

Around the City

GALES WITH RAIN.

PRETTY VALENTINE. Many persons yesterday received a very pretty valentine, the gift of the New Edison representatives, W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.

WRECKED STEAMER SOLD. At Chubb's corner yesterday Auctioneer T. T. Lantieri offered for sale the wrecked steamer May Queen, now at Spar Cove. J. E. Gilchrist was the purchaser for \$235.

SERGEANT GEORGE DRAPER. Friends of Sergeant George Draper, formerly of this city, a member of the 140th Battalion, now in France, will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from a very serious illness.

RIGHT LEG FRACTURED. Harry Cummings, aged 5 years, of 148 Mecklenburg street, suffered a fracture of the right leg above the knee on Wednesday afternoon while coasting on Mecklenburg street. He is being treated at the General Hospital.

GUNNER W. H. CAMPBELL. Mrs. G. W. Campbell, 39 Leinster street, has received a cable informing her that her son, Gunner W. H. Campbell of No. 1 Siege Battery, who was reported wounded on January 26th, is doing very well and is improving.

THE SUNSHINE CLUB. The Sunshine Club of the Tabernacle Baptist church held a very successful valentine supper last night. A large number attended and a good sum was realized which will go toward the payment of a small debt standing against the building.

HEARING APPLICATION. No meeting of the common council was held yesterday as at the time for the session the mayor and Commissioner McLellan were hearing an application from the men whose pool room license was recently cancelled. No action was taken and the matter is still under consideration.

PICTURES OF HALIFAX. Dr. J. D. Maher, who has been in Halifax for a few weeks, and who arrived home yesterday, brought with him two large panoramic views of the district laid waste by the terrible explosion last December. The pictures are well taken and give a person who has not visited the place an excellent idea of the extensive damage done.

GAMBLING HOUSE RAIDED. The city treasury was enriched last night by deposits given by several men who were caught in a gambling place conducted by a local man. At headquarters a number of the men put up deposits and were permitted to go. The proprietor will be arraigned this morning along with the others. The party taken into custody numbered ten.

TRAFFIC HELD UP. The street car traffic was held up for nearly fifteen minutes on Main street yesterday afternoon shortly after two o'clock when a horse owned by Francis Cole slipped and fell on the track. The horse was unable to regain its feet on the slippery pavement between the rails, and considerable time was taken in hauling it up on a part of the road which gave better footing.

DASHED THROUGH WINDOW. There was a wild runaway on Main street, Wednesday night, but so far the owner of the rig is not known. The horse in its wild dash down the street ran into the front of Walter K. Kew's residence, 432 Main street, and smashed out the sash and glass, causing a damage amounting to about \$25. By the time the occupants of the house reached the front door horse and rig had departed.

UNION MISSION SERVICE. The largest crowd since the mission commenced in the Brussels street church attended last evening. Rev. F. W. Thomson of Calvin Presbyterian church was chairman and during the evening a reading was given by Mrs. E. A. Westmorland, entitled "His Mother's Sermon," and a solo was especially rendered by Mr. Marley. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. Boothroyd of Zion Methodist church.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. The provincial secretaries for the Returned Soldiers' Commissions in the different provinces throughout the Dominion will meet in conference on Monday night at Ottawa to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the returned men. W. McCoy of Nova Scotia and Charles Robinson, secretary for New Brunswick, will leave this evening to be in attendance at the conference.

VISIT—THE SCHOOLS. A number of the visiting Retirees yesterday morning visited the schools of the Free Kindergarten Association and expressed themselves as highly delighted with the work being carried on there. Among those who spent an hour in this way were Prof. Stewart and Dean MacRae of Dalhousie University, and Prof. Clark of Charlotte town, and these gentlemen were of the opinion that this work should be a part of the public school system.

ON INSPECTION TRIP. Fredericton Mail: Rev. J. A. MacKinnon, pastor of St. David's Presbyterian church, St. John, and Archdeacon F. Neil Brodie, spent Tuesday here inspecting St. Paul's new Sunday school building. It is said a similar structure may be erected in connection with St. David's church, and used for general church purposes until such time as the church, which was lately destroyed by fire, can be replaced.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN A NAME, DON'T fail to see "The She Devil" at the Nickel, Queen Square, today.

