

AROUND THE CITY

FAIR AND MILD

ONLY CROSSED WIRES.
The ringing of the West Side fire alarm yesterday morning was caused by crossed wires, not by fire.

TO CONSULT SPECIALISTS.
Miss Rita Pyne will leave the city in the near future for an American centre where she intends consulting specialists relative to her impaired vision.

COMING ON TUNISIAN.
Miss Alice Wilson, daughter of Hon. J. E. Wilson, has called that she and Miss Marion Flagg, two St. John girls who have been engaged in V. A. D. work in England since 1917, would sail for home on Wednesday on the Tunisian.

MIDSHIPMAN RICHARDSON.
Midshipman Wilfred Richardson, son of His Lordship Bishop Richardson, who is visiting his parents, will leave soon for England to join the grand fleet. He expects to join Admiral Beatty's squadron in its tour of the world.

PREACHED IN HALIFAX.
Rev. R. H. W. Pinkett, pastor of St. Philip's A. M. E. church, returns to the city this evening from Halifax, having gone to the sister city last Saturday to supply for one of the Halifax pastors.

THE ROTARY CLUB.
At the Rotary luncheon yesterday Dr. J. H. Allingham addressed the club on the subject of Radiography. The doctor presented an interesting talk on X-rays and had at hand a number of X-ray plates for the examination by the members. H. L. Ganter presided.

AN IMPROVEMENT.
George Y. Dibble, the popular druggist of Fredericton, who is a patient in the St. John infirmary, was reported last evening as having shown much improvement. Mr. Dibble is clerk of the New Brunswick Legislature, and his numerous friends will be pleased to learn of the good news of yesterday.

ASSUMES NEW DUTIES.
Ralph Cameron, New Glasgow, N.S., who had been working in the city for some time, returned to his home last evening on the Halifax express. Mr. Cameron will enter upon his new duties on arrival at his home. His numerous friends will be sure to learn of his departure and wish him the best of success in the future.

HAVE RETURNED HOME.
Sister Mary Dionede, of Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Nellie Donahue, of Hudson, Mass.; and Mrs. P. F. Wood, New Bedford, Mass., daughters, and sister respectively, of Mrs. James Donahue, of this city, returned to their homes last evening on the Boston train, after having been called here, by the serious illness of Mrs. Donahue.

ANOTHER SOCIETY FORMED.
A. P. Saunders, of the War Savings Society, waited upon the office staff of the C. P. R. freight office, 1111 Street, last evening, and addressed the employees on the Thrift and War Savings campaign now being organized from coast to coast. He met with characteristic and significant success as a society was formed among the members of the staff, when practically every member joined.

LIEUT. SMITH COMING.
Capt. and Mrs. David Smith, of St. Martins have received a cablegram that their son, Lieut. David R. Smith, called yesterday for Halifax. Lieut. Smith has seen over three years service and though he has been in some hot places, he has escaped unscathed. Previous to enlisting he was practicing his profession as a civil engineer in St. John. His many friends in the city and county will be pleased to welcome him home.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.
Commissioner Fisher, who has been acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Hayes, said yesterday that the report of the Courier Commission in the Power Co. investigation would be taken up immediately on the return of his worship, but he thought it would be discussed last night. His many friends in the city and county will be pleased to welcome him home.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MISSION W. A.

Branch at St. John the Baptist Church Hear of Good Year's Work Accomplished—Mrs. Foster Re-elected President

A successful year of earnest effort was reported at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mission Church which was held yesterday at three o'clock.

The session began with a short service held in the church at which Rev. E. Bennett made a helpful address. Members then adjourned to the schoolroom where excellent reports of the year's work were read by the officers. A very clear account of the work of the Women's Auxiliary was read by Miss Portia McKensie and her paper, it was felt, would be of great assistance to the new members who joined yesterday afternoon, as well as serving to remind others of the value of W. A. work.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:
Mrs. W. B. Forster, President.
Miss Helen Jack, 1st Vice-President.
Mrs. Blair, 2nd Vice-President.
Miss Hamming, Recording Secretary.
Miss Dole, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Treasurer.
Mrs. Roland Fritz, Dorcas Secretary.
Miss Richardson, Superintendent of Babies' Branch.
Miss Jack and Miss McKensie were appointed by the pastor.

