

AROUND THE CITY

FAIR AND COLD

DETECTIVE POWER IMPROVING.
Sergeant Detective John T. Power, who has been ill for a few days, is reported to be improving.

ILL IN FRANCE.
John Bennett has received word that his son, Lieut. H. F. Bennett, was ill in France with pneumonia.

PROTEST CASE TODAY.
The protest against the election of Messrs. Thornton and Jones will come before the Supreme Court at Fredericton today, when that body will decide whether the recent election was legal or not.

CONVEYED TO INFIRMARY.
William Hamilton was conveyed to the St. John Infirmary yesterday afternoon to undergo treatment for a heavy cold, which has caused pneumonia. Mr. Hamilton resides at 34 Chapel Street.

THE ROTARY CLUB.
The Rotary Club yesterday passed a resolution in favor of the use of school assembly halls as community centres. It was decided to hold the third anniversary of the club by attending divine service at Trinity church next Sunday evening.

SECURING DISCHARGE.
Pte. Guy Lawlor, who was with the signal section of the 236th Battalion (McLean Highlanders) and later transferred to the Canadian Engineers, is securing his discharge from service, and will enter the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company at St. John.

FIRST AID DEMONSTRATION.
At a meeting of the V. A. D. held last evening in the G. W. V. A. rooms a demonstration of first aid was given and a number of bandages applied. Four names were proposed for membership, of these two will be voted on in two weeks and the other two in one month.

CANADIAN CLUB SPEAKERS.
Sir Herbert G. Ames will address the Canadian Club this week on "Our War Burden and How to Carry It." Alexander Graham Bell, the noted inventor, will speak before the club the latter part of this month, or the first of next, on the problems of aviation. Another noted speaker the club is arranging for is Capt. Carpenter, V. C., of the Vindictive.

HIS NEW DUTY.
Lieutenant Groves has been assigned to duty as assistant director of records in Military District Number 7. He entered upon his duties at the headquarters yesterday. Lieutenant Groves is a native of the city, and is a returned man, who it is reported is quite deserving of his new office in military circles.

ELECTRICAL MEN MEET.
A meeting of the electrical men was held last night at the rooms of the Retail Merchants' Association to discuss the proposed by-laws governing installation of electric wiring, etc. S. C. Webb was chosen chairman and J. B. Jones, Jr., as secretary. After carefully discussing a number of sections it was decided to adjourn until Friday night when it is expected they will complete the study of the by-laws. They suggested several amendments, which in their judgment would tend to strengthen the law.

THE REPLY RECEIVED.
Mayor Hayes has received a copy of John A. Sullivan's reply to the brief of the counsel for the New Brunswick Power Company. Mr. Sullivan contends that the company by only claiming a return of \$182,000 and rates to produce that amount, admit that their valuation of \$4,000,000 is excessive and that the \$2,000,000 of common stock is "water." He claims the company used whatever portions of the Waterworks, St. John and Brimley haff reports which were the most favorable to itself and discarded the balance.

THE WINDOW BREAKERS.
During the past few weeks windows have been broken in three residences on Sydney Street, near the corner of Britain. In two cases stones were deliberately thrown through the glass and in one case a lady narrowly escaped injury. One night last week a stone was hurled through the window of H. R. McKinn's grocery, while in another place the wire screen of two basement windows was kicked in and the glass broken. A reward has been offered for information that will lead to the apprehension of the guilty person or persons.

DRIVE AND SUPPER.
The children from one of the class rooms of St. Vincent's High School held a sleigh drive last Saturday afternoon. They drove out the Leach Leonard road a distance, and returning to the Y.M.C.A., a short musical programme was carried out, after which supper was served to all in the institute rooms. Mrs. W. P. Broderick and Mrs. Pyne acted as chaperones, and the youngsters vote the event to have been a success in every feature. After the children had been served at supper, a large number of the "boys" in khaki, who were in the institute at the time, were seated at an extra table and the eatables were enjoyed by all.

