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VIOLENT COMBATS ON LAND AND IN AIR MARK OPERATIONS ON WESTERN FRONT

WHILE BIG GUNS ROAR INFANTRY ENGAGED IN FIERCE HAND-TO- HAND STRUGGLES WITH EACH SIDE WINNING SLIGHT ADVAN- TAGES ONLY TO LOSE THEM SOON AFTER.

Seventeen Battles in Single Day Above The British Line.

The whole western fighting front is the scene of heavy engagements. At some points the big guns have been roaring incessantly for days; the infantry have been engaged in hand-to-hand struggles; grenade fighting and mining operations have played a prominent part in the battles, while airmen have fought each other above the lines, and have been cannonaded from below by the anti-aircraft guns.

The Germans have captured an additional half mile of French trenches around Tahure, in the Champagne district, and their artillery bombardments in the neighborhood of Massiges and Navarin have been answered in kind by the French.

To the north of Soissons, around Tery and along the River Aisne, the Germans started an infantry attack, but the French put it down with their guns and rifles. To the south of the Somme the Germans endeavored to surround outpost trenches, but defeated under heavy fire of the French.

In Upper Alsace the Germans turned loose their guns on trenches which the French had re-captured from them, but the French, during the night, had evacuated them, and the shelling did other damage than to shatter the placements.

Seventeen battles in air. Seventeen fights in the air is the record of Sunday, reported officially by the British along their lines in Flanders. In addition there has been great activity south of La Bassée Canal, where the Germans exploded seven mines. Heavy bombardments and an infantry attack in that section are also reported, the Germans succeeding in entering a British trench. They were driven out almost immediately.

In Albania, the Arzer river which runs westward across Central Albania and empties into the Bay of Durazzo, has been reached by the Austro-Hungarian vanguards, according to Vienna. The Bulgarians have occupied Elbasan, an important town in Central Albania.

ALL APPEALS MUST BEAR GOV'T RECOGNITION

Public Put on Guard Against Subscribing to Fakirs Using Belgian Fund as Pretext to Raise Money.

London, Feb. 14, 6:54 p. m.—It is officially announced that in order to obtain better co-ordination of appeals in behalf of the Belgians and to prevent waste of public generosity, efforts and the mis-application of funds obtained in response to such appeals, the Belgian and British governments have decided to make arrangements giving official recognition only to appeals approved by the two governments.

Official recognition will be given in the form of a certificate issued by the local government board. This certificate will be issued only after the Belgian government has been consulted. The public therefore are advised not to subscribe to appeals in behalf of the Belgians not bearing the official certificate.

WIFE DESERTER ARRESTED AT HARTLAND

Left Family in Sussex, and Changed Name—Made Himself Conspicuous in All Church Activities.

Hartland, N. B., Feb. 14.—There was a mild sensation here on Saturday afternoon when Officer A. R. Foster, acting for Constable Asbell of Sussex, arrested a man calling himself Little, for wife desertion and adultery. Asbell took him to Sussex by the evening express.

ANOTHER OF THE ERZERUM FORTS TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

INFANTRY OCCUPY ENEMY POSITION AFTER ARTILLERY HAD CLEARED WAY—ENEMY USES ASPHYXIATING GAS BOMBS BUT FAILS TO CHECK THE RUSSIAN ON- SLAUGHT.

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 14.—The following official communication was issued today: "On the western (Russian) front the lively reciprocal fire continues. Between Oil and Dalsen Island, our observations show that our fire has been effective. Near Drvatka the enemy has employed asphyxiating gas bombs.

"Caucasus front: After an explosion, caused the day before by our artillery in one of the Erzerum forts, we captured the fort. Pursuing the Turks our troops again captured numerous prisoners, six guns and a large quantity of munitions."

GERMAN CONSUL APPEARS IN 'FRISCO COURT

On Charge of Conspiracy Against Canada—Court Awaits Another Indictment Against Him.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Franz Dopp, local Consul-General for Germany, appeared in federal district court today to be arraigned on a charge of conspiracy to set on foot a military expedition against Canada. The government officials announced they were awaiting the appearance of another indictment against him, so no action was taken.

OFFER REPLICAS OF MACE LOST IN PARLIAMENT FIRE

Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London Make the Offer.

British Government, Since August, Has Been Purchasing Horses Needed for British and Canadian Armies.

MAIL TAKEN OFF DUTCH LINER AT FALMOUTH

Was for South America—Dutch Mail Aboard Holland-American Liner Also Seized.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Holland-American line freighter Zandijk, from Rotterdam, reported on her arrival here today that she had been taken into The Downs by a British patrol boat and that all but two of the 145 bags of Dutch mail which she carried were removed and not returned.

SECRETARY OF ITALIAN EMBASSY SUICIDES

London, Feb. 14.—Chevalier Roberto Centaro, first secretary of the Italian embassy at London, and formerly second secretary of the Italian embassy at Washington, was found dead in a west end hotel today. A revolver lay beside the body.

CRUISER ARETHUSA WILL LIKELY BE TOTAL WRECK

Ten Lives Lost When She Hit Mine—Has Had Brief but Exciting Career—Only 24 Hours Out of Builders' Hands When She Took Part in Fight Off Heligoland August, 1914—One of Her Torpedoes Which Sank German Cruiser Bleucher in North Sea Fight a Year Ago.

HOW CANADA IS HELPING BEAR WAR BURDEN

London, Feb. 14.—The British cruiser Arethusa struck a mine today off the east coast of England, according to a statement issued by the British official press bureau. It is feared, the statement adds, the vessel will be a total wreck.

Details of War Expenditure for First Eight Months of Struggle Show Total Cost as \$60,000,000.

NEW BRUNSWICK MAN APPOINTED

London, Feb. 15, 2:05 a. m.—It seems that the government has no intention of yielding to the agitation in favor of creating an aviation ministry charged with the defense of the country against air attacks. It is stated that the government, instead, has decided to institute a great air defense department, with headquarters at Whitehall under Field Marshal Viscount French, who will be solely responsible for air defense. It is expected that either Premier Asquith, or A. J. Balfour, first lord of the Admiralty, will explain the proposed plans to parliament today or tomorrow.

VISCOUNT FRENCH IN CHARGE OF AIR DEFENCES

Field Marshal French will have command of all the aircraft, artillery and defensive aircraft, except the water-planes, which will continue under Admiralty control, their business being to deal with enemy warships.

ROLL OF HONOR.

+ J. L. King, Saint John.
+ Samuel Brophy, Saint John.
+ L. Good, Saint John.

3 MARITIME PROVINCE MEN IN LIST

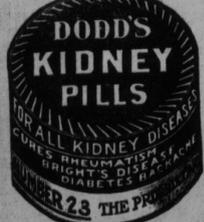
ALLAN LINED SICILIAN HERE DELAYED BY ROUGH WEATHER

Big liner docked last night five days overdue—Brought 200 passengers, including many soldiers

The Allan Line royal mail steamer Sicilian docked at 8.30 last night, five days overdue on account of the rough weather she met on the way over. Some idea of the weather she encountered may be gathered from the fact that the guard had to be kept on the dining tables all the way across. On one day she only made 43 miles as the day's run. She brought a large mail and about two hundred passengers of whom about eighty were returning soldiers. Five of these were Maritime Province men and one was from Saint John. Private Fred Robichaud. These men did not embark last night but will land at 9 o'clock this morning. The western men will go to Quebec and the Maritime men will be examined here before being sent to their homes.

Among the passengers on the Sicilian was Private C. Thomas of Winnipeg. Private Thomas was a member of the 6th Battalion, 12th Brigade, and saw much of the first fighting in Flanders. He was wounded at Ypres and has been in hospital ever since. When asked about his experience he would say very little but he was very emphatic in saying that the Canadians were the best troops that ever faced an enemy. The work they had done in Europe would be remembered as long as the world lasted. The names of the returned soldiers are as follows:

