

AROUND THE CITY
FAIR, TURNING COLDER

THE POLICE COURT.
In the police court yesterday four men were charged with drunkenness. Lemon attracted and passed medicine were blamed for their condition. The quartette were remanded.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.
Arthur Kelso, who suffered injury to his face on Tuesday while engaged in his work at the Union Foundry, was reported resting comfortably at the General Hospital last night.

NOT A MEAT DEALER.
The Central Canada reporter, who succeeded in gaining access to the steamer Melita yesterday when she looked at Sand Point wasn't there to tell meat but to gather news.

RESTING COMFORTABLY.
Arthur Kelso, an employe of the Union Foundry, who was injured quite badly while at his work on Tuesday was reported to be resting very comfortably last evening.

THE HARBOR COMMISSION.
Mayor Hayes states that he has written a letter to Hon. F. B. Carvell in regard to the proposed placing of the harbor in commission and concerning the federal valuation placed on the property.

NO CASES REPORTED.
There were no new cases of Spanish influenza reported to the board of health authorities yesterday. All danger of the return of the disease, however, is not past, and the board of health still requests that all precautionary measures be taken.

HERE AFTER CHRISTMAS.
Hon. Frank Carvell, Minister of Public Works, who recently returned from Ottawa to his home in Woodstock will be in the city after Christmas. It was stated last evening that the minister would remain here two days before returning to Ottawa.

WRECK ENQUIRY.
The inquiry into the loss of the C. F. S. Corinthian will be begun this morning at ten o'clock in the court house. Capt. Demers, Dominion wreck commissioner, will act as president of the court and he will be assisted by Capt. A. J. Mulcahy and Capt. Everitt of the Manchester Corporation.

ASK FOR INVESTIGATION.
James H. Gosline, president of the former policemen's association, has laid charges against the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of Police. The mayor will consult the city solicitor before presenting to the council the request for an investigation.

A NARROW ESCAPE.
A horse becoming frightened at a street car near the corner of Waterloo and Union streets yesterday afternoon started to run away. A small boy who was in the centre of the street only escaped an injury when he rushed from the sidewalk and carried him to safety.

BEING RELEASED.
The young ladies have been employed in the munition plants are being released just as soon as their particular work is finished. It is stated that one of the workmen in charge of a certain section of the work had an interesting experience on Tuesday evening when he was obliged to give his wife her walking ticket.

A SAD ACCIDENT.
A very sad accident occurred yesterday morning at Morrell Sliding, about three miles above Aroostook Junction, resulting in the death of brakeman Alfred Harold Jones, aged 29 years. Deceased had been a C. P. R. brakeman since Dec. 5, 1914, and was exceedingly popular on the railway and was familiarly known as "Casey" Jones. His wife is completely prostrated by the sad event and the whole community is shocked by the sudden death of this popular brakeman.

THE MUNITION PLANT.
Shell making operations in the big munition works of T. M. & Sons, Limited, Marsh road, gradually are reaching the end. Under the arrangement made when the armistice was signed the company continued work until January 1 on the stock of rough shells on hand. As such progress on these shells is completed, the workers engaged on the shells are laid off and by the first of the year the plant will cease its shell making under the present arrangement.

HAD ROUGH VOYAGE.
The S. S. Manchester Corporation, which arrived here on Tuesday via Halifax, had a very rough voyage and suffered considerable damage from the heavy seas, one lifeboat being washed away and two others broken up somewhat. The trip to Halifax, where she arrived on Saturday last, should have been made in ten days, but took sixteen, owing to the extremely rough weather encountered. On three different occasions she had to lie to in mid-ocean, being unable to make headway against the sea running.

IN POSTAL SERVICE.
William J. Poole, Sussex, a returned soldier has joined the letter carriers' staff at the post office. He takes the place of the late Ernest Rardon.

DEBATE NEXT MARCH.
The intercollegiate debate between the University of New Brunswick and Mt. Allison University will take place at Fredericton in March next. The subject of debate, which was chosen by Mt. Allison, is "Resolved, that our Canadian Government should nation ally all Canadian Railways." U. N. B. chose the negative, and it is, therefore, left for Mt. Allison to support the resolution. The debate is looked forward to with much interest among the students of the respective universities.

Victoria Park open tonight. Band every evening and Saturday afternoon.

BABY CONSIDERED TO RED CROSS

President Here Was Notified to Meet Two Year Old Girl on S. S. Melita—Must be on Another Ship.

How would you like to receive a telegram advising you that a baby was consigned to you and that the mother of St. John on the C. P. O. S. Melita?

This was the startling wire from Ottawa which was handed to the Red Cross president yesterday morning and in spite of the fact that she was due at a meeting of the Provincial Red Cross Committee, Mrs. John McAvity accompanied by several friends made haste to go over to the west side to welcome the youthful traveller. After waiting for what seemed a long time on the docks, and anxiously scanning every passenger coming down the gangplank, the conclusion was reached that her babyship had taken passage on some other ship.

The facts so far as could be learned from those interested are that a small girl, two years old, an orphan, is in charge of a lady who was here with Madam St. Clair Stobart. The woman is on her way to Winnipeg and will be tenderly cared for on that long train journey by the military nurses who is to be on the train.

When she does arrive at this port everything will be done by the Red Cross officials to make her stay here as happy as possible.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEET

N. B. Telephone Co. Apply for Change in Hours for Night Rate—Moncton Tramways Matter Before Board.

At the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission held yesterday afternoon at the government rooms, the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. for a change in the hours at which the night rate shall apply was considered, but no decision was made. The company filed with the commission a statement of the regular and rush calls for the six month period, which the board had ordered.

Commissioner Fisher was present and lodged a protest against the intention of taking the matter under consideration and handing down their ruling in the matter, later.

The Moncton Tramways matter was again before the board and a decision was given by F. M. Thompson, of Hillboro. Under the order of the board his company and the C. G. H. way Co. which will have to discontinue the use of gas under their boilers. Further consideration was deferred until Wednesday, January 8, at 2:30 o'clock.

The applications of the Farmers' Telephone Co., Ltd., and that of the New Brunswick Power Company, will be taken up at the regular January meeting.

YOUNG STRANGER GIVEN ASSISTANCE

A young lad who claims Newfoundland as his home approached some officials of the Y.M.C.A. last evening and requested help, in order that he might reach Montreal, as no was completely out of funds. He stated he was quite willing to work in order to gather enough funds to defray his expenses on the journey, but unfortunately was experiencing great difficulty in procuring any line of work.

On Tuesday evening he was compelled to take refuge in a box car, in which some hay was being shipped. Through this medium he kept himself warm, and in the morning again took up his quest for work, but as before was unsuccessful in his endeavor. The officials at the Y.M.C.A. gave the lad assistance, in food and lodgings, and endeavored to locate work for him. No doubt today he will be in a position whereby he can help himself.

HAD NO BOOZE BUT CARRIED GUN

Sub-inspectors McAlnish and Garnett, were on the job last evening as usual, and visited the Union depot about 11 o'clock, when a man who is suspected of being one of the numerous bootleggers in the city arrived. Thinking he had the forbidden potent in his possession the officers searched his pockets. However, no liquor was located, but a loaded revolver with six shells in the magazine was found in his possession. The bearer of the arms is an American, and is quite well known in the city. He was immediately placed under arrest, an accusation to police headquarters, where he will answer the charge to day of carrying concealed weapons, without the permission of officials. The fine for such an offence is \$50.

UNION JACK LODGE.

Union Jack Lodge No. 23, F. A. P. B. cleared their officers at the annual meeting held in their rooms on Simonds street Monday evening. The officers are as follows:

H. McAvy, W. M.
H. Hamilton, D. M.
T. H. Penay, chaplain.
W. Spencer, recording secretary.
J. M. Howe, treasurer.
H. Curran, financial secretary.
Frank Ring, director of ceremonies.
A. Whiston, lecturer.
E. Morrow, foreman of committee.
A. Whiston, T. Owens, G. T. Ring, J. Hargrave, committee.

Thomas Morrell, outside guard.
George T. Ring, inside guard.
After refreshments had been served the meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

RETURNING HOME.

With the near closing of activities in the manufacture of munitions many of the employes are now returning to their homes in Nova Scotia. Quite a number left on the Halifax express last night, among the number being R. Deary, of New Glasgow.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Better Housing Further Discussed by Members of Associated Charities—Report Butter-Laws a Necessity.

The Associated Charities at its monthly meeting yesterday, followed up the discussion held at its annual meeting on the subject of better housing. It was decided first to hold a conference with W. F. Burdett on the recommendations of the committee, of which he was chairman, and which were published several years ago. It is desired to secure some necessary legislation and also to learn whether the federal government plan of loans to provinces will be of service in St. John. The board regards better housing laws as a necessity.

W. S. Fisher was in the chair. Miss Grace O. Robertson was re-elected secretary. Rev. W. H. Sampson was welcomed as a new member. The report of the treasurer, William Young, showed a balance in the bank, but it was pointed out that the needy season is here and coal for relief purposes will cost much more than last year.

The secretary's report showed that there appears to be plenty of work for men, while there is an actual scarcity of working women to meet the demand. The houses for use in England this Christmas season. The report of the secretary for November showed the following:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Applications 251, Requests for employes 60, Employment was found for 60, Requests for mads 23, Recommended 68, Records given 24, Seeking relief 30, Relief was found 30, Visits made 35, Clothing was given to 31, Cases investigated (4 for other cities) 14, Two were asking for transportation.

PASSENGERS WERE WITHOUT FUNDS

Men Who Were Shipped to England and France by Shipping Federation Arrive on Melita With Only Transportation.

When the steamship Melita docked yesterday at No. 3 pier it brought some fifteen men employed by the Shipping Federation of Montreal, who went over the 'Icebergs' from the port of Quebec on October 29th last. Immediately on their arrival here the men, consisting of a foreman, two assistant foremen, and twelve others, called at the local shipping offices requesting a sum of money to help defray expenses to their point of embarkation, Quebec. Such assistance was denied them, and they were told that the officers of this port had not the authority to advance them any money without the approval of the shipping authorities at their point of embarkation.

The foreman of the men did not carry the necessary documents in this port for an advance on their wages and they were thus compelled to go without the necessary funds until their arrival in Quebec. The majority of the men were without funds but happily had their transportation, which somewhat alleviated their peculiar embarrassment. A query being asked by the men was how were they to live until they reached Quebec city. The only money in their possession was about three francs, and they had to make their way across the water, one of the number having about one hundred centimes.

Two of the number stated that they left Quebec on October 29th last. The cargo on the ship consisted mainly of meats, oils, fish, horses, and a large number of western mules, which were being taken across to Europe and sold in southern France. The trip was made in quick time without any mishap, and on a foggy morning they made port in Southampton, England, where the mules were taken off. They then set out for Havre, France, with the remainder of the cargo, and made that port in good time. On disembarking the cargo they returned to Havre and awaited passage home again.

The return trip on the Melita was quite uneventful. They left Liverpool on the tenth of the present month, encountered rough passages for the first part of the journey, and many of the men and soldiers were seasick. Later they encountered better sailing and the voyage from that on was beautiful.

All the men left last evening on route to their respective homes.

"TRIFLES MAKE THE SUM OF LIFE"

We could have written that ourselves only somebody else said it first—and we must give them the credit for it. We all know it's true at any rate, whoever the man was, our lives are largely made up of trifles, or every single "big hump" that comes to us there are generally about a thousand little "joys," and for every single great legacy or lot, there will be found about a thousand and one little every day kindnesses.

It's so with our Christmas stock too. We have for instance, single "big hump" coats at \$50 dollars, but for one customer who wants a coat at \$5 dollars, we know that, and trim our suits accordingly. We have Fur Coats with Beaver trimmings, Opposum, Sable, etc., at \$175.00 to \$350.00. Fur Suits in Beaver, Nutria, Mink, Fox, Red, Gray and Black, \$35.00 to \$100.00 per suit, and it would give you a very reasonable stock to see the would be customer of delightful sensibility, inoperative little "trifles" we also have for men, women, child and baby.

Try Dykeman's service for this Christmas—you'll like it. Store open every evening until 10 p.m. for your convenience.

IT HELPS THE POOR.

Remember the Associated Charities with a cash contribution at Christmas. Send to the treasurer, Wm. Young, 44 Seely street.

Don't forget the tea and stew, Royal Arms Chapter, I. O. O. F., Thursday, 19th, at Mrs. T. E. Carter's, 58 Queen street.

LOCAL OFFICERS ARRIVED HOME

Major Ronald McAvity and Lieut. Brydson Millidge, M. C. Come on Melita Yesterday—Been Through Many Battles.

Two St. John boys, Major Ronald McAvity and Lieut. Brydson Millidge, M. C., arrived home yesterday on the Melita and are being warmly greeted by their many friends.

Major McAvity was one of the first men from this city to offer his services and went to Valcartier with the draft from the 62nd regiment, with the rank of captain. Shortly after reaching that camp he was transferred to the 12th Battalion and crossed to England attached to that unit. In England he was attached to the staff and rapidly rose to the rank of staff major. For a time he was connected with the hospital and stationed at the war office.

During the work on the staff too, he offered and was accepted, for the air services and for the last ten months has been a member of the Royal Air Force. On the signing of the armistice Major McAvity asked for his discharge and he will probably be back to civil life again, having done his bit while the scrap was on to keep the old flag flying.

Lieut. Brydson Millidge, M. C., crossed to France as orderly officer, C. P. A., in France and crossed in the summer of 1916. For a time he was stationed in England but in the fall of 1917 he transferred to No. 1 Battalion, C. P. A., in France and crossed that made good on the fighting line.

On November 10, 1917, at Passendale, while a big scrap was on, Lieut. Millidge was acting as forward observer officer and despite the hot attack stuck to his post sending back the necessary instructions to the battery commander. For his good work on this occasion he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross.

In July last while taking part in a programme of sports he was so unfortunate as to injure his knee and was forced to return to England. On the signing of the armistice he applied for leave to come home and arrived yesterday, glad to set foot once more on Canadian soil.

WILLIAM C. JORDAN DIED YESTERDAY

Business Manager of Globe Had Only Been Confined for Few Days—Prominent Citizen Will be Greatly Missed.

In the death of William C. Jordan, business manager of the Globe, which occurred yesterday morning, St. John has lost one of its most popular citizens. Mr. Jordan suffered for many months from heart disease, but had only been confined to his home for the past few days and his death proved a shock to his hosts of friends.

The eldest son of the late W. W. Jordan, he was born in this city 34 years ago, educated at the St. John Grammar School, and was for some years the Deputy United States Consul. About twenty-five years ago Mr. Jordan went to the Globe as business manager, later becoming one of the shareholders and secretary of the Globe Publishing Company. In his career Mr. Jordan was keenly interested in athletics, and both as a runner and cricketer won more than a local reputation. He was an active member of the St. George's Society, and was also identified with the R. K. Y. C., the Canadian Club and other organizations, and had been for some years secretary of the St. John Home for Incubable, and was secretary also of the recently organized trust to bring about the establishment in St. John of a home for aged men. In the affairs of Century Church Mr. Jordan was also a very active interest until failing health compelled him to reduce the number of his activities, but he always found time for much work in the interests of others. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Margaret Henderson. His eldest son, J. Coleman, who went overseas with a draft from the Patriotic Association, died on August 28, has not since been heard from. A second son, John N., is now in Northern Russia with the British military expedition. Charles, the youngest, is at home, and Miss Frances, an only daughter, is a pupil at Mount Allison. There are three sisters, Mrs. J. T. Purdon and Miss K. Jordan, both of Halifax, and Mrs. H. G. Boddie at Reading, Conn. Albert G. Jordan of this city is a brother.

D. MAGEE'S STORE OPEN EVENINGS

D. Magee's Sons, Ltd., announce that in order to better assist their many friends in the selection of useful Christmas gifts, beginning December 18th their store will be open every evening until Christmas.

Our stores will close at 6 o'clock today and on Friday as usual. Open evenings of Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd.

McMILLAN'S STORE will be open every evening until Christmas.

GILMOUR'S will be open every evening until Christmas. "The line that's different" in neckties, neckwraps, mufflers and evening dress vests. One of our fur collared overcoats, form-fitting young man's model, would make a gift that would be esteemed as out-of-the-ordinary—48 King street.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.

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

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

The Local Red Cross rooms will be closed on Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, until Monday morning, Jan. 6th.

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

Now's This for a Christmas Gift? 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 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 Caps, 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. Bissell's "Little Beauty" Carpet Sweepers 40 cts. Bissell's "Grand Rapids" Carpet Sweepers \$4.75. Bissell's "Universal" Carpet Sweepers \$4.50. SHOP EARLY. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

LAST WEEK BEFORE XMAS. This is the Christmas Store—Shop Here for Utmost Satisfaction. Handsome Lace Center Pieces, Runners, D'Oyleys, etc. (In Fancy Goods Sec.) Beautiful Center Pieces with Swiss Lace borders and inserts at \$1.85 each. Runners, with effective lace borders in Flax pattern, \$1.70 and \$2.40 ea. Runners, with lace edges in Cluny patterns, \$3.50 each. Runners with real Cluny lace edges, from \$4.90 to \$12.25. Cluny Lace Centres, from \$2.90 to \$12.00. Handmade D'Oyleys from \$20 to \$1.95 each. Embroidered Centres, with Irish Crochet lace edges, from \$2.85 to \$3.50. (In Trimming Section.) Fine Embroidered Flouncing for Children's Dresses or Underwear, \$1.00 yard. Apron Lengths trimmed with narrow tucks and fine embroidery inserts, 50 and 60c each. M. R. A.'S CHRISTMAS GLOVES. Neatly boxed. Most suitable for gift giving. Women's French Kid Gloves from \$1.75 to 2.50 pr. Cape Gloves from \$2.25 to \$2.75 pr. Wash Leather Gloves from \$2.25 to \$2.25. Mocha Gloves from \$1.75 to \$3.00. Suede Gloves from \$2.25 to \$3.00. Dee Gloves from \$1.50 to \$2.25. Children's Gloves \$1.25 to \$1.80. Black, White and all fashionable colors now in stock. (Glove Section—Annex.) CHRISTMAS NECK WEAR FOR WOMEN. All popular styles in Crepe de Chine, Satin, Georgette, Crepe, Givis Embroidery and Pique, Shawl, Tuxedo, Sailor, Cowl, and Stole shapes with latest trimming effects. Styles to suit the neck of any dress. (Neckwear Section—Annex.) HERON PLANNED—A splendid substitute for Velsa at less than half the price, 76c yard. PRINTS and GINGHAMS in a very large assortment of colorings and patterns. SERPENTINE CREEPER in plain colors or fancy patterns with dainty Grew, Rose, Blue, Pink and Open grounds 29 in. wide, 57c yd. (Wash Goods Sec., Ground Floor.)

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 "TETSON" HAT. A PAIR OF GLOVES. TRAVELING BAGS. A SILK UMBRELLA. A CAP. Then of course the more costly but fully guaranteed gift "Reliable Fur." They are worthy of all we say of them. D. MAGEE'S SONS, LTD. Ever Since 1859. 63 King Street, St. John, N. B.