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OPERA HOUSE

TODAY—2.30 and 8.15 FELDMAN AND CHRISTIE Musical Comedy Co. in "THE GIRL QUESTION"

PRICE TWO CENTS

GERMANS BOMBARD ESNE AND HILL 304 THEIR ATTEMPT TO FLANK VERDUN

Destructive Fire of French Guns, However, Barrier to Further Advance Eastward—British Lose Trench but Soon Recover It—Germans Debouch from Malancourt Wood, but Attempted Infantry Charge Broken Up by French Counter-Offensive.

RUSSIANS HAVE THROWN THEIR LINE SEVERAL MILES NEARER TOWN OF TREBIZOND

In their attempts to flank Verdun on the west the Germans, having succeeded in working their way through the Malancourt wood and the Avocourt wood, have begun a heavy bombardment of the village of Esnes, about eight miles northwest of Verdun and a half north of Esnes.

The French, however, are vigorously contesting a further advance eastward, which not alone would bring the German line nearer the fortifications, but spreading fan-like northward, would put in jeopardy the French in the region of Le Mort Homme.

So great has been the counter-offensive of the French guns that after debouching from the woods, the Germans were unable to launch an infantry attack, and presumably are being held hard to their newly gained lines.

To the north and east of Verdun the cannonading has been only intermittent. In the Argonne forest, in Lorraine and in Upper Alsace, the French guns have been active against German positions and marching columns.

On the River Somme, the Germans entered a British trench, but immediately were driven out.

There has been lively fighting between the Russians and the Germans west of Jacobstadt along the Dvina river, and in the Lake region between Dvinsk and Vilna, with the Russians generally on the offensive.

While Berlin reports these attacks as having been repulsed with heavy losses, the admission is made that a German salient near Lake Narocz was withdrawn in order to escape the encircling fire of the Russians.

Near Baititschik, midway between Dvinsk and Vilna, the Russians have captured advanced German trenches, and just south of Dvinsk, in the region of Novo Alexandrovsk, have repulsed a German counter-attack on positions taken at Velikofes.

Petrograd says that in the capture of the Austrian bridgehead near the village of Mikhalitche, in Galicia, most of its defenders were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

The Russians in the Caucasus have thrown their line several miles nearer Trebizond, on the Black Sea coast, after further fighting with the Turks.

Ispahan, Persia, is reported to have been taken by the Russians.

Heavy fighting continues between the Austrians and Italians along the greater part of the Austro-Italian line, especially on the front from Rovereto to the Gorizia heights. No important changes in positions have taken place, however.

A successful night attack by Austro-Hungarian aviators has been carried out against the port and barracks of Avlona, Albania, according to Vienna.

DALTON SANITORIUM IN P.E.I. WILL BE USED AS CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

Charlottetown, March 21.—The Dalton sanatorium at Northwiltshire, just completed at a cost of \$55,000, has been accepted by the militia department of Canada as a convalescent hospital for soldiers, including tubercular patients. The government will furnish it and maintain it during the time it is occupied by soldiers. The sanatorium, which has a frontage of three hundred feet and will have 24 beds, was donated to the province by Hon. Charles Dalton, the fox magnate. When the soldiers are through with it, it will be opened for sufferers in incipient stages of tuberculosis.

WILL PREVENT COMPANIES DODGING TAX

Boosting Salaries of Directors and Officials Will Not Help Them.

MORE INFORMATION ON BUSINESS TAXES

Sir Thomas White Successful in Meets Criticism and Shows How Evasion of Payment is to be Prevented

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 21.—From a spectacular point of view there was nothing in the House today, but nevertheless it was an exceedingly busy sitting and the chief discussion, involving, as it did, the war tax on business profits was very technical.

Sir Thomas White revelled in the intricacies of his radical measure and met point after point of the criticism of the opposition with complete success, and it was noted, to the satisfaction of his critics.

There was further elucidation of the features of the bill, and explanations of the way in which the Minister of Finance proposes to see that there is no evasion of payment.

The other day Sir Thomas admitted that he had acquired a good deal of the information he possessed regarding phases of the question from the discussions which had taken place in the House upon it.

He has added to his strength by doing so. His acknowledgment has created a more general interest in the measure, and the political complexion which is introduced into almost everything that comes up in parliament has been reduced to almost nil.

Amongst the new points brought out is that the companies will be prevented from evading the tax by largely increasing the salaries of directors and officials. Unless steps had been taken to prevent it there would be the temptation to increase the salaries of directors to such an extent that the profits in excess of seven per cent. would be swallowed up.

Sir Thomas will see that this is not done. The minister is a trifle worried about the middleman. The difficulty about these is that they can disappear over the border, or they can even now reside in another country, in which case there does not seem to be a way of making them deliver their quotas.

The discussion may reveal a method, and if it does Sir Thomas will seize upon it.

Yet another way of avoiding the tax has been observed by the minister and provided against. He has noted that some firms might endeavor to write off large amounts for depreciation or renewals. This will not be allowed. Nor will subsidiary companies be allowed to transfer their profits. And no matter in what the profits of a business are invested these profits will be taxed. They may be put into war loans—that will not matter. Also the profits on export as well as domestic business will come under the taxation.

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Hon. Wm. Pugsley enquired if the government had been consulted in regard to the requisitioning of ships by the Admiralty. He said that he had been in St. John and had learned that there was a serious shortage of coal there, owing to the fact that coal vessels had been commandeered for war service.

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LT.-COL. BLACK WELCOWED IN LEGISLATURE

Hearty Cheers Given in Legislative Hall in Honor of Returned Hero.

PREMIER CLARKE NOT AT SESSION.

Conscription Resolution Next Tuesday—Time for Private Bills Extended to Friday Next.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Mar. 21.—The legislators this evening welcomed another member of the house back from the front.

When Lt.-Col. Frank B. Black appeared in the assembly chamber shortly after the house resumed business tonight following the weekend recess, he was greeted with prolonged applause.

Acting Premier Murray arose and briefly expressed his pleasure and that of the house to welcome another member back from the firing line where he had been serving his King and country. The Acting Premier then suggested that the house once more depart from its usual rules and he proposed three cheers which were most heartily given by the whole house.

Lt.-Col. Black then spoke briefly in acknowledgment of the plaudits of his fellow members.

He still limps slightly from the effects of his wounds, but says that he is about feeling himself once more and expects to soon return to the front. Col. Black will probably remain in Fredericton for only a few days.

Premier Clarke returned to Fredericton this evening accompanied by Mrs. Clarke, but was not in the house tonight. He will probably visit the legislature tomorrow, but plans to soon return to Clifton Springs to further recuperate, having been advised by his physicians not to take up active work of any kind.

Formal notice was given by Acting Premier Murray tonight that a double fee would be charged on all bills introduced after Friday next.

A conscription resolution is to be introduced next Tuesday, according to notice given tonight by Lt.-Col. Guthrie and seconded by Capt. Tilley.

The resolution of Mr. White of Victoria whereby he is to propose a plan for taxation on unimproved lands for education purposes is on the order paper for tomorrow.

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THE BAND FUND IS COMING ALONG

Up to yesterday morning The Standard acknowledged receipt of \$215.50 towards the fund for the purchase of instruments for the 140th New Brunswick Battalion Band. There have been received by The Standard in addition to the above the following:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes C. Percy Humphrey (\$5.00), Geo. Dawes (\$5.00), J. G. Harrison (\$5.00), and Total (\$230.50).

Here is a chance now for somebody to present this Battalion with a real nice clarinet or cornet. Who will subscribe the cost of one of these instruments? Who will give the big bass drum? Who will present a side drum or two side drums? Don't all speak at once. Send along your contributions either to The Standard or to Mrs. J. B. Travers, Regent of The Brunswick Chapter, I.O.D.E. Two hundred dollars buys the highest priced instrument and forty dollars will buy one of the least expensive.

U BOAT FIRED ON MEN LEAVING SINKING SHIP

Captain of British Steamer Coquette Says His Vessel Torpedoed Without Warning by Austrian Submarine

Syracuse, Italy, March 21, via Paris.—Arnold Groom, commander of the British steamer Coquette, declares that his vessel was sunk without warning by a submarine flying the Austrian flag, the captain and crew having barely time to save themselves in two boats.

After eight days the boats reached the Libyan coast, where seven of the sailors, who occupied one of the boats, were taken prisoners by Bedouins.

The other boat escaped and two days later reached a Libyan port, where the mariners were taken care of by Italian carabinieri.

The British steamer Coquette referred to is probably the steamer Coquette, reported on January 15 as sunk. Shipping records last located her in Mediterranean waters. She was a vessel of 4,396 tons, built in 1904, and owned by the Mercantile Steamship Company Limited, of London.

GIVEN NO WARNING BY SUBMARINE.

London, March 21.—The Danish steamer Skodsborg, from Norfolk for Helsingborg, which was sunk yesterday, was torpedoed without warning, according to a statement made by the captain of the steamer. This information is contained in a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Three of the crew were lost.

Lecture on Belgium.

The Rev. J. A. MacKeigan lectured on Belgium before members of the Natural History Society last night in their rooms. Mr. MacKeigan spoke on the early history of these people and carried the audience back to the Roman period. The reverend gentleman explained the origin of the people and the everyday life of the masses. He also described their customs, work, religion, education and houses.

Mrs. E. A. Smith kindly loaned the society a number of lantern slides, which greatly assisted the eminent lecturer, Mr. MacKeigan spoke on points of historical interest.

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CANADA'S WAR MINISTER SEES KITCHENER

Sir Sam Hughes Tells London Newspapermen Conscription Not a Live Issue in the Dominion.

London, March 21 (Montreal Gazette Cable).—The Canadian minister of militia experienced a heavy bombardment by the London press men today, when a concerted attack was made on him in the Ritz.

General Hughes told the newspapermen that recruiting in Canada had progressed so well that at the present time there was a shortage of accommodation for the troops. Compulsory service was not a live question in the Dominion. He did not fear a shortage of labor, either for industrial or agricultural purposes. As for the alleged German menace he believed the majority of Germans in the American continent are desirous of seeing the overthrow of Kaiserism.

Earlier in the day General Hughes, accompanied by his staff officer, Capt. John Bassett, called upon Lord Kitchener at the war office.

BEGIN WORK SOON ON THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT OTTAWA

Draft of Plans of Remodelled Buildings are Completed—Cost Likely Million and Half Dollars.

Ottawa, March 21.—Draft plans of the remodelled parliament buildings have been completed by the architects in charge, Messrs. Pearson of Toronto, and Marchand of Montreal. The plans are of course more or less tentative at present, but it is probable that they will be carried out substantially without alteration. No definite estimate has yet been made as to cost, but it will probably be in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 and it will probably require about a year and a half to carry out the work. Parliament will meet again next session in its present quarters. The remodelled building should be ready for the opening of the new parliament in the fall of 1917, or the beginning of 1918.

The plans will be gone over carefully by a committee of the house representing both sides before they are finally approved. It is expected that the work of re-construction will be begun this spring.

Another—and Unlikely Varn.

New York, March 22.—A Washington special to the Tribune says: "Modification of the terms of peace by both sides in the European war is indicated in information reaching Washington. Germany's desire to end the war while she is still victorious, and before the Allies reach their full strength in the coming summer, has not been known, and fresh evidence of it has reached Washington within the last few days."

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WASHINGTON REPORTS FORESHADOW EARLY MOVE IN DIRECTION OF PEACE

N. Y. EVENING POST SAYS GERMANY HAS INTIMATED TO U. S. TIME IS RIPE FOR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO START PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT AMBASSADOR GERARD HAS BEEN INFORMED OF BERLIN'S TERMS.

New York, March 21.—A special despatch to the Evening Post from Washington says Germany is seeking to make peace with her enemies and bring the great war in Europe to an early end.

The imperial government has gone so far as to intimate to the United States government that the time may be ripe for the services of the largest neutral nation in the beginning of peace negotiations.

Some general idea even of the terms under which the Teutonic Empire would be willing to make peace have been given within the last four days to the American ambassador, James W. Gerard, by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor at Berlin, and spokesman of Emperor William.