Major C. J. Ingram, officer in charge; Lieut. G. E. Reid, assistant officer in charge; Major Goldsmith, medical officer; Capt. J. L. Dussault, Capt. J. G. Gray, Capt. G. H. Musgrave, Lieut. O. A. Hoston, Pte. H. Kieunan, Lance Corp. L. H. Briggs, Ptes. Q. Carrol, H. Doughty, Parker Deal, L. E. Timberlake, A. Kerr; Sergt. H. Baird, Ptes. J. W. Adams, J. J. Haycock, A. Prouse, J. A. Browning, W. O. Ellis, William Love, J. Lynn, J. Robson, Lance Corp. R. C. Coutlee, Ptes. J. W. Davidson, W. Gardiner, E. J. Kelley, E. McNeill, F. Robichaud, C. Thomas, D. Young, Corp. A. R. Goucher, Ptes. G. Desjardes, E. Geoffrin, T. Richards, C. G. Boulter, M. Antoine, E. G. Clark, H. M. Godard, J. Thomson, W. Ashford, W. J. Laidlaw, J. Mossman, Tebut, G. Campbell, E. B. Mayne, A. Sergt. H. A. Beck, Pte. E. Clarke, Driver T. A. D. Hall, Pte. W. M. Snow, Sergt. Blackie, Sergt. Major C. Campbell, Vet. Surgeon Lieut. F. J. Delaine, Lance Corp. A. J. Galishaw, Lieut. L. R. Gardiner, Major A. V. Hill, Sergt. McKenize, Staff-Surgeon J. O. Hea, Lieut. J. H. Punnett, Lieut. Reid, Vet. Surgeon Lieut. A. Selin, Lieut. W. G. Thominas. The following are medical students returning to complete their studies: Driver W. Forean, Sergt. F. W. Leech, Corp. J. W. Reddick, Corp. J. W. McKenzie, Bombardier C. A. Wells, Bombardier T. Blayney, Gunner A. E. McKenzie, Ptes. C. A. Rae, J. W. Thomas, W. M. Wrist, F. R. Smith, H. J. Irvine, S. V. Scott, Lance Corp. W. T. Scott, Lance Corp. W. B. Barnes, Corp. N. W. Furey. The body of Lieut. Col. H. B. Yates, of Montreal, was on board. The following were the cabin passengers:



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TWO NEW BRUNSWICK MEN WOUNDED

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The casualty list issued at midnight by the Militia Department contains the names of three Maritime Province men, of whom one is a member of the Twenty-Sixth Battalion, while the other two are New Brunswickers. They are: Stephen Peterson, Milltown, N. B., 10th Battalion; Guy R. McLay, Moore's Mills, N. B., 26th Battalion; George Sharpe, Maccan, N. S., 25th Battalion, among the wounded.

OFFER REPLICA OF MACE LOST IN PARLIAMENT FIRE FOR THE WEEK

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having horses in Canada for war purposes, and that representations had been made both to the British and French governments as to the number available in Canada for remount purposes. The Minister of Customs told Mr. Hughes that during the last months of last year the total amount of duty collected on "jewelry, not otherwise provided for," including diamond or pearl necklaces, was \$175,820. Hon. Dr. Reid said that it was against the practice of the department to give specific details as to the entries for the expensive articles of jewelry inquired about by Mr. Hughes.

Free Wheat.
Parliament turned its attention shortly before eleven o'clock to the subject of free wheat. Mr. J. G. Turfitt availed himself of the order of private members' motions to submit a resolution declaring that "in the opinion of this House, in order to secure to the farmers and people of Canada the advantages of the American market for wheat, wheat products and potatoes, steps should be taken at once to put these articles on the free list in the Canadian tariff."

Mr. Turfitt pointed out that ten months of the year farmers in his constituency could take wheat across the line, if it were not for the duty, and receive ten to fifteen cents per bushel more than they get under present conditions. "Why," he asked, "when wheat enters in this country be crushed in the mill?"

Wheat was higher in the United States, yet four more than the American miller paid more for his wheat and sold his product cheaper. Why should the interests of a few big milling concerns outweigh the interests of the farmers with this government? Mr. Turfitt reminded the government that the new parliament would contain sixteen additional members from the prairie provinces, every one of whom would come to join the ranks of wheat producers of the west. The existing conditions the government was allowing the milling interests to rob both farmers and consumers. The government was always ready to heed the voice of the big interests, but the voice of the farmers had no avail.

Mr. Turfitt estimated that the closed United States market had caused a loss of ten million dollars to the wheat producers of wheat this season, while the excessive trans-Atlantic freight rates had cost many millions more. Referring to the shipments of cattle to the United States, under the Wilson tariff, Mr. Turfitt stated that no one would say the farmers were less loyal because they were now selling their live stock in Buffalo, instead of Liverpool. Yet that was the argument advanced at the last general election.

Mr. Turfitt declared that the government was taxing the farmers and consumers all over the country to enable milling concerns to pay large dividends. The debate was adjourned by Mr. Thomas McNutt. It will be resumed on Wednesday, when the resolution will be taken to a vote.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

The following contributions have been received: Monthly—W. W. Bruce, \$5.00; Mrs. J. Morris Robinson (6 mos.), \$12; S. A. Thomas, \$8; H. W. Emerson (3 mos.), \$20; J. A. Gillen, \$1; Edgar Pairsather (3 mos.), \$15; Miss G. A. Davidson (3 mos.), \$4; C. S. Kierstead (3 mos.), \$3; D. S. Betts, \$1; Rev. B. A. Armstrong, \$5; C. B. Allan, \$10; W. Galley, \$1; Mrs. Pierce, \$25; Rev. W. Queen, \$2; P. E. Flewelling, \$1; Geo. E. Day (2 mos.), \$4; James H. Doody, \$3; C. W. Brown, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Smith, Brooklyn, U. S. A., per A. O. Skinner, \$5.

Enjoyable Musicals.
A very enjoyable musical evening was spent at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Davis, Wentworth Hall, last night. The choir of the former Leinster street Baptist church met there with their organist, Miss Beatrix Price. For the past eight years Miss Price has been with the Leinster street Baptist church in the capacity of organist, and more recently has been choir leader as well. She has most efficiently filled both these positions, as has been shown by the very high class of music she has provided, thereby adding greatly to the attractiveness of the services. After spending the evening in the singing of anthems, quartets and solos, the guests repaired to the dining room for refreshments. The very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

afternoon B and C Companies went for a route march. Today A and B Companies will be out all day on a route march.

A Novelty Shower.
A number of the friends of Miss Beattie Burchill tendered her a novelty shower at the home of Mrs. George Swanton last night in honor of a very pleasant coming event. The evening was spent in music and dancing and the gathering broke up about midnight.

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Cut Out the Coupon Now

BULGARIA

Berlin Says Town C Russian Black S Turkish Coast Batt

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 14.—A semi-official day concerning the recent activities of the Russian troops in Bulgaria. Wednesday and Thursday several vessels Turkish coast batteries near Vitezah, between Constantinople and Trebizond, reducing four Turkish batteries to Turkish sailing ship with a crew of 25 men and "Friday ships which were supporting an off Russian troops, destroyed two stone and four w

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Canadian parliament. The Senate, he asserted, was a court for rich men and he was of the opinion that if divorces were to be granted, all Canadians should enjoy equal rights.

Mr. Doherty replied that prior to the establishment of divorce courts in England there was no law, except that marriage was indissoluble. For this reason a special act of parliament was necessary to dissolve a marriage.

No Great Demand For Change

There was no pressing demand on the part of a large portion of the population of Canada looking towards action of the kind desired by Mr. Northrup, continued the minister. It must also be remembered that this was a war season. The Minister of Justice said he would be glad if an end were put to divorce for all time, but this parliament could not take such action. Neither did he consider it desirable that this house should pass a resolution reflecting on the Senate by declaring that its procedure in divorce cases was unsatisfactory.

Mr. D. D. MacKenzie, of North Cape Breton, said there was divorce in Canada, so the fact might as well be recognized. He thought that jurisdiction to try divorce cases should be given to the Supreme Courts of the different provinces, or it could be given to the Exchequer Court. He favored the motion.

Mr. Theobald, of South Lunenburg, said that the appointment of a sub-committee of the Commons Private Bills Committee to sit on the Senate Divorce Committee was a step in the right direction. He believed that the authority to try divorce cases should be transferred from parliament to the law courts.

Hon. C. J. Doherty said that Mr. Northrup had made it clear that his motion he did not ask any addition to the grounds upon which divorce was not granted. The motion of the member for East Hastings did not ask for the transference of jurisdiction in divorce cases to the courts, or the creation of any special court. The Minister of Justice read the motion as calling for the substitution of some new procedure for the method now in use. However, much of Mr. Northrup's argument indicated that he favored the substitution of the courts for parliament in the transference of jurisdiction, such courts were established. It would be necessary to provide a substantive law, defining when a man was entitled to a divorce. In Quebec the only legal enactment on the subject was the declaration in the code that marriage was indissoluble, except by death. In face of that declaration, a divorce court would be powerless. In Ontario there was no law on the subject.

Mr. Northrup argued that if parliament empowered the Ontario Supreme Court to try divorce cases, that tribunal would be able to proceed to grant divorces on such grounds as appeared to it proper. Parliament granted divorces in practice only on one ground, but it could grant divorces on other grounds if it saw fit.

