

CANADA HAS LARGE BALANCE TO HER CREDIT

Budget of Sir Thos. White Contains Many Encouraging Features--Dominion Has Increased Revenue by \$31,000,000, Has No Outstanding Treasury Bills in London Market, Is Financed Up to Beginning of Next Summer and Faces Coming Fiscal Year With Very Bright Prospects.

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(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—In opening the Finance Minister declared that he was happy to be able to inform the House that the scheme of general and special taxation announced in his budget of last session had worked out well. Last March he had anticipated an aggregate revenue of \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending with next month, but he now anticipated a total revenue of at least \$170,000,000, or \$20,000,000 in excess of the estimate of a year ago.

He declared that the introduction of his budget last year, with the increased customs duties, had promptly arrested the sharp monthly declines, and by August revenues had been restored to the basis of the corresponding months of the year preceding the outbreak of the war. Since August last there had been a marked and continually progressive increase in monthly revenues, as compared with those of the corresponding period of the previous year, when the profound derangement of finance and commerce resulting from the war was exercising its serious effect upon imports and general business. From the beginning of the present fiscal year up until Feb. 10th the total revenue of the Dominion from all sources had amounted to \$145,000,000, an increase of \$31,000,000 over the same period the preceding year. Of this revenue about \$22,000,000 had been derived from customs duties; \$19,000,000 from excise; \$14,000,000 from post office receipts, and about \$3,000,000 from the special taxes other than the extra postal taxes. The increase in customs duties derived from the increased duties he estimated at \$19,000,000.

ment has no outstanding treasury bills in the London market, and is not overdrawn with any financial institution. On the contrary we have at the present time very large balances to our credit, both at home and abroad. In fact, the government is financed until the beginning of next summer. Summarizing briefly the loan transactions during the year, the Finance Minister enumerated the issue in London of 5,000,000 pounds of four and one-half per cent. debenture stock maturing 1920-25; the New York issue in August of \$25,000,000 of five per cent. notes maturing August 1, 1916, and \$20,000,000 of five per cent. notes maturing August 1, 1917; and the Canadian domestic loan of \$50,000,000 of five per cent. ten year bonds which was afterwards taken up to the extent of \$100,000,000. Of this latter loan, Sir Thomas noted that the government had placed the sum of \$50,000,000 to the credit of the Imperial Treasury towards making payment for munitions and other orders placed in Canada. The total amount of advances by the Imperial Treasury towards Canada's war expenditure, said Sir Thomas, amounted to date to 27,000,000 pounds, or \$135,000,000. Since the beginning of the period of serious decline in sterling exchange from June onwards, the government had been able to finance all war expenditures in Canada without the assistance of the Imperial Treasury, thus saving a large amount of exchange. By reason of improving revenues and of the loan in the United States and Canada that had been no necessity to negotiate any sterling bills since June of last year.

OUTLOOK FOR PRESENT YEAR
"As closely as we can estimate," he said, "the financial outcome of the present fiscal year will be as follows: Revenue from all sources, \$170,000,000; ordinary expenditures, \$125,000,000; surplus, \$45,000,000.
"As the proceeds of the American loan," Sir Thomas went on, "which was especially made to meet capital expenditures, have been more than sufficient for the purpose of the expected expenditure under this heading being \$40,000,000, it has been possible for the government to devote its entire surplus, estimated at \$45,000,000, in payment of the principal of our war expenditure. The House, of course, understands that in our ordinary expenditures, we have been able to pay the interest on our public debt, which includes our war borrowings. Ordinary expenditure also includes pensions.
"BRIEFLY, THEN, THE RESULT OF THE PRESENT YEAR'S TRANSACTIONS AS TO REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
"WE BORROWED IN THE UNITED STATES THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR OUR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES. OUR REVENUES WILL EXCEED OUR ORDINARY EXPENDITURES BY \$45,000,000. THIS \$45,000,000 WE DEVOTE TO THE PAYMENT OF OUR WAR EXPENDITURE. BY THE END OF THE YEAR THE NET NATIONAL DEBT WILL BE ABOUT \$60,000,000. AN INCREASE OF \$131,000,000 DURING THE YEAR.
"PROSPERITY DESPITE WAR.
"Turning from the financial transactions and position of the government to the general affairs of the country, we find much cause for gratification and thankfulness. Business has adjusted itself in a remarkable way to the altered conditions. We have been blessed with a most bountiful harvest, the great

