

AROUND THE CITY

FAIR, TURNING COLDER

THE DOCK GATE GUARDS.
Three dock gate guards who were doing duty while piers were required, have been assigned to other work about the wharves and sheds.

LOST GUM.
With the loss of the steamer Corinthian and cargo, 100,000 packages of chewing gum were destroyed. The gum was being sent as a Knight of Columbus treat for the soldier boys at the front.

A PLEBISCITE.
Commissioner Fisher states that he hopes in January next plebiscites would be taken on the proposed harbor commission and on the question of contribution of abutters for street improvement.

THOMAS McKENNA INJURED.
Thomas McKenna, the retired C.P.R. engine driver, is confined to his home, 234 Rodney Street, as the result of injuries received when a motor truck collided with a coach in which Mr. McKenna was driving on Wednesday.

ESCAPED FROM REFORMATORY.
William Kanner, aged twelve years, and Conna Gannier, aged thirteen, have escaped from the Boys' Industrial Home in East St. John, and the police in different sections of the province have been asked to keep watch for them. Kanner belongs to Chatham, and his companion in Bathurst.

INDOOR BASEBALL.
A most exciting game of indoor baseball was played in the "Y" gym yesterday, when the Monarchs walked over the Warriors to the tune of 13 runs to 1. This puts the Warriors out of the running for the Junior B. championship, which will be played off New Year's day when the Monarchs and the Warriors meet.

MONARCHS LEADING.
The Monarch aggregation of hustlers is forcing the other members of the Junior B. class at the Y. M. C. A. to go to a pretty lively pace to get even a look-in at the physical department contests. The standing up to last night was as follows:
Monarchs 213 points.
Warriors 187 points.
Mohawks 184 points.
Algonquins 174 points.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.
The regular physical classes at the "Y" will end today for the usual two weeks Yuletide holidays.
J. H. Haughey, physical director at the Y. M. C. A., leaves today for his home in Toronto, where he will spend his Christmas holidays.

CREATED INTEREST.
A man weighing in the vicinity of 150 pounds, smoking a fat cigar and sitting in a toy wagon, which made it necessary for him to rest his chin on his knees, drawn by a shaggy boy no larger than an average terrier, created quite a bit of interest in his triumphal tour of the principal business streets last night.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
The mayor yesterday acknowledged receipt of \$1,000 from the Upper Glace town Sunday School primary class for the Halifax blind.
Little folk signing their names as Tommy and Violet sent the mayor two dollars for Belgian relief.
The Chance Harbor Woman's Institute, through Mrs. Robert C. Thompson, has donated \$5.00 for Belgian relief.

WITHOUT FOUNDATION.
H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the New Brunswick division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, when asked regarding the rumor that the C.P.R. officials were making negotiations with a large manufacturing plant in the city relative to taking over their shops and turning them into a general repair shop for the C. P. R., said the report was without foundation and utterly false.

COTTAGES BROKEN INTO.
On Tuesday last fourteen cottages between Keotec and Morna stations were entered and the furnishings scattered about. The first place entered was the store of Mrs. Donnelly. The following cottages were visited: James Clark, Mr. Currie, F. S. Thompson, S. G. Olive, Fred Nichols, Mrs. George Nobles, Fred Jackson, F. S. Thomas, Fred Lewis, Allen Langley, James Brittain and A. G. McNeilkin.

SERGEANT COOPER HONORED.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Cooper, of Douglas Avenue, have received a letter from their son, Gunner Edward Cooper, in France, the latter sends the gratifying news that another son, Sergeant H. Burton Cooper, an original member of the 28th, has been awarded the military medal in October for distinguished services in the field. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper's third son, Sapper Leslie A., also is overseas.

DORMITORY MEN ENTERTAINED.
The dormitory men of the Y.M.C.A. were entertained by a supper and lecture in the association building last evening at 6.30. Mr. H. I. Knowles, chemist at the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, was the lecturer, and took for his subject, "Chemistry Research," covering in his talk a description of the new discoveries in the land of chemistry. Mr. Farquhar presided, and about sixteen members were present. These suppers and talks have been instituted as a regular event at the "Y." The next will take place after the close of the holiday season.

