

## Around the City

### GENERALLY FAIR

#### INVITED TO PREACH.

Rev. Canon Armstrong, rector of Trinity church, has been invited to preach the eucharist service at King's College, Windsor, on May 2nd.

#### INJURED IN COTTON MILL.

Saturday morning Elias Hickman, of Spar Cove Road, was badly injured in the Cornwall Cotton Mills when his right hand became caught in some machinery and was badly crushed.

#### PREACHED IN CENTENARY.

Rev. George M. Young, B. A., of Fredericton occupied the pulpit in Centenary Methodist Church yesterday, preaching to large congregations at both morning and evening services.

#### FOR RETURNED MEN.

Returned soldiers are given preference by the C. P. R. in filling vacancies in the car repair department, Mr. Adam and it is reported that there is a number of positions open for returned men at the present time.

#### WILL TAKE SPEEDY TRIALS.

William Garnett, Frank Wright and George Nobles, who were recently committed by the Justice Magistrate on a charge of breaking cargo, have elected to be tried by Judge Armstrong under the Speedy Trials Act.

#### AN ORIGINAL WOUNDED.

Word has been received by Mrs. Wm. Marshall, 68 Murray street, that her son-in-law, Pte. Ernest Oldfield Chapman, had been admitted to No. 4 Field Ambulance Depot, April 4th, suffering from gunshot wound in the right arm and shoulder. He was one of the 28th originals.

#### CLERGYMAN RESIGNS.

The resignation of Rev. S. B. Culp has been received by the congregation of the Coburg street Christian church. Mr. Culp has received a call to the pastorate of the churches at Clarence and North Lancaster, N. Y. The members of the Women's Missionary Society presented Mrs. Culp with a silver scallop dish.

#### LECTURES IN FREDERICTON.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith left for Fredericton this morning where tonight she gives the story of the Halifax tragedy and makes a plea for the blind. While in the capital Mrs. Smith hopes to form an auxiliary to work with the New Brunswick Council of the Blind. Tomorrow Mrs. Smith will attend the annual sessions of the Provincial Chapter Daughters of the Empire.

#### SONG SERVICE ENJOYED.

The song service for the soldiers and sailors at St. David's last night was well attended. The hymns which were sung by the choir and soloists were well received by the audience. An interesting feature was that the slides were some saved from the fire, and their use was made possible by the presentation of a lantern by S. L. Kerr.

#### THE BOYS' CLUB.

The members of the Boys' Club were given a good time at the rooms of the Natural History Society by the junior members on Saturday evening. Mr. McIntosh held the attention of the boys for some time with an interesting talk on guns. A vocal solo was given by Miss Greta Love and a recitation by James White. After the boys had been shown through the museum, refreshments were served.

#### FOR HALIFAX BLIND.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the New Brunswick Auxiliary for the Maritime School for the Blind, gratefully acknowledges the following amounts to the fund for the blind: His Worship Mayor Hayes, \$45, (\$25 from E. and \$20 from Miss Barton); \$10 from Mrs. C. O. Krieger, \$10 from Miss, through a friend, and \$10 from Grade III, Harkins' Seminary, New castle, per Miss Clara Z. Lior.

#### SATURDAY'S AUCTION SALES.

On Saturday at Chubb's Corner, Harry Garson bid in the Miller property consisting of 20 acres of land, lumber mill, five houses and two lime kilns. The price paid was \$9,000. The two and a half story wooden dwelling house and frehold property belonging to the Matilda A. Shaw estate on Cedar street was withdrawn at \$3,000. The wrecked bark Ashmore on the Murr Ledges was bought by Harry Garson for \$1,825.

#### THE ADVANCEMENT MOVEMENT.

The sum of \$827 dollars has thus far been subscribed in Fredericton to the King's College advancement movement. Dr. Boyle left Saturday evening for New castle, N. B., and Canon Vernon for Amherst, N. S., where the local campaigns were to be commenced yesterday. The work in Fredericton will be continued by the local committee of which Dr. T. Carleton Allen is chairman. Mr. H. Taylor, manager of the Royal Bank, treasurer, and Rev. H. F. Butte, secretary.

#### HAVE A GARDEN.

"Have a garden." That is the advice extended to the people of St. John and its suburbs by the War Gardens Association. The association expects to help its members by providing them with land to cultivate if they have none; by plowing and harrowing garden plots at cost; by competent advice, free of charge; by supplying seeds at cost as far as supply can be obtained; by providing manure and fertilizer at cost, as far as the same is obtainable; by free instruction and by providing labor at cost when required for preparation and cultivation.

#### THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

Yesterday was the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. George F. Matthews' wedding. Dr. and Mrs. Matthews are at present visiting at Hastings, on the Hudson, New York.

