

HAPPY TIME AT MUNICIPAL HOME

Christmas Tree Held and
Treat Given Young
and Old

Number There Totals 202—
Conduct of Institution Praised
by Speakers

A happy time was enjoyed in the Municipal Home, East Saint John, yesterday afternoon, when the annual Christmas treat was given.

Visitors to the entertainment yesterday spoke in warm commendation of the spotless appearance of the whole building and the atmosphere of home-ness which it radiated. A feature of the afternoon program was the presentation of gold pieces to Mrs. Mary Woods, the matron and her son, L. Woods, the superintendent of the Home. W. E. Scully, one of the commissioners, made the presentation and heartily commended both matron and superintendent for their excellent management of the institution.

ONE CRITICISM
Another visitor to the entertainment remarked afterwards that there was only one criticism that could be offered and that was on the score of the absence of any plan of separation among the inmates, all classes of those committed to the care of the Home being placed together. He also regretted that there were so many children in the Home, as he felt children could be better cared for elsewhere. There are at present 202 inmates in the Home and 94 are children. Of these 94 there are 22 who are of school age. The numbers in the Home are greater than they have ever been before.

The large hall in which the entertainment was held yesterday was very prettily decorated and the handsome Christmas tree was a dazzling sight. A. M. Rowan, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Home, was chairman for the afternoon. Four boys from St. Peter's school assisted in the opening program by the school children. The four visitors who sang in the program were Eugene McMurphy, Robert Fowle and Francis Gauthier, who sang in "Three Kings of the Orient." Philip Grannan also assisted in the program and gave a comedy sketch and the step dance. Miss G. Mary was the accompanist and Mrs. R. Taylor McKim gave a piano solo.

THE SPEECH LIST
Addresses were given by the chairman, Mr. Rowan; County Warden R. W. Wigmore, Acting Mayor J. H. Frink, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Col. Murray MacLaren, C. M. G. Y. D. M. P. Thomas Bell, M. P., Rev. W. J. Bevis, Rev. C. M. Morgan, Rev. Hugh Miller, of Saint John, Rev. Frank Walker, Rev. J. V. Young, Rev. R. Taylor McKim and W. E. Scully.

Among the commissioners of the Home present were William McAtee, W. L. Walsh, J. William Knodell, W. E. Scully and Frederick Green, the secretary.

When the tree was stripped there was a splendid store of gifts for every inmate. The children received all kinds of lovely toys and nice warm garments and there were gifts which they would most enjoy for every one of the older folk also.

The entertainment was one of the most successful that has been held in the Home.

The program was:
Class—O Canada.
Recitation—"A Merry Christmas to All."
Dialogue—"What the Stockings Said."
Recitation—"The Toys Had Doesn't Like."
Song—"Silent Night."
Recitation—"No Stockings to Wear."
Dialogue—"Christmas Eve."
Recitation—"The Kitten's Christmas."
Recitation—"The Turkey's Lament."
Playlet—"Santa Claus' Little Boy and His Dolls."
Recitation—"Christmas Tree Farm."
Recitation—"Twenty Times a Year."
Song—"Blm Boom, Merry Bells."
Song—"O Holy Night"—Ronald Sherwood.

Songs—"Three Kings"—Eugene McMurphy, Albert Fowle and Francis Gauthier.
Song—Philip Grannan.

PRESENT GOLD RING TO SUPERINTENDENT

Main Street Baptist Sunday School Honors Leader in Office 25 Years

An address of appreciation and a gold ring were presented to W. J. McAlary, superintendent of the Main Street Baptist Sunday school by the officers and teachers at the Christmas treat for the children of the main school last night. The presentation was made by Kenneth Todd, secretary of the Sunday school and Mr. McAlary replied suitably. He has held the office of superintendent for 25 years, and under his leadership the school has made steady progress. The Christmas treat for the scholars took the form of a banquet followed by gifts of candy and nuts and the officers and teachers formed the committee in charge. About 250 of the scholars were present. The children of the primary department are to have their Christmas treat today.

Christmas treats were also held yesterday for the Sunday schools in All Saints church, East Saint John; St. George's church, West Saint John; St. John the Baptist, Broad street, and Victoria street Baptist church.

