(P. W. Daniel.) To aid in promotion of retail interests of city, co-operating with Retail Merchants' Association.

Wholesale Interests—(A. H. Wetmore.) To give attention to matters affecting wholesale interests of city and to promote legitimate expansion thereof.

REPORTS OF CITY AND POLICE COURT

Arrests for Last Year Nearly Four Hundred Less Than 1917—Decrease in Arrests for Drunkenness.

George A. Henderson, clerk of the police and city courts, has compiled the figures for the year 1918. The arrests for the past year were nearly four hundred less than for 1917, the figures being: 1,463 for 1917 and 1,076 for 1918. The number of arrests for drunkenness last year were 507, and for 1917 603, a decrease of nearly one hundred. The receipts from liquor law violations last year amounted to \$9,140, as compared with \$4,181 for 1917. The police court receipts last year were a little smaller than for the previous year, the figures being: 1917, \$5,921.65; 1918, \$5,272.50. The receipts for the city court were, 1917, \$9,214.55; 1918, \$5,272.50.

MISS ANITA STEWART.

The originator of the famous role "Goddess" from which "Goddess" Corsets derive its name, Miss Anita Stewart writes as follows:

"Goddess" Corsets are most satisfactory; they give the greatest possible comfort and freedom, and without any undue compression add to the grace of the figure.

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This charming artist also authorizes the publication of her appreciation of "Goddess" Corsets, which are named after the "Goddess" film in which she had the title role. A pleasing generous sized pamphlet showing Miss Anita Stewart in street costume, and the poses in which she appears in the "Goddess" film will be given to anyone requesting same at Dykeman's corset section, third floor.

There is a rare musical treat at the Opera House this week in the vocal offering by Miss Mary Desmond, noted English contralto, who took the prize by storm last evening. She not only has a charming voice but versatility and personality also. Her selections were varied to suit all tastes, two of the most popular, if one could judge by the applause, being a new Peace song and a request number, "Soldiers of the King." Miss Desmond has been a soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Manhattan Grand Opera Company, has sung at Buckingham Palace, London, by Royal command, and has headed operatic and concert companies on tours all over the world. Her stay in St. John is for today and Monday only. If you enjoy good music go and hear her—artists of her ability come but seldom.

Back from the front with authentic pictures of the famous war scenes and lectures by F. A. McKenzie, Imperial Theatre at 4 o'clock, Monday.

The choicest seats will be given to those coming early to hear F. A. McKenzie lecture at the Imperial Theatre, Monday at 4 o'clock.



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		Model D	\$7.00	Auto Tubulac	\$6.00

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During January, February and March our store will close on Saturdays at one o'clock.

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ANNUAL Mid-Winter Sale

OF Men's and Boys' Overcoats

Commencing Saturday Morning in Men's and Boys' Clothing Department



This sale comprises our entire stock of Winter Overcoats. Latest styles, in the season's most popular colorings. REALLY WONDERFUL VALUES ARE BEING OFFERED. Among these Sale Coats will be found many belted Ulsters and Trench Coats, in soft combed fleece cloth, and fancy tweeds, and mixtures. Shawl and Convertible Collars are both featured, also Slip-on Coats full or half lined, made in neat mixtures or fancy tweeds. For the business man who prefers more conservative styles, we have an excellent line of medium and dark grey and Black Melton Overcoats in "Chesterfield" style, with fly front and velvet collar.

Men's Overcoats that were \$20.00, on sale at \$15.95; \$21.00 Coats for \$16.80; \$22.50 Coats for \$18.80; \$25.00 Coats for \$19.95; \$28.50 Coats for \$22.30; \$30.00 Coats for \$23.85.

Boys' Overcoats are made in strong good wearing Tweeds, Napes and soft fleeced cloths, in plain weaves and fancy mixtures. YOUTHS and LARGER BOYS' sizes, follow closely the styles worn by men. They have shawl and convertible collars, all around belts fastening with buckle or half belt at the back. Big reductions offered in these Coats are as follows: \$7.50 and \$10.00 Coats for \$7.95; \$12.00 and \$12.50 Coats for \$9.95; \$13.00 and \$13.50 Coats for \$10.80; \$15.00 Coats for \$11.95; \$16.50 Coats for \$13.20.

FOR THE SMALL BOY from 3 to 7 years, we have many fancy styles in yoked and plaid effects with Convertible and buttoned to neck collars in self material or velvet. \$5.75 Coats for \$4.40; \$8.00 Coats for \$6.40; \$9.00 and \$9.50 Coats for \$7.00; \$10.00 Coats for \$7.95; \$13.00 Coats for \$10.40.

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FEATURES

Home Reading Comics—Sport



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On the night of June twenty-third Philo Gubb, page-maker and graduate of the Rising Sun Detective Bureau's correspondence School of Detecting, was extremely tired. It was a hot night in Riverbank, and all day Mr. Gubb had been at work papering the walls of the First M. E. Church, using the wallpaper known as Dietz's 6582. This was a heavily embossed, sectional fleur-de-lis design on paper almost as thick as cardboard. On account of its thickness, the paper was remarkably hard to handle. Instead of retaining the curl it had acquired in the roll; and it was necessary for Mr. Gubb to use glue instead of paste to apply the paper to the wall. In experimenting with paste of various thicknesses Mr. Gubb had wasted most of the day, and at six o'clock he had not managed to glue Dietz's 6582 on more than one-fourth of the north wall of the church.

He was quite exhausted by his labor and had just climbed down from his scaffold when the Reverend Orley Jones stepped inside the church to see how the decorating was progressing. He immediately threw up both his hands and cried out in horror.

"Dear me!" he exclaimed, "that will never do! I can't have Mr. Harder come in and see that for anything."

"What seems to all the matter of it?" asked Mr. Gubb, turning his bird-like head on one side and looking at the pained portion of the wall.

"Dear me! You have every fleur-de-lis upside down!" cried Reverend Orley Jones.

"Some would rather prefer to have them downside up, and some would prefer to have them upside down," said Mr. Gubb slyly.

"Point up always!" declared Reverend Mr. Jones. "Dear me, yes! Point up—upside down!—A. Cues, are you certainly?" And after telling Mr. Harder that was why I chose the fleur-de-lis! And after using every argument to get the job for you instead of letting Mr. Harder give it to Mr. Jones! Dear me, he will be ferocious!"

"I wouldn't want to care to have him be as noisy as the other Mr. Gubb. I can take that paper off again. It's glued, and the glue has set, but I'll remove it off."

He did so. It was an extremely annoying and difficult job, and it was after eleven o'clock before he had the first fleur-de-lis right-side-up on the wall. When he reached his room in the Opera House Block, he was too tired to sleep. He went to bed and tossed uncomfortably. A Cues, are hummed around his head. He turned over and tried forty positions. He could not sleep.

Finally he got out of bed and turned on the light and, in his pajamas, read over again that one of the twelve lessons dealing with clues. It is the lesson, beginning in Chapter 4. Clues are either external or internal. External clues have to do with the physical aspects of the case, and internal clues have to do with the moral aspects of the case. The detective must proceed in an orderly way and first examine the external clues and then the internal.

Before he reached the end of this very important lesson, Mr. Gubb found himself nodding; and he tumbled into bed and slept. The next day was a Sunday, and Mr. Gubb was not at work. He advanced before Mr. Gubb awakened. The sun was pouring into his room, and already the day had warmed up with an almost suffocating heat. It was well on toward noon, and Mr. Gubb, with a sudden remembrance of the First M. E. Church of Riverbank, just got out of bed and reached for his trousers. There were no trousers!

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