

## RETAILERS ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC

Speakers at Annual Banquet  
Overcome Difficulties Will  
Be Overcome—F. A. Dyke-  
man New President.

The annual banquet of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, held last evening in Bond's, proved a complete success when many prominent speakers told of the advantages of the association and outlined present conditions in Canada and what might be expected for the future.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the retiring president, A. N. McLean, for his untiring energy in the work of the association during the year.

The toast to the king was proposed by A. O. Skinner and responded to with musical honors, Stanley Emerson proposed the health of the city to which Mayor Schofield responded, welcoming the visitors to the city and making an appeal for unity of the towns and cities of the province.

The toast to the association was proposed by H. R. McLean, who told of the splendid work done by it. He said the purposes for which it was formed were equally beneficial to its patrons as well as members.

The toast to the guests was proposed by Allan A. McIntyre, who in a brief speech, extended a welcome to the representatives of other organizations.

The first to respond was R. E. Armstrong, who told of the lack of co-operation in the old days contrasted with the spirit of today.

J. Hunter White also responded to this toast. He said that the Wholesale Grocers' Association had been much maligned but had been given a clean bill of health by the authorities.

F. W. Stewart the speaker of the evening, told of business conditions throughout Canada and was very optimistic regarding the future.

of thanks to the speaker, F. A. Dykeman said that manufacturers sold goods to mail order houses at prices which enabled them to undersell the retailer. He also said that Canadian manufacturers were maintaining high prices so that goods had to be purchased in the United States.

The annual business meeting of the association was held immediately after the speeches, A. N. McLean being the retiring president, being in the chair. The secretary, S. E. Fisher, in his report, said 180 members were enrolled.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president and chairman of the advisory board, A. N. McLean; president, F. A. Dykeman; first vice-president, R. E. Armstrong; second vice-president, J. H. Marr; secretary, S. E. Fisher; treasurer, M. E. Grass; parliamentarian, A. O. Skinner; F. W. Daniel, A. E. Everett, S. C. Emerson, H. H. Scovill, Harry Magnusson, Charles McConnell, F. S. Thomas, Herbert Everett, David Magee, J. Bruce McPherson, A. A. McIntyre, J. H. Vaughan, Percy Rising, P. N. Levine, C. Mayfield, H. C. Brown, A. R. Campbell, W. H. Turner, H. Mont Jones and William Hawker.

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## COMMON COUNCIL

At the regular meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon the report of the committee of the whole was received and adopted.

A letter was received from the Shell Company of Canada, New York, asking for an easement for the construction of tanks and pipe lines on the west side of the pipe line of the Bullock, explained the project and said that this class of oil was non-illuminating and non-explosive.

The company wished to install a pipe line to both No. 6 and also one to both No. 14 and 15. It was pointed out that the C. P. O. S. oil-burning steamers must now call at Halifax for fuel and St. John would have to have a filling plant if it wished to keep up to date.

It was said that next year the P. O. S. would have six oil-burning steamers. Mr. Thornton asked if it was not the practice to have these stations isolated. Mr. Bullock explained their location in other cities and said that the fire insurance companies would not insure them.

An application for appointment as constable was received from John L. McKee and referred to the mayor. The mayor thought that the appointment should be made by the sheriff and on motion it was decided that the mayor bring in a recommendation as to future appointments.

The proposed increase in civic fees on motor trucks was next considered. Under the proposed increase the amount received this year would be \$3,050 on the same number and classification, compared with \$1,920 for the previous year.

The new rates range from twenty cents to \$1 per 100 pounds dead weight, according to the size of the truck. A motion was passed that an amendment to the by-law, incorporating the increases, be presented at the next meeting of the council.

## St. John Bills Are Agreed To

(Official report.)

Fredericton, N. B., March 29.—The committee on municipalities held its first meeting this afternoon.

Mr. Hayes was elected chairman of the committee for the session.

Bills to empower the town of St. Stephen to issue debentures to retire old debentures maturing May 1, 1922, respecting paving and opening up streets in the city of St. John, respecting harbor commission and taking a plebiscite thereon in the city of St. John, and to enable the town of St. Stephen to issue further street debentures were agreed to with amendments.