IN THE COURTS.
In the Supreme Court yesterday morning, His Honor Judge Crockett presiding, the case of Ella M. Poirer, administratrix, vs. Peggie Bellosa Engineering Company, was taken up. The husband of the plaintiff was killed while in the employ of the defendant company at the new elevator, and the plaintiff now claims damages as administratrix. D. Mallin, K.C., is appearing for the plaintiff, and Fred R. Taylor, K.C., for the defendant. At yesterday morning's sitting of the circuit court, His Honor discharged the petit jury saying that there would be the last jury case which he would try at this circuit.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1918 WERE DINED

Dinner Given in Royal Hotel by General Public Hospital Nurses' Alumnae — First Public Function of Nurses for Four Years.

The dinner given last night by the General Public Hospital Nurses' Alumnae, to the graduating class of 1918, was a big success and the nurses present thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The dining room of the Royal Hotel, where the function took place, was nicely decorated, and the tables were gay with roses. After a most appetizing meal had gone the way of all good food a number of toasts were drunk. This is the first public function for a graduating class for four years, as during the war from gross of work and other good patriotic reasons, no dinner has been given by the Alumnae to the newly-made nurses.

At each place there was placed a gift of chocolates, the gift of Mr. Ross of the Ross Drug Company, and needless to say the ladies appreciated this thoughtfulness.
The guests were received by Miss Mitchell and Miss Kate Holt. The Alumnae, occupied the chairs, and Miss Sarah Brophy acted as toast-mistress. The toast list was as follows: "The King," "Our Guests," responded to by Miss Freda Patterson; "Our Alumnae," responded to by Miss E. J. Mitchell; "Our Doctors," responded to by Miss E. J. Mitchell; "Our Protectors," responded to by Miss E. J. Mitchell; "Our Next Meeting," responded to by Miss E. J. Mitchell; "Auld Lang Syne." The graduating class for this year consists of the following: Misses Freda Patterson, Gertrude Compton, Gladys McLennan, Grace Andrews, Taora Begg, Irene Kelly, Marion Berry, Rose Kierstead, Alice Burke, Evelyn Bedford, Hazel Lattimer.

The members of the Alumnae present were: Mesdames F. Dunlop, Godard, R. Laughlin, M. G. G. Crocker, C. Baynes, R. Hawker, F. N. Brodie, R. D. Smith, F. McKeivry, J. J. Mitchell, H. McLellan, A. O. Burnham, G. Fleming, R. Schofield, Gordon Geddes, D. O. Malcolm, Miss Lennan, S. S. Elliott, L. Dunlop, Misses M. M. Lee, B. Gregory, E. Swin, Emma Bell, G. Turner, M. Gaskin, L. Brophy, A. Day, H. Blanche, A. Law, B. Lindsey, M. Murdoch, E. Bolding, M. Compton, K. Holt, C. Gleason, L. Young, S. Langley, B. Costley, E. Smith, M. Eason, A. Pitt, E. J. Mitchell, B. Howe, Mrs. Coram, Edith Patterson, Jesse Murray, Aletha Field, Alice Guitell, Myrtle Davis, Ada Tapley.

DISPENSARY FOR THE RETURNED MEN

Col. W. Osborne and Capt. J. R. McNally Here Yesterday in Connection With Same.

Colonel W. Osborne, accompanied by Captain J. R. McNally, of the District Depot staff, Fredericton, was in the city yesterday for a short time, and returned to their homes last evening on the Montreal express. Their mission in the city was with reference to the dispensary which has been established for the returned men. Activities in this line of military duties will be begun in the near future, as the machinery is now in working order, and methods to be inaugurated will in a great measure lessen the work, and serve all concerned in the best possible manner. For a time it was considered as probable that the new building would have a dispensary station also, but the proper facilities were not at hand in that centre to warrant the establishment of a dispensary similar to the one in this city. In the near future if military activities warrant the establishment of a like station in the railway town, it will undoubtedly be established at short notice.

SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CLOSED

Saint Joseph's College, Memramcook, closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation, and the students left by special train at 1.30 o'clock for Moncton, where they made the necessary connections for their respective homes. Many of the local boys who are students at this College reached the city on the Halifax express last evening, others went through to their homes on the Boston and Montreal expresses. Among the number of local boys arriving were Paul C. Quinn and William Osborne. The college reopens for the winter term on January the seventh. Saint Anne's College, Church Point, closed for the Christmas vacation on Monday last and reopens on January eighth for the winter term.