The Evening Post's correspondent learned the above today in connection with the hitherto unpublished fact that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg four days ago sent for Ambassador Gerard, and not only discussed with him for nearly an hour the possibilities of peace in Europe, but also frankly advised the ambassador, who had contemplated a vacation, that it would be inopportune for him to leave Germany at this time. Mr. Gerard promptly changed his plans and notified the Washington government that he would remain at his post indefinitely.

The American ambassador had on three occasions been given leave of absence, but only a week ago did he accept the privilege. On learning that the ambassador was preparing to leave Germany, the imperial chancellor, who had previously conferred with Emperor William, summoned Mr. Gerard to the German foreign office.

Her Terms.

The discussion was of the most friendly and intimate nature, not only as affecting the relations of Germany with the United States, but with respect to peace in Europe. What not referring directly to the resignation of Admiral Von Tirpitz as a factor in the situation, the chancellor spoke of the desire of Germany to remain at peace with neutral countries, and emphasized a hopefulness that there would be an early termination of the terrible struggle devastating Europe.

The chancellor's remarks on peace terms were most general in character, but indicative of a desire to speak more fully on a later occasion. There was no intention to lay down hard and fast terms, but merely to give general ideas. Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg said, for example, that Germany was willing to help rehabilitate Belgium, would withdraw from that territory and would not seek indemnity from the little country. But he did seem to think it was essential to German public opinion that an indemnity be paid before German troops were withdrawn from northern France.

Restoration of Belgium, implying that Germany is ready to succor the wounded nation, is, in itself, the most significant advance toward the viewpoint of the Allies noticed since the outbreak of the war.

The chancellor also made it clear that in exchange for the withdrawal from Belgium, Germany would want England to return the German African colonies she had occupied. Generally speaking, the chancellor suggested a return to the territorial status as it existed before the beginning of hostilities in July, 1914, as the best basis for negotiations.

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"In diplomatic circles representing both sides of the war, as well as in administration quarters, statements were made to the Tribune today indicating that both Germany and the Allies are ready to make substantial concessions from their published terms.

"Germany, it is declared, is willing to return to the status quo ante, with certain modifications. Most striking of these is her willingness not only to relinquish Belgium, but to help in its restoration, presumably through the payment of an indemnity or the remission of war taxes collected there.

"In return for this she will demand certain colonial concessions from Great Britain.

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RECRUITING FIGURES WELL OVER QUARTER MILLION MARK

Ottawa, March 21.—Latest recruiting figures show that about 280,000 men have enlisted in Canada. Nearly 118,000 are from Ontario, 55,000 from Manitoba and Saskatchewan combined, 30,000 from Quebec and 25,000 each from British Columbia, Alberta and the Maritime Provinces.

PREVENTS COMPANIES FROM DODGING TAX

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The finance minister said that the Canadian government must not be able to refuse its consent although there might result in inconvenience to some industries. The Admiralty, however, had endeavored to assist the Canadian authorities and an effort was being made with some success to meet the temporary need for more shipping.

Sir George Foster was informed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier of the complaints of Quebec merchants that the Royal Mail Packet steamers were bringing cargoes of sugar to Canada from the West Indies but no molasses.

Non-Canadian Companies.

The finance minister then moved in amendment to the resolution that a company defining the profits of a non-Canadian company be struck out and being substituted by the following:

"That the profits of a non-Canadian company shall be the net profits arising from its Canadian business." The former clause was that the profits should be in the same proportion to the net profits as the capital of the company as defined bore to the total amount paid up its capital stock.

When we sighted the flagship, the Iron Duke, our salute to the Admiral was returned, and in less than two minutes back came the Admiral's wireless welcome.

FIGHTING IN FURS.

London, March 20.—While winter is cold even in these islands, the temperature runs a deal lower in Northern France and Southern Germany.

Our army in France is much better off than the men we sent to fight Russia six years ago. Here at home things are going on as usual.

May Have Lived in Moncton.

William McKay, who died in New York recently without leaving any known relatives to claim \$4,400 in cash which he had may have hailed from Moncton, when the wooden ship, building industry in the latter city was being organized.

At the same time, he pointed out, that if a company earned a dividend of seven per cent in the first year of the period covered by the resolution had not exceeded seven per cent in any one accounting period.

Mr. E. W. Nesbitt, of North Oxford, enquired whether good-will and expenditures upon organization would be considered in computing a company's capital.

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"SOMEWHERE IN NORTH SEA"; A VISIT TO GRAND FLEET

A Grand Spectacle, Says Noted Russian Journalist—Looks More than Anything Else Like Great City of Tremendous Yet Graceful Shapes and Towers.

(By K. Choukovsky.)

(The distinguished party of Russian writers and journalists now visiting in London have just paid a visit to the Grand Fleet. The following article, specially contributed to "The Daily Chronicle" by one of their number, vividly describes the impressions made on our guests by the things they saw and heard "somewhere in the North Sea.")

Mr. Choukovsky is one of the ablest critical writers in Russia. His work on the British Tommy Atkins has proved the most popular and successful Russian book of the war.

This is the manner in which I first saw the British Fleet. Soon after we left port we sighted a squadron of five great ships. I said to an officer: "These must be super Dreadnoughts."

But he laughed, and said, "No, they are only destroyers." Some miles further on we came across a second squadron, of even greater ships. I said to the same officer, "But my friend said these were cruisers. Finally we came to the great battleships, drawn up in two apparently endless lines.

It is idle to say my friends and I were impressed by this sight of British sea-power. The Grand Fleet is the grandest spectacle I ever saw in my life. It looked more than anything else like a great city of graceful lines, yet tremendous shapes and towers; a strange city of streets and roads and lanes, and great hotels that moved miraculously, as if with wings.

The whole sea seemed to be alive with them, and in less than two minutes back came the Admiral's wireless welcome.

When we sighted the flagship, the Iron Duke, our salute to the Admiral was returned, and in less than two minutes back came the Admiral's wireless welcome.

Sir John Jellicoe himself was on the bridge, almost a motionless figure. Our children cheered his photograph and knew his features by heart. Yet when we were at last confronted by the man who directs the immense destiny of the British forces on the seas, I could hardly believe my eyes.

He seemed much too simple and modest and genial a personality to be at the helm of such a terrible and tremendous machine as the British Navy.

And yet, when I asked him if it was true that he had written a personal letter to a little English girl who had sent a gift to the Fleet, he told me that every day he had similar letters.

lined with felt. They have all-right covers, and act very much like the more simple dog.

When we return to Russia we shall have many great and wonderful things to relate to our own people; but nothing can surpass the magnitude, the vigilance, the power and the immensity of the British Fleet, as they have seen it with our own eyes.

Our admiration is mixed with gratitude for this "sure shield" of Britain is no less the unceasing shield and safeguard of Russia.

Dr. O. B. Price, M.L.A., of Moncton, was at the Royal yesterday.

C. B. Lockhart, M.L.A., went to Fredericton, last evening.

H. V. Doolan, M.L.A., of Hammond River, was in the city yesterday.

G. W. Jones, M.L.A., of Apohaqui, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Rita Weir of Moncton is visiting Miss Ermeline Climo, Dorchester street.

Miss Lena Murray is visiting in Moncton, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Marven.

Mrs. Robert Jardine of Shediac is visiting friends in St. John and vicinity.

J. H. Hickman of Dorchester was at the Royal yesterday.

H. A. Carr of Campbellton was at the Royal yesterday.

J. M. Palmer of Sackville was at the Royal yesterday.

RESOLUTION OF GAGETOWN BOARD OF TRADE

Gagetown, N. B., Mar. 21.—(By telephone to The Standard)—At a meeting of the Gagetown Board of Trade on Monday evening at which some thirty members were present the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas the Gagetown Board of Trade has seen with consternation the statement in the public press, made by Hon. J. A. Murray, that it is the intention of the Government to abandon the original route of the St. John Valley Railway via Robesay to St. John, and to complete the line from Gagetown to Westfield or Westford with eventual separate entrance into St. John, we would submit; (1) that the engineering difficulties are such that it would be impossible to build the line already built between Gagetown and Fredericton; (2) the cost of entering St. John by bridge over the harbor and the necessary rights of way to Westfield or Westford would be so heavy that we are constrained to believe that the Government is merely putting this forward to deceive the people, and that their intention is only to build the road either to Westfield or Westford and acquire running rights over the C. P. R. tracks to St. John, therefore

Resolved that this Board of Trade do strongly protest against any change being made from the original location of the line as forever preventing it from becoming a transcontinental road, and further

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QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKETS

About the only change in the whole market this week is in the price of sugar, which has come up fifteen cents per hundred on all grades. Late quotations are here given:

Sugar, standard	77.25	@ 77.50
Rice	5.25	5.75
Tapoca	8.40	9.00
Beans—		
Yellow-eyed	4.50	4.60
White	4.00	4.50
Cornmeal, standard	5.95	6.00
Cream of Tartar	0.48	0.51
Currants, cleaned	0.12 1/2	0.13
Molasses	0.48 1/2	0.50
Peas, split, bags	6.25	6.50
Barley, pot, bags	3.25	3.30
Flour—		
Choice, seeded	0.10 1/4	0.10 1/2
Pansy, seeded	0.10 1/4	0.11
ait, Liverpool	1.00	1.05
Sack, ex store	1.05	1.10
Soda, bicarb.	2.00	3.00

Manitoba	0.00	7.35
Ontario	0.00	6.60
Umatul, standard	0.00	6.75
Oatmeal, rolled	0.00	6.25
Cornmeal, bags	1.75	1.80

Beef—		
Corned 2s	5.00	5.50
Corned 1s	2.50	3.00
Beans—		
Baked	1.50	1.70
String	1.05	1.10
Grated	1.00	1.05
Clams	4.00	4.25
Corn	1.05	1.10
Herling, kippered	4.55	4.75
Oysters—		
1s	1.75	1.75
2s	2.50	2.55
Plumapple	1.00	1.05
Sliced	2.07 1/2	2.10
Grated	1.00	1.05
Singapore	1.65	1.70
Peas	1.02 1/2	1.05
Peaches, 2s	1.75	1.80
Peaches, 3s	2.35	2.40
Plums, Lombard	1.25	1.30
Pumpkin	1.05	1.10
Raspberries	2.12 1/2	2.15
Salmon—		
Plata	4.75	5.00
Colosa	8.50	8.80
Red spring	8.25	8.35
Tomatoes	1.25 1/2	1.25
Strawberries	2.37 1/2	2.40

Pork, Can. mess	28.50	29.00
Pork, Am. clear	28.00	29.00
Beef, Am. plate	24.75	25.00
Lard, pure	0.15 1/2	0.15 1/2
Lard, comp. tubs	0.13 1/2	0.13 1/2

Country	0.00	0.08
Butchers	0.06	0.08
Western	0.10	0.12
Lamb	0.14	0.18
Veal, per lb.	0.08	0.12
Mutton, per lb.	0.08	0.10
Pork, per lb.	0.10	0.14
Butter	0.28	0.32
Tub	0.30	0.34
Creamery	0.32	0.38
Eggs, fresh	0.30	0.34
Eggs, case	0.28	0.30
Cheese, Can.	0.13 1/2	0.20
Pow, per lb.	0.00	0.16
Turkey, per lb.	0.28	0.30
Chickens, per lb.	0.25	0.30
Potatoes, bib.	2.50	3.00

Bloaters, boxes	0.75	0.95
Cod	0.00	0.25
Medium	6.00	6.25
Small	4.75	5.00
Pinnan haddies	0.00	0.09
Herrings	0.00	0.18
Gr. Maitan, bib.	6.00	6.75
Kipperd, boxes	0.00	0.90

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The late Mr. Woodworth was the son of Daniel Woodworth, one of the pioneer settlers of that place and was one of a large family of which only two sisters now survive. His wife predeceased him six weeks ago. He is survived by three children, Howard D. and Frank S. Woodworth of Chemical Road, and Mrs. Totten Killam, residing in Maine. Until the last few weeks Mr. Woodworth had been able to attend to his duties as small farmer, which he had performed faithfully for over fifteen years. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 12.30 from his late residence, Rev. Richard Oplie conducting the services.

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TRUE BILL IN 'LONGSHOREMEN' KINGS COUNTY WILL GET NEW WHARF SHELTER

Brought in by Grand Jury in Case of Daniel Canning Charged with Slaying Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien.