Mr. Northrup, in concluding the debate, said it was an extraordinary state of affairs when the Minister of Justice, speaking for the government, objected to doing something to remedy what he admitted was wrong because he was afraid of reflecting on the Upper House. The present resolution said nothing about the Senate, or the establishment of divorce courts even, but it opened the way at least to a reform which would obviate the necessity of advertising divorce applications for six months in the Canadian Gazette and of summoning witnesses to Ottawa to find that the Senate Divorce Committee had adjourned for a week. He also thought the criminal code should be amended to stop the disgraceful lobbying which constantly went on, as every member of the House was aware, and in this connection told the tale of a certain woman who, after obtaining her divorce on a close vote, held a levee in favor of the Senate and was congratulated by the Senators in turn.

Motion Lost.

The resolution was then put to the House in the expectation that it would be declared lost, but so many voices shouted "aye" that a vote was taken, the members filing in from the corridors with surprise written on their faces. The resolution was declared lost by only 15 votes, 24 for and 39 against. Those who voted for it on

the government side were: Messrs. Northrup, Morphy, Theobald, Edwards, Nickle, Porter, A. A. MacLean and Morrison. Liberals who supported the resolution were: Messrs. Pugsley, Graham, Bickerdike, Oliver, MacDonald, MacKenzie, Turritt, Carvell, McNutt, Pardo, Buchanan, White of Victoria, Copp, McCraney and Kay.

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GERMANY WANTS CONTROL OF NICARAGUA CANAL

Washington, Feb. 14.—That Germany had offered Nicaragua a larger sum than the United States for an option on the Nicaragua Canal route was urged in the senate today as an argument for early ratification of the pending treaty.

PREMIER ABLE TO ATTEND GOV'T MEETING AT CAPITAL TODAY

Postponement of Opening of Legislature Will Be Unnecessary as Hon. Mr. Clarke Has Almost Completely Recovered.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Feb. 14.—With the 26th Battery sure to be in Fredericton until after Feb. 24th, the date set for the opening, it is beyond the knowledge of anybody here why the military authorities are planning to dispense with the firing of the customary artillery salute in connection with the ceremonies at the formal opening of the session of the Legislature. It is believed that when the orders were issued cutting out the salute it was expected that the 26th Battery would be away from here before the 24th. Since then it has been definitely settled that the Cape Breton Battery will still be here on the 24th and it would not be surprising if new orders were issued providing for an artillery salute as usual.

Premier Clarke has recovered so rapidly from his recent illness that he will be able to attend the meeting of the Provincial Government which is to open here tomorrow.

The Premier pleasantly surprised his friends by his speedy recovery. He has sent word here that he is feeling about as well as ever again and will be here tomorrow for the meeting of the executive council. He also says that it will be unnecessary to postpone the opening of the Legislature on his account and the session will thus be opened on the original date, February 24th.

GIRLS! MOISTEN A CLOTH AND DRAW IT THROUGH HAIR

It becomes beautifully soft, wavy, abundant and glossy at once.

Save your hair! All dandruff goes and hair stops coming out.

Surely try a "Danderrine Hair Cleanser" if you wish to immediately double the beauty of your hair. Just moisten a cloth with Danderrine and draw it carefully through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; this will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or any excessive oil—a few minutes you will be amazed. Your hair will be wavy, fluffy and abundant and possess an incomparable softness, lustre and luxuriance.

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You can surely have pretty, soft, lustrous hair, and lots of it, if you will just get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderrine from any drug store or toilet counter and try it as directed. Save your hair! Keep it looking charming and beautiful. You will say this was the best 25 cents you ever spent.

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That is the kind of enthusiasm Dr. Chase's medicines arouse and that is why they are so generally known and used today. People who are cured tell their friends and neighbors, and so the word is passed along.

From the limits of Dr. Chase's practice at Ann Arbor, Mich., the good news of these medicines travelled until they are known the world over and considered indispensable in many thousands of homes.

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PRINCE HENRY TAKES SECOND IN MILE RUN

London, Feb. 14.—Prince Henry, third son of King George, ran fourth today in the annual junior mile race at Eton. His time was four minutes, fifty-four seconds.

The winner was a young school boy named Rice. The race was a most strenuous one owing to wind and rain.

1,700 TORONTO 'VARSITY MEN IN KHARKI

Toronto, Feb. 14.—President Falconer of Toronto University, in his annual report, states that at the end of the academic year last year there were 71 members of the staff and 668 graduates and 484 undergraduates, a total of 1,173 on active service. The total has now risen to 1,700.

GOL. HOUSE IN LONDON FOR THE WEEK-END

London, Feb. 14.—Colonel E. M. Henderson, President Wilson's personal representative, spent the week-end in London, meeting various prominent personages, among whom was at least one cabinet minister.

YOUNG SOLDIER FROM THE NORTH SHORE DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Harcourt, Feb. 13.—The news of the death of Private Gordon Morton of West Branch was heard with the deepest regret on Thursday. The young man had been enjoying a few days at his home and had started on his return to join his unit at Sussex, not feeling well he was persuaded to return home. Pneumonia set in and in a few days he had passed away. He was a son of Mr. John Morton of West Branch. Interment was made on Saturday, service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Cruise. A number of his fellow soldiers were in attendance to show their respect and sympathy for one whom they all loved and who will be sadly missed in their camp life.

"He is Always Telling Others About Them"

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FIRST CASE IN P.E.I. UNDER PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENTS

Six Months Imprisonment for "Subsequent Offence"—Changes Simplify and Expedite Procedure.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 14, 9.15 p. m.—The first case tried under new amendments of prohibition act came up today in stipendiary magistrate's court when George Offer was sentenced to six months imprisonment for what is known as subsequent offense. Ever since the act came into force every third offense proved against a man was punishable with six months imprisonment without the option of a fine. Before amendments came into force it was necessary in making out information and summons to set forth in these documents particulars of all previous convictions with dates.

Under the amendments all that is required is to state that it was a "subsequent offence" in cases when the violator had previously been convicted of two previous offenses.

These amendments are intended to simplify and expedite procedure.

JUDGE LANDRY LEAVES FOR HOME TOMORROW

Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 14.—The fancy dress carnival in the Dorchester rink this evening was well patronized and a pronounced success. About 200 skaters appeared on the ice, about 100 being in costume. The Dorchester band was in attendance and the judges were Mrs. S. H. Gotson, Nell L. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Crossman. The prize winners were: Combination, "The Kaiser and his wife," Miss Mary Ouellette, Miss Lucile LeBlanc; ladies' prize, "Neutrality," Miss Alice Landry; gent's prize, "A Hunter Bold," Robt. Sinclair; boys' prize, "The Cabbage Patch," Harry Teasdale; girls' prize, "A Soldier girl in khaki; enlist now," Miss May Richard.

The carnival will net the directors about \$50.00. Word has been received here that Mr. Justice Landry will leave Baltimore, Maryland, on Wednesday for his home in Dorchester, much improved in health.

SKIN? ON FIRE!

Those burning, smarting, itching pains which accompany eczema and skin rashes, stop very quickly if you apply Zam-Buk. The soothing, herbal essence of this wonderful balm, bathes and cools the burning skin, kills the disease germs, ends the pain, and produces a delightful feeling of relief. At the same time the process of healing goes on, and very quickly the skin disease is ended.

Sometimes baby has rashes which cause itching, and give rise to hours of worry and trouble to the mother. Same remedy—Zam-Buk. For all skin diseases and for Piles. Druggists and stores everywhere, 50c. box. See full name.

The Easiest Way To End Dandruff

There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely and that is to dissolve it. This destroys it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive, and four ounces is all you will need. This simple remedy has never been known to fail.

GOOD HEALTH

With good health at your back you can do anything. If you are troubled with Headaches, Dizziness, Biliousness and indigestion, you can't expect to accomplish much.

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That "True Blood Purifier" has been proved, during the last fifty years, to be the one best remedy for those diseases.

SAGE TEA KEEPS YOUR HAIR DARK

When Mixed with Sulphur It Brings Back Its Lustre and Abundance.

Gray hair, however handsome, denotes advancing age. We all know the advantages of a youthful appearance. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray and looks dry, wispy and straggly, just a few applications of Sage Tea and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundred-fold.

Don't stay gray! Look young! Either prepare the tonic at home or get from any drug store a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." Thousands of folks re commend this ready-to-use preparation, because it darkens the hair beautifully and removes dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair; besides, no one can possibly tell, as it darkens so naturally and evenly. You moisten a sponge or soft brush with it, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, its natural color is restored and it becomes thick, glossy and lustrous, and you appear years younger.

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OUR COMPETITIONS For Boys and Girls

Splendid Prizes

A "Sum" Contest

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

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

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Can You Draw a Teapot?

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

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

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

STANDARD COMPETITION For Boys and Girls

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

will be held in FREDERICTON, February 28th to March 2nd, inclusive. Thursday, March 2nd, will be Livestock Day and will be spent at the Experimental Farm. The work of the day will be under the direction of Prof. Barton, of Macdonald College.

Delegates attending the Convention will ask for Standard Certificates over the I. C. R., and C. P. R.

