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MIGHTY GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS STEADILY LOSING MOMENTUM

ANOTHER GIGANTIC ENEMY ATTACK IN DRIVE FOR ARRAS

Crisis of Terrific Struggle Has Not Been Reached, and Situation Must Be Regarded with Keenest Anxiety as Enemy is Throwing in Everything—New Thrust Heavier Than Drive on the Somme—Kaiser at St. Quentin—Canadians Come into Action.

Haig's Gallant Troops Protecting Amiens—Tremendous Pressure Brought to Bear on Northern End of Albert-Roye Line—Germans Capture Roye, 25 Miles from Amiens—Estimated 800,000 Germans Hurling into the World's Greatest Battle—Hun Casualties, 250,000.

(By Arthur S. Draper.)

(Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard)

London, March 26.—The battle front extended northward to Arras is the centre of another gigantic enemy attack. The crisis of the terrific struggle still has not been reached. The situation must be regarded with the keenest anxiety and the enemy is throwing in everything.

The new thrust at Arras, if possible, is heavier than the drive on the Somme, where Anglo-French troops hold the old lines from which was launched the offensive of 1916. On the Somme battle front the Germans have shown signs of exhaustion, though sheer momentum is carrying them forward.

Amiens, a centre of great strategic importance, is covered by Haig's gallant troops. Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear on the northern end of the Albert-Roye line. Seventy odd divisions, roughly 800,000 bayonets, have been hurled into the world's greatest battle by the enemy and his reserves are still moving up. He has made heavy captures in men, guns and material, but what he has accomplished falls short of a decision. The Germans have dropped behind the schedule of the Kaiser who, from St. Quentin watching the struggle upon which is staked his dynasty, must be sharing the anxiety of his military leaders who already have suffered probably 250,000 casualties.

The very fact that the Kaiser is making the final gamble of the war means that the battle will continue some weeks and that both sides will throw in an ever increasing number of troops until a decision is reached. Coolly and calmly Petain and Haig are waiting the psychological moment to spring their counter measures.

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GERMAN FORCES CROSS THE OLD SOMME BATTLE LINE

Berlin Announces Capture of Roye, Noyon, Lihons, Biaches, Barleux, Etalon, Bussy, Nihucourt, Biefvillers, Grevillers, Irlas and Miramont, Army Crossing the Ancre—Claim 963 British Guns Captured.

Berlin, via London, Mar. 26.—The night report from general headquarters announces the capture of Lihons, Roye and Noyon, and declares that the German forces have crossed the old Somme battle line at many points. The text reads: "A new phase has come in the tremendous battle on both sides of the Somme. The enemy is retreating on a wide front. During the pursuit we have already crossed at many points our old positions before the Somme, battle in 1916 in a westerly direction. We are before Albert, Lihons, Roye and Noyon have been taken. The number of guns captured by the Germans in the battle now in progress

has increased to 963, army headquarters announced today. More than 100 tanks were lying in captured positions, it is added. Germans on Heights. Biaches, Barleux and Etalon have been captured by the German forces. The Germans are standing on the heights to the north of Noyon. They have captured Bussy, Nihucourt, Biefvillers, Grevillers, Irlas and Miramont and crossed the River Ancre. Since the beginning of the battle, says the statement, 93 enemy airplanes and six captive balloons have been brought down. British troops (Continued on Page 3)

MYSTERIOUS GUN DESIGNED FOR HUNDRED MILES

Experiments Made in Germany Before War With Type of Great Gun.

WAS INTENDED AS FRIGHT PRODUCER

Germans Have Overcome Difficulties of Long Range Firing.

Special to The N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

(By Arthur S. Draper.)

London, Mar. 26.—A resident of Germany stated that prior to the war Germany was experimenting with the gun with which Paris is being bombarded. Trials were conducted in the neighborhood of Frankfurt and shells were fired from there over the Black Forest. The trials were at that time unsatisfactory, but evidently the difficulties have since been overcome.

The gun was then said to be theoretically capable of firing a hundred miles and was designed as a "fright producer," for firing over the Alps.

Doubles Old Velocity.

It is stated in London that fragments of the shell picked up in Paris show that the whole projectile was rifled for a velocity necessary to throw a 9.4 inch shell 74 miles. This is estimated here to be 6,000 feet per second about twice the velocity of the shells of the most powerful guns before the war.

The Germans are known to have overcome one of the difficulties of long range firing. The late Major Morhart in 1915 asserted that the big Krupp guns were being lined with a very special steel capable of resisting heat gases under tremendous pressure which tends to melt a very thin layer of the interior of the tube and rifling. The Krupp claim that the life of their 16 inch Howitzer is 200 rounds as a result of this lining.

The previous record for long distance firing was the German bombardment of Dunkirk in 1916 from a distance of 20 miles with a 16 inch naval gun which was discovered and destroyed by airmen.

ST. JOHN MAN HELD A CONSTABLE UP WITH A REVOLVER

Montreal, March 26.—Your Honor, the reason I had a gun in my possession was because I have read in the papers that Montreal was a dangerous place, hold-ups and murders being a daily occurrence here.

So spoke James S. Stanton, of St. John, N. B., in the recorder's court this morning when he was accused of pointing a revolver at Constable Raymond and telling the sleuth to "beat it." Constable Raymond approached three men who were drinking in a lane off Cathedral street, and told them to move on. In answer to the policeman's request Stanton pressed an automatic against the constable's back and walked the officer up street until he was seen by another policeman who came to the rescue and placed Stanton under arrest.

As Constable Raymond was in plain clothes at the time, Recorder Geof. frion thought that he should have informed Stanton that he was an officer, and the judge suspended sentence on the charge of having a revolver. Stanton, however, was condemned to \$10 and costs for pointing a gun and the costs of the court or one month in jail for being drunk.

Yesterday's Developments As Announced by Marshal Haig and the War Office

London, Mar. 26.—The battle continues on the whole front south of the Somme river. Field Marshal Haig reports from the war zone in France tonight. The Germans have also launched new attacks around Chaules. The statement says: "North of the Somme local fighting has taken place at different points. Much movement of hostile troops and transports has been observed in the battle area and these have been engaged by our artillery and aeroplanes.

"South of the Somme the hostile attacks reported this morning have been pressed vigorously with fresh German divisions against Noyon and Roye.

"This afternoon new hostile attacks commenced in the neighborhood of Chaules and between Chaules and the Somme, to the north of it. The battle is continuing on the whole front south of the Somme.

"In the past six days of constant fighting our troops on all parts of the battle front have shown the utmost courage. In addition to those British divisions which have already been mentioned, exceptional gallantry was shown also by the following: The eighth, eighteenth, thirty-first, forty-first, sixty-first, sixty-third and sixty-sixth divisions.

London, Mar. 26.—The war office tonight announced that the Germans took Roye at 10.30 o'clock this morning. The enemy has been checked west of Roye and Noyon, the announcement adds.

In the Roye area British, French and American troops are fighting shoulder to shoulder, the official announcement states. French reinforcements are rapidly coming up.

"The enemy made no further attacks during the night of March 25-26, on our front north of the Somme," the announcement says. "During the afternoon there have been local engagements on this part of the battle front in which the enemy has been repulsed, but he has attempted no serious attack.

"The line north of the Somme now runs: Bray, Albert, Beaumont-Hamel, Puisieux, Boiry, Henin, Wancourt, just west of Monchy to the Scarpe, and thence along our original front.

"The Germans have been attacking heavily south of the Somme this morning and took Roye at 10.30 a.m."

ENEMY'S PROGRESS NOW SLACKENING

After Six Days of Terrific Fighting German Offensive in France is Beginning to Show Signs of Losing Its Momentum—German Efforts to Widen New Salient Meet Defeat.

After six days of terrific fighting the German offensive in France is beginning to show signs of losing its momentum. The progress of the enemy has materially slackened and the form of the dent made in the allied line west of Cambrai has begun to resemble the familiar wedge-like salient, instead of the broad straight forward movement of an offensive which carries all before it.

At its apex this wedge has gone beyond Albert, to the south of that place and is to the westward of the old salient.

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NEW YORK CITY SHAKEN BY BIG EXPLOSIONS

A \$1,500,000 Fire Destroys Much Property in Jersey City.

New York, Mar. 26.—Fire, following a series of unexpected explosions, destroyed the six storey building of the Jarvis Warehouse Company, Inc., near the Erie Railroad terminal in Jersey City late today and badly damaged the Erie repair shops. No loss of life had been reported tonight. The material damage was estimated by Jersey City Police and fire officials at close to \$1,500,000. The goods stored in the warehouse, said to have included a quantity of chemicals, were a total loss. The cause of the explosion has not been determined, although a rigid investigation was begun at once by federal, state and city authorities. The first of the terrific detonations, (Continued on Page 2)

KAISER SHAKES HANDS WITH MANY SOLDIERS

"All Highest" Addresses War Correspondents at Headquarters in the Field.

Amsterdam, Mar. 26.—The German Emperor, speaking to the war correspondents at headquarters in the field, said, "Tell the people at home that out here everybody gives his all; everybody knows that, however great the stake, we shall win. The whole of Germany fights for its free future." While on the battlefield the Emperor shook hands with hundreds of soldiers.

WILL SELL THE P. E. I. TELEPHONE HOLDINGS

Halifax, Mar. 26.—At the adjourned meeting of shareholders of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company today a resolution was adopted authorizing the directors to sell the Company's holdings in the Prince Edward Island Company at any time when all of them consider this advisable, of 185,000 shares in the company, 123,779 were cast. The ballot resulted as follows: In favor—89,256. Against—34,523. A resolution was also adopted approving of a proposal in a bill now before the legislature, to increase the capital to \$2,000,000.

FOSTER MINISTER DESIRES A COMMISSION TO ADVISE HIM

Should Crown Lands Be Administered by Minister of Crown Elected by People or Should He Be Permitted to Shelve Portion of His Responsibility on Shoulders of Non-Representative Commission Appointed by Him—Decidedly Interesting Session of Legislature.

(SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD)

Fredericton, March 26.—Should the Crown lands of the province be administered by a minister of the Crown elected by the people and responsible to them or should he be permitted to shelve a portion of his responsibility on the shoulders of a non-representative commission responsible only to the minister and appointed by him? Of what use is a government when members of that government find it necessary to come to the legislature and ask for public authority to appoint men to advise them as to their duties?

These are the questions that were apparent to all during the consideration in committee this afternoon of the bill introduced by Hon Dr. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, to establish a provincial forestry advisory commission. The afternoon session was devoted to the bill and it was the most interesting session so far. Ill-advised supporters of the government took occasion to attempt to draw comparisons between the Crown land administration of the present government and that which preceded it. The opposition was not disposed to be unduly critical, but unfair statements from the government benches drew spirited replies.

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COUNTER THRUST EXPECTED SOON

Everything is Going Satisfactorily is Latest News in Paris—If Situation is Serious It is Not Alarming and Officials Confident.

(By J. Wilbur Forrest, Copyright 1918)

Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

Paris, Mar. 26.—Everything is going satisfactorily is the latest news in Paris tonight from the great battle to the northward. In military circles, those who watched the battles of the Marne, Verdun and the Yser, and also the Italian situation, where things hung in the balance, are holding the same confidence today. They know who its enemy commanders because they have proved the ability when it hung in the balance before.

The Petit Parisien says: "If the situation is serious, as we said yesterday, it cannot be considered as alarming. Knowing with confidence we await the end. Germans glorify themselves with Hindenburg. We have at the bar the savior of Verdun. Petain commands."

The Petit Journal says: "It appears now while attacking from the beginning on the whole of the front, the Germans have brought their principal efforts to the west of St. Quentin. In thus acting, they wish to upset the English, reach the Somme and to secure for themselves in this direction a route to Amiens, which they want at all costs to possess in order to separate the English from the French armies. It is to this object that the German centre has made for three days such gigantic efforts. Hindered by the forces of the heroic resistance made by the English, Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, always with the idea of reaching Amiens, determined to realize his programme by passing around the obstruction in the north.

British Bravery.

"It is thus that he ordered his right wing operating north of Peronne to engage itself completely. Under the furious blows of the assailants the English have been obliged to withdraw, but the obstinacy with which they have fought has permitted them to take the necessary measures to oppose any plans of the enemy south.

"Finally, the left wing operation south of St. Quentin appears to have had for its mission to effect a diversion in order to favor the march towards Amiens. Prince Rupprecht expected undoubtedly that his troops marching in the direction of Paris would absorb the attention of the adversary, but the intervention of the

FRENCH HOLDING GERMANS ABOVE NOYON VILLAGE

Fighting Continues with Undiminished Violence Along Front Comprising Braye-Sur-Somme, Chaules, Roye and Noyon.

