

Around the City

FAIR AND MILD.

POLICE SWORN IN. On Saturday four C.P.R. policemen were sworn in by the magistrate in the police court.

MAJOR CARTER HONORED. Reports from England say that Major A. D. Carter, formerly of the 36th Battalion, now with the Royal Flying Corps, has been granted the Distinguished Service Order.

WILL ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS. The officers and members of the St. John Power Boat Club will entertain the convalescent soldiers at the club house, Cedar street, tonight. An excellent programme has been arranged.

THE POLICE COURT. In the police court Saturday Arthur Hourka, charged with being drunk and having liquor in his possession, was remanded. Joseph Levine and J. Larkin, charged with drinking liquor in public, were also remanded. Two young men arrested on Princess street for being intoxicated were allowed out on leaving a deposit.

SOLDIERS AS GUESTS. The men of the 1st Depot Battalion and those of the 62nd overseas will be the guests of the Y.M.C.I. tonight. The soldiers, numbering between four and five hundred, will be accompanied by the Depot Band and nothing has been left undone by the committee in charge to give the soldier boys one grand time.

WITH DEPOT BATTALION. Arthur Fleming, a military medal man, of Chatham, and a former member of the Fighting 26th, comes to St. John with the rank of lieutenant and is attached to the 1st Depot Battalion. A brother, Charles Fleming, is now in the Convalescent Hospital here and leaves this week for Toronto to receive treatment.

NAVIGATION SCHOOLS. Free navigation schools for seamen are now established and maintained by the Canadian government at the ports of St. John, at Yarmouth, Halifax and North Sydney. The object of these free government navigation schools is to furnish to seamen the necessary instruction in navigation and seamanship to enable them to become deck officers.

NO SMALLPOX IN CHATHAM. A resident of Chatham who was a visitor to the city yesterday said that the town was completely free of smallpox and that there was not the slightest danger of contagion. Some people, he remarked, were apprehensive about visiting Chatham on account of the alleged seriousness of the disease, but he said that there was an entirely erroneous impression and that the situation had been well in hand from the outset.

THE 9TH SIEGE RECRUITS. No 9 Overseas Siege Battery at Martello Hotel, West St. John, has been taking on recruits since Feb. 1st. Already the corps is ninety strong and at the rate recruits are coming in, Lieut. Walker, now in command, expects to have a draft ready for overseas soon. Fifty more men may be taken on at once. Recruits must be over 18 years of age with height of 5 feet 7 inches and good physical development. Men of class A category A, are being enlisted provided they have not yet been ordered to report for duty.

TAKES IMMEDIATE ACTION. The local Board of Health has decided to take immediate action in regard to the pasteurization of milk and notification has been sent to all the local milk dealers. They are requested to send the board suggestions and ideas as to how the general work of sanitation could be brought about. The idea seems to be that, at a future date, all the dealers will meet in session with the board and some definite programme will be arranged. The work of pasteurization is already being carried out by some of the larger dealers, but the smaller dealers will face quite a problem and it is for this reason that they are to be consulted before any decisive steps are taken.

VITAL STATISTICS. Nineteen deaths are reported at the Board of Health office for the past week. Four resulted from tuberculosis and one from each of the following: Typhoid, hepatitis, cancer of the stomach, acute alcoholism, cancer of the stomach, heart disease, cerebral hemorrhage, pulmonary embolus, Bright's disease, premature birth, arteriosclerosis, acute regenerative and broncho-pneumonia. Fifteen births, nine girls and six boys, and two marriages were reported to the registrar during last week.

OFFICERS ELECTED. The regular meeting of the Junior Immaculate Society of the Cathedral parish was held in the Y.M.C.I. parlors yesterday afternoon. The following officers were elected: Roy Moore—President. Fred Martin—Vice-President. Ray McCarthy—Rec. Sec. Joseph Bows—Fin. Sec. James Bows—Treasurer. Harold McMann—Chairman of sports committee. Leo Gallagher—Chairman of rooms committee. James Heffernan—Chairman of entertainment committee. Charles Mulhally—Sergt. at Arms.

Don't fail to hear the story of the Halifax tragedy (illustrated) by Mrs. E. Atherton Smith in German street Baptist Institute tonight.

Two performances "Damaged Goods." Lyric this afternoon, two and three-forty.

Another chance to see the big star William Russell in "The Frameup" at the Nickel, Queen Square today.

CARNIVAL VICTORIA RINK. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH. Many new and novel costumes are now being made that will surprise and delight the spectators. Good music and enjoyment for everyone.

Attend "Damaged Goods." Morning matinee Lyric, ten-thirty today.