FUNERALS.

Miss Margaret Amos.

Newcastle, Feb. 13.—The funeral of Miss Margaret Amos, who died at the residence of her brother, Malcolm Amos at Lower Derby, Thursday, was held Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. M. S. Richardson of Newcastle, interment in Lower Derby Baptist cemetery. The pall bearers were Lorne Dawson, Robert Taylor, Thomas Hutchinson, Geo. Amos, Silas Russell and Amos Russell. Deceased was 77 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine Amos of Lower Derby, and was a member of Lower Derby Baptist church and highly respected. The surviving brothers and sisters are: John Amos, of Bryerton, Malcolm Amos, Lower Derby, Mrs. Sarah Fowler, Newcastle, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Bryerton, and Mrs. Annie Clouston, Lower Derby.

The body of Miss Elizabeth Connolly was taken from the Master Ministerial home at six o'clock yesterday morning to Fredericton where interment will take place. Rev. F. J. Murray accompanied the body.

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN IN ST. DAVID'S HALL

A Night in Old Kentucky proved delightful treat for large audience.

An audience of about five hundred people greatly enjoyed the entertainment given in St. David's church school room last night. The entertainment, which was known as "A Night in Old Kentucky," was under the auspices of the Young People's Association of the church, and was in every manner a huge success. Miss Sophie Lawson was in charge of the entertainment, and those taking part in the programme were attired in the old Southern costumes, and with their faces blackened, a happy scene on the old plantation was vividly portrayed. In addition to selections by a banjo quartette, and accordion selections, the following programme was successfully carried through:

Chorus—"Dixie Land," by the company.

Song—"Rosebud Babe," Miss Tupper.

Quartet—"Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party," Miss Rose, Miss Lindy, Uncle Sam, Uncle Moses.

Recitation and song—"Lullaby," Lil Niga, Aunt Liza Snow.

Song—"Don't You Hear Me Callin' Carolina?" Miss Marjoid.

Banjo selection.

Reading—"The Colored Band," Miss Blossom.

Song—"I'll Make That Black Gal Mine," Miss Suse from Onatobog.

Quartet—"De Coppoh Moon," Miss Caroline, Miss Linda, Miss Tilda, Miss Lince.

Song—"Nellie Grey," Uncle Joe.

Solo with chorus—"Old Black Joe," Uncle Sam.

Song, Medley—Mr. Diggs.

Chorus—Swanee River, Caroline and company.

Solo and chorus—"My Old Kentucky Home," Marjoid and company.

Tableau—"A Deserted Plantation," Uncle Joe.

God Save the King

THE ONLY CURE FOR A WEAK STOMACH

Indigestion and Similar Troubles Must be Treated Through the Blood

Indigestion can be treated in many ways, but it can only be cured in one way—through the blood. Purgatives cannot cure indigestion. By making the food move on the food still indigestible. That weakens the whole system, uses up the natural juices and leaves the stomach and bowels parched and sore. It is actually a cause of indigestion—not a cure. Other try pre-digested foods and peptonized drugs. But drugs which digest the food for the stomach really weaken its power and makes the trouble chronic. The digestive organs can never do the work properly until they are strong enough to do it themselves. Nothing can give the stomach that power but the new, rich, red blood so abundantly supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. So the reason for the success of this medicine is plain. Nothing can stimulate the glands and nothing can absorb the nourishment from the food but pure red blood. And Dr. Williams' Pink Pills surpass all other medicines in giving that new, rich blood. Miss B. E. Johnson, Hamford, N. S., says: "For months I was great sufferer from indigestion; food of any kind was distasteful to me, and after eating I would suffer much. Naturally I grew weak and was but a shadow of my former self. It was taking a doctor's prescription, but it did not help me in the least. Then I read of a case similar to my own cured through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try this medicine. By the time I had taken six boxes the trouble had entirely disappeared, and I could eat heartily of all kinds of food. More than this I found my general health greatly improved through the use of the Pills. I can therefore strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a cure for indigestion.

You can get these Pills through any dealer in medicine or, by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

STANDARD MAN "INTERVIEWS"

HIS FORMER "BOSS" IN PARIS

Meeting between Colin McKay and Lieutenant J. Edgar March—A tall tale of adventures in the trenches and elsewhere—Some "yarn" whether truth or fiction.

Away back in the "before-the-war" days Colin McKay was a valued member of this newspaper, and one John Edgar March, known to his office associates as "Cupid" was city editor and "bossed" McKay around. Now of course anyone who has read magazine stories of newspaper life will realize at once that the "city editor" is the one big grievance in the life of the average reporter. McKay, however, was far above the average, and consequently he and March became fast friends.

After the war clouds broke these men felt the desire to be of service to their country. March, a sports man with a bent for military matters, enlisted, passed the necessary examinations and went to France as a lieutenant with the "Fighting 26th." He has had his share of adventure, been wounded, suffered from fever and generally passed through more experience than usually comes to a man of his years. "Mack," on the other hand did not know one end of a rifle from another, but he could swim, could when occasion demanded it roll robust round oaths with the grace and nonchalance of an old salt, and had spent much of his sweet youth at sea. Moreover, he was a competent navigator, knew the stars by their first names, could classify every chance, like all good newspaper men, a what-ever-it-is that no one but a sailor ever wants to tie, and held a certificate guaranteeing that he could steer anything from a raft to a man-of-war.

McKay wrote the story and the information contained in it is supposed to have been furnished by Lieut. March. It is only fair to our readers to say, however, that in this story there exists a great doubt as to whether Mr. March ever did the things credited to him. It does not sound like him, but it does sound very much like some of the charming short stories Mr. McKay was accustomed to dispose of at high prices to sundry American magazines in the days "before the war." However here is the story, take it for what it is worth:

Strating the Germans.

"Straating the Germans with rifle grenades is some sport, believe me," said the bombing officer of the 26th. "Sometimes I've spent the best part of the night sending rifle grenades into the Germans. You take some trouble and some risk in the day time getting a grenade rifle fixed at the right range; then during the night at intervals you shoot off grenades as fast as you can load and fire. I don't know if I ever killed a German. But often I heard a bell ringing behind their lines; the ringing of the bell meant stretcher bearers were wanted. It has a pleasant sound when your blood is up. Any way, even if you don't kill any of the buggars you keep them worrying.

"The Germans are certainly clever fighters, and they can do some stunts on their own account. The first Canadian duty is certainly an adventure. When you are told you have to go over the parapet at a certain hour of the night—well, I guess the most of us are some nervous during the intervening time. As the appointed time approaches you have some sensations and your knees get a bit wobbly. But once you get over the parapet and start crawling into the mystery of No-Man's Land, all you think of is doing your job as well as it can be done. When the flares go up, or bullets pass, ping, ping, right over you, you flop flat—maybe into mud, foul with stench of rotten carcasses. No matter, it's all in the night's work. . . .

"Once I was out with some of the boys, covering a reconnaissance party. We were crawling cautiously along when I suddenly saw a dart of flame from a little rifle hardly 20 feet in front of me. I hugged the earth. Then I saw the head and shoulders of a German sniper. He didn't see us, and we lay there. It was out of the question to try to crawl up to him, and do him the quiet. Marvel, he hadn't seen us. And we weren't shoot him. A flash of flame from one direction and the Germans they're very watchful—would have been quartering the ground with machine guns, and getting the reconnaissance party, as well as us. So I lay there, watching that chap sniping away at long intervals at something beyond us. At times he was so accurate but mostly I was quite composed. . . .

"The Germans have some fine machine guns, and they know how to place and use them. Now and then

they'll loose off and rake your pants, churning off the tops of the sand bags. When one gun stops another will begin, taking up the raking game where the other stopped. Apparently each gun has an arc of fire, covering connected portions of the parapet. A machine gun makes a sound as if you were knocking rapidly on wood. . . .

War Is

"The Germans are as clever as they are unscrupulous—no doubt about it. We can beat them right enough, but unless the navy is permitted to starve them—out of their supplies of food or war material or both—it's going to be a long job.

"What do I think of war, anyway? Well, it's sure some hell. I've seen some awful sights. Shell fire, bombs, make mangled horrors of men. Often I think that if I get back home and talk about what I've seen, they'll think I'm a liar. And I've only seen a little of this war. But when you've seen the havoc the Huns have wrought—the ruins of peaceful towns and villages, the men and women crazed by horror, the little girls who have been outraged—then your blood boils, and you . . .

"No, I can't say I really hate the Germans—that is ordinarily. One does not hate mad hearts. He only has a desire to exterminate them. After that affair of Oct. 18th, when we lost over 100 men in an hour or two, we had a rather personal grievance against the Germans—a fierce desire for revenge. That day I saw men horribly mutilated—it was sickening and maddening. That night our men would have gone over the parapets and charged the Germans, reckless of consequences; and if we had got into their trenches . . .