Hampton, N. B., March 21.—The Kings County Circuit Court opened here this morning at 11 o'clock, His Honor Judge Crockett presiding. The business of the court was somewhat delayed owing to the late arrival of the Maritime Express on board of which was Lieut.-Col. G. W. Fowler.

Only three cases have been entered at this sitting—two criminal and one civil. The main interest is centered around the case of Daniel Canning, charged with the murder of Thomas O'Brien and wife, on Thursday night, February 17th, 1916.

The only civil action on the docket was a suit to recover the amount of a promissory note from J. A. Patterson by the Bank of Nova Scotia. This was a non-jury case, and judgment was given to the plaintiffs for the full amount of note plus interest and costs, amounting to \$1,062.50.

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FINANCES OF CITY IN HEALTHY CONDITION

Mayor Frink Lays First Installment of His Annual Report Before City Council — Bonded Debt Reduced by \$172,500.

The finances of the city are in a healthy condition, according to the first installment of the annual report of the Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs, submitted at yesterday's meeting of the city council, by Mayor Frink.

The reports of the Chamberlain and Comptroller have already been submitted and a perusal of them will be sufficient to convince you that notwithstanding the conditions of war which exist, the finances of the city are in a healthy condition.

Water Department. Construction account, \$16,009.05. Interest, 76,926.48. Reserve account, 6,074.81. Sinking Funds, 39,406.71.

Sewerage Department. Construction account, \$18,988.04. Interest, 11,082.63. Reserve account, 18,258.28. Sinking Funds, 6,434.84.

Fire Hydrants, \$5,743.79. Fire Hydrants, \$5,743.79. Fire Hydrants, \$5,743.79.

Service Pipes. New Service Pipes, \$5,164.05. Repairs, 1,400.00. Inspection and Turnkeys, 2,345.75. Meter Installation and Readings, 1,000.00. Steamship Supply Repairs, 120.16. Steamship Supply Attendance, 829.23.

General Expenses. Commissioner's Salary, \$3,000.00. Salaries and General Labor, 12,712.67. Office Supplies, 354.21. Barn Supplies, 2,700.16. Rental City Hall Office, 365.77. Rental West Side Shop, 200.00. Proportion J. E. Toole's Salary, 1,000.00.

Plant Additions. New Meters, \$1,999.82. Sundry Tools and Supplies, 3,454.43. Land Purchase, 1,950.00.

Miscellaneous. Insurance, \$459.25. County Taxes, 842.23. Interest, 79,663.46. Sinking Funds, 30,406.71.

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RUSSIA GOV'T TO TAKE CONTROL OF INLAND WATERWAYS

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MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts to flush Kidneys if Back hurts or Bladder bothers.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat for an article which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.

Market prices table with columns for item and price. Includes items like Haddock, Almonds, Walnuts, Dates, etc.

DIED.

LYNAM—In this city, March 21, Mrs. Annie Lynam, widow of Richard Lynam, aged 87 years and 9 months. Funeral will take place from her late residence, 28 Elmwood street, Thursday afternoon at 2:30, followed by services at St. Mary's church.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Mar. 18.—The death occurred yesterday morning of Reuben S. Woodworth of Chemical Road, after a brief illness at the age of 79 years.



A Column Which Is Supposed To Be Of Interest To Women

Herein are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

NEWS OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

We are always pleased to receive any news of Women's Societies, fashion notes, new or tried recipes, etc., which may be of interest to our readers, and we will publish same when suitable. All communications for these columns to have name and address (not for publication), and to be addressed to the Editor, Women's Column, The St. John Standard, St. John.

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What Thin Folks Should Do To Gain Weight

Good Advice For Thin, Undeveloped Men and Women.

Thousands of people suffer from excessive thinness, weak nerves and feeble stomachs who, having tried advertised flesh-makers, food-fads, physical culture stunts and run-on creams, resign themselves to life-long skinniness and think nothing will make them fat. Yet their case is not hopeless. A recently discovered combination of assimilative agents has made fat grow after years of thinness, and it is also unequalled, judging from reports, for repairing the waste of sickness or faulty digestion and for strengthening the nerves. This remarkable preparation is called Sargol. Six strength-giving, fat-producing assimilative elements of acknowledged merit have been combined in this preparation, which is endorsed and used by prominent people everywhere. It is absolutely harmless, inexpensive and efficient.

GRAND HARBOR, W. I.

The Women's Institute of Grand Harbor, held its annual Men's Night, the last week in February, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

As the work of the Institute during the war period has been so largely identified with the Red Cross, it was decided that it would be fitting to use the Red Cross emblem for the decorations, etc., and accordingly, sheets with the emblem were ordered and used by prominent people everywhere. It is absolutely harmless, inexpensive and efficient.

Chorus—"Soldiers of Canada."
Reading—"An Empire's Prayer."
Mrs. D. H. Dargatz.
Address—Rev. J. E. Goslin.
Solo—"Knitting," Mrs. C. O. Newton.
Tableau—Showing two of our sole traders, Messrs. Owen Ingalls and Willford Dalsell, surrounded by ladies knitting and Red Cross nurses.
Recitation—"Knitting from the husband's point of view," D. H. Dargatz.
Reading—"Aunt Hetty on Matrimony," Mrs. Errol Treacott.
Tableau—"Women's Rights," Mr. and Mrs. Kiscadden, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dakin.
Chorus—"Till the Boys Come Home."
All who cared for games then sur-

rounded the tables, and after some time spent pleasantly, refreshments (also displaying red crosses) were served by the Institute, weekly "knitting bees" are held; these have been recently held at the homes of Mrs. Edgar Cook, Miss Grace Newton, and Mrs. Frank Lakeman.

FASHIONS.

It is predicted that laces are to be used extensively this Spring and Summer, not only to trim our blouses and dresses, but in many instances lace of some kind will form the most important part of the garment. The styles of the period between 1830 and 1850, now so popular, have naturally created a demand for this kind of trimmings.

Large and Small Shapes.

But to return to the hats when the straw is not treated with a bath of lacquer, the shiny bamboo is used to make both large and small shapes or better still, they are formed of the ordinary cloth. In the fashion talk last week a full description of both the checked and striped oxford sports hats was given. Many of the straws in the large sailor shapes are woven of two different colors and in a checker board effect. These will probably be very good for morning wear in the late spring and possibly for the summer also.

Muslin Undergarments.

Quality is now an important factor in women's underwear of all grades. Fine materials are employed, while the trimmings are of less showy pattern and are more sparingly used. Hand embroidery and machine handwork are employed to quite an extent. Fresh-colored fabrics are rapidly coming into favor for gowns, combinations and corset covers. The envelope chemise will again be the leader in combinations.

Lace for Remodelling.

Lace offers splendid ideas for remodelling. New sleeves of it will completely rejuvenate last season's best blouse or frock; transform a rather passe dress by means of one of those dainty lace jackets of one through the medium of a gimp. Metal laces in gold, silver and steel will also be used for trimming afternoon and evening gowns.

The New Sleeves.

A decided change in the styles of sleeves has been imminent for some time and now the storm has broken with the result that we have with us sleeves attractive, sleeves grotesque and likewise many that are beautiful and graceful.

An Attractive Style.

An attractive style for the summer frock of thin material is made with two ruffles attached to the sleeves by tiny cordings. The new full leg-o-mutton top attached to a long, light fitting cuff, ending in double flaring cuffs, is another new style. The drop shoulder and bell sleeve are attractively combined in another. This is one of the prettiest sleeves for thin fabrics.

Odd Little Sleeve.

The odd little sleeve, with flaring ruffles was worn by the stars in one of the season's most popular musical comedies. It requires a pretty, plump arm, but would be dear for an evening frock.

With so many new types of sleeves, and Dame Fashion's permission to combine fabrics, surely any woman who can handle a needle should be able to bring her left-over frocks up-to-date. Sometimes if does not pay to give much time to remodeling summer dress, but if the material is in good condition, and especially if it is silk or satin, a few dollars' worth of new trimmings and a little of one's spare time will make it worth while.

It was last year that the vogue for patent leather straw, that was glazed and ribbon that was lacquered, made their first appearance and since then a perfect avalanche of shiny material has been thrust upon, but we have welcomed it. Paquin was the first to introduce leather for dress trimmings and soon followed whole garments of leather.

Already have the bright hued velvet sports suits arrived for southern wear, with their trimmings of leather. Whole leather coats are also to be worn for motoring or for wear with the striped skirts of velvet for general sports wear.

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"In Neutrality We Trust"

"In Neutrality We Trust" is the motto for the company of Roy Cooper Meguire's war drama, "Under Fire." There's a reason—several of them, in fact.

REFLECTIONS.

I often think of what my old man told me the day I was married: "Don't never forget, honey, that what you're married to is a man, and don't expect of all the heavenly virtues in him. They ain't his."

COOKING HINTS.

Always keep a jar of cracker dust on hand for brooding or else save up all pieces of bread and once a month dry them in an open oven, then place them in a bag and pound until fine.

Alders at Wedding.

At the wedding recently of Bertram Grassy, of the Universal Company, and Miss Girard Alexander, who also is a member of the Universal force, Paddy Wooln, the Alders pet, attracted unusual attention.

Moving Pictures at Hotel.

Several hundred sojourners crowded the Japanese room at Hot Springs, Virginia, last night to see a motion picture play with "Miss Ethel Barrymore" in the leading role, and scores were turned away for lack of room.

Another photo play was shown before a large audience tonight, and afternoon and evening performances will follow daily throughout the season, with a daily change of films. The Homestead is the first American hotel to present motion pictures for the entertainment of its patrons. A New York moving picture expert has been brought here to take charge of the performances.

Last week a wealthy New York man whose children were pleased with the performance at the Hippodrome left his check for \$500 to buy a thousand matinee tickets for poor boys and girls. Since then charitable societies have applied for a proportion of these seats, so that up to the present the number of seats taken for by charitable organizations total 16,800. Who told us this Charles Dillingham, manager of the Hippodrome, added a thousand complimentary seats to those bought by the generous patron.

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CIVIC ADMINISTRATION.

Although civic election day is less than three weeks away there is, as yet, little or no apparent interest in what that day may bring forth. As far as candidates are concerned those at present announced can be disposed of in one election. For the office of Mayor the present chief magistrate and R. T. Hayes will contest. Both are representative citizens, and either would be likely to give satisfaction in the office. For the two vacancies at the council board the candidates in the field so far are Commissioners Potts and McLellan, whose terms expire, G. Fred Fisher and James L. Surrue, the latter as a labor representative. The two last named gentlemen have been unsuccessful candidates on a previous occasion.

There has been much criticism and equal commendation for the Commissioners who are now offering for reelection. Mayor Pinks has also been praised and blamed for various acts of his civic career. In this, Mayor and Commissioners have shared the fate of every public man. Probably election day will show that the support of those now in power will support them at the polls while those who feel that the city's affairs have not been wisely administered in the past will exercise their franchise in favor of new men. The St. John citizens, as a rule, are apathetic in matters pertaining to civic or municipal administration. While this is not a proper spirit yet it has always been in evidence and probably always will be. But it is unfair to the city and the mayor and commissioners as well that citizens who do not display an interest in civic administration on election day should be the freest critics of it in the succeeding twelve months.

Second in importance to the personnel of the new council is the plebiscite to decide the form of the civic government. When the commission idea was first talked of The Standard took the ground that the system was no better than the factors entering into it—the man, rather than the plan was the main consideration. Other newspapers, ardent in their support of the new system, argued that the commission plan would produce better men and would, of itself, remedy many of the defects of the old regime. Whether that prediction has been verified the people are left to judge. Certain it is that Commission Government has proven successful in many cities and unsuccessful in as many more. Whether it is the plan best adapted to the needs of St. John can now be more intelligently decided than when it was first suggested for the citizens have had four years of experience of it, and should know its strong and weak points. That experience has shown that some of its supposed benefits were over-estimated as were also some of its reported defects.