DETECTIVE FORCE HAVE A BUSY DAY

Detectives Power, Biddiscombe and Donohue of Yesterday Landed Six Persons for Serious Offences.

Yesterday was a busy day for Detectives Power, Biddiscombe and Donohue. From early morning until midnight they were continually on the job and the result of their efforts is now shown in the cells at police headquarters, where six law-breakers are awaiting trial.

Last night they arrested William Devlin, 15 years old, and a youthful companion, who will be charged with breaking, entering, stealing, and doing malicious mischief to the Kingsman, and Bowyer Smith camps at Duck Cove ten days ago. Devlin, when arrested, was carrying concealed weapons, which is another felony with which he will be charged. The property damage at the summer camps is in the vicinity of \$150. After apprehending the two alleged culprits, the detectives went to Devlin's house and there secured the goods which had been stolen from the cottages. They also took in charge a man and woman, who will answer to a charge of having stolen goods in their possession.

Another capture, made yesterday afternoon, is that of a soldier who will appear before the judge today in answer to a grave charge. A young fellow, the alleged assailant of an aged lady who resides on Carleton street, was also apprehended. The offence was committed at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Readers of the exploits of Sherlock Holmes are apt to ignore the clever work of sleuths who live at home. The capture of six alleged malefactors in the short period of one day is a good enough record for any fictitious hero; but it is all in the day's work for these three local exponents of the art of deduction.

COMMON COUNCIL MET YESTERDAY

Commissioner Bullock Reported on Amount Agreed Upon Between City and Government Representatives—Reports Made by Other Commissioners.

At the committee meeting of the common council held yesterday morning Commissioner Bullock reported that the amount agreed upon between the city representatives and Messrs. McLean and Carvell, representing the government, for the city interest in the harbor was \$2,220,000 and if this amount was satisfactory to Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, the deal would probably go through. A telegram received from Mayor Hayes yesterday morning and read by Commissioner Bullock at the meeting would indicate that Mr. Ballantyne was favorable. The telegram was: "Word is favorable. Carvell will write a letter making definite proposal."

Commissioner Bullock was given authority to accept the offer of J. S. Gregory of \$1,500 for the city holding escrow and to return the \$1,000 cheque of J. Roderick and Son, on their depositing a cheque for \$35, five per cent, on their contract with the city. Com. Thornton reported that he had received from W. D. Wilson a bill for \$118 for damage to the Poole warehouse. Laid over.

Commissioner Jones read a letter from Louis D. Millidge with reference to the city assisting to build houses.

Commissioner Fisher reported about a bill not being to the city and he could do nothing at present. He was also given authority to call for tenders for the use of the street superintendent, a four horse road grader and to employ Charles A. Beer as superintendent of the West Side stone crusher at \$4.25 per day.

REORGANIZED TEMPLE CLUB

Rooms Thoroughly Renovated and Equipped—Addresses and Election of Officers Last Evening—Bright Prospects for Success.

The re-organized Temple Club got away to a fine start last night, and the prospects for its success are bright. The rooms have been re-decorated, a fine hardwood floor laid, and the kitchen in the rear future to add to the equipment an English billiard table and a reading room. There was a large attendance last night and all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The gathering was called to order by Worshipful Grand Master, D. C. Clark, and Charles Maslaga was chosen temporary president, and T. H. Carter, secretary. The first item on the programme was an address by the Grand Master and he was listened to with the closest attention. In the course of his remarks he made some very valuable suggestions.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Dr. F. A. Goddard, G. D. Strong and H. L. Sippell were appointed scrutineers. The election resulted as follows:
W. B. Patterson—President.
Major Bertram Smith—1st Vice-President.
A. M. Rowan—2nd Vice-President.
George Kaye—Secretary.
T. H. Carter—Treasurer.
R. E. Crawford, R. L. Sippell—Auditors.
E. C. Brown, LeB. Wilson, C. Maslaga, additional members of the executive.
At the close refreshments were served.

THE ELECTION OF RHODES SCHOLARS

Election Postponed on Account of the War Will Be Resume Throughout Canada During Present Year.

