

Around the City

FAIR AND COLD.

PROMOTED TO MAJOR. Captain Roland Barnes of Hampton has been officially gazetted major with the Military Depot in St. John.

TO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL. A police officer arrived in the city yesterday from Moncton having in charge a patient for the Provincial Hospital.

PRIZES OFFERED. J. Fred Blythe has thoughtfully offered four prizes for skating competition by the boys and girls on the city rink in West St. John.

FIRE STILL BURNING. The fire in the hold of the steamship at West St. John was still burning last evening, but the cargo is being rapidly removed and it is expected that the fire will be all extinguished today.

IS WELCOMED BACK. William Armstrong, who resigned from the police force about a year ago, returned to the department again yesterday. He is a popular and efficient officer and is welcomed back on the force.

BRITISH RED CROSS APPEAL. C. B. Allan, provincial treasurer of the British Red Cross fund, is in receipt of the sum of \$1,168.73, which was sent by Mayor A. A. Andrews on behalf of the town of Campbellton, in answer to the British Red Cross appeal.

LIQUOR IN POSSESSION. Sub-Inspector Barrett arrested Jas. McIntyre on Union street last evening at 7.45. He is charged with having liquor in his possession contrary to the provisions of the Prohibition Act. When searched a bottle half full of rye whiskey was found on his person.

TO THE FIRST DEPOT. Authorization has been received at headquarters for the appointment, effective January 1, of Lieut. Roy Lewis Murdoch, and Lieut. David Palmer as Lieutenants in the First Depot Battalion, M. D. Nos. 6 and 7. Lieut. Murdoch (2nd regiment) was formerly attached to the 20th Battalion, and Lieut. Palmer (62nd regiment) was formerly attached to the 26th.

BUILDING PURCHASED. The Eastern Trust Company has purchased the Quebec Bank building on the corner of Prince William and Princess streets, known as Chubb's Corner. The building was erected in 1878 the year following the fire, by George James Chubb of this city. He used the lower floor of the building as offices for his insurance business. On his death he left the building to his sister, Miss Chubb, and on her death it went to Mrs. Ida Cornwall, and she in turn sold the building to James H. Doody, who in turn sold it to the Royal Bank of Canada. The Royal Bank then sold it to the Quebec Bank.

THE ROTARY CLUB. At the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday the members approved formally of the plan to have members act as Big Brothers to boys whose fathers are overseas. One thing will be to provide the boys with tickets to the Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A. A. M. DeLoring and R. D. Patterson were continued as a committee with power to add, to secure enough Rotarians and other men of good will to make it possible for each soldier's boy to feel there is a good citizen interested in his welfare. There was a very animated discussion and the vote was unanimous. President T. H. Estabrook was in the chair.

LOCAL RED CROSS. A big "winter drive" to raise \$20,000 for the local Red Cross fund is being planned by a business men's committee of two hundred, and will be pulled off shortly. The local Red Cross Society, which has been doing a splendid work in aid of the wounded soldiers overseas, finds itself at the beginning of the year with an empty treasury. To bring the treasury up to its requirements will be the aim of the committee of two hundred. It may be regarded as a good omen that the men who pulled off the successful campaign for the British Red Cross a few months ago are behind the present movement.

SCHEDULE CHANGED. In conformity with a decision of the Boston and Maine and Maine Central railways to withdraw the St. John and Boston day trains, the C.P.R. are obliged to change their schedule somewhat. There will be no trains out of here in the morning at 6.45 a. m. for Boston, but one will leave here at 9.20 a. m. for Fredericton and connect at Fredericton Junction with the Boston and Montreal trains and will arrive at Fredericton at 12.10 p. m. There will also be a train out of Fredericton at 6.10 p. m. which will connect at Fredericton Junction with the Montreal train and arrive here at 8.55 p. m. The only other change will be that the night train out of Boston, due to arrive here at 12.05 p. m., will not arrive in the city till 12.45 p. m. These changes go into effect on Monday next.

