

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Northerly, shifting to northwesterly winds, continued cold.

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Around the City

May Be Present. It is expected that the new Commissioner for British North America of the Salvation Army will be present next month to attend the opening ceremonies in connection with the Army building in Brittain street, now approaching completion.

Eleventh Anniversary. The eleventh anniversary of St. Mary's Band was held in the school-room of St. Mary's church last evening. There was a large attendance and all enjoyed the programme of music and the refreshments which followed. Rev. Dr. Raymond presided.

Horses Fell. Yesterday afternoon a span of horses driven by Mrs. Bennett, with whom was Mrs. R. Gregory, fell in Charlotte street. Prompt help was given by passers-by, amongst whom were some soldiers. These ladies wish to express their thanks for the kindness shown so readily.

Charged With Stealing. Last night, about 8.30 o'clock, Patrolman Rankine was called to the five and ten cent store on King street where two Italians were given in charge. Dominico Dumortre Clorot was charged with having stolen a pair of spectacles and his companion Oriate Luker was charged with having obtained goods knowing them to have been stolen. It is expected that one of the men stole the glasses and handed the article over to his friend.

For the Soldiers. Loyalist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, has arranged, through the kindness of the authorities, to open a reading and writing room in the school-room of St. James' church next Monday evening for the use of the men of the 26th Battalion. It is asked that any suitable reading matter, particularly magazines, may be sent to A. O. Skinner's store, King street, before Monday afternoon. All such contributions would be thankfully received and acknowledged.

Presentation to Soldier. At the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Courtenay, Moore street, Corporal Peacock, of the 3rd Regt. R.C.A., now stationed at Partridge Island, was the recipient of a handsome military wrist watch, which was presented to him on behalf of his relatives and friends by A. D. Knapman, Walter Peacock, brother of Corporal Peacock, has also been accepted for overseas service in the same regiment. Both gentlemen have the best wishes of their friends for a speedy and safe return.

Gideon No. 7 Officers. Gideon, No. 7, L.O.L., met last night in Orange Hall, Germain street, the principal business of the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected: John H. Burley, W.M.; George O. Akery, D.M.; William Crabbe, chaplain; W. H. Donald, recording secretary; W. C. Day, financial secretary; Christopher White, treasurer; W. Laskey, D. of C.; C. E. DeBoo, lecturer; W. B. Marter, F. of C.; committee, A. O. H. Wilson, H. C. Martin, A. C. Sprenger, Ernest Barker, C. A. Jones, Tyler.

Maritime Forward Movement. St. John will endorse a Pullman railroad business men, manufacturers and representatives of the Board of Trade to the great Maritime Forward meeting to be held in Amherst on Thursday next. The car will leave St. John on Wednesday night and will be signalled at Amherst early Thursday morning. At Amherst the car will be left till after the convention when it will be attached to the express for St. John. A splendid corps of speakers representing Maritime industries will address the gathering. In addition Premier Bowen will be present and deliver an address. All indications point to the greatest yet-remembered meeting ever held in the province by the sea.

Soldier Remembered. The members of No. 1 Home Company met in the fire station, Charlotte street, last evening, and presented William E. Ross, one of the members of the company, who has joined the Army Service Corps as a Sergeant Major, for overseas duty, with a handsome military wrist watch. The presentation was made on behalf of the company by John Seaton. The watch was suitably engraved and was presented to Sergeant Major Ross as a token of regard. The recipient made a suitable reply in which he thanked the members for their kindly acts and hoped to return to the company at the end of his service abroad. There was a musical programme in which Mr. Carr, Sergeant Bond, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Harney and Mr. Ramsey took part. An enjoyable evening was spent.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

ROY D. MAXWELL KILLED IN DRIVING ACCIDENT

Fell from seat of heavily loaded sloop and rear wheel passed over abdomen—Norman Lank has narrow escape at Sand Point.

