

AROUND THE CITY

FAIR AND WARMER

OFFICE FITTED UP. Dr. Mabel Hamilton, medical inspector for the city schools, is having an office fitted up at the Board of Health rooms, Princess street.

SOLD AT AUCTION. A property at Millidgeville, consisting of a house, barn and the house known as the Holder property, was sold at auction at Chubb's corner on Saturday by Auctioneer Potts. It was bid in at \$1,000 by L. A. Brown.

NORTH END FIRE. The North End firemen were called out about 7 o'clock last evening by an alarm from box 123 for a slight fire on the woodshed of a dwelling owned by Mr. Foster, Cedar street. The blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

NURSING SISTER HONORED. Word was received in the city yesterday that Nursing Sister Catherine R. Shea, daughter of Mrs. Mary Shea, Simonds street, who has been overseas since the summer of 1916, had been awarded the Medaille D'Honneur by the French Republic.

THE ROTARY CLUB. The speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday was Hon. W. F. Roberts, who spoke of some needed improvements around the city and suggested the location of a model city in Stanley ward on the Millidgeville Road.

AWARDED A MEDAL

Word was received here yesterday that Nursing Sister Catherine R. Shea, daughter of Mrs. Mary Shea, Simonds street, has been awarded the Medaille D'Honneur by the French Republic. Miss Shea went overseas in the summer of 1916 with the St. Francis Xavier University unit and several months later joined Canadian General Hospital No. 9, St. Cloud Paris. Among the recent visitors from St. John Miss Shea met recently in London were Dr. Bridges and D. C. Clark, who were attending a Masonic celebration.

HOME FROM ENGLAND

Lieut. W. J. Holmes, M. C. M. M., and Mrs. Holmes arrived in the city yesterday, having returned from England on the steamer Scandinavian. Mr. Holmes enlisted as a private with the 6th C. M. R. and went to France with that unit. When the sixth was broken up he went to D. company of the 6th C. M. R. He was awarded the military medal for his work on the Somme in October, 1916, and got his military cross at Vimy Ridge. During the latter engagement he was badly wounded and after his recovery was kept in England on instructional work.

Mr. Holmes was engaged in the South African war. Previous to enlisting with the 6th C. M. R. he was engaged in farming near Sussex, N. B.

BOARD OF TRADE

The Board of Trade has been advised of the new carriage charges and exceptions which will become effective on the railways Sept. 1, also of rules regulating transit privileges on grain over the C. P. R., effective Sept. 1.

The Board of Railway Commissioners has dismissed an application of the Dominion Millers' Association and others for revision of Rule 9 of General Order 201 and for the restoration of the demurrage toll in effect prior to August 30, 1917. The judgment states that shippers were not unanimous on the application, some wanting the old rates restored and others favoring the existing rate as calculated to release more cars for the movement of the grain crop.

A British organization is asking for information from this and other Canadian cities as to the advantages and concessions that might be offered to British industries.

NORTH END BAND CONCERT

Victoria Square, North End, will be the scene of tonight's band concert. Under the baton of Bandmaster F. W. McNicol, the following programme will be rendered by the Temple Band: O Canada.

March, Friendship (Seltz). Overture, Pretzler (Seltz). One-Step, The Rose of No Man's Land (Addigan).

Waltz, Nights of Gladness (Ancliffe). Selection of American Airs (arranged by Mackie-Beyer).

March, Sons of the Brave (Bildood). Waltz, Kiss Me Again (Herbert).

Two favorites: I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles (Kenbrivon); Salvation Lassie of Mine (Storoy).

March, Excelsior (Thompson). God Save the King.

MEETING OF ST. JOHN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At Session Yesterday Special Appeal Was Made to Get Pupils for Classes—Convention Here in September

The regular meeting of the St. John Women's Institute was held last night in their rooms, Union street. Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor in the chair. She called attention to the classes which are to be conducted during September by Miss Beach in military, sewing and cooking, and made a special appeal for the members to try and get pupils for these classes, as the instruction given would be thoroughly practical.

Mr. Lawlor asked for a large attendance at the September meeting, as the arrangements for the entertaining of the convention, which is to be held in October, are to be made. Two hundred women are expected to attend the convention, one of the attractions of which will be a fine speaker from Winnipeg.

Arrangements for the entertainment of the soldiers on Thursday and Friday were also completed. Mrs. E. Flawelling was appointed to take charge of the provisions, Miss Durick the coffee, Miss Sharkey the checking of baggage, and Miss Pratt the telephone.

LOCAL SHIPPING FIRM HAS BEEN ABSORBED BY ANOTHER

Transfer of the William Thomson and Co. interests to the Furness-Withy Company, Has Been Announced—D. W. Ledingham General Manager for New Owners in This Territory—Understood Thomson Staff Will Be Retained.