apply upon war expenditures. Altogether, the government would have to borrow for war purposes about \$215,000,000, and, including capital expenditure, there would thus be at the end of the year an increase in the public debt of nearly a quarter of a billion dollars. He believed that the government was quite justified in placing upon posterity the greater portion of the financial burden of the war, waged as it was in the interests of human freedom, and for their benefit in equal if not in greater degree than for our own.
"I do not desire," he added, "to be understood as saying that we should not endeavor to raise, by taxation a considerable part of our war expenditure. On the contrary, it is my view that it is our clear national duty, and supremely in the interest of our credit, to provide what we reasonably can, without impairing our economic structure.
"With this statement of general policy, Mr. White turned to the question of taxation, and loans for the coming fiscal year. With proceeds already recruited to the number of 250,000, and with 500,000 aimed at, it was manifest, he declared, that further ways and means must be devised of meeting the expenditures necessary to organize and equip the new contingents and maintain our entire forces.
"The tariff and budget resolutions, as introduced by Sir Thomas White, announce the following changes, and go into effect tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 16:
"TARIFF
Duty on apples raised to 90 cents a barrel; one-half cent per gallon extra on oils, exclusive of crude petroleum for refining or lubricating oil; revenue estimated, \$600,000.
"TAXATION
Twenty-five per cent. of net profits since August 4, 1914, on paid-up capital of all incorporated companies exceeding seven per cent. In the case of all other persons seven per cent. on capital employed in such business; excepting where paid-up capital or capital employed is less than \$50,000. The business of life insurance, the business of farming or stock raising, banks and companies taxed under War Revenue Act of 1915. Duration until August 3, 1917. Revenue estimated, \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000.
"Sir Thomas, in explaining his tariff proposals, said, in part:
"We propose to alter the duty payable on apples to 90 cents per barrel. We regard this duty as indispensably necessary for the preservation of the apple growing industry of Canada, and particularly that of British Columbia, which has been most seriously affected since the outbreak of the war. We also propose a duty of one-half cent a gallon on oils, petroleum, not including crude petroleum imported to be refined, or illuminating or lubricating oils, 8235 specific gravity or heavier at six degrees temperature. The change will include heavy distillates that are now assessed duty at two and one-half cents a gallon, and which have been chiefly imported into the prairie provinces. We expect this item will yield a revenue of about \$600,000. The goods covered by the tariff proposals will be exempt from the provisions of the customs tariff revenue act of 1915.
"BURDEN FOR THOSE BEST ABLE TO BEAR IT.
"For the reasons which I gave in my last budget speech, we regard it as inexpedient to consider, for the present at least, the imposition of a direct income tax. We find, therefore, the area of taxation considerably restricted. In estimating further sources we have carefully considered the question of what classes or classes should bear the burden of further special taxation, because it is an axiom of taxation that the burden should fall upon those in the community best able to bear it. There are, in time of war, many businesses and industries which, for one reason or another, are able to maintain profit above the average return to capital in time of peace. There are others whose profits arise directly from the manufacture of munitions, or the furnishing of supplies in connection with the war itself, and are in some instances of abnormal character. It has appeared to the government that persons, firms and corporations whose profits have

RUSSIAN OFFICERS AT WORK IN A TRENCH



The Russian artillery, handicapped as it has been in many ways, is now said to be gradually proving its worth in battle, especially the work of the observer. This picture, which describes the observer at work, shows an officer using a range finder in the trenches.

