

Around the City

CONTINUED COLD.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.
City and County of St. John, Hugh McDermott, of Loch Lomond, to be auctioneer. Bernard R. Gallagher to be justice of the peace.

WAR TROPHIES FAIR.
Red Cross Society acknowledges from the Loyalist Chapter, I. O. O. F., three-fourths of the proceeds of the War Trophies Fair, amounting to \$2,062.94.

HARBOR REVENUE.
Harbor revenue for December, 1917, was less than the total for the corresponding month of the previous year by \$1,212.30. The total for the last month of 1917 was \$10,765.45.

THE B. AND L. CLUB.
The B. and L. Club recently forwarded \$12.50 to Mayor Hayes for the Halifax Relief Fund. Through omission this amount was not previously acknowledged.

BOARD OF TRADE JOURNAL.
The December issue of the Board of Trade Journal has just been published. It contains some very interesting facts about St. John and its development of late years, and is well worthy of careful perusal by all.

ENLISTED YESTERDAY.
A. E. Smith, of Bradstreet's financial house in the city enlisted in the artillery branch of the service yesterday. This is the fifth man who has been connected either directly or indirectly with the branch in the city, who has enlisted in the service of the empire.

GR. KILLER IN ENGLAND.
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Killen received a cablegram from their son Gunner Fred Killen on New Year's day. The young hero sent the first greeting to his parents. He is on a furlough after many months at the front and is on his way to visit Ireland.

MORE FIRE CALLS.
Box 127 was rung in yesterday morning when a stove in a house in Bentley street exploded.
A still alarm was sent in at five o'clock yesterday morning from Whelpley's wood-yard, City road, where a small fire around the boiler was easily put out by the chemical.

MATTER IN REVIEW.
A. S. Proffit, the father of the young lad that died recently at the St. John Infirmary while under the influence of anaesthetics, stated to the Standard last night that he had placed the case in the hands of his lawyer who will decide whether to take action or not after reviewing the case.

REQUEST FOR NAMES.
Mayor Hayes yesterday received from Col. T. McKelvey Bell a letter of appreciation of the services of the St. John doctors and nurses who assisted in the relief work at Halifax, and a request for their names, as the historian of the medical work, Prof. D. Fraser Harris, wished to place them on record.

EXTENDED CALL TO PASTOR.
The Victoria Street United Baptist church at a business meeting last night unanimously extended a call to Rev. I. W. Williamson, to be their pastor. Mr. Williamson has been in the maritime provinces for two years as general secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board, coming to the province from British Columbia. Mr. Williamson has visited St. John frequently in the course of his work and has made a host of friends. The congregation of the Victoria street church are to be congratulated on their selection, and it is hoped that Mr. Williamson will be able to accept the offer.

A PLEASING PROGRAMME.
The annual Christmas supper and entertainment for the Sunday school children of St. John the Baptist Mission Church, Paradise Row, was held in the school room last evening. About 150 children attended to supper at 5.30 o'clock, after which tea was served to them in the school room by the ladies of St. Monica's Guild. They then carried out a pleasing programme of songs, recitations and choruses. The entertainment was concluded by the appearance of Santa Claus, impersonated by Lynn Clarke, who distributed various gifts and candy from the large Christmas tree among the delighted scholars.

NOTICE.

Subscribers for the Victory War Loan will please take notice that it is absolutely necessary for them to surrender the Provisional Receipts which were provided by the Banks, when making the second payment on account of their subscriptions. Banks are not permitted to deliver the Government Scrip Certificates unless they receive the Provisional Receipts. It must also be borne in mind that the Banks will not charge the amount of the second payment due on January 2nd to subscribers' accounts. It is necessary for subscribers to forward cheques on their accounts, covering the ten per cent. instalment due, or payment in full as the case may be.

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evening of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.00. Saturday afternoon from two until six o'clock.

GRIMMOUR'S JANUARY CLEARANCE of broken lines of overcoats begins today. The reductions are generous, the materials are worthy, the prices will appeal to you. If you have been "putting off" putting on an overcoat this is your chance. Sale prices \$10.00 to \$25.00—many at \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.00. 68 King street.

