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ands of persons suffered injury. "Halifax," said one of last night's despatches, fore to meet the new conditions. That About 11 o'clock at night, however, a Comm "is a city of woe and death and devastation." One can scarcely realize how within so few hours so horrible a change in the life of a peaceful city could come in the life of a peaceful city could come one. A new era dawns. Union governgone. A new era dawns. Union governgone. A new era dawns. Union governgone. When the party and that poncy with survive which were promptly enlisted.

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People in St. John were at fever pitch. All night long the telephones at the newspaper and telegraph offices were busy with inquiries regarding the general situation, and also regarding St. John governgone. A new era dawns. Union governgone. A new era dawns. Union governgone. A new era dawns. Union governgone.

Though the result of an accident it was a result of the war, for it was caused by the explosion of a vessel laden with munitions. It is the most terrible oc-Apparently there are one or two of St. John people there. Many of these is newspapers and a few orators who have not yet learned that the Borden govorable is added the loss of great numbers of still more precious lives. The citizens of St. John were shocked and very deeply distressed when the first fragmentary reports were received, and the agood beginning by abolishing patronducts to make liquor, claiming excress profits for the nation, and getting after the big incomes. That is certainly a good beginning.

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a calamity as that of yesterday destroys more men and guns. sharply across the whole current of the five years after the war. That is per-

ness men who left St. John last night slackers? ried with them the hearts of St. John, show that the soldier vote is going for Seasonable Presents beating warm with sympathy and eager union government. If we at home have this morning were rolling bandages and otherwise than follow their example? the citizens generally were merely wait- They know the urgent need of reinforceing to learn from the mayor in what ments. So, indeed, is every town and village in are no others. of Massachusetts, the home of so many had the advantage in position and had

So many of the dead are still uniden- A snowstorm this morning adds to the tified that the awful feeling of suspense misery of Halifax citizens whose houses will continue for days, and doubtless in are windowless, and makes more diffisome eases identification will be impos-There will be deaths from shock and Red Cross has made it possible to rush from the results of exposure, and in- needed supplies quickly to Truro and ragedy. Buildings can be reconstructed a relief train for Halifax. All honor to nd ships built, but broken lives and Gov. McCall and his fellow effizens.

comes from. There will be problems of industry and trade and social reconstruction, and changed world conditions such as never before confronted the Canadian people. The old party shib
Canadian people. The old party shib party and that policy will survive which were promptly enlisted.

he asked what St. John could do to re- what voluntary recruiting would do in lieve the situation. The younger gen- Canada now for the men at the front. eration of St. John people do not re- The military service act must be up-

Referring to the wholesale exemptery of those days, and their hearts were ions in Quebec municipalities, Toronto filled with sympathy and a desire to Saturday Night observes that "this is spiracy to defeat the aims of the mili-The blow to Halifax, coming at this tary service act." The military authoriseason of the year, presents a far more ties, however, will see to it that these difficult problem than if it had occurred exemptions are reviewed and Quebec treated exactly as other provinces are

great activity of the winter steamship The British near Cambrai have withseason, so essential when other Cana- drawn from one dangerous salient, bedian ports except St. John are closed, cause to hold it would involve too great must be seriously hampered, and this is ful of his men whenever care is possible. a matter of imperial as well as national Let us not lose sight of the fact, howconcern. The people of Halifax have ever, that the Germans were strong shown great enterprise, and the city was enough to make it prudent for the Britforging ahead by leaps and bounds. Such ish to withdraw. Gen. Haig needs still

plans, extinguishes hopes, brings severe | Conscientious objectors in England are hardship and loss to families, and cuts to be disfranchised for a period lasting fectly right. A man who will not fight for his country should have no voice in The mayor, the physicians and busi- its affairs. Why not disfranchise all

way they could best give further assist- In these times that try the souls of ance. The rigor of the season makes men there are two important issues in more imperative the need of instant refirst is the Moncton Transcript. The lief, and St. John stands ready to act. second is the Moncton Transcript. There

Twenty German divisions attacked ada and from the United States have necessary this is the war news reveals. come cheering messages, the first from two British divisions near Cambrai and over the border being from the governor got the worst of it, because the British the guns. The enemy losses were heavy.

The splendid organization of the local

TELEPHONE MAIN 1601 Massachusetts lost no time in starting Den't Let The Fire Burn Thru to The

## Saint John Sends Aid To Stricken Sister City

Mayor and Relief Committee Left Last Night; Doctors Also; News With Special Bearing on Local Features of Disaster

St. John was prompt in sending relief to the stricken people of Halifax. Having in mind the quick and most generous response of neighboring cities at the time of the great fire here in 1677, Mayor Hayes with the assistance of leading citizens quickly summoned a meeting at City Hall at 5 o'clock last night. At 11.30 o'clock the Mayor, accompanied by a representative committee of citizens, left for Halifax with three carloads of provisions and clothing. They will look after the distribution of these as soon as the train arrives. If in their hearts a life-long anything more is required his worship will telegraph St. John. The committee will be again in session at 11 o'clock this morning and will act promptly in accordance with the word received from Mayor Hayes.

That was a very significant remark made by Hon. F. B. Carvell on Monday night, when he said that after this war is over the political parties must revise many former theories and adopt themselves to new and greatly changed conditions. This country will the state of the conditions. This country will the state of the state of the country will be stated on the countr

The war has been brought hearer to or things. Whatever is small and people being another the countries of these reports were run down and us by this awful catastrophe at Halifax. mean in partisanship must give way to were found to be utterly without foundations.

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conditions. This country will then have Heddon, superintendent of the General and soldiers' families, who must be cared for no matter where the money.