"It's an awful feeling—that you have when you have seen your dead and wounded horribly mutilated. You go wild. . . .

"One thing the 26th has done; it has buried all its dead, except Sergt. Oester. We know he was dead, but his body disappeared. The Germans took it."

The Spirit of the 26th.

"In the midst of a bombardment, with shells screaming all around, I've seen our men joking and joking, playing cards, having a furious argument over something of not the least importance. It's surprising. Men get used to anything. Even a bombardment becomes a bore, after the reaction sets in—you become an amazing sort of fatalist. Still it's an experience that you don't feel the need of more than once, and you can't blame a man for getting nervous prostration.

"Being a bombing officer is a rather engrossing job. If the engineers are going to do anything they usually want some bombers handy. If the infantry have a job in hand, it's up to some of the bombers to go along with them usually. When a German bomb or shell of any kind comes into the trench and doesn't burst there's a doubt for the bombing officer. Every body gives it a wide berth till the bombing officer comes along. It's up to him to render it harmless unless it blows him up. That's a rather exciting job.

"Once I was standing with a whiz-bang in one hand and a sausage bomb in the other, wondering which would go off first. I thought I had that part of the trench to myself when up comes the brigadier. And what started me there? Yes, he I told him, thinking he would tell me to throw them out of the trench. He said: 'Take them to pieces, and send me a written report on them as soon as possible.

"And I guess that's about as good as you please, as if ordering a man to experiment with whiz-bangs was the most matter of fact thing in the world. The sausage bomb didn't bother me; I'd seen a few of them before and knew what to do with it. But the whiz-bang got my goat; it was a new one on me. Heard and read about it in course of instruction; but that didn't seem to help me much. Just then I started to uncrew the cap—the I thought: if I take another turn the thing may wake up; and a whiz-bang makes a mess of a man—not to say a trench. Well, by some strange chance an artillery sergeant came along just then. 'Here, Sergeant,' says I, 'take this to your captain and tell him the brigadier wants it taken to pieces, and a report sent to him at once.'

"The sergeant took the whiz-bang, looked at it for a few moments, then tucked it under his arm and went off. Believe me, I took some breaths of relief.

Trench Warfare Monotonous.

"On the whole this trench warfare is a bit monotonous; but you have to do various stunts that give you more than a bit of excitement. Going out on patrol duty is certainly an adventure. When you are told you have to go over the parapet at a certain hour of the night—well, I guess the most of us are some nervous during the intervening time. As the appointed time approaches you have some sensations and your knees get a bit wobbly. But once you get over the parapet and start crawling into the mystery of No-Man's Land, all you think of is doing your job as well as it can be done. When the flares go up, or bullets pass, ping, ping, right over you, you flop flat—maybe into mud, foul with stench of rotten carcasses. No matter, it's all in the night's work. . . .

"Once I was out with some of the boys, covering a reconnaissance party. We were crawling cautiously along when I suddenly saw a dart of flame from a little rifle hardly 20 feet in front of me. I hugged the earth. Then I saw the head and shoulders of a German sniper. He didn't see us, and we lay there. It was out of the question to try to crawl up to him, and do him the quiet. Marvel, he hadn't seen us. And we weren't shoot him. A flash of flame from one direction and the Germans they're very watchful—would have been quartering the ground with machine guns, and getting the reconnaissance party, as well as us. So I lay there, watching that chap sniping away at long intervals at something beyond us. At times he was so accurate but mostly I was quite composed. . . .

"The Germans have some fine machine guns, and they know how to place and use them. Now and then

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The West Side Protections, J. V. Russell, commissioner of wharves and public lands, announced last night that the fence surrounding the west side wharves has been completed and that the gates would be placed today. This fence is eight feet high and owing to it, and a very large number of guards, access to the wharves and sheds is practically impossible except for those who hold a pass; and those who have passes will be forced to show them to the sentries each time they pass in or out. Sgt. Kilpatrick is in charge of the city guards.

Belgium, Then and Now

Do not forget the trip through Belgium, conducted by Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, at St. David's hall tonight. The proceeds are for patriotic purposes and the lecture is well worth more than the price of admission.

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Indigestion and Similar Troubles Must be Treated Through the Blood

Indigestion can be treated in many ways, but it can only be cured in one way—through the blood. Purgatives cannot cure indigestion. By making the food move on the food still indigestible. That weakens the whole system, uses up the natural juices and leaves the stomach and bowels parched and sore. It is actually a cause of indigestion—not a cure. Other try pre-digested foods and peptonized drugs. But drugs which digest the food for the stomach really weaken its power and makes the trouble chronic. The digestive organs can never do the work properly until they are strong enough to do it themselves. Nothing can give the stomach that power but the new, rich, red blood so abundantly supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. So the reason for the success of this medicine is plain. Nothing can stimulate the glands and nothing can absorb the nourishment from the food but pure red blood. And Dr. Williams' Pink Pills surpass all other medicines in giving that new, rich blood. Miss B. E. Johnson, Hamford, N. S., says: "For months I was great sufferer from indigestion; food of any kind was distasteful to me, and after eating I would suffer much. Naturally I grew weak and was but a shadow of my former self. It was taking a doctor's prescription, but it did not help me in the least. Then I read of a case similar to my own cured through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try this medicine. By the time I had taken six boxes the trouble had entirely disappeared, and I could eat heartily of all kinds of food. More than this I found my general health greatly improved through the use of the Pills. I can therefore strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a cure for indigestion.

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around more shells than the Germans—that keeps 'em quiet for a day or so. Still, when the German artillery is doing a lot of strutting, it's not exactly pleasant either in the fire or support trenches. The 26th has been shelled by the German 8.2 howitzers—It's some experience. Once when they were doing the job of a rather thorough trencher, we were in the support trenches. A regular hail of shells were dropping within twenty yards of us. When they burst they made some noise. The concussion was like being kicked violently in the stomach. The explosion rocked the land like an earthquake. Shaken from the parapets, sand bags tumbled on men; showers of earth fell over us.

"It's not a pleasant experience, being under shell fire. Scared! I've been so paralyzed with fright that I've noticed with surprise that I was 'carrying on' as cool as a cucumber. More than once I've thought my knees were knocking together and making a holy show of me; but it was only the nerves jumping about a bit. If you've got any nerves at all they're bound to jump—the concussion is bound to affect you.

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STAGE AND SCREEN. In "The Explorer" at the Imperial yesterday we are first in London and then taken to the heart of darkest Africa.

There are two excellent pictures of Geraldine Farrar in the February Green Book. One shows her as we saw her in the role of Carmen; the other is a portrait study in which she holds a large feather fan.

John T. Kelly, whose contract expired the first of January, has been re-engaged by the Vitagraph Company. He will be featured in a series of pictures taken from the George McManus stories entitled "Bringing Up Father."

William DeMille says that there were, roughly speaking, 2,900,000 paid admissions to the moving picture theatres in 1915. That is an average attendance of twenty-nine times for every man, woman and child in the country.

Daniel Gilfether, the venerable actor, who plays Circle Jim Borden in the Red Circle, has carried an insurance policy for over fifty years. When asked lately as to his health and if he were still able to work, he referred to the insurance Co. and to the first two installments of the Red Circle.

At St. Catharines, Ont., a new picture house was recently opened called The King George. The local daughters of the Empire were given a handsome sum from the proceeds of Red Cross work.

Neva Gerber, who has appeared principally in light roles, is showing what she can do in an emotional part in an American feature now being produced at Pasadena.

Boody, a New York photographer, has asked permission to make a series of Helen Weir of the Lubin Company for an exhibition.

Miss Margie Adams, the popular leading lady of the Young-Adams Company, at the Opera House, is going to hold another popular reception on Wednesday afternoon, on the stage immediately after the play. Ice cream and cake will be served.

A good story comes from England about the Kalem Comedies. A wounded returned soldier robbed of his speech by a gas bomb, attended a moving picture theatre.

The Mutual Weekly yesterday, also at the Unique, is unusually good. Views were shown of those swimming enthusiasts who take a dip in the ocean in mid winter, of a ship that had been given up for lost, being towed into San Francisco, of the envoy from Chile who has recently resigned his post at Washington of the Film Manufacturers gathered at Washington to oppose the censorship bill.

"Sammy's Scandalous Schemes," a screaming success, smiles in every scene. Sammy Burns as an impersonator of his famous cousin Charlie Chaplin, is at the Unique today and tomorrow.

Evidently it is not only the girls who talk. The following was handed to me for insertion in this column: During the concert a man who really appreciated music for its own sake was greatly annoyed by a young fop in front of him who kept on talking to the girl at his side.