same two years they shall invest in such securities one-half of the increase in their net ledger assets during the years 1915 and 1916, after making provision for increase in foreign reserves and in policy loans. Provisions will be made to meet the case of foreign companies which have already made their deposits for the present year. The aggregate amount of such investments will reach a total of at least \$15,000,000.
"To promote saving among the public, and reflecting upon its varied fortunes, there has grown in the hearts and minds of all an ever-deepening sense of its increasing gravity and menace to the Empire's safety. But the Empire's strength has steadily grown with the growing peril. Never has our national spirit been more high, never our resolve more unshaken, never have we been more supremely confident of ultimate victory than we are today. We have taken the measure of our foe, we have estimated the resources of our manhood and the other elements of Imperial power, and we steadfastly abide the issue in calm consciousness of inherent strength and the eternal justice of our cause. We fight for human progress and for human rights, and we can and shall endure unto the end."
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Doctor Advised Operation As Only Cure For Piles

Wife Objected to Use of Knife and Cure Was Effectuated by Use of Dr. Chase's Ointment

Here is the affidavit of a well-known fruit grower who was cured of bleeding piles some years ago by using Dr. Chase's Ointment.
"His doctor could do nothing for him and recommended a surgical operation (Chase's Ointment to all sufferers from piles. My wife has used it for itching Ointment and complete cure resulted from this treatment.
"It is by the cure of extreme cases like this that Dr. Chase's Ointment has won the reputation of being about the only actual cure for piles—itching, bleeding and protruding piles.
"Mr. Samuel Parker, fruit grower, Grimsby, Ont., has made the following declaration before Mr. W. W. Kidd, Notary Public, of the same place: "I do solemnly declare that I was troubled with bleeding Piles and was advised to go to the hospital to have an operation performed. My wife said 'No, get a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment.' I did so and have used it according to directions while living in Manitoba, and obtained a complete cure, for I have never been troubled with Piles since. I am now 70 years of age and want to recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to all sufferers from piles. My wife has used it for itching Ointment and complete cure resulted from this treatment.
"Mrs. William Schettler, Spy Hill, Sask., writes: "I have used Dr. Chase's Ointment with great success as a treatment for Piles. About 15 years ago I had this ailment very bad and suffered greatly. By using Dr. Chase's Ointment a complete cure was effected and I have never had a return of the old trouble. It is undoubtedly the best Ointment made and no family should be without it."
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Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED, IF CONSTIPATED.
When cross, feverish and sick give "California Syrup of Figs."
Children love this "Fruit Laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system is full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.
Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and never fail to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.
Ask your druggist for a 66-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

A BALANCE AT HOME AND ABROAD.
"We entered upon the present fiscal year," continued Sir Thomas, "with \$200,000,000 pounds of treasury bills maturing in June. We had also a bank indebtedness of \$5,000,000. These treasury bills were retired upon maturity, and our bank indebtedness has been paid off. The Dominion govern-

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St. John Retail Merchants

Thursday, February 24th

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The Names of the Dollar Day Merchants will be announced in This Paper later --- Watch for the List!

SPORTING GOSSIP

AMATEUR HOCKEY STARS WHO DISPLAY ABILITY IN LEAGUE RACE



Picture are of four stars who have displayed marked ability for their respective teams in the race for the Amateur Hockey League title. Until this season the St. Nicks' built around the versatile and brilliant "Hobey" Baker and captained by Russell Ellis, have seemed to have the league championship at their mercy. Baker's inimitable style has so far outdistanced any efforts of his opponents that the St. Nicks have gone to the front without even a staunch opponent. But this season the Boston A.A., the Harvard Club and the Crescent A.C. seem to be strengthened by stellar performers, and if the St. Nicks are to repeat it will mean double the work of last season, when the Boston A.A. challenged and was in the running until the final game.

tured by the Germans, the war office announced today. The text of the statement follows:
"Western front: Southeast of Ypres, after heavy artillery bombardments by way of preparation, our troops captured some 800 yards of British positions. A majority of the defenders of the British trenches were killed. One officer and several dozen men were made prisoners."
"On the road from Lens to Bethune, after a successful mine explosion, we occupied the border of the crater. The enemy continued the shelling of Lens and its suburbs."
"South of the Somme unsuccessful hand grenade attacks by the French followed by heavy artillery combats lasting into the night."
"Northwest of Rheims the French attempted gas attacks, which failed. In the Champagne after strong artillery preparations, a weak attack was made against our new position northwest of Tahure. It was repulsed easily."
"East of the Meuse, our front between Flabas and Ornes, was shelled vigorously."
"A night counter-attack by the French against the position near Oberet which he recently conquered from them failed."
"Eastern front: The situation generally is unchanged."
"Balkan front: There is nothing to report."