True, under commission the city has spent more money and taxes are higher but there is more to show for the expenditure. It is but fair to say that some of the civic services were never in as good shape as at the present time and that the city's financial position is absolutely sound. It is for the people to decide whether these services could have been brought to the same standard with equal expenditure under the former system of government. It is probably quite fair to all parties to say that improved conditions in any public work can be brought about by larger expenditures under any system of civic rule. The main point to be remembered is this, that the citizens get just what they deserve in the way of government either civic, municipal or in the larger fields. If they are dissatisfied with their present civic rulers or the system under which they administer our affairs the opportunity to change both is at hand. If they feel that Commission Government is in the best interests of St. John and that the men at the council board are satisfactorily discharging the duties assigned to them they should not hesitate to reaffirm their confidence in it and them.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

In Parliament on Monday Hon. Robert Rogers made an important utterance in connection with the change of route of the St. John Valley Railway and the Dominion Government's atti-

tude toward the whole undertaking. He plainly stated that the Dominion Government recognized the important part the Valley Railway will take in national as well as provincial development and that in the new plans the Federal and Provincial Governments were working in complete harmony. Discussing the changed route the Frederick Gleason of yesterday said in part: "As Mr. Rogers made it clear to the great disappointment of his critics, no part of the existing plans of that section of the road where the St. John river was to be crossed some distance below Gasquetown. The excessive cost of bridging the low water level of the river, the engineering difficulties have presented themselves in the failure to secure foundations in less than a depth of two hundred feet, has already appeared to thoughtful people as completely justifying the Government in choosing another, and a practical, route to reach the Winter Port at the earliest moment possible. "The change of route finds the solution of one of the greatest difficulties under which the Valley enterprise has been laboring. The arrangement for running rights over the C. P. R. from a point at or near Westfield to St. John, is of course a temporary expedient, adopted to facilitate connection with the Winter Port for Western traffic with the great eastern cities. These arrangements, however, as running rights are now provided, will afford facilities quite the equal of any to be attained by complete ownership. The owner in this case is not the complete master nor the dictator as some have assumed. The interests and the rights of the other party are protected at all times by another authority, so that even if it had been the case that the running rights were a permanent arrangement the road would still be absolutely independent and entirely within the control of those who operate the system. Increase of traffic on two great Transcontinental systems making for St. John as the Winter Port of Canada may well stimulate the necessity of additional tracks. But future arrangements will provide for this; and it is to be hoped that, with the business in good hands, it will soon be of sufficient volume to call for more than two tracks to handle it all.

"The link from the Valley Road at a point some nine or ten miles above Fredericton to the Maine Central at Vancouver will further enlarge the usefulness of the Valley enterprise, and add considerably to its earning power. It will give to the people and the business of the entire province a quick independent connection with the New England states where our short lumber and fish of all kinds find a ready market at good prices. There is no doubt that the business of this Province, and particularly that of the North Shore and the Miramichi, has been greatly handicapped by the absence of competitive connection with the New England markets. The new arrangement will therefore appear as a very large number of our people as admirably meeting the requirements. It is certainly a comprehensive scheme. Some partisan with an ambition to find fault is reported to have said, it is a proposition of Gutelius. If so, it is the proposition of one of the broadest minded and one of the most successful of the railway men of America.

"The enthusiasm and the interest manifested by the Hon. Robert Rogers in the enterprise was natural. As a far-seeing business man he could readily appreciate the great advantages in arrangements which measure up to national needs. To see Mr. Rogers' sympathy and support in an undertaking of this character it is only necessary to convince him that the service is being prudently enlarged for the general public good for Mr. Rogers' hobby is national development in keeping with reasonably far-sighted business principles. That he as a good business head has implicit faith in what we are undertaking may be found in his remarks on the subject in Parliament last night, such as 'there is nothing that this (the Dominion) Government can do to assist in the carrying out of that enterprise that we are not prepared to do, and again referring to the possible need in the future of another bridge at St. John to accommodate the business of the Transcontinental coming over the Fredericton and Westfield links, 'if there is expense in connection with these bridges, we will come to the relief of the people of New Brunswick, believing as we do that it is in the interests of the people of Canada to secure the most direct connection with that National Port; and again, we want it so managed that construction of this important work will be completed during this coming summer. Mr. Rogers also intimated that it might just be possible that it would be in the interests of the country at no very distant date for the International to acquire the St. John Valley and operate it as its own. From the broader standpoint this is probably a sound proposition; but with this road a revenue-producing investment for the province, and there is no

doubt that it will be a valuable investment from the revenue standpoint, there may be considerable local objection to the transfer of the property. However, that is a matter for the future. Mr. Rogers, in authority, has spoken well and candidly on a subject of first importance to the people of this province."

The English Sparrow

They are writin' 'bout the thrushes 'Pellin' how they sing an' trill How the swaller dips an' rubes An' the midnight whippovill. Then the bobolink an' robin With the cuckoo an' the jays, Sets the poets a heart a-throbblin' In a mighty lot o' ways.

'Praps they all deserve the praisin' That 'm buzzy me, sed grandpop. But a little pop I'm raisin' 'T'others haven't seemed to hit. First col' 'blast that comes a heavin' Makin' green an' flows go. Gets the whole blasted pack a heavin' For some other place to go.

Now I know a chap in feathers Poets never seem to tune, he eaks, 'Though he's here in all the weathers In December as in June. He's a rusty common farrer. All he gets is scorn an' blame. He's the critty English sparrer, Never squeals or quits the game.

Doesn't touch your vines or tillage, Nor your cherries, nor your peaches, Gets his livin' round the village, In the yards and in the streets, Couldn't sing a thing but twitter, An' he's nothing of a snob, But the plucky English sparrer, He's a stickin' to his job.

When the green is dead an' dryin' Only gray an' drift to see He'll be a d'yer an' a spy In the shrub an' in the tree. When it's freezein' in the marrer Snow drifts plin' to your hip, He'll be there the English sparrer, With his critty, cheery 'chip.' George A. Cleveland.

King Peter The Brave

Interesting details of the part which King Peter of Serbia is taking in the Balkan war, as set forth in an article contributed to the Corriere della Sera of Milan, from their correspondent on the European front.

"King Peter," he says, "was ill even before the outbreak of the Balkan war. The physicians opposed the operation had to be entrusted to his son Alexander, the heir to the throne. The King, who fearfully punishes medical treatment at Topala. As soon as he felt convinced that Bulgaria would attack Serbia, the old King, ill as he was, declared his intention to lead the army immediately for the frontier against the Bulgars. The northern front had less attraction for him, but he wished to see face to face the aggressors of 1915, then fearfully punished the 'brothers' of the first Balkan war. The physicians opposed him, declaring it would be madness to go in his present state of health. "The King resisted at first; then he seemed resigned. Very well, he answered the doctor. Two days later he left without telling the doctor. He arrived in Nish in a motor car and went to find Pastich, his hare study of the Palace and to ask permission to visit the front. Pastich was amazed to see the King so ill and anxious, with eyes that were almost closed, and a thin and drawn. And the question astonished him: why should the King ask for a permit? 'I am a soldier,' explained King Peter; 'there is a Volvoda in command of our armies, hence I must ask for permission.' They telephoned to Kraguyevatz then. The doctor was also summoned. The Volvoda begged the King, the doctor commanded him not to go.

"Then the King said: 'Very well, it is in your power to refuse the permit to an old soldier. An old soldier of this kind, such as an examining officer, I must ask for permission.' They telephoned to Kraguyevatz then. The doctor was also summoned. The Volvoda begged the King, the doctor commanded him not to go. "Perhaps the old King was hoping for another miracle. Last December it was he who had put new courage in his soldiers when they were retreating before the dense masses Austria had poured across the Danube and the Save. He had to be carried to Lazarevatz, in the first line of Stefanovitch's army, when he went into the trench of the Second Regiment, the famous 'Iron Regiment,' helping himself along with a stick. There he exchanged the stick for a rifle and said to his soldiers: "My children, I know you are very tired. We have fought like heroes. But our country is in danger. He who can resist no longer can go home again without fear of being punished. But the country is in danger, and I have come here with you, to die for our country. Let those remain who wish to die with their King for Serbia."

"Then he lifted his rifle and fired. The words of the old King, who had left his bed of pain to fight in the trench, electrified the soldiers. They threw themselves forward without hesitation, and twelve days later not an Austrian was left on Serbian territory and Belgrade was retaken.

"Now the King was hoping for a repetition of the miracle. Again he visited the first line trenches, remaining with his soldiers for two hours lifting laboriously the rifle to fire. But he appeared very sad on his return to Nish. The ministers had already departed. He decided to return to Kraguyevatz. "At Kraguyevatz he saw the car which was carrying the Generalissimo Putnik, the old never beaten Volvoda, whom all Serbian soldiers call 'foc-

Little Benny's Note Book

The Park Ave. News. Grandpop came around last nite, and after a while he sed to pop, Wuh-yaan, how about a little game of chess. As soon as I finish these war articles telling how the Germans and the Allies have got the war practically won, sed pop. And he kept on reading the paper, and pretty soon grandpop sed, Wv, your reading the sporting page now.

So I am, so I am, wat a coincident, sed pop. I dont see wate the coincidents come in, sed grandpop, and pop sed. The coincidents is, just as you manuevred it I happened to be reading it. And he put the paper down and and grandpop brawt the chess board and things and they started to play chess with each other, both taking a lawing wide to move, especially grandpop.

Is your move, sed pop. I no it, I want to think it over, sed grandpop. Youve bin thinking it over for 10 minutes, I dont say that chess art to be an exciting game, but at least it art to have sum motion visible to the naked eye, sed pop. Dont hurry me, sed grandpop. Impossible, sed pop. And they both kept on setting chess without moving, and then grandpop sed, All rite, ill move this pawn, now lets see wat your going to do.

And they both kept on setting chess, and after a lawing wide grandpop sed, Well, go on, I dont care this lawing, anyway. Pop not saying anything, and after another while grandpop sed, Ill haff to be going home soon, this is unreasonbil. Pop not saying any thing, just setting there with one elbo on the table holding his forhed with his hand. For goodniss sakes, father, move, wv dont you, sed ma. Hes just desoribly taking lawing to get back at me, sed grandpop. Wich just then there was a funny sound, and wat was it but pop moor-ing.

Eeepoo, well sint that reedifokitts, sed grandpop. Willyum, wate rite up, wat a mean thing to do, wate up, sed ma. Wich pop did, jerking his hand up and saying, Wat, O yes, whose ahead. Nobody I, dont perpose to play chess with a ded man, im going home, sed grandpop. Wich he did.

tionately 'Grandfather.' Putnik which the Germans were on the point of entering. And the old Volvoda, ill like the King, but untrining, had to abandon the place. "The two cars met and came to a stop. In those days Kraguyevatz was stricken by the fear carried like contagion by the columns of refugees from Nish and from the north. The road was obstructed by the people, the peasants' carts, the oxen. Some one recognized the cars and two names passed along the crowd—"the King, the Volvoda!" And suddenly that crowd was silenced as if my magic liming the sides. The men lifted their caps, the women looked on with heavy, fascinated eyes. None said a word. Not a cry was uttered. The two motor cars moved on slowly, and were passing."

PERSONAL. His Honor Lieut. Gov. Wood was at the Royal yesterday. Hon. George J. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke of St. Stephen were in the city yesterday. Attorney General J. B. M. Baxter went to Fredericton last evening. W. F. Humphrey, M.L.A., of Moncton, was at the Royal yesterday.

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STREET RAILWAY AGREEMENT AGAIN RATIFIED BY COUNCIL AFTER LONG DEBATE

Mayor Frink Challenged by Commissioner Potts to Declare His Attitude, Takes Floor and Tells of Flaws in Pact—Commissioners Potts, Wignore and Russell Vote for Agreement, Commissioner McLellan Dissenting.

The oft discussed and much considered agreement between the city of St. John and the St. John Railway Co. was again the subject of an animated debate for nearly an hour and a half at yesterday's session of the City Council. After Mayor Frink and all the commissioners had explained agreement was again ratified on a vote of reconsideration by exactly the same line-up as on the previous Tuesday. Commissioners Potts, Russell, and Wignore favored the agreement and Commissioner McLellan dissented, the Mayor not being called upon to vote under the rule.

The session of the council was one of the most interesting held in months and although the cross-fire between Commissioner Potts and Mayor Frink was brisk at times, the whole session ended harmoniously.

