

AROUND THE CITY

GALES WITH RAIN

THE HARBOR RATES. Commissioner Bullock expects to present the revised schedule of harbor rates to the council before the first of the year.

HAS RECOVERED. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc presided at the evening's devotions in the Cathedral last evening, having lately recovered from a severe illness.

CASE ADJUDICATED. The suit against J. K. Fleming and W. B. Tennant for the recovery of Valley Railway monies has been adjourned until next Saturday, owing to the illness of counsel for the defendants.

DREW A CROWD. A bandman from the St. John corps of the Salvation Army stationed at the Christmas dinner pot at the head of King street, entertained the army of shoppers with some delightful cornet solos Saturday night.

RESTING COMFORTABLY. Miss Margaret Payne, who suffered considerable injuries on Friday evening when knocked down by a street car, was reported at last midnight to be resting very comfortably, and no serious outcome of her injuries is expected.

THE WATER EXTENSION. Good progress is being made now on the East St. John water extension, about 3,000 feet of trench having been dug. The warm weather of the past week has enabled the contractors to make good headway and the commissioner hopes to have it completed soon after the first of the year.

TWO CARS COLLIDE. A large truck owned by McAvity came to grief on Saturday about noon, when it collided with a large Overland car. The front axle and radiator of the truck were damaged considerably. The large car beyond a few scratches was none the worse for the "head-on."

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS. Capt. (Act. Maj.) C. F. Leonard, D. S. O., N. B., has assumed command 12th Res. Batt. during the temporary absence of Maj. (Act. Lt.-Col.) C. G. Porter, D. S. O., N. B.

NO ENEMY GOODS. The executive council of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has gone on record, pledging the members of the association to buy no commodity whatsoever of German-Austrian origin. A notice, "No German-Austrian Goods Wanted Here," printed in large type and bearing the text of the resolution adopted, has been distributed to the members for the posting in their places of business.

COMING HOME SOON. Cpl. John A. Barry who crossed overseas in 1915 with the 6th Regiment and later was transferred to various units in the very near future. Corporal Barry was wounded four times in action, and is one of six brothers in the service. He is a son of Mrs. A. C. Barry, York street. Three of the brothers enlisted in the American army, one in the American navy, while he, along with another brother enlisted in the Canadian Forces.

THE POLICE COURT. A Bryson appeared in the police court Saturday on the charge of using abusive language to liquor inspector McAlush on Friday evening last, while the officer was discharging his duties. Inspector McAlush gave evidence, and the case was set over until Friday next.

THE HEARING OF THE CASE OF STEVE POLKIS, the Russian, who it is alleged was one among the number who raided the bonded warehouse on the night of the premature peace celebration, was postponed until later.

SABBATH SONG SERVICE. The usual Sabbath song service at the Seaman's Institute took place last evening in the Institute rooms at eight o'clock.

THE FOLLOWING rendered solos last evening: Misses Estelle Fox, Kathleen Williams, Dorothy Caust, Jean Hoyt, Hazel McBeath and Mrs. Jordan. Mrs. Seymour presided and Rev. R. T. McKim, of St. Mary's church, Whiteoak street, delivered the evening's address. After the services refreshments were served to the gathering which were done justice to.

THE MILITARY HOSPITAL XMAS

Will be Red Cross Day in New Brunswick—Every Soldier and Sailor in Hospital to be Remembered.

Christmas in the Military Hospitals in New Brunswick will be a Red Cross Day. In compliance with the directions received from headquarters, the New Brunswick Provincial Red Cross Hospital Committee has made arrangements whereby every soldier and sailor in hospital will be remembered at Christmas. The hospitals themselves will be decked with greenery and wreaths and in this connection in St. John, valuable aid is being given by the V. A. D.'s and Y. W. F. A. girls. Christmas dinners have not been forgotten, and everything to make the day one of gladness is being thought of and considered. Stockings have already been sent for the patients at River Glades, and 250 in Fredericton, where the Ashburnham Branch of the Red Cross with the Countess of Ashburnham as patroness, is providing liberally both in the way of the dinner and all other festivities to make the Christmas season a happy one for the men in the military hospitals there. Interested individuals are helping and the Provincial Hospital committee deeply appreciate the gifts received.

GERMAIN STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christmas Exercises Held Yesterday Afternoon Greatly Enjoyed—Gifts and Money for Missions.

The Christmas exercises held yesterday afternoon by the Germain Street Baptist Sunday School was one of the most successful yet held. In addition to gifts of nearly \$100 for missions, there were presented donations of groceries and Christmas dinners, which will go to deserving families of the church. Before the presentation of the gifts was called for an interesting programme was carried out by members of the school. Music for the occasion was supplied by an orchestra.

A large cross had been erected on the platform and as the names of the classes were called a representative came forward and laid at the foot of the cross the offering. The first was from the cradle roll and three little tots placed a cradle filled with silver; from the beginners came a small tree, the branches hung with white bags containing silver and presents; the primary came a barrel filled with presents for children not so well fixed in worldly goods as the donors.