VICTORIA RINK CARNIVAL. NEXT TUESDAY, FEB. 19. Last carnival over six hundred costumed skaters were on the ice, and the judges had a busy evening. This carnival will be a bigger and better one.

COL. DINGWALL DIED ON SHIP WHILE ENROUTE TO HALIFAX

Tallest and Oldest New Brunswicker in Fighting 26th Arrived Here Yesterday — Twenty-Two Months at Front Without a Furlough — Says Very Few of the Originals in France.

Not until the arrival of the C. P. R. train in St. John last evening did the brother and sister of Colonel Dingwall learn the sad news that he passed away on the steamer while en route to Halifax. They were informed upon their arrival here by advice received in a despatch from Halifax. The grief-stricken people left for Halifax last night, where they will charge of the remains. They will leave today for Winnipeg via St. John.

It was their intention to be at Halifax at the pier when their brother landed. Colonel Dingwall saw service with an Imperial Regiment, was returning to Canada on furlough. The tallest and oldest New Brunswicker to enlist as a private in the ranks of the 26th Battalion has arrived home. J. A. Reed, for such is the soldier's name, stands well over six feet, and celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday on the steamer which brought him back to Canada. "Yes, my boy, I had a long siege of it at the front, being twenty-two months in France, during which time I did not have a furlough," said the 26th soldier to a Standard representative as he stood surrounded by a number of other returned men at the discharge depot last night. Private Reed was among the first to offer his services with the 26th Battalion, and notwithstanding his age, he was accepted along with a thousand others, of the same manly type to battle for the rights of a great empire. It is doubtful if in the present war, a man of his age has been through so much of the "Crater" fight, which brought sorrow to several St. John homes, will always remain in the mind of Pte. Reed. Speaking of this encounter with the enemy, Pte. Reed said, and his tone bespoke the sorrow he felt for the bereaved ones left to mourn.

"They were among the best in the battalion." The officers of the 26th Battalion came in for a good deal of praise from the lips of Pte. Reed. He paid high tribute to Col. McKinnon, who is now convalescing in England. "Yes, you can almost count the first members of the 26th Battalion who are now at the front on your fingers," remarked the soldier, and his looks made manifest the deep devotion entertained for the heroic men of the 26th Battalion who gave their lives fighting the common foe.

Pte. Reed is a native of Cape Tormentine, and will leave today for his home. Pte. H. Dempsey. "Oh, I got it in the leg going over the top at Frity," said H. Dempsey, of Caraquez River, as he pointed to the wounded limb with his swag stick, while sitting on a chair at the discharge depot fixing ten Flyer cigarettes into a cigarette case, purchased on the other side. "It was at Lens when the Canadians captured Hill 70, that I got hit. The order to scale the top was given out about daybreak, and I had hardly placed my-

DOMINION POLICE ARE GATHERING IN THE DELINQUENTS

Chief Rideout's Officers Were Busy Yesterday—The Act Enforced Without Fear or Favor—Police Looking for a Strong Man.

While St. John was shopping yesterday and the streets were dotted with pedestrians, these individuals were being rounded up by the Dominion police. The appearance would not cause the average citizen to give them a second glance. However since the announcement by Chief Rideout that the Military Service Act was to be enforced without fear or favor a Standard reporter has been keeping his eye "peeled" for a story. His vigilance was repaid yesterday, when he noticed a bright young man, "sandwiched" between two persons, whose bearing bespoke them to be constables. The young man had been approached at the depot and could not produce a certificate of registration or exemption. The only course left open was to take him to the armoury. "Taking every precaution in the application of the act, the officers first took the man to the office of the provost marshal and thence to the district registrar's office. His explanations were of no avail. He had not complied with the provisions of the act, and he was finally lodged at the barracks. The actions of the Dominion police constables yesterday makes it plain that it is their intention to see that the law is carried out at least as far as St. John is concerned. The two men appointed in St. John are known to but a few and yesterday when they visited a number of pool rooms and other such places of the "sporting" men, they were the subjects of much comment.