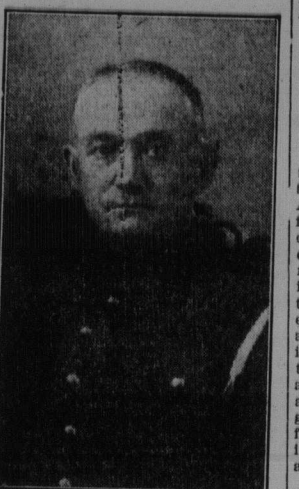
The election of Rhodes scholars postponed on account of the war, will be resumed throughout Canada during the present year. As the Oxford Colleges cannot receive more than a given number of Rhodes scholars at one time it has been necessary to make special arrangements for filling the postponed scholarships.

In New Brunswick, the Provincial University—in Nova Scotia, Acadia University—nominates the scholar for 1918. The date of election which cannot be later than October 1st, 1919, will be fixed by the committees of selection in these universities. The scholars elect will be expected to come into residence at Oxford not later than January, 1920.

The scholarships for 1919 and following years will be open in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to candidates, otherwise eligible, from any university in their respective provinces. Notice of the date for the election of the scholar for 1919 will be given before the end of the present year. The scholars elected for 1919 will enter Oxford in October, 1920.

The scholars for 1920 and 1921 will be elected in October, 1920, after which the elections will resume their normal course. Scholarships for both 1918 and 1919 are due to Prince Edward Island. The application of candidates should be made to the chief superintendent of education for the province who will transmit them to the trust in London. The scholars for 1920 and 1921 will be elected in October, 1920. The conditions of eligibility throughout Canada remain as in past years, except that extension of the age limit may be granted to candidates for 1918 and 1919 who have been engaged in war service.

GR. W. H. ELLIS



Gunner William Henry Ellis, of the 4th Siege Battery, was in active service over three years. He passed through many engagements without injury, only to contract pneumonia and die in the 48th Casualty Station on February 25th, about the time that loving relatives were expecting him to return to his home in St. John.

RETURNED MEN ARRIVE TODAY

Half Dozen Heroes for This District Who Arrived on S. S. Tolosa at Halifax Reach St. John This Morning.

Charles Robinson, secretary of the N. B. Returned Soldiers' Commission, received a wire yesterday that the men for New Brunswick who arrived at Halifax on the S.S. Tolosa, left on the express last night and were due at St. John this morning. They are as follows:
H. C. Ellis, 38 Wall street, St. John.
Porter, O. F. 189 King street, Fredericton.
Powder, G. G., Hampton Station.
Hanson, O. E., Stone Ridge.
Pyle, J. W., 229 St. James street, West St. John.
Andrews, L. W., 32 Charlotte street, St. John.

The Tolosa is of the Cunard fleet and reached Halifax from Cardiff with 1010 officers and other ranks.

TO INVESTIGATE SCHOOL MATTER

Committee Appointed to Make Investigation on Discipline in Alexandra School Before Recommendation of Coroner's Jury is Carried Out.

At a meeting of the teachers' committee of the Board of School Trustees held last evening after the regular meeting of the Board, the matter of discipline in the Alexandra school was under consideration, and a committee to investigate the matter was appointed.

A communication from J. MacMillan Treisman, enclosing the finding of the jury in the Higgins case, was laid before the committee, and after some discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to investigate the matter. The committee was composed of Dr. A. F. Emery, chairman of the Board; Dr. H. S. Bridges, school superintendent; and Mrs. E. H. Taylor, and they will begin their investigation this morning.

MILITARY GOSSIP IN THIS DISTRICT

Captain Pitt Receives Appointment—Lieut.-Col. Good in the City—Officers in New Organization Scheme.

Captain W. Pitt, former quartermaster of the Depot Battalion, has been gazetted quartermaster and adjutant of the Canadian Garrison Regiment, according to recent orders from Ottawa.

Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Anderson, senior ordinary officer, who has been stationed in this district for some time has received transfer to the Ottawa district. His vacancy in the district will be filled by Honorary Major T. Pugh, who is at the present time stationed in Montreal, and who will arrive shortly to take over his new command.

Captain N. M. Blyke, D. B. O., has been in Fredericton for some time relative to barracks services in that centre. Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Good, officer commanding conducting staffs, who reached Halifax last Saturday from overseas was in the city yesterday conferring with officials at military headquarters in reference to transportation of troops overseas.