SLEIGH DRIVE
The children of St. John the Baptist church were treated to an enjoyable sleigh drive last evening. They assembled at the church early in the evening and were driven into the country, with the exception of the very small ones who were taken to the St. John the Baptist gymnasium and entertained there. After the drive all the children went to the basement of the church where refreshments were served and music by an orchestra enjoyed. Rev. Arthur Kinsella accompanied the children on their drive. Rev. J. J. McDermott remaining with those in the gymnasium. About 275 children enjoyed the treat.

Hon. R. W. Wigmore Presides At Opening of New Maritime Sanatorium In W. Saint John

THE former Joseph Scammell homestead on Lancaster avenue, West Saint John, has been transformed into a modern hospital, and was dedicated open by Hon. R. W. Wigmore yesterday afternoon as the Maritime Sanatorium. The hospital is splendidly located on a commanding height overlooking the harbor and is the last word in up-to-date equipment.

The ground floor contains, besides the office, a spacious reception room, a dining room, a large kitchen and a treatment room. This last is equipped with the latest types of electro-therapy apparatus, including violet ray, ultra-violet ray, sunlamp and high frequency machine.

SECOND FLOOR LAYOUT.
On the second floor are three bedrooms with baths attached and two rooms with hot and cold water laid on. The top floor contains ten smaller bedrooms and the hydro-therapy treatment room, which is equipped with the latest fixtures for the different treatments.

The whole furnishing of the sanatorium has been carried out in a most pleasing and up-to-date manner, the old house lending itself very well to the conversion.

E. A. Westrup is in charge as superintendent and will have a staff of three nurses and a household staff of seven or eight. There will be a consulting staff of five physicians, consisting of

Dr. G. B. Peat, Dr. C. M. Kelly, Dr. G. Corbett, Dr. J. V. Anglin and Dr. Philip Nasc. The institution will be run on similar lines to the American sanatoriums, where patients will receive all forms of medical and physiotherapy.

PIONEER IN EAST CANADA.
The local hospital is said to be the only one of its kind in eastern Canada. All the subscriptions are from Saint John capital and all the contracts for work done were let in the city. The latest form of heating apparatus, including uniform heat in all parts of the building, has been installed. The cellar is large and well-lighted and is provided with storerooms for coal and provisions and a laundry room.

After a large number of guests had been shown through the building it was declared open in a short speech by Hon. R. W. Wigmore. E. A. Westrup spoke on the objectives and purposes of the sanatorium and was followed by short speeches from two of the members of the board of directors, Mr. Gray Murdoch and Mr. Charles T. Greene.

SEAMEN WELCOMED AT ENTERTAINMENT
Christmas Treat For Sailors Enjoyed by Tars in Port—Many at Institute

The Christmas celebration in the Seamen's Institute last evening was largely attended by representative seamen from practically all steamships in port. R. E. Armstrong, president of the New Brunswick Division of the Navy League, presided and extended a hearty welcome to the seamen who were present. He spoke on behalf of the Seamen's Mission Society, the Auxiliary of the Women's Guild and the Navy League. He stated that it was a delight to these organizations as well as to the people of Saint John, to have so many steamships trafficking through the port of Saint John and the whole of Canada. The hope was expressed that there would be an enlargement of the shipping business of the Maritimes every winter.

REV. J. DUNLOP SPEAKS.
The evening program included some very fine music from the S. S. Montrose orchestra; songs and music by Mr. and Mrs. Kee, Mr. C. Parsons, Miss Montrose and Mr. McCracken. Rev. James Dunlop, pastor of the Central Baptist church, delivered a most interesting and instructive address and was heartily applauded. The program was concluded by the "Montrose" orchestra playing the National Anthem.

Following the musical entertainment every seaman was furnished with an abundance of coffee and cake, likewise oranges and apples. Before the seamen withdrew they arose and gave three hearty cheers to the Ladies' Guild and to those who had assisted in the carrying out of the program.

The Auxiliary of the Women's Guild was represented by Mrs. M. Seymour, the head of the guild, Mrs. J. M. Brown, Mrs. E. J. Terry, Mrs. G. E. Logan, Mrs. Albert McArthur, Mrs. C. E. Shaw and Mrs. E. Pinnamore. The following male officials also rendered good assistance in the distribution of coffee and cake and fruit among the sailors: Capt. A. J. Mulcahy, vice-president, H. G. Evans, J. N. Rogers, Wallace Birdie and Ernest Tindle.

The Women's Guild faced upon the distribution of cake with the Children's Aid Society and also with Miss Grace Robertson for the Associated Charities.