The Mayor was challenged by Commissioner Potts to explain his reasons for not attaching his signature to the agreement. His Worship turning over the chair to Commissioner Wignore took the floor and in a vigorous and dress declared his position, which was that while he disliked the agreement in some particulars he was prepared to vote for it if Commissioner Potts could submit evidence that \$5,000 a mile was sufficient to meet the expense of the foundation of the track bed.

Commissioners Potts and McLellan having expressed their views in the council previously and in interviews with The Standard, their attitudes were well known to the citizens. Mayor Frink had been challenged in the press and in a letter by Commissioner Potts to declare his attitude. When again asked by Commissioner Potts at the council board yesterday for an explanation of his stand His Worship had no hesitation in responding.

Mayor Frink's Statement.

His statement in direct reply to Commissioner Potts follows:

"Those who have had experience in civic affairs are well aware of the fact that any attempt to break into many needs a failure, for the very simple reason that the energies of the Common Council past and present have been submerged by the weight and influence of its opponents. The bill submitted to the legislature was to compel the Railway Company to lay down a concrete foundation only between the rails, not to build or lay pavement between the rails, and eighteen inches outside, which is an obligation cheerfully met by all street railways operating in any city of this size. In Halifax the Tramway Company not only lays the base but the pavement between and two feet outside the rail, and this pavement must be to the satisfaction of the city. However, the city of St. John has endeavored in vain to obtain a similar agreement or arrangement and it is not worthy of further discussion. As members of the council were advised that even the base could not be made compulsory by legislation, and having failed in that, for one, I was ready to receive any advance looking to a working basis whereby the troubles of last year might be averted, and I am of the opinion that had the company been asked to pay the cost of the foundation on a minimum basis of cost per yard, it might find acceptance, even if the agreement only covered a period of five years, for it must be remembered that at the expiration of the term, the company are not bound to lay a yard of foundation, whereas under the bill, this obligation was to be perpetual until repealed or extended by the legislature, but as questionable as this feature is in the agreement, I think perhaps it is better than the bill for, at the expiration of the term, the city may, with increased strength, go to the legislature with the acknowledgment of responsibility for the railway, and ask legislation not only for a foundation for rails but for a compliance with the custom in every other city and a demand for a pavement between the rails and eighteen inches outside. The question has been asked, 'Well, if the Railway Company has agreed to pay five thousand dollars a mile to lay foundations, when the city proceeds to lay permanent street, what has that to do with the agreement made between the city and Railway Company in 1908?' The question is not an unreasonable one and the only answer I can make is that the railway expected a quid pro quo for its generosity in allowing the sum for foundations, and I take it in part perhaps for the payment of expenses of litigation as a result of last year's operation, and the abandonment of all claims that it might have for loss in traffic and receipts.

Snow and Ice.

"The Commissioner of Public Works has stated that the amount of money obtained from the Railway Company has been sufficient during his term to remove ice and snow from tracks, to keep the surface about the rails in fair order and to provide a sufficient sum to a certain amount of permanent work between tracks, and it may, in his opinion, be sufficient to meet the

ONLY TWO MEN OUT FOR MAYOR

A. M. Rowan Retires, Leaving Mayor Frink and R. T. Hayes Only Declared Candidates—Labor Man for Commissioner.

A. M. Rowan announced last night that he had decided not to be a candidate for mayor. As T. H. Bullock has not declared himself Mr. Rowan's declaration leaves only Mayor Frink and R. T. Hayes in the field, unless W. P. H. Patterson should shy his castor into the ring. Mr. Hayes has had experience in civic affairs, having been alderman for Victoria ward for several years. For a time he was chairman of the Board of Finance.

Last evening the Trades and Labor Council decided to place James L. Sugrue in nomination for commissioner. J. E. Tighe, John O'Brien and C. Stevens were appointed a committee to address union meetings between now and election day. They will address the Bartenders' Union Thursday night and the Freight Handlers' Union the following evening.

The council decided to leave the question of continuing the commission form of government to the individual members.

It was learned last night that there is a possibility of a "Peoples' ticket" for mayor and commissioners being placed in the field. Those who favor a peoples' ticket propose to place organized forces to work against the commission form of government.

I think we are a little bit hasty in extending the agreement.

Looks for More Requests.

"I don't think the street railway matter is ended, as far as their wants are concerned from the City of St. John. I think the very people anticipated the purchase of the street railway two years ago are still in the field for the further development of the street railway. I can't see why it isn't possible for other ventures to be made and see if they will give an amount equal to the cost of the base. I don't think the street railway has any idea \$5,000 would cover the cost of the base. I think the street railway would be glad to pay \$10,000.

"The street railway will have to be considerate with the city. They have a contract which will be expired. I will tell you I have sufficient information on the lighting systems in America today to place before the street railway representatives as part of the proposal of the renewal of the agreement for the lighting of the City of St. John. It may be possible for the city to get a water power plant. It would save money. So the street railway is not in the position it thinks it is.

"I say the paving business is bad, and I want to reiterate my opposition to it. I admit the street railway has been rather autocratic in the past, and the greatest bugbear in the past has been its influence at Fredericton."

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YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS

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140th.

Yesterday was spent by the men of the 140th in routine work. The following promotions have been made: Pte. Howard Jamieson to be corporal; Corp. Gillespie to be orderly room sergeant; Pte. H. Gilbert to be sergeant. Today the orderly officer will be Lieut. Dowling and the usual round of drill will be in order.

69th.

Yesterday morning the 69th had company drill and musketry. In the afternoon C and D companies were out for a route march. Today will be spent in bayonet fighting, company drill, musketry and trenching.

Potts Addresses Mayor.

At the conclusion of Mayor Frink's statement, Commissioner Potts said to His Worship that he would be glad for you to cast your vote. I will put it right up to you. Commissioner Potts then asked the mayor a number of questions which with respect regard the agreement. He referred Commissioner Potts to the charter.

Two of the questions were:

Commissioner Potts: You made the statement that you are finance commissioner and that you had supervision of all the city offices?

Mayor Frink: "Yes."

Commissioner Potts: "When the 1908 agreement was enforced you were very strong personally in making that agreement?"

Mayor Frink: "I was not on the board of works at that time."

Commissioner Potts again addressing the council said he never said to His Worship that \$5,000 would cover the cost of the concrete paving and base. What he did say was that \$5,000 would nearly do the work. He spoke of Commissioner McLellan's objection that at the expiration of seven years the street railway might say that a certain fine road bed no more work or payments were necessary. Commissioner Potts thought his statement would be spent a dollar on paving. The commissioner said he admitted it was an agreement to bring on at this time of year. It meant, however, that the city was to receive \$26,400 for five years.

Mayor Frink: "Commissioner Potts said he had devised ways and means in his own mind when he consulted the City of St. John. Mr. Hatfield, the road engineer, when I saw him in my office, said he could not answer me if I asked him if he estimated the cost at \$5,000 per mile. The commissioner said he was under the Commissioner of Public Works. He consulted Mr. Wardrop and found that he had a right to give an estimate of the cost at \$5,000 per mile. The commissioner told me that \$5,000 was sufficient and more than sufficient."

Commissioner McLellan.

Commissioner McLellan followed. "I haven't by any means," he said, "lessened my opposition to this agreement. I have some other reasons I had not at first. I think it is just as well to let well enough alone for two years."

Commissioner McLellan figured that the city would be out \$10,000 for resurfacing and for the concrete base for one mile of double track. He questioned whether the city had the right to take \$12,000 for the removal of snow and ice and apply it to any particular section of the city. "If the street railway," said the commissioner, "would pay the actual cost of putting down the base alone I think I would favor the agreement without the extension of the present agreement. I think the street railway has been treated fairly by the City of St. John. St. John has no other right than one to light its own streets. The street railway has the exclusive right. The figures I gave as to the putting down of a concrete base and covering are pretty near correct. They are not maximum but minimum. The question of the municipal control of the street railway is a large question. The question of municipal ownership has never been considered without action on the part of the public in the form of a plebiscite. I don't think the city could ever get an orange. The chances are it would get a lemon."

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Demands Explanation.

Before Mayor Frink took the floor Commissioner Potts brought the street railway question before the board by rising to a question of privilege.

"The bill submitted to a meeting of the council a week previous he believed the agreement had been adopted. He added that he would like to ask if the city's signatures had been executed."

Clerk Wardrop—"Not yet."

Commissioner Potts—"I would like to ask why this has not been done and having said that the bill sent to the legislature he withdrew it and placed the department of public works in a very peculiar position. I have submitted what I did in good faith."

Mayor Frink, without an explanation of the Commissioner of Public Works why the signatures had not been executed, it is not obeying instructions. I consider no one has the right to disobey the will of the majority of the council. I suppose I must move a reconsideration."

Commissioner Potts after referring to the advertisements of the street railway in the newspapers, said that if any person in the council had had reason to object to the agreement that reason should have been stated. It was the right of any person, who had an opinion, he said, to express it at this council. From reading the papers, the conclusions would be drawn that the council acted while the mayor's back was turned and that a vote had been taken over his head.

"I don't want the impression to get out," continued Commissioner Potts, "that I was able to put something over on the mayor of St. John. I don't think I am able to do that."

Mayor Frink—"Oh, I don't know."

Consulted with Mayor.

Commissioner Potts said he had consulted with the mayor. As far as Commissioner McLellan is concerned, he had made the statement in the press that the Commissioner of Public Safety did not know as much about the agreement as the other commissioners before it was laid before the council. He said in preparing the agreement he had no intention of slighting Commissioner McLellan.

"The position we are in today," continued the Commissioner of Public Works, "is that the mayor has refused to obey the orders of this council. Where am I at? At the present time we can't touch the tracks. They are covered by injunction. In rising to a question of privilege I would like to ask the mayor a number of questions."

Commissioner Potts said he was willing to have the agreement reconsidered by the council.

At this point His Worship left the chair and called upon Commissioner Wignore to preside.

Council Reconsiders.

On motion of Commissioner Potts, seconded by Commissioner Russell, it was voted unanimously to reconsider the agreement.

Mayor Frink, taking the floor, said: "The Commissioner of Public Works has stated that I refused to sign the agreement. I have not refused to

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German Gunners Pour Hundreds of Tons of Steel into Historic French Town.

(By H. Warner Allen.)

Verdun, March 18.—Verdun is being bombarded today, as it has been for the last twelve days, by German heavy guns. The shells are being poured into the town, and it is surprising how little damage all their efforts have done.

The bombardment is in no way proportionate to the expense incurred by the enemy. At present the Germans are devoting their main attention to the gates, no doubt hoping a lucky shot may fall near enough to put a motor lorry to destruction.

Two mounted men were urged by the gendarmes to pass through the zone of fire, and they were quite insulted by the suggestion. The chauffeur of a motor car descended to put on speed a bit, though he was being watched with great contempt by the two civilians who had taken up what they thought was a safe position under cover of a ruined house.

Live Notes of Sport

LOCAL BOWLING

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Ramblers captured three points from the Specials. The scores follow:

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes Ramblers and Specials teams.

ST. STEPHEN TEAM WON.

An exciting basketball match was played in the Fairville Baptist church gym last night, which resulted in the St. Stephen team winning from Fairville by a score of thirty-three to twenty-four.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING.

Miss Leonard took all four points from Miss Batur in the Ladies' League yesterday. The teams were:

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes Miss Leonard and Miss Batur.

THE BIG FIGHT.

New York, March 21.—At both training camps today, the word was passed by the men in charge of Jess Willard and Frank Moran that the big fellows are so nearly on edge that the remainder of the week will be devoted to lighter exercises.

SOME RECRUITING SCENES IN LONDON

At the City's busiest hour—12.30—the Lord Mayor, Sir Charles C. Wakefield, speaks from the balcony of the Mansion House, and makes an appeal to the young men of London who are affected by the Military Service Bill.

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POLICE COURT

Trouble over the placing of a sign has caused a disagreement between Peter C. Sharkey, the government railway wharfinger, and Harbor Master Frank Alward. The case will be heard in the police court this morning.

Further evidence was taken in the case where John Travis is charged with assaulting Policeman Colwell. The evidence so far given was gone over and the case adjourned until the 29th.

What is your age? was the question the Grand Duke addressed to one middle-aged recruit, and when told he observed, "Ah, you are too old chap." The man, however, insisted he was within the limit.