Canadian people. The old party shib-boleths and standards will have to be revised, and the best brain and energy well as other material. A reply was re-well as other material. A reply was re-others who went to inquire after relatives and friends. There were many others others who went to view the scene of the

He asked The Telegraph to issue the

"It is requested that every lady who can will spend the early hours today making plain bandages and deliver the same to city hall before 5 o'clock this afternoon so that they may be rushed to Halifax. If it is not convenient to send them, tele-phone and someone will call for

A short while later, Lady Tilley, president of the provincial Red Cross issued the following appeal: "Knowing that Truro is actively engaged in relief work, Lady Tilley of the provincial Red Cross telegraphed at noon to Truro to ask if graphed at noon to Truro to ask if any assistance was needed. A telegraph message to the president from Truro stated that there were over 100 children without clothing, ranging from babies to children of thirteen wears of age. They have been teen years of age. They have been brought to Truro and are gravely in brought to Turo and are gravely in need of clothing. Lady Tilley made arrangements at once with Mrs. David McCelland of the local council of women to send the needed help and contributions of clothing will be greatly appreciated. Please send donations to The King's Daughters' Guild, Chipman Hill, as carly as possible today as symplics. early as possible today as supplies are to be sent for ward by this evening's train. Address Mrs. David McClelland."

Death of LeB. Coleman. Word was received yesterday that LeBaron Coleman, Halifax agent of the Canadian Express, was killed yesterday in the great disaster. Mr. Coleman was

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senger, later became a route agent and finally became the agent of the company finally became the agent of the company in Halifax. He is survived by three chinery Company at Halifax, and Harold, cashier of the Canadian Express Company in Halifax. A. W. Coleman, a nephew, is in the employ of the Dominion Express Company in this city.

Mr. Coleman was about sixty-five years

F. G. Spencer Was in Truro. The Maritime Express, due in the city from Halifax at 5.30 o'clock yesterday atfernoon, did not reach the city until 8.30 o'clock last evening. The train was held up at the other side of Truro, due to a slight wreck in that vicinity. F. G. Spencer was among those who arrived on this train. Speaking to a Telegraph reporter he said that he had left here on Tuesday night for Halifax, but had decided to remain in Truro and take the early morning train from there on Wednesday for Halifax. However, he did not follow his original intention and remained over. At exactly 9.13 o'clock yesterday morning he was in the office of his theatre in Truro. With startling suddenness a terrific explosion occurred. Windows in buildings were shaken and in some instances broken. The concussion was felt all over Truro and everyformerly a St. John man and was a son

of the late Edward Coleman whose resibody rushed to the streets to ascerta dence was in Douglas avenue. Mr. Coleman had been in the em, loy of the more heard. People stood in astonishment looking at one another and with one thought uppermost in their minds-"What has happened?"
One member of the train crew said last night that he had heard of a woman

standing near the station at Truro when the explosion was felt. She was wheel-ing a baby carriage and the terrific concussion tore it from her grip and carried it away several feet. The baby was uninjured.

Dr. J. D. Maher, of North End, re-

ceived word last evening that his Halifax office had been wrecked. Nothing serious resulted, however. He left last evening for Halifax. Among those who went last night were: R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the board of trade; T. H. Estabrooks, A.

H. Wetmore, R. M. Fowler, of the Atlantic Sugar Refinery; H. Milburn, representative of the local Red Cross; W. C. Cross, military representative of the Y. M. C. A., and Ed. P. O'Toole. D. W. Y. M. C. A., and Ed. P. O'Toole. D. W. Ledingham, vice-president of William Thomson & Company, was also among those to leave. He went for the purpose of looking after the interests of the company at Yule-tide pany. John R. Haycock, agent of the Dominion Express Company, also less pany. John R. Haycock, agent of the Dominion Express Company, also left to look after the interests of his company. N. R. Desbrissay, D. P. A. of the C. P. R., and H. C. Schofield, manager of the Robert Reford Company, also went. Mr. Schofield told The Telegraph that the steamer on which the unfortunate explosion took place was consigned to his company.

telegram last evening from Halifax after the accident telling him that his brother, F. A. Marr and family had es-

ian Red Cross is well prepared to meet all requirements fro mthe stricken city. The ladies' division of the Red Cross have been working all last night pre paring the material to be sent and immense quantities of bandages, hospital supplies and special bandages left the city on last night's train. Messages of Regret.

The following messages were sent last night: To His Honor Lieut.-Governor Grant,

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Halifax (N. S.):
St. John, Dec. 6—On behalf of the people of New Brunswick I feelingly tender our sincere regrets for the catastrophe that has overtaken the city of Halifax. My government offers any assistance possible to render. Red Cross Society, Washington (D. C.), unable to communicate with you direct offers aid. communicate with you direct offers aid WILLIAM PUGSLEY.



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brother, F. A. Marr and family had esceped without injury.

H. Milburn, secretary of the Canadian Red Cross, left with the committee from city hall last night and is taking with him all the necessary supplies, comforts hospital, necessities and antiseptics to the scene of calamity. The immediate needs of the hospitals and emergency stations around Halifax are being seen to and everything that can be accomplished will be done for the wounded at Truro, supplies of all sorts being taken. Half an hour after heaving the news of the disaster the local branch of the Red Cross was at work and the Canadian Red Cross is well prepared to meet

## LIBERAL RALLIES

Friday Evening, Dec. 7-South End, Temperance Hall, St. James street. Speakers: Candidates and others. Friday Evening, Dec. 7-Glan Falls, Manor House. Speak-

ers: Candidates and others. Saturday Evening, Dec. 8-Liberal Headquarters, 57 Dock street. Speakers: Candidates and others.

Meetings Start at 8 o'clock.