DAMAGED IN STORM ON WAY TO THIS PORT
Italian Steamship Vallescura, Coal Laden, Had it Rough From Newport Mews

When the Italian steamship Vallescura, Captain Dubocro, arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of coal from Newport News for the Atlantic Sugar Refinery, she presented every appearance of having been badly dealt with by recent storms during the voyage to this port.

This ship was coated with ice from waterline to the mast head, and was damaged considerably. She is deeply loaded and experienced some very heavy weather. A few days ago the Vallescura ran into a heavy westerly gale accompanied by mountainous seas which continually broke over her bows and deluged the decks. One sea, much larger than the others, broke high over the port bow, and as the tons of water crashed on the deck it completely carried away the port side of the bridge and smashed the telegraph. The captain and others who were on the bridge at the time had a narrow escape from being washed into the sea and lost. It was only with skilled seamanship that the steamer was handled to save any further damage being done.

The Vallescura is consigned to H. E. Kane & Company, and is at present anchored in the stream. After discharging the ship will load a cargo of grain.

Swift Canadian Co. Salesmen Are Dined

MONCTON, Dec. 28.—The 14th annual dinner, given by the Swift Canadian Company, Limited, to their salesmen in the Maritime Provinces, was held tonight in the Brunswick Hotel here.

The gathering took the form of a sales convention, but 30 ventures about 30 representatives from various Maritime points attending.

A. P. Whitlock, of Toronto, sales manager, was chairman of the gathering.

K. OF C. ASSEMBLY IS MUCH ENJOYED

Annual Christmas Event of Saint John Council Held Last Night

The Christmas bridge and assembly of Saint John Council 987, Knights of Columbus, held last night in the council headquarters in Coburg street, was a very delightful function, well attended and keenly enjoyed.

In the large council chamber, where the dancing program was carried out, a space had been laid off and there tables for cards were set out and bridge and auction 4's played. A very efficient orchestra of five pieces under direction of Bruce Holder played an excellent program and encores were in great demand. The ball room was nicely decorated with evergreen and in this feature was included a Christmas tree.

In the dining room upstairs tables for parties of six were set out. Here, too, the decorations were very tasteful. A tempting luncheon was served at midnight. Mrs. E. J. Henneberry was general convener and assisting were Mrs. Margaret Corkery and Mrs. Frank I. McCafferty, pouring; Mrs. E. W. Levey, in charge of ice. The reception

committee was composed of Mrs. James L. Sugrue and Mrs. John P. Mooney.

PRIZE WINNERS.
An efficient committee of knights, under general direction of Grand Knight J. L. Sugrue, had made excellent arrangements to give everyone a good time and it was voted a delightful night by all. The prize winners at cards were: Bridge, ladies, Mrs. John Daley, first; consolation, Mrs. Joseph Dwyer; gentlemen, John Daley, first; consolation, A. C. D. Wilson. Forty-five, John O'Regan, first; Mrs. P. J. Fitzpatrick, consolation.

NEW SPRING COLORS

Some of The New Shades Bear Names of Days of The Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Colors that went with the panners and powdered wigs and sedan chairs of 18th century France will provide the lines of mid-land's clothes next spring.

The Textile Color Card Association of the United States announces next year's leading colors will include soft pinks, blues, violets and greens, each with a silvery dusty cast to give them a subtle even more delicate than the naive hues of the old pastel colors.

Many of these new shades bear the

GIRL IS CARRIED FROM BURNING HOME

Young Woman Overcome by Smoke in Prince Edward Street Blaze

A young woman was rescued from a third story window by firemen when she lived with her parents was threatened with destruction last night. The girl was overcome by smoke and in a state of collapse, but rallied in a few minutes and was able to be moved to shelter.

The fire damaged the lower floor of the Maritime Food Company's premises. Louis Brumby, proprietor of the Crown Beverages, Ltd., said today that a report that it started in the mixing room in his building was not correct. The outbreak was discovered about 11.45 by a young woman giving her name as Miss Ross, who sounded the alarm from Box 18.

The building quickly filled with smoke and the occupants of the two

glamorous names of the days of the Louis. Among the new colors are La Valliere, Marie Antoinette, Polignac, Maintenon and Chevreuse.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY ROYAL ARCANUM

Robert G. Thomson Named Regent of Saint John Council—Entertainment Held

The Saint John Council, No. 133, of the Royal Arcanum, at its meeting in Havelock Hall, market building, last night elected officers as follows: Regent, Robert G. Thomson, vice-regent, Robert G. Carson, orator, Dr. F. T. Dunlop, past regent, Roy C. Gray; secretary, George G. Wetmore; collector, George D. Martin; treasurer, William A. Wetmore; chaplain, T. A. Ramsay; guard, Frank E. Wetmore; warden, George F. Todd; sentry, Charles McCabe; trustee for three years, Charles D. Strong; representative to Grand Council, Roy C. Gray; alternate, Charles McCabe.