The lecture on Belgium this evening should be well attended, both for the sake of the cause and because we will hear of a tour through the land and see splendid pictures. It is in St. David's lecture hall, and given by Mrs. E. Atherton Smith.

William Russell and Charlotte Burton are both playing in "The Diamond from the Sky."

Dorothy Davenport comes of a theatrical family. Her father was the noted comedian Harry Davenport, and her mother, Alice Davenport, was a celebrated actress.

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were played with force and just the right amount of emotional power, never at any time overdone nor too much of what one might term strong acting, with plenty of light and shade, a good part well played.

Of the remainder of the company, Hazel Stevenson as "Agnes Hammond" and Artie McFleck as the "Doctor" were perhaps the best, although the company as a whole did so well it would be hard to praise or criticize any one individual.

The scenic effects were pretty and gave good atmosphere to the play and a word must be said in praise of the handsome gowns worn by the ladies, particularly the pink frock which Miss Adams wore in the second act.

ALICE FAIRWEATHER. SAMMY BURNS IMPERSONATES CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "SAMMY'S SCANDALOUS SCHEMES" AT THE UNIQUE.

Since Charlie Chaplin became famous in the amusement world as Harry Lander or any of the other well known legitimate stars, many impersonators of the comedian have come before the public, possibly in an effort to kneel Chaplin from his pedestal of popularity.

Henry Clay Barnabee. Master of Mirth is the title given to Henry Clay Barnabee, known in Europe as one of the most active singers of opera roles of his time.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. J. L. Chisholm, Truro, N. S.; A. C. Smith, Fredericton; Roy Little, York Mills; P. T. Lister, McAdam, Jct.; R. C. Mitchell, W. P. Madam, Toronto; F. G. Rainie, Sackville; M. M. Coyne, Toronto; E. F. McGrattan, St. George; E. Crandill, Vancouver; O. G. Reynolds, Boston; I. W. Woods, Weirford; G. W. Gibbs, Fredericton; A. J. Laflamme, Montreal; L. McCoy, A. McGill, Toronto; J. C. Jones, Pettaquamscutt; N. E. Sharpe, Picton; J. E. Humphrey, Pettaquamscutt; M. E. Gattelus, Brownville; J. C. Drew, Yarmouth; C. B. Stevens, St. Coates, Amherst; T. Townsend, River Glade; S. C. Steele, Ottawa; O. W. Hobbler, Halifax.

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Canadian Prima Donna MME. CHOISEUL Member of MONTREAL OPERA CO. Lou-Tellegen - Geraldine Farrar's New Husband - in His Great Success "The Explorer" at the Imperial. Big, Powerful Lasky Play Presenting Another Noted Player.

SOUTH AMERICAN TRAVELOGUES No. 8. Tour the City of Santiago, Chile. Finest Markets in the World. Flower Stand in Santiago. In the native quarter. Indian mother and child. Half-breed native children. Society reviews its heroes. Automobile fire apparatus. Amateur firemen remarkably skilful. Next week we visit Valparaiso. PATHE'S FAMOUS WEEKLY War News, Fashion Revue and a Dozen Subjects of Wider International Interest.

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Reports of Chamberlain and Comptroller Show that Civic Finances are in Good Condition

Taxes are Well Paid and City Has Lived Within its Income During the Past Year—Substantial Reduction in Bonded Debt—Comparison of City's Assets and Liabilities Show Credit Balance of Almost Two and One Half Million Dollars.

The City Council met at noon yesterday and heard the report of the Chamberlain and Comptroller. The Chamberlain said that no city in Canada that he knew of could make the showing which St. John had made this year. The city had lived within its income and only one-half of one per cent. of the warrant had been collected. The bonded debt was decreased by \$172,000, and is now less than \$5,000,000. The total assets of the city are placed at \$7,421,288.98, and liabilities at \$4,976,841.40, leaving a balance of \$2,444,447.58 to the credit of the city.

Chamberlain's Report

I have the honor of presenting a statement of the city's accounts for the year ending December 31, 1915. Bonds amounting to \$450,000.00 matured. As some of the sinking funds were not sufficient to retire this amount, it was necessary to release for the difference, viz.—\$250,000.00, which was sold to our citizens, the rate being five per cent., and the price par. The bonds maturing were issued previous to union, and the shortage was as follows:—Water, six per cent., \$110,000; sewerage, six per cent.; sewerage, five per cent.; sewerage, four per cent., \$100,000; market, \$70,000. Total \$280,000. This amount with \$50,000 for water construction, Adelaide road, constitute the amount issued in year 1915.

It is gratifying to note that our debt is now below \$5,000,000, and it is possible, it should remain there until more prosperous times. The net decrease in our interest payable account for year 1916, without any further issue of debentures will be \$7,005.30. Bonds amounting to \$29,440 will mature in year 1916, and will be paid from sinking funds. Our sinking funds have been kept up to the mark. Our aim is to invest in securities of only the highest standing. We have at present in our sinking funds—Bonds invested, \$1,013,295.11. Bank of Nova Scotia investment account, \$68,976.68. Total, \$1,082,271.79.

A letter was received from Messrs. Weldon & McLean for the lessees of the property of Mrs. Mary E. Hollis on which the stone crusher is placed, asking for the removal of same. This was referred to the Commissioner of Public Safety. Commissioner McLean moved for a bill to empower the city to condemn buildings unfit for habitation and send the inmates to the Municipal Home. The bill was approved.

Expenditures—The expenditure by the city during the year 1915 received my very closest attention, and in no case did any department exceed its appropriation, except by overdraft ordered. Appropriations, year 1915, amount expended—Fire department and salvage corps, \$77,502.62; police department, \$59,090.15; lamp department, \$32,254.16; street department, \$115,922.64; ferry department, \$50,735.71; fire hydrants, \$5,991.22; sewer maintenance, \$11,082.63; exhibition buildings, including balance from year 1914, \$1,186.23. Total \$382,645.57.

Com. Potts presented a bill for the legislature to give the city power to expropriate land for city purposes, to expropriate land as sites for workmen's dwellings, to issue bonds for the erection of such buildings to be paid for by purchasers by a fifteen per cent. deposit and balance in monthly payments, with interest at six per cent. The bill was ordered advertised, subject to later discussion for approval.

Assets and Liabilities
Statement of assets and liabilities, City of Saint John, N. B., 31st December, 1915:

Assets	
Real Estate	\$3,217,775.00
Water Plant	2,093,941.65
Sewerage Plant	496,418.87
Sundry Plant	261,185.92
Rentals and Water Agreements Past Due	3,864.65
Deferred Assessment	14,867.62
Sundry Accounts	14,228.74
Overdrafts C. C.	36,847.47
Due from Construction Accounts	12,887.25
Bonds Investments for Sinking Funds	\$1,013,295.11
Bank of Nova Scotia Sinking Funds	58,976.68
Bank of Nova Scotia General	1,072,271.79
Cash on Hand 31st Dec, 1915	43,932.80
Uncollected Taxes and Water Rates—	1,166.44
Uncollectable provided for	\$4,000.00
Less paid on Account	11,911.22
	52,608.78
	\$7,421,288.98
Liabilities	
Debentures Outstanding	\$4,928,370.51
Debenture Coupons for Interest, not presented	4,121.44
Due Construction Accounts	36,423.27
Street Permits	1,180.00
Deposits on Contract	232.97
Sundry Accounts	663.05
County Surplus Collections	6,650.16
	4,976,841.40
Excess Assets over Liabilities	\$2,444,447.58

Comptroller's Report

I have the honor to present my annual report upon the accounts and finances of the city for the year ending December 31, 1915. Surplus—The year was completed with a surplus of \$41,584.45. By order

WILSON'S "The All-Time Favorite" BACHELOR CIGAR

The cigar of quality. Made by hand from carefully selected leaf, and sold wherever cigars are sold. Clear Havana filler. Finest Sumatra wrapper. Largest sale of any high-grade cigar in Canada.

(ANDREW WILSON & CO. TORONTO)

Live Sporting News and Notes

ST. JOHNS MET FIRST DEFEAT

The St. John team met their first defeat of the season at the hands of the 115th team last evening, to the tune of 5 to 6.

LOCAL BOWLING

In the City league on Black's alleys last night the Tigers took the four points from the Specials. A peculiar thing in the match was that total scores of the first two strings for each team was a tie. The individual score of the match follows:

Specials	
Walsh	92 83 80-265 88 1-3
Scott	88 98 102-288 96
O'Connor	81 75 131-287 85 2-3
Dunham	83 91 85-264 88
Wilson	95 87 111-293 97 2-3
	444 444 509 1397
Tigers	
Lunney	91 106 95-292 97 1-3
Belyea	87 103 134-324 108
Howard	108 87 96-290 96 2-3
Coughlan	103 83 97-283 94 1-3

HON. MR. BURRELL MAY BE OUT OF HOUSE FOR REST OF SESSION

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Owing to the nervous shock and injuries sustained in the parliament building fire, from which he is but slowly recovering, it is doubtful whether Hon. Martin Burrell will be able to resume his duties this session. He will probably go south for a period of convalescence.