smashing them to kindling wood, and pounded the plane beyond repair. The soldiers opened a small store room where flags and pictures of German heroes had been stored, and carried them down King street to the front of the recruiting rooms, where they were trampled upon and torn to shreds.
They also found a bust of Kaiser Wilhelm I, which had been kept in Concordia Hall since it was taken from the lake in Victoria Park, into which it was thrown shortly after the war started. They dragged it up the street amid cheers and singing, and it is now stored in the barracks in Queen street.
It was not until late tonight that the men could be induced to leave the place. They marched to the barracks singing "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall."

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WEST INDIES
S.S. "Parthenon" March 4
S.S. "Cranley" March 11
S.S. "Lakonia" March 18
S.S. "Orithia" March 25

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From Glasgow to St. John
Feb. 5 S.S. "Parthenon" March 4
S.S. "Cranley" March 11
S.S. "Lakonia" March 18
S.S. "Orithia" March 25

Head Line

St. John to D. J. ... Feb. 26
S. S. Torr Head ... Feb. 26

MANCHESTER LINE

From Manchester to St. John
Jan. 22 Manchester Corporation Feb. 7
Jan. 29 Manchester Investor Feb. 12
Jan. 30 Manchester Marquis Feb. 19

FURNESS LINE

From London to St. John
Dec. 31 Shenandoah Feb. 13
Jan. 30 Kanawha Feb. 15
Feb. 10 Rappahannock Feb. 26

EASTERN STEAMSHIP LINES

INTERNATIONAL LINE
Steamship North Star
Will leave St. John Thursdays at nine a.m. for Quebec, Eastport, Portland and Boston.

GRAND MANAN S. S. CO.

Grand Manan Route—Season 1915-16
After October 1st, 1915, and until further notice, a steamer of this line will run as follows:
Leave Grand Manan Mondays at 7.30 a. m. for St. John, via Eastport, Campbellville and Wilson's Beach.
Returning leave Turbul's Wharf St. John, Wednesdays at 7.30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via Wilson's Beach, Campbellville and Eastport.

ICE SPORTS

IN VIC. DREW GOOD CROWD

The Victoria Rink was packed last night with a crowd eager to witness the ice sports. The ice was fast and in the best of condition, the crowd enthusiastic and the racers and performers did some very pretty work. At the outset a good man was knocked out. T. Gillen fell, and sliding along the ice, hit himself on an iron urseur. The programme was as follows:
220 yards, won by H. Garnett, 1st; F. Garnett, 2nd. Time, 21.
Small boys half mile race, won by M. Gains; 2nd, R. Dean. Time, 1.59.
440 yards, won by G. Gorman; 2nd, M. Bell. Time, 42.
Plumber's race, half mile, won by Morrell; 2nd, Alberta. Time, 1.44.
Street Railway men, 440 yards, won by Percy Moore; 2nd, W. Grant. Time, 53.
880 yards, won by M. Bell; 2nd, H. Garnett. Time, 1.30.
Teammates' race, half mile, won by Correll; 2nd, F. Garnett. Time, 1.43.
Poundrymen's race, half mile, 1st, G. McLaughlin; 2nd, R. Roberts. Time, 1.59.
Soldiers' relay race, won by 140th Battalion team, Howard, McCollough, Lawton, Gorman, 12 laps. Time, 4.52.
Senior boys' race, half mile, 1st, P. Howard; 2nd, L. Elliott. Time, 2 min. One mile race, C. Gorman; 2nd, Morrell. Time, 5.17.

LOCAL BOWLING THISTLES DEFEATED CARLETON

TEN STRING MATCH.