THE MEN OF CLASS A WILL BE CALLED TO COLORS TODAY

Under Provisions of Military Service Act Forty-three Men Will Report to Lieut.-Col. McAvity This Morning—New Brunswick Will Supply About 3,000 Men on First Call—Arrangements for Reception of Men.

Forty-three men called to the colors under the provisions of the Military Service Act will report for duty to Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity this morning. This marks the initial call to the eligibles under the act. Everything is in readiness at the exhibition buildings for their reception. The Standard learned from the military authorities yesterday afternoon that as soon as the men arrive they will have to undergo a careful medical examination before enlistment. This is a precaution taken to insure the health of the troops. The men who are to report today are all class "A," and have either been listed for service or have been refused exemption, not having produced evidence to warrant their exemption. They received their notice a week or ten days ago and represent every county in the province. It is the intention of the authorities to have fifty men report for service daily until the number which New Brunswick is called upon to produce under the act has been supplied. Although the military officials and the registrar are sworn to secrecy regarding the number of men New Brunswick will be called upon to produce, The Standard learned from a reliable source yesterday that this province will supply at least 3,000 men as a result of the first call.

The men arriving in the city will be met at the train by a party of military men from the Depot Unit, who will display a banner on which will be written, "Selective Draft, Men Report Here." Having assembled in party at the railway depot they will march to the exhibition buildings.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND KENT COUNTIES ARE NOW EXEMPTED

Resident Applied for Exemption from Military Service and Was Found Suffering from Small-pox—Court Fumigated, Officials and Lawyers Vaccinated—Men of Class A in These Counties Exempted for Several Weeks.

As the result of appealing to Mr. Justice Chandler from the decision of the local exemption tribunal, a young man, a resident of Northumberland county, not only had his own exemption granted but has been the means of exempting two counties, Northumberland and Kent, from the provisions of the Military Service Act for an indefinite period. Applying to The Standard's North Shore correspondent, the young man applied for exemption on several grounds among which was infirmity. After hearing the applicant's plea, Mr. Justice Chandler informed him that he would be granted another medical examination. The result of this examination disclosed the fact that the young man was suffering from small pox, and the rash was quite prominent upon his face, more particularly the body. Immediately the court was notified at Chatham and all who were present at the hearing were obliged to undergo vaccination. Among this number was a barrister and other court officials. The court room was also disinfected thoroughly.

"I DIDN'T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER." OH, NO!

The Reasons One Man Set Forth Why His Son Should Be Exempted.

The Standard is able to present to its readers this morning an exact copy of a letter sent to one of the exemption tribunals in the province by a man who was seeking exemption from military service for his son. After carefully reading the letter and examining the boy the tribunal came to the conclusion that aside from these minor defects the lad was all right and could very well serve the King as a soldier.

The letter was as follows: When a boy 11 years old he got badly hurt and had a bad defect with his back, he has trouble to stoop to pick up anything, and one leg shorter than the other and his hand and foot are stiff finger, one hand and a defect on the other hand, and a beaming head, and a staid head of hearing. Can't walk for suffers with a sore side and the same when driving, back and side gets very sore when he lifts any thing heavy, eyes gets blood shot and trouble to see any excitement gets frightened he never could go to school for he was always sick he can't read or write, and he is cross eyed, and he frosted his heels 9 years ago, and every winter when there is ice he gets up with sore and beaming heels they get bad and cut his foot across the top and 3 stiff toes bothers him to walk, he is drowsy and sleepy and all his life when he goes to sleep he chokes jump up and gasps for breath and he was attended by Dr. for two years for ruptures. When he runs he gets so stiff he can't get to his feet. I testify this facts are true and he is

to the exhibition building to fill out the usual military papers. Having done this, they will go before the medical officer, Capt. Smith, for examination. He will be assisted by Capt. Desbrow and Lieut. Leatherbarrow. It is the intention of the officers to call the men shortly after their arrival.

Capt. Pitt, quartermaster of the Military Depot, will distribute clothing and other equipment to the men, after they have been attested.

It is understood that men called up under the Military Service Act, and who fail to report for duty when notified to do so, will, before action is taken, have their names published in the press. It is thought that this brand of infamy will have the desired effect and that men rather than have themselves branded as rebels or deserters will report promptly for duty.

There is stationed at the Military Depot in St. John, a detachment of competent and highly trained staff of officers who will instruct the men in the different branches of the service. No definite statement has been given to the press as to the number of men who will make up the different overseas drafts, but it is thought in military circles that the men will proceed overseas in drafts of 200.

All the men coming within class one will report to the Military Depot in St. John. It was thought at first that there would be two or possibly three military depots in the province, but such is not the case. St. John will be the only depot in New Brunswick.

Officers of Union Lodge installed last night at the meeting of the Union Lodge of Portland No. 10 in the Masonic Temple Germain street, by D. C. Clark, the Most Worshipful Grand Master assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge:

W. B. Wallace, Treasurer.
J. Twining Hart, Secretary.
Horace A. Parker, S. D.
F. S. Savase, J. D.
George S. MacBeth, S.S.
Oliver Dickason, J. S.
Percy D. McAvity, D. of G.
D. A. Arnold Fox, organist.
Frank A. McDonald, I. G.
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UNION JACK LODGE AND DOMINION INSTALL OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers of Union Jack P. A. P. B., and Dominion L. O. B. A. Took Place in Simonds Street Hall Last Night.

The installation of officers took place last evening at the annual meeting of the Union Jack Lodge, No. 35, P. A. P. B., in the Orange Hall, Simonds street. The following officers were installed by the present master, W. Spence, assisted by John Jones of King Edward Lodge, No. 30, who acted as grand director:

H. McCaw, W. M.
H. Allen, J. D. M.
W. Spence, recording secretary.
H. Curren, financial secretary.
J. M. Howe, treasurer.
H. Hamilton, D. of S.
A. M. Wheaton, I. G.
T. Morrell, O. G.
Executive Committee—E. H. Morrell, forman; A. M. Wheaton and I. B. Francis, lecturers.

At the annual meeting of Dominion Lodge, No. 18, L. O. B. A., in the Orange Hall, Simonds street, last evening, the grand master, Mrs. C. O. Akroy, assisted by Miss Josephine Woodland, installed the following officers for the year 1918:

Mrs. S. Shields, W. M.
Mrs. T. Rogers, J. D. M.
Mrs. E. Appleby, chaplain.
Mrs. L. Patrique, recording secretary.

Mrs. K. Bird, financial secretary.
Mrs. E. Moran, treasurer.
Mrs. G. Marshall, D. of C.
Miss E. Matthews, lecturer.
Miss Kierstead, I. G.
Mrs. T. Vallis, O. G.
John Rogers, guardian.

Executive Committee—Mrs. L. Brown, forelady; Mrs. F. Naves, Mrs. Flowering, Miss M. Shields, Miss E. C. Moran, Mrs. McKinnon and J. Rogers.

Trustees—Mrs. S. Shields, Mrs. E. C. Moran and Mrs. L. Patrique. Miss M. Shields, planter. Following the installation of officers refreshments were served and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

THE FIREMEN HAD A NARROW ESCAPE FROM BEING KILLED

While Men Surrounded Building of Blue Ribbon Beverage Co., Tuesday Night Heavily Charged Cylinders Exploded—One Carried Through the Air Over 300 Yards.

Firemen were doing special duty on the ruins of the North End fire all day yesterday. These men continued on duty after the others had departed. The fire was discovered at 10.10 o'clock Tuesday night and it was after five o'clock yesterday morning that the fire was brought under control. The firemen all worked well during the many hours, with the exception of them that they were through the burning buildings who were killed by a narrow escape from death on more than one occasion.

In the building were a number of cylinders which were highly charged. Two of the number exploded from the heat and there was such force behind them that they tore through the burning building. These cylinders are about three or four feet high, about eight inches in circumference and would weigh about sixty pounds. One that exploded was driven through the roof of the building at an angle eastward and fell near a tree in front of St. Peter's hall, a distance of over three hundred yards from the burning building. Had the cylinder crashed out through the side of the building it would no doubt have caused some loss of life.

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