

NEW OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED IN LOCAL LODGES LAST EVENING

Masons, Odd Fellows and Scottish Clansmen Put New Rulers Into Office With Appropriate Ceremonies.

St. John's Lodge, F. and A. M. Last night at the Masonic Hall on Gervais street with the usual brilliant and impressive ceremony the installation of officers in St. John's Lodge No. 2, F. and A. M., took place. The ceremony was conducted by the Right Worshipful H. S. Bridges, P. G. M., assisted by Past Master W. S. Clawson. After the ceremony refreshments were served, consisting of cake, sandwiches and coffee, followed by "smokes."

The officers installed last night were as follows: J. H. J. Mowatt, W. M.; R. E. Crawford, I. P. M.; H. S. Bridges, R. W. P.; G. M., chaplain; T. E. Burchill, S. W.; A. H. Stanton, J. W.; W. H. Smith, R. W. treasurer; R. L. Sippell, S. D.; C. D. Stronz, J. D.; H. Lester Smith, S. S.; S. J. Parkhill, J. S.; Richard Irwin, D. of C.; W. F. Smith, Inner Guard; Arnold Fox, organist; and Robert Clarke, P. M. Tyler.

Peerless Lodge, I. O. O. F. W. R. Sanderson, district deputy, assisted by a staff of degree officers from local lodges, conducted installation ceremonies last night for the members of Peerless Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F. in the lodge rooms on Simonds street. The following officers were installed: W. A. Spragg, Noble Grand; A. J. Fitzgerald, Vice Grand; M. D. Murrell, recording secretary; G. A. Chase, financial secretary; J. R. Smith, treasurer; W. J. Seely, warden; C. H. Harper, conductor; M. D. Brown, R. S. N. G.; F. M. C. Smiler, L. S. N. G.; A. H. Washburn, R. S. V. G.; H. B. Elliott, R. S. S.; J. Salmon, L. S. S.; H. D. Ferris, Inner Guard; W. F. Mitchell, Outer Guard; W. S. Coady, chaplain; J. M. Lewis, J. P. G.

Clan Mackenzie, O. S. C. The annual installation of officers of Clan Mackenzie was held last evening in the clan rooms, the installing officer being H. L. McGowan, deputy royal chief. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: J. A. Murdoch, chief; James Laidlaw, tannist; H. W. Belding, chaplain; John Cameron, recording secretary; Roy H. Cameron, financial secretary; John White, treasurer; Dr. G. G. Corbett, physician; George S. Shaw, senior henchman; J. E. Kenny, junior henchman; G. G. McGehean, senechal; James Fraser, warden; E. B. McDonald, sentinel; H. Cruikshank, piper; J. T. McGowan standard bearer; R. A. C. Brown, S. R. Jack, F. Neil Brodie, trustees.

The clan decided to celebrate the Burns' anniversary by a Scottish night.

Magistrate Peck of Albert, who has been in the city for a few days, leaves for his home this morning.

GUM SALESMEN ATTEND NEW YORK CONVENTION

Representatives of American Chicle Company Had Pleasant and Profitable Time.

During the past few days some three hundred traveling salesmen from all parts of Canada and the States have been attending a sales convention in New York arranged by the American Chicle Company for the benefit of their huge staff of "drummers."

The reception took place in the New York offices of the firm on Thursday, December 28th, but prior to this the Canadian representatives, congregating in Toronto, were conveyed in a special car to Buffalo, where they were entertained and banqueted, and where they proceeded to New York. This party was in charge of H. C. Mendoza, sales manager of the Canadian branch, Toronto, and included T. H. Breese of St. John, the firm's outdoor salesman for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The outstanding feature of Thursday's programme was the visit of the whole company to the splendidly equipped factory at Long Island, followed by luncheon, talk on factories and production, and beefsteak supper at Hofbrau Haus, Broadway.

A sales managers' conference, talks and suggestions by G. W. Hopkins, general sales and advertising manager, A. M. Byrne, R. W. Knox, S. T. Britton, G. P. Rogers, H. C. Mendoza, D. R. James, Jr., and others, given at the McAlpin Hotel, occupied the best part of Friday, whilst on Saturday most instructive papers were given on such subjects as "Outdoor Advertising," "Something New in Gum Display," "Retail Selling," and "Service From the New York Office" by W. H. Muller, Samuel Lash, F. W. Gibson, H. R. Doughty, G. W. Hopkins, R. W. Knox, M. D. Bromberg, L. A. Van Patten, L. J. Prudden and W. J. F. Dally, after which all those present were the guests of the firm at a most elaborate banquet given in the hotel, the speakers at which were D. R. James, Jr., president, Thomas Adams, chairman of the board of directors, Dr. Frank Crane, S. B. Adams, vice-president, and G. W. Hopkins, general sales and advertising manager.

As encouragement to the salesmen the president offered a cup to be competed for during this and next month. Mr. Breese and one other man are the only two in the running from Eastern Canada, and against them are two in the western provinces, and four in the States. With some three million chicle trees in Mexico, alone, several large factories which are the last word in efficiency and cleanliness, and a picked staff of traveling salesmen, they promise well to fill their stock "One box per store per week" during the next few months.

Goes to Halifax. Lieut. Wood, who has been in the city for the past three months as chief recruiting officer for the naval service in New Brunswick left last night for Halifax where he is to take command of a war craft. His successor is not known yet.

ESTIMATES CATCH OF SMELTS ON MIRAMICHI AT HALF THE AVERAGE

Unfavorable Weather Conditions, Says Col. O'Leary, Will Reduce Catch From 5,000,000 to 2,500,000 lbs. — Strongly Favors Conscription.

"Conscription is the only equitable system to institute to secure recruits in the Dominion," said Col. Richard O'Leary, chairman of the New Brunswick Recruiting Association, who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from his home in Michibouco. Mr. O'Leary is here to attend the meeting of the Recruiting Association at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon.

"The voluntary system was no doubt a success for some time after the outbreak of the war in the matter of the numerical results," said Col. O'Leary, "but I feel that it has outlived its usefulness. Again the system has served to bring a great number of men who are in many cases indispensable at home, while those who should go remain at home. The proper remedy to my mind is the early introduction of conscription by the Dominion government."

That the unfavorable weather conditions which prevailed throughout December had operated to practically put the smelt fishing industry out of business for the past month was the statement made by Col. O'Leary to the Standard. He stated that there had been thousands of dollars lost in fishing equipment on the Miramichi during the heavy storms of last month.

Col. O'Leary, himself, is one of the biggest dealers in fish in the Dominion, and he told the Standard that the loss of the December run of smelts would result in the reduction of the catch on the Miramichi from 5,000,000 pounds to two and a half millions. This estimate is formed even after allowing the average catch to the months of January and February. The season closes on the 15th of next month. The shortage in the supply is bringing good prices for any small fish that are available.

MONTHLY MEETING OF LOCAL HEALTH BOARD

Estimates for Year's Services Considered—Reports Discussed—Sixty Deaths Last Month.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon. In a long session the estimates for the present year were considered and dealt with, further progress in this matter being deferred for decision during the present week. Some details of the annual report of the board, embodying the secretary's and medical officer's reports were discussed. This annual report, it was arranged, should be issued in pamphlet form for the information of the public. It was explained that as it is quite early in the year it would be impossible to furnish a full report at present. Several matters of routine were dealt with including reports from inspectors and from Miss Brophy, who has charge of tuberculosis cases. Those present were: Hon. J. W. Daniel, M.D., chairman; Dr. G. G. Melvin, medical health officer; John Kelly and George Blake, with T. M. Burns, secretary.

The secretary reported that during the past month the number of deaths recorded was sixty, but that full particulars were not yet available. Of the number of notifiable cases, one death was attributable to diphtheria, one from scarlet fever, one from typhoid and there were twenty-five deaths from measles.

F. Neil Brodie, who was present, stated there were still some matters requiring attention before the isolation hospital could be considered ready for use. The necessary work, he said, could be done at once, and the keys of the institution handed to the board. A communication from J. King Kelly, county secretary, was read asking that the board would have their estimates ready at an early date.

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On the health of the Imperial Potentate being proposed, the gathering sang, "My Country 'tis of Thee," and the toast was responded to by H. R. McLellan. The toast to "Our Illustrious Potentate," was responded to by Alfred L. Dodge. The toast to "The Boys at the Front" brought a response from Col. J. L. McAvity. The health to "Our Sister Temples" was given and this was responded to by Noble A. M. Rowan.

The health of the ladies was responded to by D. W. Kyle of Moncton. Gilbert D. Davidson was accompanied during the luncheon. Several telegrams were exchanged and the gathering came to a close with the singing of God Save the King.

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(Continued from page 1) sal conviction that peace is now impossible and that the Central Powers must continue to prosecute the war with the utmost vigor.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger considers that nobody will be shocked, because the Entente refusal was anticipated. "But," it adds, "everyone will be surprised and shocked at the shallowness, levity and mendacity of the reasons given for the refusal, and it is difficult to explain how ten serious men were able to affix their signatures to the document, without blushing. Our answer can only be given on the battle field."

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The Cologne Gazette's Berlin correspondent considers that no way is left open for further negotiations, and adds: "It is not yet decided what the government will do, but it is not improbable that Germany will again probably define the German view direct to the neutrals."

YORK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL INVESTIGATING ACCOUNTS

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 2.—The York Municipal Council in session this afternoon elected Albert B. Neill of Gibson ward for the ensuing year. His election was made unanimous when Coun. Alex. Brewer of Douglas, who had been nominated, withdrew.

Thomas V. Williams, railway accountant for the provincial government, was appointed special auditor to look into the accounts of the late secretary-treasurer, F. St. John Bliss. It was stated at the council meeting that nothing was definitely known as to Mr. Bliss' accounts, although County Auditor Armstrong said that he had found a deficiency of \$1,200.

This amount was not to be taken as correct as it had already been found that Mr. Bliss twice credited one amount handed him by a collector in one of the parishes.

There was some discussion relating to the continuation of the county as a member of Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, but as this matter does not come up till the July session no action was taken. Coun. Alex. Brewer was elected as York's representative on legislative committee of union to succeed Coun. Elwood Allen, who requested the council to choose another member.

The county's share of the Patriotic Fund for 1917 has been placed at \$36,000 and that of the town of Maryville \$4,000. A committee composed of Coun. Alex. Brewer, Coun. Lawson, Coun. Douglass, Coun. Pickard and Coun. Everett were appointed to appear before the provincial government this evening to discuss with representatives from the various municipalities in the province the patriotic fund assessment for 1917.

The council adjourned this afternoon and will hold a special session when Special Auditor Williams completes his work. Warden Neill will likely call the council together in February.

THREE MORE HOSPITALS FOR THE WOUNDED

St. John, Halifax and Toronto Places of Location—Railroad Assisting.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The military hospitals commission announces the preparation of three more hospitals to take care of wounded men arriving from overseas. They will accommodate 1,150 patients in addition to 1,610 already provided for. The new hospitals are at Halifax, capacity 450; St. John, capacity 500, and Toronto, (general hospital), 200.

General Manager Gutelius of the Canadian Government Railway states that the work of transforming "sleepers" into hospital cars is proceeding day and night at Moncton and that the hospital train of 12 cars will be completed by January 12. It is expected that the bed cases will begin to arrive from England soon at the rate of 300 per week.

WILL OFFER PURSE. Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 2.—Tom Andrews will go to New York Wednesday morning to offer a purse of \$30,000 for a bout between Jeff Smith and Les Darcy here in February.

Dollars and Sense

Has it ever occurred to you that one of the easiest ways imaginable of making a dollar is by saving one? This process causes no effort and involves no risk. The opportunity and your ability to grasp it are the only requisites.

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For a few days yet we will continue our Special Holiday Offer to new subscribers by which we agree to send The Daily Standard by mail to any address outside St. John City, as a trial subscription from now until Dec. 31st, 1917, for the sum of TWO DOLLARS, which is one-third less than the regular rate.

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WEEK MAKE BETTER SAVING IN RECRUITING

Recruiting in New England Has Taken Another Advance.—68 Men on Last Week.

Recruiting in the province another leap ahead. 68 men were found fit for New Brunswick to serve. This is a decided increase previous when but 35 men were found. At the rate of work the province could swing line three full battalions of 1817. Six countenants, Kings, Victoria, Gloucester and Kent, did man for the seven days. St. John again heads the list with 14. The 236th King's is the most popular unit last week, enlisting for that unit. 100 men were secured 13 men. The following are the results:

St. John Co.—	156th Battalion
236th Battalion	.....
Canadian Engineers	.....
8th Field Ambulance	.....
65th Field Battery	.....
R. C. N. C. R.	.....
Home Service	.....
Westmorland Co.—	.....
Canadian Engineers	.....
Draft giving D. A. C.	.....
236th Battalion	.....
165th Battalion	.....
York Co.—	.....
91st Siege Battery	.....
65th Field Battery	.....
236th Battalion	.....
8th Field Ambulance	.....
Charlotte Co.—	.....
236th Battalion	.....
65th Field Battery	.....
Restigouche Co.—	.....
165th Battalion	.....
236th Battalion	.....
Northumberland Co.—	.....
236th Battalion	.....
Home Service	.....
Carleton Co.—	.....
65th Field Battery	.....
Queens and Sunbury	.....
8th Field Ambulance	.....
Albert Co.	.....
Kings Co.	.....
Victoria Co.	.....
Madawaska Co.	.....
Gloucester Co.	.....
Kent Co.	.....
Total	.....

QUEBEC TO NAME TOWNS AFTER

Quebec, Jan. 2.—The Government has decided to name new townships which will be in the province in the name of the battles in which Canada took part and covered with glory. So soon probably be the towns Coucelette, St. Julien, Festubert, etc.

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