There was an interesting ten string match on Black's alleys, yesterday, when Messrs. Wilson and Black defeated Bailey and Burke by a grand total score of 2118 to 1996, or a majority of 122 pins. The scores follow:
Wilson—101 106 109 98 96 140 114 104 103 106—Total, 1084.
Black—100 107 92 113 93 91 109 111 125 98—Total, 1034.
Bailey—98 120 99 100 96 93 109 100 90 82—Total, 986.
Burke—126 82 98 86 98 96 90 110 116 89—Total, 1010. Grand total, 1996.

HUNS BREAK THROUGH PART OF BRITISH LINE

(Continued from page 1) nearly completed, says a Temps despatch from Saloniki today. Field Marshal Von Mackensen has been reviewing the Bulgarian troops at Uskup and made a public speech to them eulogizing their achievements.
Deny Loss of Warship.
Berlin, Feb. 15, via wireless to Cayville.—Denial was made today by the Overseas News Agency of the recently published report that a German warship had been sunk in the Categat.
A Copenhagen despatch of Feb. 7, said it was reported a large German warship had been sunk in the Cate-

ST. ANDREWS VS. FREDERICTON

Six rinks from the St. Andrew's club leave for Fredericton this morning to play a match with the curlers in the Capital.

WHAT OUR BOYS SING IN THE TRENCHES

Private G. Grows, of Foots Cray, writing from the Dobson Barracks, Hospital, 22, Charlton-road, Blackheath, says that he is getting much better. He sends us the following song, which he says the boys sing in France:
(To the tune of "My Little Grey Home in the West")
I've a little wet home in a trench,
Whence the rainstorms continually drench;
There's the sky overhead,
Clay or mud for a bed,
And a stone that we use for a bench.
Bully beef and hard biscuits we chew,
It seems years since we tasted a stew.
Shells crackle and sear,
Yet no place can compare
With my little wet home, if you know.
Our friends in that trench, o'er the way,
Seem to know that we've come here to stay.
They shoot and they shout,
But they can't get us out,
Though there's no dirty trick they won't play.
They rushed us a few nights ago,
But we don't like intruders, and so
Some departed quite sore,
Some were left evermore.
Near my little wet home, now you know.

ANOTHER GLASH BETWEEN ALLIES AND GREEK GOVT

London, Feb. 15.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Athens says:
"Another diplomatic clash between the Greeks and the Entente Allies has arisen over the arrest by the Allies of the Greek steamer Mavratsoussa, carrying 200 Bulgarians, whom the Allies considered belligerents. The Greeks contend that they are Hellenic subjects from newly annexed provinces and are consequently neutral. The steamer was bound for Crete."

SOLDIERS RAID HOUSE AND TEAR DOWN GERMAN HEROES' PICTURES

Berlin, Oct. Feb. 15.—Some soldiers of the 18th Battalion, who were on night leave, raided Concordia Hall, in the new Jansen building here tonight and completely demolished the furniture, including a piano, pictures, etc. About fifty men took possession of the hall about eight o'clock, threw chairs out of windows, jumped on tables,

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In the manufacture of **Red Ball Ale** and **Porter**
only the choicest ingredients are used. We purchase the very best selected barley, choice imported hops, and use pure artesian water. Extract of malt in the form of Red Ball Ale and Porter forms one of Nature's most valuable gifts to man.
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St. John, N. B.

OUR COMPETITIONS For Boys and Girls Splendid Prizes

A "Sum" Contest

This week's Contest is quite different to any others you have previously been asked to compete in, but I am sure nearly every reader of the Children's Corner will be having a hard try to win the prizes.

Below will be found a simple division sum, but a few of the figures are missing. What you have to do is this: Write the complete sum out carefully on a piece of paper, filling in the missing figures, and forward the result, together with one of the usual coupons correctly filled in, to

UNCLE DICK,
THE STANDARD,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

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Can You Draw a Teapot?

As you have enjoyed the last Drawing Contest, I have decided to let you have another. Make a careful drawing of a TEA-POT, either in pencil or pen and ink. Send result, together with the usual coupon correctly filled in, to

UNCLE DICK,
THE STANDARD,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

This contest is open to all kiddies not older than fifteen years of age, and the age will be carefully considered when judging. Attempts must reach this office not later than Wednesday, February 23rd, 1916. To the senders of the best two sketches I shall award two beautiful story books.