Roy Maxwell lost his life as a result of a driving accident in Simonds street yesterday afternoon, and early last evening Norman Lank had a narrow escape from death, when he was thrown from the gangway of the steamer Hesperian into the waters of the harbor, when a case he was handling became suddenly wedged.

The accident occurred about three o'clock yesterday afternoon when the victim was driving up Simonds street. Maxwell was on the driver's seat but in some way was thrown off and the wheel of the heavy vehicle passed over his abdomen. As soon as possible he was removed to the hospital where everything possible was done to save his life, but he gradually sank and passed away at 6.15 o'clock. He was unconscious when taken to the hospital, but he revived sufficiently to know his wife when she arrived.

Another accident that had almost fatal results took place in Carleton last evening. Norman Lank, who was employed in discharging the Allan liner Hesperian, in attempting to unload a case covered with tin, was hit by the box when it caught in the runway and was precipitated into the waters of the harbor. He fell about thirty feet and was rescued with much difficulty. Several ropes and buoys were thrown to him, but it was some time before he was able to secure one and hold on till rescued.

Dr. Neve was summoned and found Lank suffering from a fractured shoulder and a wound in the top of the head. Five stitches were necessary to close the wound. The accident happened about 7.30 o'clock, and after his wounds were partly dressed Lank was taken to the Dufferin House where he was made as comfortable as possible by Dr. Neve.

The members of the 26th Battalion New Brunswick Infantry for overseas duty were kept on the move again yesterday. Company drill and physical exercises were indulged in during the morning and a route march of the whole Battalion was held in the afternoon. The Battalion paraded through the streets and was reviewed in front of the Union Club by Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, and Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works.

The Battalion made a very fine impression by their soldierly bearing and the good appearance of all was favorably commented upon by both ministers at the opening ceremony at the new wharves. From the Union Club the Battalion marched up King street and was paraded before a motion picture camera stationed in front of the Royal Hotel. Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity said last night that the men were setting down to work in good style and all seemed to take an interest in their work. Strenuous training will be kept up until the departure of the men from Canada.

Help Wipe Out Church Debt. The Willing Workers of Leinster street Baptist church held a successful tea and sale of fancy and Christmas goods in the school room of the church yesterday afternoon and evening. The sale was well attended and a large amount was realized. This will be devoted to helping pay off the church debt.

An Excellent Address. At the regular meeting of Alexandra Temple, Temple of Honor and Temperance, held last night the second of the addresses on the winter's programme was delivered by Com. Wigmore, who spoke comprehensively on "Our Water and Sewerage System in St. John." The address was enjoyed by all present, and at the close a vote of thanks was tendered to the commissioner.

Back from Old Country. Twenty officers and men from the first Canadian contingent arrived in St. John on the steamer Hesperian yesterday and through the efforts of Colonel A. E. Massie their transportation was secured and they were able to proceed west on the C. P. R. last evening. All the men were from western points. Only two officers, Major Scott of Barrie (Ont.), and Lieutenant Scott of Ottawa, were in the party, the remainder being privates.

Colonel Massie said last night that he did not know the cause of the return of these men, his duty being simply to secure transportation for them and see that they were started on their journey home. They were all apparently Empire citizens. The party was in the city only for a few hours and all will likely be at home in time for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing a lot of useful and attractive goods for Christmas gifts. See the immense stock of handkerchiefs on their counter done up in dainty boxes; priced from 15 cents to \$3.00 a box. You will also find a large assortment of the finest neck wear that their store has ever shown and at such attractive prices; 15 cents to \$3.00 per piece.

Annual Sale. The annual Christmas sale at St. Stephen's church hall will be held this afternoon from three until six o'clock.

DIED. BELVEA—At Brown's Flats, Sam F. Belyea in the 78th year of his age. AMOS—In this city on Wednesday, December 9th, John Amos, leaving one daughter to mourn his loss. Funeral Friday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. Service begins at two o'clock. MAXWELL—Suddenly in this city on the 10th inst. D. Roy B., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Maxwell, age 20 years. Funeral on Saturday, 12th inst., from 24 Pitt street. Service at 2.30. Funeral private.

