

AROUND THE CITY

OPEN THURSDAY NIGHT

Beginning Thursday evening, the three stores of Waterbury & Rising Limited will remain open every evening until Christmas.

XMAS CARDS FOR MAYOR

Mayor Hayes yesterday received from Corp. Roy Wigmore, son of R. W. Wigmore, M. P., a very nice Christmas card. Corp. Wigmore is now at White Bay Camp.

MORE FLU CASES

Eight new cases of Spanish influenza were reported to the board of health authorities yesterday. The cases are of a mild type but the feature is that they are spread over the whole city.

LEFT FOR VANCOUVER

Captain Horace Vanwert of the Depot Battalion left last evening for Victoria, B. C., to join the 26th Battalion as signalling officer. This unit is expected to leave for Siberia at an early date.

OIL IN THE HARBOR

It is reported that oil is being discharged into the harbor from ships in port. Fishermen claim that on account of such a practice early last spring it was responsible for a failure in the fishing business.

A GERMAN HELMET

Harold Rising has received a German helmet from his brother, Captain Percy M. Rising, who, with an interpreter, is proceeding the 36th Battalion arranging billets for the unit in its victorious march through German territory.

A MEAN THIEF

One of the meanest thieves on record stole a toy drum containing more than eight dollars from the entrance of the War Veterans' Home, Wellington Road. The money was collected for a fund to provide Christmas treat for children whose fathers died at the front.

GIVEN SILVER BASKET

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. J. A. Moss, forelady of the McAvity plant, Rothway avenue, was made the recipient of a silver flower basket and stand by the girls of the three to eleven shift. The presentation was made by Miss Irene Kelly. It was an appreciation of kindness shown by her. Mrs. Moss, although greatly surprised, thanked the girls in a few well chosen remarks.

RETURNS FROM WRECK

Captain John Walsh, assistant general manager of the C. P. O. S., returned yesterday from the stranded steamship Corinthian on the Northwest Ledges and says he is not yet prepared to say whether the ship could be saved. While he was at the steamer there were about 100 motor boats around her and scores of men were busy stripping the ship of all her movable fixtures and plundering everything they could lay their hands on.

R B EMERSON RESIGNS

After ten years of faithful service as chairman of the local school board, R. B. Emerson has tendered his resignation to the government owing to pressure of his business.

SONS OF ENGLAND WERE THE GUESTS

Clan Mackenzie Were Hosts Last Evening — Excellent Program Greatly Enjoyed.

INTERESTING XMAS CARD

Lieut. Col. Markham has received from his son, Cecil, of the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion, an interesting Christmas card issued by the officers of that unit. On the front page the names of the officers are listed in alphabetical order and, in the back part are enumerated, and attest to the fighting in which the men were engaged. Foremost in these engagements were Cambrai, Amiens, Arras and Vimy. Besides there were Kemmel, Vierstraet, St. Elloi, Voormezele, Hill 60, Hooge, Zillebeke, Courtrai, Reghin, Fromelles, Sully Grenay, Arras, Lens, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Wercatel and Neuville Vitasse.

THANKED FOR SERVICES

Yesterday morning Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of health, thanked Dr. Robert J. Williams of Boston for two months' faithful service during the epidemic of influenza in Chatham and Blackwell sections.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM FOR CHRISTMAS?

This is the same difficult problem that presents itself at every recurrence of the season. We come to your rescue and say: "Come here with all your troubles, and let us show you."

HUNTED CLOTHING STORE

If in the market for a good used car, or wish to sell, consult with J. A. Punsley & Company, Used Car Department. Used car exhibition now being held at showrooms, 45 Prince Street. Open day and evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

Why not give him a Twelve Months' Membership Ticket for the Y.M.C.A.?

OPEN EVENINGS

F. W. Daniels & Company's store will be open every evening until Christmas, commencing tonight, Wednesday the 18th.

LABOR LEADERS HERE YESTERDAY

J. C. Watters Leaves for Minto

This Morning—Is Assisting Fuel Controller for Bigger Canadian Production.