(BULLETIN)

Paris, March 26.—The French troops co-operating with the British south of St. Quentin, have taken up strong positions on the left bank of the Oise above Noyon, where they are holding the Germans, according to the war office announcement tonight.

The text of the statement reads: "Our troops are holding solidly to their positions on the left bank of the Oise above Noyon. The fighting continues with undiminished violence along the front comprising Braye-Sur-Somme, Chaules, Roye and Noyon.

"There is nothing to report from the rest of the front. "Eastern theatre, March 25.—Artillery actions occurred in the region of Vetrinik, Dobropolje and west of Monastir. French aviators successfully bombed enemy encampments in the Sermeni Valley, northwest of Gligeshell."

SANGUINARY STRUGGLE IN PROGRESS NEAR ROYE

GERMANS LAUNCH TERRIFIC ASSAULT ON BRITISH LINES

Another Fresh Offensive Movement Inaugurated South of Suzanne, But Enemy Strength Less Than in Southern Theatre—Fighting in Progress Along Whole Front.

With the British army in France, Mar. 26.—(By the Associated Press.) The Germans today followed up their progress of yesterday at Neale on the southern battle front, by launching a terrific assault against the British along a line running, roughly between Hattencourt and the region of Roye. The British, co-operating with their French allies, were meeting the onslaught doggedly and gallantly and a sanguinary struggle was in progress this afternoon.

Further north the enemy also developed a fresh offensive movement to the south of Suzanne, which lies a little northeast of Bray-Sur-Somme. But the Germans were pushing with less strength here than in the southern theatre, possibly for strategic reasons.

OBITUARY

Judge R. A. Borden.
Judge Robert Allison Borden of the County Court of Westmorland and Kent, died at Moncton on Monday evening. Judge Borden, who was a second cousin of Sir Robert Borden, was born at Avonport, N. S., seventy-two years ago. Judge Borden was a graduate of Mount Allison, studied law with Wetmore and Barker, St. John, and was admitted to the bar in 1889, since which time he resided in Moncton, practicing law up to the time of his appointment to the bench in 1912. He was a brother of Rev. Dr. B. C. Borden, president of Mount Allison University. One sister, Mrs. E. S. Smith, lives in Somerville, Mass. Judge Borden was active in civic life in Moncton, and was an excellent judge. He is survived by Mrs. Borden, who was formerly Miss Smith, Sussex, and one daughter, Lila, at home.

Miss Margaret Kennedy.
The body of Miss Margaret Kennedy arrived at noon yesterday, and accompanied by her sisters, Mrs. James Boner and Mrs. R. E. Tobey of Brockton, Mass., it was taken to the home of her brother, James Kennedy, 57 Douglas Avenue. The funeral will take place this morning at 8.45 o'clock to St. Peter's church for requiem high mass.

Miss Georgina Hanington.
The death of Miss Georgina Hanington, daughter of Hon. Daniel Hanington, occurred at Shediac yesterday morning after a few days' illness. The deceased was eighty-five years of age and had a wide circle of friends. Two sisters survive, Mrs. E. V. Godfrey, St. John, and Mrs. Robert, Moncton. Also three brothers, Thomas B. St. John, Dr. J. P. Montreal, Charles F. (C. E.), Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. E. Hanington, St. John, are nephews and Mrs. J. Manning, Mrs. M. G. Teed, Mrs. Horace Wetmore, Mrs. Darling, and Miss F. Godfrey, are nieces. The funeral will be held at Shediac tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Henry S. Kein.
The death of Henry S. Kein occurred yesterday morning at his home, 42 Peters street. He was ninety-four years of age and was survived by a wife and two daughters. The funeral will be held at her home, 308 Peters street, at 2.30 o'clock tomorrow.

Mrs. Sarah Farren.
Many will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Sarah Farren, widow of William Farren, which occurred on Tuesday morning at her residence, 42 Peters street. She was eighty years of age and leaves one son, Geo. C. M. Farren, and three daughters, Mrs. John Lowry and Mrs. Minnie Bartlett, both at home, and Mrs. Howard W. Young of Lynn, Mass., also two grandsons, Robert Bartlett, at home, and William Bartlett, who for the last two years has been serving his country at the front in a well known siege battery. Mrs. Farren was a daughter of the late William and Sarah Crawford, and with the exception of a few years has spent her life in the city and on the same street. In 1854 she was married to William Farren, who at that time was a well known painter and decorator, and later of the customs service. One brother, George, still survives her. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from 42 Peters street and interment will be at Fernhill cemetery.

Miss Elizabeth W. Clinch.
The death of Miss Elizabeth Wetmore Clinch occurred yesterday. She leaves two brothers, D. C. Clinch and Peter Clinch, of this city, and resided with the latter. She was the daughter of the late Peter and Sarah Josephine Wetmore Clinch of St. George, and granddaughter of the late A. J. Wetmore of St. George. She deceased had a wide circle of friends who will learn with deepest regret of her demise. The funeral will take place from St. Paul's Valley church tomorrow afternoon. Service at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Alfred Barker.
Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Mar. 26.—The death occurred today of Mrs. Sarah A. Barker, wife of Alfred Barker of this city. The deceased lady was ill only four days with pneumonia. She was a daughter of the late Allen and Rebecca Blythe of Keswick. Besides her surviving husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Dr. G. C. McCoy, Miss Hattie Blythe of this city, Mrs. J. J. McDonnell of Boston, is a sister of the deceased lady.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
Believe Me, I Enjoy My Meals to the Limit, No Fear of Consequences, Either, While I Have Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to Fall Back Upon.
Dyspepsia, indigestion, weak stomach and similar names simply mean that the supply of digestive juices is inadequate. That is where Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets come in—by supplying this deficiency.
If you will eat a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet after each meal and one just before you go to bed, you will learn that there is no harm in your meals.
The reason is clearly plain. Your system lacks the proper digestive juices to make your meals easily digested. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give the stomach and other organs of the digestive apparatus the wherewithal to digest food.
Get 50c. box from any drug store and try them.

HON. MR. SEVIGNY RESIGNS OFFICE

Department of Inland Revenue and Department of Customs Will Be Consolidated.

Ottawa, Mar. 26.—The Prime Minister in the House of Commons this afternoon announced the resignation of Hon. Albert Sevigny, as Minister of Inland Revenue. The resignation, Sir Robert said, had not yet been accepted, but would be formally accepted this week. It was the intention of the government, he added, to consolidate the department of inland revenue with the department of customs under the bill now before the House.

Most Bitter Fighting.
The fighting on Sunday and Monday in the neighborhood of Ervillers was most bitter. Throughout Sunday night and the early hours Monday the Germans kept pressing against the stubbornly contending British, who fought with such desperation against overwhelming odds that they repelled the onrushing infantry. After a breath-taking spell in the early morning the Germans again made a heavy assault between Ervillers and Gomecourt and were caught in the British artillery barrage and crushed.

Alles in Good Shape.
The Allies today were probably in better condition to contest the German advance than they had been since the beginning of the offensive.

Another Gigantic Enemy Attack in Drive for Arras.
The British have suffered heavy casualties and the loss of prisoners, guns and war material, but their rearguard fighting is fully up to the standard of Mons. Just now covering Amiens is made all losses, territory included, are negligible and a small price for the toll exacted from the enemy in life, military prestige and eventually civilian and military morale.

Head Stuffed From Catarrh or a Cold.
Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Opens Air Passage Right Up.
Instant relief—no waiting. Your clogged nostrils open right up; the air passages of your head clear, and you can breathe freely. No more yawning, sneezing, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; no cold or catarrh disappears.

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MONCTON STREET RY. FOR HIGHER RATES.
Moncton, Mar. 26.—At tonight's City Council meeting the Moncton Tramways Electricity and Gas Co. submitted a proposition to increase natural gas rates from forty cents to fifty cents per thousand feet, also to increase street car fares. The council will take the matter into consideration before pronouncing on the proposal.

NEW YORK CITY SHAKEN BY BIG EXPLOSIONS.
The Erie ferry house was aflame from the second story to the roof. These fires were easily extinguished by the New York firemen, many of whom were ordered to Jersey City to fight the bigger fire.

GERMAN FORCES CROSS THE OLD SOMME LINE.
The army of General Hutier after hard fighting, drove the enemy back near Marchelepot and Hattencourt across the Somme and has taken by storm the height of Malsomette, which was so hotly contested in the Somme battle of 1916, as well as the villages of Blaches and Barieux.

DEATHS.
FARREN.—At her late residence, 42 Peters street, March 26th, Sarah widow of the late Wm. Farren, aged 80 years, leaving one son and three daughters to mourn.
Funeral on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment at Fernhill cemetery.

WAS OFF W 4 or 5 MON WITH CONSTIP
If the truth were would find that over-ills of life are caused by bowels to get into a tion.
When the bowels ed the stomach gets liver does not work follows the violent burn, water brash, Keep your bowels on receipt of your on the bowels get and will cure the w situation.
Mr. Sylvester Cle writes: "I desire to felt thanks for what Liver Pills have done suffering from constipation and w four or five months hardly able to be lit a severe head-ness's medicine and got no relief. I have now to use Milburn's Now I can work in headaches or pain, without your reme I write this so that the same as I did be cured."
Milburn's Laxa-L a vital aid in pers on receipt of your Co., Limited, Toron

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WINS THE DEBATE

Fredericton, March 26.—The debating team of St. Francis Xavier University of Antigonish, N. S., won by unanimous decision of the three judges here tonight from the team of the University of New Brunswick. The debate took place in a large audience, Opera House before a large audience, Dr. C. C. Jones, chancellor of the U. N. B., was in the chair.

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EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if bladder bothers you.
Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked, get sluggish, clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly back-ache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

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EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if bladder bothers you.
Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked, get sluggish, clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly back-ache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

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EASTER

Easter is the time to break through the shell of old winter and come forth in the new spring plumage.
In neckwear and shirts the designers have outdone the butterfly in wealth of attractive colorings.
In suits for young men (there are no old men today) you'll see here the fabrics, models and patterns that have been O. K'd. as correct.
Prices from \$15 to \$35.

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BRITISH EXPECT TO IMPROVE POSITION SHORTLY

BRITISH LINE WITHDRAWING STILL REMAINS UNBROKEN

There is Reason to Expect New Important Events Favorable to Allies Soon—Enemy Continues to Fight Desperately, Using Vast Legions Without Regard to Cost in Blood—French Obligated to Abandon Noyon to the Germans.

London, March 26.—Extracting the heaviest toll for every foot of ground, the British line continues to withdraw slowly before the pressure of the German masses. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters wires: "Over a large part of the battle zone the retirement is being made voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front. Prisoners say the advance of the Germans is behind their schedule. The tenacity of the British resistance, the prisoners say, exceeded anything the Germans deemed possible. They complained of great privations on account of lack of supplies, and extreme weariness also is telling heavily. Owing to the dense masses of supporting troops, however, the enemy is unable to replenish his forward line with fresh units."

Weather Favors Enemy.

The weather remains dry, thus favoring the enemy. British airmen last night made a variable panorama of every center of concentration of traffic behind the German front. Tens of thousands of rounds were fired point blank into enemy formations, while air-raid filled effectively their role as the eyes of the artillery.

Important Change Coming.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—There is reason to believe important events will be recorded within the next few hours, which may lead to a betterment of the position of the armies which are stemming the German onslaught. The enemy is fighting desperately hard against time. On the first day his reserves were reduced to fifty-two divisions. At the end of the second day some forty divisions from the reserves had been put into action. The enemy had been attacked yesterday about Erville was completely smashed by the British artillery fire.

New British Positions.

London, March 26.—The fighting died down during the night, the war office reports. The British established themselves in new positions east of Noyon and Albert.

The Germans this morning began new attacks against the combined French and British forces south of the Somme. The German losses have been so great that the enemy has been obliged to bring up reinforcements from all parts of the Western front. The war office has established the fact that more than seventy German divisions (in the neighborhood of 840,000 men) have been engaged.

GERMAN TRANSPORT SUNK BY A MINE

Admiral Von Meyer and Entire Crew Reported Lost Off Noorland.

London, March 25.—Finlanders arriving at Stockholm on the gunboat Svenskund say that the German transport Frankland, struck a mine and sank at Noorland, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Stockholm. The transport was crowded with soldiers, cannon and munitions, and according to the despatch, the entire crew, all of the soldiers and Admiral Von Meyer were lost.