At the depot yesterday they met all trains, and every likely looking individual who alighted or who was in the act of boarding a train was called upon to show his "tags." If not, then, if his appearance warranted an explanation, he was called upon

self in sight of the enemy before I received wounds in the leg." Pte. Dempsey enlisted in the 132nd Battalion which was recruited in the North Shore, and soon after his arrival at the base in England, he with other members of the 132nd received orders to go across the channel to the firing line. He said that the whole unit with the possible exception of a few of one company had been drafted over to the front as reinforcements. "I myself was drafted to the 26th Battalion," proudly spoke the returned man.

St. John Boys Arrive. In the party which reached the city yesterday were a number of St. John boys. Wallace Blair, son of George A. Blair, was welcomed home by his relatives and many friends. He was injured in an air raid effected by the Germans operating near Messina. Pte. Blair enlisted in the 257th Battalion, and has spent about a year at the front. He is one of the four brothers who donned the khaki. Kenneth, a brother went overseas with the 1st contingent, was invalided home, but passed away some time after his arrival in John. Another brother is in France and the fourth in training at Woodstock.

Brought Here For Duty. Realizing the ability and heroism of a St. John boy, Sergt. Harold C. James, whose parents reside on Wright street, the military authorities have brought him back to Canada for duty. It was impossible to ascertain last night just what duties will be assigned to the soldier, but it is thought they will be of an instructional nature. Sergeant James enlisted in the 56th Battalion and established a reputation for himself while on active service.

Other St. John boys to reach the city last night were: J. L. Bennett, H. Cairns, N. A. Dobin, T. H. Doherty, G. G. Foley, C. S. Friars, E. J. Grey, W. H. Griffin, H. McDaid, H. McMillen, H. L. Petersen, A. Power, McRoss, W. H. Rowe, G. G. Sherwood, J. T. Smith, C. A. Snyder, C. J. U'Ham, and W. Vibert. The provincial men to arrive will be boarded this morning. They were Privates—A. Allen, Chiptman; J. Barhart, Campbellton; H. E. Russell, St. Stephen; H. Dempsey, Jacques River; Gunner W. C. Dodson, Woodstock; Company Sergeant-Major G. C. Foley, St. John; Privates H. Franks, St. Stephen; A. Lorier, Tracadis; H. Lynn, Fredericton; A. Mahra, St. Stephen; T. Washon, Chiptman; W. Mathieson; M. Michaud, Grand Falls; G. Murphy, Canonic; W. J. MacDonald, Moncton; H. McMillan, Campbellton; N. Nielson, Newcastle; J. Paradis, Grand Falls; W. D. Steeves, Moncton; R. L. Peterson, Campbellton; A. W. Smith, Kines county; J. Thornton, Milltown; C. J. Upham, St. John; F. Walker, Moncton; J. Walker, Campbellton; E. Wilney, Newcastle; Edward Heywood, Harland; Sergeant W. Parkinson, Fredericton; Gunner A. Power, St. John; Sapper P. D. Reed, Fredericton; Gunner W. H. Rowe, Woodstock; Sergeant M. Scarlett, Norton.

Scarlet Chapter meets tonight.

COUNTY COUNCIL BILLS COMMITTEE

Number of Bills Adopted to Be Sent to Legislature at the Coming Session.

The bills committee of the municipal council met yesterday afternoon and adopted a number of bills to be sent to the legislature at the coming session. The newly-elected chairman, Councillor O'Brien, of Lancaster, presided.

A bill authorizing the establishment of a children's shelter in the James E. White house, and the issue of bonds to the amount of \$7,500 to pay the purchase price of the same was adopted; also a bill to amend the bastardy act, penalizing the defendant to the extent of \$250 and costs, and making it impossible for the defendant to "wear out" until three months after his condemnation. Bills confirming the agreement between the county hospital commissioners, the provincial government and the military hospitals commission; and also the action of the county council and the commissioners of the General Public Hospital in the erection of a power house were agreed to.

