

Around the City

COLD WITH SNOW.

A PRETTY CALENDAR The Standard has received a very pretty calendar from the McLaughlin Carriage Company.

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

Lieut. Mowatt of Campbellton has been promoted to the rank of captain. He is attached to the 1st Military Depot in the city.

VALLEY RAILWAY INQUIRY.

The Valley Railway inquiry will be resumed here this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, with Commissioner Stevens presiding and Hon. W. P. Jones representing the provincial government.

DINED AT BOND'S

Staff Sergeant Jessop of the headquarters staff was the guest at a banquet given in his honor at Bond's last evening. Sergt. Jessop will join up with the No. 3 Construction Battalion for immediate overseas service.

A GOOD RECORD.

The failures in New Brunswick in 1917 numbered 26, with liabilities of \$172,700, and assets of \$93,572, compared with 51 failures in 1916, with liabilities of \$321,386, and assets of \$172,389.

PACIFIC COAST TIMBER.

Car-load lots of Douglas fir are being imported into West St. John from the Pacific Coast. J. A. Gregory is the pioneer importer and the timber is to be used for shipbuilding and other new work.

SURVIVED COUPLE OF HOURS

It was stated in yesterday's issue that George Fullerton, who was injured at Clarendon on Friday morning, passed away at the General Public Hospital while under an anesthetic. This is incorrect as the young man, according to an official at the hospital, survived the operation a couple of hours.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS

Detectives Briggs and Biddlecomb last evening arrested O. Fred Hannah, who is charged with receiving stolen goods from a boy, knowing them to be stolen. On Friday of last week a young lad who has a police record of long standing, was arrested by the detectives for stealing from the New Brunswick Telephone Company five horse blankets. It is claimed the boy disposed of the blankets to the defendant for an amount as yet unknown.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

A largely attended meeting of the Young People's Society of Centenary church was held last night and a most attractive and instructive programme was provided. Addresses were delivered by Axel Blake on "The True Democracy of the Race Problem," and Miss Hart, returned missionary from Japan; readings were given by Mrs. George A. Horton and a piano solo by Miss Hilda Britain.

A NEW MANAGER.

It was learned yesterday that A. S. Creighton, now at Port of Spain, Trinidad, will be the new manager of the St. John branch of the Royal Bank on King street. The St. John vacancy was caused by the death of Thos. B. Blair, manager for many years. For the past three months Ward C. Hazen has been discharging efficiently the duties of acting manager. Mr. Creighton will not arrive here for several weeks.

ESSENCES AND MEDICINES.

Chief Liquor Inspector, Rev. W. D. Wilson says that inspectors throughout the province were having considerable trouble with essences, and patent medicines containing a high percentage of alcohol as a preservative. These were only taken by some persons as a means of intoxication. One of the inspectors had informed him that on Saturday night he had seen a crowd of soldiers in a store coming the proprietor to sell them some lemon extract.

DRIVE AND DANCE

The members of the St. Peter's Young Men's Association and their lady friends enjoyed a delightful sleigh drive and dance last night. The party, numbering about eighty, assembled at the hall about 8 o'clock. In two sleighs they were conveyed out as far as Brookville and on their return retired to Davison's dancing assembly on Germain street. Music for the dance was provided by H. Bridge's three-piece orchestra. The dance programme consisted of waltzes, two steps and square dances. Before departing the party enjoyed luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. J. Merrick and Mr. and Mrs. C. Murphy were the chaperons for the evening.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of Chambers Lodge Royal Guardian Assessment Insurance Association, was held last evening in the Orange Hall, Germain street. The following officers were elected: H. V. Everett—Master Guardian. George Stevens—Vice-Guardian. George Findlay—Overseer. E. S. Hennigan—Secretary and Treasurer. J. L. Thorne—Treasurer. R. D. Woodrow—Guide. A. J. Armstrong—Inner Guard. Charles E. Lowly—Outer Guard. J. J. Rowan—Past Master Guard. It was reported that the Association lost several members by death during the past year.

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL.

An enjoyable social gathering was held last evening at the home of G. Svetka, 349 Main street, the occasion being the opening of the season's activities of the Girls' Basketball team of Knox church, of which Miss Edith Svetka is president. There were about twenty-five girls present as well as a number of soldier friends. A pleasant time was spent in games, music, etc., after which supper was served. The table was nicely decorated. The guests opened the bon bon which were placed at each plate and wore the paper caps they contained. Much amusement was also caused by the fortunes which each person discovered hidden in his or her napkin. The chaperons were Mrs. Geo. Scott, Mrs. George Svetka and Mrs. Alfred Hume.

ST. JOHN HAS IMMENSE LEAD OVER THE NEAREST MARITIME PORT

Returns for Eight Months Just Published — Imports and Exports Through This Port Nearly \$120,000,000—Leads Nearest Maritime Port by Over \$52,000,000 for That Time—The Provincial Figures.

The returns for eight months of the fiscal year 1917-18 have just been published and the imports and exports through the port of St. John for that period are very nearly \$120,000,000, or about \$5,000,000 more than the business done by all the rest of the Maritime Province ports together. St. John has a lead over the nearest maritime port of over \$52,000,000 for the eight months.

Table showing returns for eight months for some of the maritime ports: St. John, Halifax, Sydney, Miramichi, Pictou, and Grand total.

