

AROUND THE CITY
GENERALLY FAIR.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.
Mayor Hayes received two anonymous subscriptions of \$2.00 each this morning for the Belgian Relief Fund.

C. N. R. OFFICIALS.
The directors of the Canadian National Railways will arrive in the city early this morning and make an inspection of the facilities here.

TRAIN DELAYED.
The Montreal train, due at noon hour yesterday, did not reach the city until 9:30 last evening. It is stated the delay was due to late connections at Megantic Junction.

THE POLICE COURT.
A drunk appeared in the police court yesterday morning, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$3 or two months in jail, and warned of his liability to a fine of \$200 or six months for having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling house.

THE COUNTY COURT.
Three sessions of the County Court were held yesterday, the case of the King vs. Alkinson occupying the time. It is expected the evidence will be all in this morning, and the case will go to the jury this afternoon.

COMMITTEE MEETING.
A meeting of the Navy League entertainment committee was held at the Board of Trade rooms yesterday morning to plan the programme for the Navy League entertainment to be held in celebration of the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS HERE.
Lord Shaughnessy, chairman of the C. P. R. board, E. W. Beatty, president and A. D. MacTier, vice-president, will arrive in the city today. Lord Shaughnessy will continue on to Halifax to sail by the Aquitania for England but the president and vice-president will make an inspection of this division.

SMALL BOY INJURED.
Last evening while Harry Arnold, of 42 Mill street, was coasting down Dorchester street his sleigh was steered off the sidewalk and he collided with the iron railing with the result that he received a very severe scalp wound. The ambulance was summoned and he was conveyed to the General Public Hospital where he is being treated for his injuries.

DR. CAMPBELL IMPROVED.
A wire received from Dr. E. K. Smith of Bethesda Hospital, of Horneville, New York, late last evening was to the effect that the condition of Dr. G. M. Campbell was slightly improved. Dr. Campbell had been delirious for several days. Friends now believe that the crisis of the disease has been reached and are feeling more hopeful because of this recent message.

WIDENING THE STREET.
The matter of widening the street at the corner of Union and Dock streets was considered by the city council in committee yesterday morning. Commissioner Fisher reported that the owner of the building wanted \$3,000 for the land taken in addition to the city paying the cost of cutting down the building to correspond with the required angle. It was felt by the commissioners that this was too much and was decided to ask the advice of the city solicitor in regard to expropriation.

STILL ON STRIKE.
No settlement has yet been reached regarding the strike of the Coal Handlers and Trimmers' Union, Local 310. Frank Freestone, president of the Union, stated last evening that no settlement had been reached, and the men were holding out and intended doing so unanimously until their claims had been adjusted. Several strikers are now in port awaiting a before they may be enabled to get to sea, and in consequence of the strike the steamers remain idle. He said the local coal companies are willing to pay the demands of the men, but the Dominion Coal Company, Montreal, still hangs fire, and fails to answer the summons of the men.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.
At a meeting of the executive of the St. John County Sunday School Association, held yesterday in the Bible House, Rev. I. W. Williamson, president, it was decided to put on a campaign for the purpose of raising funds to help the Maritime Sunday School Association. A committee composed of Rev. I. W. Williamson, Robert Reid, L. W. Stums, E. R. Macchum and C. R. Wasson, was appointed to arrange the details of the campaign, which it is proposed to put on in January, when an attempt will be made to secure between three and four thousand dollars for this work.

BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR.
A Morin, ladies' and gents' tailor, 53 Germain St., is distributing among his friends a very pretty calendar for the coming year.

THE MEN'S CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The members of the Centenary Methodist Church organized a club last evening, christening it "The Centenary Men's Club." The arrangements for the formation of the club were previously made and the members gathered in the church last evening to elect their officers, and outline the constitutions to govern the new body. The objects of the club are concisely for the betterment of social life, course among its members, for the discussion of current topics, and the assistance of the pastor in the welfare of the church.

