

LOCAL NEWS

Edward Galbraith was brought to the General Public Hospital yesterday from Lorneville. He is reported to be seriously ill and it was reported last night that his condition was critical.

The "High Y" club of the F. M. C. A. held a theatre party and social evening last night. After returning from the Imperial party of fifty enjoyed an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Ralph Fowler was chaperone.

Rev. T. Hunter Boyd, who has been engaged in foreign missionary work, is in the city. He is well known here and is receiving a warm welcome. He is accompanied by his wife, and they are guests at the home of James Stirling, King street east.

A reported scarcity of winter wheat caused an advance of fifteen cents a barrel in blend flour in St. John yesterday. The prices quoted were \$10.40 per barrel for blend flour. This is a softer variety and not so much used as the harder wheat flour. Winter wheat produces the softer flour. An advance in Manitoba flour is possible also.

Inspector C. D. McNaul, commanding officer of the R. C. M. P. for the Maritime Provinces, arrived in the city last evening from Fredericton and left again last night for Halifax, the headquarters for this district. He has been on an inspection trip of his area and said that he had found the several detachments in good shape.

His Worship Mayor Schofield expects to leave on Monday evening for Ottawa in connection with civic affairs, and may be away the greater part of the week. Among the matters to be taken up with the Ottawa authorities is the working of the Dominion employment office. He may possibly discuss harbor commission also while in the capital. Commissioner

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Frink will be acting mayor during the chief magistrate's absence.

Commissioner Bullock returned from Halifax yesterday morning, where he had attended a luncheon of the Halifax Commercial Club. Halifax was in much the same position as St. John in regard to the distribution of hydro-electric power, he said. The current will be ready to turn on about May and as yet no decision had been arrived at as to how the power would be distributed. Several speakers gave short addresses on the subject.

The committee appointed by the municipal council to inquire into the best manner of disposing of the houses erected by the county housing board met members of that board last evening. Warden Bullock was in the chair, and there were present Messrs. Schofield, Wilson, Daniel Murphy and H. G. Mayes of the housing board, and T. K. Sweeney, the secretary. There was some discussion of ways and means, and the opinion was expressed that if the initial payment could be made smaller the houses would be more readily disposed of. It

is expected that Mayor Schofield will take up while in Ottawa some phases of the housing act with the government.

The charge of stealing a pair of rubber boots valued at \$1.50 from the C. N. R. preferred against A. H. Marr was withdrawn yesterday for want of evidence. L. Ritchie appeared for the defence.

The male employees of the National Drug Company, accompanied by lady friends, held a sleigh drive last evening to the residence of John Tonge, Black River road. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The executive of the city and county B. Y. P. U. met last evening and reports were received from various societies. Details were discussed in connection with the visit of Dr. White, the general secretary for America was coming soon.

A valentine party was held by the Y. W. C. A. gymnasium classes in the recreational centre in King street last evening. All were dressed in little children's dress costumes and cakes were served. Mrs. J. J. Gordon and Mrs. H. W. Robertson assisted a committee of the girls in serving. Miss Littlefield gave a special dance, which was much enjoyed.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is about to take over the management of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Limited, according to advice received from Montreal. A new position will be created which will be filled by the appointment of C. E. E. Usher, with the title of vice-president in charge of ocean services. There will be a number of changes in the status of each factor to provide for the amalgamation.

Alfred Woods, charged with wearing decorations to which he was not entitled, was before the police court again yesterday afternoon. The accused requested that something be done in his case as he had been in jail for eight weeks on that charge. The magistrate read him recent amendments to the law to show him that he was liable to a fine of \$300 and imprisonment for twelve months. Finally the magistrate allowed him to go on his promise to secure a ship at once to his home in England.

The Senior Epworth League of the Portland Methodist church enjoyed an interesting programme at its meeting in the Y. M. A. hall last night. The president and the pastor, Rev. H. B. Clarke, led in prayer. Miss Hattie Wright, vice president, was in charge of the evening and the programme had for its subject the life and writings of Robert Service. Miss Nan Macdonald read a life sketch of the poet and Miss Laura Panjor, Stanley Irvine and William Atherton each read selections from Service's poems.