## THE MISSING BALLOONISTS?

Pensacola, Fla., March 30.—Search for Chief Quartermaster G. R. Wilkinson and four companions missing in a naval balloon since March 22, shifted late yesterday to the vicinity of Apalachicola.

There said strange cries had been heard in a swamp a few miles from that place.

## FINE DISPLAY OF BOY SCOUT WORK IN THE ARMORY

Under the patronage of His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley, the Boy Scouts Association of St. John held a display of the work they are carrying on among the boys of the city and Robt.

At the Armory, last evening. Nearly 400 scouts and cubs took part and their exhibition of the various activities carried on by the troops was watched by about 1,200 people, who greeted the excellent work of the several troops with loud applause.

The display was under the direction of the district commissioner, Guy L. Short, while the organizing secretary from Ottawa, W. V. B. Riddle, was stage manager.

Besides the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley, the governor's two military aides, Lieut.-Col. Alexander McMillan, D. S. O. and Major William Vassie, M. C., were in attendance. His Worship, Mayor Schofield, Commissioner Thornton, General A. H. Macdonell, C. M. G., D. S. O., and many of the parents of the boys taking part were also present.

A good illustration of the practical work learned by the scouts was the exhibition of "First Aid." Supposedly wounded scouts had their arms, legs, heads, etc. bandaged up in a manner that would do credit to a Red Cross nurse.

A marchstick operating table was utilized in one instance when a scout with a badly fractured leg was rendered first aid by the use of scout poles as splints and other poles were utilized as a stretcher.

During an intermission in the programme, Governor Pugsley presented King's Scout Badges to three Scouts, David Legate, of First Troop, (Knock), Earl Seelye, of Second Troop, (St. Paul's), and Murray Strong, also of Second Troop, (St. Paul's).

This badge is one of the highest decorations that a scout can receive and it is only after showing exceptional scout qualities that it is given.

Following the intermission, six packs of Wolf Cubs, from Trinity, St. Paul's, Stone Church, Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Luke's and Colburn street Christian church, swarmed on the stage and went through their games, causing considerable amusement.

A nicely arranged programme was carried out which consisted of a recitation, "Scout Promise and Scout Law" by King's Scout Juniors, Scout Camp and Physical Drill" by the 15th troop and 6th troop; a playlet, "Breaking in a Scout" by the 11th troop; and a recitation, "The Scout's Creed" by the 15th and 6th troops.

Other scout games were played and an exhibition of bridge-building was given by the 1st troop.

## HISTORIC SWORD IS PRESENTED

Annual Meeting of 8rd N. B. Heavy Artillery Brigade.

At the annual meeting of the 8rd New Brunswick Heavy Brigade last evening with the commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Harrison, in the chair, an historic sword was presented to the brigade by the 15th troop, who formerly commanded the 8rd New Brunswick Artillery Brigade.

The sword was presented to the late Judge B. Lester Peters, who was a captain in the brigade. Lieut.-Colonel Harrison told of the re-organization during the last year.

Reports were received and accepted from the various regimental committees and bills were appointed for the coming year as follows: Regimental, Lieut.-Colonel Harrison, the battery commanders and the quartermaster, band Major W. Vassie, Capt. E. M. Slader and Lieut. Hugh Bruce; audit, Major G. A. Gamblin and Lieut. B. W. Turnbull.

## DOOD'S KIDNEY PILLS

DRUGGISTS  
RHEUMATISM  
GRAVEL  
BLIGHT'S DIABETES  
MIGRAINE  
MORSE  
MORSE

## LOCAL NEWS

W. A. Porter of this city has been selected as handmaster of the Fredericton Brass Band. For many years he was a handmaster in the imperial army and during the war he served with his regiment at the front.

Commissioner Thornton and Fire Chief Blake yesterday morning made an inspection of the General Public Hospital in regard to the fire hazard at that institution. Recommendations as to fire doors, chemicals, hose and other equipment will be made to the board of commissioners.

Judge O. S. Crockett of the circuit court, before whom George Drew was tried and found guilty of criminal assault on two little girls, said last night that Drew probably would not be sentenced until a verdict in the case of William Neame, charged with a similar offence, had been reached.