The following men have been struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary forces: Captain D. A. Mulcahy and Lieutenants H. C. Alward, W. L. Veniot, P. W. Vanward, J. D. MacLean and R. McInerney.

WOMEN WORKERS AFTER A BONUS

Female Munition Workers Believe They Are Entitled to a Fifteen Cents Per Hour Bonus—Reported They Will Hold Meeting.

It is stated that the female munition workers, engaged in the manufacture of munitions during the past Autumn, believe they are entitled to a fifteen cent per hour bonus. While employed they received twenty-five cents per hour, and finding that the male munition workers are endeavoring to procure a twenty cent bonus, the women workers believe they are entitled to a rate of forty cents hourly, and not receiving that amount will investigate at once so as to learn if their contentions are legal. Some time ago the male workers held a meeting and appointed a committee to investigate the matter, and the women will follow the steps of the men, by holding a meeting in the near future for a similar purpose.

LIFE SAVERS GAVE ASSISTANCE

Oil House on Machias Seal Island Burned Saturday Night—Little Wood Island Crew Saved Thirty Barrels.

Word was received from Seal Cove yesterday that fire was reported on Machias Seal Island Saturday night last. The scene of the fire is thirteen miles from South West Head, Grand Manan, and the Little Wood Island life saving crew, having seen the flames, proceeded there to render assistance, returning to their station at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. They report that the oil house was destroyed by fire. The men were able to save thirty barrels of oil, but the balance was consumed by the fire. It is reported that a hired boy dropped a match in the oil house, which was the cause of the conflagration.

DEMONSTRATION OF INSTANT COOKING WITH STERNO CANNED HEAT AT THORNE'S

Starting at 9.30 O'clock This Morning in Kitchenware Department.

A Fascinating Development of the Culinary Art With Almost Limitless Possibilities, Also Many and Great Conveniences.

The wonderful perfection to which instant cooking has been brought, its almost limitless possibilities, with the aid of Sterno Canned Heat and handy devices, are being demonstrated today, both morning and afternoon, in the Kitchenware Department of Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited, who have been most fortunate in securing direct from the Sterno Headquarters a demonstrator who is highly skilled in the culinary art, especially in the branch known as Instant Cooking.

The amazing variety of dainty toothsome repasts the many soups, consumes and wholesome hot drinks, the marvellous hasty heating conveniences, as well as the safety and other advantages of Sterno Canned Heat, are dealt with in an interesting, practical manner at the Sterno Instant Cooking and Heating Demonstration now in progress in the Kitchenware Department of Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited.

Demonstration of Instant Cooking with STERNO CANNED HEAT

Beginning Today - At Thorne's

Sterno Canned Heat is, beyond doubt, the Greatest aid to Instant Cooking and Heating ever devised COME AND SEE ITS ALMOST LIMITLESS USES put into practice by SKILLED COOKERY DEMONSTRATOR

There's a Sterno device for use with Canned Heat for Every Purpose of Instant Cooking or Heating. For Warming Baby's Milk or Father's Shaving Water; for Quick Luncheon or Supper; for a delicious snack at motoring, boating or camping, or any time or occasion heat is needed QUICKLY. STERNO CANNED HEAT and one of the Handy Sterno Devices turns wish into realization. COME IN—SEE IT IN USE. KITCHENWARE DEPT.—FIRST FLOOR.

W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.



Second Opening Display Today and Following Days

French, English and American Pattern Hats

For sheer beauty alone our Millinery opening display, is more noteworthy this year than ever. The department never looked so beautiful as now. Yet this is but one phase of the display, for this year there are shown more spring models of all types and in more complete array than ever before. These Hats are for every occasion and type—extravagant hats for dress wear, beautiful, simple hats for less formal wear. Completeness in detail and for every need is reflected throughout our showrooms.

Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Beauty and Solid Comfort

A Mantel Fireplace half furnishes the home. It is a permanent furnishing that probably yields more solid comfort and cheer than anything else.

Wood Mantels (Latest Designs)
Open Fireplaces, Monarch Grates
Andirons, Fenders (Black or Brass)
Fire Irons, Spark Guards, Gas Logs, etc.
If building or remodeling, our line will be sure to interest you. Headquarters for Over Twenty years in Fireplace Fittings.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd

STORES OPEN 9 A. M.