The other classes of the school, the officers and members of the home department all laid their gifts at the foot of the cross.

WEST END HOUSE BADLY DAMAGED

Fire Caused Loss of About Five Hundred Dollars to Charles O'Reilly's Residence Yesterday.

An alarm from box 119 yesterday afternoon about three o'clock called the West Side firemen to the home of Charles O'Reilly, 14 Woodville Road, where damage to the extent of between \$400 and \$500 was done before the blaze was finally extinguished. The fire caught in a clothes closet on the second floor near a chimney and worked its way up the walls. Before it could be put out it was found necessary to cut a hole through the roof and to tear down a couple of gables. Considerable damage was done by water and some of the furniture was damaged in carrying it out of the house and in again.

Mr. O'Reilly, who is a small clerk, is absent from the city. It is understood the loss is fully covered by insurance.

WAS REMEMBERED BY CONGREGATION

Rev. A. J. Tedford of Tabernacle Church Was Presented With Well Filled Purse.

The pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church was remembered by his congregation at this festive season and last night at the conclusion of the service was presented with an address and a well filled purse as a token of esteem and good will from those privileged to sit under his faithful ministry. Just before the benediction was pronounced Deacon A. H. Patterson called the other deacons to the platform and they surrounded the pastor, Rev. A. J. Tedford. Mr. Patterson read an address expressing the love of the people and appreciation of the faithful ministry of Mr. Tedford, and as he finished reading handed to the surprised minister a purse well filled with gold.

Mr. Tedford although taken by surprise thanked the congregation for the gift and the kindly thought which lay behind it. Large congregations were present at both services yesterday. In the morning the pastor spoke on "The Name called Wonderful," and at the evening service on "Following His Star." At the close of the evening sermon the ordinance of baptism was administered.

THE KNIGHTS OF KING ARTHUR

Castle Iona, Knights of King Arthur met Saturday night in St. David's church and opened the winter season with a banquet. The evening was most successful in every way. They sat down to supper at 6.30 and after the tables had been put out of sight a number of toasts were drunk and the election of officers held. The toast list included: "Our boys at the front," applied to by the pastor, Ronald Shaw; "Our Sunday School," replied to by the pastor; "R. H. H.," the K. O. E. A.; the marlin, A. E. Crookshanks.

PERSONAL

Dennis O'Keefe, the popular driver of No. 7 horse cart, has been confined to his home for the past few days with the flu, but his many friends will be glad to know that he is now on the mend, and hopes soon to resume his duties.

NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

Persons Who Insist in Traveling During Holiday Season Must Remember All Extra Cars Are Used for Returned Soldiers.

The C. P. R. and C. O. R. are using every available coach for the transporting of the returning Canadian soldiers who are being brought home from England by the thousands, and accordingly there are not any spare coaches to be placed on regular passenger trains. There are no special rates given passengers for the Christmas season, and as special orders are given out by the National Railway Board that all available cars be used for the troops, persons who insist in traveling during the holiday season must appreciate what the railway companies are up against, and should not complain about crowded passenger cars, but remember that the returning heroes soldiers, who fought the battles for their country and those left at home are being given first call for comfort during the demobilization proceedings.

K. OF C. WILL ASSIST THE VETS

Will Give Widows and Orphans of Heroes Presents in Conjunction With C. W. V. A. Christmas Treat.

Through the kindness of the Knights of Columbus, the Great War Veterans' Association, will be able this year to add to the gift which it is their custom to provide for the widows and orphans of the soldiers. On Saturday Dr. Broderick and Major Keefe called on the secretary of the association and offered on behalf of the K. of C. to assist in the Christmas treat, and as a consequence of their cooperation the widows of soldiers to the number of one hundred and fifty-four, will receive in addition to the usual presents, a bag of flour, a carton of sugar and a package of tea. These will be shipped from different dealers and will be delivered at the homes on December 27, the day on which the tree for the children is to be stripped at the G. W. V. A. home.

CROWD ASSISTED MAN TO ESCAPE

Military Police as Well as Local Officers Overpowered by Many Persons on Brussels Street.

About eleven o'clock on Saturday evening things took on a more lively appearance in the vicinity of Brussels street than ordinary. Two soldiers, under the influence of the stronger potents, came to the corner of Union. Here two of the military police attempted to arrest them, and a fight ensued. Such epithets as "We did our bit while you fellows remained at home," were cast at the military officers. In the scuffle which ensued one of the soldiers lay on his back while the officer attempted to put the handcuffs on his arm. One of the soldier's arms was free and he hit the officer a stinging blow on the face, which dazed him for a time. The civilian arriving at this time attempted to complete the job of placing the shackles on the returned man, but the growing crowd, assisted in and forced the city police to allow the soldier free. With such large numbers present discretion was the medium of the city police, and the soldier gained his liberty from both military and civic officers.

HE PREACHED ON HOW TO VOTE

Rev. J. W. Williamson Delivered Timely Sermon in Victoria Street Baptist Church Last Evening.