Girls of the C. G. I. T. held a debate last evening in the German street Baptist church on the following resolution: "Resolved that winter sports are better than summer ones." The affirmative was supported by Miss Mary Lewis, Miss Ethel Lugsdin and Miss Ina Magnusson while the negative was upheld by Miss Marion Belding, Miss Margaret Brown and Miss Jean McKee. The decision was in favor of the negative. The judges were Miss Edelle Vaughan, Mrs. S. S. Poole and Miss Edna Colwell. Miss Florence Brown presided.

The first anniversary of the Carleton Tower Lodge, Knights of Pythias was celebrated last evening at Bond's by a banquet and entertainment. The chairman and commander, S. M. Stout, was present. Toasts were spoken by F. A. Kinney, W. A. Stewart, James Monahan, S. M. Stout, Frank Gardner, C. C. Kelly, C. C. Coleman, C. C. Cosman, N. P. McLeod, J. H. Frink. Those taking part in the programme were David Allen, J. Rossley, DeWitt Cairns, William Lanyon, T. C. Cockburn.

About fifty members of the St. David's Old Country Club gathered at St. David's church last evening, where they had a very pleasant social evening. The programme consisted of songs and recitations. Alexander Cameron, president of the club, was in the chair and the following took part: Mr. McCartney, Mr. Porter, Miss Anton, Miss Tweedie and Misses Jean and Minnie Bird, who gave vocal selections which were much appreciated, while Miss McPherson delighted the audience with a recitation. The evening decided to hold a concert and social about the middle of March. Three new members were accepted.

The Trades and Labor Council met last evening, with F. A. Campbell in the chair. It was decided to afford all assistance possible to the nail workers and garment workers, said to have been locked out by their employers, also the blacksmiths. George P. Hennessey, of the vocational training board, addressed the meeting and urged as many as possible to attend the meeting next Monday evening. It was decided to take an active part in the campaign on Feb. 28, when the matter of daylight saving will be the subject of a plebiscite. The meeting was strongly opposed to daylight saving.

RECENT DEATHS

Captain Harry F. Solmeyer of Yarmouth, master of the United States ship, Ding Bower steamer Lake Island, died at sea recently. He is survived by his wife, one son, and one brother and three sisters.

Mrs. Allan A. McGinn died at her home in Chatham yesterday after a brief illness. She was forty-eight years of age and leaves her husband.

NEW PET AT CAPITOL

Washington, Feb. 19.—A Florida alligator, with a six-foot smile, more or less, is to succeed as White House pet. President Taft's famous cow, Pauline, the pony that rode in an elevator in President Roosevelt's administration, and more recently, President Wilson's flock of lawn-mowing sheep, President-elect Harding has accepted a "fair-sized pet" from Henry M. Bennett of Jacksonville, according to Senator Trammell.

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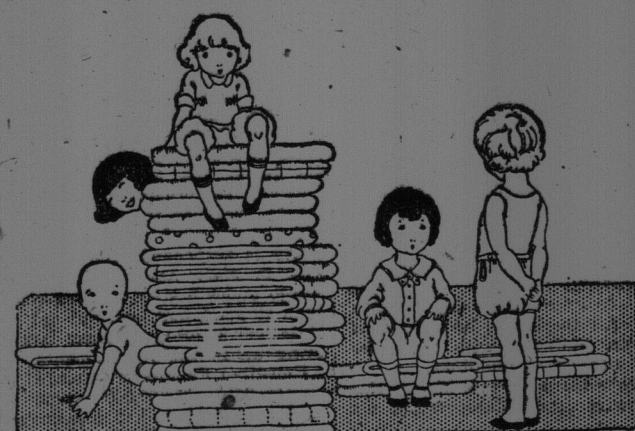
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THE BOY SCOUTS

"GONE HOME"
At the funeral of their late brother scout, Ralph Shannon, the scouts of as many troops as possible in this district attended to pay their last respects. The first St. John Troop (Knox church), the troop to which Ralph belonged, sent a wreath of flowers in the form of the Boy Scout sign, a circle with a period in the centre, which means "I Have Gone Home." It was in the scout colors, green and gold. A wreath was also sent from the scouts of the second St. John Troop (St. Paul's), of which troop Ralph was formerly a member. The scoutmaster also sent cut flowers. A good number of scouts paraded and marched with reversed staves at the head of the hearse.