The election of officers resulted as follows:
Honorary president, Rev. H. A. Goodwin; 1st. vice-president, C. F. Sanford; 2nd. vice-president, W. A. Lockhart; treasurer, F. D. Coombes; secretary, M. G. Adams; executive committee, E. B. Dixon and J. V. McLellan.
The members propose meeting every two weeks and to hold an open meeting in the near future, notice of which will be given.

SCHR. ABBIE KEAST IS BADLY DAMAGED

Picked up by Patrol Boat off Petit Manan and Towed to Southwest Harbor — Lost Sails, Anchors and Deck-load.

The British schooner Abbie Keast of 107 gross tonnage, badly damaged in Sunday's gale, was towed into Southwest harbor late Monday night by a coast guard patrol boat.
The schooner was picked up by the patrol boat off Petit Manan after all her sails had been carried away and 40,000 feet of lumber washed from her deck. Both anchors were lost. The stern was punctured by lumber which shifted in the hold.
The schooner in command of Capt. Taylor of St. John, N.B., was bound to Boston from Parrsboro, N.S., with hardwood boards.
The Abbie Keast hails from St. John, and was built at Cambridge, N. B., in 1839. She is 83 feet in length, 27 ft. beam, 7 ft. 3 in. depth and is 94 tons. She was owned by E. A. Vaughan of Parrsboro, N.S.

ADJOURNMENT OF POTATO ENQUIRY

H. A. Powell, K. C. Unable to be Present Yesterday and Enquiry is Set Over Until Next Week.

On the request of H. A. Powell, K.C., who was unable to attend, the potato enquiry will go over until some day next week. Adjournment was made until this morning at half past ten, when the day will be set for the resumption of the taking of evidence.
When Commissioner McQueen called his court to order yesterday afternoon, he announced that he had received from the Provincial Commission conferring the power to enquire into the disposition of the sum of \$61,500 received by George B. Jones from W. B. Tennant, and to trace the payment of this money by George B. Jones, from his hands to its destination.
After reading the commission, Mr. McQueen announced that an adjournment had been asked for by Mr. Powell, who was unable to be present, until next week, and adjourned the hearing until this morning at 10.30, when he will fix the date for the taking of further evidence.

ADULT CLASSES ARE REORGANIZED

One of the most successful socials ever held in the Victoria Street Baptist Church was that of last night, given by the Men's Brotherhood and the Ladies' Progressive Bible Class. About one hundred persons sat down to a bountiful supper, served by the Young Ladies' Bible Class. The social was for the purpose of reorganizing the two adult Bible classes and the following officers were elected: Men's Brotherhood, W. H. McDonald, President; Harold Shanklin, Secretary; William Barr, Treasurer. Ladies' Progressive Class, Mrs. S. A. Williams, President; Mrs. Fred Brooks, Secretary; Mrs. G. Ducey, Treasurer.
It was also decided to organize a home department, and a committee was appointed to carry on this work.

RECEPTION TO CHURCH MEMBERS

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The vestry of the Ludlow street Baptist church was filled to the doors last night when a reception was held under the auspices of the deacons and trustees and their wives, for the members of the church and congregation. The tenth anniversary of the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. W. B. Robinson was celebrated at this gathering and the pastor and his wife were presented with a handsome bouquet of roses and carnations by Deacon King on behalf of the church. Rev. Mr. Robinson replied on behalf of himself and his good wife, thanking the members for the good will so fittingly expressed in the gift of flowers.
The program opened with the National Anthem and included vocal selections by Miss Geraldine Melick and Clyde Parsons; readings by Miss Myles and Miss Jean Todd and short addresses by Revs. J. H. Jenner, F. H. Wentworth, A. E. Bishop, D. Hutchinson, J. H. A. Holmes and J. A. Foster. Letters of congratulations were read from Rev. W. H. Sampson and Rev. Dr. Morison.
The reception committee was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cheyne; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Horton and Mr. and Mrs. William Earned.

