

AROUND THE CITY
GALES WITH RAIN

RUN OFF TURNTABLE.
The early suburban train from Hampton did not reach the city yesterday morning, the engine having run off the turntable at Hampton. An auxiliary was sent out from the city and replaced the engine on the track.

TAKEN TO INFIRMARY.
Rev. Father Joseph of St. Anne's, Kent County, reached the city on the Truro express last evening and entered the St. John infirmary for treatment, as the beloved priest is in poor health at the present time.

DISSOLVED PARTNERSHIP.
Notice has been given in the Royal Gazette of the dissolution of the partnership of deForest & Company, racoonists. C. Harold McGuire is withdrawing from the business, which will be carried on by A. Fred. deForest as at present.

HEAVY GRAIN EXPORTS.
To date a total of 400 millions of bushels of grain have been shipped from the C. P. R. elevators and 600,000 bushels from the new C. N. R. elevator. The C. P. R. elevators are full of grain and the C. N. R. has 300,000 bushels on hand.

ARMORIES IN QUARANTINE.
Mumps seems quite prevalent in the city at the present time, especially among the soldiers stationed here. Yesterday morning the armories were placed under quarantine for a few days, so as to eliminate all possible contagion of the disease, which is of a very mild type.

KICKED BY A HORSE.
One of the drivers of the American Globe Laundry delivery met with a painful accident last Thursday, when he was kicked by a horse. The driver had returned from dinner and was in the act of hooking up his horse to a sled when, without any warning, the animal kicked savagely, hitting the driver on one leg.

THE BUILDING INSPECTOR.
The building inspector issued three permits for new work during the month of February, totalling \$12,750, as follows:
John Flood & Son, Sheffield street, military garage, concrete, \$7,750.
John J. Leahy, German street and City line, West End, dwelling, wooden, \$4,000.
Geo. A. Clarke, Rodney street, West End, stable, wooden, \$1,000.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.
Several enquiries were received at the office of the Board of Trade yesterday. One from concern in England asked for information regarding weaving mills in eastern Canada; another from Rome asked for a list of exporters and importers in the Exhibition; another from Toronto wanted the opinion of the St. John Board on the advisability of forming a Dominion card of Trade.

BOUND FOR ENGLAND.
Among the passengers reaching this port Thursday morning on the Carriquet were fifty soldiers and marines under the command of an Imperial officer, en route to England, after service in Bermuda. At the present time all are quartered in the Exhibition Barracks, awaiting transportation overseas. The men belong to the First Yorkshire Regiment, Imperials, and will leave en route to their homes, presumably on the Scotian, now on route to this port.

WAS NO PICK UP.
Two soldiers, evidently strangers in the city, hired a horse and rig last evening in one of the local livery stables. Proceeding down Sydney street, they invited a young lady, who was walking along to have a drive. The young lady thanked the two and in conclusion gave them some sound advice on how to be gentlemen. Several young ladies in the near vicinity were heard to comment in praise of the action of the young pedestrian, who by the way, was en route to meet her husband at the next corner.

**THE ANNIVERSARY
THANK OFFERING**
Last evening the anniversary thank offering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church, West St. John, was held in the vestry of the church. Rev. Dr. Morrison lead the devotional exercises and introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. G. A. Kurling, pastor of Stone Church, who delivered a most admirable address on missions. The attendance was large and the collection four dollars ahead of last year.

**A PROMOTION
FOR G. R. KEEFE**
G. R. Keefe, among the representatives of the International Harvester Co. now in the city, is receiving many congratulations on his recent promotion as manager of the company's interests in Woodstock, N.B., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death, last November, of H. H. Moorehouse, late manager of Carleton, Victoria, and York counties.

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In Centenary Hall under auspices of Centenary Young People's Society, Tuesday evening, March 4th. Admission 35c.

PANTRY SALE SATURDAY.
Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E. will hold their pantry sale on Saturday morning at 11:30 in Pedersen's, Florist store, Market Building. Proceeds to be in aid of the Red Room for the County Hospital.

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NEW SKIRTING TAFFETAS—A BIG SILK DAY AT DYKEMAN'S.
Charming cross checks of Victory Red and Black and Slate Grey ground, another of Plate Blue, with Victory Red cross check and several other colored cross checks. The stripes are all of satin and the colors are rich and stand out well on such grounds as Navy Blue, Green, Brown, Black, and few shot effects, narrow and wide stripes, mostly with two-tone combination colors. 36 inches wide, \$2.69 to \$3.50 yard. Silk Section, Main Floor. —DYKEMAN'S.

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STATEMENT BY H. C. GREEN WITH REFERENCE TO THE CARRIAGE OF MAILS BETWEEN DEPOT AND P. O.

Contractor Charges That Under Present System of Handling, Delays Cannot Be Avoided, That He is Being Loaded With Work Which He Did Not Undertake to Perform and for Which He is Not Paid, That Nothing Seems to Satisfy Those in Charge and That Members of the Postal Staff Have Been Guilty of Irregular Conduct.

The following statement with reference to criticism of service which he is rendering as contractor for the carriage of mails between the St. John Post Office to the depot, has been given to The Standard by Mr. H. C. Green:

"I am prepared to contradict any statements which have been made with regard to delay in bringing mails from the station to the St. John Post Office. The trouble during the last period of my contract has been for the most part due to the fact that the trains are frequently late, having been on time but seldom during the past two or three months. My teams and motor trucks are always on hand on the arrival of the trains, but on a number of occasions postal messengers have been so under the influence of liquor that they were unfit to handle the mail or anything else, and my men have been compelled to take the mails from trains or assist the clerks in doing so. There are three messengers, and at times all three of them have been in such a condition that it was necessary to get men from the post office to handle the mail. These things have often delayed the mails for as much as an hour at a time.