WAS OFF WORK 4 or 5 MONTHS A YEAR WITH CONSTIPATION

If the truth were only known you would find that over one-half of the ills of life are caused by allowing the bowels to get into a constipated condition.

When the bowels become constipated the stomach gets out of order, the liver does not work properly, and then follows the violent sick headaches, the sourness of the stomach, heartburn, water brash, etc.

Keep your bowels regular by using Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills. They work on the bowels gently and naturally, and will cure the worst cases of constipation.

Mr. Sylvester Clements, Galt, Ont. writes: "I desire to express my heartfelt thanks for what Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills have done for me. I have been suffering from a bad stomach and constipation and would be off work four or five months a year. I was hardly able to be inside without getting a severe headache. I tried doctors' medicine and other remedies, but got no relief until a friend advised me to use Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills. Now I can work inside without any headaches or pain. I would not be without your remedy for anything. I write this so that anyone suffering the same as I did may use them and be cured."

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c. a trial at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Paris, March 26.—The battle continues with the greatest violence, and the Germans are making still greater efforts along the whole front between Noyon and Chaules, the war office announces. Noyon was evacuated by the French during the night. The left bank of the Oise is being held firmly by the French. The statement follows: "The battle continues with violence. During last evening and in the night the enemy multiplied his attacks on the whole front between Noyon and Chaules. The French artillery, well established in the region of Noyon, and supported effectively by our infantry, is retarding the German thrust. Frequent counter-attacks have been made and heavy losses inflicted on the enemy."

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Teutons Advancing Against Tammerfors—Red Guard Defeated.

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JAPANESE CONTINUE THEIR PREPARATIONS

Siberian Situation Regarded as Sufficiently Grave to Warrant Continuance of War Work.

London, Mar. 25.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Tien Tsin, China, dated Friday, says that the latest message from Tokio declared that the Japanese government regarded the Siberian situation as sufficiently grave to warrant the continuance of preparations. Further formal deliberations between Japan and the principal allied powers, it is added, would be necessary in order to obtain absolute unanimity.

THREE FROM TRURO PLACED UNDER ARREST

Alleged Deserters from Forestry Unit Accused of Attempting to Cash Forged Checks in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Mar. 25.—George S. Penner, pointing, it is said, as sergeant in the special service department of the Canadian militia No. 3, and F. Shields and Albert Johnson who it is claimed assumed the role of staff sergeants of the same department, are under arrest. It is alleged they were trying to cash forged cheques at the time of their arrest.

These men, it is alleged, according to their admission, are deserters from the forestry unit stationed at Truro, N. S.

In possession of the men were a number of cheques for different amounts varying from \$46 to \$112.

QUEBEC NORTH SHORTE OF PROVISIONS

Man Travels Three Hundred Miles in Dog Sleds to Procure Government Aid.

Quebec, Mar. 26.—F. X. Bourret, a trading agent on the north shore of the Gulf, arrived here today after a 300 mile trip in dog sleds, in canoes and on snowshoes. He is coming to meet a local delegation to go to Ottawa to ask the government to carry provisions to the population of the north shore.

The people there have not seen a steamer since last fall. Usually the Canadian government ice-breaker Montcalm makes a couple of trips every winter but the unusual ice conditions prevented them from going this winter.

Mr. Bourret says that at houses where he stopped the people have plenty of money, business is good, but the people are short of certain classes of food, mainly flour and bread, potatoes, etc.

TWO DUTCH VESSELS SEIZED IN HALIFAX

Russian Steamer Also Taken Over by British Authorities.

Halifax, Mar. 26.—Two Dutch steamers and one Russian were seized by the naval authorities here yesterday and will be before long engaged in the British merchant marine service.

The Dutch steamers, which are about 2,000 tons net each, have been in Bedford Basin for some time, while the Russian steamer was towed into this port on Sunday minus a propeller blade.

When the officers boarded the Dutch ships there was no protest.

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Houtskar and Nagu Islands, off Abo, are reported taken by white guard forces, who captured 500 of the Red Guards.

An offensive against Abo is expected any minutes, the correspondent adds.

GETS TWO YEARS FOR DECLINING UNIFORM

One John T. MacSweeney Offered Political Situation in Ireland as an Excuse.

Toronto, Mar. 26.—John T. MacSweeney, tried by a district court martial today, was sentenced to two years hard labor for refusing to don the King's uniform. He told the court he would not put on khaki until the political situation in Ireland was changed. His sentence is the maximum one.

FOOD SITUATION SERIOUS AND DISASTER THREATENS

Dr. James W. Robertson of Dominion Food Control Board Makes Important Address Before Legislature—Allies Looking to Canada for Supplies.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Mar. 26.—A serious and at same time most impressive picture was painted in the legislature this evening by Dr. J. W. Robertson of Ottawa in the presence of members of the Provincial Parliament, as well as a number of delegates representing the farming interests of every county in the Province, who are here by invitation to meet Dr. Robertson and discuss with him the question of greater production.

Dr. Robertson, who is chairman of the Production Section of the food conservation commission east of the Great Lakes, paid special attention to the food shortage in the allied countries and the duty incumbent upon Canada to strain every effort to send to the Motherland and our overseas allies every pound of food that can be grown and exported. There was a crop shortage in every producing country among the allies. The removal of men from productive employment and the increased demands for foods was responsible for this condition, a condition that will bring the unpleasant possibility of famine very near to the people of the empire and the empire's gallant armies if steps are not taken to improve it.

There is need not only for greater production but as well for the exercise of the utmost care in the consumption of foods. The speaker drew a graphic picture of the people of Britain subsisting upon half rations of bread while in a Canadian city the other day he saw great pieces of wasted bread reposing in garbage cans. He was sure that once the Canadian people awakened to a sense of the necessity for increased production and greater care in conserving food they would do their full duty. It was necessary, he said, that they should be brought to understand the very urgent need.

At the conclusion of Dr. Robertson's address a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to him on motion of Hon. J. P. Burchill, seconded by Hon. J. A. Murray.

Dr. Robertson spoke in part as follows: "I thank you for the opportunity of this occasion I am here as the representative of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board to co-operate with the provincial authorities in completing definite plans for an immensely greater production of food in New Brunswick in 1918. This is necessary to help to save the situation which is becoming so serious as to threaten disaster to the cause for which we are fighting. Before this representative gathering I do not wish to say that I regard it as a light duty or one easy to discharge. I am not to persuade you or stir your emotions or attempt to deepen the fervor of your devotion to patriotic causes. I am to serve you and the people of New Brunswick by helping you to understand and again to understand that the scarcity of suitable foods has made the war situation exceedingly grave on the side of the Allies. The shortage is most severe in Italy and France."

Responsibility Lies on Us.

Since the war began farmers of the Maritime Provinces have risen to the great occasion nobly. Some of the best of them have sealed their devotion by the supreme sacrifice of service unto death in Belgium and France. Those at home have spared sons and brothers for the Army until the farms are stripped almost bare of necessary labor. I honor the men and women who have toiled bravely, early and late, to the last ounce of their strength. It has been for a great cause. Now, as ever, he that endureth to the end shall be saved. So we must not now slacken our efforts. The logical sequence to the work that has been done for greater production is to follow it by a further effort for still greater production. We should use all the experience we have thus far gained in planning and carrying forward a campaign for larger acreages and higher yields in 1918 and the years that are to follow. We can better meet the needs of the allies by the production of food than any other service. The farmers of North America are in a better position than those of any other grain producing section of the globe to contribute to the food needs of the armies in Europe. A given tonnage of shipping can carry over twice as much grain from America as from Argentina and three times as much as from Australia or New Zealand.

Production Campaign For 1918.

Now the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture are leading and directing the farmers towards an immensely increased production in 1918. A war production campaign is in progress which will reach every farmer from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In the towns vacant lots will become war gardens. Canada recognizes her responsibility in partnership with the United States to answer the prayer of their needy Allies; Give us our daily bread.

The farmers of Eastern Canada are called upon by the grave emergency which our Allies face, to produce in 1918 two millions of acres additional of cereals and cultivated crops. That amounts to about five acres per farm.

The farmers of the three Maritime provinces are depended upon to provide four hundred thousand additional acres of cereals and other cultivated crops. New Brunswick has set 150,000 additional acres as her objective for this year.

Outlines of Plans in N. B.

In the plans which have now been agreed upon between the Dominion Minister of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board, on the one hand, and the Province of New Brunswick, on the other, is made for the work of one or more Greater Production Committees of farmers in every municipality. It is proposed that every farmer will be visited personally by a member of the Greater Production Committee. The object is to help him to understand the gravity of the situation and to enlist his earnest determination to do his best notwithstanding the greater difficulties he has to face in respect to seeds, fertilizers and labor because of the war. War means hardship and service by all and sacrifice to the utmost by some. Otherwise we cannot win.

Farmers' Delegation.

At the conclusion of Dr. Robertson's address he met a delegation of farmers from different sections of the province and discussed greater production matters in so far as they related to this province.

Hon. J. J. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, presided, and about 50 representative farmers were present.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED SHOE WORKERS STRIKE

Entire Plant of United States Rubber Co. at Bristol, R. I., Shuts Down, Throwing Out 4,500.

Bristol, R. I., Mar. 26.—Eighteen hundred shoe workers employed at the plant of the National India Rubber Co. here, struck today, because union leaders said, they were unwilling to accept the new scale of increased wages, posted by the company. The new scale, effective today, provided for increases ranging from one-half to one and three-quarter cents a pair. As a result of the strike the plant was closed, throwing 4,500 operatives out of work.

FALLS 1,500 FEET BUT IS LITTLE HURT

Leaside Camp Aviator Has Remarkable Experience—Machine Smashed.

Toronto, Mar. 26.—Falling 1,500 feet with the insignificant injury of nothing but a nose bleed, was the remarkable experience of Cadet Leslie S. Eckert, while flying from Leaside Camp here today. The bottom wings of the machine were crumpled up, the top ones torn to pieces and the wheels and propeller smashed.

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 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 it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a 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 brand.

FIGHTING RESUMED IN THE UKRAINE

Bolsheviki Said to Have Recaptured City of Kherson.

London, Mar. 26.—Resumption of fighting in Ukraine between the Germans and Bolsheviki is reported in a despatch from Petrograd. The Bolsheviki are said to have recaptured the city of Kherson.

U. S. NAVAL SHIP LOST

Washington, Mar. 26.—A naval patrol vessel, the Admiral, ran on the rocks off Scituate, Mass., last night and is a total loss, the navy department today was advised. All officers and crew were saved and considerable small material was taken off.

The general opinion of those who addressed the meeting was that while the farmer was willing to do everything in his power to aid in increased production, some provisions should be made to enable him to get both labor and financial assistance, where needed at reasonable rates. There was some adverse criticism in regard to Dr. Robertson's suggestion that school boys be procured to work on the land during the summer vacations. The proposition to have clerks spend a portion of their time on the land in the summer was not received very favorably by some of the delegates. A further conference was held in the evening.

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ORANGE SHORTAGE

San Francisco, March 26.—During the present orange shipping season, extending from November 1, 1917, to the same date this year, California will ship about 27,000 carloads to the east as against 50,000 cars the preceding year, according to a statement today by J. W. McClintock, general agent of the Pacific Fruit Express.

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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and 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.

WHAT MR. W. P. JONES GOT.

That the Foster government is ready to reward those who helped it into power, even though the reward must come from the public treasury, has already been demonstrated by the cases of Mr. Harry M. Blair, the dismissed and discredited secretary of the Department of Public Works under the Morrissy regime, and Mr. Peter J. Hughes, one of the Foster candidates in York county, who since the return of the Fosterites to power has had several lucrative bits of professional employment turned his way. Next in the limelight we have Hon. W. P. Jones, solicitor-general in the government that held office prior to 1908 and who at the last election made a determined but unsuccessful effort to come back. Mr. Jones has done well. The edge of the curtain has just been lifted on his activities, but it is expected that when the whole scene is disclosed it will be found that he has profited considerably through the return of Mr. Foster's government to power.

In the Legislature on Monday evening, in reply to a question by Mr. Smith of Carleton it was shown that since the present government came into power Mr. Jones had received \$380.15 and that \$103.80 is still due him. Surely there is no reason to complain of this if the figures quoted represent all that Mr. Jones received, but they did not. Instead of replying fairly and squarely to Mr. Smith's question the government hedged and will probably attempt to continue to hedge until the close of the session. Mr. Jones did much better than shows on the surface. In addition to \$483.95 admitted by the government he draws \$3,000 per year as president of the Board of Directors of the St. John and Quebec Railway and also has a bill for services in connection with the investigation into Valley Railway affairs which has not yet reached the government. That bill in itself will probably run well into four figures also there are other things upon which full light will eventually be thrown and when the picture is revealed in its entirety it will be found that the return of the present government has had an improving and fostering effect upon the finances of the ex-solicitor-general from Carleton county.