DAK HALL'S 29TH ANNIVERSARY SALE. Begins Thursday, Jan. 16th—Ends Saturday, Jan. 26.

In addition to our regular advertising space you will find a full page giving full particulars of this annual event which is gladly welcomed by the St. John buying public. Our buyer when visiting the American and Canadian markets made several keen purchases of reasonable merchandise. These goods will be added to our regular stock. It will be a long time before similar goods will be sold in St. John at the prices quoted at this sale, and it will be genuine economy to stock up on clothing necessities for the whole family.

MRS. E. A. SMITH FROM HALIFAX REPORTS PROGRESS

Visited Stricken City at Request of Relief Board—Reports Finding Everything Going Along Smoothly—All Endeavoring to be Helpful.

The relief and hospital work, and the work of reconstruction in Halifax are progressing favorably. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, who at the request of the relief board visited the stricken city, returned yesterday. She visited shelters, hospitals, relief stations, and the school for the blind. She found that the machinery was working smoothly, and that as much progress had been made as could have been expected. The work of reconstruction is proceeding rapidly under the direction of Col. Lowe, the energetic officer who does things and does not let the grass grow while doing them. Houses are going up rapidly and many tenements have been fitted up and furnished, and families have moved in.

Mr. Millburn, of the Canadian Red Cross, is also doing wonderful work. The Americans have a large staff busy, and a number of the young ladies are even acting as street conductors. The general atmosphere in Halifax is one of resignation and acceptance, and all are endeavoring to be helpful. A tremendous amount of work remains to be done, and it will be a long time before the devastated areas can be restored. Many bodies are said to be in the wreckage, and will probably remain there until spring.

ONLY ONE GRADE OF WHEAT FLOUR TO BE MILLED

Beginning January 28 Only Straight Grade Flour for the United States and Canada—People Will Have to Eat Black Bread.

Beginning January 28 there will only be one grade of flour milled in Canada and the United States will be the same. The Standard reporter last night by Prof. Harcourt, who is doing some special work for the Food Controller.

At a meeting of the millers held in Ottawa last week they unanimously agreed to adopt this course, and for the duration of the war the only grade of flour manufactured in Canada and the United States will be what is known as a straight grade flour, and they will begin to mill this on January 28. Prof. Harcourt said the Food Controller had found the millers very willing to cooperate in the conservation of wheat and anxious to be ready to adopt any means thought advisable to that end. The adoption of a standard flour does not mean that the people will have to eat black bread, said Prof. Harcourt. This flour would make a good white loaf, and average citizen would probably not be able to tell the difference.

It would, however, result in a big saving in the milling of the wheat, which saving would be available for shipment overseas, and thus without imposing any hardship on the citizens a larger amount of wheat could be supplied to the Allies.

"PAT" McAVITY WAS INJURED

Seven Year Old Son of Lieut.-Col. McAvity Struck by an Automobile—Was Severely Wounded on the Head—Being Treated in the Infirmary.

While coasting in the vicinity of Dorchester street, "Pat" McAvity the seven year old son of Mrs. and Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity was struck by a passing automobile yesterday evening about 5 o'clock. Although the unfortunate child is suffering from severe wounds on the head as well as a general shake-up, he was reported resting comfortably at the St. John Infirmary this morning at 12.30. In the early part of the evening Dr. W. W. White paid a visit to the Infirmary in the interest of the little patient, who bears his suffering with wonderful fortitude.

As far as can be learned, the little fellow in company with other children was taking advantage of the excellent coasting on Dorchester street and was passing over the glass of ice at fairly good rate of speed when the sled was struck by a passing motor on the City Road and he was thrown to the ice. He was immediately rushed to the Infirmary where medical aid was rendered.

CANADIAN CLUB.

There will be a meeting of the club in Bond's restaurant this Tuesday evening at 6.15. The guest on this occasion will be Capt. Dr. Walter J. Weaver, C.A.M.C., who has just returned from the Mediterranean. He will speak on Malta and Salonika.