THE GREAT WAR VETERANS HAVE DECIDED TO BUILD A NEW HOME

Special Meeting of Association Held Last Night—Committee Appointed a Building Committee—Will Give Up Present Quarters—Sons of Veterans' Association to Be Formed—Addresses by Mayor and Commissioner Wigmore.

At a special meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association held last night, it was decided to build a home rather than buy a building, and in the meantime to rent a home for the Association. The present quarters will be given up on May 1, and the trustees will secure new ones.

The chairman explained the reason for calling the meeting which was to consider whether the association should build or buy a building for a home. It was the opinion of the meeting that a more suitable building could be obtained by erecting one rather than buying one already built.

BUSINESS IN WEST IS NEARLY NORMAL

H. Gurnsey of Vancouver in the City—British Columbia Shipbuilding Industry Most Active—Surprised Not More Activity in St. John.

H. Gurnsey of Vancouver, B. C., was registered last night at the Royal. In conversation with a Standard representative he said business was looking up in the west and conditions were very nearly normal once more. In British Columbia the shipbuilding industry was the most active at the present time and a large number of yards were busy turning out vessels of all kinds. In the immediate vicinity of Vancouver there were about a dozen vessels now on the stocks and a number had been built and made their maiden voyage to Australia and back.

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VICTORIA RINK

Good music, good ice, pleasant, warm skaters. Hot coffee and sandwiches served by the ladies of the Soldiers' Comfort Society will make this carnival a very enjoyable event.

"The Wildcat" for the last time today. Five cents to all. Don't miss it. The Nickel, Queen Square.

THE TAX RATE WILL BE HIGHER

Present Indications Are Ten Cents Per Hundred Higher Than Last Year, if Full Amount of Patriotic Tax is Assessed for.

From present indications the tax rate this year will be at least ten cents per hundred higher than last year if the full amount of the patriotic tax is assessed for.

The amount assessed for by the city last year leaving out the county assessment, was \$32,788.49. For this year the amount already assessed is \$36,108.86, nearly \$10,000 in excess of last year's figures. In this amount no provision has been made for the grants which have not been considered as yet and this will add somewhat to that figure.

The increase asked for by the county to the increase in the city rates will make about \$50,000 which will make the rate on the same valuation as last year about ten cents on the hundred dollars higher. The rate last year, exclusive of the patriotic tax, was \$2.18 and the 20 cents added for patriotic tax brought the total up to \$2.38. This year it will likely be at least \$2.58.

RETURNED SOLDIER LOST HIS LIFE

After Fighting Three Long Years on Firing Line Hero is Killed in Stellarton Mine Disaster.

After fighting three long years on the firing line during which time he met danger from every angle, a returned soldier while apparently following a peaceful pursuit in the Stellarton coal mines lost his life. Lieut. McBeath, who witnessed the removal from the Allan shaft of a body so disfigured that it was beyond recognition, told The Standard last night at the Victoria Hotel, that the people of the mining centre awaited around the pit's mouth with dread anxiety. It is reported that all of the bodies will be removed from the shaft by Wednesday. The soldier who was killed intended to work in the mine for about two months and then return to the front. Fifty-three men were still in the mine up until Sunday night, but since that time a few of the number have been found and removed to the surface.

Lieut. McBeath arrived in the city yesterday and will leave this evening for Montreal. It will be recalled here that the excellent results of recruiting under the voluntary system for the Canadian Engineers in this province would be more extensive due to the energy of Lieut. McBeath.

DEPOT SOLDIERS MAY BE DRAFTED

Report That Twenty-Five last Depot Men Will Go to St. Johns, Que.—Good Mechanics Wanted for Construction Battalion.

A report which emanates from a reliable source, and well worthy of credence, is authority for the statement that about twenty-five of the men now in quarters with the 1st Depot Battalion will be transferred to No. 3 Con. Batt. now mobilizing at St. Johns, Que., under the command of Captain Pinch. It is the intention of the authorities to send to France for car repair work one of the best picked units of skilled workmen to be found in Canada. The construction battalion will probably number the same as other such units which have gone overseas for this work, about 250. Although the date of sailing has not been made public the indications are that the stay in Canada and England will be remarkably short.

On the other side their work will consist chiefly of repairing freight cars and passenger coaches, now being used to some extent in France. It is stated that among the recruits stationed in the city, who were called up in the first call, there are a number of first class machinists and repair men, whose services will be of inestimable value to the Allied forces at the front. The men to leave this depot will likely be selected today.

TRAINS CANCELLED ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.

Until further notice the night trains between St. John and Halifax will be cancelled. The last trip of No. 10 from St. John will be Saturday, January 26. The last trip of No. 9 from Halifax for St. John will be Friday, January 25. Commencing Monday, January 28th, numbers seven and eight will run between Halifax and Sydney. Number seven will leave Halifax 7.10 p. m. daily except Sunday, arriving Sydney 8 a. m. No. 8 will leave Sydney 10.30 p. m. daily except Saturday, arriving Halifax 11.50 a. m. Trains numbers 11 and 12 between Halifax and New Glasgow are also cancelled.

FIRE ALARM YESTERDAY.

The fire department was called out by alarm from Box 23 at 10.15 o'clock yesterday morning. The breaking of a portion of the furnace in the building on the corner of North Market and Germain streets caused water to drop on the hot coals and the steam issuing from the cellar led a citizen to believe that the building was on fire and he sent in the alarm. No great damage was done.

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