PERSONAL. Hon. George J. Clarke was in the city yesterday. George W. Fowler, M.P., was in the city yesterday. M. G. Siddall of Port Elgin, is at the Royal. George B. Jones, M.L.A., of Apohaqui, was in the city yesterday.

LECTURE ON INDIAN ART

Rev. W. H. Barraclough speaks before St. John Art Club—Many new members.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. John Art Club was held last evening, there being very large attendance. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and matters of routine had received due attention, including consideration of a financial statement presented by G. W. Flewelling, a lecture by Rev. W. H. Barraclough on Indian Picture Writing was listened to with much interest.

After the lecture Mr. Skelton sang two songs in Indian form. Refreshments were served by the following committee of ladies: Mrs. George Murray, Mrs. Arscott, Mrs. J. R. Price, Mrs. Massie and Mrs. Hedley V. MacKinnon. A record number of new members were elected, or proposed for membership, the names of about seventy ladies and gentlemen having been received.

Rev. Mr. Barraclough spoke of the Indians of North America. "So far as we know them," he said, "they do not possess a written language; their art is, for the most part, of the simple and unadorned kind. In this we must, of course, make an exception of the ancient Mexicans, Toltecs and Aztecs, who possessed a civilization the more remarkable because it was not, and has not, been shared by the neighboring tribes and varied peoples who succeeded them." The lecturer explained in a very instructive and entertaining way the various pictures shown on the screen, seventy in number. Some of these were as follows: Arch of temple at Uxmal in Yucatan, a fragment of one of the wonderful and mysterious structures built by a vanished race; an Aztec statue, styled by some as an idol; the calendar stone, discovered in 1790 and re-buried lest it should excite the natives. Its circumference is thirty-eight feet. It resembles the Egyptian Zodiac of stone and has a similar resemblance to the mariner's compass. The head in the centre is supposed to represent the Mexican God of the Sun; probably it may have been intended to represent Quetzalcoatl, the traditional teacher and originator of the Mexican knowledge of astronomy. Around the centre of the stone are strange characters which still await the touch of some magical mind.

Hydath Totem poles were depicted, the lecturer explaining that these carved poles serve to link the ancient past with the present. "It is the effort of the Indian race," he said, "to preserve some of their strange legendary lore. Potemism is not confined, as you know, to the Indians of America. That religious system which ascribes a spiritual character to all objects, animate and inanimate,—we call it animism—is widespread among aboriginal peoples. The totem, or protecting spirit becomes in processes of time the name of the clan or family. Hence the special character of the crest pole which records the family history. There are six chief types or clans among the Hydath and Simps: the Wolf, the Bear, the Dog, the Eagle and the Fin-back Whale are the others."

The lecturer went on to show how during the past hundred years painstaking efforts have been made to reduce the various Indian languages to writing, Cree, Athapascan, Kamloops, Wa-Wa and so forth. The original sketches on glass by an Indian boy of the Taimpeas named Alexee, crude as they are, gave token of marked ability, and when studied in connection with the wonderful totem carvings of his people prove that an artistic taste existed in marked degree amongst the Indian people.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. Mr. Barraclough for his particularly interesting lecture.

DINNERS FOR THE SOLDIERS. The members of the 26th Battalion and other men enlisted for foreign service in Canada will be provided with Christmas dinner by the Dominion Government. This action was decided upon by the government and all men on active service in Canada will benefit. This will include all second contingent men and also those being recruited for future contingents and reinforcements. There are now about 20,000 men on active service in Canada besides about 8,000 on guard duty so the government will include at least 40,000 Christmas dinners to be provided.

It is understood that the dinners will include the usual Christmas extras of turkey and plum puddings. In St. John the men at the army and exhibition building, as well as in West St. John and Partridge Island, will be provided with the Christmas cheer.

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