STANDARD COMPETITION
For Boys and Girls

Full Name.....
Address.....
Age..... Birthday.....

The Convention of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association and Provincial Seed Fair

will be held in FREDERICTON, February 28th to March 2nd, inclusive
Thursday, March 2nd, will be Livestock Day and will be spent at the Experimental Farm. The work of the day will be under the direction of Prof. Barton, of Macdonald College.
Delegates attending the Convention will ask for Standard Certificates over the I. C. R., and C. P. R.

Bringing Up Father



THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (LIMITED)

On February 11th and until further notice the S.S. "Page" and S.S. "Casisco No. 2" will run as follows:
Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co. on Saturday, 7.30 a. m. for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay, or Letete, Deer Island, Red Store, St. George. Returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Letete or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor, tide and weather permitting.
AGENT—Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., St. John, N. B.
Phone 2561. Manager, Lewis Connors, Black's Harbor, N. B.
This company will not be responsible for any debts contracted after this date without a written order from the company or captain of the steamer.

THE WEATHER.

Korocasta
Maritime - North and north-westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The barometric pressure has diminished throughout the continent, but the general distribution is much as it was last night. Heavy rains continue in British Columbia, while throughout the western provinces the weather is fine and quite mild. The temperature has risen considerably in Ontario and Quebec, but remains low in the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.		
	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	40	46
Victoria	44	50
Vancouver	48	54
Kamloops	38	44
Calgary	36	42
Medicine Hat	40	50
Battleford	24	30
Moose Jaw	34	47
Winnipeg	40	46
Regina	38	44
Port Arthur	42	52
Parry Sound	12	28
Toronto	9	28
Kingston	9	26
Ottawa	0	24
Montreal	4	20
Quebec	6	20
St. John	10	20
Halifax	14	18

—Below zero.

Around the City

A Still Alarm
A still alarm called the north end firemen to 608 Main street yesterday morning about ten o'clock, where a small blaze which was started in thawing out water pipes was extinguished before much damage was done.

Successful Concert.
A very enjoyable evening was spent in St. Paul's church last evening when the members of the church, assisted by the Temple Band, gave a concert. The affair was a success in every way and a good sum was realized for the work of the church.

Thanks Hospital Staff
Mrs. Percy Davis of Durham street has recovered from illness and returned home from the General Public Hospital. Mrs. Davis wishes to thank the doctors and nurses in the hospital for the excellent treatment and care she received while there.

Lost a Finger
Leo McFarag, aged twenty-one years, of Fairville, suffered the loss of the first finger on his right hand when his hand was caught and badly crushed in gear in the Partington pulp mill, shortly after seven o'clock yesterday morning. He is employed in the acid room. Dr. J. A. McCarthy treated the injured member.

Wedding Anniversary
John Collins, the popular I. C. R. police officer at the Union Depot, celebrated the 33rd anniversary of his wedding yesterday. A pleasing feature of the occasion was that his children and grand children gathered at his home, 104 Paradise Row, last evening and presented him with a handsome parlor lamp.

To Attend Funeral
The members of the Union Jack Lodge met in their hall on Simonds street last night and made arrangements for attending the funeral of their departed brother, Lt. DeWolf, 290 Millidge Avenue. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from the late residence. The service commences at 2:30 o'clock.

Missionary Institute.
Last night's session of the Missionary Institute in Centenary church was well attended and the interest seems to be growing. Rev. E. A. Westmorland delivered an able and interesting address on "Missions Today," which was much appreciated by those present. Rev. W. H. Barraclough gave an address on Home Mission Work in Canada and by means of word and picture traced the history of Methodism in Canada from its inception until the present. The lecture was listened to with great interest by the congregation.

A Police Officer's Bravery
Policeman Geo. Fuller deserves much credit for the daring manner in which he risked his life in stopping a runaway horse on Pond street yesterday morning. The horse came dashing along at a furious rate when the officer, without a moment's hesitation, jumped quickly and grasped the reins. The policeman was dragged as far as North street before he managed to bring the horse to a standstill. Fortunately he was unharmed, and after brushing the snow clear of his clothing walked away as if the heroic action was an ordinary happening during his course of duty. A number of people who witnessed the occurrence spoke highly of the manner in which the officer performed his task.