THE COUNTY SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED to prepare a bill amending the Commission Charter so that hereafter each city commissioner must cast his three votes as a unit, and in case of a ballot was referred back to the council, as the petitions were not in proper form, and in the meantime the council was authorized to hold a public investigation of which the Automobile Association and others will be given notice. It was pointed out that a number of deaths had occurred because automobiles collided with cattle sleeping on the highway and bridges.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

Prof. Carter Troop, now a lecturer in New York city, will address the club this evening on the interesting topic, "The Soul of Russia." The lecture will be held at eight o'clock in the German street Institute. Members admitted on 1918 tickets, gentlemen and non-members by payment of 25 cents.

MAJ. J. OTTY SHARP INVALIDED HOME; WAS ST. JOHN BOY

Was in St. John With 180th Sportsmen's Battalion — Held Rank When Drafted to Princess Pats—First Big Battle Was Capture of Vimy Ridge.

According to a report in a Toronto paper Major J. Otty Sharp of this city is returning to Canada being invalided home.

Major Sharp is a former resident of this city and for a number of years before going to Toronto held a commission in the 62nd Regiment. He was the only St. John man who was with



MAJOR J. OTTY SHARP.

the 180th Sportsmen's Battalion when that unit was stationed in St. John for some weeks during the fall of 1916, and on account of this being his old home town, he was put in command of the battalion one day while on a parade through the city and received generous applause from his many friends and other citizens along the line of march.

It was not long after the 180th reached England that the battalion was split up in drafts and sent to France to reinforce other Canadian units on the firing line. Major Sharp held his rank and was attached to the Princess Patricia's Regiment. His first big engagement was a victorious one, when at five o'clock one morning last April during a driving rain storm, the Canadians made history when with others they stormed the Germans on the famous Vimy Ridge, captured all positions and drove the enemy down the other side of the hill for considerable distance.

Major Sharp has been through many other heavy engagements since the capture of Vimy.

The Major's son, James McAvity Sharp, is a Canadian Lieutenant, who is still going strong in the front line in France. This young officer, whose name was named after Col. James L. McAvity, who was officer commanding the Fighting 26th and who is now O.C. of the 1st Depot Battalion. Col. McAvity was best man when Major Sharp was married.

Advertisement for W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. featuring "Dreadnaught Tire Chains" and "Positively Prevent Skidding". Includes a list of prices for different sizes of chains and the company address: MARKET SQUARE, KING STREET.

Advertisement for Marr Millinery Co., Limited. "Introducing Novelties in Spring Millinery at popular prices as well as higher prices. Styles and colors that are in keeping with Fashion's demand for Spring, 1918. Our early showing is most complete." Includes a note about wonderful bargains in winter hats.

Advertisement for Emerson & Fisher, Ltd. "Ash Sifters and Ash Barrels". "The Success Ash Sifter will pay for itself in a single season. Save your coal, time and labor. Fits over top of ordinary wood barrel or galvanized ash can. No dust can escape." Includes an illustration of an ash sifter and a list of products like Success Ash Sifters, Metal Ash Sifters, Beacon Ash Sifters, Plain Round Ives, Galvanized Ash Barrels, Coal Hods, Canvas Gloves, etc.

Advertisement for Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited. "Early Spring Opening and Sale of Infants' and Children's WHITEWEAR". "OUR STORES OPEN AT 9 A. M. AND CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK DAILY". "AT REASONABLE PRICES". Lists various items like infants' slips, long robes, night dresses, skirts, rompers, etc. with prices. "Pajunions as Sleeping Garments. Are the Acme of Comfort". "ONLY TWO MORE DAYS OF FREE HEMMING OPPORTUNITY".

Advertisement for D. Magee's Sons, Limited. "A Muskrat Coat for \$65.00". "Notwithstanding the difficulties that beset trade on every hand this season we are purchasing daily, fur pelts at prices that mean saving of many dollars to you next season. Thursday and Friday we will offer an assortment of sizes in Muskrat Coats for \$65.00. We have coats at \$108.00, \$136.00, \$140.00, also." Includes the address: 63 King Street, St. John, N. B.