A meeting of the New Brunswick provincial girls work board was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Jamieson, Elliot row, and preliminary arrangements were made for holding the girls' camp this summer.

The congregation of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church recently extended a special meeting of the St. John presbytery has been called for the near future to deal with the matter, and this is taken to indicate that the call has been accepted. Rev. Mr. Bevil, of Lorneville, is the interim moderator.

The A. Y. P. A. of Trinity church, after a theatre party at the Imperial last night, returned to the church school room where a short business meeting was followed by a much enjoyed social gathering. Games were played and refreshments were served. James S. Hoyt, the president, was in the chair and Miss Roberta Holder was the pianist for the evening.

The children's play presented by the Young Ladies Club on March 24, was repeated last night in the vestry of the synagogue before a large audience and was given a splendid reception. A concert programme was also greatly enjoyed and the evening closed with a social dance. Refreshments were served. About 800 persons attended the entertainment and all voted the occasion a grand success.

Miss Olive Ziegler of Toronto, national girls' work secretary for the Methodist denomination, who arrived in the city yesterday with Miss Mary Allison, national girls' work secretary of the Y. W. C. A., addressed a meeting in the Centenary Methodist church last evening in the interests of the C. G. I. T. Miss Ziegler is touring the provinces in the interests of the C. G. I. T. and had a large audience.

At a conference of the executives of the Y. W. C. A. and the St. John Branch of the Canadian Council for the Immigration of Women for Household Service, yesterday, it was decided that the Y. W. C. A. would take over the hotel when the lease expires in May and work in conjunction with the council. Before any action can be taken the matter will have to be brought before the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. board.

Cases against J. Doody and A. Dougherty, charged with selling stronger beer than the law allows was resumed yesterday afternoon and the accused pleaded guilty, but the fines will not be stricken until next Friday. The inspectors told of the difficulties they had to contend with in catching these beer peddlers. It was said that in some places regular alarm systems have been installed, and when an inspector approaches a "buzz" is heard and the liquor is poured into the sink.

E. S. Ritchie and J. A. Barry appeared for the defence, and W. M. Ryan prosecuted.

At a meeting of the residents of Little River held last evening, with A. J. Parker in the chair, the possibility of the extension of the street railway line was discussed. Frank Joselyn and Alex. Magee spoke in behalf of the citizens of East St. John and in favor of Little River. Speakers expressed the opinion that the residents should stand on their rights. They said they had been promised an extension of the car line and had been assured that it would be completed one year after the close of the war. A committee was appointed to wait on the power company to discuss the matter.

A most enjoyable entertainment was held under the auspices of the Clan Mackenzie in their rooms in the Orange Hall, German street, last evening. An excellent programme, consisting of songs by Miss Williams, Miss P. McGowan, Mr. Irvine, F. C. Girvan and Clansman Murdoch and the Highland Fling by Clansman Macdonald, was given. Dr. G. Corbet acted as chairman and the concert was greatly appreciated. The floor was then cleared for dancing and a programme of sixteen dances was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the clan.

## THE CIVIC ACCOUNTS

The annual reports of the city chamberlain, Duncan G. Lingley, and comptroller, Adam P. MacIntyre, for the year ending December 31, 1920, were submitted to the common council yesterday afternoon. The reports show that the civic year ended with a deficit of \$2,766.88, and that during the year the bonded indebtedness was increased by \$896,904.81. Generally speaking the city's finances were found to be in a most satisfactory condition.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S REPORT.

Extracts from the chamberlain's report are as follows:

A debenture for \$500, due in year 1919, was presented and paid. Debentures amounting to \$397,346.81 were issued, and \$306,242.81 were sold, the discount amounting to \$9,742.04. The balance, viz., \$92,000.00, was sold early in January.

The increase in the outstanding debentures was \$896,894.81, and in interest \$84,251.12.

A further issue of debentures, amounting to \$387,400.00 was ordered for water construction, Spruce Lake. The city's assets amount to \$8,544,984.02, and the liabilities \$5,810,547.76, leaving an excess of assets over liabilities of \$2,734,436.26.

## COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

Deficit.—The city passed the year with a small deficit of \$2,756.88.

In the ferry department bills to the amount of \$6,651.06 were held over owing to the exhaustion of the appropriation.

