

NAVAL RECRUITING MEETING A FAILURE IN DIRECT RESULTS

Crowd That Filled Imperial Heard Eloquent Addresses and Good Music and Saw Inspiring Pictures, but No Recruits Came.

The Imperial Theatre was well filled last night at the recruiting meeting in the interests of the royal navy, but it was with the usual insignificances—women and men past the recruiting age. Lieut. Wood, Attorney-General Baxter and H. A. Powell delivered splendid addresses, the songs of Mrs. Curran and Mr. Mayes were inspiring, but in spite of all this not a single man offered his services and to that extent the meeting was a failure. An orchestra from the band of the 165th Battalion rendered a most acceptable programme which added to the meeting.

Coi Sturdee acted as chairman and in a brief introductory speech outlined the reasons for the meeting; this was followed by the singing of the sailors' hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" by the audience, after which Lieut. Wood spoke.

Lieut. Wood.

Lieut. Wood said that for the present the admiralty had made of him a fisherman and he was fishing for men. He called the attention of the audience to the flags arranged around the building and told them that those flags spelled Nelson's famous signal, "England expects every man this day to do his duty," and today the Empire was expecting every man and woman in it to do their duty.

Since the beginning of the war ships and men had been lost, the ships could and had been replaced, but the men had not and it was for this reason that the navy was asking for recruits from all parts of the Empire. His address was followed by three reels of Berlin Prepared, showing the fleet in the North Sea keeping watch and ward in order that the business of the world might go on. The pictures were followed by a solo from S. Herbert Mayes, who sang by request "Admiral Tom." The chairman then called on Attorney-General Baxter.

Mr. Baxter said he did not intend to make a recruiting speech for it was not a recruiting meeting, the men who could be recruited were not present, and the only thing which could be accomplished was the enthusiasm of those present to the point where they would do their best to get the men who ought to go to see their duty. It was not fair to ask a handful of men to do the work that should be done by all, and he hoped the audience would go home determined to do their bit toward getting the fellow who could go to see his duty.

About two years ago he had been in New York and seen one of the Hamburg-American liners, she had made one round trip since the time he saw her and she was now in New York tied up to the dock because the British navy was on the job, while the commerce of Britain had gone almost unchallenged over the seven seas. St. John had received numerous benefits from the navy and should now do its bit to supply the needed men.

Mrs. L. M. Curran was then called on for a solo and sang "Every Man a Sailor," after which the chairman introduced H. A. Powell.

H. A. Powell.

Mr. Powell said there was a particular appropriateness in Lieut. Wood in appealing to the people of St. John in view of the protection to life and property which had been accorded to this city both in times past and at the present. The nations of the world owed a deep debt of gratitude to the British navy for it was that navy which, more than any one other agency, had prevented the Hun from overrunning the world.

While the enemy by adopting the methods of the pirates of old times had sunk a number of merchant vessels they had as yet failed to drown one single British soldier, of all the millions who had been transported to different parts of the earth.

Lieut. Wood expressed his thanks to all who had assisted and asked if there was one man present who would sign up but met with no response.

The gathering broke up after singing the National Anthem.

IN MEMORIAM.

In memory of Caroline Chamberlain, wife of George H. Chamberlain, 12 Clarence street, who departed this life on December 3rd 1915.

One year has passed our hearts still sore,

As time goes on we miss thee more. Her memory is as dear today.

As at the hour she passed away.

Husband and Family.

To Assist Patriotic Funds.

The members of the City Cornet band have been working hard in selling tickets for their round the world drawings and the holders of these tickets will know the results on Monday night, December 11th, when the prizes will be drawn in the Imperial Theatre. There are still a number of tickets unsold and these can be procured on application to members of the band or at the drug stores. Among the larger prizes is a free trip round the world or \$500 in gold.

OLDEST MAN IN PROVINCE OF N.S. DEAD

William White, who was Born in Yarmouth C. Co 104 Years Ago, Passes Away.

Special to The Standard.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 3.—The oldest man in Nova Scotia died at his home in Quinlan, in this county, Friday in the person of William White, who was born in Springhaven, also in this county, 104 years and 5 months ago.

RUSSIA WILL GET CONSTANTINOPLE

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Bulgarian communication:

"Artillery fighting occurred in the region of Dixmude, North of that town there was violent fighting with bombs."

Roumanians Retreat.

Bucharest, Dec. 2, via London.—In the Dumboritz Valley, and in the region of Piteshti, Roumanian troops have retired before the invading Teuton forces, says the official statement issued by the war office today. A violent battle, it is added, continues on the Clavatzlitzu and Nislov rivers, west and southwest of Bucharest.

Attacks by the Roumanians in Dobrudja resulted in the reaching of the Bulgarian wire entanglements, which, the statement declares, have been passed at some points. The statement follows:

"Northern and northwestern fronts: On the western frontier of Northern Dobrudja there were attacks and artillery bombardments. Bad weather is hindering operations.

"In the Dumboritz Valley our retreat toward the south.

"Western front: In the region of Piteshti our troops have been attacked violently and have been obliged to retire slightly. The violent combat on the Clavatzlitzu and Nislov river continues.

"Southern front: In Dobrudja we violently attacked enemy positions and reached their wire entanglements, which we passed at some points."

PICKFORD & BLACK'S
BUILDING BURNED

Halifax, Dec. 3.—Starting from an unknown cause in the office of the Marine Navigation Company, on the southwest corner, a fire swept through Pickford & Black's building on the north side of their wharf tonight and left it nothing but a shell. It was the most spectacular fire in months. The following firms did business in the building:

R. B. Seaton & Co., H. F. Burton, I. H. Mathers & Company, and George Mackeown & Company, on the lower floor; Captain Neil Hall, F. A. Gillis & Company, Smith, Tyrer & Co. and the Marine Navigation Company, on the second floor; the third floor was used by Pickford & Black as a workshop and storeroom in connection with the stevedoring end of their business. The loss was a heavy one for both the owners of the building and for the tenants.

General Corakas, head of the Venizelist recruiting bureau, was arrested, charged with inciting guerrilla warfare in Athens, and using his room in the Hotel Majestic as a point from which to fire upon soldiers and civilians. A number of soldiers supposed that Corakas paid 25 drachmas a head to induce soldiers to desert the army and join the Venizelists at Saloniki.

General Corakas probably will be tried on a charge of abetting treason.

M. Boulanjais, editor of the obscure Venizelist journal, Astyru, has also been arrested. It is asserted that he was found to be carrying 51,000 drachmas. The Venizelist police Lieutenant, Maroudas, was taken into custody.

Must Establish Order.

London, Dec. 3.—The Greek premier, Prof. Spyridon Lambros, in an interview with the Reuter correspondent at Athens, said:

"The watchword of the government today is re-establish order."

"No one is in danger who does not resist legal authority. Many individuals in different parts of the town are barricaded in their houses, from which they are firing upon the soldiers. The war minister has been given orders to take whatever measures are necessary to reduce these improvised forts and tranquillize the city."

"He visited the British wounded Saturday, and made note of the arrangements for the comfort of the Greek and British wounded, who were in the same hospitals."

Fired From Roof.

London, Dec. 3.—A Reuter despatch from Athens, dated 4:30 p.m. Saturday, says:

"Twenty armed Cretans barricaded themselves in the house of Venizelos, the former Greek premier, and refused to evacuate it, firing from the roof upon all who approached. The minister of war ordered machine guns brought into action. When the machine guns were placed in position the Cretans were summoned to surrender, which they did, after a consultation. They were then conducted, under a heavy guard, to the parliament building, which had been converted temporarily into a military prison.

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CAN YOU DRAW THIS PICTURE?

A DOLLAR BILL will be awarded to the boy or girl who makes the most correct copy in pencil or pen and ink of the picture given below. The sender of the next in order of merit will receive a nice Story Book. All drawings must be made twice the size, have the usual coupon, filled in, and attached, and reach this office not later than December 6, addressed to:

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INTERESTING CONTESTS

Word-Making Contest

Who would not like to have money to spend on Christmas presents? Here is a chance to win a dollar. To the boy or girl who makes out the most number of words from the letters contained in the word "PRIZEWINNERS" and who sends in the list not later than December 13, accompanied with the usual coupon, filled in, I will award a prize of ONE DOLLAR, the sender of the next longest list will receive SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS, whilst a third prize of HALF A DOLLAR, goes to the kiddie who submits the third greatest number of words. Now go ahead and let me see how many you can get, and who will be the lucky winners.

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When your child suffers from a cold don't wait; give the little stomach liver and bowels a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you will have a well, playful child again.

If your child coughs, snuffles and has caught cold or is feverish or has a sore throat give a good dose of "California Syrup of Figs" to evacuate the bowels, no difference what other treatment is given.

Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

STANDARD COMPETITION.