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So far as the evidence from the recruiting stations goes, the "lads of London Town" are fully alive to the situation. They do not want to be "conscripted" in any way, and they are joining in numbers that satisfy the men chiefly concerned—the recruiting officers.

The Mansion House was recently the centre of great activity, and men of all classes walked into the Lord Mayor's Long Parlor, signed their attestation papers, and took the oath of fealty.

One of the latest of the Lord Mayor's recruits is John Barry Hobbs, the well-known cricketer. Hobbs walked quietly into the Lord Mayor's Long Parlor and, without being asked, signed his attestation papers, and took the oath of fealty.

Born in December, 1882, Hobbs is easily within military age, and, as "Good old Obbs"—the Oval crowd's term for him—he may yet make records on other fields as great as his achievements for his adopted county of Surrey.

One of the pleasantest incidents of the recruiting at the Mansion House, was the unexpected appearance of the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, who, in the company of the Lord Mayor, attended a meeting in the Egyptian Hall. On the way there the Grand Duke, who was wearing a Russian army uniform, stopped, with Sir Charles Wakefield, at the Long Parlor, and became deeply interested in the process of attestation.

His highness questioned the recruiting officers about the average age of the men who were attesting, and placing a hand on the shoulder of one young fellow, asked when he would be sent out. The recruiting officer having explained, the Grand Duke proceeded in a friendly way to question some of the men about their occupations in private life. The majority, he learned, were clerks in city offices, but one was a partner in a firm of stockbrokers, another was a motor mechanic, while the woolen goods trade and engineering engaged the activities of others.

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ENVER PASHA'S DREAM SURE TO BE SHATTERED

Has Long Cherished Hope of Becoming Sultan of Egypt.

Trend of Events, However, Shows That His Ambition Has But Little Chance of Being Realized.

Salonica, March 17.—For the past year Egypt has been outside the actual theatre of war. Now the Near East has become a region where important events are expected, some of the lightning falls once more upon Nileland.

In the Near East one soon learns that it is unwise to prophesy, and a look at the map shows us that there are too many probabilities for that to be, at the present moment, any one certainty. Germany has a long line of communications from Belgrade to the Bosphorus. It is threatened, in the first place, by the Russian advance on the eastern front. Again, the Anglo-Franco-Serbian army outside Salonica lies within striking distance of that pathway of which so many German Imperialists have dreamed rosy dreams.

Italian and Serbian armies further strengthen the menace on the right of the German line. Beyond the Bosphorus the Russians are smashing their way forward again, and if their advance is continued, the Turks, as an important factor in the war, must be largely neutralized. The British in Mesopotamia are also a serious proposition for the Ottoman leaders to consider. These are the present realities of the situation out here, and there are other possibilities. The Germans may, at any moment, be further embarrassed by the intervention of Roumania on the side of the Entente. They and their Turkish allies may quite possibly find themselves faced with a fresh invasion, or, indeed, fresh invasions, on the Asia Minor coast, where the line of communications leading to Mesopotamia and Egypt could comparatively easily be placed in serious danger.

Germany Shy of Egypt. With such a situation as the Turks likely to attempt another attack on Egypt? It is certainly the one thing at the moment about which the most prominent Turks are enthusiastic, but which their Teutonic taskmasters are inclined to regard as foolhardy and doomed to failure. Enver's great ambition is to become sultan of Egypt; he as much as confessed that to a friend of mine who was lately in Turkey. Then Djemal Pasha is a wild fanatic with regard to the question of the reconquest of Egypt and Tripoli. Unless definitely restrained by Germany, the leaders of Turkey would certainly embark on another and more ambitious expedition. As a return for the sacrifices, willing and unwilling, which Turkey has made for Germany, she may have to demand definite assistance in the matter, and Germany may find it difficult to refuse her request, backed up as it will be by Enver and Djemal, who is said to have asked that his "Egyptian army" shall be stiffened by the inclusion in it of 25,000 German troops.

The army that conquered Serbia was such a poor one from the point of view both of numbers and the physique of the men that Field-Marshal Mackensen had to conquer with his cannon and spare his men in every possible way. Germany has to pro-

DR. LIEBKNECHT GIVES NEWS ON GERMAN CRIMES

Socialist Member of Reichstag Says Censors Suppress Mention of Food Riots and the Many Trials Arising From These and Peace Demonstrations — Prisons Full of Soldiers.

Amsterdam, March 17.—(Reuter's Correspondent.)—In the course of a debate in the Prussian Diet on the estimates for the Ministry of Justice, Dr. Liebknecht, the well-known Socialist, sharply criticized the censorship, particularly in regard to "Vorwärts," which he said was not allowed to publish any news that might cause public excitement.

It had become a principle with the censorship to prohibit the mention of trials arising out of peace demonstrations and food riots, the result being that the population had no idea how greatly these trials had increased in number. He further said the publication of statistics of the prosecutions of persons for supplying enemy powers with war material would also be very valuable.

As everybody knows, he proceeded, semi-official warnings had been issued against the tendency of the capitalist classes to sell war materials to the enemy through the channel of neutral countries. A very esteemed member of the Liebknecht Senate has just been languishing in prison for having placed his Swedish copper mines at the disposal of the Russians. You all know how capitalists are internationalists still exist, though in an altered form. You know that these relations, especially as regards the armaments industry, are international.

Here the President rang his bell, and the Socialist Adolf Hofmann shouted: "Now it is the turn of the Holy of Holies."

Dr. Liebknecht replied: "I demand statistics of how many people stand indicted for such crimes. In this connection I point out the international relations of the capitalist classes and the supply of war materials and German guns to foreign countries. The Minister of Justice, Herr Baezel, said that while the Chambers would continue to do their patriotic duty, however arduous, they must not run the risk of making their efforts abortive by measures and proposals that had the effect of discouraging initiative and of causing anxiety to those who were cooperating for the redemption of commercial and industrial activity."

"It would seem," said M. Menet, "judging from the measures proposed, and the state of mind in certain circles, but political persecution and reaction would also increase, he said, the cry for help from the prisons and penitentiaries, and from the slaves of industry, will one day become more and more urgent. He said he would like to see the only Holy War, which Socialists know—for peace against war, against capitalists for Socialism. (Approval from the Socialists and general applause.) The Minister of Justice, Dr. Baezel, after pointing out that Dr. Liebknecht had repeated his usual accusation, declined to reply in detail.

After short complaints from Herr Niessen (Danish party) and Herr Trampczynski (Polish party), Dr. Liebknecht again spoke. He said: "As regards one point, I must add something concerning the Austrian condition, a regime of terror. In Austria there are these field courts martial are in fact in no possibility of discussing these things in Parliament. In a few months hundreds of years of penal servitude have been pronounced, and also a death sentence for a poem. One of my Austrian comrades has been sentenced to death for a speech which he made in December, 1914, which was alleged was hostile towards the State. One of my Austrian—" Here the discussion was closed, and the Budget was adopted.

Preventive Arrest. Dr. Liebknecht was called to order, but protested against the President's attempts to gag him. He said political prosecution also did not cease during the war. Preventive arrests were now managed without any guarantees to those arrested. The latter had no means of protecting themselves, and were unable to have the assistance of lawyers. Several hundreds are or have been under arrest, some for months, others since the beginning of the war.

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FRANCE UNDER WAR CONDITIONS

The French Minister of Labor has recently furnished some interesting statistics concerning the extent of unemployment in France at the outbreak of the war and steadily diminishing ever since. In August, 1914, twenty-four out of every one hundred workers in the industries covered were reported mobilized, thirty-five as pursuing their usual occupation, and forty-one as unemployed. In order to avert suffering among those out of work, a National Unemployment Fund was established by the Government which grants a daily allowance of 1-1/2 francs to each unemployed adult and 1-1/2 a franc to every child. In October, 1914, no less than 294,000 idle workers of both sexes were thus assisted in Paris alone, 97,000 of these belonged to the garment trade, which at one time reported 69 out of every 100 workers unemployed.

After the battle of the Marne and the arrest of the German invasion, labor conditions improved rapidly. Unemployed workmen, who were 41 out of every 100 in August, 1914, dropped to 30 in October, 18 in January, 12 in April, and 7 in July last. The clothing industry showed the greatest improvement, namely from 55 to 23. At the present time, the unemployed are reported almost entirely of women, 30,000 of these were working in munition factories in July and giving entire satisfaction.

In Paris, 30,000 women garment makers were still unemployed in October last, 21,000 domestic servants, and 9,000 office and store clerks. An actual dearth of laborers is reported by the chemical, metal and food product industries, all of which are engaged in producing war materials and supplies for the Government, and this shortage promises to increase the longer the war lasts.

The Association of Presidents of French Chambers of Commerce met recently in Paris. M. David Monnet, president of the Paris Chamber of Commerce, and President of the National Association for Economic Expansion, presided, and over 150 members were represented. M. Menet said that while the Chambers would continue to do their patriotic duty, however arduous, they must not run the risk of making their efforts abortive by measures and proposals that had the effect of discouraging initiative and of causing anxiety to those who were cooperating for the redemption of commercial and industrial activity.

"It would seem," said M. Menet, "judging from the measures proposed, and the state of mind in certain circles, but political persecution and reaction would also increase, he said, the cry for help from the prisons and penitentiaries, and from the slaves of industry, will one day become more and more urgent. He said he would like to see the only Holy War, which Socialists know—for peace against war, against capitalists for Socialism. (Approval from the Socialists and general applause.) The Minister of Justice, Dr. Baezel, after pointing out that Dr. Liebknecht had repeated his usual accusation, declined to reply in detail.

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ESCAPED BY STRATEGY

One of the most adventurous records of escape from hostile territory so far chronicled in the war, is that of a French officer who was made prisoner by the Germans shortly after the battle of Charleroi in August, 1914. He made his way from Belgium, where he was held, via Holland and England, and eventually regained his own country.

After capturing a German battery with his company south of Charleroi, he was left unconscious near the enemy's lines and posted as "dead on the field of honor." He was carried back, however, by a German ambulance and after two months in the hospital recovered from his wounds.

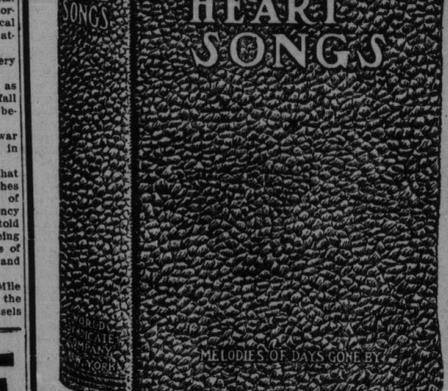
A French girl who attended him promised to assist. She brought him old clothes and assisted him in forging a German pass. Disguised as a tramp he slipped out of the hospital one night and started through the villages of northern France, his countenance pale as he walked past the sentries.

The dangerous stage was in crossing the Belgian frontier to Holland. This he effected through an agent who made a business of helping young Belgians over. He was instructed to walk at night to a milestone where a man with a red muffler would be sitting on a heap of stones. As he passed the man, he was to say "Belgica," and keep on. He followed his instructions, the man rose and overtook him with a low "Follow me," and after a walk in silence, announced "Holland." Then he disappeared. From there to England and thence to France was easy.—New York Sun.

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The Broad

(Continued from yesterday.) "Ah! might as well give in now, and take 'is throat' and 'his done' 'er it."

"That my ruse had succeeded with the crowd was evident; they beat a mass-believed I had done my best, and already regarded me as hopeless and beaten. My chance of winning depended upon whether the smith, dejected into a like belief, should content himself with just beating my last throw, or should he again exert his mighty strength to the utmost, I felt that my case was indeed hopeless."

It was with a beating heart, therefore, that I watched him take his place for the last throw. His face wore a confident smile, but nevertheless he took up the hammer with such a businesslike air that my heart sunk, and, and, feeling a touch upon my arm, I was glad to turn away.

"Be good to fetch a sponge and water," said Simon. "A sponge and water!" "Ah! likewise some vinegar—there's nothin' like vinegar—and remember—the chin, a little to one side pushed."