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Linen Collars—\$3.00 a box.
Hosiery—\$5.50 to \$10.00.
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COMMON COUNCIL MET IN COMMITTEE

L. G. Crosby Granted Lease to Erect Molasses Warehouse on Water Street — Other Civic Matters Dealt With.

The common council met in committee yesterday morning when Commissioner Bullock recommended the L. G. Crosby be granted a seven years' renewable lease, to take effect on February 1st next, at an annual rental of \$400, payable quarterly, to a lot of land on St. John (Water street) at the foot of Duke, for the purpose of erecting a molasses warehouse; that improvements, exclusive of foundations and tanks, be limited to \$5,000 and that there be a privilege of laying pipe to McLeod's wharf. Agreed to.
Commissioner Bullock presented a bill from the Foremen's Compensation Act commission, assessing the Ferry Department \$682.92. Commissioner Hilyard said his department had been assessed at the rate of 4 per cent, with the result that he had received a bill for \$2,605.36. On the suggestion of the Mayor it was decided to consider all the bills at a later meeting.

On recommendation of Commissioner Bullock, and in response to a request in a letter from John Ferrie, watchman, who is retired, it was decided to pay Mr. Ferrie an additional two weeks' pay.

The Mayor announced that on Wednesday, ex-Policeman James Gosselin had called at his office and presented in the form of affidavits, charges by ex-Policemen Gibbs, Gaudet and Lindsay against the police department with a verbal request that an investigation be held. He had told Mr. Gosselin that the affidavits would be presented to council and that the city solicitor would be consulted. It was decided to let the matter stand over until the city solicitor has recovered from illness.
The recommendations of the Fair Price Committee were adopted.

A communication was read from Moser & Tobias, asking that they be paid the 20 per cent that was withheld from them on the East St. John contract. Attention was called to the fact by the engineer that the contractors had already received \$1,000 of the 20 per cent withheld. No action was taken.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

The following programme in connection with the High School closing tomorrow has been arranged:
Essay, Canada's Part in the War—Florence Henry.
Recitation, Slave and Emperor—Marion Cooper.
Solo, Cradled All Lowly—Daisy Stephenson.
Recitation, The Spire of Oxford—Leslie Goodwin.
Solo, The British Navy—Douglas McKean.
Carol, Three Kings—Audrey Hunter.
Greta Love, Edna Walters, Hazel Peters, Audrey Campbell, Rita Dykeman, Marian Patterson.
Recitation, The Dawn of Peace—Zella Parlee.
1. Corporation Gold Medal. Highest marks in Grade XI, Marjorie Fitzpatrick. Presented by Mayor Hayes.
2. Alumnae Gold Medal. Highest marks in Grade XII, Edith MacLachlan. Presented by Mrs. G. Ernest Barbour.
3. Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal. Highest marks in Grade VIII, for St. John County, Fred McCormack. Presented by Premier W. Foster.
4. Fortnightly Club Prize of Books. English in Grade XII, Mary Short. Presented by Mr. Andrew Dodds.
5. Ellis Gold Medal. Best Essay, "Canadian Women in War Work." Kathleen Blizard. Presented by Rev. W. Goodwin.
6. Dever Gold Medal. English, Grade XI, Sidney Murray.
7. Special prize of Books for high standing in Grade X, Louis Bartsch. Presented by Dr. Bridges.
8. Chairman Emerson's Gold Medal. Highest marks on High School entrance, Fred McCormack. Presented by Chairman R. B. Emerson.
9. G. S. Mayes Medal. Highest marks in Grade XIII, examination in Albert School, Florence Gorham. Presented by G. S. Mayes.
During the recess of the Duke of Devonshire he presented his medal to Greta Langley of Grade X, for highest efficiency.
W. J. S. Kyle, principal, has received a telegram from Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley, who is at New York, regretting his inability to be present on Friday morning.

BEING WELCOMED HERE.

Corporal J. Sandall, who went overseas with the Dalhousie unit and saw service in France, is visiting in St. John en route to England. Corp. Sandall is well known here, having been an officer on one of the Pickford and Black steamers, and his many friends are glad to welcome him to the city.

The Opera House vaudeville programme opening tonight—all new programmes, including Jenkins and Howard in a comedy sketch, "The Policeman and the Dog"; Kenneth and Kimball, novelty banjoists; Richey and Remond in comedy songs, chat and dancing; Helen Namur, "The Smile Girl," in original songs and stories; the Gaudet, upside down acrobats and sensational equilibrista, and the 9th chapter of the serial, "The Woman in the Web." This evening at 7.30 and 9; afterwards (except Friday) at 2.30. Popular prices.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.
Why not give him a Twelve Months' Membership Ticket for the Y.M.C.A.?
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SANTA CLAUS FOR KIDDIES TODAY.