In honor of the over the Natural History Society of St. John has sent to Dr. and Mrs. Matthew an engrossed address, congratulating them on their anniversary and expressing in the name of the three branches of the organization—the parent itself, the Ladies' Association, and the Junior Association, appreciation of the activities of both Dr. and Mrs. Matthew in behalf of the society and of the valuable place Dr. Matthews has won in the scientific world.

## JOHN MARR'S HOME IN EAST ST. JOHN BURNED YESTERDAY

Fire Last Night Totally Destroyed Residence—Family Escaped with Only Wearing Apparel—Carried No Insurance.

The house occupied by John Marr, on Mount Pleasant Avenue, East St. John, was totally destroyed by fire last night and he with his family turned out with only the clothes which they had on their backs.

Mr. Marr, who is an employee of the slaughter house, his wife and young child were in the front of the house at the time the fire broke out and when they noticed it the flames had obtained such a hold that it was impossible to save any of their furniture or clothes except what they were wearing at the time. It is supposed the fire was caused by the chimney taking fire and the sparks falling on the roof. The shingles were very dry and the flames spread rapidly and soon consumed the building. The fire was noticed about nine o'clock and the neighbors soon gathered in force. It was seen that nothing could be done to save the house and their efforts were concentrated on saving the buildings near to the blaze and in this they were successful. Organizing a bucket brigade they put out any sparks as fast as they fell on any of the nearby buildings.

Mr. Marr's loss will be a severe one as he had no insurance. The family spent the night at the home of Mrs. Thomas McHugh, East St. John.

## IN THE TRENCHES FIFTEEN MONTHS

Corp. A. Dayton was Wounded Five Times—Now Reporting for Special Services Hopes to Reach France Again.

Corpl. A. Dayton of Edmundston is in the city at present. Corpl. Dayton returned on a ship lately and after visiting his home, is now reporting for duty in the "Special Service" for fifteen months. He was in the trenches 15 months, and in a number of engagements, being wounded five times. He received a bad wound in the shoulder and lost five fingers on his right hand and a shrapnel shell pierced his helmet. Asked if he minded it much when he first went in he answered: "No, not my first, because I never realized danger but after a baptism of fire once, when buzz-bangs and coilers drop around you commence to get cautious. I enlisted when only 17 years of age, my sister had me hauled out, but soon I re-enlisted. Speaking about the city he found it rather slow, but once one is in London or France, he thinks every other city slow. He hopes to again get back to France, and added "the Allies are confident" of success.

## RIVER MAY OPEN IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS

Was Open as Far as Carter's Point Yesterday—First Steamer Last Spring was on April 21.

Reports yesterday were to the effect that the river was open as far as Carter's Point and that it is wanted is a warm rain to start the ice moving along the river. The water is rising but no great freshet is expected this spring. Painters and carpenters are hard at work on the river steamers at Indian town and all will be ready for a start on the season's business as soon as there is a chance to make their way up river with safety.

Records of P. Nase & Son show that the steamer Oceano made the first trip of the season of 1917 on April 21st, going as far as Wickham. On the following Monday, April 23rd, the majestic made her first trip. Steamer Champlain sailed for Upper James on the following day, and the D. J. Purdy made the trip to Fredericton on May 11th.

Men engaged in river business expect the opening this spring in about two weeks.

The ice in the tributaries of the St. John river is breaking up and running out, and stretches of a main river south of Fredericton are reported to be clear of ice, although there has been no general move of the ice yet.

The ice in the Nashwak river has run out and the stream is rising. The ice in the Oromocto river is broken up and has pretty well run out for a distance of three miles from the mouth. A bridge that distance from the mouth is holding the ice in a jam. At the Indian Reserve, Oromocto, the ice in the main river is reported to have run some distance, leaving clear water for quite a run.

**THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.**  
The residents of Carleton, Chatham, Coburg, Peters and streets in that vicinity had more or less trouble with their telephones yesterday, a number being out of commission. The trouble is supposed to have been caused by the flooding of a conduit on Union street through which the cable lines affected are carried under the street.

**PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH.**  
Wednesday the Patronage of St. Joseph on the Catholic church calendar will be observed by all the churches in the city.

**FRANCE IN ARMS.**  
See it at the Star Theatre April 22nd and 23rd. The most instructive war picture ever filmed. See this space Wednesday for prices.

## ENJOYABLE CONCERT GIVEN LAST EVENING FOR THE SOLDIERS

Held in West Side Barracks Under Auspices of Soldiers' Reception Committee—Excellent Programme Carried Through.

