

Around the City

FAIR AND COLD.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND. Mayor Hayes was in receipt on December 13th of \$122 collected by the people of Westfield for the Halifax relief fund.

DROP IN SUGAR.

Sugar is lower again. The latest drop brings the price 60 cents off from the highest point reached in the recent shortage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RE-OPENED.

The Sunday school at the Cathedral reopened yesterday afternoon after the holiday season with a large attendance.

STAMP ACT VIOLATED.

Two Port Elliot merchants were fined \$50 each on Friday. Officers J. T. Kelly, of St. John, has reported them for violation of the Inland Revenue Stamp Act.

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

The Newfoundland Mutual Benefit Society will celebrate their third anniversary on Wednesday evening in their rooms, Germain street. An excellent programme has been arranged for the occasion.

HEADS OTTAWA WAR VETERANS.

Major D. F. Pidgeon, formerly of this city, who now holds an important position in the Dominion Pay and Records Department, has been elected president of the Ottawa branch of the Great War Veterans' Association.

IS CRITICALLY ILL.

Father McLaughlin, C.S.S.R., at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the Cathedral, asked the congregation to pray for the speedy recovery or happy death of his father, William McLaughlin, who is critically ill at the Infirmary.

HAD FOOT AMPUTATED.

On Thursday morning Beverly Warren, of Hawthorne avenue, who was employed as a section man on the C. G. R., was struck by a freight car near the Union Depot and his foot was so badly injured that it was amputated at the General Public Hospital Friday evening.

EXTENDED A CALL.

Rev. I. W. Williamson preached to large congregations at both services in the Victoria street Baptist church yesterday. The church has extended a call to Rev. Mr. Williamson to become its pastor. He has not yet given his decision, but stated that he would be able to do so next Sunday.

FOR THE BLIND FUND.

W. H. Barnaby, local treasurer of the fund for the blind of the Halifax diocese, has received \$10 from Alexandra Circle, Soldiers' Comforts Association, the proceeds of a concert and sale, and \$72.32 from the Lancaster Relief Committee, the balance of a collection of \$138.75. The sum of \$84.43 was previously expended in Halifax relief.

TO GLOBE LOCKUPS.

It is understood that the different lockups throughout the city are to be closed owing to the few arrests for drunkenness. The lockup on Brussels street is already closed and the patrol men on duty in that section of the city take lunch at the Central police station. It is likely that the other substations will be closed during the coming month.

PLANS FOR CONSOLIDATION.

The two superintendents of missions of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in this province, Rev. Jas. Ross and Rev. Geo. Steel, D. D., have been in consultation, forming plans for the consolidation and co-operation in the work of these churches in New Brunswick, looking toward a union. Their plans will be submitted to the church courts within the next few weeks and action will be taken as they may see fit.

Y. M. C. A. NOTTS.

The Y. M. C. A. held their monthly social Saturday evening at 8:15 o'clock. At eight o'clock the regular Saturday night "Fireside Talk" was given by A. M. Belding, who spoke on "Good Citizenship."

Stephen S. Marshall spoke at the Sunday morning meeting on the "Tragedy of Wasted Strength."

The meeting of the Mothers' Association at 3:30 o'clock last evening was the largest and most enthusiastic one yet held. Among those present were a number of past members who have enlisted. The vice-president, Ralph Stephenson, occupied the chair. An address on "Co-operation" was given by A. M. Gregg. Plans were discussed for the various items on the winter's programme. These include a sleigh drive, "Father and Son Banquet," High School social, gymnastic exhibition, etc.

A new feature has been introduced in the senior gymnastic class. This is a short period of military drill under the direction of Staff Master Sergeant Instructor Mellett. This is in addition to the regular class work and is proving very popular with the men.

BORN.

JONES—On Sunday, January 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, 315 Union street, a daughter.

DEATHS.

WACKINNON—Killed in action December 16th, Alfred Randolph Mackinnon, son of the late John Mackinnon, aged thirty-three years, leaving mother, Mrs. J. Mackinnon, and brother to mourn their loss.