"Then you think I shall be beaten?" "Why, I don't say that, but it's best to be prepared, are n't it now?" "And with a friendly nod, the Inn-keeper turned away. In that same minute there arose another shout from the crowd as they greeted the young man, and, job, striding up, announced:

"Then, while the air still echoed with their plaudits, I stepped into the ring, and, catching up the hammer, swung it high above my head, and, at the full length of my arms, began to wheel it. The iron spun faster and faster till, setting my teeth, with the whole force of every fibre, every nerve, and muscle of my body, I let it fly.

The blood was throbbing at my temples and my breath coming fast as I watched its curving flight. And now all voices were hushed so that the ring of the iron could be plainly heard as it struck the hard road, and all eyes watched Job, as he began pacing towards us. As he drew near, I caught his countenance to myself, in his chair.

"Ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred, one hundred and one, one hundred and two—one hundred and two!"

Next moment, as it seemed to me, an inarticulate Aencian man, desperate, trying to force me into my coat, wrong side first, and Simon was shaking my hand.

"You tricked me!" cried a voice, and, turning, I found Black George counting me with clenched fists. "And how did I trick you?" "I could ha' chucked farther nor that."

"Then why didn't you?" "Because I thought you was beat. I say you tricked me." "And I tell you the match was a fair one from start to finish."

"Put up your hands," said the smith, advancing in a threatening manner. "No," said I, "a bargain is a bargain, and turning my back upon him, I fell to watching the game with the rags, who, not content with Job's word, was busily pacing out the distance for himself."

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"No honest man," "How is it?" cried he, and, with the word, had seized me by the neck, that crushed my flesh, and high swung me off my feet; "coward is it" he repeated.

"Yes," said I, "none but a coward would attack an unarmed man." So, struck by the smith's grip, I started into each other's eyes, and, once again I saw the hairs of his golden beard curl up, and outwards. "What would have been the end if I cannot say, but there came upon the stillness the sound of flying footsteps, the crowd was burst asunder, and a girl stood before us, a tall, handsome girl with raven hair, and great, flashing black eyes.

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"Why, Frue —" he began, in a
strangely altered voice, and stopped.
The fire was gone from his eyes as
they rested upon her, and he made a
movement as though he would have
reached out his hand to her, but check-
ed himself.
"Why, Frue —" he said again,
but choked suddenly, and, turning
away, strode back towards his forge
without another word. On he went,
looking neither to right nor left, and
I thought there was something indefi-
nitely woebegone and pitiful in the droop
of his head.
Now as I looked from his forlorn
figure to the beautiful, flushed face
of the girl, I saw her eyes grow won-
derfully soft and sweet, and brim-
over with tears. And when Black
George had betaken himself back to
his smithy, she also turned, and, cross-
ing swiftly to the inn, vanished
through its open doorway.
"She's a fine spirit, 'ave that
darter o' yours, Simon, a fine spirit.
Oh! a fine spirit as ever 'was!"
chuckled the Ancient.
"Frue aren't afeared o' Black Jarge
—never was," returned Simon; "she
can managed un—silus could; you'll

altogether. That he had been abso-
lutely sincere in his story I had read
in his dilating eye and the involun-
tary shiver that passed over him
while he spoke. Here indeed, though
I scouted all idea of supernatural
agency, there lay a mystery that
pliqued my curiosity; not a little,
Ghosts!—oh! what a little,
endowed with a reasoning mind, could
allow himself to think, let alone be-
lieve in such folly? Ghosts—fiddle-
-de-dee, air!
Yet here, and all at once, like an
enemy from the dark, old stories leaped
at and seized me by the throat;
old tales of spectres grim and bloody,
of goblins, and haunted houses from
whose dim desolation strange sounds
would come; tales long since heard,
and forgot—till now.
Ghosts! Why, the road was full of
them; they crowded upon my heels,
they peered over my shoulders; I felt
them brush my elbows, and heard
them gibbering at me from the sha-
dows.
At the sun was setting already!
Ghosts! And why not? There are
more things in heaven and earth than
are dreamed of in your philosophy."
However, though I hastened my steps,
but the sun had set ere I reached the
Hollow. Yes, the sun had set, and
the great basin below me was already
brimful of shadows which, as I watch-
ed, seemed to assume shapes—vast,
nebulous, and constantly changing—
down there amid the purple glow of
the trees. Indeed, it looked an un-
holy place in the half light, a pit fram-
ed for murders, and the safe hiding
of tell-tale corpses, and the haunting
of horrid goblins and spectres, grim and
ghastly.
So evilly did the place impress me
that it needed an effort of will ere I
could bring myself to descend the
precipitous slope. Bats flitted to and
fro across my path, now and then,
emitting their sharp, needle-like note,
while, from somewhere in the dimness
beyond, an owl hooted.
By the time I reached the cottage,
it had fallen quite dark, here in the
Hollow, though the light still lingered
in the world above. So I took out my
under-box, and one of the candles, which,
after several failures, I suc-
ceeded in lighting, and, stepping into
the cottage, began to look about me.
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"ing a front of 35 feet on Waterloo
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"Thomas Doherty by Arthur C. Fair-
"weather and wife by Deed registered
"at Saint John County Records Book
"K, No. 6, at page 270."
(b) "ALSO the lot adjoining it to
"the northwesterly having a front of
"30 feet on Hospital Street and ex-
"tending back 30 feet, being the lot
"conveyed by Arthur C. Fairweather
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"ords Book K, No. 6, at page 270."
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"30 feet in the rear of said 2 lots
"above described conveyed to John
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of three years after entering homestead
except 50 acres; extra cultivation.
Pre-emption of a quarter-section may be obtained
as soon as homestead patent, on certain
conditions.
A settler who has exhausted his home-
stead right may take a purchased home-
stead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per
acre. Duties—Must reside six months in
each of three years, and cultivate 50 acres
and erect a house worth \$200.
The area of cultivation is subject to re-
duction in case of rough, scrubby or
rocky land. Cultivation may be obtained
for cultivation under certain condi-
tions.
W. W. COBY, C. M. G.,
Deputy of the Minister of Interior,
N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this
document will be paid for—4128.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGU- LATIONS

Coal mining rights of the Dominion,
in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta,
the Yukon Territory, the North-West
Territories and in a portion of the Pro-
vinces of British Columbia, may be leased
for a term of twenty-one years renewable
for a further term of 21 years at an an-
nual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than
2,500 acres will be leased to one appli-
cation.
Application for a lease must be made
by the applicant in person to the Agent
or Sub-Agent of the district in which the
rights are desired. The territory to be
described by sections, or legal sub-
divisions of sections, and in unswayed
territory the tract applied for shall be
described by a map. A royalty shall be
paid on the sale of coal. The royalty shall
be paid on the marketable output of the
mine at the rate of five cents per ton.
The person operating the mine shall
furnish the Agent with a return
accounting for the full quantity of mar-
ketable coal mined and any returns there-
by. If the coal mining rights are not
being operated, such returns should
be furnished at least once a year.
The lease will include the coal mining
rights only, reserved by Char. 27 of the
George V. assented to 12th June, 1914.
For full information, application should
be made to the Secretary of the Depart-
ment of the Interior, Ottawa, to any
Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands
and Mines, or to
Deputy Minister of the Interior,
N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this
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3275.

POTS

There will be sold at
public auction on
Chubb's Corner (so
called) in the City
of Saint John in the
County of Saint
John on Friday the 31st
day of March, A.D. 1916, at 12 o'clock
noon, pursuant to an Order of the
Probate Court of Saint John County
dated the 23rd day of February, 1916,
in the matter of the estate of John
Doherty, deceased, all the land owned
by the said John Doherty in his life-
time specified as:—
1.—(a) "A lot of land situate in
Wellington Ward, at the Corner of
"Waterloo and Hospital Streets, hav-
"ing a front of 35 feet on Waterloo
"Street and 70 feet on Hospital
"Street, being the lot conveyed to
"Thomas Doherty by Arthur C. Fair-
"weather and wife by Deed registered
"at Saint John County Records Book
"K, No. 6, at page 270."
(b) "ALSO the lot adjoining it to
"the northwesterly having a front of
"30 feet on Hospital Street and ex-
"tending back 30 feet, being the lot
"conveyed by Arthur C. Fairweather
"and wife to Thomas Doherty by Deed
"registered Saint John County Rec-
"ords Book K, No. 6, at page 270."
(c) "ALSO a lot of land 50 feet by
"30 feet in the rear of said 2 lots
"above described conveyed to John
"Doherty by Deed registered Saint
"John County Records in Book 99 at
"page 357, said three above de-
"scribed lots forming one property and being
"sold as one block on property."
2.—"ALSO, a lot of land in the Par-
"ish of Simonds of the County of the
"County of Saint John, being
"City and County of Saint John, being
"the easterly 1/3 part of Lot No. 1,
"granted by the Crown to John Mas-
"son in a Grant to John Ferguson and
"others. Said land is in the neighbor-
"hood of Lock Lomond in the second
"range of lots there, said land
"being devised by Caleb Ratcliffe to
"Joseph Craascomb Ratcliffe."
The above lands are fully described
in the Petition for leave to sell said
real estate now on file in the Probate
Court of Saint John County and are
fully described in the Hand-bills post-
ed up at the Court House, Registry
Office and Chubb's Corner.
The widow of John Doherty, Theres-
sa M. Doherty, joins in this sale and
will join in the Deeds for the purpose
of releasing her dower in said prop-
erty.
For terms of sale and further par-
ticulars, apply to J. H. Teed.
THERESA M. DOHERTY,
Administratrix Estate John Doherty,
and Widow of John Doherty.
ROY F. POTTS, Auctioneer.

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bad cough which troubled me all through
the summer. This winter I started to
take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and
after taking three bottles I can truly
say that the long heaving cough was
entirely cured. The terrible hacking and
splitting cough, and the dry sensation in
my throat, and the long heaving cough
was entirely cured. I would certainly
recommend it to anyone troubled with
bronchitis or lung trouble. I have not
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The thousands of testimonials we have
received prove that our claim is right.
All we ask you is to see that you get
"Dr. Wood's" when you ask for it, and
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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Generally fair.

Toronto, March 21.—A disturbance is centred tonight in Kansas, while squalls of cold, cold waves covers the country to the north of the Great Lakes. Local snowfalls have occurred in the western and Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.

Dawson	Min.	8	Max.	14
Prince Rupert	36	48		
Victoria	26	36		
Edmonton	10	22		
Prince Albert	10	22		
Winnipeg	10	18		
Port Arthur	24	42		
Toronto	26	34		
Kingston	20	34		
Ottawa	10	34		
Montreal	14	32		
Quebec	4	20		
St. John	2	30		
Halifax	6	30		

—Below zero.

Around the City

Arrested for Assault.
Last night Detectives Barrett and Briggs arrested Stanley Laird on a warrant charging him with assault.

Transferred to East Africa.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doody have received word that their son, Edmund, has been transferred to East Africa and is now on his way there. Mr. Doody left here a few weeks ago with the mechanical transport.

Private W. Lee Fowler.
Private W. Lee Fowler, of the 62nd Vancouver Battalion, who has been in the city during the past few days visiting his brother, A. W. Fowler, on German street, left last night to rejoin his battalion. Private Fowler has been in the west, chiefly in British Columbia, for the past eleven years, and was warmly greeted by his numerous old friends in St. John.

Recruiting Committee Gets \$1,000.
The city council yesterday voted to appropriate \$1,000 for the work of the recruiting committee. Before the opening of the regular session a delegation consisting of Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., E. A. Schofield and John Kneefe addressed the mayor and commissioners explaining the needs of the committee. The council unanimously voted in favor of the appropriation.

Soldier Wounded.
Mrs. John O'Grady received word yesterday from Ottawa, that her brother, Pte. Frank J. McCarty of the 1st Battalion had been wounded in the head, and was now in hospital at Boulogne. Pte. McCarty joined the colors in Ontario and has been at the front for nearly a year. He has two sisters and one brother living here besides Mrs. O'Grady, they are: Mrs. James Cullinan and Mrs. James O'Brien and Jeremiah McCarty.

The Sunken Matsua.
Several powerful centrifugal pumps have arrived from Halifax and Maine, and have been fitted up on the sunken steamship Matsua at Sand Point, and it is expected that an effort will be made today to raise the ship. The pumps were being worked at low tide last evening and were doing well. A large number of men are being employed on the ship and it is stated they are receiving one dollar an hour for the labor.