"In the department at the post office where the mail is delivered, there has been liquor. The other day when I was there I moved some bags and a bottle half filled rolled out. On more than one occasion I have seen two or three members of the post office staff under the influence of liquor when they were supposed to be doing their work.

"Since my contract began, the mail has greatly increased in volume because of the war, and is now three or four times heavier than when I made the contract. I used to have horse trucks, and they were not satisfied. Then I put on motor trucks and still they are not satisfied. During the past three months a new department has been opened in the post office, called the bag depository, and the work of this department does not at all come under my contract, although I am forced to do it. There are as many as three or four loads of bags to be handled each day, coming from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which have to be carried to the post office, inspected and returned to the station. These amount to between seven to ten thousand bags in a week which have to be transferred, and which work is all additional to my contract. I have repeatedly asked for remuneration for this work, but have never been able to obtain any. If I refuse to continue my contract my handmen are held responsible. On several occasions when I have not had teams on hand to do this extra work, for which I am not paid, the department has on its own account, hired teams and charged me two dollars a load for same, which money has been deducted from my pay cheque. The trouble caused through

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PORT OF ST. JOHN AND PORTLAND

Shipping Companies Have to Meet Number of Charges Here That Are Absorbed by Grand Trunk in Portland—Railway Absorbs Charges in Halifax—Labor is Higher in Portland Than in St. John.

"The main difference between the port of St. John and Portland is that shipping companies have to meet a number of charges here that are absorbed by the Grand Trunk Railway in Portland," said a local shipping man yesterday.

"In St. John ships have to pay six dollars wharfage at the rate of 1.2 cent per registered ton per day. This the city commission has arranged to reduce to 1 cent per day after March 15, unless the government appoints a commission to control the port. The charge for the top wharfage is 20 cents per ton for general cargo, and 3 cents per ton for grain. In addition there is the harbor master's fee, an anchorage charge, which is 1 cent per registered ton per day. In Portland where the Grand Trunk controls the harbor facilities, the shipping companies are not required to pay these charges. There is only a nominal fee for the port warden. In Halifax where the government railway controls the deep water terminal the railway also absorbs these charges or most of them.

That is to say, the expenses which are thrown upon the shipping companies here are thrown upon the government railway, or the whole country, at Halifax. In Montreal the Harbor Commission imposes charges of the same kind that St. John does on ships and cargo, and the shipping companies and railways each pay half. The C. P. R. has been asked to assume a portion of the charges here, but it claims it is doing its share by hauling freight 200 miles further by rail than the Grand Trunk has to do for the same rail rates.

"At present the cost of labor is higher in Portland than in St. John. The times, necessitating the moving of stevedores now and then are a drawback here, but not one of any serious character. As to the cost of bunkering at Portland, I do not know how it compares with St. John. At present Halifax may have an advantage in this respect. The Imperial government organized a coaling plant there during the war; it is said to be very up to date, and has been made available for the bunkering of liners.

"Personally I think St. John should use its best endeavors to have the port put in commission. If the government had to deal with it as a national enterprise some of the things complained of might be remedied.

COMMENTS ON THE PERMANENT ARMY

Soldiers Are of Opinion That Stipulations Are Not of Binding Nature as Men Have All Seen Service.

Comments are prevalent among the soldiers of the city relative to the proposed permanent army in Canada in the future. All are of the opinion that the stipulations held forth are not of a very binding nature, as near all of them have service and are in the category for physical recognition in the new army. Speaking of the pay, they were somewhat surprised, as formerly in the pre-war days, forty cents per day was the maximum day's allowance, which in the future will be 1.10 per day, the same as granted to a soldier overseas in the present war, or to any member of the Canadian army. At the present time it is forecasted that there will be but very little difficulty experienced in gaining the fixed number as set forth in the recent Order-in-Council of January 30, governing the Permanent Army of Canada, as already some express their opinion of signing up again for two years' service.

The clause governing the married men of the permanent forces in future, is receiving undivided attention, as it is believed, a soldier with a family can subsist on the allowance allotted him, combined with the three-quarters rations and all medical attendance.

The question being asked already is where the headquarters of the permanent army for the Maritime Provinces will be stationed. Some suggest Fredericton, the former headquarters of the permanent force in pre-war days, where Brigadier General A. H. MacDonnell, C. M. G., D. S. O., was stationed for a time previous to the war. Others are of the opinion that St. John, with its official military quarters, would make a grand site for the new headquarters of the permanent force in the Maritime and Eastern Canada.

LIFE INSURANCE CO. DISTRICT MEETING

Took Form of Banquet Tendered by Superintendent F. C. McLean at Bond's Last Night—Musical Program Enjoyed.

The district meeting of the staff of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. this year took the form of a banquet tendered by F. C. McLean, superintendent, last night at Bond's, and a very pleasant evening was spent by those present. Mr. McLean occupied the chair and after the good things provided to eat had been disposed of a couple of hours were spent in song and story.

The successes of the past year were talked over and plans for even greater efforts for the coming year were laid. The musical programme included songs by a quartette composed of Messrs. Fall and Holder and Mrs. Trigg and Miss Allan, solos by Brown, James Laidlaw, Miss Allan and Mrs. Green.

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