THURSDAY EVENING SOCIAL ENJOYED

The regular soldiers' and sailors' social held in St. David's church school room last evening was voted by the large number present as one of the best yet. F. J. Punter, late of the Royal Navy, presided over the evening and an address of welcome was given by Rev. J. A. MacKielgan, who in the course of his remarks spoke of the great work performed by the army and navy.
Men from H. M. S. Changanonia were present in large numbers and the part that they took in the programme was excellent, especially the piano selections by Seaman Drake.
Solos were rendered by Messrs. Knight, Bates, Dawson and Drake of the Changanonia. Piano selection by Seaman Drake; comic duet, Messrs. Knight and Stroud; violin solo, Mr. Knight; readings, Miss Allingham and a solo by F. J. Punter.
At the close refreshments were served by the ladies and the enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the national anthem.

WAS THE GUEST OF HIS OFFICERS

Complimentary Dinner Given Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity at the Armories Last Evening — Excellent Addresses Were Delivered.

A complimentary dinner was given last night at the armories to Lieutenant Colonel J. L. McAvity by the officers of the 1st Depot Battalion, New Brunswick Regiment, Major D. B. McArthur presided and during the course of the dinner selections were rendered by the Depot Battalion Band.
The menu card, very tastefully arranged with a photo on the front page of the popular guest, and officer commanding the original Fighting 26th. The menu was as follows:
Hors d'Oeuvres.
Purée Tomato Soup.
Fried Salmon.
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Creamed Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Celery.
Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Lemon Pie.
Nuts, Raisins, Oranges and Bananas.
Tea and Coffee.

After the officers had all done full justice to the excellent repast there was a round of toasts proposed and responded to and the very nice things that were said about the gallant colonel and his battalion were numerous and well deserved.

After drinking to the health of His Majesty the King, Major G. R. Barnes, M. C., proposed the health of "Our Guest," and spoke in glowing terms of the worth of Col. McAvity while in action during the war and of his popularity with all of his officers and men, also of the able manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the First Depot Battalion, and as commandant of Camp Sussex during the past summer where thousands of soldiers were under canvas.
In rising to reply to the toast the colonel was greeted with loud applause and in a brief yet fitting address he thanked his brother officers for the honor shown and the kind words that were spoken of him.
The toast to "Fallen comrades" was proposed by Captain William Pitt, D. C. M., and was responded to by Major Benson, chaplain.
Captain J. V. Kierstead proposed the toast to the 1st Depot Battalion and this was responded to by Captain G. E. Logan who told how successfully the thousands of recruits for this unit were handled under the able command of Lieut.-Col. McAvity and how the members of the battalion on reaching the battlefields of France and Belgium had acquitted themselves showing how well they were fitted before leaving the shores of Canada.
The toast to "The Ladies" was neatly proposed by Captain R. McL. Kenwick and the fair sex was well championed by a speech from Major F. F. May who was called on to respond.

A very pleasant evening was brought to a fitting close with the National Anthem.

BIBLE CLASS HAS ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Men's Bible Class of the Main Street Baptist Church was held last evening in the vestry, and proved one of the best yet held under the auspices of the class. About sixty men sat down to a tempting repast served by a number of the ladies of the church, and they did full justice to the good things provided. After supper a number of toasts were honored, and the pastor of the church and teacher of the class, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, gave a short history of the organization. This class has on its honor roll over fifty names of those who have served in the armies of the Empire, and several have paid the supreme sacrifice.
W. J. McAulry, president of the class presided. On his right was seated Hon. Dr. Roberts, and on his left, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson.
The first toast to be drunk was that to "The King," and this was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem. That to "Our Soldier Members" was responded to by L. H. Thorne, who, on the outbreak of the war, had a class of eighteen young men, seventeen of whom are now in khaki, and the eighteenth tried to enlist, but was turned down.
"Our Guests" was responded to by Hon. Dr. Roberts, who assured the gathering that he felt highly honored by being asked to address them. In former days he had taken an active part in the Young Peoples Society and Sunday School work of the church, and he felt there was no more important branch of church work than the Sunday School, where the foundations for future character were laid.
Dr. Hutchinson, in responding to the toast of "Our Class," gave a short history of the organization. The class was organized about thirteen years ago with five members. At the end of the first year the membership stood at about sixty, and the numbers grew until at the beginning of the war there were enrolled one hundred and fifty members, with an average attendance during the winter months of between fifty and sixty. Over fifty members of the class had enlisted, and of that number ten had laid down their lives and were buried in foreign graves.
"Our School" was responded to by W. A. Erb, superintendent. Interspersed with the toast list were a number of Victoria selections and vocal solos by Percy Cruikshank.