On last Sunday the scouts of Knox church deposited their troop colors in the choir of the church and draped them in black in mourning for their late brother. The troop chaplain, Rev. H. Moorhead Legate, addressed the scouts on the loss of their brother scout, and had the whole troop repeat the Boy Scout promise, which is as follows: "On my honor, I promise that I will do my best: To do my duty to God and the king. To help other people at all times. To obey the scout law."

Second Troop (St. Paul's).

District Commissioner Guy L. Short rallied the troop on Tuesday and presented proficiency badges to Scouts Hewitson, Roberts and Seely, also the second class badge to Scout Boone. Mr. Short brought a very good assortment of war trophies to show the scouts, and he gave a short talk on them. The dismissal of the meeting was followed by a business meeting of the court of honor, the scoutmaster presiding.

Second Pack (St. Paul's).

The pack have been very fortunate in securing the services of Miss D. Hick-



THE BOY SCOUT.

Boy Scouts of New Brunswick to distribute forest fire prevention signs. This is a work in which the Boy Scouts are very glad to help. Great losses are caused every year in the forests of this province through carelessness. The following are the forest fire laws of Canada: 1. Do not build fires in leaves, long grass, moss, rotten wood, or other places where they are likely to spread; a bare rock makes a safe fire site. 2. Do not build fires against trees or under overhanging evergreen trees or against large or hollow logs, where it is difficult to extinguish them. 3. In windy weather, and in dangerous places, dig holes or clear the ground to a distance of ten feet on every side to confine the camp-fire. 4. The experienced woodsman extinguishes with water his camp-fire when leaving camp, even when he is to be absent only an hour or so.

Any one who leaves his camp-fire burning can never be anything else than a tenderfoot.

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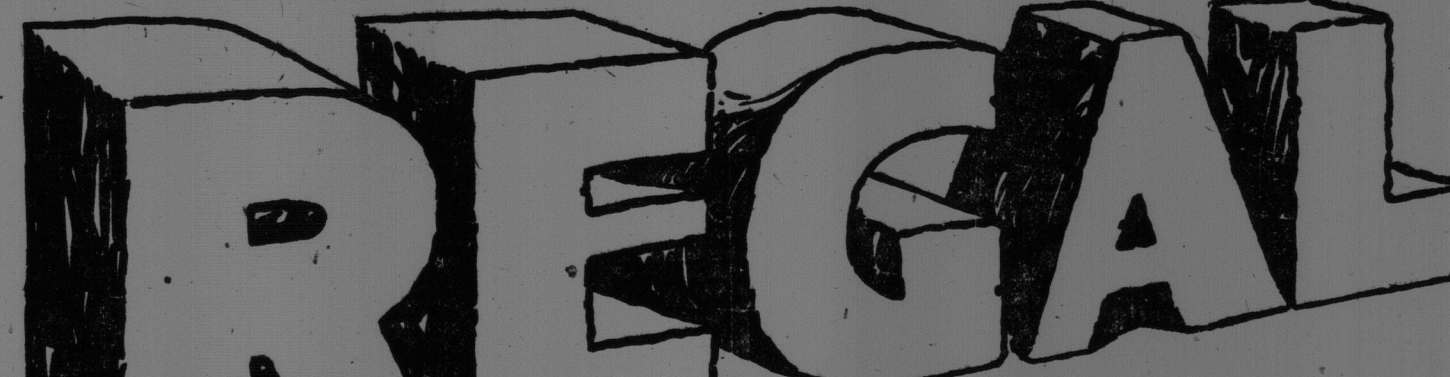
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A.M.
High Tide.... 8.46 Low Tide.... 3.04
Sun Rises.... 7.17 Sun Sets.... 5.57

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Sailed Yesterday.
Str. Manola, 1838, Dufour, for St. John's (Nfld).
Str. Pretorian, 4842, Hall, for Glasgow.

MARINE NOTES

The C. P. O. S. liner Pretorian sailed last evening about 6.30 for Glasgow. She is taking a light passenger list this trip as there are only fifty cabin and seventy-five third class passengers on board. The general cargo is not so heavy as usual this trip. There were no local passengers on the liner this voyage, although two seamen, who have been in the General Public Hospital here since last November, are returning to their homes in England on her. This steamer will be followed next week by the Scandinavian.

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