A. H. Wetmore, president of the Board of Trade, will lecture on "Wind and Weather" before the Natural History Society this evening. Free to all.

MILITARY MEDAL WON BY GR. WATTERS HAS ARRIVED HOME

While Wounded He Held Line for Several Hours, Saving Lives of Many Comrades—Is Back in Action Again and Going Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watters of the Sand Point Road, Lunenburg, have reason to feel proud of their son, Gunner G. Watters, who has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field. The medal arrived at the young soldier's home a few weeks ago.

On one side is the head of King George V, while on the opposite side are the words, "Military Medal for Bravery on the Field." Around the rim of the medal is inscribed, "18187 Gun. G. Watters, 1 Siege Bty., Can. G. A."

Gunner Watters, while only sixteen years of age when he enlisted, looked older, as he was such a strapping large fellow. It was at a battle at Hill to that he won his honor. He was a signaller, and although he was shot through the hand he still held his line for several hours, and it is stated that by the brave act he saved the situation and also the lives of very many of his comrades. The officer commanding was quick to take notice of the young soldier's bravery and immediately recommended him.

Gunner Watters was admitted to hospital, and as soon as his hand was well and he was discharged he went in to action again. From the tone of a letter received from him some time ago he was again going strong, and his chief ambition now is to win the much coveted honor, the Victoria Cross.

PROF. HARCOURT MET THE BAKERS HERE YESTERDAY

He is Helping the Food Controller—Standard Loaf for Entire Dominion the Object—Local Bakers Willing to Co-operate.

Prof. Harcourt of the staff of the Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., arrived in the city yesterday, and will leave tonight for Halifax. Prof. Harcourt is for the time being helping the Food Controller in his work. He has visited the western cities and is now touring the eastern cities holding conferences with the bakers in regard to the making of a standard loaf of bread for the entire Dominion. He said last night in conversation with a representative of The Standard that he had found the bakers willing to cooperate with the Food Controller and to all they could to assist in the conservation of foodstuffs.

A meeting of the bakers of the Dominion will be held in Ottawa on January 29 and the details of this standard loaf will be worked out at that conference. Prof. Harcourt met the St. John bakers in conference yesterday afternoon and talked the situation over with them. He found them in perfect sympathy with the campaign for the conservation of wheat and anxious to do everything in their power to increase the amount available for export to the Allies. He explained the ideas of the Food Controller with respect to the standard loaf for the Dominion and was assured of their co-operation in the matter. Joseph Dwyer of Millford was chosen to represent the St. John bakers at the conference in Ottawa, January 29.

Where in the world does F. A. Dykeman & Co. lay their hands on such good merchandise to sacrifice at the price announced in.

THEIR JANUARY SALE?

Far from regarding the question with surprise we will answer it with seriousness and frankness. We can understand that the shopping public on the outside of the counters, though quite aware that this Dykeman store has uncommon ways and means of doing things, might be perplexed to understand the hows, whys and wherefores, of the most unbelievable reductions in prices which accompany our January Sale. Then we plan this event as the housewife looks forward to housecleaning in the spring preparatory to a new start in a new season. We calculate on a disposal of remnants, broken ranges, and odds, at prices which will accomplish this quickly, and to the benefit of the customers. We contrive by concentrating on special purchases. "Keeping everlastingly at it" is the key note to the success of the whole affair.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

There will be a mass meeting tonight in Centenary Methodist church in the interest of the St. John branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Rev. H. R. Boyer and Rev. G. A. Kahring will be the speakers, and Centenary choir will furnish special music. The meeting begins at eight o'clock.

LOYALIST CHAPTER, I. O. D. E. 1918 REVUE.

After presenting two returns to the St. John public the Loyalist Chapter feels assured that the "1918 Revue" will surpass any preceding annual publication in the spring preparatory to a new start in a new season. The revue will be held Feb. 7th at the Imperial Theatre. Tickets are now on sale and can be had from the members of the chapter or at Nelson's, Gray and Richey's or Hecker's drug store, commencing Tuesday morning, Jan. 15th. The seat plan will be on view every day at the Imperial where tickets can be exchanged, thus doing away with the tremendous "exchange-rush" of former years.