Taxes.—The amount of money required under the last warrants sent to the assessors for the year 1920 was \$1,485,779.26. The taxes collected during the year on warrants 1920 and arrears, against above amount, were \$1,674,449.85, or \$64,820.41 less than the money required from year 1920 warrants. A short collection of 4.47 per cent.

Licenses.—The amount collected for special and ordinary licenses was \$25,840.48. This is a gain of \$410.00 over the previous year.

Ferry.—The expenditure on maintenance of the ferries was \$111,224.75. The receipts for the year past were \$46,947.98. This being better than the year before of \$35,939.15.

Harbor.—The receipts from this department were \$194,811.88. An increase over the year before of \$35,939.15.

The expenditures were \$176,599.70. The surplus for the year in this department being \$18,212.18 after paying maintenance interest and sinking fund.

Water maintenance.—The receipts in this department from water assessment,

## BEWARE OF BRONCHITIS

Bronchitis is generally caused by neglecting a cold, or exposure to wet and inclement weather. It begins with a tightness across the chest, difficulty in breathing, and a wheezing sound comes from the lungs. There is a raising of phlegm, especially the first thing in the morning. This is at first white, but later becomes a greenish or yellowish color and is occasionally streaked with blood.

On the first sign of bronchitis you should check it immediately by using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, thereby preventing it becoming chronic, and perhaps developing into some more serious lung trouble.

Mrs. Brice Culham, Sheffield, Ont., writes: "In December, 1919, I was very sick with bronchitis, and had to stay in the house all winter. One day I saw Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup advertised so I got a small bottle which helped me very much; I then got a 60c size, and I completely relieved me. I cannot give 'Dr. Wood's' enough for what it has done for me. Two of my neighbors are now using it for colds."

Don't accept a substitute for Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup; the genuine is put up in a yellow wrapper; three pine trees the trade mark; price 35c and 60c; manufactured only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

## IN THE LEGISLATURE

Fredericton, N. B., March 29.—An amendment to the Theatres Act, by which two women are to become members of the Moving Pictures Censor Board, was introduced in the legislature tonight by Hon. W. E. Foster. The amendment also provides that "erroneously the board be made of two and two women."

R. T. Hayes introduced a "corporation" St. John branch of the Order of Nurses. They were read for the first time when Mr. Hayes in the chair.

On motion of the premier, the introduction of private bills was postponed until Tuesday next, the first evening meeting of the legislature is to be introduced on supply tomorrow afternoon.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George T. Polley; first vice-president, Mrs. D. W. Fiddings; second vice-president, Mrs. R. Max McCarty; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Nixon; secretary, Mrs. S. C. Mitchell.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Doorkeepers' Circle of the King's Daughters was held yesterday in the guild, with the vice-president, Mrs. Max McCarty, in the chair. The secretary, Mrs. George T. Polley, in her report reviewed the activities of the year, which consisted of extensive philanthropic work. During the year a presentation was made to Mrs. C. F. Sanford and a parting gift to Mrs. B. Lingley and Mrs. A. P. Crockett. At the meeting yesterday several substantial sums of money were granted to worthy institutions.

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MUTT AND JEFF—HERE'S THE SQUAREST GAMBLER WE EVER HEARD OF —By "BUD" FISHER

I NEVER SAW THIS PHOTO BEFORE. DID YOU WEAR THIS COWBOY COSTUME TO A MASQUERADE BALL?

NO, MUTT, THAT WAS TAKEN IN 1899 WHEN I WAS A COWPUNCHER OUT WEST!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A COWPUNCHER!

SURE, AND DID YOU EVER HEAR OF THE SQUAREST GAMBLER THAT EVER HANDED A DECK OF CARDS? WELL, HE AND I WERE BUDDIES!

MY WORD, YES, I'VE HEARD OF 'SQUARE STEVE'. I REMEMBER WHEN HE SHOT HIMSELF! SUICIDE, WASN'T IT?

SUICIDE NOTHING—

SQUARE STEVE CAUGHT HIMSELF CHEATING IN A GAME OF SOLITAIRE SO HE PUMPED HIMSELF FULL OF LEAD!

YOU POOR SAP.