"CONCEALED EXPENDITURE."

The manner in which ordinary work is charged to permanent account and departmental expenditures which should be borne out of current revenue are screened from the public gaze under other headings was illustrated in the Legislature yesterday afternoon when in reply to questions from Hon. B. F. Smith the Minister of Public Works was forced to admit that in Carleton county much ordinary work has been charged to permanent account expenditure without being classified. In one case in the Parish of Brighton some \$400 or \$500 are involved, while in another case in Simonds, Carleton, ordinary expenditure has been charged to permanent account. And there are many others charged to permanent roads under the head of miscellaneous. Since the close of the fiscal year appears the sum of \$17,784.03 and this amount includes many hundreds of dollars spent for gasoline and for the upkeep of automobiles used by the officials of the department. Early in the session Mr. Veniot said the evidence is that a very large part of the item for miscellaneous expenses is of such a character that the minister deemed it good politics to present it to the public under this general heading. Such a policy may be to the interest of the department over which the master of the administration presides but it is hardly in the best interests of the public or what the people have been led to expect from a "business government."

SINGLE PLANTS AND SINGLE BITES.

The demands for increased production and more careful conservation of food, if we are to meet the needs of the allied nations and their gallant armies, is so serious that it is now a matter of single plants and single bites. Each single plant brought to fruition this season, in excess of last season's production, will be needed; each single bite of food that can be saved for export overseas will help to fill a mouth where bites are scarce, and where the situation is growing so serious that the people find it necessary to regard their food supplies in terms such as those quoted.

In the allied countries in Europe there has been a crop shortage, a shortage so pronounced that during the coming season the people of those lands will find it necessary to depend

upon the American continent for food supplies far in excess of previous exports. In the item of grain alone the Allies will look to Canada and the United States this year for 360,000,000 bushels in excess of their total importations last year, and in other foods the situation is similar. These facts as pointed out in the provincial legislature yesterday afternoon by Dr. J. W. Robertson, one of the foremost production experts on the continent, are sufficiently serious to cause our people to look them fairly and squarely in the face and then act to avoid the possibility of the famine which, this authority tells us, already threatens and will continue to threaten for several years, even though the war should end within the next few months.

The demands of the war have taken from productive employment many millions of men, and agriculture has borne a great share of this loss, with the result that to overcome the forced neglect of our farms much time and labor will have to be expended before we can grow acres can be brought back to their former fertility. And this, Dr. Robertson claims, will be the case no matter how quickly steps are taken to remedy it. Obviously then the thing to do is to subordinate all else to the task of providing foodstuffs for the fighting men and the civilian population of the war-racked lands overseas. The Federal Government has already seen the necessity of measures to this end and is prepared to give liberally of public means in furtherance of any and all plans for increasing production of exportable foods.

Dr. Robertson's tour is in the direction of a missionary effort to stimulate interest in such an undertaking. His message is not confined to men who follow the profession of agriculture, but to all other lines which may be cast in other directions but who may be able to help in the attainment of the desired goal. Not only must the production of food be increased many times, but the consumption must be reduced still further. There must be substitution of foods along the lines already mapped out by the federal food controllers. Exportable articles, such as beef, bacon, and white flour, must be, as far as possible, banned from the table of every patriotic household. In hotels and other public eating places this is being accomplished at least in part by regulation; in private houses it should be done voluntarily, for the welfare of the nation and of the men who are so bravely fighting our battles must come ahead of the gratification of appetites. And no hardship is involved in following the regulations of the food controller or, indeed, in going beyond them. The articles which it is desired to save can be eliminated from any table and their places taken by substitutes without harm to the most delicate stomach. To grow more and eat less is a vital duty and as such should be discharged, not of necessity by one great collective effort that will embrace all the people, but by individual sacrifice and individual work. As Dr. Robertson so well expresses it, the case is one of single plants and single bites.

AUSTRALIA'S DILEMMA.

Australia's position as regards to her wheat crop is serious and her dilemma is engaging the attention of the federal and state governments of the island continent as well as of the farmers and producers. Independent of the 1917-18 harvest, wheat from previous seasons valued at over one hundred million dollars is now stacked at ocean ports in Australia. The British government bought and paid for Australian wheat to the value of \$133,000,000, but of this only about \$25,000,000 worth has been shipped owing to lack of tonnage. A considerable quantity of the 1915-16 crop is still on hand; practically the whole of the 1916-17 harvest remains unshipped, and now the 1917-18 crop has been garnered.

To have plenty of wheat is a good thing in ordinary times, no doubt, but one might as well have none as have too much and not be able to get rid of it. Australia is in this unfortunate position, and is therefore obliged to turn her attention to farm products of another and more concentrated kind. To meet the situation, therefore, it is proposed that Australian agricultural products should, so far as possible, be cattle, sheep and swine, that grain of all kinds should be transformed into meat, as the world needs animal food more urgently than other foods, especially as flocks and herds cannot be increased with the rapidity of cereals and root crops. This is very interesting to us in Canada, and the solution is obvious. Belligent and neutral nations are

making prodigious efforts to grow as much cereal and root crops as possible, and will endeavor to secure any further supplies from countries such as Canada and the United States where four trips can be made to one from Australia, or from the Argentine where two trips can be made to one from Australia. Hence until normal freights are resumed, Australia will have to transform her wheat into meat.

CANADA'S MINERAL OUTPUT.

The Canadian mineral output in 1917 represented a cash value in metals of \$106,530,752. Among the non-metallic minerals produced is included 14,015,885 tons of coal, 26,465,686 cubic feet of natural gas, 205,332 barrels of petroleum, 138,909 tons of salt, 144,185 tons of asbestos and 339,418 tons of gypsum. Of the metallic metals produced 1,089,134 pounds were cobalt and 108,860,353 pounds copper. Copper production for the year had a value double that of 747,366 ounces, having a value of \$15,449,426. Canadian pig iron represented 46,022 tons, and iron ore, sold for export, amounted to 169,192 tons. There were 32,072,269 pounds of lead produced and 84,470,970 pounds of nickel. Silver production in Canada amounted to 22,150,680 ounces, having a value of \$18,034,419. Nickel production stood highest in cash value, being \$33,778,388. There were also 31,000,000 pounds of zinc mined, and included in the list is 4 1/2 ounces of platinum, valued at \$5.00.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RULE OF THE ROAD.

Editor of The Standard:
Sir,—Will you kindly allow me the space for publishing the following extract from "Acadia, or a month among the Blueberries" by that distinguished American author Frederic S. Cogswell, published in 1859. Page 226.

A. W. SAVARY.

"One thing I observed in the province especially worthy of imitation, the old English practice of turning to the left in driving, instead of to the right as we do. Let me exhibit the merits of the respective systems by a brief diagram, (which I presume you could not reproduce), the arrows represent the drivers as well as the directions of the vehicles of course when two vehicles coming in opposite directions pass each other on the road each driver is nearest the point of contact and can see readily and provide against accidents by turning to the system with the former. (Another diagram.)

THE FIGHTING FIFTH.

The following song was composed recently by Captain Atherton while in the trenches, and a copy was sent The Standard by a brother officer of the composer. Previous to enlisting Capt. Atherton was engaged in newspaper work in Calgary and Edmonton:

"THE FIFTH."
I've heard some questions asked about this patch of red and grey,
Why on earth we wear it, and just why it's worn that way;
And why we do not wear a "C" instead of "C. M. R."
Those questions all show ignorance, don't you know who we are?
Refrain—
We're the boys who came from Sherbrooke,
We came to trim the Hun,
We came to finish off the job the rest had just begun.
"The Fighting Fifth" they call us
And the name is going to stay,
If we have to keep on fighting till the dawn of Judgment Day.
We used to ride our horses once before
And pack the Mills and Hales grenades to make a decent load.
At "Pleasant" first we started in to learn about the war,
From there we went to Ypres, where they taught us something more,
And then wandered to the Somme, and fought at Courcellette,
The Huns we met got such a scare we think they're running yet.
At Vimy Ridge, if not before, our fellows gained a name,
In front of Loos we did some more to give the Boche a pain.
At Passchendaele we took a ridge and took a swamp as well,
Just now we wait another chance to give the blightie Hell.

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DIVULGING HIS PLOT.
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I was sitting on my front steps with the fellows, just sitting there, and all of a sudden I did I see coming up the street but my Ant Sue, me thinking, Gosh, I'd half to kiss her in front of all the fellows. And she kept on coming up, and I shaw, Maybe if I yell, Wata up? Wata up? all the fellows will run down the street to see if anytings the matter.
And Ant Sue kept on coming and getting nearer and nearer, and I shaw, Maybe I better quick run in the house. And I thaw, No, I better not, she mite see me.
And Ant Sue kept on coming, only being about 3 pavnents away, and I thaw, G. I know, I'll quick tie my handkerchief around my face so she will think sumthings the matter with it and wont want to kiss it. And I thaw No, I aint got time.
Wich jest then Ant Sue came up, saying, Hello there, Benny, its a wonder you woodent jump up and give your Ant Sue a kiss.
I got a kind of a cold, maybe you mite catch it, I sed.
I'll take a chance, in a spairt, sed Ant Sue. And I coodent think of enting elts to say so I got up and gave her a kiss, none of the fellows seemng to think it was funny after all, on account of them all properly having ants of their own that they half to kiss.
Proving that the worse you think a things going to be, the more your libel to be surprized wen its over.

FOSTER MINISTER DESIRES COMMISSION TO ADVISE HIM

(Continued from page 1)
Then the expected happened. Hon. Mr. Murray, Hon. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Potts, Dr. J. Roy Campbell and Dr. Crooke of York took a hand, and the things they did to the gentleman in the opposing trenches were worth listening to. When the bill first came to committee Hon. Mr. Burchill had a word to say concerning the section which provided that the personnel of the board should include two representatives of the lumbermen. But whereas it was stated that one of these should be "a prominent lumberman" there was no specification as to the other.
Mr. Burchill wanted to know just how prominent that lumberman must be, and Mr. Sweeney asked how the proper degree of prominence should be determined?
Dr. Smith attempted to explain his measure but had little success with it, and Hon. Mr. Murray then stated that he did not think the commission should be composed and numbering two men outside of the public service would accomplish its end.

Against Commission.
He did not approve of government by a commission, and did not believe the commission would prove efficient. He would not result in the measure of conservation which he believed the minister desired. The crown lands should be administered by a responsible member of the government and change which was proposed in the bill would not be in the interest of the country.
Dr. Smith contended that he was not attempting to shelve or shift any responsibility, but he thought it would be very nice to have an advisory board.
It was proposed to tax licensees at the rate of one half cent per acre of their lands for the fund for forest protection and they should be represented on the board which would handle that business. From the tax mentioned the government expected to secure \$300,000 per year.
Dr. Crooke of York county confessed that he did not see why a member of the government should come to the legislature and ask for the appointment of men to advise him as to the performance of his duties.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said all would agree that any measure that would improve the administration of the crown lands would be in the interests of the people, but the constitutional aspect of the present proposal should be considered. The commission he did not think necessary.
The minister proposed to put on it the duties of minister of lands and mines and the provincial forestry. These were in the minister's own department, and any information he desired from them he could get without putting them on such a commission as it was proposed to form.
If a number of lumbermen were to be added, one of whom was to be a prominent lumberman. He would like to know whether this gentleman's functions would be to advise the government how far it could go in the way of concessions to the lumbermen or to act as a go-between with the lumbermen in preparation for the next election. If the gentleman on the commission gave advice differing from the minister's, the minister must override them or cease to rely administering his department, while if their advice would always be in line with the minister's own ideas there was no necessity for having them there. When the minister brings a recommendation into the council chamber, he must bring it as the responsible minister of the department, irrespective of what such a commission might advise.
The bill did not provide a wealth of detail as to the duties of these commissioners such as has been noticeable in bills introduced by other members of the government. While it was none the worse for that omission still it could go much further and provide that a certain chime on a certain clock a force of police and constables might sally forth to gather these lumbermen to council with the minister.
Possibly the plan behind the bill was to provide another deputy for the minister. This plan had already been followed in some of the other departments. For instance a crutch had been kept under the right arm of the attorney-general at the public expense, something that had not been provided by the previous administration, and recently there had been

another invisible crutch for his left arm.
Possibly the Minister of Lands and Mines also wanted an official crutch. He did not think it necessary, but was rather inclined to regard the bill as a crutch cut at the minister from his colleagues. The minister of public works did not require a crutch to enable him to boss his department, but in the agricultural department the building was stuffed from top to bottom in an effort to get someone in the middle the ability that department lacked at the head.
The speaker had more confidence in the minister than the bill appeared to have in him.
Mr. Foster attempted to briefly explain the bill and Mr. LeBlanc of Restigouche illustrated the truth of the axiom that persons of certain mental qualifications sometimes rush in where angels fear to tread.
He proceeded to criticize the former government for alleged sins of omission and commission in connection with the crown lands, but Hon. Mr. Murray soon brought him to heel.
Mr. Murray said the late government and the governments that had gone before it had nothing to be proud of in their handling of the crown lands. They came into power in 1908 and for eight years collected an annual average of \$300,000 more territorial revenue than was collected when they took office.
He also pointed out that no action of that government had ever caused a departmental employe to commit suicide. On the records of the Crown lands department there was spread out absolute and positive evidence of the gross maladministration which obtained prior to 1908. He then referred to the fact that the old government had taken the first great step forward in Crown lands administration when it arranged for the classification which if carried out would mean the setting aside of certain portions of Crown lands for agricultural settlement purposes. The late administration had in every way administered the affairs of the Crown lands absolutely in the interests of the people.
Mr. Foster admitted that the late government had taken the first step in this direction and that they were trying to get along with the second step. He suggested that the bill be amended to give the government authority to appoint a representative of the lumbermen and that the lumbermen themselves did not select a man.