SUDDEN AND TRAGIC DEATH OF JOSEPH BROSNAN IN TEXAS

Was Engaged in Aviation Work at Fort Worth with Royal Flying Corps—Fell from Height of 300 Feet with Flying Machine—Body Will Be Brought to St. John for Interment.

The sudden and tragic death of Joseph Brosnan, a St. John boy, at Texas, while engaged in aviation work, has cast a deep gloom over the city, and more particularly in the North End, where the young man lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brosnan. Although full particulars of the fatal accident have not yet been received, advice has been received by the young man's parents that he was killed in an aeroplane crash. The Canadian Press sends the following despatch, dated Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 10:—Cadet Joseph Daniel Brosnan, aged 24, of the Royal Flying Corps, whose home is in New Brunswick, was killed Saturday afternoon when the plane in which he was flying at Benbrook Field fell from a height of 300 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Brosnan have telegraphed for the remains of their son and it is likely that the body will arrive within eight or nine days. Mrs. Brosnan stated last evening that it took a letter about eight days to arrive.

Along with several other St. John boys, the deceased enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps in St. John on Nov. 9th. From here the party went to Halifax, then to Toronto, where they commenced their preliminary training in the art of flying. The deceased spent Christmas with his parents and shortly after his return to Toronto he in company with other aerial students left for Texas to take up further lessons in aviation. In a letter recently to his parents the young man said that he had been up in the air in a machine and on the same day, Guy Scovill was in the air in another machine with him. He also mentioned the names of Fred Powers and B. Patterson, both St. John boys who enlisted about the time that the deceased did. The training quarters of the Royal Flying Corps covers many acres of level land at Camp Tullasero, Texas, and it was in close proximity to this place that the machine crashed to the ground.

From the time he enlisted until the day he was killed covered a period of but four months. In St. John the deceased was one of the most popular young men, and was held in high esteem by all his intimate friends and a host of acquaintances. As a member of the Knights of Columbus he was always active in any of the social, athletic and other activities of his efforts to assist in his work. He was also a member of St. Peter's Y.M.C.A. and the Y.M.C.I. Prior to enlisting he was in the employ of T. B. and H. B. Robinson, insurance brokers, Prince William street.

He leaves to mourn besides his parents, three sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Mrs. John U. Gormley of Boston; Mrs. T. F. Coughlan, of Clarendon street and Mary at home. The brothers are Maurice with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France, Francis and Charles at home.

Maurice enlisted in St. John at the very outbreak of the war and has since his departure with the exception of a short period spent in England, been engaged at the front.

CITY STREETS ARE BLOCKED WITH SNOW

Five and Three-Quarter Inches Fell Saturday—Street Car Service Delayed—Half a Hundred Teams Engaged Yesterday Clearing the Streets.

Saturday afternoon and night this city was treated to another snow storm and when the air cleared an additional five and three-quarter inches of the "beautiful" had been added to the already large amount on the city streets. The storm started about four o'clock in the afternoon and lasted until an early hour yesterday morning. The snow was accompanied by a high wind and this caused it to drift badly. For a time the street car service was badly demoralized, but the cars were kept running on all but the Glen Falls and East St. John lines although not on schedule time. The ploughs and sweepers were kept at work all day and night and yesterday morning the service was restored to normal on all the lines.

The roads leading into the city are badly blocked and in some places almost impassable owing to the depth of snow which has drifted in filling the gutters and making it very hard to find the beaten path. Yesterday Street Superintendent Price had fifty teams and about sixty men at work all day and twenty-six teams and about thirty men working until ten o'clock last night in an effort to catch up with the work of removing the snow from the streets and making them passable.

In the central part of the city twenty-two double and four single teams were engaged in ploughing and hauling away snow from early in the morning until ten o'clock last night. Last night they were working on St. James, Brittain and Duke streets, and St. James and Britain are now cleared. In the North End sixteen double and eight single teams with between twenty five and thirty men worked hard all day and hauled away a lot of snow. In the West End no teams were out, but eight men were employed in shoveling back the snow ready for hauling away.

MATINEE AT LYRIC THIS MORNING AT 10.30

Two Afternoon Performances. In order to better accommodate the large number expected to see the sensation, "Damaged Goods," a special matinee will be given this morning at ten-thirty. Ladies only will be admitted the first three days of the week. Two afternoon performances—first at two o'clock, second at three-forty. Arrangements have been made to extend the engagement of "Damaged Goods" for six more days. Particulars of the last three days of the week's showing will be given tomorrow.

LETTER FROM FRANCE

Mrs. E. W. Chase, of 133 Hawthorne avenue, has just received a letter from her son, Charles, "somewhere in France," dated January 18, in which he states that they are having very bad weather over there, rain one minute and the next snow and that, in spite of the hardships the boys were all cheerful and confident that when the time came Fritz would get his.

EARLY SPRING.

The chief feature of Dykeman's merchandising is quality and fine quality as including style as well as serviceability. The new Serge and Silk Dresses for early spring wear are to hand, and are not possible to describe in printer's ink, you must see them—feel them—handle the Cloth or Fussy Dress, and serviceable for the Fussy Dress, and serviceable for every day wear. We will be pleased to show them to you. Second floor. F. A. Dykeman & Co.

CANADIAN CLUB.

Technical Education Widening the Door of Opportunity will be the subject of an address before the members of the Club on Tuesday evening at 8.15 in Bond's restaurant, by Professor F. H. Sexton, director of the N. S. Technical College, of Halifax, N. S. As the subject is one of great importance to our province the attendance should be large.

FUR NEWS

We have been fortunate in securing several models in MUSKRAT FUR COATS of the quality and workmanship given to garments of our own manufacture at corresponding prices. These Coats are to be Sold With Our Guarantee as is Customary. They Are to Be Sold Also at Very Considerable Discounts. Original Prices Were \$125.00, \$160.00, \$175.00. The Prices Now Are \$100.00, \$128.00, \$140.00. We have purchased to our advantage, we are selling to yours. D. Magee's Sons, Limited 63 King Street, St. John, N. B.

THE NEW EDISON—The Phonograph With a Soul—Come and Hear It A Chicken from Every Hatchable Egg THE BUCKEYE INCUBATOR which is Simple, Safe, Sure, Guaranteed. Capacity 65 Eggs..... \$13.50 Capacity 120 Eggs..... \$24.00 Capacity 210 Eggs..... \$32.00 THE BUCKEYE PORTABLE BROODER. For 65 Chicks, \$9.50—For 100 Chicks, \$12.00—For 150 Chicks, \$16.00 ASK FOR BUCKEYE CATALOGUE. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. KING STREET MARKET SQUARE

WONDERFUL BARGAINS ALL WINTER HATS TO BE CLEARED AT ONCE Early Spring Hats in satin, crepe, ribbon, all the newest shades for present and early Spring wear. Mourning Hats in a large variety of styles at most moderate prices—phone Main 1357. Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Military Service Outfits Auto-Stop Safety Razor The first time the Auto-Stop has ever been presented in Knock-Down Form. With so many men overseas to whom boxes are being sent you will find this a useful article to put in next box—Sure to please. Silver-Plated Self Stopping Razor, 12 Blades. Best Quality Strop—Black or Suede Leather. Gillette Safety Razor, Star Safety Razor, Shaving Brushes, etc. Emerson & Fisher Ltd

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited OUR STORES OPEN AT 9 A. M. AND CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK DAILY Advance Spring Showing of Children's Wash Dresses For School and Everyday Wear. These Charming Dresses for Young Girls are shown in as smart styles as will be found in the New Models for the grown-up sisters. The Materials are of a quality to give the best Wearing and Washing service—features that appeal directly to the mothers with an appreciation of good values. Pretty, Bright Ginghams in Fancy Plaids and Stripes in the new colors and combinations; Plain Chambrays and White Indian Head with trimmings of Blue, Tan, Pink and Orange are the materials used. The Fancy Buttons, Pockets, Belts, Collars and Cuffs so skillfully designed and applied give these economical Dresses the appearance of more expensive frocks. The Long Waisted Empire Style predominates, and some of the Dresses for girls of 4 and 5 years are fitted with bloomers; ages 2 to 14 years. Prices..... 79c. to \$2.45 Showing in Costume Section, Starting Today.

SPECIAL VALUES IN RUGS We have selected from our Rug Department another small group of Rugs which we have marked down TO INSURE A SPEEDY SALE. EVERY RUG A BARGAIN. Sale Starts Today. 3 Seamless Velvet Rugs, 8 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. Sale price..... \$29.00 4 Brussels Rugs, seamed, 6 ft. 9 in. x 9 ft. Sale price..... \$15.00 3 Seamless Velvet Rugs, 9 ft. x 12 ft. Sale price..... \$33.00 3 Brussels Rugs, seamed, 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. Sale price..... \$22.00 2 Seamless Axminster Rugs, 8 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. Sale price..... \$36.00 3 Brussels Rugs, seamed, 9 ft. x 12 ft. Sale price..... \$25.00 2 Seamless Axminster Rugs, 9 ft. x 12 ft. Sale price..... \$40.00 If you are conversant with the ruling prices on Rugs, for the coming season, you will not let this opportunity slip. Sale Starts This Morning. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

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COMMISSIONER McLELLAN SOLVES REPORT MYSTERY

It Was the Head of the Public Safety Department from Whom The Standard Obtained the Report of Auditor Macintyre's Audit on the N. B. Power Company—An Interesting Communication on a Timely Topic.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 10th, 1918. To The Editor of The Standard.

The Globe, Times and Telegraph, having fed up the public mind for some days with editorials and news items consisting of nothing but sensational balderdash, when referring to the actions of three commissioners in suggesting, that the auditor's report on the N. B. Power Co. be withheld for a few days, when the auditor would return and explain the same, it might be considered opportune for me to ask permission to make through your columns the following statement: The morning discussion took place in the Committee Room, and there was no report on the table, and the discussion arose through the Mayor casually referring to the report, and asking when we should take it up and give it to the public.

The City Solicitor being present on other business, Commissioner Russell asked him a question relative to where the matter would be finally disposed of, and what action the Council would be expected to take? Then a discussion took place in which different opinions were expressed, and the Mayor, in order to decide whether the report should go to the public, there and then "moved that it be received," this was seconded by commissioner Fisher. The motion was lost. Commissioner Wigmore, Russell and myself voting "nay."

In voting as I did I was simply voting the opinion I held, that, before the commissioners would be in a position, to intelligently discuss the report, with many of the taxpayers, who no doubt would expect them to answer many questions relative to it, it would be necessary to discuss it with the auditor.

If the commissioners were not in a position to exhibit some knowledge of the report and its findings, would they not be exposed to the criticism of being, either incompetent or derelict in the performance of their duties? If the commissioners were all capable of performing the duties of an auditor, then, it would be reasonable to expect them to intelligently discuss the matter, without any further assistance from Mr. Macintyre, but failing the capacity of an auditor, it would appear necessary to consult him.

Then poured forth denunciations from the newspapers, previously referred to against three commissioners, and the Hall of Fame rang with the names of two commissioners.

To attribute the opposition of three newspapers to withholding the publication of the report for a day or two, to some cause other than a sincere desire to conserve the public rights, would be absurd. It is equally absurd to imagine, that the withholding of the report for a day or two, would interfere in any manner with the publication of it, in the entirety, or that there possibly could be changes made in it. It would be criminal to suggest,

that, in creating this tempest in a teapot, two of these newspapers, at least were venting personal spite and political hatred, for one who was mysteriously drawn into the discussion and simply gave a legal opinion, as to how and where the matter would be finally disposed of. In classifying these newspapers, as the Globe, Times and Telegraph I have done so according to what appears to me, as their standing in the community when expressing a sincere and independent opinion on matters in which the public is interested. The Globe, when incensed, is not as a rule charged with insincerity, but, that its source of information are inaccurate. The Times and Telegraph could not expect to be classified with the Globe, as they are simply the servile agents of those whose sincerity in public matters is exhibited only when it serves them.

Long before this celebrated discussion took place at City Hall I met the Premier, Hon. W. E. Foster, who inquired when the auditor's report would be available, and the Premier expressed an anxiety to secure the report in order to familiarize himself with it. He expressed an opinion at the time, that the Power Co., would put in a "awful fight," and that they would be prepared to spend a large amount of money, and as he was in doubt whether he could hold his fellows together or not, he was anxious to become familiar with the report as soon as possible, so he could round them up and explain what the report meant. On hearing his report, he immediately told him that he could have my report, to look over until the following Saturday morning. I delivered the report to his office that afternoon, and it was not returned to me until the following week. Surely this does not look like any intention on my part to suppress the report.

After the papers referred to had been circulating their abilities to excite the public mind for a day or two, and had expressed their opinions that, the report was not the property of the council, and that, either the mayor or Commissioner Fisher had a perfect right to give the report to the public, I became somewhat suspicious. I had also learned that one of the officials of the Power Co., had been interviewed on the report, even before the Commissioners had received one.

Being a mathematician of very ordinary ability, but capable of putting two and two together, and not wishing to have one "put over" on me, pardon the slang insertion; I decided that in order to avoid any misinterpretation on the part of the public, and also to forestall any sharp work on the part of either or all of the three newspapers, I would take some man to publish the report. I immediately handed it to The Standard, in which it was published. If I have inconvenienced either of the other papers by causing them to destroy anything that might have been set up and ready for the signal, they must blame themselves, for the opinions