HARBOR COMMISSION.
Yesterday R. W. Wigmore, M. P., discussed with Mayor Hayes the advisability of sending a delegation to Ottawa to confer with the acting minister of marine, Hon. A. K. McLean, in regard to harbor commission and what the government were prepared to offer to the city property in case it was decided to take the harbor over. It was decided that Mr. Wigmore should get in touch with Hon. Mr. McLean and arrange a date for a conference and Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Bullock with the federal members would take the matter up and try to arrive at some basis on which a plebiscite could be taken and the minds of the citizens expressed, whether favorable or otherwise, to the handing over of the harbor to the government.

Free Kindergarten Tag Day.

RETURNED MEN

ON PROHIBITION

Lively Discussion at Meeting of Veterans Last Evening—Question Left Until Time All the Warriors Return Home.

A special meeting was held last evening by the Great War Veterans' Association to discuss a notice of motion given some three weeks ago at a previous meeting relative to the Provincial Prohibition Act. Notice of the motion was given requesting the provincial government that the percent age of spirit in beers, ales and porters be heligntened to some extent, and that light wines be allowed for sale throughout the province. It also suggested that the control of the liquor be taken over by the government in full.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject by many speakers, which discussion grew warm at times, an amendment was adopted by the association and proposed to the body, setting forth the plea that the matter be left on the table until all the boys reach home from overseas. Then followed a lengthy discussion, some for others against the amendment and strongly in favor of the previous motion. At the conclusion the motion was put to the house which was lost, and the amendment carried with a large majority. Relative to the amendment, the leader of the debate in its favor recommended that the association should not take any action until such time as the greater body of returned men were represented at a meeting to deal with a matter as prohibition in the province, and some pointed out that they were, as yet, only the trustees for the lads who are yet to return home, and to be organized with the Great War Veterans' Association. This apparently caused some of the boys to concede to this phase of the case, when strongly advanced by a quite forcible and most enthusiastic speaker, with the result mentioned above.

A large number gathered to hear the debate which was intensely interesting at all times, well and thoroughly tackled from all standpoints, and by speakers quite proficient in the art of debating. Captain G. Barle Logan was in the chair. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

EXHIBITION OF

TEMPER SHOWN

The Words Used by Man Who Forced Woman to Accompany Him on Sleigh Drive Last Night Were Not Edifying.

Pedestrians who happened to be around Paddock Street, near Coburg, last night at ten o'clock, were entertained by a magnificent display of temper exhibited by a man driving a light bay horse in a semi-speed cutter. The main burden of his remarks were: "Get into this sleigh you fellows, followed by words best described by a vivid blush and were directed to a woman on the sidewalk who evidently had seen sufficient of the man's comports and saluted him with a look of scorn and contempt. The driver pursued driving on to the sidewalk after her, securing his object eventually, however, for the woman finally got into the sleigh and they disappeared in a cloud of snow dust, while the driver vigorously applied the whip to his horse. The spectacle was not a very edifying one for the many people who happened along the street at that time.

LIVELY SCRAP

BY TWO WOMEN

Dispute Over the Ownership of a Hen—Smaller Female of the Two Won the Battle.

The residents in the vicinity of the Three Mile House, Marsh Road, were aroused from their lethargy last Saturday afternoon when two of the fairer sex became involved in an argument leading to blows.

One of the gladiators was a small woman in stature, the other quite large, but the smaller one came out victorious, and marched off in triumph. The trouble ensued over the ownership of a hen, which the larger of the two ladies declared in glowing terms to be her property. The ownership was duly disputed by the smaller woman, who traversed the intervening space to the residence of her opponent and carried off the hen. The larger woman, returning for the "egg layer," prompted the little one to ask the presumed owner to desist. Failing to do so an argument followed and at last the two came to blows. A lively scrap ensued, and smiling persons gathered to see the fun and learn of the outcome. After a busy time, in which the two emerged with hair down and waists torn, the small woman was the victor, and the larger opponent was forced to admit it or suffer more punishment. After a short interchange of the verdict as to the owner of the hen, the small woman, by right of conquest, proceeded onward with the "feathered beauty" under her wing.

TAG DAY IN MAY.
The Mayor has granted permission to the Royal Standard Chapter, L. E. F., to hold a tag day for patriotic purposes in May next.

Free Kindergarten Tag Day.

PUBLIC NOTICE

No visitors will be allowed in the General Public Hospital until further notice. H. Hedden, M. D., Superintendent.

OFFERED POSITION

AS OFFICIAL GUIDE ON BATTLE FIELDS

Corporal John Pickett of Montreal Who Arrived Yesterday Had Many Experiences "Over There" — Other Medal Winners Arrive.

The offer of a position as official guide and interpreter on the battle fields of Europe, was one of the unique experiences of Corporal John Pickett, Montreal, one of the originals of the 14th Battalion, and for a while the only official Canadian interpreter on the Flemish battle front.

Corporal Pickett, who returned on the S. S. Tunisian yesterday, was reared in a French Canadian town by Irish parents, secured his later education in California, and is bringing back home with him an English bride. He is a linguist expert, speaking several languages with fluency and without the trace of an accent.

Corporal Pickett crossed with the first contingent, but he was in France as early as December, 1914, when he was assigned the post of official interpreter. Later, when his battalion entered the line, he rejoined the unit, and with it went through the battles of Arras, Ypres, Neuve Chapelle (where he was wounded by shrapnel), Festubert, Ghenvy, where he won another wound, street, Ploegsteert, and then back to the Ypres salient and later to the Somme. After a further tour to Canada he was assigned to the 23rd Artillery Reserve as instructor and for some time was attached to the staff of the Canadian School of Gunnery, Whitley, which has the record of having 85 per cent. of its graduates passed as first-class gunners. Instruction was carried on until late in December, when the school disbanded.

Private G. S. Bouvier, Prince Albert, Sask., is an original of the 8th Canadian Western Battalion—the famous "Black Devils"—who have struck terror into the heart of the Hun. He crossed in October, 1914, on the Royal Edward, went to France in February, 1915, and took part in the second battle of Ypres, Ploegsteert, the Somme, Vimy, was on the flying column at Arras, and was wounded for the first time at Amiens on June 18, a base casualty, and returning to the front line was again wounded. A bright case this time, on September 3rd, Private Bouvier, besides his five service stripes, his two wound bars, wears the two South African war medals and the Mont Star.

Probably the most distinguished soldier on board was Lieut. Demeter, Toronto, formerly of the transport service, who was attached to the South African Heavy Artillery. Lieut. Demeter who is only a young man, wears the 1915 ribbon, the badge of meritorious service in the rank of the Military Cross, the Order of Belgium, and the Croix de Guerre.

Captain Edgar W. Mingo, of Denmark, N.S., a First Contingent man, served overseas with the 12th Royal Highlanders. He was first wounded at the Somme in October, 1916, and spent the time in Germany, prisoner of war until the cessation of hostilities. Captain Edgar remarked that after peace was declared the people of Germany still thought that their soldiers and sailors had won the war by means of the revolution. There were in the streets of Berlin placards posted up with: "Welcome to our victorious troops" printed thereon.

CONFERENCE WITH

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Louis A. Sheafe, General Organizer of National War Savings Committee, Was Here Yesterday.

Louis A. Sheafe, general organizer of the National War Savings Committee, Ottawa, spent yesterday in the city in conference with the local committee and left last night for Halifax. Mr. Sheafe congratulated the local committee on the success of the work which had been accomplished, and stated he found the best organization here of any city yet visited. In fact he was so well pleased with the campaign to spend any length of time here. He was especially pleased with the amount of newspaper advertising which had been done.

The campaign seemed to be taking hold of the people and everywhere the sale of both Thrift and War Savings stamps was on the increase and with the educative propaganda now being carried on he believed the sales during the balance of the year would increase still more rapidly.

ORIGINAL 26TH

MAN IS HOME

Harry McCasline Was a Carmania Passenger Who Arrived Yesterday — Other Local Men to Reach Home.

Among the local boys who returned on the Carmania Saturday and reached St. John from Halifax early yesterday morning was Sergeant Harry McCasline, an original of the 26th Battalion. After seeing considerable service with that unit, Sgt. McCasline was transferred to the artillery and fought with a battery until May last year, when through an injury to his hand, he was transferred to a forestry corps and for a time was working with the corps near Paris.

Other local boys on the Carmania were Corporal James Henderson, 9th Siege Battery, two years in France; Gunner Charles Stedman, who went over with the 115th in 1916 and fought through the Hill 70 and Vimy battles was transferred to the 8th Siege Battery; Gunner William Latham, nearly three years with the 8th Siege Battery, and Private John Jeffrey, who served two months in France.

AN APPLICATION

FOR EXEMPTION

Captains Logan and Smith Representing the G. W. V. A. Meet Council—Ask for Exemption on Returned Soldiers' Incomes.

Captain G. Barle Logan and Captain E. B. Smith, representing the G. W. V. A., appeared before the city council at their meeting yesterday and presented an application for exemption on incomes of returned soldiers up to \$2,500 for a period of ten years. Captain Logan said they did not think any distinction should be made between the men who were only in England and those who had been in France. The Association stood by its resolution previously presented to the council. Captain Smith did not think the returned soldiers were given a fair show in civic appointments. He had applied for the office of chief of police, but had not been given the position. Another appointment had been made, that of detective sergeant, and this had not gone to a returned man, neither had it been filled by promotion.

It was decided to take up the matter again next week. Commissioner Thornton presented the application of Geo. Carvill, for permission to erect a garage on Cliff street. This was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Mayor Hayes pointed out that Bishop LeBlanc had protested against the erection of this garage. The motion carried.

BEAUTIFUL TERN

SCHOONER ARRIVES

The Northcliffe Attracts Attention of Seafaring Men—New Vessel With Graceful Lines Presents Appearance of Yacht.

A vessel that is attracting no little attention from seafaring men and others along the harbor front is the new tern schooner Northcliffe, which was yesterday lying in the Market Slip, with its lines present every thing that is graceful and only one look at her will convince any person that she will prove a fast sailer. She was built at Fox River, Cumberland County, N. S., by Stanley J. Sobey, her managing owner, and the master builder was a man named Geo. She was launched about four weeks ago, and towed to Port Greenville, and came to this port under her own sail, and with the assistance of the tug Mildred which towed her part of the way.

The Northcliffe is a tern schooner of 291 tons net, is 145 feet length, 31 feet beam, and draws about twelve feet. She is all hardwood planked with galvanized fastenings. She is fully equipped with engines for hoisting, pumping and washing down. She has magnificent cabin quarters aft, very roomy and finished in Douglas fir, while her accommodations forward for the crew are all that could be desired by any sailor.

The vessel is consigned to her local agents, Messrs. Nagle and Wigmore, and being all ready to take in cargo, it is expected that she will load general for St. John's, Newfoundland, and from that port will take a cargo of dried fish to Brazil.

SPRING IS BREAKING.

Though we have seen no Spring Robins as yet, in flight or in feather, Spring is breaking at Dykeman's New Goods for the new season, of every sort, are being unpacked and ready for the way to the counters upstairs. As a result, shopping at Dykeman's this week has a very special interest for every one.


Misses' Spring Suits and Coats Indicate Important Fashion Changes. They are very straight and slim—the skirts a scant yard and a half, and one yard and three quarters in width, the coats sometimes slightly fitted, or hanging in straight box-like lines, and quite elaborately braided. Models featuring over a straight vest with one button, are particularly smart and very effective.

One sees silky Tricoline, French Poplin and fine Serges, Colors Slate, Navy, Oyster, Jersey, Taupe, Light Greys and Green. This first shipment exceptionally moderate in price.

Free Kindergarten Tag Day.

ICE SPORTS.
Don't fail to see the ice sports this evening at 8 o'clock. Twenty-one red-hot events, large entry list. Admission 25 cents.

Regular change of vaudeville program opening at the Opera House this afternoon at 3 o'clock, offers five good features, including Holman's comedy act, a capule comedy not to be taken seriously; White and Ryan in variety, and society dances; Leo Francis, comedian, singer and dancer; the Reillys, an Irish musical offering; Willis Gilbert Co., in a variety novelty act, and the second chapter of the new circus serial drama, "The Iron Test." This afternoon at 3; tonight at 7.30 and 9.



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