J. C. Watters, the well known labor leader, arrived in the city yesterday from Sydney and will leave this morning for the coal fields at Minto, where he will spend a couple of days, and then leave for his home in Ottawa, returning to Sydney soon after the new year.

When seen last night at the Dufferin by a representative of The Standard, Mr. Watters said he was for the present in the service of the nation and trying as best he could to assist the fuel controller in his campaign for greater fuel production in Canada. He had visited all the mining centres in Nova Scotia and was glad to be able to say there had been a decided improvement in the output of the mines although there was still room for a better showing in some of them.

The method adopted in dealing with the matter was to make a direct appeal to the miners and point out to them the necessity for the maximum output in order to keep the wheels of industry moving and keep the people from freezing. At every mine there had been appointed a committee from the men to study the situation, discuss with the operators methods of increasing the production, etc., and this had been found to work well. Some of the suggestions made by the miners had already been adopted and had resulted in a speeding up in the production of coal.

He had found the men ready to respond to an appeal for their assistance and willing to accept the responsibility, which rested on them for the getting of the coal out of the ground and on its way to the consumer. When the matter was put right up to them, that they were the only means by which this prime necessity of national life could be supplied, they had rallied magnificently to the call and as a consequence there had been a marked increase in the production by the same number of men.

Today Mr. Watters will go to Minto and endeavor to speed up production in those fields. The same course will be adopted as in Nova Scotia and the men will be asked to name their committees to co-operate with the operators to improve working conditions and make them more efficient.

Asked about the trouble at Sydney, Mr. Watters said the coal in question belonged to the Dominion crown but the Scotia had a lease, the Florentine, from which it could be mined, while before the Dominion could mine it they would have to make a new lease, which would take considerable time. The fuel controller had suggested that as the need for the coal was urgent, the Scotia Company should take out the coal and pay the Dominion a certain amount for doing so. The two companies had been unable to come to an agreement in the matter and it was just possible the government might take a hand and settle it for them.

WERE AT HOME LAST EVENING

I. L. and B. Society Entertained in Their Rooms, Union Street—Excellent Program Carried Through.

The Irish Literary and Benevolent Society held a smoker in their rooms, Union Street, last evening. The programme carried out by the members of the club and some representatives of the other fraternal societies of the city, was a decided success.

CLAN MACKENZIE WERE HOSTS

Last Evening — Excellent Program Greatly Enjoyed.

Last night Clan Mackenzie were the hosts to Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England, and right good hosts they proved, was the verdict rendered by those who enjoyed their hospitality.

The lodge room of the clan, Orange Hall, Germain street, was well filled with men from the two societies, and behind the third member of the "Trinity that rules the seas," was represented by Judge Ritchie of St. Patrick's Society.

Joseph Murdoch, chief of the clan, presided, and on the platform were seated with him T. H. Carter, supreme vice of the S. O. E., Judge Ritchie and others. A splendid programme of songs, readings, musical selections and humorous stories made the evening pass all too quickly. At the close of the programme refreshments consisting of cake and coffee were served.

FULL CARGOES FOR ST. JOHNS

Two Schooners Have Cleared for Newfoundland With Cargoes of Flour and Rolled Oats Valued at \$113,936.

The schooner Marian H. cleared yesterday for St. John's, Nfld., with a full cargo of flour and rolled oats. The Lawrence Flour Mills Co. ships 2,149 barrels, while the Quaker Oats Company ships 1,599 bags and 1,031 bales of oats. The total value of the cargo is \$63,956.

On November 27th the schooner Samuel Courtney cleared for St. John's with a similar cargo from the same shippers and it consisted of 800 bags of peas, 1,397 barrels of flour, 600 bags, 1,227 bales, 1,900 kegs and 1,246 barrels of rolled oats with a total value of \$48,980. The Courtney also took a large quantity of oil.