An enjoyable concert was given last evening in West St. John to the soldier boys stationed there. The affair was under the auspices of the "Soldiers' Reception Committee." It was an impromptu programme which was carried out and proved most pleasing. S. Herbert Mayes acted as chairman and introduced each number in a pleasant and humorous manner. The programme was as follows:

Patriotic speech—Hon. R. J. Ritchie. Recitation—Steve Hurley. Address—H. A. Powell. Song—Miss Leslie. Vocal solo—F. Hoar, Thos. Anderson, B. Crawford. Song and comic speech—Jere McLaughlin.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie gave a fine address in the opening number, and in a humorous light stated: "For twenty-nine years I have not been accustomed to giving any speech, but my side of life was confined to 'imposing sentences.' He referred to the moral side of this life and exhorted the boys to live good clean lives and never bring the blush of shame to their mothers. His remarks were well received.

H. A. Powell, K. C., gave an excellent address in his pleasing manner, which held its humorous side also, especially when he told about the Irishman at the "Quaker meeting." He alluded to the remarks of Judge Ritchie when he said "All bigotry and denominations could be cast aside by all to do their bit, and trample the tyrant of Germany underfoot. The greatest sacrifice a man could make was as they were willing to 'immolate themselves on the altar of their country'—so that justice and righteousness should prevail forever. He then alluded to the effects if Germany ever won, "that exaction from the people which they never could pay. His words were 'Onward, onward' to victory.

Miss Leslie gave some beautiful selections in a pleasing manner, one entitled "The Kellys Are At It Again" brought down the house. She was well received.

The vocal selections by the trio were also good and they did their parts in an excellent manner. And last—but not least, Jere McLaughlin, now in the city at a local theatre—Enough said about him. He needs no introduction, but his comic selections and speeches about "Tim O'Reilly" were laughable and merited applause.

The affair was a grand success in every way and the participants are to be congratulated for their efforts. Refreshments were served and a pleasant time was brought to a close with the singing of God Save the King.

## WAR ENVOY COMING WITH A THRILLING MESSAGE FROM FRONT

Mayor Hayes Advised that Hon. Everett Colby is Coming—Visited Principal Points of Battle in France.

Mayor Hayes has been advised from Ottawa that Hon. Everett Colby, a distinguished member of the Senate and Legislature of New Jersey, who was sent to England and France some months ago by the United States government to report upon war conditions and necessities at the war front, will be in the city this week, and will have a thrilling message to tell the people of St. John.

Hon. Mr. Colby spent some time in London and was given opportunity of seeing what the British people were doing to win the war. He afterwards went to France, where Sir Douglas Haig introduced him to Vimy Ridge, Rheims, Verdun and other notable war points. The message he brought back to the United States was a revelation and proved one of great stimulus to the war endeavor that the nation had experienced.

He has been asked by the Ottawa authorities to visit St. John and Halifax as the special representative of the United States government, and to tell his story.

The Mayor has not been advised of the exact date of his visit here, but he hopes to be able to make an announcement today.

As a mark of respect to the distinguished visitor, His Hon. Lieutenant Governor Pugsley will be asked to preside at Mr. Colby's meeting here, the arrangements for which will be completed just as soon as the Mayor is informed of the date.

## LAST CHAPTER TODAY.

The Mark of Cain, and final episode of "The Seven Pearls," Star Theatre, today and Tuesday.

## BACK FROM TEXAS BOUND FOR ENGLAND

Ted Powers Completed His Course in the R.F.C.—Was Close Friend to Late Joseph Brosnan.

Ted Powers who recently returned from Texas, and was visiting his relatives in the city, left on Saturday evening and expects to soon go overseas. Mr. Powers has completed his course in the "R. F. C." and is to report for duty in England. He has the shape of a cane which was made on the plane of the machine in which Joseph Brosnan of this city, lost his life. Mr. Powers was a close friend of the late Mr. Brosnan and speaks in the highest terms of the deceased.

## THE TERRIBLE TRUTHS OF THE FOOD SITUATION

Interesting Sermon by Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison Yesterday—War, Pestilence and Famine are Natural Enemies of Human Race—Special Address at Sunday School.

In the First Presbyterian church, West St. John, speaking at the morning service yesterday upon the subject of "The Terrible Truths of the 1918 Food Situation," Rev. Dr. Morison said in part:

"War, pestilence and famine are the natural enemies of the human race. As civilization progresses there is no good reason why the two former should not be eliminated, for as man ascends in the scale and places a greater distance between himself and the jungle he ought by that degree to shake off those animal traits which delight in the savagery of the battlefield, while good sanitation tends to minimize the horrors of pestilence.

In the history of the human race there has been time to time been much suffering caused by famine and it has been estimated that there have been known to history at least 300 serious famines in different parts of the world and in various times from the days of the patriarchs down to the present time. Not only did Egypt suffer from this dread scourge, but Persia, India, China, mediaeval Europe and the United Kingdom as well. Experts have analyzed the causes of these successive world's famines and have found that for the most part they can be traced to a dozen causes or thereabouts, such as rain, frost, drought, defective agriculture, insects, legislative interference, currency restrictions, speculation or the forestalling of the market, misapplication of the land through excessive brewing and distilling and last but not least, the ravages of war." Quoting Lord Rindhead, Dr. Morison emphasized the point that "War is making bare the world's cupboards; the granaries are being emptied, the flocks thinned, the herds butchered, the mines scraped. The whole world is up against the nasty thing that the people of India call famine."

Dr. Morison further pointed out that the aim of Germany was to destroy us and by the submarine bring us to starvation and they have succeeded in this so well that Europe is on rationing. Continuing, he stated that owing to victory over the Russians, Germany is now in the way of securing vast additions to her stores of food and raw material. The success of her submarine campaign while not complete has been at least sufficient to seriously embarrass us in the sending of food supplies to Europe. While the British government has millions of bushels of wheat in Australia, it might almost as well be at the bottom of the sea inasmuch as they have not the bottoms to take it to England.

In closing the doctor urged that it was not enough for those of us who were at home to "do our bit" but we must each try to do our best.

In the afternoon J. R. Cameron, superintendent of the Sunday school, made a strong and gripping address to the "teen age boys on the subject of 'The Soldiers of the Soil.'" In speaking to them he said, "We are fighting two enemies, our adversaries in Europe are world famine conditions." He urged all the boys to do something to increase production and to avoid waste and to thus prove themselves good soldiers of the soil, fulfilling their pledge to their soldier-brothers at the front.

## DRUG STORE WAS BADLY DAMAGED

Over Two Thousand Dollars Loss in Frank E. Porter's Store Saturday—Thousands of Prescriptions Lost.

The drug store of Frank E. Porter, at 303 Union street, was damaged by fire to the amount of between two and three thousand dollars on Saturday afternoon.

It was about 12:30 o'clock, the clerks were away and Mr. Porter was in the front shop attending to a number of customers and had left a pot containing camphor boiling on a gas stove in the rear apartments. The camphor boiler over and in an instant the place was in a blaze. Mr. Porter rushed in and just had time to turn off the gas when he was driven out on the street by the flames. An alarm was sent in from Box 13 and within the fire department arrived there was a brisk fire burning. The fire had worked out from the rear to the main store and the heat broke the plate glass windows as well as doing other serious damage. The firemen were enabled to confine the fire to the store and the other section of the building was practically undamaged.

In addition to the damage done the furnishings, drugs, etc., Mr. Porter had somewhere in the vicinity of 19,000 prescriptions destroyed, which is indeed a great loss to him.

The stock and furnishings are insured with the Guardian, and while Mr. Porter last night could not give an exact estimate of his loss, he feels that the amount of insurance carried will not cover his loss.

## REQUEST FOR SQUARE.

The department of public works has received a request that Rotarians be allowed the use of the Queen Square, West St. John, for parking. Commissioner Fisher, Horticulturalist Gould and Superintendent Price approve of the scheme.

## Housecleaning Helps You'll Be Needing

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Silk Ankle Hose, Black and White, ..... 55c, and 75c, pair  
Silk Ankle Hose, Black, White, Tan, Navy, ..... 65c, pair  
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During the past few days every department has been receiving these belated shipments and we may truthfully say that the stocks are at their best now, and present the most comprehensive and complete assortment of styles, as they are decreed by the world's most noted fashioners.

Among the parcels just received are special purchases of Cape Coats, Sleeveless Coats, the chic and elegant for women. Prices too so moderate, \$12.50, \$19.50, \$17.50. Also Shet-Nickel, Queen Square.

land sleeveless Pull Overs, a wonderful dainty garment, priced at from \$3.70 to \$6.50 each.

**TONIGHT.**  
An interesting time is assured all those who attend the debate in Centenary church tonight, a good programme has been prepared.

We have helped the soldiers generously, but how much have you done for the sailors who suffer such hardships in the North Sea? Give a dollar for a flag and help them on St. George's Day.

Our "All Star" week opens today with "Melissa of the Hills," starring Mary Miles Minter. This picture is one of the best pictures ever screened and we advise those who wish to secure seats to be on hand early. Nickel, Queen Square.

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## THE TRIANGLE CLUB.

A large number of soldiers spent a pleasant evening yesterday at the Red Triangle room on King square. A vocal solo was sung by Miss E. Chimo. The chorus singing was much enjoyed by those men. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Khaki Club.