FUNERALS.

The body of Mrs. Charlotte Godfrey was taken yesterday morning to Dorchester, where the funeral will take place this afternoon.
The funeral of Miss Irene Whelan took place yesterday morning from the Monastery of the Good Shepherd. Burial services were conducted by Rev. P. A. West. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

V. A. D. ARE GRATEFUL.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade wish to extend grateful thanks to all citizens who have given them such generous assistance in their relief work during the epidemic. Without their untiring support the V. A. Division could not have carried out its undertaking.
If in the market for a good used car, or wish to sell, consult with J. A. Pugsley & Company, Used Car Department, being held at showrooms, 45 Princess Street, open day and evenings, 7 to 9 p.m.

SUGAR COUPONS AND THE DEALERS

Wholesalers Say They Should be Done Away With as Allies Are Not in Such Dire Need as During War.

The local wholesalers who were issued sugar coupons previous to the successful ending of the war, believe that the coupons should now be done away with, as they claim the Allies are not in such dire need as was the case when the war was at its height. However, in view of the fact that sugar is still required overseas in large quantities it is stated that the coupons will remain in force until such time as they were issued for, namely, February 15th, 1919, and conditions warranting the same might refrain the Food Controller from eradicating the coupon method even on this expiring date. The coupons were issued to the merchants of the city and were presented at the brokers or refinery the dealer is granted an allotment of sugar, which is based on 90 per cent. of his 1917 sugar trade, and once he draws the allotment allowed him he is not entitled to any additional amount.

WILL LOOK OVER THE SILICA MINES

Petrolia Ontario Man En route to Sydney—If Everything Right Company Ready to Spend Volumes of Money.

Harry Blanchet, of Petrolia, Ont., was a visitor in the city yesterday, coming in from Fredericton. When seen at the depot prior to the departure of the Moncton express, he stated that he was on route to Sydney, N. S., being interested in the silica mines near that city, and was en route on business which were reported to be a promising proposition, and deserving of comment, especially among American syndicates and whom he understood had visited this section referred to, and had reported things very promising. Recently he returned from Southern Arizona, where he investigated the rumors relative to silica mines at this place. True, he added, these mines promise much for the future but the sites of the same had been gathered up long before his arrival there.

While the silica mines, yet undeveloped in Nova Scotia, promised much they would be considered by the firm he represented, and who are ready to spend volumes of money should an opening be at hand, and no other syndicates or companies had acquired controlling interests.

PLEASANT TIME AT OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening of the social activities of the Y. M. C. A. took place last night and was a decided success. The big entrance hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and the evening was spent in games, etc., and passed all too quickly for those who attended. The social was under the auspices of the young men and the Young Ladies' League of the Association.
While the audience was gathering a programme of music was rendered on an Edison Re-Creation, kindly loaned by W. H. Thorne and Co. The opening address was given by G. E. Barbour, president of the association, who welcomed all to the social and conferred on them the "freedom of the house" for the evening. Following the address the party adjourned to the gym floor, where a number of games, participated in by all hands, were enjoyed. After the strenuous work on the floor a move was made to the entrance hall, where Mayor Hayes, in a humorous way, told of his day spent with the Governor-General.
The next item on the programme was a game of basketball between two picked teams. Then came an item in which all took a part, the refreshments, which were served by the Young Ladies' League. The singing of the National Anthem brought the affair to a close.

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