Santa Claus will be at the Imperial this afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. He will be in the lobbies and also will speak from the stage. He will be there again Saturday. The Imperial's boy and girl patrons are going to have a grand time with St. Nick and the jolly old man is attracting a lot of attention. The mechanical toys are all to be seen in the windows, also the girls' prize.

THE MEN'S CLUB FIRST AT-HOME

Excellent Programme Carried Through in Centenary Last Evening—Able Addresses by Rev. H. A. Goodwin and General Macdonell.

The Centenary Men's Club held their first "at home" last evening in the parlors of the church. The members extended a kind invitation to their friends to join them, and many of them availed themselves of the opportunity. A social evening was spent, including addresses, songs and refreshments.

The following is the programme:
Address—Rev. H. A. Goodwin.
Song—Robert Carson.
Address—General Macdonell.
Song—E. H. Bowman.
Refreshments.
God Save the King.

W. A. Lockhart, vice-president of the club, acted as chairman, and addressed those present on the aims of the new club which were solely to further the social life of the members, so as to enable them to get together occasionally with their friends, and enjoy better socially the affairs of the past. He then called upon the pastor of the church, Rev. H. A. Goodwin, honorary president of the club, who delivered a few well chosen words.

General Macdonell was the next speaker. His address dwelt on the past activities of the Canadian arm-in-the great war. Continuing he cited instances where the courage of our Canadian boys was shown, and in the face of all dangers they went forth "to do or die."

Concluding he referred to the "silent navy" which had gone along measuring the enemy at every stroke, and in the end kept the world "safe for democracy." General Macdonell gave an excellent address and he was voted a hearty vote of thanks.

The chairman then called upon the cooks, who it may be added, served up a tasty line of refreshments for the members and their guests. After a genial chat the gathering broke up with the singing of the National Anthem.

WILL SOON BE DEMOBILIZED

Canadian Press Correspondent Says Preparations Underway for Demobilization of Division to Which N. B. Battalion is Attached.

In a despatch from Germany under date of December 11, J. F. B. Lively, Canadian Press correspondent, says:—"Canadian Corps headquarters were established at Bonn on December 11th, one month after the signing of the armistice. The Canadian First and Second divisions are now taking up their positions as a part of the Second army on the right bank of the Rhine and the men welcome the end of their long pilgrimage entirely by foot, which has continued almost without interruption since the crossing of the Canal Du Nord on September 27. They were assigned the most difficult task which will be taken through the Ardennes and Rhineland and the fact that it was completed on schedule time is highly creditable to the spirit, endurance and organization. Preparations are now well under way for demobilization of these two divisions, whose places in Germany will be taken over by the Canadian Third and Fourth divisions, which had been attached to the Fourth army in the region of Mons until the Rhine was reached."

The 26th Battalion is attached to the Second division, and therefore is one of the units which are soon to be demobilized, according to this correspondent. The 26th Nova Scotia Battalion is in the same division.

STOLE A THOUSAND.
Local police officials have been notified by the Detroit Police to be on the lookout for one Francis Mills, alias James Mills, who on November 24th last, while working as night porter in the Butler Hotel in Detroit, carried off a leather bag from the vault containing the sum of \$1,000. Mills has never been seen since.

THURSDAY EVENING SOCIAL.
The Thursday evening entertainment for soldiers in St. David's Church was attended by over one hundred of the boys and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A feature of the entertainment was the number of returned men who were present, and they were given a great welcome. R. E. Armstrong presided and included in the programme was a solo by Sgt. McNevin, recitation by Miss Leslie, and solo by Corp. Oxlford. Refreshments were served at the close of the programme.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

J. D. O'Connell, of Commenge, Cuba, who is well known as the children's friend, sent the following letter, which was received yesterday by Rev. George Scott:
Dear Mr. Scott:—I have sent Judge Armstrong funds and instruction to give a new twenty-five cent script and five new pennies to each child in all orphanages and homes in St. John. I think you have about fifteen or thereabouts housed in your institution, and these are to be included. If the money should be late in arriving, give the children their Christmas money anyway, as the money is coming for sure.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas, and hoping to see you all at the picnic next year, I remain as ever,
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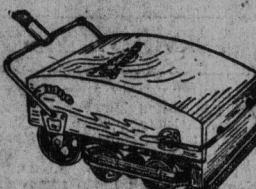
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