With the transfer of the William Thomson & Co. interests to the Furness-Withy Company, a firm which has long been identified with the business history of this port will be absorbed by the largest shipping company in the world, a concern with ramifications all over the world. While Percy Thomson, who has been head of the William Thomson Co. for some years, is retiring from the shipping business, it is understood he will continue to make St. John his home, as he has extensive private interests in this city and province. D. W. Ledingham, who has been office manager of the firm, will become general manager for the Furness-Withy Company in this territory. The Furness-Withy Company will take over the office of the Royal Bank Building which has heretofore been occupied by the William Thomson Company, and it is understood all the staff will be retained if they desire to enter the service of the new concern.

While definite information as to the plans of the Furness-Withy Company is not forthcoming, it is the general impression that its absorption of the extensive shipping agencies of the William Thomson firm is a part of a scheme to enlarge its connections with Canada, and may herald developments of considerable importance to St. John. Of late years the Furness-Withy people have absorbed a lot of smaller shippings concerns, and now control by far the greatest fleet of freighters in the world. This firm has been running ships to Canada for generations, and has long owned an important wharf property at Halifax. At that port it recently constructed one of the finest concrete piers on this side of the Atlantic.

Its American connections are extensive, and it is believed its future plans involve the development of a better service with Canada, whose trade possibilities are attracting more and more attention in Britain. William Thomson & Co. is the oldest firm connected with shipping in St. John, and has played an important part in the development of the trade of the Province. In addition to owning and operating ships it has for many years done a large brokerage business. Twenty years ago it was credited with chartering over half the large ship tonnage loading at St. John, and leaving the C. P. R. out of the reckoning has probably been representing an even larger share of the shipping using the port in recent years. William Thomson, the founder of the firm, was born in Scotland, the son of a shipowner of Dumfries. In 1841 he started in business as ship broker and commission merchant in St. John, and subsequently owned a number of sailing vessels which he employed in the foreign trade. In 1870 Mr. Thomson took into partnership with himself William C. Weston, and his son, Robert Thomson. Six years later this partnership expired by limitation of time, whereupon Mr. Thomson formed a new partnership, including himself and his two sons, Robert and John. Upon the retirement of the elder Thomson the management of the firm was assumed by the two sons, under whose direction it grew to large proportions. The firm built fourteen wooden ships or barques, three steel sailing ships, and a fleet of steel steamers. It was known as the Battle Line, being named after the ancient Greek battles. The firm disposed of their sailing vessels some years ago, and sold out practically all their interests in the Battle Line of steamers during the war.

Under the management of Percy Thomson the firm was very successful, and though the Battle Line of steamers had varying fortunes, the brokerage and chartering interests of the firm expanded rapidly, and it was that in the last ten years or so the firm has enjoyed a very considerable measure of prosperity.

Percy Thomson is one of the best known of the younger business men of the city, and his retirement from the shipping business will come as a big surprise to those who have known an active member of the Board of Trade, taking a keen interest in everything affecting the development of the port, and spending the summer at St. Andrews.

LARGE STAND FOR CHILDREN AT REED'S POINT IN THE WAY

At Great Expense City Employees Finished Work Yesterday—General MacDonnell Visited Scene and as Stand is in Way of Military Ordered Its Removal—Will Be Torn Down This Morning and Placed on Another Site.

While matters in connection with the celebration are in most every way being carried on smoothly, trouble has occurred in regard to the large stand erected at Reed's Point for the school children. When it was decided that the school children of the city would assemble at Reed's Point to greet and sing to the Prince it was ordered by the Citizens' Committee that a large stand be erected at Reed's Point capable of holding in the vicinity of one thousand children, and the matter was left to Commissioner Bullock of harbors and ferries, to carry out. The commissioner had the city engineer and the carpenters assemble and work of erecting the stand was commenced yesterday afternoon. At first it was thought that this stand would be built on the slope on Prince William street between St. James and British streets, but it was placed on the wharf near the passenger entrance to the Eastern Steamship Company boats, the place where the Prince is to land on next Friday morning.

The stand was well built and proved a credit to those who had this part of the work in hand. In addition to having a suitable stand it served another purpose for it covered up an old building and a large pile of old junk from the view of the distinguished party when they landed here, their first place of visit in Canada.

Prince of Wales In An Open Car

His Royal Highness Will Travel Through City Streets in An Open Automobile—His Trip to Rothesay Will be in a Covered Car.

There has been considerable talk about the city as to the plans arranged for the conveyance of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales through the streets of the city and on the trip to the reception to be held at Rothesay. It has been stated that the Prince will travel through the streets of the city on Friday morning next in a covered car, and this was received by many with disfavor owing to the fact that the distinguished visitor would not be seen by the thousands of citizens and visitors who will be along the route of procession. Last evening it was learned that the Prince will go through the city in an open automobile and will be in full view of all, while on the trip to Rothesay he will be conveyed in a covered automobile.

Thursday and Friday having been proclaimed a public holiday, the City Market will be closed until 1 o'clock on Friday.

For the convenience of visitors to our city, all our stores will open Friday at 2 p.m., but will be closed all day Thursday and Friday morning.

Grand Opening The Veterans' Fair

St. Andrew's Rink Crowded Last Night—Addressed by Mayor Hayes and General MacDonnell—The Best Show Yet Conducted by the Vets.