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some members of the government took a different view and the section was passed. After the lawyers in the House had examined the section again they concluded that Dr. McGrath was right and the section was amended to provide that regulations should be made by the Lieut. Governor-in-council upon the recommendation of the minister.
Just what the status of the commission will be with this section of the act changed remains to be seen, but the incident sufficed to show that Dr. McGrath was better informed regarding the bill than the minister from whose department it emanated, or the legal experts in the government.
The committee rose at six o'clock and reported the bill as amended.

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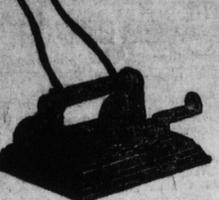
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GEORGE G. HARE APPOINTED AS CITY ENGINEER

Common Council Decides to Engage Him at Salary of \$2,200 per Year—Kane and Ring Want Money Due to Them.

At the meeting of the common council yesterday was decided to engage George G. Hare as city engineer at a salary of \$2,200 per year, he to take over the duties of the office on May 1. Kane & Ring wrote asking that the amounts due them on work done at No. 5 shed be paid; the valuation of MacKenzie and MacKenzie of the property of the C. P. R. and St. John Bridge and Railway Co. was adopted. The request of the military authorities for a flat rate for men and teams using the ferry on duty was referred to the commissioner and ferry superintendent. Commissioner McLellan brought up the complaint of City Engineer Hatfield against R. W. Russell for a flat rate for work on the work at No. 5 shed West Side, and Mr. Hatfield was informed by the council that Mr. Russell was under his charge and if he refused to carry out his (Hatfield's) orders then he had the power to dismiss him. Mayor Hayes presided and all the commissioners were present.

Commissioner Russell said he had an estimate of the work necessary at Reed's Point, but it was decided to take this matter up at the committee meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Hayes said it had been called to his attention that the council had never adopted the report of the MacKenzie and MacKenzie who had valued the property of the C. P. R. and the St. John Bridge and Railway Co., both of which he objected to the valuation of their property for the patriotic tax, and moved that their valuation for this tax be placed at \$4,210,595 for the C. P. R. and \$530,985 for the Bridge Co. The assessors' figures were \$1,000,000 for the C. P. R. and \$400,000 for the Bridge Co. The motion carried.

A communication was received from the military authorities suggesting that a flat rate for soldiers and teams on duty be arranged for to be paid monthly. A statement submitted showed that for the week of February 20 to 27 the sum paid by the military authorities was \$14,950. This was referred to Commissioner Russell and the ferry superintendent for a report. Mayor Hayes referred to the blocking of the sidewalk at the corner of Union and Mill streets, and asked when the people would be able to use the sidewalk.

Commissioner Fisher thought this was a matter for the safety department rather than public works. Commissioner McLellan said the matter was in the hands of the building inspector and that within a day or two the sidewalk would be open again for use. The lumber had been ordered and a roof would be built over the sidewalk so that no danger from falling bricks or other material need be feared.

A letter was read from Mrs. Lawrence thanking the council for their interest in the Travellers' Aid, and stating that a proposition had been made to the Y. M. C. A. and the Travellers' Aid which it accepted would do away with the necessity for asking the council for a grant.

Messrs. Kane & Ring wrote asking that the amount of \$3,783.05 due on the contract for the foundation under No. 5 shed, and of \$5,007.19 due on the contract for the rebuilding of the fallen portion of No. 5 shed be paid at once, as they were overdue. This was referred to the city solicitor and city engineer.

A communication from the Retail Merchants' Association endorsing the stand taken by the council in the N. B. Power Co. matter was received and filed.

Commissioner Russell reported that on October 25 last a horse belonging to John Phillips had injured a leg on the ferry floats and recommended that the sum of \$170 be paid Mr. Phillips for damage done to the horse.

Commissioner McLellan said he had been told by the city engineer that it was impossible for him to prepare a report on the dispute between Kane & Ring and the city engineer with the work done on the foundation of No. 5 shed as T. W. Russell refused to give him information he needed, and Mr. Russell had practically defied the council and the city engineer.

Commissioner Russell said the matter had not been reported to him and if Mr. Russell refused to obey the orders of Mr. Hatfield he (Hatfield) had the authority to dismiss him.

CHILL STARTS COLD WAS SICK FOUR WEEKS Just Able to Crawl About

Mr. Weldon T. Hawkes, Curryville, N. B., writes: "Last spring I was taken very ill with a severe cold. I got wet and it started with a chill. I was sick for weeks, and was just able to crawl about. People all said I had inflammation of the lungs, and I think I did. I told a friend to get me two bottles of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and before the first one was taken my cold and cough were broken up, and the second did its work completely. I am raising a family and I find that it is a good medicine for the children."

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EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION IN THE HEART OF BUSINESS SECTION STARTLES POPULACE

Mysterious Explosion on Sixth Floor of W. H. Thorne's Store Results in a Loss of Approximately \$75,000 or More — Property Covered by Insurance—Narrow Escapes But No One Seriously Injured—Firemen Display Fearlessness in Combatting Blaze.

Citizens in the business section of St. John were very much startled shortly after noon yesterday by a violent explosion in W. H. Thorne & Company's building on Prince William street. The crash of broken glass, the roar of the explosion and the noise of exploding cartridges pointed to what might have been a serious calamity. Fortunately no persons were seriously injured. The location of the explosion and the construction of the building with the prompt and fearless work of the firemen averted what presented every indication of a terrible disaster. The first rumors, as is the case with such incidents, stated that the entire building had been demolished with great loss of life. This story for a short time current in Fairville and other suburbs, but it happily proved to be unfounded and incorrect. The origin of the explosion and the subsequent fire still remains a mystery. Many have been the theories advanced by fertile minds, but according to members of the firm, they have yet to ascertain the reason for the disaster. It is estimated that several times the amount of ammunition before it left the factory.

The loss to property is estimated upwards of \$75,000 and even this figure is considered a conservative estimate and it will require a few days to ascertain a more correct valuation of the losses incurred.

In addition to the top floor of the Prince William street store, which was completely destroyed, the floors underneath including the King street stores suffered immense damage from the flow of water. To a Standard representative, who visited the stores shortly after the "all-out" sounded from the building, a waterfall of water was falling from the above floors in great quantities effecting much damage to the goods on the shelves on its downward path. J. G. Harrison, when interviewed stated that the building and contents were fully covered by insurance. Owing to the difficulty of ascertaining the amount of damage wrought, he said that he was not in a position to even estimate the value of the property destroyed.

One outstanding feature with yesterday's fire was the little work the police had in keeping back the crowds of curious onlookers, who generally congregated at a fire. Prince William street, was lined with pedestrians, when the first explosion took place, which was about 12.08, but the people lost no time in taking refuge in the nearby doorways. A ludicrous scene, which evinced much laughter from those in the neighborhood of the explosion, was three men crouching behind the fountain on Market Square. Apparently they deemed it wise to remain behind this barrier for the time being, as first one would take a "peep" around the drinking fountain and then pull back, at the same time warning his comrades not to dare expose their bodies to the flying shells.

It is a miracle that some one was not injured by the shells that flew out of the windows in all directions. One case is reported where a man was struck in the leg, from a bullet wound, in the excitement following the first explosion, Miss M. Steves collapsed and was taken to the hospital, but was later removed to her home.

Where the fire occurred, on the sixth floor of the Prince William street store, there was stored all the reserves stock of ammunition carried by the firm. Besides this stock there

called into the council chamber and informed that he had the power to dismiss any employee of the department who disobeyed his orders.

Mayor Hayes asked the members to meet at his office today at 11.30 to talk with Thomas Naylor.

Commissioner Russell thought the time had come when the council should decide whether a city engineer was to be employed or a separate engineer for each department. If there was not to be a city engineer he wanted a man for his department. Commissioner Wigmore said that this matter had been left with the three commissioners employing engineers, and as far as he was concerned he was ready to report at once and moved that George G. Hare be employed as city engineer at a salary of \$2,200 per year. This was seconded by Commissioner Russell and motion was made by Commissioner McLellan that the motion was not to be made, as he had felt for some time that Mr. Hare would get the position. Personally he did not intend to vote on the matter for certain reasons, and asked if it was the intention to have Mr. Hare act for the water and sewerage department.

Commissioner Wigmore replied that it was. He asked if Mr. Hatfield was to continue as road engineer, to which Commissioner Fisher said that he had never considered any change in this position.

Commissioner Fisher suggested that Mr. Hare enter on his duties on May 1. The motion carried.

Mr. Hare is a St. John boy who has been employed in the west for a number of years and is generally regarded as a most capable engineer.

was a quantity of rope and oakum stored on this floor.

The last clerk to leave the top floor made his departure a few minutes to twelve and at this time he states there was absolutely no fire or smoke noticeable. He had hardly left the place before the terrific explosion was heard. Following this first report, with monotonous rapidity were countless others, though not nearly so loud. Windows were destroyed, and the interior of the building was shot to pieces within a few moments after the first alarming sound echoed through the city.

The work of the fire department elicited unequalled admiration from those within sight of the building. Even though they had on former occasions faced many dangers in order to save property, the incident of yesterday called for more than ordinary courage—it might have meant death. Still they did not hesitate to make an effort, and successful it was, to save the firm and city from the loss of thousands of dollars. While the contents of the ammunition floor showered forth its deadly store, the firemen displayed unusual coolness and went about their work preparing to fight the blaze. Within a remarkably short period they had powerful streams pouring forth upon the building. Probably the most effective streams were played on the burning building from the roof of the adjoining structures. After the reports of the numerous explosions had died away and the fire was receiving the attention of the firemen, the smoke issuing from the windows appeared in many colors. At first it was dense black then it changed to yellow and finally it presented a series of different and distinct shades, green, yellow and black. The roof of the building was completely destroyed.

After the firemen had left the scene many citizens around the burning building picked up different sized cartridges, which for the most part had exploded. The majority of the shells burst open on the side and the bullet remained in the cartridge. This fact no doubt saved many from receiving injuries.

The work of the salvage corps, saved the firm a considerable loss of property, as members of the corps entered the building when the fire was at its height and spread over fifty rubber blankets on the goods.

A couple of lines of hose from the Manchester, Robertson, Allison Ltd., building, which was manned by clerks' done effective work.

Mr. Harrison stated that the property was insured but the task of totaling up the different policies entailed considerable work. Herewith is published a partial list of the insurance on the building and property which suffered the most loss:

Stock—Prince William Street.

North British Mercantile	\$3,000
London Assurance	11,000
Queen	2,000
Globe Underwriters	5,000
British and Canadian Underwriters	5,000
New York Underwriters	2,500
Norwich Union	5,000
Liverpool, London and Globe (sporting goods)	5,000
Liverpool, London and Globe (paint)	4,000

Building.

Insurance on building on Prince William street	\$10,000
North British Mercantile	10,000
Queen	5,000
Globe and Rutgers Mercantile	15,000
Scottish Union & National	5,000

Prince William Street Stock.