After the business of the meeting lady friends of the members and other guests were entertained at an enjoyable card party. Prizes were won by Mrs. George G. Wetmore, Mrs. William A. Wetmore, James Braden and Mr. Nichol. It was announced that a public installation of the officers would take place at the next meeting on Jan. 11.

RECTOR AS TOY-MAKER.
MANCHESTER, Dec. 29.—Toy-making is one of the accomplishments of the Rev. William Birch, rector of All Saints' church, West Gorton, Manchester, who has refused an offer of \$4,000 a year from a London firm to become a toy designer at their works.

He is a "jack-of-all-trades." His toy-making achievements include a staff of toys for a bazaar when he was curate at Holy Trinity church, Blackpool.



Stores Open 3.30 a. m., Close 6 p. m.

Smart New Frocks

For The New Year Festivities

Two groups of Party Dresses fresh from the factories and being offered at a fraction of the regular values.

Seldom an opportunity like this to buy such lovely Georgette Frocks at these prices. Each garment perfect in every particular and a good range of the popular shades to choose from.

Grouped at two prices—\$15.50 and \$19.50

Regular values from \$25 to \$39.50.

ON SALE WEDNESDAY MORNING

(Mantle Dept., 2nd floor.)

For Semi-Formal Wear

In the past few seasons the dinner jacket was worn so much in the evening that it threatened to take the place of the dress suit. Today, however, it is worn where it naturally belongs, at semi-formal occasions, the theatre, informal dancing, etc. Because it is so much an every day part of a man's clothing kit, the dinner jacket has taken on the easy character of the clothes men wear today. It has broad shoulders, a low-waisted effect, deep, wide lapels. Comfortable, but as dressy as ever. The illustration shows the correct cut. You can wear white or black waistcoat, as you prefer, and collar and tie in the styles given below.

(Men's Clothing, 2nd floor.)

The Incidentals Required to Complete the Outfit

Shirts that launder to immaculate whiteness, in either plain or pleated fronts. We have a variety of styles.

Evening Shirts—Plain front, \$2.75.

Evening Shirts—Pleated fronts, \$3.

The new open down the back style with pique front, \$3.25.

Shirts of French Pique with pleated fronts. Price \$3.75.

Soft Mushroom Pleated Bosoms, \$3.50.

Black Silk Half Hose from 75c to \$1.35.

Gloves—White silk. Price 85c to \$1.35.

White Suede Finish Chamoisette, \$1.

White Kid—\$1.75.

White Kid with silk insets, \$2.

Dress Bows—White lawn. Price 25c.

White Pique—75c, White Barathia silk. Price 75c.

White Pique Bat Wings to tie, 75c.

A White Pique Waistcoat with rolled collar, which fastens with four close set studs.

(Men's Furnishings, ground floor.)

A Felt Hat of Dark Oxford trimmed with ribbon and binding of grosgrain silk; worn with centre crease only.

Dress Shirt Studs for fronts and cuffs, single or in sets. Prices 50c to \$3.50.

Neck Scarfs of Pure Silk or Fibre. Black and white or colors. From \$1.75 to \$10.00.

WOMEN'S SILK HOSE FOR FORMAL OCCASION

Chiffon Silk Hose—Full fashioned in the new shades. \$2.40 pr.

Silk Hose in Holeproof, Orient, Milo, Diana, Harvey and other makes. Colors: Sunburn, chert, grey, cinnamon, gold, moresque also black and white. Prices from \$1.60 to \$4 a pair.

Bi-text Lined Silk in black, tan and grey. \$2.50 a pr.

"Inners" of fine natural wool for wearing under silk hose. 85c a pair.

(Hosiery section, ground floor.)

PRE-STOCK TAKING SALE

Crepe de Chine Overblouses in high and low necks short and long sleeves in both light and dark colors. These are specially priced and are a wonderful bargain at \$2.95 each.

SPECIAL VALUES IN BEADED BLOUSES

Balance of our Beaded Blouses. These are in odd sizes and various colors at \$6.95 each.

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