LEGOOP—At Richibucto, Saturday the 12th inst., Charlotte E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Laford, in the nineteenth year of her age.

IN MEMORIAM.

McLEAN—In sad but loving remembrance of Jessie Fulton, beloved wife of W. H. McLean, who departed this life January 14th, 1917.

STEAMER WITH CARGO ON FIRE ARRIVED IN PORT SATURDAY

Ship Was Damaged in the Halifax Explosion—No Need for Alarm as Cargo Consists of Flour, Feed and Hay—Cargo Being Removed—Fire Under Control Last Evening—Loss Will Reach About \$80,000.

With a cargo valued at \$500,000 smouldering in No. 2 hatch, her smokestack and considerable parts of the upper deck blown off in the Halifax disaster, a freighter hobbled into John harbor Saturday afternoon. Upon her arrival in the harbor the authorities made preparations for the safety of all concerned and she was loaded alongside of another freighter at No. 7 berth and the immediate removal of the cargo commenced. The fire is no doubt the effect of spontaneous combustion, and although a slight flame was visible to those engaged in extinguishing it at different times yesterday afternoon, no danger was expressed of it developing into a blaze.

Although it is impossible to correctly estimate the loss sustained, The Standard learned from an official party that it would probably not reach \$80,000. The cargo, which consists of flour, feed and hay, was loaded on board the freighter in St. John a few weeks before the explosion at Halifax. She was then loaded at No. 15 shed. From here the freighter went to Halifax and was among three of the larger steamers to suffer loss. In fact it was nothing short of a miracle that the ship was left on the surface. As it was she suffered damage to such an extent that the authorities had ordered her to St. John to transfer the cargo to another freighter and proceed elsewhere for repairs. While carrying out these orders she was the victim of a further mishap. The fire was first discovered on Friday night when the steamer was a few miles off and "steam ahead" was the understood order. The cargo was then smoking considerably, being most noticeable in hold No. 3, and to which the fire has been confined.

During Saturday afternoon and night and all day Sunday and last night men were engaged in removing the cargo from the other two holds. Until the arrival of the steamer an attempt was made to remove the part of the cargo in the centre hatch and considerable headway was made until the bottom of the hold was reached. On account of the smoke and the obnoxious odor of the straw, as well as the heat, it was

FOUR PERSONS WERE SHOT AT; TWO ARE NOW IN HOSPITAL

Fishing Party Took Bushes from Shore of Kennebecasis—John Porter Objected and Discharged Gun—Clinton Ward and Hazen Cook Shot in the Legs—John Connell's Coat Riddled with Shot—Porter Arrested.

Clinton Ward and Hazen Cook are in the General Public Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds in the legs, and John J. Porter, who lives on Long Island, Kennebecasis, is in the county jail. The latter will probably have to face a charge of doing grievous bodily harm as the result of a shooting affray which took place yesterday afternoon.

John Connell, his son, with Ward and Cook, made up a party who drove out to the Kennebecasis to catch lake fish yesterday. After choosing a place to fish they cut holes in the ice and went ashore to get some bushes for wind screens. Mr. Porter, who lives alone on the island, objected to them cutting the bushes and ordered them off. They did not go quickly enough to suit him, and according to his own story he fired three shots at them from a double-barrelled shot gun. Mr. Connell's coat was cut some by the shot while Ward and Cook were wounded in the legs. The wounds are painful but are not thought to be dangerous.

NEWCASTLE MAN GETS A MEDAL

Sergt. Maltby Honored for Bravery at Passchendaele—Was Employed at Amherst.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, Jan. 13.—Word has been received here that Sergt. Walter Maltby, son of Mrs. Margaret Maltby of this town, has been awarded the Military Medal and also a commission for bravery on the field at Passchendaele. Sergt. Maltby was wounded in that battle but was only away from his battery for three weeks until sent to England to receive his honors. He is now enjoying a furlough in London, previous to taking up his training for his commission. Sergt. Maltby went overseas with the 28th N. B. Battery, and previous to enlisting was employed at Amherst, N. S.

EGGS HIGH IN N. Y.

New York, Jan. 13.—Eggs in New York have advanced still further and they are now within whispering distance of \$1 a dozen. Throughout the city strictly fresh hen fruit are quoted at from 84 cents to 88 cents a dozen. Chicago wholesalers quote fresh eggs at 70 to 75 cents a dozen.

CANNON ARMSTRONG, DIRECTOR OF TRINITY, CRITICISES FILMS

Powerful Sermon Preached at Evening Service Yesterday—Newspapers and Motion Pictures Cater to Public Taste—People Should Express Their Opinion.

Preaching from the text "If thou takest the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth," (Jeremiah 15-19) Canon Armstrong last evening spoke strongly on the influence of newspapers and the motion pictures.

He said: "Take our newspapers, and how they bring out the last revolting detail of some scandalous case. Will you ever forget the romances printed on the Thaw case? And, mind, do not blame the editors. They print this stuff because they have felt the pulse of the people, and know it is what the people want, and like to read. The moving picture is the newspaper writ large. What type of pictures predominate in our city and why? A certain type, because the people like that kind, they ask for it and talk about it. Two small boys were recently coming out of a theatre. A lady overheard this conversation: 'Are they going to kill all the men in that picture?' 'I hope so,' said the other youngster. 'I like plenty of blood.' That story may cause a smile at first, but stop to think what tragedies those boys (they might have been yours or mine) have seen. Their imaginations are warped and distorted, black or painted red. Pictures should be those which uplift, not those in which murder and blood are ordinary matters. The censor's job is a hard one, but they should see that the pictures are fit for children, that they are pure certainly.

"There are amusing pictures and splendid stories which do one good to see. Take the immortal stories of Dickens." Canon Armstrong went on to say, "or the plays of Shakespeare, and what splendid films they put out to see. A glance at the program is re-processed, and notwithstanding its baked condition and the odor emanating from it, the bulk of the flour could be refined. There are two kinds of oil, retining, gas and electrical, and it is understood that the latter is the most practical and will be used.

PEDESTRIANS HAD A DIFFICULT TIME

Walks and Streets a Glare of Ice—Snow, Sleet, then Rain Saturday Evening—Sand Man Welcome Visitor Yesterday.

Isn't it slippery? Have you had a fall? These were stock questions Saturday night and yesterday, and the person who was without creeps was very apt to answer both with a yes, for the streets were about as slippery as they have ever been, until the sand man got in his work and made it fairly safe to venture out.

Saturday afternoon a snow, sleet and rain storm struck the city, and the temperature being low the rain froze as it fell and literally turned sidewalks with ice, thus making the walking very unsafe. Shortly after one o'clock it started to snow and this was quickly followed by sleet, and then came a driving rain which froze as it fell and literally turned the streets into a glare of ice. The boys were quick to take advantage of this fact and bring out their skates, and all over the city could be seen groups enjoying themselves on the steel blades all day yesterday and Saturday evening.

The early church goes yesterday morning had a hard time to get along, and many will have sore spots on their bodies this morning as a result of the falls they received. Street Superintendent Price had ten teams busy hauling sand all day yesterday. In the central part of the city he had four double and two single at work; in the North End one single and one double, and the same in the West End. These started at eight o'clock in the morning and were kept busy until five o'clock in the evening. Mr. Price said last night they had very nearly exhausted the supply of sand in store.

Thousands of people wended their way to Lily Lake yesterday but did not find the skating as good as they expected, as only the section which had been ploughed off was fit to skate on.

SONG BOOKS DELAYED.

A large shipment of Heart Songs which should have arrived some days ago has been held up somewhere on the road from New York, and The Standard is holding-until many orders for books. The shipment should reach here any day now and when it does all mail orders will be promptly sent out.

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