Commercial Union	\$20,000
Fidelity Phoenix	7,500
Caledonian	5,000
Home	5,000
British American	2,500
Phoenix of Hartford	2,500
Equitable	5,000
Royal	5,000

King Street Stock.

Fidelity Phoenix	2,500
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Office Furniture.

Aetna	2,500
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WIRELESS 'PHONE INVENTORS?

A very clever theft was committed last evening in the office of the Duffin Hotel. Two soldiers entered the office about 10.30 and proceeded to one of the public telephone booths located there. As this is a common occurrence no attention was paid to them. A few minutes after their departure a guest went to use the 'phone in booth No. 2, booth No. 1 being occupied, but he could find no 'phone. A close investigation disclosed that the cords attached to the 'phone box had been removed and the soldiers had departed with the 'phone. Evidently they are endeavoring to work out a system of wireless telephony in the interests of the army or themselves.

LUMBERMEN MEET TODAY.

A meeting of the manufacturers and lumbermen of the city was held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms to talk over the proposed Workmen's Compensation Act. No action was taken at the meeting but the subject will be more fully discussed and some action taken at a meeting to be held this afternoon at which many remouers and lumbermen from all over the province will be present.

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Y. COTTON MARKET. (McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Table with columns for High, Low, Close for various cotton grades.

CANADIAN PACIFIC ADVANCES COUPLE OF POINTS IN N. Y. Higher Prices in Industrial List and in Few of Railroads During Afternoon - Reading and C. & O. Stronger - Allies' Counter-Offensive Expected. (McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

STEEL OF CANADA HAS ONE MILLION PROFIT INCREASE Montreal, March 25.—There was a break in the New York market this morning at the opening, but as the better news came in, the market firmed up and closed generally better than Saturday.

CHICAGO PRODUCE (McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Chicago, Mar. 26.—Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3 yellow, 1.55 to 1.75; No. 4 yellow, 1.50 to 1.62.

TORONTO PRODUCE Toronto, Mar. 26.—Quotations Ontario wheat No. 2 winter, \$2.22 basis in store Montreal.

NEWS-SUMMARY (McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Mar. 26.—At annual meeting of New Haven Railroad, April 7th, authority will be asked to issue \$16,750,000 four per cent debentures maturing 1957, to be exchanged for a similar obligation of Providence Securities Co.

MARKET IS LIKELY TO BE SUPPORTED ON ALL DECLINES No Serious Slump in Wall Street is Now Anticipated. STOCKS LOOK CHEAP AT PRESENT TIME Enormous Demand for Steel by the Railroads Expected. (McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

AMOUNT OF THE LIBERTY LOAN Bond Issue Will Pay Four and One-Quarter Per Cent. - New Bonds Non-Convertible. Washington, March 25.—Secretary McAdoo announced tonight that the amount of the third Liberty Loan would be three billions dollars, at four and one-quarter per cent, and that all other subscriptions would be accepted.

STRONG DEMAND FOR MILL FEEDS Corn and Cornmeal Likely to Decline—Big Advances in Oranges. Special to The Standard. Toronto, March 26.—The following comment on the market situation as regards food appears in the Canadian Grocer:

MONTREAL CATTLE Montreal, March 25.—The offerings at the West End cattle market for the week past have been 1,000 cattle and 1,800 calves.

GRAIN MEN HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE Corn Values Lifted in Chicago Pit—Eastern Demand Increases Prices of Oats. Chicago, Mar. 26.—Grain traders displayed more confidence today regarding war developments and there was a general moderate advance in prices.

MONTREAL PRODUCE Montreal, March 26.—OATS—Canadian western No. 3, 107; extra No. 1, 107; No. 2 local white, 106 1/2.

BRAZILIAN STRONG IN MONTREAL LIST, ADVANCING TO 36 British Columbia Fish Rises to 47 1-2, an Advance of More Than Two Points Since the Last Sale—Brompton Up. (McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

WALL STREET IS CHANGED INTO A BOND MARKET Stocks Took Back Seat at Both Sessions Yesterday. IMMENSE DEMAND FOR LIBERTY BONDS Second Fours Advance to 97.94 on Enormous Sales. New York, Mar. 26.—Dealings in stocks today were completely eclipsed by the huge transactions in Liberty bonds, which reached record-breaking proportions.

SALES ON RALLIES LIKELY TO BE SEEN Market Has Strong Foundation and Able to Stand Severe Shock. (McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Mar. 26.—Any market that can meet the shock this one did and bend without breaking sensationally without any equivocation, may be designated as having a strong foundation. Until the sentimental unsettlement caused by the German avalanche shall have been digested, however, sales on rallies are likely to be seen.

TRANSPORTATION Tourists, shippers and importers are hereby informed that, notwithstanding the fact that two of the steamers which have been operating on the CANADA-WEST INDIES SERVICE have been requisitioned by the Ministry of Shipping (for Imperial reasons), we have found it possible to formulate a time table which we can give a departure alternately from Halifax and St. John every three weeks instead of every fortnight as heretofore.

THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY, 57-59 Granville Street, Halifax, N. S. CHANGE OF TIME Fall and Winter Time Table of the Grand Manan Steamship Co. GRAND MANAN ROUTE 1917-Season-1918

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ALL NEW INDUSTRIES MUST BE ESSENTIAL United States War Industries Board Will Discourage New Undertaking Not Necessary to Win the War. Washington, Mar. 25.—To discourage all new industrial projects not deemed essential to the prosecution of the war, the war industries board will withhold from such new plants the benefits of priority of transportation for their products.

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FASHION REVIEW

AT DYKEMAN'S WAS SUCCESSFUL

Young Lady Members of Y. W. P. A. Were Models—Their Salaries Go Toward the Patriotic Work of the Association.

The fashion review at Dykeman's last evening was largely attended and a large number of beautiful costumes

were shown. Miss Jessie P. Church, president of the Y. W. P. A., was in charge and the salaries of the models go toward the patriotic work of the association. The ladies who acted as models were Ermaline Climo, Eileen Courtney, Genevieve Killen, Louise Sheldon, Gladys Travis, Ina Rathbone, B. Saulmer, Thelma Alward, Frances Reid, Jennie Daye and Muriel Corkery. The correct accessories in the way of knitting bags, shopping bags, umbrellas and canes were carried by the models. Among some of the many spring-like and smart costumes worn by the mannequins were noticed the following: A castor serge suit, the coat braided in the same shade, made with a high belt. An over collar of crepe fallie in a lighter tone of castor, gave a new touch. The skirt of this suit had patch pockets and was like all the new skirts distinctly narrower for the

narrow silhouette. A symphony in the new shade named condillon, a very light yellowish sand color, was another suit of fine serge. The coat loose-fitting, trimmed with six rows of military braid. A vest was of brocade silk condillon with small flecks of scarlet. The panel back of the coat was embroidered in marine blue and gold silk. The skirt is severely plain. Worn with this costume was a high bustle hat to match, fashioned of georgette crepe and fancy straw braid with French ornaments of chenille and wooden beads in scarlet ending in a flower. A very handsome taupe charmeuse satin coat with marabout cuffs, collar and deep band at the bottom. The coat was shirred at the waist. With this was worn a poke bonnet of tete de neige with gold bordered ribbon bow and ostrich ornament in brown. A novel suit of purely military cut in "Sanny" serge had navy blue military braid trimmings and stitching of monaco wool. The coat seams were V-ed with the blue braid inset. Tight fitting and with truly military pockets is the coat. The skirt plain and narrow. A blue hat severely tailored was worn with this costume and madamolselle carried a black shopping bag. A redwood charmeuse gown is a variation on the usual shades. This shows georgette crepe sleeves with a tucked white vest, ball trimmings of the redwood color, a crush girle and new overskirt of irregular cut. Midnight blue taffeta frock, the overskirt panelled back and front with shorter panels at the sides bordered with gold and black striped satin bands, cuffs ending in the same. The waist showed a panel of taffeta to the straight belt which fastened with three smoked pearl buttons, a white satin cow collar finished the neck. Difficult to describe but very lovely was a black chiffon taffeta and georgette gown. Hanging draperies of crepe were banded with the taffeta and embroidered in white silk with white beads. The dress was tunic effect and the overskirt was made over white satin, giving a lighter tone. The sleeves of this frock ended in three cornered cuffs of taffeta, pilot edged. Worn with this was an Easter Meyer hat, black with crown of black ostrich and tiny black moire bows at intervals. Among the sweaters was a warm silk in light cantelope with terra cotta stripe, the belt fastened with a white bone buckle and having two sash ends. The collar is in the new scarf effect from elbow to elbow with fringed ends of silk. Another novelty is hand knitted wool in Nile green, three-quarter length, a wide sash ending in pom-poms and with two buttons of green and pink. The skirt of this sweater was knitted in pleats to show melon pink, brushed wool collar and cuffs. This was worn with skirt of green and sport hats, a knitting bag of green carried. Another sweater of purple was worn with the new corn spotted raw silk, the spots being Hortensia purple. The hat to accompany has a roll brim in sand and Hortensia.

ENJOYABLE RECITAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Given by Mrs. Samuel Richey in Y. M. C. I. Last Evening—Was Under Auspices of St. John Girls' Guild.

A packed house greeted Mrs. Samuel Richey last evening in the Y.M.C.I. building. Mrs. Richey's recital was enjoyable and too much cannot be said in regard to the facts, she put forth to entertain her audience. This recital was given under the auspices of the St. John Girls' Guild. Mr. Wm. Gramman rendered two solos at the beginning of the performance, entitled "Face to Face" and "The Holy City," both being received with much applause. Mr. Gramman's second number was thoroughly enjoyed. Fr. Duke made a few remarks in connection with the event, dealing forcibly on the good effects of the Catholic Girls' Guild. His remarks were listened to attentively. The recital, "Pilate's Daughter," was then given by Mrs. Richey. This recital hinges on a drama composed by Father Kenzel of the Redemptorist Order, and consists of five acts. The trend of the drama: Pilate's daughter, "Claudia," believed in the innocence of Christ. He was led forth, condemned to death. Then is pictured the work wrought by Claudia herself among her people. She, finally, embraced faith. Many are brought into the play, but the faith of Claudia, made many conversions, this engaged the Roman Empress Agrippina, who ordered Claudia put to death. This drama was given every Monday and Thursday evenings from Feb. 14 to March 25th, in Mission church, Roxbury, Mass., and was always greeted by packed houses, as it was greeted here.

KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting Held Yesterday—Matters of Interest Discussed and Routine Business Transacted.

The Free Kindergarten Association held their monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the Bible Society rooms on Germain street. The president, Mrs. T. N. Vincent, occupied the chair. A letter from the Premier in reply to the request sent to the legislature that kindergarten work be taken up in the Provincial Normal School was read. It was promised that this matter would be taken up for consideration in the local legislature. A letter was also received from the Board of School Trustees regarding the granting of a room in the Bentley street school for kindergarten work. The matter was handed over to the building committee who will give it every consideration. Other routine business was taken up.

PERSONALS

J. A. Thompson of Montreal arrived in the city last evening and is registered at the Victoria.

RETURNS TO FRONT

Major Laurence Allan, who for five weeks has been enjoying a leave of absence, with his relatives in Hamilton River, and St. John, expects to again set sail for England in the near future. Major Allan was a popular commanding officer of the 6th Siege Battery. After a year spent in France on the firing line, he was sent to England on sick leave. After several months treatment in English hospitals, his health not improving as rapidly as was hoped for he was granted two months leave of absence. Although not entirely recovered from his recent illness, Major Allan is again leaving Canada with the firm resolve of getting to the front soon as opportunity offers.

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Juniors on Black's alleys last night,
taking three of the four points. The
scores follow:

Roses.	McAvity's
Moore 76 76 87-239 79 3-3	Hazelwood 99 93 91-283 94 1-3
Kane 86 86 79-261 83 2-3	Sullivan 99 90-286 95 1-3
McLennan 77 77 79-233 77 2-3	
437 429 425 1292	

THE CITY LEAGUE.