PERSONAL.
T. P. Regan, who has been confined to his home on Orange street for some weeks, through illness is now enabled to be at his office.
Dr. O. B. Price, M. L. A., for Westmorland, passed through last night on his way to Fredericton.
Mrs. C. E. Vall, of Truro, is spending a few days in the city.

J. L. THORNE TO SUCCEED LATE G. R. JOHNSON

Appointed county treasurer at meeting of municipal council yesterday.

J. L. Thorne was elected treasurer of the municipality at a special meeting of the county council yesterday afternoon. He succeeds the late George R. Johnson. Mr. Thorne was elected on the third ballot over Councillor Dean by a vote of 13 to 11. There were eleven candidates in the field, but on the first ballot Councillor Dean led the list, eleven to six. Mr. Thorne scored the half dozen. Mr. Fraser had three and Mr. Graham, 2.

The second ballot gave Thorne 13 and Dean 11, Mr. Thorne winning in the third round. The council met at 2:45, Warden McLellan presiding. A delegation from the Board of Health, headed by Dr. Melvin, appeared for a grant of \$500 as a nucleus to start a laboratory. After the application had been discussed at length by Councillors Potts and Wigmore the council voted to grant the application.

The report of the committee on bills was then taken up. A long discussion followed over a bill regulating soap factories and camps where men from the city congregate. After considerable discussion it was voted to exempt lumber camps and camps used by fishermen.

The question of inmates of the jail being compelled to work was discussed at length. It was finally voted to endorse a bill which will give the municipality the right to regulate the labor of prisoners.

Pythian Head On Official Visits
H. H. McLellan left last night for Eastern Nova Scotia - Other visits planned.

H. H. McLellan, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, left last night to pay an official visit to the lodges at Westville, New Glasgow and Cape Breton. He will be joined at Truro by some of the officers from Halifax.

Mr. McLellan and a number of St. John Knights will leave on Monday next for Ellsworth, Me., to meet the supreme chancellor, who will be at that place to celebrate the founding of the Order in that city. From there he will go to Woodstock and pay an official visit to Woodstock lodges on Wednesday evening, February 23rd.

BRIGADIER McLEAN IS PLEASSED WITH 69TH

Inspection yesterday resulted successfully—Day's work with other battalions.

The 115th had a route march yesterday in the morning and in the afternoon the usual drill. The N.C.O. class are working hard at the barracks in the day and they have a special class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at the court house under Sergeant Instructor Moore. The following promotions are reported: B Company, Pte. M. M. Fraser to lance corporal. To be corporal, L. Corp. C. P. Willis, A. H. Batson and W.C. Cook. C Company, to be corporal, L. Corp. W. F. Pearce. D Company, to be sergeant, Corp. P. Crawford. To be corporal, L. Corp. E. M. Faber, G. W. Biggar, W. Anderson, C. V. Armstrong and Pte. R. E. Green. To be L. Corp. Privates H. P. Poole and D. V. Simonds.

Today the officer of the day will be Lieut. Pickard, and the usual drill and classes will be held.

The 140th yesterday had the usual round of drill and instruction classes. Today Lieut. J. H. Manning will be the officer of the day and the ordinary routine will be followed.

Yesterday Brigadier McLean inspected B Company of the 69th and he gives them great credit for the showing they made. He said they

COUNCIL CONSIDERED STREET RAILWAY BILL

Lengthy meeting at noon yesterday at which several matters were taken up.

Consideration of a bill for the legislature, the object of which is to give the city greater powers in dealing with the street railway company when the interests of city and company conflict, absorbed the entire attention of the common council at an extended meeting held yesterday.

A private session was held on Monday to discuss the vacancy caused by the resignation of the chairman of the board of assessors, but no action was taken yesterday. It is expected that this matter will be dealt with at the meeting today.

The council met in committee, with all members present, and took up the bill prepared by Com. Potts to define the position of the street railway company in connection with the interests of the city, with particular reference to foundations for rails, co-operation in paving, etc.