For Boys and Girls.

Ful Name

Address

Age

Birthday

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LESS MALT LIQUORS IMPORTED

But an Increase is Shown in Amount of Spirits and Wines.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Figures issued by the Trade and Commerce Department today show the effect of prohibition legislation in various provinces up to the end of September as far as the importation of liquor is concerned. During the twelve months ending Sept. 1915, the importations of ale, beer and port wine amounted to \$229,042 and during the twelve months ending Sept. 1916, the importations dropped to \$181,964. The tonnage from the United Kingdom were almost double those from the United States. The spirits and wines imported during the same period ending Sept. 1915 amounted to \$3,769,310, but this increased in 1916 to \$3,979,866.

SHIPPING NEWS

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
December—Phases of the Moon.
First Quarter 1st 9h. 55m. p.m.
Full Moon 9th 8h. 44m. a.m.
Last Quarter 17th 2h. 6m. p.m.
New Moon 24th 4h. 31m. p.m.
First Quarter 31st 8h. 7m. a.m.

Date.	W.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
4 M.	7.53	4.35	7.12	19.29	1.03	13.38			
5 T.	7.54	4.35	8.10	20.37	2.04	14.39			
6 W.	7.55	4.36	9.02	21.31	2.54	15.35			
7 T.	7.56	4.36	9.52	22.22	4.43	16.26			
8 F.	7.57	4.36	10.35	23.08	5.25	17.11			

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Sunday, Dec. 3.
Steamer Empress, Digby.
Steamer Saturnia, Glasgow, freight and passengers, R. Reford & Co.
Steamer Dunedin, Trans-Atlantic port.
Steamer Volga, Trans-Atlantic port.
Steamer Demeterion, Trans-Atlantic port.
Steamer Muskhonge, Sydney, coal R. P. & W. F. Starr.
Schooner Harry Lewis, New York, oil.
Schooner Isiah K. Stetson, New York, coal.

Arrived Saturday.

Schooner Alvina Theriault, 199, Bonnafont, Barberton, molasses for Crossby Molasses Company.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Parrsboro, Nov. 30.—Old schr Saint Maurice, Salter, Vineyard Haven, for orders.

BRITISH PORTS.

Cardiff, Nov. 29.—Sh. stmr Romney, Portland.
Liverpool, Nov. 29.—Ard stmr Sagamore, Boston.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Bath, Nov. 29.—Ard schr Lizzie J. Call, New York for Halifax.
Sd Nov. 29, schr Tekumah, New York.

West Sullivan, Me., Nov. 30.—Sd schr Mary B. Wellington, Boston.

Vineyard Haven, Nov. 30.—Ard schr Unique, Perth Amboy for Cano, N. S.; Lena F. Oxner Elizabethport for Halifax.

Sd Nov. 30, stmr Seabury, New York.

Portland, Me., Nov. 30.—Ard stmr Cleveland (Nor), Cardiff; schrs Henry F. Kreger, Philadelphia; James Young New York; Calvin C. Harris, South Amboy; Priscilla, St. John for New York; Harry Lewis, Liverpool, N. S., for New York.

Providence, Nov. 30.—Ard stmr Ravenraig, Norfolk.

Sd Nov. 30, stmr Howard, Norfolk and Baltimore; Ryan, do.

Deharve Breakwater—Anchored at Fourteen Foot Bank, Nov. 29, schr J. Manchester Haynes, Philadelphia for Clenfuges.

Cape Cod Canal, Nov. 29.—Passed west schr Lizzie D. Small.

Newport News, Nov. 29.—Ard schr Walter D. Noyes, New England port.

New York, Nov. 29.—Ard schr Gracie J. Huntington, L. I.

Sd Nov. 29, schr Lizzie Lane, Calais; Geo. S. Page, Greenport.

Boston, Nov. 30.—Ard stmr Novian, Manchester, England.

New York, Nov. 30.—Ard schr Grace P. Willard, Providence.

Sd Nov. 30, schr Esther A. Buruth; Ann J. Trainor, Macoris, ".

WILL LEAVE THIS MORNING.
The R. M. S. P. Liner Chignecto will leave this morning for the West Indies via Halifax.

SCHOONER NOTES.

The schooner Charles C. Lister sailed Saturday morning for Weymouth, N. S., to finish loading for New York.

The tug Wason towed the schooner D. W. B. to Point Wolfe Saturday morning, Captain M. Smith is in command. Returning the tugboat will bring here the schooner James Barbour and also the schooner Susie Pearl from Goose Creek.

ICE STARTS OUT OF ST.

JOHN RIVER

Lieut. Walter Creasy of 28th Battery, KILLED in Action—Was Brave and Gallant Officer.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 3.—Following a thaw the ice in the St. John river at this point started running on Saturday. The ice bridge across the river here was formed about three weeks ago and although not strong enough to allow teams to pass over was used by foot passengers. A heavy run of ice started late Saturday afternoon and the river is clear at several points above Fredericton. The weather turned cold rather suddenly on Saturday night, however, and very little was running here today.

Lieut. Walter Creasy Killed.

Lieut. Walter Creasy, the first officer of the 28th battery to give up his life for the cause of liberty and justice, was killed in action on the western front on November 8th. Word that the gallant young officer had made the supreme sacrifice was received here Saturday from Major Randolph Crockett, officer commanding the 28th battery, mobilized in Fredericton during the spring of 1915. Three days before Lieut. Creasy was killed he was recommended for the military cross for gallantry on the field. During a heavy bombardment the young officer carried two wounded men into a dressing station. Two soldiers had been wounded by the same shell that killed Lieut. Stanley MacDonald of St. John, who was stationed in Fredericton with the 2nd divisional ammunition column.

A telegram was received by John Wade of Penniac Saturday stating that his son, Sergt. Fred Wade, had been wounded. The telegram, however, was exactly the same as that received some weeks ago from the officer in charge of records at Ottawa, we stating that Sergt. Wade had been wounded in the hand on October 8, and relatives of the young man believe that today's telegram is only a repetition of the other. Sergt. Wade has been at the front for almost two years and returned to the firing line a few days after he was reported wounded on October 8th. He is to return to Canada soon to become a commissioned officer in the 236th Kilties Battalion.

ANOTHER N. S. COAL MINE FIRE

Brisk Blaze Closes No. 5 ALBION MINE—Man Killed at Scotia Steel Works.

Special to The Standard.

New Glasgow N. S. Dec. 3.—Fire broke out in the pillars at No. 5 Albion mine. By prompt action on the part of the officials and the hearty co-operation of the men the section was hurriedly and securely walled off, the work being finished at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The mine was idle yesterday and will remain so for several days, but it is anticipated that the fire is under control and that work will be resumed by the middle of the week. It would be a very serious matter if any great delay was caused in the working of this mine just now as the scarcity of coal is a serious problem.

James McInnis was killed on the steel works track yesterday afternoon. McInnis was walking near the works. He attempted to cross the railway when he was hit by a car and knocked down, two cars passing over his body terribly mangling it. The injured man was lifted from under the car. He only lived a short time. A young man named Herbert Murray, an employee of the Eastern Car Company, met with a serious accident at the car works yesterday afternoon. He got tangled up with some of the machinery and lost his left arm. The victim of the accident also received several bad wounds on the head. The injured man is now in the hospital in a serious condition.

More Positions for Soldiers.

It is a well known fact that the government is giving positions to returned soldiers whenever the opportunity offers, and already a great number of these heroes who have fought and bled for their country, and have been invalided home, have been well looked after by the government. They have the first call for positions, and they get them. On Saturday Collector of Customs C. B. Lockhart received a telegram from Sydney yesterday with a cargo of coal for the Dominion Coal Company.

The schooners Harry Lewis and Isiah K. Stetson, arrived yesterday from New York with cargoes of hard coal for coal dealers.

CANADIANS SENTENCED BY GERMANS

Big Western Packer Says U. S. Faces Panic Unless People Come to Senses.

Special to The Standard.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Patrick Cudahy, the Milwaukee packer and one of the most active men in the provision trade, was in Chicago today talking very bearish on provisions. He says the country is preparing for a panic later, unless people come to their senses. He believes, however, that they will come down from their high altitude soon and see that prices on everything are too high.

MILITARY NOTES.

The 9th Siege Battery still continues to recruit over strength. On Saturday the transfer of W. S. Franklin from the 18th Battalion was officially granted. The unit under the command of Major Watmore attended divine service at St. Andrew's church. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Dowling.

The 165th Battalion, under command of Major P. Boucher, were in attendance at the Church of Assumption in Carleton. The battalion went across on the ferry. Father Gaudet, the battalion chaplain, preached the sermon.

Lieut.-Col. D'Aigle is confined to his room with a gripe.

Major A. Legere and the Adjutant, Captain Richard, are spending the weekend at Moncton.

ARRIVED WITH COAL.

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CUDAHY LOOKS FOR BIG DROP IN PROVISIONS

BORDEAUX BORROWS \$25,000,000 IN U. S.

Fourth Municipal Loan Arranged by French Cities in America Since War Began.

Bordeau, Dec. 2.—After hearing a report from Mayor Charles Cruet, the City Council has decided to accept the offer of a group of American bankers of a loan of \$25,000,000. The loan will run for three years. The loan to the City of Bordeaux is the fourth municipal loan arranged by French cities in America since the war began.

Bordeau, Bathurst; Ludger and Ernest Boudreau, Beresford; Norman and Lawrence Frenette, Petit Rocher; William Gallagher, Bathurst; N. Smith, Bathurst; Paul Frenette, Bathurst; Hector Rover, Theo. Roy, Elm Tree; W. Melanson, Petit Rocher; Henry J. Doucett, Elm Tree.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1916.

"We are fighting for a noble purpose, one we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

TODAY TELLS THE TALE.

The City Commissioners meet today in committee and the public expect that they will pass a resolution to the effect that the price of milk in this city has been unduly enhanced and that it is their opinion that an investigation should be held. That is decidedly the action that will prove in the interests of the citizens and will work no injustice to the milk dealers. If the decision to advance milk to ten cents per quart can be justified by the cost of production and handling then the dealer can make that charge and there is no recourse on the part of the consumer except to use less milk if he still feels he is being imposed upon.

In the public interest, however, there should be the most searching inquiry as to whether the increase is fair. Up to the present the milk dealers' figures have brought a mass of evidence to show that the statement submitted by Mr. Bell placed the cost of producing and handling milk higher than conditions warrant. First, Mr. Bell, acting for the dealers, included an item for handling in the country. Men who supply milk to the dealers concerned declare this item cannot be justified. "We never heard of it" is the substance of their statements, and they further state that it is only when farmers handle milk themselves that they are paid at the rate of 40 cents per eight quart can. When the milk is handled by a representative of the city dealer the farmer's revenue is but 39 cents. Yet the milk dealers would have the public believe that to purchase and handle milk in the country costs 42 cents per can, or two cents more than the facts show. It is also believed that the figures for feed of horses, wages, breakage, loss of bottles, depreciation and bad debts are higher than are really warranted; in fact this is the opinion of men who should know.

There is no necessity, however, to proceed on lines of guesswork. An investigation will definitely establish either that the costs are correctly stated and the advance is warranted or that the costs are lower than dealers have attempted to show and that milk can be profitably sold in this city for less than ten cents per quart. The next step in the matter is in the hands of the city council and citizens will watch with interest what happens at City Hall today. They will also remember it.

THE BRITISH SITUATION.

In the absence of detailed information of the exact causes leading to the resignation of David Lloyd George from the British cabinet any comment on the situation must be conjectural and of little or no value. Despatches received last night give London newspapers as authority for two stories of the reasons leading to Mr. Lloyd George's action. One is that he desired to form a small war council which was to include Sir Edward Carson but was to be without the services of the Premier or the head of the Naval Department. In such an event the Prime Minister had every right to object to the plan for one can scarcely conceive of a British war council without mentally placing as its first two members the British Premier and the First Lord of the Admiralty. Another alleged reason is that Mr. Lloyd George has become disgusted over what he has termed the lack of vigorous prosecution of the war and that he is in favor of more aggressive measures. This is as it may be and in the absence of more definite information cannot be the subject of extended comment. It may be recalled, however, that Baron Beresford, Britain's most famous living admiral, has also placed himself strongly on record as favoring a more aggressive naval policy in connection with the campaign against Germany.

Almost equalling in importance the announcement of Lloyd George's determination to dissociate himself from his cabinet colleagues is the second report that Mr. Bonar Law and the Earl of Derby may follow his example. Both are strong men who have played a prominent part in the affairs of the Empire. The situation is not without keen interest for those who have advocated a coalition government for Canada and who have held that at the

SUFFERING GREATER THAN ON THE FIELD.

Investigator Says Seven Million Belgians Have Been Dying by Inches for Past Two Years.

"The most terrible thing I saw was not, as you might think, the scenes along the battle line and at the Red Cross stations," said an investigator who just returned from Europe, "but my glimpse into the true state of affairs in Belgium. The constant gradual squeezing of the Belgian people by the Germans is terrible in its effect and the effect is doubly hard to witness when the solidarity with which these Belgians are bearing it is considered."

"Why cannot the world—the allies of these people, the allies of civilization—do something and do it now? We on this side pride ourselves on our charitable works, on our kindness of nature and yet we are permitting these people to starve. Hunger haunts the streets of every Belgian town and city and gaunt, emaciated figures, little children and sorrowing mothers, walk the streets with nothing to cheer them except a little soup and a few slices of bread each day. It is terrible and it's beyond description. What men have suffered on the battlefield these people and they are innocent victims, are suffering tenfold. A man is killed instantly, a wounded man's sufferings last through a limited period until health or death claim him, but these people are dying by inches, and have been dying for two years. Death has actually claimed many of them and the others—they are just waiting for it."

The work of the Belgian Relief Committee is remarkable in its administration. No more businesslike organization ever existed. It has worked wonders with simply the money from voluntary subscriptions and it is up to us to continue the subscriptions to carry on the good work.

Money, wheat, flour, clothing—it is

what it may, but give, give now.

That is the main thing. There are seven millions starving to death—think of it, a whole nation, a nation of our allies perishing, suffering untold agonies for us and we are failing to provide the necessary amount of food for them.

There is a Belgian Relief Committee in your town. And there is the central Belgian Relief Committee at 53 St. Peter St., Montreal. Send your contribution, right now to either one. It all goes the same way—to save humanity.

MARRIAGES

Spooer-Dunn.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, 173 Adelaide street, Thursday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, when Mabelle Clare Floyd youngest daughter of W. Baxter Dunn, became the bride of Orin Edward Spooer, of Arlington, Mass. Owing to a recent death in the family, the wedding was very quiet.

The bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Bessie Farmer. The bride's dress was of silk crepe de chine over silk and she wore the conventional veil with Juliet cap and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of cream roses.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Jos. E. Hawker, as matron of honor, who wore yellow silk and large black velvet hat and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Joseph Hawker supported the groom.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hodges, pastor of Coburg street Christian church, of which the bride was an active member.

Many handsome presents were received. The groom's present to the bride was a set of ermine furs, and to the matron of honor a horseshoe brooch of diamonds and pearls. After the wedding dinner the bride and groom left on the Boston train for a trip to Troy, N. Y., Philadelphia and Washington, after which they will take up their residence at Arlington, Mass.

Births and Marriages.

Last week fifteen births, five boys and ten girls, and nine marriages were reported to Registrar Jones.

Worsted Suitings and Overcoatings

—ALSO—

Heavy Winter Trouserings

BALANCE OF FALL ORDER JUST RECEIVED.

Edgecombe & Chaisson, Tailors, King St.

Look Ahead

December Flowers.

The Standard yesterday obtained from a friend on Spar Cove Road a bunch of old-fashioned pansies popularly known as Johnnie-Jump-Ups, which were picked yesterday morning.

These flowers were brought to New Brunswick some sixty-five years ago, coming from England to a gentleman named Squire Britain who settled in this province. They were in blossom on Nov. 14th, the day of the snow-storm, and the lady in whose garden the blossoms were found turned a tub over them to protect them from the frost and cold. Yesterday they were found in full bloom and good condition.

Further Decline in Flour.

The price of Manitoba flour dropped a further 30c. per barrel on Saturday, making the present jobbing quotation for this brand \$10.50.

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There are many people who, appreciating the action of the Government in keeping the price of rubber down, still prefer wearing good solid soled boots. For such people our stock of seasonable walking boots will prove attractive. Gun Metal, Velour, Box, Tan, Brown and Mahogany Calfskins. Boots with plain leather, Viscolized Leather, Neolin and Rubber Soles. Goodyear and Hand Welts. Various shaped toes and heels, leather and drill linings. Excellent goods at moderate prices.

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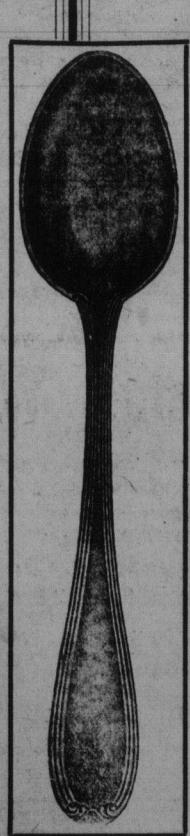


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CUTLERY.

Dessert Sets with pearl and silver Handles; Cased Carvers sets of three and five pieces; Fish Servers with pearl, silver and celluloid handles; Table and Dessert Knives, Spoons, Forks, etc.

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MADE APPEAL FOR MOUNT ALLISON IN CENTENARY CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Line Asks for Financial Assistance for Sackville Institutions.

At a meeting of the Board of Regents of Mount Allison University, held November 1, it was resolved to make a special appeal to the churches of the Maritime Conferences and Newfoundland to increase their contributions to the educational fund.

Last evening Rev. John Line, D.D., of Mount Allison University, made an eloquent appeal to the congregation of Centenary Methodist church for funds to help carry on the work at the school. He took for his text Ecclesiastes 9:10: "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all."

He said there were two methods of investigating the facts of life, the method of working out facts of life by mental processes and by theorizing, called the rationalistic method, and the method of working out the facts of life by going out into the world, classifying and correlating the conditions met with, called the empirical method.

The time has come when it is no longer necessary for people to live in solitude thinking and reflecting on life. People are now required to go out into the world and gain experience so that they can better understand and comprehend. We ought to see to it through that we do not become too much averse of the world.

Men who have made church history began their active career in later life, living a life of seclusion before. They did not rush into active life, they prepared themselves beforehand and consecrated themselves.

The institution's great function is to keep alive the principles of eternity in the lives of young people and also the work of the colleges should be practicable.

"We are sending men out of Mount Allison," he said, "who are reflective and at the same time men of the world who can cope with the world's problems. Those who know our school are proud of what our students are doing on the battlefields of Europe."

Mr. Line gave out the following after his sermon: The campaign for funds that was carried on in the year ending May, 1916, resulted in an increase of \$1,298.16 over the amount obtained the year before. This amount has proved a very gratifying contribution towards reducing the year's deficit, so that notwithstanding the loss of sixty per cent. of the students and a decrease in income of \$4,500, they were able to close the year with a net deficit of only \$4,332.95. The outlook for the coming year is less reassuring than last, owing to the fact that the attendance is still small.

The feeling obtains strongly in the board that the educational interests of the church should rank in importance with the great missionary claims that lie so close to the heart of the people. If it is true that the men sent to the mission field mean more to the cause than the mere money that sends them, it is a matter of vital importance to the work of the church, both at home and abroad, that the institutions where men get their training should be kept strong and efficient.

The conviction is growing that the moulding of lives of young men and young women in the atmosphere of a Christian college is of transcendent importance to both the church and the state. Among the many fine colleges of which Canadian Methodism has reason to be proud, Mount Allison institutions have always stood in the front and for over fifty years have been sending forth an influence which has enriched the public life of our land. It is the glory of these schools that in a time of national crisis over 300 graduates and students have gone forth to uphold the honor of the Empire.

The Rev. Mr. Line preached in the morning at the Queen Square Methodist church.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court Saturday William Harriett was remanded on the charge of having liquor for sale without a license.

Andy Irvine was before the court for drunkenness, it being the 159th time that he has appeared before Magistrate Ritchie. He was remanded and an endeavor will be made to find the person who supplied him with the liquor.

Six drunks were fined eight dollars each.

In the juvenile court three small boys were given some sound advice and then allowed to go. They were charged with opening the chute in a sand bin owned by the Street Railway Company. The father of one of the boys was fined \$22 on account of his son not attending school for seventeen days.

Two boys were charged with stealing. Their parents were summoned to appear in court and the matter stands for the present.

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THRILLING ACCIDENT ON GLEN FALLS LINE

Car Leaves Rails and Runs to Bank of Creek—Motorman Injured, but Passengers Escape.

Motorman Moore of the street railway service was severely injured on the Glen Falls line Saturday night, and that the accident did not prove more serious is miraculous. It was about nine o'clock and the passengers in the car at the time were Walter Pedersen, the florist, Mrs. Coates and three children. The car was going at a fair rate of speed when one of the brake beams became detached from the truck and fell to the roadbed. This caused the brakehand to fly round and in doing so it struck Motorman Moore in the stomach and threw him through the car door to the side of the track.

The car then jumped the rails and before it came to a stop it was within about four feet from the edge of the bank of a creek. County Policeman Sanders assisted in conveying the injured motorman to the Glen View Hotel which was near the scene of the accident.

Hazen McLean, the street railway inspector, was notified, and on his arrival at the Glen View had the injured motorman conveyed home in a couch. He was attended by a doctor, and although very sore from the blow he received nothing serious is indicated.

The place where the car left the rails is almost in the rear of the Ford automobile factory, and had the car run into the creek, it is most probable that the passengers would have been badly injured.

Inland Revenue Receipts.

Receipts during November on account of inland revenue here show an increase of \$19,181.84 over those for November last year, the figures being as follows: 1916, spirits, \$27,775.13; raw leaf, \$142.62; cigars, \$525; bonded manufacturers, \$189.18; other receipts, \$4,768.98; total, \$33,350.81. 1915, spirits, \$15,469.72; raw leaf, \$138.60; cigars, \$750; bonded manufacturers, \$33.01; other receipts, \$3,477.63; total, \$20,169.97.

Deaths Last Week.

During the past week twenty-two deaths were reported to the Board of Health, the causes being as follows: Pneumonia, four; senility, three; insomia, three; diabetes, bronchitis, typhoid fever, heart failure, gastro enteritis, arterio sclerosis, angina pectoris, cardiac asthma, acute nephritis, cerebral effusion, cancer of neck and hemorrhage of brain; one each.

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BELIEVES HIS DETECTIVE HAS BEEN SPIRITED AWAY

John E. Bryam, of Watch and Ward Society, was last seen in this city bound for Sydney.

According to Rev. J. Frank Chase, secretary of the Watch and Ward Society of Massachusetts, he believes that one of his detectives, John M. Bryam, had been spirited away. Bryam has been traced to Bangor and St. John in which cities he wrote post cards to relatives in Somerville, Mass., stating that he intended to go to Sydney. Mr. Chase telephoned to Sydney but the missing man could not be located.

Bryam was employed to bring a case against Thomas H. Kearns, proprietor of the Mansion House at New Bedford for maintaining a liquor nuisance.

The hotel was raided and the case is now being tried in the superior court at Taunton. When Secretary Chase went to get Bryam to testify it was found he had left the state. The secretary stated that he gave a suitcase containing some Mansion House liquor to an agent named Parker. While walking along the street in New Bedford, Parker was assaulted by someone who attempted to get the liquor. Parker fired a shot but no one was hurt.



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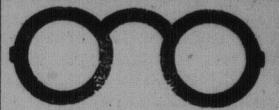


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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

INDUSTRIAL LIST IN STRONG POSITION

Railroad Stocks in Demand Because of Expected Favorable Message from President Wilson to Congress Tuesday.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

New York, Dec. 2.—General commission house sentiment displays a strong disposition to expect that the president's message due to be published next Tuesday after delivery to congress will be favorable to the railroad stocks which are now discounting such document by their strength. In some quarters "favorable developments in the rails next week" a phrase word used without further explanation probably refers to the message. The technical position trend of the industrial list is undoubtedly far stronger than any other part of the stock market. In the first place it has not had "its day." Foreign selling has exerted pressure against it. Short sales have been extensive on the labor troubles. The private borrowing reflects a substantial short interest of a stale character in Union Pacific, Reading, St. Paul, N. Y. C. and Nor. Pac. The buying of the coalers is especially recommended by banking sources. Reading, Ont. and Western Maryland, Erie, Norfolk and Western, and C. and O. are favored. We think the present indications of favorable developments in this group in the next sixty days will be confirmed later. Attention is directed to the fact that the large banking interests are very desirous of removing the speculative enthusiasm from the industrials and it is intimated that they are doing all possible to turn attention to the standard rails which they are understood to hold attractive. It's also likely that they would be glad to get rid of some of the stock taken at private sale abroad in this department and a good market would be very welcome in this connection.

N. Y. F. B.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am Beet Sug	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	105
Am Car Fy	76 3/4	76 3/4	75 1/2	75 1/2
Am Loco	90 1/2	91	90 1/2	91
Am Sug	116 1/4	117	118 1/4	116 1/2
Am Smet	116 1/4	118 1/4	116	118
Am Steel Fy.	67 1/2	68	67 1/2	68
Am Woolen	53 1/2	54	53 1/2	55 1/2
Am Zinc	57	58 1/2	57	58 1/2
Am Tele	127 3/4	127 3/4	127 3/4	127 3/4
Anacondas	99 1/2	101	99 1/2	100 1/2
A H and L Pfd	78 1/2	84	78 1/2	83 1/2
Am Can	62 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Atchison	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Balt and Ohio	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Bad Loco	77	77 1/2	76	76 1/2
Butte and Sup	69	69 1/2	69	69 1/2
C F I	57 1/2	58 1/2	57	57 1/2
Ches and Ohio	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Chino	68 1/2	70	68 1/2	70
Cent Leath	110 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
Can Pac	167	168 1/2	167	168 1/2
Cans Gas	135 1/2	136 1/2	135 1/2	136 1/2
Cruc Steel	83 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Erie Com.	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Erie 1st Pfd	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Good Rub	69 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2
Gen Elect.	179 1/2	180	179 1/2	180
Gr Nor Ore	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Indus Alcohol	137 1/2	137 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
Balt Gas	129 1/2	128 1/2	129 1/2	128 1/2
Inspire. Cop.	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2
Kans City Sto	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Kenne Cop	57 1/2	59	57 1/2	58 1/2
Lehigh Val	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
Mer Mar Pfd	115 1/2	116	115 1/2	115 1/2
Mex Petrol	107	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Miami Cop	46 1/2	47	46 1/2	46 1/2
Miss Pac	16	17 1/2	16	17 1/2
N Y Cent	108 1/2	109	108 1/2	109
Nor and West	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2
Nevada Cons	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Ont and West	34	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Penn	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Press Stl Com	84 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Reading Com	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Repub Steel	88 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2
St Paul	94	94	93 1/2	94
Son Pac	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Son Rail	29 1/2	30	29 1/2	30
Studebaker	120	120	120	120
Union Pac	147 1/2	148	147 1/2	147 1/2
U S Stl Com	126 1/2	126 1/2	123 1/2	126
U S Rub	66 1/2	67	66 1/2	66 1/2
Utah Cop	127 1/2	127 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2
United Fruit	159	159 1/2	159 1/2	159 1/2
Westinghouse	63	63 1/2	63	63 1/2
West Union	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
CHICAGO PRODUCE.				
(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)				
Chicago, Dec. 2.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 170 to 171; No. 3 red, nominal; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard, nominal; Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 85 to 87%; No. 4 white, 86; Oats—No. 3 white, 51 1/2 to 52 1/2; standard, 52 to 53%.				
Rye—12 1/2.				
Barley—90 to 125.				
Timothy—3 1/2 to 5 1/2.				
Clover—12 1/2 to 12 1/2.				
Pork—28 1/2.				
Lard—16 1/2.				
Ribs—13 1/2 to 14 1/2.				
Wheat.				
High.	174	176	178 1/2	
May	174	176	178 1/2	
July	141 1/2	138 1/2	141 1/2	
Dec.	168	162	165	
Corn.				
May	90	90	90	
July	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	
Dec.	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	
Oats.				
May	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	
July	53	53	53	
Dec.	52	52	52	
Pork.				
May	27.00	26.40	26.75	

LESS BUSINESS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Daily Transactions Last Week Nearer One Million Shares than Recent Daily Dealings in 2,000,000.

UNCERTAINTY IN GROCERY TRADE

Beans Higher, but Sugar and Flour Take Tumble—Teas Firm and Prices Higher.

RAILROADS AGAIN STRONG IN WALL ST.

Advance Range from One to Three Points in Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Wabash and Other Lines.

COPPER SHARES STRONG SATURDAY

General Conditions Continue Favorable—Trade Reports Tell of Sustained Business Improvement.

GOOD SHOWING BY HOLLINGER CONSOL.

Gross Profits of Company for Four Weeks were \$241,591, an Increase Over Best Previous Record.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Dec. 2.—Extension of the recent inquiry for minor or low priced rails embracing those whose immediate future is viewed with increasing confidence, was the most noteworthy feature of today's short but active session. Advances ranging from one to three points were registered by Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Wabash, Kansas and Texas and Western Maryland issues, with further improvement in Erie and Southern Railway.

The following comment on the market situation as regards foodstuffs will appear in Canadian Grocer this week: The week in the wholesale grocery trade has been unsettled. Flour advanced to \$10.50 per barrel in car lots, but dropped down to \$10.20 on Tuesday when the wheat market continued in a sagging condition. There is uncertainty as to what the future holds in store. Millers feel there is underlying strength in wheat but that speculative interests have perhaps succeeded in sending the price down. Sugar dropped 10¢ per hundred pounds during the week. Demand for this commodity is quiet at present.

Butter, cheese and eggs are recorded advances during the week. Lard and compound are also firm. Stocks of dried fruits in wholesalers' hands are becoming smaller without a chance to replenish in certain instances. Currents from Greece are on the way, but will hardly reach this country in time for the Christmas trade. Teas are firm. Packages tea in certain instances have advanced 5¢ per pound on all grades. Beans have been in strong market with advances recorded. Business has been fairly good during the week in the face of shortages in many lines.

Leaders moved rather narrowly, United States Steel manifesting some heaviness, but closing at a slight net gain. Investment rails were in only moderate demand with some strength in Reading and affiliated coasters.

Total sales amounted to 790,000 shares.

The bank statement fulfilled popular expectations by disclosing another actual loss of cash—about \$30,000,000—and another contraction of reserves, reducing that item to \$41,000,000, the smallest total since the present system of returns came into vogue. This condition, it is expected, will make for a continuance of recent high call loan money rates. The bond market was stronger today in consequence of the improvement shown by international issues. Total sales, par value, aggregated \$3,570,000.

U. S. coupon 4's were 1 1/2 per cent lower on call during the week.

MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Morning.

Montreal, Saturday, December 2nd—

Steamship Com.—20 @ 41 1/2, 124 1/2.

Steamship Pfd.—90 @ 92, 10 @ 92 1/2.

Brazilian—290 @ 45.

Textile—25 @ 86.

Can. Cement Pfd.—20 @ 95.

Can. Cement Com.—90 @ 82.

Steel—Canada—@ \$24, 375 @ 24,

160 @ 82 1/2, 815 @ 82 1/2, 215 @ 82 1/2, 260 @ 82 1/2, 130 @ 82 1/2, 225 @ 82 1/2, 200 @ 83 1/2, 1,575 @ 84.

Dom. Iron Com.—80 @ 74, 15 @ 73 1/2.

Shawinigan—40 @ 133.

Civic Power—69 @ 82.

Dom. War Loan—3,000 @ 98 1/2.

New War Loan—65,100 @ 98 1/2.

Can. Car Com.—80 @ 45.

Toronto Ry.—5 @ 78.

Smelting—35 @ 38 1/2.

Crown Reserve—300 @ 46.

Scotia—50 @ 148.

Quebec Ry.—250 @ 43, 25 @ 43 1/2.

Spanish River Com.—5 @ 21, 25 @ 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 125 @ 23, 80 @ 22 1/2.

Montreal—25 @ 22 1/2, 25 @ 22 1/2, 25 @ 22 1/2.

FLOUR—Manitoba, spring wheat

MADE LARGE SUM

BY SALE OF WORK

Effort of Ladies of Newland Society Proved Successful—Prize Winners in Gift Drawings.

The sale of work conducted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Newfoundland Mutual Benefit Society held on Friday and Saturday nights closed with a drawing. A substantial sum was raised, and this will be expended in providing boxes for the soldiers at the front. An exciting contest took place in connection with the voting for the most popular lady. Mrs. George Oldford winning the prize, a silver scallop dish. Mrs. Arthur Green guessed the name of the doll, Amelia; the bean jar prize, a lemonade set, was won by Thomas Sparks; the ladies' bean board prize, a pair of slippers, by Miss Snooks; gent's prize, a pair of slippers, Mr. Bursey.

The winners in the drawing were: First prize, ticket 152, Miss Florence Simmons; copper kettle; second, ticket 145, Percy Webb, lady's umbrella; third, ticket 19, Miss Beatrice Benson, picture; fourth, ticket 58, John Vey, gent's umbrella; fifth, ticket 450, Leopold Noel, pipe; sixth, ticket 332, Mr. Butcher, safety razor.

Mrs. West and Miss Gertrude Sparks had charge of the fancy work table, Miss May Parks the guessing contest for the dolls, Miss Jean Oldford and Miss Daisy Smith the bean jar, Mrs. Milley and Mrs. Mercer the candy table, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Oldford, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. Thomas Sparks and Mrs. Curtis the refreshment table. The following gentlemen assisted: John Curtis, E. Vey, James Clark, Hugh Milley, A. Marten, Henry Butt, Isaac Mercer, John Nichols, George Oldford and Mr. Butcher.

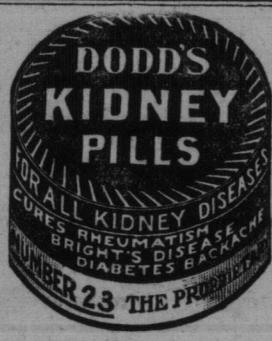
FUNERALS

The funeral of Henry Dunbrack took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 from the residence of F. E. Holman, 262 St. James street. Amongst the many mourners were representatives of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, F. and A. M., of which deceased was a member. Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan and Rev. S. S. Poole, in termination being in Fernhill.

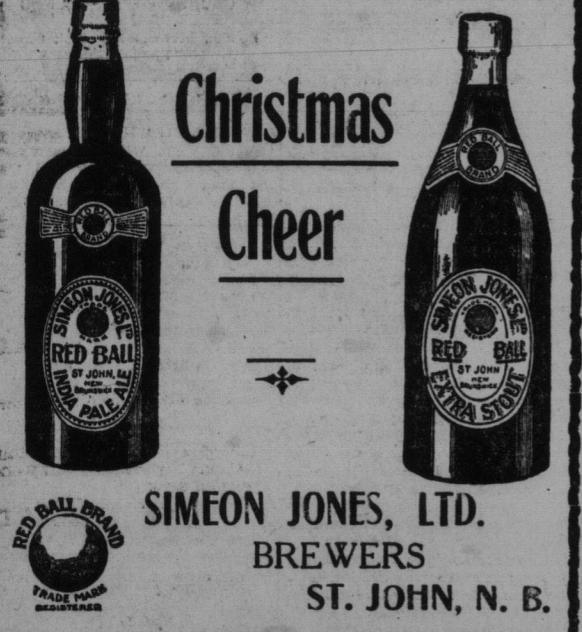
The funeral of Mrs. Mary Strain, late of Woodstock, took place at three o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of Alexander Corbet, 53 Hazen street, this city, services being conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan. Interment was in Fernhill. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

MADE SPECIAL TRIP.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress made a special trip to Digby yesterday and brought a cargo of apples which were discharged at No. 2 warehouse, Sand Point.



Christmas
Cheer



Bringing Up Father



ONLY THE ST. JOHN TUGS GOT ACROSS

The Lord Kitchener and the Mac Reached England—Others Turned Back when Three Days Out.

It will be remembered that several months ago British interests purchased a number of tugs in the Maritime Provinces for work on the coast of England and Scotland. Among the boats secured were the Kitchener, owned in St. John; the Beresford, also from the city; the Senvine, owned on the North Shore; the Minora, owned in Bathurst; the Reliable, also from Bathurst, and another boat purchased somewhere in Nova Scotia, the S. S. Mann.

These boats sailed from Halifax a short time ago for the old country, but out of the fleet only the Kitchener and Senvine arrived on the other side. The fleet had been out on the high seas for three days and were making considerable headway, when they encountered troublesome seas. The staunch little boats although they had battled the rough weather and the winds of the Bay on more than one occasion could not cope with the tempests of the Atlantic. With the exception of the two New Brunswick boats, the Se-Mac and the Kitchener, the remainder of the fleet had to return to a home port.

The Se-Mac was employed in the harbor for the greater part of last winter. Assisted by another tug she was instrumental in pumping the water out of the Matatua, which was sunk by an explosion while at dock on the West Side. It is thought that the boats that have returned will soon again attempt the trip as they are prepared for an overseas voyage, but the weather will have to be a little more favorable.

FROM BARBADOS.

Schooner Alvina Therault Capt. Bonnafont, arrived Saturday from Barbados with a cargo of molasses for the Crosby Molasses Co.

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This special offer is just to new subscribers and will remain open during the month of December 1916 only. Whether you accept it today or Dec. 31st, we will still furnish you with a receipt showing your subscription paid until last day of 1917. Therefore it is clearly to your own advantage to fill in the following coupon and return it to us by the very next mail.

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Canada's Share in the Great Struggle

What Neutral Countries are Saying and Doing

Personal Mention of N. B. Boys

Local and Provincial Happenings

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(Not conducted by a mere man.)

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In all Provincial Centres.

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Children's Page

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"Bringing Up Father"
Alone Worth the Subscription Price.

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BATHURST MAY START BIG SHIP-BUILDING INDUSTRY

Angus McLean, Manager of Bathurst Lumber Co. Ltd., will Undertake to Form Corporation if Government Will Assist Financially.

Special to The Standard.

Bathurst, Dec. 3.—"A dream cometh with a multitude of business." In other words, it is your busy, practical man, immersed in affairs, who sees visions.

When Mr. Angus McLean is reported to have said that, provided the government granted subsidies for the building of wooden ships, he would undertake to form a company in Bathurst for the purpose of laying down a yard at this port, the statement was taken as a matter of course by all who knew the speaker.

Considering that Mr. McLean is already general manager of the Bathurst Lumber Company, Ltd., a corporation operating four large mills and a sulphite pulp mill, some might have questioned where he could find time to increase his already extensive interests. But—"a dream cometh with a multitude of business," and Mr. McLean's latest vision will, undoubtedly materialize, given the condition above stated.

Will Not be Experiment,

Then the new enterprise will not be a hesitating or tentative experiment doomed to a brief and mournful existence, is sufficiently guaranteed by the energetic and capable management which Mr. McLean has always put into all the interests with which he is associated and which has placed these concerns amongst the best equipped and most successful of their kind.

Questioned with reference to the report, Mr. McLean admitted its truth.

"We have been figuring on this for a year now, but under present conditions it is very difficult to put the plan into operation. There is an acute scarcity of labor for industries already established, and an entirely new industry would undoubtedly be handicapped by the same cause. Then, the business would certainly require governmental nursing for a few years until it became established. In fact, we would not dare to start a proposition of this kind unless the government offered a subsidy."

"Have you reason to suppose that the government has any intention of subsidizing shipbuilding at Bathurst or elsewhere?"

No Preferential Treatment.

"Any subsidy, of course, was the very best, would be general. Bathurst has no claim to preferential treatment. The government is being urged very strongly to grant subsidies for this object, and I fairly believe it will do so during the next session of parliament. If they do, and Bathurst gets its share, I will undertake to organize a company here, with local capital, and we will start building two ships to be ready for launching in the spring of 1918. Our plans are necessarily in abeyance until we know definitely what the government intends to do."

"Is Bathurst a good centre for a shipbuilding yard?" we asked.

"The very best. Wood ships can be built here as well and as cheaply as anywhere. We have an abundance of the main raw material right at hand."

"Several excellent sites for a yard exist inside our landlocked harbor. Each year the harbor is improved by dredging, etc., and we have every natural facility for building ships and getting them safely to sea when built."

"Do you consider that ships made of wood can compete successfully with those constructed of iron?"

"Not in general," admitted Mr. McLean, "but for a considerable time to come they may be reckoned as able to more than hold their own. There has been an extraordinary revival in the use of wooden vessels, owing, of course, to the deprivations of the war, and the ravages of destruction will not be restored in a day, or in many days. Shipbuilding yards in America, built for the making of such vessels, and which have been silent and grass-grown for a generation, are now overwhelmed with business, not only in building new but in repairing old ships long since given up as hopelessly derelict."

"Another consideration that carries weight with us," continued Mr. McLean, "is the immensely enhanced cost of steel and iron and all metals that enter so largely into the construction of the usual type of modern vessel. The demand for new shipping that is now on, and which is almost bound to grow greater as the war is prolonged, will still further augment this rise in prices, and the inevitable result will be that the more ships built the more expensive will shipbuilding become. The world simply must have more ships to make good the shortage, and it is almost true to say that almost anything that floats will be pressed into service. It is right here that the smaller and cheaper vessel of wood will score heavily."

"Assuming the yard in operation,"

BELGIANS' REGISTRATION FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

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Belgian Consul.

PURCHASES WHEAT WORTH \$20,000,000

British Government Buys Australian Grain at About 96 Cents a Bushel.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Despatches to the Trade and Commerce Department from Australia show that the price of the half million tons of wheat which the British government purchased in the Commonwealth has not yet been disclosed but that it is probably 96 cents per bushel.

The terms of sale relieve the Australian government of the obligation to provide tonnage for the transportation. The amount involved in the transaction is slightly less than \$20,000,000.

Alleged Theft of Christmas Box.

The post office authorities are investigating a case of alleged theft of a Christmas box registered and mailed for the front to Private Hollis Case, on November 1, by his brother, W. Y. Case, of Exmouth street. The box was recently found by some children, minus the gifts, in the neighborhood of the Orange street dump. The proprietor at the sub-office at which the box was taken for delivery says it left his establishment in good condition.

At Chubb's Corner.

On Saturday at Chubb's Corner Sheriff Wilson sold a leashed dog with buildings in Brooks Ward on St. James street, West Side, by order of His Honor Judge Armstrong. The property was sold for \$100 to Kenneth A. Wilson.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Monthly—J. W. Seeley (6 months), \$12; W. G. Smith, \$20; W. F. Nobles, \$12; John Lee, \$2; Wm. H. Bell (3 months), \$6; H. J. Roberts, \$2; F. P. Johnston, \$5; M. A. Bowes (2 months) \$2; Mrs. Barclay Robinson, 2; W. \$25; Mrs. J. Lenihan, 50c.; Mrs. C. Price, 50c.; Mrs. W. H. Mabie, 25c.; Mrs. Norman McLeod, \$1; Mrs. A. C. Smith, \$1; Mrs. R. Ailan (2 months), \$1; Miss J. S. Olive, \$1; Mrs. P. J. Ledge, \$1; Harold Mayes, \$5; D. W. Ledingham, \$5; W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., \$100.00; Andrew Jack, \$10; Fred Hargrove, \$5.

Single—W. H. Hayward & Co. Ltd., \$200.00.

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Your persistent backache can have but one cause—Diseased Kidneys—and they must be strengthened for the backache can be cured.

Your best remedy, and the quickest to act, is Dr. Hamilton's Pills; they cure Kidney backache in a hurry. Simply wonderful is the action of this great old medicine which for liver, kidney and stomach disorders has no equal. Dr. Hamilton's Pills will surely cure your back weariness, they will bring you appetite, color, strength and good spirits. Being purely vegetable they are mild, not drastic. Get a 25c. bottle of Dr. Hamilton's Pills today.

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IF KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE SALTS

Says Backache is a sign you have been eating too much meat, which forms uric acid.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and lousy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinary waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach soars, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; 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 clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.

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TO BUILDERS.

Sealed tenders marked "Tender for School Building," will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon December 8th, for the erection of a new school building at "Glen Falls," Coldbrook, N. B., according to plans and specifications prepared by H. Claire Mott, architect, at whose office the plans, etc., may be seen.

A certified bank cheque payable to the Board of School Trustees, Dis-

trict No. 1, Simonds, and equal to five

per cent. of the amount of tender to accompany each tender, in case par-

ticular tender refuse to enter into

contract for the work when called upon by the architect to do so, the

said cheque will become the property of the Board of School Trustees.

H. CLAIRE MOTTO, Architect,

N. B. Steady work good wages, ex-

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WANTED—Draughtsman accustomed

to marine engines, boilers and pip-

ing. State age, experience and salary

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ard of School Trustees.

BOYS WANTED—Boys from 14 to

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the Dry Goods business; will be offered

every opportunity for advancement.

Apply at once Manchester Rob-

ertson Allison Ltd.

WANTED—An AI Sales-man spec-

ializing in gen'tl furnishings is open

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Standard.

GAS ENGINE WANTED—In first

class condition from 50 to 100 H. P.

Send full particulars and lowest cash

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MAN WANTED—To work in the

dry goods business. Apply at Prime-

crest, N. B. Phone West 372.

WANTED—First or second class

female teacher for School District No.

9, Parish of Grand Falls. Apply to L.

B. Austin, secretary to trustees, Co-

ligan, N. B.

SITUATION WANTED

Man, ineligible, employed during

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ences. Standard Office.

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AGENTS WANTED—Salesmen \$50

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Sample and terms 25c. Money refund-

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NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES
THE PLAYERS

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

DARK FURNITURE.

Thefadforblackandwhiteininteriors still reigns. In its present form thisfadisagoodone, for now that we have passed the days of overdoing the black and white idea we have come upon some really charming effects.

The rage for black has taught us that dark furniture is often far more effective than light furniture. And that is something worth learning.

There are places of course, where dark furniture does not look well. But in a room of rather heterogeneous color schemes dark furniture is almost sure to look best.

So if you have on hand any old furniture, even of a dilapidated sort, darken it. Use brown or black stain and with this stain turn the cherry bedside stand, the golden oak rocking chair, the battered early maple writing desk, the green stained mission

bureau and dressing table, the gray enameled bed—turn them all into a dull, dark bedroom set. Then place them in a room with mustard yellow or soft blue papers on the walls, with bright chintz or soft cream muslin hangings, and congratulate yourself on the result, which will most surely be a charming one.

It is really a very interesting work, this painting and staining of furniture. And the fact that it does bring harmony out of a lack of it, that it does make old and worn furniture a pleasant possibility, makes the work quite worth while.

So get a can of dark oak or dark walnut stain or of black paint or enamel and go to work. To bring dark harmony out of your old furniture.

The shops still show very interesting effects in black and white furniture and furnishings. Some of it is white, with black mouldings, and con-

WEEKLY POEM.

The Soldier's Kiss.
(Henry Chappell).

[Description of an actual incident on the road to a battery position in Southern Flanders.]

Only a dying horse! Pull off the gear.

And slip the needless bit from frothing jaws,

Drag it aside there, leave the roadway clear—

The battery thunders on with scarce a pause.

Prone by the shell-swept highway there it lies

With quivering limbs, as fast the life tide falls

Dark films are chasing o'er the faithful eyes

That mutely plead for aid where none avails.

Onward the battery rolls, but one there speeds,

Heedless of comrade's voice or bursting shell,

Back to a wounded friend who lonely bleeds

Beside the stony highway where it fell.

Only a dying horse! He swiftly kneels,

Lifts the limp head and hears the shivering sigh,

Kisses his friend while down his cheek there steals

Sweet pity's tear; good-by, old man, good-by.

No honors wait him medal, badge or star,

Though scarce could war a kindlier deed unfold;

He bears within his breast, more precious far

Beyond the gift of Kings, a heart of gold.

Rod of The Lone Patrol.

Purely Canadian scouting stories have been more noticeable by their absence than presence in the shelves of boys' books, but there comes to light now a splendid story written by a Canadian Scoutmaster, Rev. H. A. Cody, whose books along other lines are known all over Canada and the United States. Mr. Cody in writing this splendid story has used the Scout Law as a basis for a healthy boyish story, with characters whose like may be found in every locality. The setting of the story is St. John and vicinity. Boy Scouts will welcome this edition to their libraries.

I. O. D. E., Lady Roberts' Chapter.

At St. David's Sunday school on Saturday afternoon the Lady Roberts' Chapter, I. O. D. E., held a tea and sale. This was a largely attended entertainment and the young people were much pleased with the success of their efforts. Miss Alleyne Starr is regent. The proceeds will be used for the work of the chapter and other patriotic purposes. The tea table, which had vases of scarlet geraniums and pine on it, was presided over by Mrs. Harold Schofield and Mrs. Stewart Skinner. To add to the Christmas effect of the red and green decorations a well laden tree was placed on the fancy table. The tea tables were waited upon by the members of the chapter. A beautifully dressed doll which was raffled was won by Miss Margaret Page.

Those on the committee were:

Fancy table, Miss Caroline Page,

Miss Helen Wilson and Miss Mary Robertson; doll raffle, Miss Marjorie Robertson; candy, Miss Jean Fenton, Miss Dossie Day, Miss Betty Crukshank; grab, Miss Elizabeth Foster, Ruth Starr, Miss Constance Starr.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.
Maritime—Moderate winds, fair stationary or higher temperature.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Forecast: Northern New England—Partly cloudy and warmer Monday, probably rain or snow at night; Tuesday fair, warmer interior; moderate south winds.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast, and low over the central and northern portions of the continent. The weather in Canada today has been, for the most part, fair and mild.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson ...	24	46
Victoria ...	42	46
Vancouver ...	38	43
Regina ...	16	41
Saskatoon ...	19	43
Prince Albert ...	28	44
Medicine Hat ...	32	50
Port Arthur ...	32	40
London ...	23	43
Toronto ...	26	40
Kingston ...	22	38
Ottawa ...	18	32
Montreal ...	32	34
Quebec ...	24	30
Halifax ...	28	32

*Below zero.

Around the City

V. A. D.

Members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment will kindly meet in the parlour of St. David's church, Sydney Street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Miserable Here Today. The second steamer the Miserable carrying wounded soldiers to the port of St. John is due to arrive today. She will probably dock this afternoon.

In the Minority. There were eleven persons arrested in the city Saturday night or early Sunday morning and of the lot the drunks were in the minority, there being only two taken in custody on that charge.

Tea and Pantry Sale. A most successful tea and pantry sale was held in the school room of the Queen Square Methodist church on Saturday afternoon in aid of the church funds. In the vicinity of \$175 was raised.

Wife Beater Arrested. Saturday evening at 6.10 o'clock Timothy Boyle was given in charge of the police by his wife, Edith, who claims that he assaulted and beat her in their home on Hillyard street. Boyle is also charged with escaping from lawful custody as he ran away from the chain gang one day last fall.

Deserters Arrested. At 3.45 o'clock yesterday morning Police Sergeant Sullivan with Constables Fuller and Pringle arrested Scott Scribner and Theophilus Lavigne on Main street and locked them up on the charge of being deserters from the 8th Field Ambulance Company, which is in training in West St. John.

A Busy Appearance. With the arrival of five steamships in port yesterday morning the harbor presented a very busy appearance, and these arrivals made the total of twelve ocean liners in port to date. The arrivals yesterday were the steamships Saturna, Dunedin, Bolga, Demeteron and the Musklonge. The number of sailings for this month will average about one per day.

Stole from "Hello Girl."

For a long time, it is alleged, that young lady telephone operators in the headquarters' office on Prince William street, have been complaining of losing small sums of money from the pockets of their coats which had been left in the cloak room while they were on duty. A short time ago one of the young ladies found that she had been robbed of \$4.50 which she had left in her muff. She complained of the matter to the chief operator with the result that the chief of police was notified, and the police master was assigned to look into the case. The operators were questioned with the result that one of the girls broke down and acknowledged that she took the money. She also admitted having stolen money from girls clothing on previous occasions. She was taken to the police court, and at a quiet session of the court was allowed to go as the persons robbed did not wish to press the charge.

The Last Call. The nobles of Luxor Temple of the Mystic Shrine will hold a ceremonial session in the Masonic building on Tuesday evening when a large class of pilgrims will essay the journey over "the hot sands." A plentiful supply of pomegranates and camel milk has been secured for the occasion and it is expected that nobles will assemble in force to help the caravan on its way.

A CLEVER CONCEIT. With each purchase Gundry's is enclosing a combination of Christmas cards and stickers so very handy in doing up a gift parcel. This consists of a nice card for the address, a gum label of the "Don't open till Xmas" variety, and two Xmas stickers for closing the parcel. These do not represent much value but they save you trouble and are just as nice as you can buy in a book store.

CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO GRAPPLE WITH TEN CENT MILK AT TODAY'S MEETING

Belief Is They Will Find Price Too High and Ask for An Investigation

Longshoremen Ask Provincial Government To Take Action in Regard to Stocks of Foods Held in Cold Storage—More Evidence Concerning the Cost of Handling Milk

Evidently the people are becoming aroused over the matter of the increasing cost of the necessities of life and are waking up to what may be accomplished under the recent order in council. Yesterday the Longshoremen at their regular meeting passed a resolution endorsing action along the lines of the order-in-council.

The milk situation remains practically unchanged but it is expected that there will be further developments today. The matter will be brought before the council at the meeting at noon and it is altogether likely that that body will pass a resolution expressing its opinion that the cost of milk has been unduly enhanced, and will ask the Minister of Labor to hold an investigation into the matter.

All of the commissioners have expressed the opinion that they did not see that any other course could be taken in the matter particularly in view of the statement of the men who ship milk to the city that they did not know where the charge for handling in the country came in.

This charge was questioned by one of the commissioners at the conference on Thursday last, but he was assured that it was a legitimate charge, and one which could be substantiated.

ANOTHER MAN WHO CAN'T FIND IT.

The Standard has been making further inquiries in regard to this item and on Saturday a representative of this newspaper talked with a farmer who ships milk from Passavant and asked him what he knew about this charge. He was just as surprised as the men at Sussex and Norton, and the story he told was that they had to put the milk aboard the train themselves or it would not come to the city. He and three of his neighbors who sent milk to town, took month about to stay at the station and help put it on the train, in order that all might not lose the morning from their work at home.

THE SITUATION IN HALIFAX.

Another phase of the situation that is causing people to ask questions is the fact that the farmers in the vicinity of Halifax are paid 6.3 cents per quart for their milk by the dealers and the consumer is getting it for 10 cents per quart. The Halifax dealers are not making any claims to be philanthropists and what the citizens of St. John want to know is: If the milk dealers in Halifax can do business on a margin of 3.7 cents per quart, why should it cost 5 cents per quart to do business here?

Mr. Bell and Mr. Prime, both claim that the figures submitted by Mr. Bell to the commissioners do not cover all the costs of doing business, and that when an investigation is held this will be demonstrated. They say, for instance, that the figures given make no allowance for rent, insurance, interest on investment and other items that enter into the cost of doing business.

WHAT PUBLIC WANTS TO KNOW.

Other items in the costs which the people will want fully gone into are those of wages, renewal of cans, loss of bottles, and the cost of washing and filling bottles. The amount in the list submitted for washing and filling bottles is 5 cents per can for each 25 can route, and it should not take one man all day to wash and fill between 200 and 250 bottles, which would be about the number of bottles to be filled, for it must be remembered that 15 cans of this route are sold wholesale, according to Mr. Bell's estimate, leaving 160 quarts to be put in bottles.

THE MATTER OF BOTTLES AND CANS.

In regard to the amount for renewal of cans, Mr. Bell has estimated that for each 25 can route a man must have 140 cans. It costs \$100 per year to renew those cans it means, at the price of cans today, that 75 new cans have to be bought for that route each year; in other words, if a man starts the first of January with 140 new cans at the end of December 75 of those have been thrown away and replaced with new. The charge for loss of bottles is also one which will need close scrutiny in view of the fact that both Mr. Bell and Mr. Prime have stated that they hold the drivers responsible as far as possible for bottles, and on Saturday a representative of this paper was talking with a merchant in the city who told this illuminating little story:

"One day a driver of one of the Primcrest milk teams was in the store and I said to him: I have a couple of bottles here with your name on them, and you might as well have them."

The reply of the driver was: "That's fine; that will just save me ten cents."

WHAT THE 'LONGSHOREMEN DID.'

At the regular monthly meeting of the International Longshoremen's Association held yesterday afternoon, the following resolution in regard to the high cost of living was passed:

"Whereas it is in the opinion of this organization, absolutely necessary that more vigorous steps be taken to put a stop to the exorbitant increase in the cost of the necessities of life; and

"Whereas considerable of the increase is due to the fact that many of the necessities of life are being held for more exorbitant profits at the plant of the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company, of this city, and by other manufacturing and business interests throughout the province; and

"Whereas, the government of the province did assist the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company to its present position by a guarantee of bonds totalling seventy-five per cent of the cost of the building and plant, and also assisted various other interests by annual grants who are taking advantage of conditions and boosting food prices, and

"Whereas, this organization having in mind the fact that the Empire is engaged in the present war did accept the exceedingly trifling increase of wages offered in order that we might do our bit to aid by our work in the shipping of munitions and so forth; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we request the executive council of the New Brunswick government to give every assistance to the various municipalities that are investigating or intend to investigate the increased cost of living by compelling the industries assisted by the government to make a statement of the various necessities of life held by them, purchase price and price held for sale, with a view of establishing a fair profit for these articles; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the city council, a copy to the executive council of the New Brunswick government and a copy given to the public press."

"ANTI-TEN" WANTS BREAD PRICE PROBED.

Editor of The Standard. Sir.—Permit me to congratulate you on your able presentation of the milk question, as published in your paper the last few days. The evidence that you have produced goes to show that the dealers are making under the old price a very good profit, and that there is no need of an increase except the one of "greed," or squeeze the public as much as possible. Perhaps the dealers will enlighten us enough to explain why they want the same price for milk here as obtain in New York city. Milk can be purchased there at 10 cents per quart delivered, or 8 cents per quart if called for at the dairies, and even at that price the public there raised trouble. I don't think that any local dealer will have the nerve to claim that it costs as much to handle milk here as it does in New York. Now that you have had enterprise enough to tackle the milk question may I draw your attention to the price of bread in this city, as compared with other cities in Canada. You might make inquiries in these cities and I think you'll find we are paying one cent a loaf more than they are, and for the same weight. Allow me to assure you that you have the public with you in your milk campaign, and the same public are asking: "What is the matter with the other papers?" In any case yours is real up-to-date journalism and you speak for the masses.

"ANTI-TEN."

COLLECTOR'S
QUICK WITS
SAVED ROLL

Attempted Highway Robbery

On Loch Lomond Road — E. R. Bentley Held Up by Negroes.

A hold-up and attempted highway robbery near St. John Saturday evening has furnished the county authorities with material for an investigation. It is so seldom that a hold-up occurs in this section of the country that the incident caused much surprise among the county constables.

On Saturday evening E. R. Bentley of Somerset street, a collector for a sewing machine house, was held up by two negroes on the Ben Lomond Road.

Mr. Bentley left Salmon River with a horse and light wagon late in the afternoon and shortly before dusk was surprised by the actions of two men.

One seized the horse by the bridle

and the second negro grabbed Mr. Bentley by the arm. The collector was not armed but had about \$300 on him at the time.

Mr. Bentley, who is undoubtedly a quick thinker, did not give the men

an opportunity to search him. Instead of handing over his roll Bentley shot out his strong right arm and knocked the nearest highwayman down. Before either man could make a move the collector whipped up his horse suddenly, the frightened animal plunging forward and knocking the second negro to the ground. The colored men were unable to catch Bentley who triumphantly made haste to find a stable, and later came to the city.

The county officials suspect two certain men and they may be taken into court.

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