

LOCAL NEWS

W. C. T. U. Gives Donation.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has donated \$55 to the Children's Aid Society to assist its work.

Promoted to Lance Corporal.

Private Victor Makela, 236th Highland Battalion, has been promoted to the rank of lance corporal.

Transferred to St. John.

Private Harry E. Fradsham has been transferred from the 236th Highlanders to No. 6 Special Service Company at St. John.

Enlisted for Forestry Unit.

The first recruit for the recently authorized Forestry unit was enlisted here this morning. He is James P. McGoldrick, 42, Fredericton.

Temporary Appointment.

Major C. G. Geggie, medical officer of the 236th Battalion, has temporarily taken the appointment of senior medical officer of the New Brunswick command.

Little Contagious Disease.

Health Inspector William McKay reports very little contagious disease in Fredericton at the present time. There are only three cases, two of typhoid and one of diphtheria, all of mild type.

At the Gem Today.

Universal Weekly, latest events; a Nestor comedy, "Two Small Town Romans," "Liberty," 15th episode, two parts, "The Flag of Truce;" also a two-reel Imp feature, "A Slave of Fear." Six reels today.

At the Gaiety Today.

A five reel Pallas Paramount, featuring the ever popular Dustin Farnum in a goo old Irish play, "A Son of Erin." Also a special comedy picture entitled, "I'm Your Husband." Gaiety's Concert Orchestra.

Sent up on One Charge.

Fred Brown's preliminary examination before Police Magistrate Limerick was continued this afternoon. On the charge of harboring girls under the age of 18 years he was sent up for trial yesterday.

Late James Tyler.

The funeral of the late James Tyler took place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. Fred McFarlane, Nashwaakasis. Services were conducted at St. John's Parish Church by Rev. E. E. Lake. Interment was made at St. John's Churchyard.

Red Cross Tea.

The members of the Women's Volunteer Reserve will hold a Red Cross tea in the K. of P. Hall, Queen Street, on Saturday evening, from 5 until 7 o'clock. The ladies' orchestra will furnish music. All should attend and help a good cause.

Now at St. John.

Capt. T. R. McNally and Lieut. N. C. McFarlane, who have been recruiting in Toronto for the 236th Battalion, have arrived in St. John. While there they will assist the citizens' recruiting committee. They are hopeful of getting good results in St. John.

Want Debate with U. N. B.

King's College Law School, of St. John, has decided to ask the University of New Brunswick to debate against the Law School at St. John about the middle of May. It is possible that the Law School will enter the Intercollegiate Debating League when it is re-established.

Late W. H. Venning.

W. H. Venning passed away on Tuesday at Sussex, where he had been residing for some years. The deceased was born in 1822. He was the first fisheries inspector appointed in New Brunswick after Confederation, and held office for twenty-two years. He was a recognized authority upon subjects related to angling and fishing.

Fishing Leases.

An advertisement in the Royal Gazette announces that a sale of fishing leases on the Restigouche River will take place at the Crown Land Office on Wednesday, March 21st. The upset price placed on the ten lots is \$17,750.

Gifts Much Appreciated.

On behalf of the boys of the 140th Battalion, a member of the unit writes thanking the ladies of St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock, Hartland, Perth, Andover and other places, who sent comforts to them in England. The boys were mightily pleased with the splendid gifts while preparing to go to France in the near future.

Knighthood for Chief Justice.

In the list of new knights printed in the London, Eng., Overseas Mail on Feb. 7, the following appears: "The Hon. E. McLeod, Chief Justice of New Brunswick." While Chief Justice McLeod has received no official confirmation of this announcement, there is every reason to believe that the honor so richly deserved is to be his. This was intimated several weeks ago.

Order re Paymasters.

An order has been issued setting forth that in future no more paymasters will be sent overseas with Canadian forces, save with battalions that go as complete units. Even in the latter case the paymasters will merely go as conducting officers, liable to be returned to Canada when their unit arrives in England. It was stated that the reason for this was that there was a superfluity of these non-combatant officers already in England and in France. This had been caused by the breaking up of a number of battalions.

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CONTRACTORS HELD UP PAYMENT ON CAMPAIGN NOTE

Payment Refused Because Government Cannot Deliver the Goods--Government to Meet Here Again Next Week.

Another chapter is unveiled in the financing of the Conservative campaign in the recent provincial election. The Mail yesterday contained reference to the contribution of well known railway contractors to the campaign fund on the strength of a promise of the contract for building the Centreville-Andover extension of the St. John & Quebec Railway. The contribution took the form of a note which fell due on Wednesday of this week. Unfortunately for those who benefited from the note, the provincial election has resulted in the defeat of the Murray government, and the makers of it have refused payment on the ground that the Government was not in a position to make good the promise. It is understood that the endorsers were well known government agents.

Government Meeting Ends.

The meeting of the Murray government ended yesterday and the out-of-town members have gone home. Another meeting is to be held here on Monday next, according to report. The odds and ends of business which must be attended to by the defeated administration evidently are numerous.

Concluded Their Labors.

The directors of the St. John & Quebec Railway, who also were in session here while the Government was sitting, concluded their labors yesterday.

CITY COUNCIL WILL BE SWORN IN ON MONDAY NEXT

Organization of Standing Committees Will Take Place Monday Night--George Bidlake Begins Codification of City By-Laws.

The City Council, which will be elected by acclamation on Monday next, will hold its first meeting on the same night. The meeting will be for the purpose of appointing standing committees and completing organization for the year. Few changes in the composition of the committees are anticipated.

The members of the new Council will take the oath of office on Monday. As no election is necessary this year, the ceremony of swearing in will take place upon election day.

The codification of the city by-laws has been begun by Mr. George Bidlake. That gentleman's services were retained recently, the committee in charge of the matter deciding that his terms should be accepted as the work was one of importance which should be done as soon as possible. It is the intention to have part of the work done before the House of Assembly opens, so that it will be of assistance in connection with city legislation which may be before the House.

Tempestuous Passage.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, of this city, who recently returned from the West Indies and South America, had a very stormy passage from Bermuda northward. Their steamer was blown many miles out of her course, and was some time overdue. A trained parrot which they were bringing home succumbed to the New Brunswick climate before it reached Fredericton.

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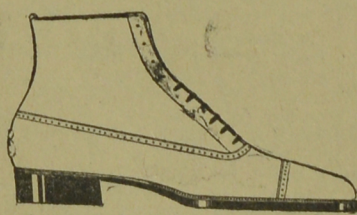
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