There Is Nothing Finer Made

In the manufacture of Red Ball Ale and Porter

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

Particular attention given to family trade and out of town orders

SIMEON JONES, LTD. Brewers

St. John, N. B.

MASTER WORKMAN

SMOKING TOBACCO

The Civil Engineer says:—"When I strike a knotty problem that calls for deep thinking, I want MASTER WORKMAN Smoking Tobacco"

This world-famous Brand can now be obtained for 15c. a cut at all the best stores.

Bringing Up Father

WHEN WE A JEWEL OF A WIFE—SHE'S A WONDERFUL COOK!
IT REMINDS ME OF WHEN YOU USED TO COOK!

I'M SORRY, MRS. JIGGS—BUT I'M GONNA QUIT—IT'S YOUR LOVE COME OUT HERE!
OH PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME—I HAVEN'T SEEN A POLICE-MAN SINCE I'VE WORKED HERE!

SHE'D PROMISED TO STAY UNTIL TONIGHT—DEAR, I WATE TO LOSE HER—
LEAVE IT TO ME—I'LL GONNA PHONE TO THE CITY!

HELLO—IS THIS POLICE HEAD QUARTERS? WELL—TELL OFFICERS CATCHER AND LAMM—I WANT THEM TO COME OUT TO MY HOUSE WHEN OFF DUTY.

GLAD TO SEE YOU—BOYS!

MR. JIGGS—'LL STAY NOW!

Don't Forget

To Call West 7 or West 81 When Needing Oats, Middlings, Bran or Hay

We have Western Oats—good quality, reasonable price.

A. C. SMITH & CO.

Union Street - West St. John

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Northern New England—Fair rising temperature Tuesday, and probably Wednesday; fresh north winds.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—The pressure is now highest over New England and the Middle States, and comparatively low over Northern Canada. The weather today has been mild, and rainy in British Columbia, fine and mild in the western provinces, and fine and decidedly cold from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	50
Vancouver	42	50
Calgary	22	54
Edmonton	24	46
Battleford	6	42
Moose Jaw	18	30
Port Arthur	24	32
Perry Sound	22	32
Toronto	7	14
Kingston	12	4
Ottawa	12	2
Montreal	12	2
St. John	8	6
Halifax	0	10

—Below zero.

Around the City

Naval Officer Suffering.
The ambulance was called to West St. John last night to convey a naval lieutenant from the steamship Sicilian to the General Public Hospital. The officer is suffering from appendicitis.

New Brigadier in Charge.
Col. McLean, the new Brigadier, has assumed charge of the district and one of his first official acts will be the inspection of the different units in the city. Yesterday he inspected "A" company of the 69th. It is expected that the new officers will be ready in a couple of days.

Missionary Institute
The meetings of the Missionary Institute in Centenary church yesterday were largely attended and the different papers much enjoyed. The lecture by Rev. George Bond on "The Roof of the World, Tibet" was very much appreciated by those who were privileged to hear it. He had some splendid views and everybody went away feeling that they had learned something about the "Hermit Nation."

"A War of Silence"
The secrecy with which the war is being conducted on the other side was shown last night on the arrival of the Sicilian. One of the passengers was Major A. V. Hill of the Imperial Army Headquarters Staff, who has been transferred to Bermuda as paymaster. When asked as to conditions on the other side and how the war was going on he said: "You know more about the real situation over there than we do in England. Very little real news is given out there and we learn more from outside sources than from the official news."

Wilfrid Gribble
IS NOW FREE MAN
Socialist orator, sentenced for sedition, released from jail yesterday.

Wilfrid Gribble, the Socialist, who some time ago was sentenced to a term of two months in jail, having been found guilty of sedition, was given his liberty yesterday afternoon and shortly after four o'clock left the big stone prison on King street east a free man.

Gribble was found guilty of referring to the King as a puppet, and stating that the "King and country bleed you." He was sentenced to jail by Justice Crockett.

About a fortnight ago officers of the Trades and Labor Congress interviewed the Prime Minister about the case and were given a favorable hearing. There was some delay in giving Gribble his release owing to the necessity of awaiting a report from the trial judge. Gribble had served over half of his term when he was freed.

ST. JOHN'S BIG SHOPPING DAY, THURSDAY FEB. 24

At a meeting of the advertising board of the retail merchants' "dollar day" committee, held last evening in the office of the Retail Merchants' Association, it was decided to hold a "big bargain dollar day" on Thursday, February 24th.

A large number of merchants are co-operating to make this the greatest shopping day in the history of St. John. Cheap fares are being arranged on the railroads and no doubt large crowds will throng the stores on that day. It is understood that the names of the merchants participating in this "dollar bargain day" will appear later in the advertising columns of the daily papers.

WHAT RETAIL MERCHANTS SAY ABOUT THOSE "SPOTTED" CASES

Letter from Secretary N. C. Cameron in reference to story published yesterday.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 14th, 1916.
To the Editor of The Standard,
Sir—An article has appeared in today's issue headed, "Trouble Brewing in Ranks of the Retail Merchants' Association." This report is misleading to a great extent. A statement was made in this article that friction existed in the grocers' section of our association. I might state that there is no friction in the grocers' section today that I am aware of. The annual meeting of this section was held in our board rooms on Thursday evening last, Feb. 10th, when the officers for the year 1916 were elected.
With reference to the employment of a detective, I may say that this is correct, the same having been done at the request of a large number of retail grocers. The wholesale grocers in the City of St. John some time ago signed a statement in writing that they would sell only to legitimate retail dealers. Since that time complaints have been made by retail dealers that certain wholesale grocers were selling to their customers. I was appealed to, and while we had strong suspicions as to who were the guilty parties, our representative was given instructions to visit every wholesale dealer in the city so as to show no partiality whatever for the purpose of purchasing household goods direct. Our representative did not misrepresent himself as instructed, by one of the wholesale grocers, and positively stated that he was a customer living in the City of St. John and was not a retailer, and had the goods delivered to his own house giving the street and number, and no goods were purchased by means of false pretences, as stated by one of the wholesalers.
I quite agree with your statement

SCHOOL BOARD DRAWS LINE ON ITS JANITORS

No Man Will be Employed in That Capacity Who Should be Wearing the King's Uniform.

At the monthly meeting of the School Board last night there were present the following:—R. B. Emerson, chairman; Dr. Bridges, Com. Russell, Thos. Nagle, Dr. Jas. Manning, Geo. E. Day, H. Green, Mrs. Dover, Mrs. Taylor, Secretary Gordon Leavitt and Trustee Officer McManis.
The application of Miss J. J. McBeath, of Charlotte County, was read and referred to the committee on teachers' applications. Miss Corbett was granted leave until Easter with full salary. The board was informed of the receipt from the city of the cheque for \$15,561.27.
The following report was read by the secretary and adopted:
No. of teaching days 21
No. of schools 182
No. of pupils enrolled 7,585
Boys 3,704; Girls 3,881
No. of pupils in average daily attendance 6,422
No. of teachers' visits 207
The trustee officer reported showed 80 irregulars—63 boys and 17 girls—and four cases of truancy. This number is not considered large owing to the epidemic of grippe.
During the month the Board of Health reported two cases of scarlet fever and three of diphtheria.
Commissioner Russell asked Dr. Bridges to make a report at the next meeting of the board as to the number of teachers eligible for superannuation.
The chairman suggested the discussion of the military training of school boys, and Dr. Manning, speaking along this line showed the practical support of teaching the boys rifle shooting, as is done in many countries, especially in Switzerland and Australia. Com. Russell then moved that the superintendent look up the Australian Act and report as to the possibility of adopting some such law in Canada. When this offer was made, it would be well to offer suggestions to the federal government.
Trustee Green told the board that applications for janitors were not and would not be considered from men who should be in uniform. All certified bills were ordered paid and the meeting adjourned.

PITIFUL CONDITIONS FOUND IN SEVERAL ST. JOHN HOMES

What an official of one of the Patriotic Societies learned yesterday under the guidance of Central Office detectives.

For some time in The Standard there have been reports that a number of houses in the city were conducted in a disgraceful manner by women whose husbands were at the front fighting for their King and Country, that it had been found necessary for those in control of the patriotic funds to take such action that these women would not receive further assistance for themselves, but in a case, where there were a number of small children in the family, the little ones were cared for.
The police officials have found matters so bad in some of these houses that the places have been raided and the culprits were dealt with in the police court. In nearly every case where the police have made a raid, they have found a great neglect of small children, and worse than the poverty displayed, these little children were obliged to live in the company of drunken men and women under most disgraceful conditions.
The stories told of such houses could hardly be believed by some of the members of the Patriotic Funds committee, and as "seeing is believing," in most cases, a prominent lady, who holds office in one of the committees requested that she be shown just what existed in some of the places referred to.
No persons have a better knowledge of these houses than the two vice detectives of the detective department, viz., Detectives Barrett and Briggs. These two officials were the first to unearth such houses, and in nearly every case where they have called officially at the houses they gave the proprietress warning and good advice. When they found the advice was not heeded, and matters were going on as bad as ever, a raid was made.
Yesterday afternoon the lady official of one of the committees, who wished to see for herself the conditions existing, was escorted to a few of the houses by Detectives Barrett and Briggs, and was astonished at the sights she witnessed.
The first house visited was in an alley off St. Patrick street, better known to the public as the little two story house where young Bramson shot Detective Frank O'Leary a few years ago. In this old dwelling there resides Mrs. Mary Mason, who, on Saturday night, was arrested for being the proprietress of a disorderly place, her 12 year old daughter, two sons who are soldiers, and another soldier named Reynolds who were taken into custody as inmates. Mrs. Whitnack found in the house was also taken into custody as an inmate. In the same house is the family of Mrs. Gay. When the officers and the lady called yesterday they found that Mrs. Gay was away from home and her mother was taking care of the three children. It was claimed that the father of the family was away from the city. The apartments were poorly furnished and the stove, around which the old woman and the children huddled to keep warm, was reported to the officers as having been given to the family only a short time ago.
The next house visited was that of

Mrs. Whitnack, near the Mason house. Mrs. Whitnack is the woman who was arrested Saturday night as an inmate of the Mason house, and like Mrs. Mason, her husband is at the front. Mrs. Whitnack's son is a soldier, and the latter's wife was found in charge of five children, whose mother is in jail. The five children in question range from six months old to ten years. It was indeed a sad sight that met the gaze of the visitors. The house is very poorly furnished. There are no coverings on the floors. The room in which the children were huddled was cold, and the living quarters consist of a kitchen and a bedroom. The one bed is apparently used for the whole family of six. When the older children were asked why they did not attend school, they answered that they did not go to school in the winter time. The condition of affairs was indeed very sad.
After leaving the Whitnack home the officers escorted the lady to other places.
In addition to the houses visited the detectives state that there are five or six other houses in the city which are also noted as resorts where conditions are almost, if not quite as bad as the ones mentioned.
After the visits to the houses the lady, who was permitted to witness the conditions, and heard the story told by the detectives, remarked that "the money that was being given by the patriotic societies for the benefit of soldiers' wives was in these cases being spent for the purpose of getting some of the soldiers who did not drink, and these cases in particular were most distressing."

SHIPPING FEDERATION OF CANADA THANKS MR. HAZEN AND HIS DEPT.

Also Appreciative of Consideration and Assistance Received During Year From Other Government Departments.

At the annual meeting of the Shipping Federation of Canada, which was held on the 9th instant, in a report which appears in the Montreal Gazette, Col. Andrew A. Allan, the president, reported that only nine vessels entered and departed with the Federation in the Canadian trade had been lost through the operations of German submarines during the past year.
In concluding his report Colonel Allan said:
"Thanks to Government.
"During the year just closed, I am pleased to state that our relations with the various Government Departments have been, as in the past, most cordial, and our hearty thanks are due to Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and to Mr. Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine, for their courteous and considerate attention to all matters we had occasion to bring to their notice.
Our thanks are also due to Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, K. C. B., Minister of Militia and Defence; to Quartermaster-General D. A. MacDonald, and Colonel J. Lyons Biggar, Director of Supplies and Transport, for their unflinching courtesy and business-like manner in dealing with the many questions that have had to be taken in hand during the past year."

Disorderly House Case.
The case of a Duke street disorderly house was gone into yesterday in the police court. A man and a young woman from the North End, who were arrested as inmates, paid the sum of fifty dollars each into the court and departed. The woman who was arrested as being the proprietress had not yet been disposed of. She is another of these soldier's wives for whose husband is in France fighting for his country, while she whom he trusts has been acting in a disgraceful manner. It is stated that when the police raided the house they found matters most disgraceful, and of late the police officers have unearthed a number of such places that are a disgrace to the city.

Corset Covers.
F. A. Dykeman & Co. have made a special purchase of white cotton corset covers consisting of over one thousand pieces. They will be sold at four prices, 19, 25, 29 and 50 cents. Any lady who is interested in dainty corset covers should see this stock. They are made from the finest materials in the latest of ways, with a touch of pink or blue silk ribbon here and there. A good many of the corset covers are made from allover Hamburg and have the trimming the same in the back as the front, and even these can be had at the popular price of 19 cts. each.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith in Belgium, Then and Now, in St. David's hall tonight. Come, everybody.

New Bargain List of Tools.
For Carpenters, Mechanics, Masons, Blacksmiths and the Handy Man About the House

They're just a bit discolored by smoke and water, but really as good as the day that we got them.

Cross-Cut Saws, Locks, Knobs, Hinges, at SWEEPING REDUCTIONS.
Most Cleavers 50c. Box Hooks 10c.
Files 5c. to 15c. Carpenters' Squares 12c. 25c.
Screw Drivers 10c. Chisels, assorted 10c. 15c.
Bench Axes 50c. Gouges, assorted 10c. 15c.
Axes, Single Bit, without handles 25c. and 35c.
Axes, Double Bit, without handles 70c.

An Extensive Assortment of Blacksmiths', Masons', Carpenters' and Mechanics' Tools, at RARE BARGAIN PRICES.
COME AND LOOK THEM OVER.
SECOND FLOOR MARKET SQUARE STORE.

MARKET SQUARE—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—KING STREET

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.
During January, February and March our Stores will close Saturdays at 9 p. m., same hour as other days of the week. Open each morning at 8.30

Mad-da-poll-am

MADDAPOLLAM is the name of a fine woven White Cotton for underwear. It is taking the place, for many requirements, of Long Cloth Cottons.

Many knew the goods but do not remember the name. Ask for Mad-da-poll-am! It comes extra wide, 42 inches, so in nightdresses, etc., cuts to better advantage than 36 inch width. Maddapollam is fine for slip waists, infants' dresses, night gowns, and all fine underwear for ladies.

42 inches wide in 4 grades—20c, 25c, 28c and 30c a yard

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

BENJAMIN MOORE & CO.
FOR WALL & CEILING DECORATIONS
MURESCO

MURESCO The Modern Wall Finish

MURESCO covers more surface, and covers it better on one coat work, than any other material on the market.

THERE IS NOTHING IN THE COMPOSITION OF MURESCO INJURIOUS TO KALSOMINE BRUSHES. Because of the nature of its ingredients it is highly sanitary, and is being used extensively in hospitals, schools, theatres, colleges, etc.

It is made in white and sixteen colors and tints.
PACKAGES CONTAINING 5 LBS., 35 CTS. TINTS, 40 CTS. COLORS, 15 CTS. TO 37 CTS. A POUND.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Business Hours Are Daily from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Continued This Morning Linen Room Clearing-Up Sale
A great collection of remnants and odds and ends accumulated during the Free Hemming Sale and now being offered at tempting bargain prices.

COME IMMEDIATELY. COME EARLY.

Annual Spring Sale of Furnishings for Men and Boys
New Goods are Being Sold at Reduced Figures. Buy Now and Take Advantage of the Saving.

February Clothing Sale

This Annual Event is Providing Extraordinary Values Which Are Being Taken Up Rapidly

Here Are Bargains in Fashionable Garments for Men and Boys

Boys' Two-Piece Norfolk Suits—Strap, yoke and fancy styles in Tweeds, Saxony, Worsted, greys, browns, greens, in mixtures, stripes and plain colors. These will be offered with one and two pairs of bloomers at Three Special Sale Prices.

\$4.75, \$5.85, \$6.50

All Other Norfolk Suits will be Offered at February Sale Reductions.

Boys' Two-piece Suits—With plain, double-breasted coats and bloomer pants.
Sale prices \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.25

Boys' Straight Pants—In Tweeds and Worsteds, sizes 14 to 17. Sale price, pair 50c.

Men's Overcoats—In Vicunas, Meltons, Cheviots and Tweeds, all late styles.
Sale prices \$9.95, \$10.75, \$11.95

Men's Suits—In popular shades of Fancy Tweeds and Worsteds.
Sale prices \$10.75, \$13.50

Also Remarkable Value in Boys' Regular and Fancy Overcoats.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' Cashmere Hose

LADIES' WHITE CASHMERE HOSE—A small lot just received in sizes 9 and 9½ only. Pair 85c.
LADIES' BLACK CASHMERE HOSE—In sizes 8½ to 10. Pair 80c.

HOBIERY DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited