

Around the City

COLDER WITH SNOW.

ON INSPECTION TRIP. Major Jost of the headquarters staff is at present at Newcastle on inspection duties.

SHOCKED AND GASPED. Mrs. Winnie Britt, 63 Sheffield St., has received word that her husband, Pte. George Britt, was shell shocked and gassed on December 18th.

A CHIMNEY FIRE. The fire department was called out last evening by an alarm from box 5 for a chimney fire in T. J. O'Neill's building on corner of Mill and North streets.

POPULAR APPOINTMENT. Lieut. Louis Gifford, M.M., a returned soldier, who won distinction with the Fighting 26th, has been appointed to the First Depot Battalion. The appointment is well merited.

ARRESTED LAST EVENING. A married woman living on the North end and an unmarried man were arrested last evening on a very serious charge. They will appear before the Magistrate this morning.

LOSS ADJUSTED. The fire adjusters have decided that the building owned by Thomas Nagle and S. H. White, occupied by F. A. Johnston and the American Clink Co., suffered damages through the recent fire to the extent of \$20,000. The insurance amounted to \$25,000.

LIEUT. SMITH PROMOTED. The many friends of Lieut. Bertram Smith will learn with pleasure of his promotion to the rank of Captain. This was officially announced at headquarters yesterday evening. Capt. Smith is attached to the training staff of the military depot in St. John.

THE JUNIOR CLASS. The Brotherhood of David, a junior class of the Fairville Baptist Church went to the Y. M. C. A. last evening under the leadership of their mentor, George Estey, where they enjoyed a plunge in the pool and practiced for the swimming test in connection with the C. S. E. T. programme.

FOR OVERSEAS BOYS. The willing workers of Tabernacle Church held a most successful shower for the boys overseas at the church last night and they received a large number of gifts which will be sent to the lads in France and England in the near future. Mrs. George Blair presided and an excellent programme was carried out.

A SPECIAL MEETING. A special meeting of the Common Council will be held this morning to deal with the application of the Booth Fisheries Company for certain concessions in connection with the building of a sardine factory on the West Side. Stanley Q. Grady, representing the Booth Company, will be present to give any information he can in regard to the matter.

QUEEN SQUARE THEATRE. The Queen's Rink on Charlotte St., which is owned by Robert J. Armstrong, has been converted into a movie and it is now known as the Queen Square Theatre. The doors will be thrown open to the public on Wednesday next. The interior of the building, which has been renovated so as to seat 1,000 people, is artistically decorated and proves one of the most comfortable theatres in the province.

FOR CIVIC HONORS. As far as known to date there will be three new candidates in the field for the office of Commissioner. The vacancies will be made by Commissioners R. W. Wigmore and J. V. Russell, whose term expires. The new men in the field are David Russell, T. H. Bulluck and John Thornton. There is also a possibility of others being in the running by nomination day.

EXTENSIVE MISSION. An extensive mission begins in the Mission Church, St. John the Baptist, Paradise Row, on 17th inst. It will be conducted by the Rev. Father May of the Order of the Holy Cross, West Park, N.Y. He will arrive here next Wednesday. The Rev. St. E. Bennett, formerly rector of Jansse, is acting as rector at Hampton, and during the week is assisting at the Mission church.

HANDSOME CALENDAR. One of the most beautiful calendars to be given this year by any firm is that received by The Standard from The Ross Drug Store, 100 King street. The entire calendar is nearly five feet long and two and a half feet wide. The large picture of two beautiful young ladies in evening dress is entitled "The Rose Queens." It is from the original by Miss Zula Kenyon, an artist of marked ability.

KILLED IN ACTION. Mrs. Emily MacKinnon, 66 Lansdowne Ave., received the information yesterday that her son, Pte. Alfred MacKinnon, was killed in action on Dec. 16th, 1917. Pte. MacKinnon previous to his enlistment was employed with Gunns Ltd., travelling for that company in Upper Canada. The young man enlisted with the 56th, but was later transferred to another N. B. battalion. He had passed through Somme, Vimy, Passchendaele and Lens unscathed and had just returned to the front after spending an extensive leave in England and Scotland.

ST. JOHN DEANEY. The regular meeting of the St. John Deaneys was held yesterday at St. John the Baptist Mission church, Paradise Row. There were seventeen clergy present representing the various Anglican churches of the city. Dean Sampson presided. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist took place at 8 a. m. Ven. Archdeacon Crowfoot being the celebrant. Matins were said at 9.30 o'clock after which the business session was held in the school room. After Scripture reading and prayer a lengthy discussion took place regarding Holy Union. Those present were entertained at dinner by Rev. J. V. Young at the Mission church rectory on Paradise Row. Following dinner, further matters of interest to the churches represented were discussed.

INSTALLATION AT TWO LODGES

Grand Lodge Officers Perform Ceremony—The Officers of Golden Rule I. O. O. F. and Masonic Lodge Installed Last Night.

Golden Rule Lodge. John Jackson, D. D. G. M., assisted by grand officers C. W. Seeger, A. Willes, W. Watson, W. Sanderson, F. Smiler, J. A. Marlock, N. G. Parise and A. Boyer, installed the following officers of Golden Rule Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F. in their hall, West St. John: Alfred Treese, N. G. Harry B. Duke, V. G. John T. Prouse, Rec. Sec. Wm. J. Watson, Fin. Sec. Wm. H. Sanderson, Treas. Fred N. Lewis, Warden. J. Harry Robson, Cond. F. M. Griffith, R. S. N. G. Wm. Nelson, L. S. N. G. Sam Ewart, R. S. S. G. Harry Amos, L. S. S. G. Harry McLeod, R. S. V. G. Andrew Campbell, L. S. V. G. Fred McIntyre, I. G. Thos. Kerrigan, O. G. Stephen Purdy, Chap. John Amos, Jr. P. G.

The ceremony was well put on and the installing officers were tendered a banquet. The Grand Lodge. Last evening at the Masonic Temple on Germain street the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. No. 22 met for the purpose of installing new officers for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by the Right Worshipful F. Burpee, A. R. Campbell, Past Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Right Worshipful P. F. Burpee as director of ceremonies. The officers for the following year are: Norman A. B. Smith, Worshipful Master. W. H. Dalton, Worshipful Past Master. Frederick Thorne, Senior Warden. Samuel P. McCavour, Junior Warden. George S. Duwaes, Chaplain. A. R. Campbell, Treasurer. John Thorne, Secretary. E. H. Carson, Senior Deacon. A. G. Hoar, Junior Deacon. E. G. Horns, Senior Steward. James S. Haines, Junior Steward. Robert H. Carson, Director of Ceremonies. D. Arnold Fox, Organist. William Neish, Inner Guard. George T. Hay, Tyler.

After the installation refreshments were served and all present enjoyed an enjoyable evening. PLEASING LECTURE BY U. S. CONSUL. H. V. Culver, with Illustrations Takes His Audience on Trip Through Ireland—Lecture Before the Art Club.

An illustrated lecture that was thoroughly appreciated by those that heard it was given last night before the St. John Art Club, Peel street, by the American consul, H. V. Culver. Mr. Culver in the course of his lecture took his audience through rural Ireland, showing them not only the famous show places, but also the little known out of the way spots that abound in that land of beauty. The lecture was splendidly illustrated by a number of the natural beauties of Ireland, the quaint characters to be met with in the byways and hamlets and the picturesque ivy-clad ruins that dot the country. A unique touch was added to the lecture in that as each view was projected on the screen Mr. Culver recited appropriate verses of poetry that harmonized perfectly with the scene depicted. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was moved by C. B. Lockhart and seconded by Joseph Likely.

A short musical programme was given during the evening and included a vocal solo by Miss Reta Brennan with Miss Hilma Layworth as accompanist, and a piano duet by Messdames John B. Jones and Alicia Heales. Major Bartlett of Prince Edward Island also spoke briefly. M. V. Paddock, president, C. H. Flewelling performed valuable service in screening the views.

OPERA HOUSE COMPANY. The annual meeting of the St. John Opera House Company was held last night. The reports of the president, secretary-treasurer and auditor were read, a dividend of 4 per cent for the year declared and the officers elected for the coming year. The auditor's report showed the company to be in a sound position financially. The officers elected for the year were: R. H. Dockrill, president; E. W. Paul, 1st vice; E. A. Goodwin, 2nd vice; John Ross, T. A. Linton, P. J. Mooney, T. L. Reed, directors.

THE TRIANGLE CLUB. A meeting of the Triangle Club of Fairville was held Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. J. H. Allingham. The president, George Brown occupied the chair. An interesting address was given by Dr. Allingham on "Industrial diseases prevalent in the province and methods of prevention." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Allingham. The Triangle Club meets twice a month. It has had a very successful season thus far and its membership is steadily increasing.

MAJOR REID ENTERTAINED. Major G. M. Reid, formerly advertising manager for the Great West Life Insurance but now an officer in the C. E. F., was entertained at luncheon at the Union Club yesterday by the local branch of the company. Major Reid went overseas in 1915 and returned to Canada two months ago on furlough. C. H. Carpenter of Toronto was also present at the luncheon.

ST. JOHN TO PROVIDE AT LEAST \$100,000, A LARGE INCREASE

Amount May Even Be Larger to Carry on Business of Corporation This Year—School Board's Increase is \$40,000—Other Increased Assessments.

The taxpayers of St. John will have to provide at least \$100,000 more this year than they did last to carry on the business of the corporation and the increase may possibly be larger. The School Board will ask for an increase of at least \$40,000 and all the council can do is to assess for it as they have no control over the item so long as it is within the limit allowed by the legislature.

The municipality are asking for \$36,000 more. The big increase here is for the General Public Hospital which is asking for \$22,000 more. This is not an increase of the assessment; the actual increase in the expenses of the institution for last year they had on hand a cash balance of \$13,000 and this was used to cut down the assessment; the actual increase in the expenses of the institution for this year is \$9,000 and the taxpayers will have to find \$22,000 more.

Another item is \$10,000 for the Hill-fax relief fund. This brings the total up to \$83,000 and it is altogether likely that increases in the different departments will require more than \$100,000. Commissioner Russell stated that his department would not ask as much from the city this year as last and he expected the harbor would show a surplus at the end of the year.

TAKE UP ESTIMATES ON NEXT THURSDAY

Common Council Met in Committee Yesterday—Permanent Paving Matters Discussed.

The Common Council met in committee yesterday morning and the mayor called the attention of the commissioners to the necessity of getting in their estimates early as possible. He referred to the assessment for patriotic purposes which was based on valuation, and said he thought some of the counties had their valuation too low. Under present conditions one seventh of the province was paying one-third of the tax.

YOUNG THIEVES ARE ARRESTED

Have Acknowledged to Breaking into McBeath's Grocery and Canadian Oil Company's Office.

On Wednesday night the grocery of Harry G. McBeath on Charlotte street was broken into by boys and a large quantity of candy, cigarettes, gum, etc. was stolen. The break was made through a rear door by the cutting of a hole in the door.

A couple of weeks ago the office of the Canadian Oil Company was broken into and considerable damage done to the furniture. One of those who entered the place left a note in which he stated that if the finder valued his life he would not say anything about the break.

The breaks were reported to the chief of police and Detectives Briggs and Biddiscombe were placed on the case. About midnight Wednesday the officers managed to arrest two boys and found some of the stolen articles in their possession. Yesterday afternoon a third member of the party was taken into custody. The boys were requested to write their names on a sheet of paper, and in this manner the writer of the note left in the oil company's office was detected, and all three acknowledged to making the break.

BLUE GOOSE ORDER DULY ORGANIZED

Fire Insurance Men Formed a Pond Last Night—H. H. McLellan is Most Loyal Gander—Will Meet Once a Month.

The fire insurance men of the city met in Bond's last evening for the purpose of organizing a Maritime Province Pond of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose. The idea of this organization is to get together the fire insurance men who can talk over matters pertaining to their business, also matters that are of deep interest to the citizens at large. After an excellent supper had been partaken of the insurance men present got down to business and organized the Pond with the funny title. The following officers were elected: H. H. McLellan, Most Loyal Gander; Harry B. Robinson, Supervisor of the Flock. Wm. H. White, Custodian of the Gosling; Edgar Fairweather, Guardian of the Pond. Fred W. Fowler, Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg. R. D. Fudger, Wielder of the Goose Quill.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY MEETING

Rev. George Scott Reports Society Needs Suitable Home—Committee Appointed to Prepare for Printing of By-laws and Constitution.

A. M. Belding president of the Children's Aid Society, occupied the chair at the monthly meeting last night. Most encouraging reports were received as to the prospects and conditions of a number of the wards of the society. These were contained in letters which were read to the meeting. A committee was appointed to prepare for the printing of the constitution and by-laws of the society. The secretary, Rev. George Scott, submitted a report of cases dealt with during the past month but pointed out that it was quite impossible to do the work that ought to be done until the society has a home suited to its needs. For many weeks he has not been able to place any new children in the shelter because of the continued presence of an infectious skin disease. Mr. Scott reported there were many cases in the city needing attention. He has been constantly busy during the month doing his best to improve conditions for children whose cases needed attention in their homes. There was a general discussion of the great need and of the children and the treasurer, James Patterson, was able to report a number of cash contributions since last meeting. Gratification was expressed in the members of the board and placed \$2,500 in its estimates for medical inspection in the schools. Before the meeting some members of the board went upstairs to see four little tots in their pretty white beds in a cheerful room just ready for slumber. The little ones had a smile for the visitors and it was certainly a pretty picture to see all of them were bright and healthy and evidently happy. At the board meeting expression was given to the high appreciation of the members of the motherly care given to all the children by the matron, Mrs. Peatman and her assistant, Mrs. Durie.

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. The Standard is holding unfiled many orders for books. The shipment should reach here any day now and when it does all mail orders will be promptly sent out.

GREAT JANUARY WHITEWEAR SALE.

Astonishing values in a clearance of Whitewear at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s priced from 25c to 95c on all the Gowns, Corsets, Covers, Drawers, Chemises and Skirts. It's a between price that already stands for much to Whitewear sale shoppers—but we're convinced our collections assembled for Friday and Saturday surpass anything ever seen in these low figures, in point of attractiveness an superior quality. And this applies to the specially bought sale groups "just unpacked yesterday," as well as the greatly underpriced clearance numbers. Every piece beautifully made and trimmed in just the right degree with daintiness of Laces, Ribbons and Embroideries, and the price—through early planning, through sacrifice of our suppliers, through lavish price concessions of our own—we shall offer Friday and Saturday values that will long be remembered as one of the greatest of all January Whitewear bargains. See our special window display. All our show windows devoted to the showing of undermullins at Dykeman's.

A NEW TROOP.

A new troop of Boy Scouts was organized last night at the headquarters by District Scoutmaster Hamm. Vincent Seeley is to act as scoutmaster and James Hoyt, assistant scoutmaster of the new troop which starts under most auspicious circumstances and promises to become one of the leading troops in the city.

Come in and Hear The NEW EDISON—The Phonograph with a Soul. Dreadnaught Tire Chains. Positively Prevent Skidding. Although the price is lower than that of some other makes, the "Dreadnaught" is made up to a quality standard that cannot be excelled, regardless of price, and Guaranteed as to Quality of Material and Workmanship, and to Give at Least the Same Service as the Highest Priced Tire on the Market. WHY PAY MORE? 32 x 4, \$5.20; 33 x 4, \$5.30; 34 x 4, \$5.50; 35 x 4 1-2, \$6.00 36 x 4 1-2, \$6.20. MARKET SQUARE W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. KING STREET

TODAY. We will place on sale a number of Ladies' Untrimmed Hats, all colors, many styles, at a clearing price of 25c each. Also Many Exceptional Values in Trimmed Hats, Velour Hats, Mourning Hats. Marr Millinery Co., Limited.

Tungsten Electric Lamps. BLUE LABEL BRAND. Many people ignore the vital importance of good reliable light. 15, 25, 40 Watt Lamps, 50 cts. 60 Watt Lamps, . . . 55 cts. 100 Watt Lamps, . . . \$1.00. Tungsten Lamps stand for the highest accomplishment in electric lighting. The Perfect Light Just a Little Cheaper—Made in Canada. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited. OUR STORES OPEN AT 9 A. M. CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK DAILY. Mid-Winter Sale of Men's and Boys' Suits. All our New Tweed Suits for Men included in this Sale, a complete range of sizes in a variety of the best models, smart neat checks and striped cloths. Regular \$13.50 Suits, Sale Price \$10.80. Regular \$15.00 Suits, Sale Price \$11.95. Regular \$16.50 Suits, Sale Price \$13.20. Regular \$19.00 Suits, Sale Price \$15.20. Regular \$21.00 Suits, Sale Price \$16.90. Regular \$23.50 Suits, Sale Price \$18.80. All our Tweed Suits for Boys reduced for this Sale. Neat Stylish Norfolk ad Smart Pinch Back Models, made from the strongest and best Canadian and imported Tweeds—sizes 8 to 18 years. With One Pair of Bloomers, Regular \$6.75 Suits, Sale Price \$5.40. Regular \$8.00 Suits, Sale Price \$6.60. Regular \$8.25 Suits, Sale Price \$6.60. Regular \$9.00 Suits, Sale Price \$7.20. With Extra Pair of Bloomers, Regular \$8.50 Suits, Sale Price \$6.80. Regular \$10.00 Suits, Sale Price \$7.95. Regular \$12.00 Suits, Sale Price \$9.50. This Sale should prove of more than ordinary interest as Tweed Suits are suitable for almost any occasion and give exceptional satisfaction. The generous price reductions are most attractive. Sale in Men's Clothing Dept. Starts THIS MORNING. Table Cloth Bargains. In connection with our Free Hemming Sale of Household Linens and Cottons. Our next offer will be some slightly soiled and odd TABLE CLOTHS. They run in sizes from 1-2 x 1-2 yds., 2 x 2 yds., 2 x 2 1-2 yds., 2 x 3 yds., also 2 1-2 x 2 1-2 yds. square, the latter particularly suitable for round tables. ALL GENUINE BARGAINS. Also a number of Table Napkins in 12 dozens, equally good value. Specials in BATH TOWELS at 25c, 30c, 36c, and 48c. pair. Orders for free hemming are coming in freely. We advise early shopping while stocks are complete. LINEN ROOM. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited.

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