At the Victoria Street Baptist church last evening the pastor, Rev. J. W. Williamson, delivered a timely sermon on "How to Vote."

He based his remarks on the following words: "The crooked shall be made straight and the rough places shall be levelled." In dealing with the subject he pointed out some of the dangers of the new democracy. At the base of all the troubles between men and nations was the spirit of selfishness. Jesus Christ was the friend of man, not one class as opposed to another, but of man in general and had come not to pull to pieces but to build up.

When it came to the matter of casting his ballot so that should vote according to the dictates of any union or body of men but ought to vote according to the feeling of his own conscience and conscience and give his vote to the candidate most worthy of it, and it was up to the man himself to settle with his conscience who that man was.

GIFTS RECEIVED FOR TWENTY HOMES

Usual Service Held in St. David's Sunday School Yesterday—Special Programme Carried Out.

St. David's Sabbath school held its usual service to receive gifts for the homes to be sent on Tuesday next to some twenty homes. There was a large gathering of scholars and teachers. The service, "The Birth of Christ in Song and Story," was carried out as follows: Opening sentence, Isaiah 9, 2, 6; Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Flag salute and God Save the King; Lord's Prayer; Hymn, "Annunciation to Mary, My Jesus, Jamieson"; Hymn, "Joy to the World the Lord is Come"; Story of the Shepherds by D. W. H. Mages; Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; Story of the Wise Men, by Miss Joan Somerville; Hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"; Story, "Christmas Fairies," by Rev. A. W. Thompson; Hymn, "The Wise Men Bring Their Learning"; Story, "Little Bagerheart," Rev. J. A. MacKellan.

The different departments of the school then brought their gifts to the platform, starting with the little folk from beginners' and primary departments. Each article was wrapped in white, carrying out the motive of the service, "White Gifts for the King," and by the time all the departments had brought their gifts the platform was well covered with a very large array of useful articles for the boxes, consisting of dolls, games, toys, stockings, mittens, apples, oranges, canned goods, flour, rice, oatmeal, potatoes, etc., etc., with the large cash contributions fully amounting to over \$100.00. A very happy and enthusiastic service was brought to a close by the superintendent, Robert Reid, wishing all a very happy Christmas, receiving a hearty response by all, "Same to yourself, sir," with hymn, "Once in Royal David's City," and benediction by Rev. J. A. MacKellan.

PORT BUSINESS IS BOOMING

This Month Far in Advance Over Corresponding Month of 1917—Fourteen Ships in the Harbor Yesterday.

Business is booming in St. John harbor at the present time, and the month of December, 1918, will be far in advance of that of 1917, both in the matter of receipts and number of sailings. Last year the receipts were about \$11,000 and already with a week to go they are well over that figure. Last night there was in the harbor fourteen steamers, and more are due to arrive this morning.

And those which are expected this morning are the new Manchester liner, the Manchester Brigade. The C. P. R. report that export and import traffic has been heavier this year than 1917, and the same period last year and the grain shipments have been very heavy. Up to date 3,272,469 bushels of wheat has been shipped out and 55,448 bushels of oats.

NEARLY CHRISTMAS AND YET HUNT'S STORE IS OFFERING COMPLETE ASSORTMENTS IN AN ALMOST UNLIMITED ARRAY OF DELIGHTFUL GIFT GOODS.

This in spite of the fact that we have enjoyed the biggest and best Christmas trade we have ever had! It exhibits in a way beyond argument that we wonderfully ready we always are to supply our customers with just the merchandise they want when they want it. Check from this list the items you wish to give, then come and see how easy it is to find them at this store!

GIFTS OF DISTINCTION, GIFTS OF QUALITY, READY FOR SANTA CLAUS' PACK.

This store provided so generously with Christmas stocks will stand St. John in good stead in the next two full days of busy gift shopping. Although, as yet, the heavy demands of the early days of gift shopping has made no appreciable impression on the great variety.

There is still Santa Claus' best choice awaiting those who do their shopping today. Practically there is no end to the delightful novelties that seem to express so much as messengers of good cheer and Christmas greeting and with staple goods that serve as well as gifts of practical utility, the counters and shelves are loaded. Those who can shop now, and those who can use the morning hours, will find in all the luxuries of leisurely selection, and the splendid service at Dykeman's!

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION! Why not give your Twelve Months' Membership Ticket for the Y.M.C.A.? Boys, Young Men, Business and Professional Men all get good, healthy recreation there.

Advertisement for W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. featuring a mechanical gift for boys. Text: "A Practical Gift for the Boy. For the lad of mechanical mind, a well equipped Tool Chest will furnish hours of profitable amusement, especially if he studies manual training. Our excellent line of Tool Chests presents a nicely varied range, each chest strongly made, nicely finished, and provided with carefully selected Tools of good quality. PRICES: \$6.25, \$9.75, \$13.00, \$17.25, \$24.00. Tool Chest Section—First Floor. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. King Street Market Square.

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