Com. Potts said that the bill was in accord with a progressive policy, and would give the city powers that they would not get by injunction in twenty years.

Com. Russell—"Does this conflict with the company's charter?" Com. Potts—"The draft now before us has been prepared by the city solicitor from data supplied by me."

The Mayor—"Is he acting as city solicitor or attorney-general in this matter?"

As Hon. Mr. Baxter is not in the city, this was not definitely cleared up, but Com. Potts said that the bill was prepared, at his request, by Mr. Baxter after the latter had informed him that such a bill would be desirable.

The commissioner explained that the clause requiring the company to bring its rails to grades established by the city engineer was contained in the charter, and this bill merely made it more clear. Any changes would be submitted to the council before the company would be asked to make them.

There was some discussion of the clause, requiring the company to issue transfers across the ferry, but it was decided that the section might as well stand.

The whole bill was approved and reported to council, and the council ordered the bill sent forward to the legislature.

WEDDINGS.
Nixon-Lordly
Lieut. Harold Leonard Nixon of the Provisional Signal Corps, Ottawa, and Miss Mary Louise Lordly, both of Montreal, were united in marriage last evening at St. John's (Stone) church. Rev. Ralph Sherman officiated.

Band and excellent ice at Victoria rink tonight.
Victoria "Wet Wash" Laundry is the best—they cleanse the clothes thoroughly, 2 to 10 Pitt St. Phone 390.

NEW SPRING SUITS.
The new spring suits that are being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s are worth investigation. They were bought early because a delayed purchase meant increased prices, but they were not bought too early to insure the most correct styles for spring wear. The full skirted coat with imitation belted waist line is shown in a large number of different designs at prices that will make this style very popular, from \$16.00 to \$25.00. Some very handsome braided effects in the new shades of nut brown and Belgian blue are very striking and decidedly new. The price is \$22.00 and \$22.50.

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WEN OF 26TH STEADY UNDER HARDEST TEST

Dan Heywood writes of bravery shown by New Brunswick battalion.

A letter, dated January 27th, was received yesterday from "Somewhere in France," by a lady who, on Christmas, remembered the writer, Scout Dan Heywood, of the R. C. R., along with many other soldiers at the front to whom she sent warm socks as a Christmas present. Scout Heywood is one of the boys from The Standard who, on the outbreak of the war, enlisted for overseas duty and for the past eighteen months has been doing his bit for King and country. In part the writer says:

"I have been so long in thanking you for the pair of good warm socks you sent me, but I thank you now and very much indeed as it was very kind of you. The reason why I delayed so long I was carrying the socks around with me in my kit bag and one night having my feet cold in the trenches I thought I would put on the ones you sent me, and then I found your card and address in the top of one of the socks, so now it is my duty to thank you. Up to the time I put the socks on I did not know what kind person had sent them to me."

"I am going to send you a souvenir from here, but don't know if I can get it through the mail or not, and if not, God willing, I will bring it back to St. John for you."

"I must say that I am very proud of being with the Canadian boys as I find them very cheerful and steady under heavy shell fire. I have been in some very tight corners and their pluck and endurance could not be excelled. I know from experience, as I was through the South African war from start to finish with the British regulars, but we cannot call this war anything like the South African, as that was only a picnic compared with this, but I can assure you that we are confident of beating Mr. German and the sooner the better."

"I had a very narrow escape about a fortnight ago, as the Germans shell us heavily and I and Corporal Potter and a young soldier named Hollingshead, got in a dugout. A shell dropped square on the top, but luckily did not burst, but it knocked the top of the dugout off and we crept out with just a severe shaking and covered with mud and dirt. Young Frank Withers, who left St. John with me with the Corps of Guides, is still with me and is quite well. He lives in Hazen street."

"All the boys of the 26th Battalion are fine. I saw them a couple of weeks ago. They have done well and will do more than that when they get Mr. German in the open. The weather is a little better and drier and when we get good and warm weather I think we shall be able to forge ahead. I have no more to say at present, only I thank you for those socks and I wish you every joy and success, and good night and God bless you."

I remain, yours truly,
D. HEYWOOD,
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