CLOSE 6 P. M.

A Special Showing of Misses' and Children's Dressing Gowns and Kimonos

in a big variety of exceptionally pretty styles for the particular school girl and her little sister.

Children's Jap Crepe Kimonos in "Madame Butterfly" style, with broad, square sleeves and loose belt. These are embroidered in different colors and patterns. \$1.50
Slip-On Kimonos in Crepe with dainty silk hand embroidered design on front. Neck is neatly finished with plaited ribbon. Colors are pink, sky and rose. 8 to 16 year sizes. \$2.75, \$3.40 and \$4.25
Misses' Crepe Kimonos in rose and sky. Pretty square neck styles trimmed with pipings and facings of silk to match and touches of silk hand embroidery. 12, 14 and 16 year sizes. \$3.00
Flowered Crepe Kimonos in particularly dainty designs. These are in pink, sky, rose and Copen and have wide facings of white. \$4.00
Wash Satin Kimonos in Slip-On style with pretty round necks and trimmings of hand embroidery. 12, 14 and 16 year sizes. \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$9.00
Plain Light Weight Velour Kimonos made collarless style with yoke and self colored satin facings. Pink, sky and Copen only. \$3.25
Velour Dressing Gowns in heavier weight, with yoke, square collar and pretty gathered front. 6 to 18 year sizes. \$4.95
Figured Velour Dressing Gowns in extra heavy weight. These have round turn-over collar, silk facings and cord girdle. 6 to 16 year sizes. \$7.00
Showing in Whitewear Section, 2nd Floor.

Formal Opening of Spring Apparel for Women, Misses and Children TODAY in Costume Section, 2nd Floor
You are cordially invited to attend and inspect the latest modes in Dresses, Coats, Suits, Blouses, Skirts, etc.

An Unusual Offering of Genuine Scotch Wool Rugs

For Motoring, Driving, Travelling, etc. Men's Furnishing Sec., Ground Floor
We have in stock only a limited number of these rugs and they are marked at an actual saving of from 30 to 50 per cent.
Special Prices are \$3.50, \$9.50, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00.
This is a clearance of all our old rug purchases, and at the prices quoted above, present a rare opportunity to secure rugs at very special values.
Among them are plaids, tartans and navy or green with reversible sides. Do not miss this big opportunity

Linen Room Special

Another saving opportunity in this section.
HEMSTITCHED DRAWN WORK RUNNERS
Size 17 x 50 inches 35c SPECIAL 35c
TRY OLD ENGLISH WAX and BRIGHTENER for your hardwood floors and linoleums! For sale in Carpet Section, German Street.

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THE SPRING BIRDS OF MARCH ARRIVING IN FLOCKS EVERY DAY AT DYKEMAN'S.

Every day now is issued the invitation of hundreds of dollars of new goods, that have but practically been in the store overnight, and which are here to be admired. These piles and piles of splendid merchandise, it is well to remember, are not here by way of haphazard selection, but rather through the experience of years, and a knowledge engendered by buying the finest goods in the best markets.

Today's exhibition of new merchandise and beautiful Paris and New York fashions are quite the most important that have been seen in this vicinity. They promise a shopping service for far and near.

Spring that it would be difficult to equal, even in the larger cities. The earlier you take advantage of it the greater will be your pleasure, and larger your measure of satisfaction.

PERSONAL

Mr. H. G. Marr and J. H. Marr returned home yesterday from a week's visit to New York.
R. W. Wigmore, M.P., left last night for Ottawa to resume his parliamentary duties.
Mrs. Thomas Buckley, Brook Street, City, was conveyed to the General Public Hospital on Sunday to undergo an operation. Yesterday it was reported that she was resting very comfortably.

OUR DISPLAY OF MODES IS A VEGETABLE SPRING FESTIVAL WORTH COMING ANY DISTANCE TO SEE.

You and all the other woman who are so eager to see the new things should positively visit this very inspiring exhibit, expressing fashion in latest word in what is correct and authentic in woman's dress. Not only will you view the new suits, coats, capes and wraps, dresses, waists, but dress accessories as well, all of which possess a freshness and a loveliness so becoming to the smartly dressed woman. Be sure to come today, you will be welcome. Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd.