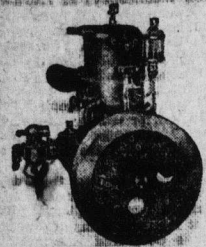


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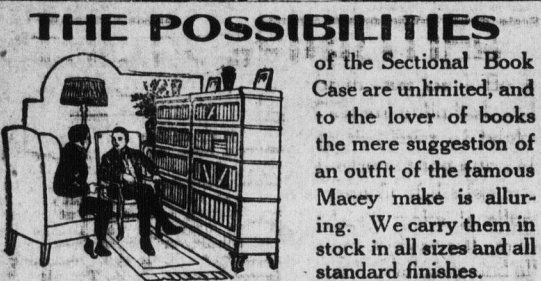
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## GET READY FOR SOLDIERS' COMFORT TAG DAY, MARCH 30

Plans Are Completed for the Big Drive—Work of Soldiers' Comfort Association Has Been Wonderful—The Soldier Boys Need Assistance.

### The Big Drive.

What will the big drive mean to the Allied cause for the next few weeks? This is probably the question every man and woman has been asking themselves for the last three days at least. It is admitted the British line has been, retreat was necessary, the slaughter on both sides conceded to be great, hospitals will be taxed to the limit. Our boys will need every assistance in the way of comforts we can send to help them fight their best to the end.

### What Are We Doing for Them?

On Saturday next, Mar. 30th, the Soldiers' Comforts Association is to make the first general appeal to the public through the medium of a "Tag Day." This worthy association needs no introduction to St. John. They have been on the job practically since the war started and letters continually coming from our boys at the front as well as personal expressions of appreciation from those who have returned in proof-positive of the work this organization is carrying on is a most worthy one. The drawing attention to several letters appearing in recent papers from soldiers in the trenches, voicing their thanks to some travelling friends who had seen it to send a few comforts direct, give one an idea of how same are appreciated, and how much more must this apply to those unfortunate lads who have no personal friends continually looking after their interests.

### Soldiers' Comforts Association.

This is where they come in, there is no discrimination, all are treated alike. Boxes and parcels are done up and sent in a systematic way, name and number of every soldier obtained from the O.C. In this way none are overlooked. The press of St. John have very kindly donated one column per day during the week and it is the intention to keep next Saturday continually before the public. There will be items of interest each day, telling something of the work this organization is doing. What the programme of the workers will be and general information re this great campaign. The resident travellers of the city have been asked to lend their assistance to the ladies, with the view of making next Saturday a grand success.

### The Work of this Association.

Last year they forwarded to England and France 100 pairs of socks for every working day of the year. Two old ladies, one 85 the other 82, together turned in 30 pairs per month. The association simply supply the wool and look after the forwarding of the socks when completed. When this work was first started they were enabled to obtain their yarn at the nominal figure of 60c., which has since advanced to \$1.43 and on their next purchases understand they will be forced to pay \$1.55. This is only one item for which this association needs funds.

### Forwarding Boxes Free.

To our boys in the trenches is also a work being carried on by the Soldiers' Comforts. This means boxes left at their rooms properly addressed will be forwarded to England or France absolutely free of charge.

### Band Concert.

On Tuesday, Mar. 26th, through the kindness of Col. J. L. McAvity, the splendid Depot Battalion band will give a concert between the hours of 3.30 and 4.30 at the head of King St.

### Watch.

The Soldiers' Comforts Column for future news items from day to day. Commercial travellers, not yet approached will kindly get in touch with the secretary at headquarters, 41 Princess St.

## MORNING SESSION OF COMMON COUNCIL HELD YESTERDAY

Contract for Main Street Paving Awarded to B. Mooney and Sons—Two Memorials Passed—The Police Magistrate Heard Regarding Salary.

At the session of the Common Council held yesterday morning the contract for paving Main street was awarded to B. Mooney and Sons for the foundation and track section, but the bituthic surface was to be laid by the public works department. The contract for the curb setting was awarded to Frank Wade. Two memorials were passed and will be sent to the provincial government and some matters of routine business were disposed of.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the commissioners were in attendance. The council went into committee to hear the police magistrate's report on the application for an increase to \$4,000 per year. After he had stated his case the committee rose and council proceeded with business.

The commission of harbours, ferries and public lands recommended: That a renewal lease issued to Bridget Graham, wife of Thomas Graham, of lot No. 564, Brooks ward, for seven years, from November 1, 1916, at \$11 per annum, an increase of 10 per cent; and that renewal lease issue to W. Albert Nelson of lots Nos. 40 and 41, School Lot, Lancaster, for seven years each from the first day of May, 1918, at \$20 per annum rental for each lot. Regarding the communication of the Canada Brush Company, Ltd., asking that the seat of lot adjoining theirs at the corner of Duke and Crown streets be made \$10 instead of \$40, as fixed by the council, he recommended that the request be complied with.

The report was adopted. The report of the committee of the whole council recommending the annual report of the commissioner of water and sewerage for 1917 be received and printed with the city accounts was adopted.

Commissioner McLellan then presented the following memorial to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, showing:

That under the operation of the intoxicating liquor act 1916 the whole burden of the enforcement of the act within the city of St. John is cast upon the ratepayers of the said city, while all fines and revenue under the said act are taken by the province.

2. That since the first day of May, 1917, when the said act came into force and operation in the city of St. John, the revenue from the said act has amounted by months to the following sums: 1917, May, \$250; June, \$250; July, \$300; August, \$490; September, \$620; October, \$750; November, \$775; December, \$720; 1918, January, \$900; February, \$350; total, \$5,455.

3. That the police force of the city of St. John cost to maintain during the year 1917 the sum of \$76,957, and that a very large proportion of the time of the said force is spent in detecting and prosecuting offences against the intoxicating liquor act 1916.

4. That in the opinion of your memorialists, it is just and proper that the city should be given a share of the fines so collected under the said act sufficient to meet the proportionate part of the expense incurred by the city in maintaining a police force for

the enforcement of the provisions of the said act.

In moving the approval of the memorial the commissioner said that he had not named any proportion for the city and thought that a general provision might be made to apply to the other parts of the province as well as St. John. The memorial was ordered forwarded.

Commissioner McLellan then introduced the memorial with reference to Police Magistrate Ritchie as follows: 1. That Robert J. Ritchie, police magistrate of the city of St. John, was appointed to that office on the 15th day of May, 1889, and has therefore held the said office for a period of nearly thirty-nine years.

2. That the said Robert J. Ritchie is of the age of about seventy-two years and owing to the infirmities of age, especially deafness, is not capable of administering the business of the police court and the city court of St. John with promptitude and despatch and in a manner satisfactory to the interest of litigants and the general public.

3. That the said police magistrate was appointed at a salary of \$2,500 per year, was increased after five years to the sum of \$2,750, and at the end of ten years of office to the sum of \$3,000.

4. That your memorialists are willing to provide a superannuation allowance to the said Robert J. Ritchie of \$1,500 per year, the same to be paid by equal monthly instalments dating from the time when the said office shall be vacated.

Your memorialists therefore pray that your honorable body may be pleased to retire the said Robert J. Ritchie from office of police magistrate aforesaid and to appoint a successor.

Commissioner Russell thought the superannuation allowance should be at least \$2,000. On vote the memorial was passed as presented and will be forwarded to the government.

Commissioner Russell was given authority to arrange for the free gardening lots at Lancaster.

Commissioner Fisher recommended that B. Mooney and Sons be given the contract for the paving of Main street with the exception of the bituthic surface, this to be laid by the city, and that Frank Wade be given the contract for the resetting of the curb. The estimated cost of the work was \$39,561.

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## VACANT LOTS AND BACK YARD GARDEN PLANS PRESENTED

Matter Discussed at Weekly Rotary Club Luncheon—Committee Appointed and Project Will Have Hearty Support of Rotarians.

The Rotary Club luncheon was held last evening at 6.15 and President T. H. Esterbrook presented some details of the plan to use the vacant lots and back yards for gardens in the city and vicinity for the raising of vegetables this coming summer and fall. R. E. Armstrong, whose team was the winner in the attendance contest last week presided. F. A. Dykeman was the winner in the attendance contest last night and will preside at next Monday's luncheon.

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It would need some money to carry out the plan, and the speaker said he was sure the city would assist if asked but he thought the club could carry the thing themselves. To make the campaign a success publicity would be needed and he had interviewed the newspapers, who had promised their assistance in the matter. There would be needed a supervisor and some laborers. The people would need some instruction as to the things which would grow most successfully in this climate, and he proposed to have committees to look after these details.

He then moved the following resolution:—"That the project has the hearty support of the Rotary Club, and the president be authorized to appoint committees to look after the various phases of the work. That the chairman of the committees with the president form the executive who would be on the job all the time."

This was seconded by R. D. Paterson and carried unanimously.

The president then announced that he would name the chairman of the committees, and let each chairman choose his own committee which he did as follows: Finance, George L. Warwick; Publicity, R. E. Armstrong; Lot Committee, F. A. Dykeman; Fertilizer, R. D. Paterson; Labor, W. G. Esterbrook; Planting, W. F. Burditt.

P. W. Daniel, president of the local branch of the Retail Merchants' Association, assured the club that the association would do all they could to assist in the work.

The recommendation was adopted. Commissioner Fisher was given authority to pool his balances.

## S.O.S. Soldiers of the Soil

## For the Farms

The proof of the value of boy workers on farms is that nearly every farmer who got boys in 1916 wanted them again in 1917. In 1916 a little over 2,000 boys went on the farms in Ontario. In 1917 nearly 8,000 were demanded and this year more than 25,000 will be required.

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