In the City League on Black's alleys
last night the Sweeps won three
points from the Beavers. The scores
follow:

Sweeps.	Beavers.
McLennan 116 79 100-294 98	Gambella 93 94 92-279 93
Kane 97 71 68-235 83	Kane 91 91-272 90 2-3
Ferguson 87 87 94-278 92 1-3	Sullivan 99 95 117-311 103 2-3
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Cooper 81 89 93-263 87 2-3
Anthony 84 86 79-249 83
Maxwell 92 79 81-252 84
Scott 96 100 82-278 92 2-3
Lunney 85 106 119-310 103 1-3

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

In the bowling at the Y. M. C. A.
last evening G. E. Barbour & Co. de-
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taking three points. The score fol-
lows:

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The death of Miss Georgina C. Han-
ington, daughter of Hon. Daniel Han-
ington (for many years prominent in
the political history of this province),
died at Shediac Cape yesterday after
a few days' illness. Although about
85 years of age, Miss Hanington had
been in the possession of good health,
physical and mental, until quite late-
ly. Up to about Christmas she had
resided in the Hanington homestead
which was at that time destroyed by
fire. Miss Hanington had a wide circle
of relatives and friends, who will
deeply regret her death. Two sisters
survive, Mrs. E. V. Godfrey, St. John,
and Mrs. Covert, Moncton; also three
brothers, Thomas B. St. John, Dr.
J. P. Moncton, Mal. Charles F. (C.
E.), Ottawa, Charles S. and Fred E.
Hanington, St. John, are nephews,
and Mrs. J. Manning, Mrs. M. G. Teed,
Mrs. J. V. Young, Mrs. Horace Wet-
more, Mrs. Darling, and Miss P. God-
frey are nieces.

FOUR BUCTOUCHE

BUILDINGS BURNED
Chase Hotel, Warehouse,
Dwelling and Barn Destroyed.

Special to The Standard.
Buctouche, March 26.—Chase Hotel
barn, a small residence and a ware-
house were destroyed by fire here.
The hotel was owned by Ellen Chase
of New Bedford, Mass., and the small
dwelling and warehouse by J. D.
Irving. The hotel was occupied by
Edward M. Cormier. The building
The contents of the hotel and barn
were insured for \$700 and barn \$300.
The contents of the hotel and barn
were insured for \$1,000. J. D. Irving
also had insurance on the buildings.
E. H. Fairweather, of St. John, will
adjust the losses.

INCREASED PRODUCTION.

Mayor J. D. McKenna and A. M. Mc-
Leod, of Sussex, members of the com-
mittee from Kings county to further
increased production in New Brun-
swick, arrived in St. John last night
from Fredericton. They will leave
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Third Game of Stanley Cup
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Visitors All But Outclassed.

Toronto, March 26.—Toronto blues
forced to the front in the world's
hockey series tonight, when they de-
feated Vancouver 6 to 3, in the third
game for the Stanley Cup. The con-
test was played under national hock-
ey league rules, and the Blues, who
attended strictly to their knitting
throughout, indulging in little rough
play, all but outclassed the visitors.
As in the initial game of the series,
Toronto showed their overwhelming
superiority at the six men style. They
accumulated a 3 to 0 lead in the first
period and kept their advantage
throughout, though at one stage Van-
couver reduced the lead to two goals.
The winners excelled in combination
and back-checking and earned all
goals. Two of the westerners' coun-
ters were practically gifts, Taylor tak-
ing passes when camped in the goal
mouth. McKay as formerly, was
conspicuous, but he was watched
closely by Skinner, and at times
showed his displeasure at the latter's
persistent attention by much slash-
ing. Lehman's work in goal bordered
on the marvelous. He had three times
the work that Holmes was called upon
to do, and he undoubtedly saved the
visitors from a much worse beating.
Many penalties were imposed, mostly
for minor offences. There was little
rowdiness exhibited, the officials be-
ing strict and impartial. Cameron,
Skinner and Munnery were the
Blues' best performers, while Denny
scintillated at times. The crowd was
large.

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BOY WANTED—Apply at Gas
Works between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WANTED—To purchase an auto-
mobile on easy terms. Party not par-
ticular as to make as long as the ma-
chine is in good running order. Apply
Box "K" Standard.

TEACHERS WANTED—400 Pro-
fessional Teachers for March, April
and May schools. Free Registration.
Saskatchewan Teachers' Agency, Es-
tablished 1910. 1861 Scarth street,
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WANTED—Boys for Retail Dry
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ter for Wholesale Warehouse. Man-
chester Robertson Allison Ltd.

WANTED—Bright, active boys in
every village and town in New Brun-
swick to earn pocket money by a
pleasant occupation. If you are am-
bitious write at once to Opportunity,
Box 1109, St. John, asking for par-
ticulars.

WANTED—Board in private family
in central part of city. German, or
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12 Standard.

TEACHER WANTED—Second Class
Female for District No. 15, Jerusalem
Settlement. Apply stating salary, to
Geo. E. Machum, Sec. Polyhurst P.O.,
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FOR SALE—Small farm near city.
Apply Box 15, care Standard.

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Mill Machinery parts; Shafts, Pulleys,
Bolts, Babbitt, Belts, Chains, Trucks,
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AGENTS WANTED—Salesmen \$50
per week, selling one-hand egg-beater.
Sample and terms 25c. Money refund-
ed if unsatisfactory. Collette Mfg.
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guarantee of sales and absolute satis-
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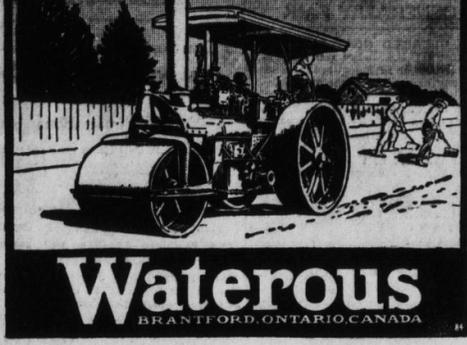
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given
that a Bill will be presented for enact-
ment at the next session of the
Provincial Legislature, to amend the
Act 2, George V., Chapter 42 intitled
"An Act to provide for the Govern-
ment of the City of Saint John by an
Elective Commission."

The object of this Bill is to provide
that at any Civic Election the Com-
mon Council may take a plebiscite on
any question or measure by printing
on the civic ballot such form as it
thinks desirable, the question or
measure on which it desires the
opinion of the Electors.

Dated at the City of Saint John, N.
B., the 6th day of March A. D. 1918.
HERBERT E. WARDROPER,
Common Clerk.

Next Saturday being the Eve of
Easter all the stores of Manchester
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Around the City

GENERALLY FAIR

CLEARED NEAT SUM. Baxter L.O.B.A. lodge announces that at their supper in Fairville last Thursday they cleared the sum of \$140.

MANY APPLICATIONS. Those who held city lots for gardening off the Manawagonish Road, last season, have prior right to take lots before the first of the month. Many applications are being received.

THE POLICE COURT. In the police court yesterday two drunks were remanded. A man was charged with having liquor in his possession illegally and the case was adjourned until today.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE. Miss Giff, stenographer at City Hall for the public works, water and sewerage and harbor departments has been granted three months leave of absence and will leave the last of the week for a visit to Ottawa.

ACCEPTS A POSITION. Arthur Harris of this city, a former student of St. Joseph's College left last evening on the 5.19 train to accept a position in the vicinity of Fredericton, on the C. P. R. His friends wish him much success.

RETURNED HERO. Sergeant Major Geo. H. Parker, a resident of Fredericton was in the city yesterday in connection with his discharge papers. He is returned since July 1917 and has been undergoing treatment for wounds received in action.

WORDS OF CONSOLATION. A letter of consolation has been received by Mrs. Edward Whitteck, 258 Brussels street, from A. G. Emmett, Captain Chaplain 1st Brig. Can. Infantry, on the death of her brother, Pte. Alcorn Pettigrew of Central Economy, N. S., who was killed in action on November 6, 1917.

FELL INTO HARBOR. Monday night, John Travis, a longshoreman, accidentally fell from a steamer stage at Sand Point into the harbor. He was rescued with difficulty and taken to the hospital. Besides a chill he received severe bruises.

SGT. LONDON GASED. A telegram has been received by Mrs. George W. London, 131 Victoria street, informing her that her husband, Sergt. George William London was reported in No. 6 Casualty Clearing Station, March 17, shell gassed. He had been in France two and a half years.

UNDERGOING TREATMENT. Pte. Farrell Francis McElroy of Oranmore son of T. J. McElroy, is undergoing treatment in St. James' Hospital on account of a sore hand. Pte. McElroy is a member of No. 1 Depot Battalion. His friends here join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

NO HOT CROSS BUNS. It was decided at a meeting of the Master Bakers Association held on Monday night, that in view of the need of food conservation and the conditions brought about by the war, that they would not manufacture any hot cross buns for Good Friday, as has been their custom in the past. The bakers who endorsed the resolution were: Robinson, Dwyers, Royal, Hunters, St. John, Shaws, and the York bakers.

MILITARY FUNERAL. The funeral of Private Thomas Luff, who died in the Armory Hospital Monday took place yesterday afternoon with full military honors. A firing squad and the 115th band preceded the hearse. The casket was draped with the Union Jack and soldier comrades acted as pall bearers. Service was conducted at Trinity church by Rev. M. L. Thompson and interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

AT MOUNT ALLISON. In order to let the students do war work with a view to greater production, it has been decided to close Mount Allison University this year on Friday, May 10th. Senior examinations will have ended by that time and convocation will be held Thursday evening, May 9th. The first idea was to do away with convocation entirely, but some opposition to that course developed with the result that the original plan was modified.

FREDERICTON MAN RETURNS. Friends in St. John received word yesterday that Pte. W. H. Kelly, formerly in the 236th Battalion under Lieut. Col. Guthrie, had reached Fredericton. Pte. Kelly was transferred to a Forestry unit, whilst in camp at Valcartier, proceeding overseas under this unit, No. 9 Construction Corps. He along with many others, was detained to duty in Scotland. After near seven months in the service Pte. Kelly was discharged it is stated on account of poor health.

ARRIVED IN HOLLAND. A cablegram has been received by R. P. Steeves, Sussex, from his son, Lieut. R. H. Steeves, that he has arrived in Holland. Lieut. Steeves went overseas early in the war with a Vancouver regiment, was captured and imprisoned. Recently it was reported that he had been transferred from Salziggen to Bad Callery. Evidently he succeeded in making his escape from the new camp and in getting safely across the border into Holland. His telegram gave great joy to the home people, who expect soon to hear of his safe arrival in England.

St. Andrew's church choir tomorrow (Thursday) evening, at eight o'clock in St. Andrew's church are to give an oratorio entitled "Seven Words From the Cross," by Debussy. As this oratorio contains some of the best vocal talent in the city a treat is in store for lovers of good music. A silver collection will be taken up in aid of the choir fund.

JEWISH FESTIVAL OF THE PASSOVER BEGINS TONIGHT

Is Commemorative of the Deliverance of Children of Israel from Egyptian Bondage—Special Preparations Are Made for Soldiers in France.

The Jewish festival of Passover, which is commemorative of the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, will begin this evening, and will continue for seven days. Every Jewish home in the city is prepared to usher in the Passover, which is the most important of Jewish festivals, as well as one of the most joyous of holidays.

The festival of Passover is the oldest holiday on the Hebrew calendar. As the feast of freedom, it commemorates the emancipation of Israel and its entrance into the dignity and destiny of national life. According to tradition, 2,000,000 people walked forth as free citizens without a drop of blood having been spilled or a sword unsheathed.

For weeks past great preparations have been in progress in an effort to have everything thoroughly cleaned. New dishes and other utensils are brought into use. Those who are not able to buy new must polish the old by a process known as "kashris."

This is accomplished by thoroughly scouring in hot water with ashes or other cleansing substances. The one distinctive feature of the celebration of the Passover is the obligation of "matzos," or unleavened bread, in which no yeast or salt or other ingredient save flour and water have been used.

There will be many a tear shed over the Passover board this year. Many who have the good fortune to live in Canada will, at their festive board, think of parents, brothers, sisters, cousins and friends in the war zone of Europe. Yet even those homeless and destitute will celebrate the Seder, the Hebrew term for the Passover night celebration. Even the soldiers of the race, who are fighting the battles of the many nations, will be given the opportunity to welcome the feast of freedom with all the grandeur and symbolism of its ceremonies.

Field rabbits, of whom there are many in the armies of the warring nations, have been amply provided by their communities with matzos, wine and all the necessaries for the soldiers. A good many of the soldiers are provided for by their friends and relatives.