The Prohibition Campaign.
A meeting of citizens interested in the carrying out of the plan for the organization of the Citizens' Committee inaugurated at the conclusion of the Tennyson Smith campaign was held yesterday afternoon in the Bible Society rooms, German street, to further discuss the issue arising from that movement. The nominating committee which was appointed to nominate a citizens' committee, submitted a partial report and a public meeting is being arranged to be held next week to hear the final report of the committee.

N. B. Patriotic Fund.
The executive of the New Brunswick Patriotic Fund held a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday. They talked over matters connected with the fund and what might be done to stimulate interest in New Brunswick to the end that it might not be necessary to draw on the general fund to care for the families of those who had gone from New Brunswick. It is expected that Sir Herbert Ames will be in the city the last of this month and arrangements are being made to have him address a public meeting while here.

A Speaker from the Front.
Of special interest will be the meeting at German street recruiting rooms this evening when an address will be delivered by Captain (Dr.) G. G. Corbett, Chairman H. G. Marr has also secured as a speaker Captain the Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Well Worth Hearing.
The German street recruiting rooms should be crowded to capacity this evening when addresses will be delivered by Captain (Dr.) G. G. Corbett and Captain the Rev. Dr. Campbell. As both these gentlemen are excellent speakers, an exceptionally interesting meeting is anticipated.

Wanted—Boy to assist chef at the Royal Hotel.

Band and excellent ice at the Victoria tonight.

THREE MEN SIGNED ROLL LAST NIGHT

Stirring Words by Speakers at Last Night's Meeting in the German Street Rooms

The recruiting meeting held last night at the German street rooms was indeed a grand success. How could it be otherwise? What young man in the city of St. John, with red blood coursing through his veins, would turn a deaf ear to the inspiring strains of Hall's Russian military march "Lodovska," when played by the band of the 115th Battalion under the leadership of Bandmaster Parkin?

The success of last night's meeting is due both to the military authorities and the citizens recruiting committee, and the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Marr.

In the absence of Captain Sanford Sergeant Reed occupied the chair. The meeting opened by singing the National Anthem.

The chairman then introduced Mr. Johnson, the well known entertainer of some ability, who delighted the audience with a combined musical number on harmonica and auto-harp. He was accompanied by H. V. MacKinnon on the piano.

The other musical treats of the evening were: Miss deSoyres, vocal solo; Miss Fenton, vocal solo; Mr. Johnson, solo; Seaman Harrison, vocal solo; Sergeant Palmer, vocal solo; a recitation by Mr. Johnson, and his original parodies on the popular songs of the day were greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Fox presided at the piano. Three young men, loyal Canadians, expressed their willingness to make the supreme sacrifice by attesting their names to the honor roll—D. A. Cook, St. John; Harry Sealey, St. John; Samuel Wilkinson, St. John.

Sergeant Hoare in part said: "I just came out of the Lyric and I was surprised to see so many of the young ladies leaning on the arm of a civilian. No girl should have anything to do with a young man who is not dressed in khaki. Don't wait until you are forced, but enlist voluntarily, because one volunteer is worth two conscripts."

The Sergeant appealed to the young men to stop sitting around and clapping their hands at some of the frivolities of life, but to don the khaki and become real men.

When Capt. (Dr.) G. M. Campbell arose to speak he was greeted with prolonged cheers.

Capt. Rev. Dr. Campbell.

The Captain said: "I want to impress firmly upon you at the beginning that we are in this war because Great Britain is in it. And why is Great Britain in it? Because it was necessary that she should assist the smaller nations, protect herself, and keep her pledged word.

"Let me remind you," said the Captain, "that Germany with her great discipline and machinery of war swept through the provinces of Europe on her mission of destruction and devastation.

"But the Battle of the Marne was the first recording victory on our side, and here the warring Goliath met his David, and that David was no other than a Canadian soldier.

"If your chums had not gone, and fought and fell, the notes of battle would be heard today in St. John.

"I want you gentlemen to forget any words, which have in anyway deterred you from going, spoken either by your friends, wife, sister, mother or sweetheart, and enlist in the service of the Empire."

Captain Campbell appealed to the boys to take up the sword of justice and join their friends and acquaintances who are now fighting in Europe for all the liberties we hold sacred.

In his peroration the Captain said "Can a tyrant defeat us?" "Never—his head to the block. God bless this land, the land we hold sacred, the land of the brave. Rise! fellow freemen, and strengthen the right that it might prevail in our native land."

The committee are indebted to the Canadian Drug Company, D. Clifton Brown and Hall & Fairweather for supplying cigars for the evening.

At tonight's meeting Captain Corbett and the Rev. Capt. G. M. Campbell will be the chief speakers.

Two Splendid Speakers.
This evening's meeting at the German street recruiting rooms should be marked by a record attendance. The speakers will be Captain (Dr.) G. G. Corbett, who has recently returned from the front, and Captain the Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell.

Don't Miss This.
A rousing meeting has been arranged for tonight at the German street recruiting rooms, the chairman, H. G. Marr, having been successful in securing as speakers Captain (Dr.) G. G. Corbett, who has recently returned from the front, and Captain the Rev. Dr. George M. Campbell.

In yesterday morning's paper there appeared an advertisement on the page containing the report of the Sutherland building fire inverted under the name of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. This advertisement was published by mistake and was not authorized by Messrs. Thorne & Co.

Lost.
Uptown, Friday, came brooch. Reward offered for its return. Call at Standard office.

FINE TRADE OPENINGS FOR THIS COUNTRY

Senator Thorne Back from West Indies and Central America Points Out Splendid Opportunities Right at Our Door.

Senator W. H. Thorne, who has just returned from a trip to the West Indies, Cuba and Central America, said last night that the people of Canada have a wonderful opportunity to do business right at their doors, if they would get after it. The possibilities were boundless, as the development of these countries was only beginning. He had had no idea of the wealth of the people and the richness of the country and the possibilities for trade expansion until he saw it for himself. The unprecedented rise in the price of sugar had increased the wealth of the sugar producing countries to a very large extent and they were willing to spend their money buying goods from Canada. Another big factor in the development of these countries has been the increased production of cocoa, coffee, bananas and other tropical fruits. The feeling of the business men of these countries was very favorable to Canada, and with the government providing better steamship connection and paying special attention to this trade a good business could be established.

This trip was organized by the manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, as E. L. Pease, the managing director, had long wanted to visit the branches of the bank in these countries. The party consisted of Sir Herbert Holt, E. L. Pease and Mortimer Davis of Montreal, Mr. Wilcox of Hamilton, Ont., Mr. Gill of Ottawa, Senator Thorne of this city and Mr. Chesley of the Royal Bank, Dominica.

The bank has over forty agencies in the West Indies, Cuba and Central America and have been doing a large business in these countries for over fifteen years. As it would take a very long time to visit these places by the ordinary means of transportation, the party adopted a plan of their own and chartered a yacht, the Alvin, to carry them on the trip.

Trip Covered 9,000 Miles.
The party left Charleston just nine weeks ago and they visited Nassau, Cuba, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, Barbados, British Guiana, Trinidad, San Domingo, Porto Rico, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica, and Jamaica. The journey by water was over 9,000 miles besides railway and motor trips on several of the islands they visited. From a business point of view it was a most satisfactory trip and will probably result in the opening up of several branches in these countries. While the trip was largely a business one it proved most interesting from the tourist standpoint. The varied tropical scenery, display of tropical flowers and mountain scenery is most attractive. In many of the islands riding the roads are perfect for motoring and the hotel service is excellent. From a scenic standpoint perhaps Porto Rico and Costa Rica were the most interesting places visited. The ride up the mountains, which are cultivated right up to the summits, was most attractive. They claim to grow the best coffee in the world on these mountain sides, and after trying it Senator Thorne said he was inclined to agree with them.

They also visited Panama and inspected the big ditch. It was a wonderful piece of engineering and worth going all the way to see. He came back strongly impressed with the fact that the people of Canada had right at their doors an unlimited market for their products and manufactures if they would only cultivate it.

LIEUT. JARVIS DINNER GUEST OF COMRADES

Junior Officers of 115th Bn. at Pleasing Function in Victoria Last Night.

A complimentary dinner was tendered to Lieutenant W. Louis Jarvis of the 115th Battalion, in the Victoria Hotel last night. He was the guest of the junior officers of the battalion. The large dining room was beautifully decorated with the flags of the allies, and bunting, while the dinner served by the host, A. M. Phillips, was one of the Victoria's best.

Lieut. J. B. Dever presided. When full justice had been done to the excellent repast the officers settled to a programme of toasts and music. After the toast to the King had been drunk with musical honors, Lieut. Dever proposed the health of the guest, and in a short speech, on behalf of his brother officers, present-

MORE TROUBLE WITH LETTERS GOING ASTRAY

Letter from The Standard to Fairville More Than One Month on the Way—Two County Complainants.

Two men from different parts of St. John county came into The Standard office yesterday to make complaints about the mail service in their respective communities. One of them was from Chance Harbor, and his grievance was that the mail for that district, which is made up in St. John, goes in a bag to Deer's Post Office at Musquash and is sorted there. This particular complaint is that between St. John and Chance Harbor there are frequent losses and delays. The Standard can verify the statement that very frequently between St. John and Chance Harbor papers go astray because this office receives many complaints from people in that district on days when it is known for a certainty that the papers have been despatched from this office to the St. John Post Office, and that no reason exists in The Standard office why they should not have been delivered to the subscribers.

The other complaint came from Upper Loch-Lomond. In this case it is reported that the mail for that portion of the country goes in a bag to the Ben Lomond House, which is the Post Office for Loch Lomond, and that from there it is sorted and sent by driver to the head of the lake or Upper Loch Lomond to be delivered on the rural mail routes. The same complaint is heard of losses and delays between St. John and Upper Loch Lomond. In both of these cases the persons expressing dissatisfaction felt that by making up bags in St. John for these two points, Chance Harbor and Upper Loch Lomond, much of the trouble might be overcome.

Whether they are right or wrong The Standard does not pretend to judge, but merely repeats what they have had to say.

On February 18th The Standard mailed a letter containing a badge to Willie Harris, in Fairville. It has not yet reached him. It was in an ordinary unregistered letter.

STREET RAILWAY MEN ARE PHYSICALLY FIT.
Men Must Be Healthy and Bodily Able to Ensure a Satisfactory Service.

His Majesty's forces is not the only line of work that demands men who are physically fit. The St. John Railway Company put every applicant for their service under medical examination. A man must be physically fitted not only for the arduous duties demanded of a railway servant of the public, but he must be able to stand rough weather, late hours, night work in times of winter storms, and capable of assisting elderly, crippled and ailing patrons on and off the cars. It is only by careful selections that men of a satisfactory class are secured in men who can be courteous and palatable as well as bodily acceptable. It is to the credit of the St. John Railway Company—despite the constant rough weather, late hours, night work by recruiting—that a good class of motormen and conductors are maintained.

Special Silk Sale.
Notwithstanding the scarcity of dyes with which the silk manufacturers are confronted at the present time and the corresponding increase in prices of silk, F. A. Dykeman & Co. are selling a range of palmette silks with rich satin finish in the wide widths for only 88 cents per yard. A fresh supply of shades has recently come to hand comprising Alcea blue Copenhagen blue, light blue and navy, greens, browns, old rose, cream, white, battleship grey, taupe and black.

Victoria "Wet Wash" Laundry is the best—they cleanse the clothes thoroughly, 2 to 10 Pitt street. Phone 390.

Band and excellent ice at the Victoria tonight.

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Lieut. Jarvis with a miniature "Army Cot".

Lieut. A. Turner favored with a solo and Lieut. G. R. Short rendered a guitar selection. The toast to Our country was proposed by Lieut. D. B. Weldon and was responded to by Lieuts. Turner and R. Ingleton. A violin solo was given by Lieut. Randolph and this was followed by Lieut. A. C. Gilmour proposing the toast to "the men in khaki." This was responded to by Lieuts. E. A. March and M. V. Buchanan. The health of the ladies was proposed by Lieut. Dever, and was responded to by Lieuts. Price, Steeves and Clarkson.

Lieut. G. H. Ferley presided at the piano and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with cheers for the guest and the singing of the National Anthem.

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