The old St. Andrew's Rink was in gala attire last evening, when the G. W. V. opened its Grand Fair. Large crowds were in attendance for the opening exercises, which were conducted by Norman P. MacLeod, president of the local association; Mayor Hayes, of St. John, and Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonnell, officer commanding No. 7 Military District. In opening Mayor Hayes complimented the committees on the fine appearance of the rink, which he had never seen so nicely decorated. He hoped the fair would be an unequalled success. He referred to the fame won by the Canadian soldiers on the Empire battlefields, where St. John men had played an important part. They had carried on over there in a highly creditable manner, and now that they were home again they were still exerting good influences on the community in which they resided.

In regard to the taxation of pensions he said that he would try to have the tax removed for this year and would do all in his power to have the pensions exempt for the future. General Macdonnell was pleased to be honored as a speaker on this occasion. He felt at home with the Veterans and he was glad to see the soldiers, nurses, V. A. D.'s and others who had taken part in the war working here side by side. He officially declared the fair open, and the G. W. V. band broke into "O Canada," and the fair was away to a most auspicious start.

Last evening was the occasion of the first appearance of the G. W. V. band, under the direction of Band leader Murray Long. The band was in fine shape, and the excellent programme was heartily enjoyed. The evening's programme closed with the military tattoo. The band made a decided hit and gave promise of a great future.

The rink was gaily decorated, and there were numerous booths and parlors. The Veterans got together to have the running as opposed to the high cost of living, and at numerous booths there was a chance to procure foodstuffs at a bargain. Another big feature was the amusement hall, where Zuko showed what could be done with snakes. These reptiles can be seen both before and after parading the bar. Other famous freaks are shown, and there is a real mouse circus.

The whole show was worthy of patronage, and besides, each purchaser of a ticket of admission had a chance of securing a half ton of coal. The lucky ticket last night was 1,730. The door prizes which will be available during the week are: Tonight, plate glass mirror; Wednesday, five pounds foodstuffs; Thursday, best barrel of flour; Friday, one pair men's rubber boots; Saturday, half ton of coal. The fair will continue every night this week.

BOY SCOUTS HERE FROM WOODSTOCK

Young Fellows in Fine Shape After Their Long Hike for the Purpose of Seeing the Prince of Wales.

The five Boy Scouts who walked from Woodstock to this city arrived here yesterday morning and were the guests of W. P. Jones, Rockland Road, for the rest of the week. The boys called at the Board of Trade rooms yesterday morning and on the Worship Mayor Hayes. Four of the nights spent on the road they slept in railroad stations and the others in barns. A few meals were purchased at farmhouses, but for the most part they cooked their own meals. They report having a fine time and looked to be in the pink of condition. Last evening they had not made up their minds whether to walk back to Woodstock or make the return trip by rail.

DIV. AMMUNITION COLUMN

All members of the 2nd Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column are invited to lunch at the Armoury (down stairs) at 12.30 o'clock, daylight time, on Friday, the 15th inst., immediately after the departure of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

TO ALL TRAVELLERS

Every Commercial Traveller is asked to report at the Police Station, Barrack Square, on Wednesday, August 13th, at 9.30 a.m. to prepare buildings for Soldiers' Reception, and to complete arrangements.

Try to do your part this week in upholding the dignity and position of the chief of the province.

Let the outside world believe, if they will, that we are always "dressed up"—that the present is not a special effort, but our usual gait. Royalty, Returned Heroes, and Team players will make this a gala week. Visit Dyleman's salon of apparel if your wardrobe needs replenishing for the occasion. They have ready with stocks that will fill any want.

Silk dresses are in great demand, and the choicest are being picked up. An excellent assortment is priced at \$75. Opera Cloaks \$35 to \$55.

VACCINATION

School children of the city can be vaccinated each week day until the opening of school at the Board of Health office, 50 Princess street. Hours 9 to 12 a.m., 1.30 to 4.30 p.m., Saturday 9 to 12 a.m. (daylight time).

Motor Car Tires and Accessories. An inspection of our well stocked department of Motor Car Supplies will reveal to you a complete range of every need in this important line including GOODYEAR TIRES, ROYAL OAK TIRES—CLOVER LEAF TIRES. Inner Tubes, Tire Repair Outfits, Repair Kits, Lubricants, Wrenches and Wrench Sets, Adamant Vulcanizers, Lights, Batteries, Spark Plugs—Hercules and Champion—Carbon Removers, Car Cleaners and Polishers, Running Board Mats, Lurchon Sets, Goggles, and a full line of FORD CAR ACCESSORIES. First Floor—Market Square Store. Phone Main 1920. See Our King Street Window. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED

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We have just received Military Medal Ribbons in the following kinds: G. S.; Mons Star; V. C.; D. C. M.; D. S. O.; M. M.; M. C. I. L. S.; C. L. S.; King's Queen's; G. C. M.; K. G. C.; China; Somaliland; and Indian Frontier. All 8c per inch. Ribbon Section, Ground Floor. NOTICE: For the convenience of out-of-town shoppers, all our stores will open Friday at 2 p.m., and will close all day Thursday and Friday morning. Manchester Robertson Allison Limited KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

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