MATILDA JARDINE, NOTORIOUS GIRL, TAKEN IN CUSTODY

Detained as an Undesirable—Had Hair Cut and Masqueraded as Male Last Summer—Companion of Girl Now Charged with Forgery.

During his rounds of the city yesterday afternoon Detective Duncan placed in custody a girl by the name of Matilda Jardine, who was locked up in a cell at police headquarters and is detained as being an undesirable person. Matilda is a well developed girl who looks to be still in her teens and seemed to take her arrest in a matter of fact manner. At first she wore a skirt, a well fitting jacket, a jaunty piece of wearing apparel as a hat, black gaiters and carrying a rather large hand bag with a portion of a white handkerchief protruding. Matilda appeared more like a tourist than a person who was liable for arrest.

The girl does not possess the usual appearance of beautiful hair that goes to help one of her sex to appear attractive, for it is cut short and here lies a story in connection with the young dorian. According to reports from Fredericton the Jardine girl has had quite a reputation before she struck St. John. There appeared in the police court in the capital yesterday morning a girl named Gladys Veno, who had been arrested on the charge of forging the name of J. D. Palmer to a cheque for \$40, made out in the name of Ben Comsau, and which was cashed last summer in the store of J. J. Weddall and Son, Fredericton. She was arrested a few days ago in Moncton where she had been working under an assumed name with none other than Matilda Jardine. Both girls belong to Northumberland county.

Matilda gained considerable notoriety in Fredericton last summer when she was caught masquerading in male attire. It is said that she cut off her hair so as to resemble a youth, that she worked on a farm at Springhill outside of Fredericton for a time, her employer thinking that she was a boy, and that she had hopes of enlisting as a soldier. The first clue that was gained as to her sex was her habit of consulting the "Ladies' Home Journal." When taken into custody then Matilda refused to tell her name. She will probably appear before the magistrate this morning.

RETURNED HERO WAS HONORED

Philathea Class and Young Men's Association of German Street Church Had Lieut. Gifford as Their Guest Last Evening.

The Philathea class, and the Young Men's Association of the German street Baptist Church, met in the church institute last evening to do honor to one of their number, Lieut. Lewis Gifford, formerly of the 26th Battalion.

Lieut. Gifford went overseas with his battalion with the rank of private but he was promoted to lieutenant besides the Military Medal. He was invalided home last July as the result of serious injuries received in pursuit of his duty.

The first part of the evening's entertainment took the form of an indoor field day. The young people formed sides under the able captaincy of Vernon Collins and Miss Amos, and the following events were run off: 100 yard dash; high jump shot; cracker race; relay race; standing broad grin; potato race and spoon race. At the conclusion of the meet the "Yellow and Whites" were judged the winners over the "Red, White and Blues," as they made the highest average in the various events. W. C. Cross acted as referee and the official announcer was Mr. Davis.

TAKEN TO HAMPTON.

Chief of Police Asbell arrived in the city yesterday from Sussex. He was met at the depot by city detectives who had John J. Porter in charge and the prisoner was handed over to Chief Asbell who took the man to Hampton where he will be tried. Porter is charged with shooting Clinton Ward and Hazen Cook on Sunday last on the Kennebecasis river. The injured men were wounded with small shot in the legs and are under treatment at the General Public Hospital. It is stated that Porter claims to own the land upon which the men were trespassing, that signs were kept off that he ordered the men to leave and when they refused he shot them.

City police were sent to Porter's home yesterday to care for a horse that had been left there.

Unionist Government Club. All interested are invited to attend a meeting at old Conservative club rooms, South Market street, at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, 15th, for purpose of organizing Unionist Club.

SONG BOOKS DELAYED.

A large shipment of Heart Songs which should have arrived some days ago has been held up somewhere on the road from New York and The Standard is holding untitled many orders for books. The shipment should reach here any day now and when it does all mail orders will be promptly sent out.

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