RETURNED MEN ARRIVE TODAY Large Party of Heroes Will Reach City from Halifax at 5.30 o'clock This Afternoon

Charles Robinson, secretary Returned Soldiers' Commission, received a wire yesterday that a party of soldiers had arrived in Halifax and would leave there at 5.45 o'clock this morning and will reach St. John at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon. The list of names is as follows: Wm. Adair, Newcastle, N. B. R. Acton, Jolicure. R. Bickerstaff, 238 Westworth street, city. W. Burke, Randolph, St. John Co. O. Beckwith, 17 St. Paul street, city. H. Moffatt, 139 Guilford street, west city. E. W. Mills, 63 Ludlow street, St. John West. E. J. McCarthy, 196 Sydney street, city. R. McKay, 274 Main street, city. W. McRae, 368 Haymarket square, city. H. Ford, 5 Queen street, west, city. E. Huesets, 207 Rockland road, city. F. Lawson, 97 Main street, city. E. W. O'Connor, Cedar street, city. M. Strom. W. Flinker. W. Buck, Sackville, N. B. D. Carry, Millville, N. B. L. Colpitts, Pettitcodiac, N. B. F. Casey, Campbellton, N. B. J. H. Dick, Moore's Mills, N. B. F. Dufour, Beaver Harbor, Charlotte county. G. Ferguson, Matapedia, N. B. W. Fiedler, Chatham, N. B. J. W. Furlottis, Targoon P. O., Gloucester county. A. J. Gavin, 24 Summer street, Moncton, N. B. W. Fenning, Anagance, N. B. A. Kay, McKee's Mills, N. B. George Kitchen, Kingscler, N. B. G. Miller, Fredericton, N. B. F. Meredith, Oak Point, Kings Co. N. B. W. McNamara, Young's Cove, N. B. W. Rosenger, Archibald Station. K. Wilkinson, 149 Church street, Windsor, Ont. J. Wilnot, Salisbury, N. B.

TEMPLE BAND ELECTS OFFICERS Reports Show Organization to Be in Flourishing Condition—Has 27 Former Members in Khaki

The annual meeting of the Temple Band was held last evening with H. P. Black in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows: H. P. Black—President. O. S. Colwell—Secretary. Wm. Akerley—Treasurer. Geo. B. Lemmon—Librarian. Geo. B. Black—Band Sergeant. H. C. Lemmon, Chas. Gallop, H. F. Black, A. McAllister, trustees. Dr. David Hutchings—Chaplain. The band, according to the reports rendered by the officers, is in a flourishing condition, with thirty members, and will be under the leadership of Bandmaster W. H. Jones. This band has 27 former members in khaki.

STREETS DESERTED BY SOLDIER BOYS; MAJORITY GET C. B.

Found Necessary to Quarantine the Men Owing to Outbreak of Mumps and Measles—Done as a Precaution.

The streets were practically deserted of khaki clad boys last night at an unusually early hour. This was due to an order issued by the authorities and which will affect approximately 700 men. It has been found necessary in order to stamp out the measles and mumps, to quarantine the soldiers within their barracks and adjoining grounds. It is claimed that the men have carried these diseases from intermingling with the civilian populace.

The military people have during the past few months quarantined a number of men who have been afflicted, and by this precaution have to an appreciable extent guarded against the spreading of both diseases. However, while the men who have been unfortunate enough to catch either affliction, have been confined to barracks and not permitted to associate with the other members of the unit, other members of the unit have been permitted to mingle with persons and go where the diseases existed and brought in with them. It was stated last night that no definite period of quarantine had been ordered, but all depended upon the conditions of affairs.

ALLEGED THIEF WAS ARRESTED LAST EVENING

Articles Have Been Stolen from Y. M. C. A. Dormitory Rooms—Man Entered Side Door and Was Captured in a Store Room.

For the past few days articles have been missing from the dormitory rooms at the Y.M.C.A. The suspicion of the officials being aroused a close watch was kept with result the supposed thief was detected last evening. About 8 o'clock a young man about 23 years of age entered the building by the side door, evidently thinking that at that time most of the roomers would be out of the building. He was caught entering a store room on the top floor. The police were communicated with and sent two men who placed the man under arrest. He gave his name as White but this is not considered his correct name. He is a total stranger to the police.

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED MET LAST NIGHT

Sub-Committees Report Good Progress—J. Fraser Gregory Criticised the Street Railway Service.

A meeting of the committee of one hundred was held last night in the Board of Trade rooms at which reports were received from the various sub-committees, showing that good progress had been made with the preparations to fight the application of the New Brunswick Power Co. for increased rates. In the course of the discussion J. Fraser Gregory characterized the service rendered as rotten as far as the car service was concerned.

Chairman Agar reported that meetings of the executive had been held and they felt that the interests of the citizens were being well looked after by the common council and the council employed by the city. He then turned on the chairmanship of the various committees to report.

A. M. Rowan reported that a conference had been held with the local members of the legislature and while not in a position to give a full report he considered the conference as satisfactory.

F. B. Ellis reported for the legislation committee along similar lines. A. M. Belding for the publicity committee reported that arrangements would be made to use the local newspapers to the fullest possible extent and that it was proposed to carry on a campaign during the summer which would embrace the entire province, placing before the people the advantages of municipal ownership. Mr. Belding also referred to articles appearing in the press calling attention to the number of cities which had granted increases to street railways and said the thing for the citizens of St. John to consider was not what was done elsewhere but whether there was any justification for an increase here.

J. Fraser Gregory said the power company was entitled to interest on capital invested but not on watered stock and characterized the service given by the street cars as rotten. He said a few nights ago he had waited for some time in front of his residence for a car and when it came it was so full that it would not stop to pick up passengers. This happened with three other cars and finally he and some friends had to walk to town. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

THE FIRE ALARM WILL ANNOUNCE START OF DRIVE

Ten Blasts Nine o'clock Saturday Morning Will Be Signal for Factory and Steamer Whistles to Get Busy—It Will Be Soldiers' Comfort Association Day.

It would be shallow patriotism indeed if understanding fully the situation, we should cheer our boys as they go to war and then return to our homes, feeling that our responsibilities ended, until we were privileged to welcome them home.

Our responsibility only commences on their departure and increases each day of their absence. We of St. John deeply appreciate the fact, and have been every ready to acknowledge it. That our appreciation will be more pronounced on Saturday next, March 30th, there is no doubt, and in order that the efforts of the commercial travellers of St. John in assisting the Soldiers' Comforts Association in expressing that appreciation, may be successful, the business and professional men in the city are requested to be ready when called upon.

The commercial travellers are in full charge of the drive which will be made upon the business and professional men, and at nine a.m. Saturday next, March 30th, the signal for the start will be ten blasts of the fire horn, when all factories and steamers are requested to blow their whistles or sirens for a minute.

The merchants are asked to display as much bunting as they may conveniently do so, in order that all may realize there is a confidence existing in the manner in which our boys in the trenches will perform their duties such as will not be shaken by the reports we have received from the front during the last day or two.

The theatres in the city have quickly responded to the requests of the commercial travellers and are working in conjunction with them in assisting the cause. The Imperial, Nickel, Unique, Lyric, Opera House, Gem, Star, Palace and Empress have displayed a generosity beyond the anticipation of the travellers, and the proprietors and managers of these houses will be ready when the word is given to count the receipts.

The Soldiers' Comforts Association does not require any introduction to the citizens of this city, nor to any of the boys in the trenches, for the returned soldiers never tire of expressing their gratitude for the many comforts received.

Haig says, "Stand by." Let all remember these words, and none fall down. What money is required for socks, socks and then more socks. The commercial travellers in the city will meet at 41 Princess street at 3.30 p.m. Friday, March 29th, to attend in a body the twilight concert in the Imperial Theatre at 4.15 p.m. in aid of the Soldiers' Comforts Association tag day. For further information, phone Main 3088.

More socks, less cold feet.—This is intended for all of us. Commercial travellers of St. John are all expected to be prepared to assist on Saturday, March 30th. Full information 41 Princess street, phone Main 3088.

Come across for the boys who have gone across. That the Loyalist city will maintain its record for caring for the boys in the trenches goes without saying. The Soldiers' Comforts Association has assumed a share in the grave burden of comforting the boys in the trenches. The members of this association are each doing their "bit" and in order that they may continue to do so it is imperative that they have more money. As this is the first appeal made for public assistance you are requested to respond in as generous a manner as possible.

Mr. Business and Professional Man make the drive a success.

THORNE'S OPEN AS USUAL

The establishment of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., which was visited by fire yesterday, is open today for business as usual.

SPRING FASHION REVIEW AT DYKEMAN'S continues this evening and again Thursday evening. Exhibiting in French-made the lovely and interesting styles from Paris, New York and Toronto.

This event delighted everyone who was fortunate enough to attend in its opening presentation yesterday. The various style sections were transformed with charming settings into scenes of spring-like beauty, fitting the occasion—a delightful change to the grey drabness of wintry streets outside and yet.

The Spectacular is Only of Secondary Interest. The display of exquisite fashions delighted everyone—and small wonder for the leading Fashion Centres are not privileged to view more striking styles in Suits, Coats, Millinery, Dress accessories, than are being presented this evening and tomorrow evening in promenade. You personally are invited to attend. 466 cents. Come early, doors open at 8 p. m. sharp. Special Orchestra.

Special Easter DOLL SALE A Big Bargain Week OPEN TODAY AS USUAL Many a kiddie is just longing for a new supply of Dolls, and you will never have a better opportunity to gladden the hearts of the little ones than this MAMMOTH SALE OF DRESSED DOLLS presents, for One Week Only during which WONDERFUL PRICE REDUCTIONS will be the rule. Come and bring the children with you—Come early while the variety is at its best. You'll be surprised at the range of sizes, at the many dress styles which vary from the neat, simple effects to the more elaborate creations. JUST LOOK AT THESE VALUES. Regular Prices:—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 each. Special Prices:—10c, 30c, 50c, 70c, \$1.10, \$1.50 each. SPECIAL REDUCTIONS HOLD FOR ONE WEEK ONLY Beginning Saturday, March 23rd. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.

Special Easter Display TRIMMED HATS—Large, small and medium hats in every style, color and material, hundreds of new hats that are just brimful of style and value. CHILDREN'S TRIMMED HATS—A most complete variety, specially priced. READY-TO-WEAR HATS—All the popular styles, as well as many late novelty effects. See our prices on these hats, they are most interesting. UNTRIMMED HATS—All colors, and most wonderful assortment of styles to select from. On account of our large showing we can give you most attractive prices. BUY YOUR EASTER HAT TODAY Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Spring Time Means Paint Time At this season of the year there is always more or less painting to be done, either inside or out. Jap-a-lac has no superior as a varnish stain. It requires no special skill or knack of any kind to apply it. Moore's House Colors—All colors for all purposes, 1-2 pint to 5 gallon cans. "Muresco"—The Modern Wall Finish. Emerson & Fisher Ltd

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LIMITED As Usual on the Saturday Before Easter Sunday All Our Stores Will Be Open Until 10 p.m. MEN'S AND BOYS' Easter Furnishings The Most Attractive Authorized Styles, Introducing Many Novelties in Color and Fabric. NECKWEAR—That almost unerring index to Man's Taste—is displayed in a large and attractive variety of innovations, some daring, perhaps extreme, but Fashion demands the most brilliant effects this season, so be prepared for bright coloring and bold patterns. The Shapes are the regular folded ends with the latest improvements. 25c to \$2.00. GLOVES—Spring and Summer weights. The newest kinds. Cape and Washable Leathers. \$1.75 to \$3.25. Suede Leathers (different weights). \$1.00 to \$1.75. Chambray Color (plain and embroidered hosiery). \$1.75 to \$2.25. Fabric and Silk, (plain and embroidered hosiery). \$1.25, \$1.50. NEW STYLES IN SOFT COLLARS. SHIRTS in the Newest Patterns and Colorings. SPRING AND SUMMER HOSIERY—Cashmere, Silk and Wool, Lisle, and All Silk. LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS Many Novelties are being shown this season one of them being: Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, Irish Lace Corners, White or Colors, 25c to 40c. Crepe de Chine Novel Effects, 25c to 40c. Embroidered Pure Linen, 25c to 40c. Linen Hem Stitch, 25c to \$1.10. Linen Initial, 1-2 Doz. in Box, 15c to 40c. Linen Initial, 1-4 Doz. in Box, for 90c. Children's Handkerchiefs, All Prices. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LIMITED

Get Under a MAGEE Hat for Easter. You can then rest assured you have the newest and best to be bought in the hat line. There is character and smartness to every hat we sell and the quality is thoroughly dependable for the price you pay. Come in and see the new shapes and colors. CANADIAN AND ENGLISH MAKES \$3.00 and \$5.00 BORSALINO \$5.00 BERTOLINO \$5.00 STEYSON \$5.00 CAPS \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75. D. Magee's Sons, Ltd. FINE HATS 63 King Street, St. John, N. B.