Commencing Wednesday, the 18th, the Metropolitan Book Co., Ltd., 50 King street, will be open evenings until Christmas.

MILITIA AT A MILITARY OFFICE

Captain J. R. Thomson Appointed Officer in Charge of Much Needed Information Bureau — Other Military Notes.

Military headquarters announced yesterday that arrangements have been completed here for the establishment of a bureau in this city, with Captain J. R. Thomson as officer in charge, assisted by a capable staff of assistants. This move was made on the part of the military authorities, so as to eliminate many of the enquiries which were at the present time burdening the shipping officials and the militia, relative to the queries of the men now returning from overseas, who demanded the time of the arrival and exit of trains, places where they might stop while in the city, and other numerous questions.

In the future, when the new branch has become organized the men and their relatives will be able to get the necessary information at quick notice, and thus the burden on the militia and the shipping officials will be greatly lessened.

Relative to the officer in charge of the bureau, it is pointed out that he has in the past enjoyed a large and varied experience in work such as the above, being connected with the shipping firm of Wm. Thomson & Co., and by this means is well qualified.

The new bureau will be of inestimable value to the returning men, who are strangers to the city, and will eventually lessen the worry on their part and that of their relatives.

Captain William J. Brown, of the 26th Canadian Rifles, reached the city from the West yesterday.

That the Siberian contingent, or that part remaining in the West, will not proceed to Russia, is the belief of many of the members of the unit. The townspeople where the unit is stationed have petitioned the military authorities to allow this unit to remain in their city for the winter months at least. A meeting between the civic body and the militia authorities of that centre was held on Sunday evening, relative to the request, and it is not as yet known here, but it is hinted that the unit will remain for a time at the western city. One draft has already gone to Russia.

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President George Sturford acted as chairman, and a few remarks at the opening of the evening's smoker and entertainment. Referring to the work of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society, which as many others had suffered a decrease in membership owing to the absence of many of the younger members at the front, and the absence of many of the familiar figures owing to the hand of death, referring to the other fraternal societies in the city, he added that they were all making special appeals for a greater membership, so that their respective societies might be enabled to carry out the work before them, and help all Catholic young men of the city to link themselves up with some society, to enable them to become better, physically and morally. He stated that the I. L. & B. Society had made up a list of names of those who direct their winter activities, and among these were pool, cards, and domino tournaments. Concluding, he added that they were making a drive for new members also, and already were meeting with significant success.

All the other Catholic societies of the city were represented at the smoker last evening, and each representative delighted in the gathering with excellent addresses.

Some of the features of the evening were the presentation of a silver cup to William Monahan for excellence in the billiard pool tournament, he capturing the premium over a large number of close competitors. The piano solo of Mr. Granman, who is totally blind, was excellent, and he was invited to encore again and again. Another feature of the entertainment was the Harmony Quartette of the St. Peter's Y.M.C.A.

Following is the programme: Address—President Sturford. Piano Solo—M. O'Hara. Reading—Owen Hall. Address—John O'Regan, representing the Y.M.C.A. St. Peter's Y.M.C.A. Quartette, Messrs. Moore, Moore, O'Donnell and Hanson.

Piano Selection—Mr. Granman. Address—J. U. Haggerty, representing St. Peter's Y.M.C.A. Address—Michael Howard. Address—Jas. McAndrews, representing A. O. H.

Presentation of the Pool trophy to William Monahan. Violin Solo—Pte. Bowes of the Depot Battalion. Solo—Edmund Barry. Solo, selected—Arthur Haggard. God Save the King.

It is announced that the I. L. & B. are staging a play by amateur actors, entitled "Within the Law," in the Opera House on Thursday evening the sixteenth of January next.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION. Why not give him a twelve months' membership ticket for the Y.M.C.A.?

Boys, Young Men, Business and Professional Men all get good, healthy recreation there.

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WANTED—Office Boy wanted at once. Apply Standard Office.

GENERAL MEETING

Make Fixed Charge for Use of Hall—Ask for New Scale of Pay for Discharge and Clothing Allowance.

A general meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association was held last evening in their home on Wellington Row, with S. C. Tippett, the Vice-President, in the chair. Five new members were elected yesterday.

The report of the ways and means committee was read, and among other discussions was the hire of the hall. Owing to the present rate of lighting and heating it was decided that a fixed charge would be made to cover the expenses, but the Y.W.P.A. are not to be charged, and others can obtain the rates for the use of the hall on application to the secretary.

A committee composed of R. E. Anderson, J. Dryden and C. W. Lawson, who were the representatives of the Association who first brought to light the matter in which soldiers' wives were being received at West St. John on the arrival of ships, reported that they had the ladies of the different societies in the city attend a meeting and it was decided for a good reception to be given the women and children coming to Canada.

It was resolved that the St. John branch ask the Dominion government to make the new scale of pay for discharge and clothing allowance to all ranks that have been previously discharged. It was pointed out that the men under the M. S. A. enlisted previous to July 1st last, receive \$5 for his clothes, while a man who has been overseas for three years, and was discharged last June, received eight dollars only to purchase a civilian suit and eleven dollars in the winter for a suit. The new scale of pay is six instead of three months.

The next meeting will be held on December 27th, when there will be the nomination of officers for 1919 and the election will be on January 6th.

The Veterans will entertain 154 children and about 400 children of their comrades who have given their lives for Canada and the Empire during the Christmas season, and a committee was appointed to wait on the Legionnaires at Sand Point next Saturday, when the new scale of pay of a large contribution towards the fund. The freight handlers will also be called upon.

The reception will be held on Friday, December 27th, and any donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the secretary, E. J. Ruddy, at the Veterans' Home. The secretary is working hard to make this year's reception greater than that of last season, and deserves the assistance of all patriotic bodies, to help make a good Christmas for the widows and orphans of the brave St. John soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice.

CINDERELLA AT CHILDREN'S HOME

Little Folk Under Direction of Matron Presented Enjoyable Programme Last Evening.

There was a very enjoyable entertainment in the Children's Home, 88 Garden street, last night. More than fifty ladies and gentlemen were present and showed by their frequent applause how much they enjoyed the programme. Mrs. Postman, the matron of the Children's Aid, presided at the piano. Miss Poole, the assistant matron, acted as director. The play of Cinderella was presented. The names of those who took part were as follows: Prince Charming, Francis Wood; Cinderella, M. B. Poole; Cendrillon's sister, Marian Wood and Violet Wallace; Fairy Godmother, Johnny Wood; Herald, Douglas Montford; Lord Chancellor, Gordon Wright; Miss Poppins, Nellie Phillips; Mrs. Timothy Moonstone, John Wood; Pages, Alan Duce and Lester Knox.

In addition to the play there was a flower hoop drill and patriotic choruses. The training of the children for the entertainment was attended to by the matron and her assistant and the manner in which the children played their several parts reflected great credit on their efforts.

WILLIE'S STRONG POINT. It was in a neighborhood night school.

The faithful teacher was trying to find out the ambition of her boys. With this end in view she asked each to tell her the one thing that he could do best. The first boy when asked to said he was great on sawing wood; the next was great on lifting; another on "raspelling," but almost intellectual (?) ones, for his mother had told him he "could read his own writing better than any one else could."

The praiseworthiness of such an accomplishment is somewhat open to suspicion.

There is no question, however, as to our strong point just now. It is "Christmas boxes." That is one thing, which to use Willie's language "we can do better anybody else." Take our handkerchief stock, for instance, hundreds of those dainty kerchiefs at very little money, lots of dainty neckwear, Handbags, Toilet Sets, up to Marlborough Capes and Stuffs. Just so with Blouses and Dress Lengths in Silk or Woodbine. Everything from Baby's Jacket to a cosy Wool Blanket. Our sets of Furs begin at \$26.00 up to \$100.00. Our Fur Coats—well, they must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Gifts for all kinds of people, with all sizes of pocketbooks. Store open until 10 p.m. tonight. DREKEMAN'S. The Store with the Christmas Spirit.

MAGEE'S STORE OPEN EVENINGS. D. Magee's Store, Ltd., announces that in order to better assist their many friends in the selection of useful Christmas gifts, beginning December 15, their store will be open every evening until Christmas.

WANTED—Office Boy wanted at once. Apply Standard Office.

A Bargain. One New Edison Diamond Amberola (as shown in cut) and twelve Blue Amberola Records for \$72.80. Mail orders containing cash shipped same day as received. Send list of records you prefer. Phonograph Department. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. St. John, N. B.

Beautiful Holiday Millinery. Each day our display undergoes a great change, as we send many hats home to delighted ladies and our large staff of designers are continually giving us new ones to delight other ladies. Today we will have a number of most stunning White Trimmed Hats, also Children's Made Velvet Dress Hats, trimmed with white. Every lady will want a bright new hat this Christmas. Here you will find the new styles, large variety and our full staff to give you prompt attention. Large showing of Correct Mourning Millinery. Store Open Evenings Until Christmas. Miss Tilly Tinker Tinkertoss Jane Grey Dollies Boudoir Cape, Fancy Bags, etc. Marr Millinery Co., Limited. DISTRIBUTORS OF CORRECT MILLINERY.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Few gifts you can bestow will be more highly prized as a reminder of your good-will and thoughtfulness. BISSELL'S "HOUSEHOLD" VACUUM CLEANER Luminated Sycamore Case, Mahogany finish, Japanese fittings. PRICE \$10.00. Shop Early. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Christmas Suggestions. of interest to everybody contemplating the purchasing of sensible Christmas gifts. EXTRAORDINARY SHOWING OF EXQUISITE BLOUSES. Beautiful Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe, Jap Silk and Voile Models in the Best Liked Styles of the Hour. Interesting designs in every type of Blouse. There are semi-tailored styles with tucked fronts, and more elaborate patterns, hemstitching and other distinguishing touches. The new collar styles are delightful featuring large sailor styles, stoles, round collarless necks and other novel features. The range of colors is large and includes Taupe, Navy, African Brown, Purple, Sand, Pink, Rose, Maize, White, Black and others priced from \$4.75 to \$20.00. JAP SILK BLOUSES are serviceable and very moderately priced. An endless variety of these to choose from in all the season's latest modes. Prices ranging from \$2.00 to \$7.00. SMART STRIPED SILK BLOUSES in crepe de chine, Jap, or Pongee, splendid for wearing with winter costumes, prices from \$1.75 to \$5.25. (Blouse Section, 2nd Floor.) Here Are Some Specials FROM OUR LINEN SECTION. Special Bargains in attractive Day Slips—Neatly embroidered, open at both ends; some scalloped, others hemstitched. Sale prices \$1.55 and \$1.75. Embroidered Pillow Cases—Ordinary shape and size, hemstitched, scalloped, or with Mexican drawn-work, \$1.55 to \$5.00 pair. Table Sets—Consisting of cloth and dozen Napkins to match. A variety of designs in all standard sizes. Damaak Huck Towels to meet all requirements. Terry Bath Towels, with colored borders of pink, blue, lavender, gold, etc., 75c upward. Bed Spreads in single or double sizes, cotton and linen embroidered, Macrilles, and ordinary crocheted makes. Many Other Practical Linen Gifts Are Here for Your Selection. Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE.

Get the Christmas Spirit. IT'S GIVE—But give only useful things. For your small gift demands. SILK RAINCOATS. A "STETSON" HAT. A PAIR OF GLOVES. TRAVELING BAGS. A SILK UMBRELLA. A CAP. Then of course the more costly but fully guaranteed gifts—"Reliable Furs." They are worthy of all we say of them. D. MAGEE'S SONS, LTD. Ever Since 1855. 63 King Street, St. John, N. B.