

### Around the City

#### FAIR AND COLD.

**POLICE COURT.**  
Owing to the fact that no persons were arrested Wednesday night misters were quiet in the police court yesterday.

**MAJOR HEAVY PROMOTED.**  
The London Gazette contains the appointment of Major R. A. McAvitt, as Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Service.

**SALARY INCREASES.**  
It is said that the Common Council is soon to take up the matter regarding proposed increase in salaries for civil employes in different departments.

**PTE. B. TRACEY.**  
The official report from Ottawa yesterday says Pte. B. Tracey, Mounted Rifles, St. John, is "presumed to have died." Pte. Tracey was reported missing a long time ago.

**DESSERTERS ARRESTED.**  
Two deserters from the C.A.M.C. at Halifax are held at Moncton awaiting the arrival of an escort to take them back to Halifax. These men were caught by Chief Gunn of Shediac and brought by him to Moncton yesterday.

**A QUARTERLY MEETING.**  
The quarterly meeting of the directors of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the company, Prince William street. After the meeting one of the directors said that only matters of routine business had been considered.

**V. A. D. EXAMINATIONS.**  
In Trinity school room last evening the annual examination of the V. A. D. was conducted by Dr. L. M. Curran, assisted by Drs. Kelly and Leslie. About thirty-seven wrote the examinations which covered first aid and home nursing. The course of lectures taken by the students writing last evening was arranged by the St. John Amulance Association.

**SOLDIERS AND THE FERRY.**  
At a conference held yesterday morning between General Macdonnell, Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Lussell with regard to soldiers paying fares on the ferry, an arrangement satisfactory to both parties was arrived at. The militia department it is understood will pay the fares of the men on duty who have to cross, and those not on duty will pay the same as any other citizen.

**PRISONERS CAPTURED.**  
Four boys were brought to the Boys Industrial Home yesterday from Moncton by one of the Moncton police officers. Three of the boys whose homes are at St. John, Chatham and Meadow Brook, escaped from the home some few days ago and walked as far as Shediac where they were captured by Chief Gunn of that place. The fourth boy was recently sentenced to two years in the home in the Moncton police court.

The falling of a hall stove at the home of George Scaplen, 45 Carmarthen street, was responsible for the calling out of the fire department last evening about seven o'clock. Just after tea the members of a family heard a crash and on investigation found that the self-feeder in the hall had fallen down. An alarm was rung in from box 38 and on the arrival of the firemen the fire in the stove was extinguished by the chemical and stove thrown out into the yard. The only damage done was to the stove.

**BACK ON DUTY.**  
The many friends of Gunner J. F. Odell, a member of the 66th Battery, which is stationed at Woodstock, will be glad to learn that he has recovered from illness at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Odell, of Musquash and has left to join the battery. While at the residence of his parents a number of his friends gathered and spent a pleasant evening. Singing was enjoyed and also piano music. Miss Elonor Mullin of Douglas avenue, and Mrs. L. Moody officiated at the piano.

**WAS BADLY WOUNDED.**  
Mrs. Chamberlain of Fairville has received further word in regard to her son, Pte. T. C. Chamberlain, who was recently reported in the casualty list as being killed in action. The word comes from one of the nurses in the hospital in which Pte. Chamberlain is a patient. She writes that Pte. Chamberlain was admitted to the hospital on January 27, suffering from wounds in the back and head, also from a fractured spine. He is quite cheery, she says, and is well satisfied with his surroundings.

**PIECE OF AIRPLANE.**  
In a letter received by Mrs. George Swetka yesterday from her son Signaller William, an original of the Fighting 26th was an unique souvenir in the shape of a piece of an airplane. Signaller Swetka said that it was a part of a British Air craft that had been struck by German fire and had landed in the British lines near where he was fighting. The piece is apparently a section of a windshield made of celluloid with a small hole in the centre, the hole, signaller Swetka said was caused by a piece of shrapnel. The St. John soldier states that he is well and going strong.

**IN AID OF SOLDIERS.**  
An excellent entertainment was given last evening in the St. James St. Hall under the auspices of the members of St. Philip's church in aid of No. 2 Construction Corps. There was a good attendance, the various numbers on the programme were of high quality and those present enjoyed the evening to the full. The programme commenced with the singing of the National Anthem after which a jubilee chorus was given. This was followed by a comedy sketch by Ralph Carly. Readings were given by Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Carly; solos by Miss Penny, Miss Edidson, Mr. MacAlister, Miss Sadler and Mrs. Fredwell. An instrumental solo was well rendered by Albert Carly. A most pleasing and unique pantomime tableau was presented by the girls of the Church League. Cake and refreshment defence, conclusion of the programme.

### YOUNG FARMERS ARE TAKEN OUT OF LAST DRAFT

It is Said 137 of This Class Were Found in Depot Battalion—Provincial Government Official Inspecting the Units.

The Standard learned yesterday that 137 men whose services are of more benefit to the country behind the plow than in the trenches were "combed" out of the last draft to leave St. John for overseas. In conversation with J. Scott who was appointed by the provincial government to attend to this work he told The Standard that it was his intention to visit Woodstock the first of the week and inspect the men now in khaki in that town with the purpose of ascertaining how many of them are agriculturists.

### ANOTHER COLD WAVE ARRIVED

Change of Fifty-One Degrees in 24 Hours—Last Midnight Thermometer Registered Seven Below—Strong Wind Accompanied the Frost.

St. John was visited by a cold wave yesterday and coming as it did after the warm weather of Wednesday it seemed doubly severe. The drop in temperature was accompanied by a wind from the northwest which had a most penetrating quality and this blew all day with a velocity ranging from 17 miles per hour in the early morning down to 32 miles per hour at nine o'clock last night. During the afternoon the velocity was around 34 miles per hour.

### LETTERS FROM STANDARD BOYS

Lieut. A. W. Thorne, in France, and Pte. Mantle, in England, Write Home—Both Well and Are Going Strong.

The English mail brought to the Standard yesterday two letters from former members in the Standard employ who are overseas.

Accompanying a letter from Lieut. A. W. Thorne was an excellent photograph of himself and Lieut. E. N. Ganong of St. Stephen, which was taken in France. These two young officers are in the same unit. Thorne did not give very much news regarding matters at the front other than saying that he was feeling in good shape and going strong.

The other letter was from Thomas Mantle who is now with a signaling corps in England. Private Mantle went overseas with the 140th and was drafted to the Fighting 26th last fall. He was only on the firing line a few days when he was wounded in the shoulder. He was sent back to England and patched up, and is now doing duty with the signallers until such time as he is sent back to the firing line again. He said that at the time of writing they had been having a heavy rain in England and that there was plenty of mud.

**AN EARLY BASTER.**—We're making an early showing of New Spring styles and merchandise.

**DYKEMANS.**  
To see the great influx of new goods that is finding its way all over the store these days, it would be difficult indeed to suggest a need of Spring from ankle to chin that cannot be supplied by Dykemans.

If it be new fashions, New York can scarcely be more generously favored at this early date. If it be Neckwear, Fine Hosiery and Glove wear, the selection today is a delight to women's eyes. One thing is certain, there is no lack of abundance at Dykemans. The Calendar has it that Easter comes earlier this year. Forehand people will want to quickly get in touch with the new styles and fashions. Nowhere, in this vicinity, are they being shown as soon as at DYKEMANS.

Big mixed programme at the Nickel today and Saturday.  
"The Lost Express," our big serial story coming soon.

### CAMPAIGN IN AID OF KING'S COLLEGE IS TO BE LAUNCHED

Well Attended Meeting Held Yesterday—Committees Appointed to Attend to Different Branches of the Effort in Obtaining Funds.

Every chair in the Equity Court Court Chambers was filled yesterday afternoon by gentlemen in the city interested in the campaign in aid of King's College, which is to be launched in St. John next month. The assembly yesterday was marked by the attendance of members of the faculty, graduates, undergraduates and special students, some of whom, although living out of the city, made it a point to be present. On motion of the lecturer on Domestic Relations, Judge Armstrong was appointed chairman.

Before the appointment of committees was dealt with Dr. J. B. M. Baxter addressed the meeting and stated briefly the duty owed to the parent college by those associated directly or indirectly with the law school, which is a branch of the university. He said that the board of King's College had found it necessary to launch a campaign in order to pay off the overdraft and to place the university in a satisfactory financial position.

The purpose of the meeting, said the speaker, was to organize and make detailed preparation for this work. He invited discussion and many valuable suggestions resulted which will receive the attention of the committees in charge during the course of the campaign.

F. J. G. Knowlton, a member of the faculty, said that he was willing to place his time and services in the interest of such a worthy effort at the disposal of the Board of Governors and would gladly offer the suggestion that a committee be appointed by the chairman to work in conjunction with the governors in the city. Owing to the unanimous opinion of the gathering to appoint different committees to attend to the different branches of the effort, with a central committee to promote the work.

Judge McInerney, before the committee was selected, took occasion to pay a tribute to the aims and methods, during the infancy of the law school, advanced funds in support of the undertaking. "Since we are able to support ourselves it is only right that we should rally to the support of the university when support is needed," concluded the speaker.

The secretary, J. A. LeBlanc, a graduate of last year, was instructed to write to the King's men who have gone abroad stating the purpose of the campaign and asking their assistance to carry the college over during the present crisis.

The following committee was chosen to attend to the promotion of the campaign: Mr. Justice McKewen, Judge Armstrong, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, F. J. G. Knowlton and W. E. McMonagle.

All in attendance offered their services in whatever capacity they might be required. The following gentlemen will assist in the carrying out of the campaign: John A. Barry, A. F. Dykeman, Edward O'Toole, Lieut. Keswick, Ralph Stephenson and A. Carten.

The gentlemen appointed to attend to the publicity of the campaign and to keep the public informed as to the activities of the workers were: Judge McInerney, E. Tait, Laurence Manning, Thomas O'Leary, Joseph Mellday and Barber assistance.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Student Society decided to hold a meeting on Monday night when matters relating to the campaign will be discussed by them and arrangements made for the part of the students to take in the deserving cause.

Canon Vernon of Halifax is expected in the city some time before the campaign is launched, and it is understood that he will address meetings in the neighbourhood of the city.

### DOMINION POLICE DOING GOOD WORK

Constables Brought Two Men to City Yesterday—One a Deserter, the Other a German—Latter Registered and Given His Liberty.

Two of the Dominion police constables visited Bloomfield on Wednesday and as a result of the visit they brought to the city yesterday two men, one a deserter and the other a German, who was working on a farm at that place.

### EASTPORT HAS STEAMER SERVICE; FIRST SINCE FALL

Maine Coast Company Places Freight Boat Massasoit on the Route—Signs of Line Being Re-established in the Spring.

After being entirely cut off from steamship connections from Boston and Portland since last fall, when steamers of the Eastern Steamship Co. were taken over by the government, and the international division known as the Boston-St. John route discontinued, Eastport now has freight connections for the season as the freight boat Massasoit of Maine Coast Company arrived in that port early Tuesday evening. Although slower than former steamers on the route and not having the capacity for the usual large freights, the Massasoit brought a large collection of mixed freight for Jonsopet, Lubec and Eastport, and on the return Wednesday morning gathered up a full load, principally from Lubec, which has been hard hit since the takings off of the former well-established line and without railroad connections Lubec anticipates the coming of the present steamer. The Massasoit made her landing at the E. S. S. Co. wharf and the big warehouse of the company will be used until such time as the company may need it, although there are no signs of the line being re-established this spring and the Maine Coast Company will later have their other steamer Mohawk on the route so that considerable freight can be brought down east every week. Early next month sardine supplies will be on the way to the eastern Maine sardine factories in time for the annual opening of the industry on April 15 and with more favorable weather the steamers will probably make faster trips.

### THE ASSESSMENT COMMISSION MET

Sessions Held Yesterday—Income Tax and Dominion Income Law Under Discussion.

The Assessment Commission held a meeting yesterday afternoon and made further progress in the preparation of their report on which the new assessment bill for the city will be prepared.

The income tax was under consideration and the forenoon was spent in going over the Dominion Income Tax law with the idea if it was suitable of its adoption for the city. The commission have already considered an income tax based on rentals and which will decide between the merits of the two systems for this city.

Last night the chairman of the commission, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, and Dr. Kierstead were engaged in drafting a possible section of the new act based on the Dominion law, and this will probably be submitted to the commission this afternoon.

### HOW ACCIDENTS HAPPEN IN TEXAS

Major Cruikshank of Royal Flying Corps Says Accidents Due to Over Confidence and Carelessness.

Owing to the number of deaths which have occurred during the winter at the Canadian Aviation camp in Texas, The Standard took occasion to interview Major J. W. Cruikshank of the Royal Flying Corps while in St. John, and asked him to state what he attributed the fatalities. It will be remembered that recently the matter was mentioned editorially and has since been the subject of criticism. Major Cruikshank, himself an officer of high standing in the corps, stated that in nine out of ten times the fault was due to the pilot. In some cases they feel over confident and become careless. Again some of the men, although just learning to fly attempt to do turns in the air, such as spirals, and the result is that they lose control of their machines or upset them.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Laura Moody, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Odell of Musquash, has returned to her home in St. Stephen.

Chief Inspector George Riddout will leave this morning for McAdam and Woodstock for an inspection trip.

**LOADS OF BAD BEEF.**  
It is reported that "high" beef were loaded in the city and destroyed. According to the information the beef was seen on Pond street. One load was seen yesterday and the other the day preceding. It is thought that it rotted in cold storage.

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