

## LOCAL NEWS

**At the Gaiety Today.**  
Edith Taliaferro and Jack Sherrill in "The Conquest of Canaan," Booth Tarkington's romance. Six reels and 2,000 in the cast. Gaiety's orchestra.

**Chain Parties.**  
Successful chain parties in aid of Red Cross work were held last evening at the homes of Lady Ashburnham and Mrs. J. J. McCaffrey.

**Receiving Congratulations.**  
Prof. Earl A. Aldrich, of the University, and Mrs. Aldrich, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter Tuesday morning, Elizabeth Hubert.

**Sergeants to Hold Dance.**  
The sergeant major, staff sergeants and sergeants of the 236th Overseas Battalion have invitations out for an informal dance to be held at Old Government House on the evening of Tuesday, March 20th.

**At the Gem Today.**  
"Liberty," 2 parts, 16th episode, "The Good Woman," a two part 101 Biscuit; "The First Arrest," a good comedy; an L-Ko comedy, "Safe in the Safe," in two parts; also the usual weekly of latest events.

**Flags Half-Mast.**  
Lieut. Governor Wood received a telegram last night from Secretary of State, Ottawa, asking that the flags on all public buildings in New Brunswick be placed and kept at half-mast until sundown out of respect to the Duchess of Connaught, whose death occurred recently in England.

**Week-end Market.**  
There was a fairly good market this morning and business was brisk for a time around Phoenix Square. Eggs were quite plentiful at 40c. a dozen. Butter sold at 38c. lb., potatoes at \$5 a barrel, apples at from \$2 to 4 a barrel; veal at 12c. and 14c., beef at 11c. and 12c., pork at 18c. lb., turnips at \$1.50 barrel.

**St. Patrick's Entertainment.**  
Owing to St. Patrick's Day falling on Saturday, the annual entertainment will be held on Monday evening, March 19th, in St. Dunstan's Hall under the auspices of Div. No. 1, A. O. H. An excellent programme has been prepared including a comedy-drama and one-act farce, vocal and instrumental solos and music by a special orchestra. Admission to all parts of the hall, 25c. Curtain goes up at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

**St. Patrick's Day.**  
St. Patrick's Day is being quite generally observed. The "wearing of the green" is very noticeable in the streets today. Flags on public buildings are flying in observation of the day. High Mass was celebrated at 9 a.m. at St. Dunstan's Church by Rev. Father Carney, and at St. Anthony's church at 11 a.m. by Rev. Father Murphy. On Monday night the usual St. Patrick's Day entertainment of the A. O. H. will be given in St. Dunstan's Hall.

**In the Royal Flying Corps.**  
Mr. E. R. Machum, of St. John, is in receipt of a cablegram from his son, Lieut. Ronald Machum, of the 104th Battalion, no win England, to the effect that he has entered the Royal Flying Corps and is at the present time taking a course. Lieut. Machum was platoon commander in the 104th Battalion, under the command of Lieut. Col. Geo. Fowler. He is a son-in-law of Ald. Joseph Walker, of this city. Lieut. A. H. Tweedie, of the 104th, also has joined the Flying Corps.

**Pleased Over the Election.**  
One of the most delighted men in York county over the result of the recent election was Mr. John Anderson, ex-M. P. P., of The Barony, now in his 96th year. Mr. Anderson drove to the polls bright and early and cast his vote for the opposition ticket, and received the returns at his home in the evening. "The government only got what it deserved," he told a friend recently. "If my life is spared I am going to visit Fredericton during the coming session and exercise my privilege as an ex-member, and sit on the floor of the House." Mr. Anderson is New Brunswick's oldest ex-M. P. P.

**General Maunsell Home.**  
Brigadier General G. S. Maunsell, of Ottawa, director general of engineering, has returned from the old country. Nine months ago he went to England, where he co-ordinated in the training of the engineers. Although unable to disclose any information regarding the work of that branch of the service, he said that the men were receiving a splendid training in England. He was with them for several months in France and directed operations there. General Maunsell is a son of the late Lieut. Col. G. J. Maunsell, for many years D.O.C. of New Brunswick, and is a native of this province. He has been on the headquarters staff of the Militia Department for some years.

**Died Last Night.**  
Mrs. Maggie Elizabeth Staples, wife of Mr. Arthur H. Staples, Nashwaak-sis, died last night at the home of her brother, Ald. R. J. Baxter, 286 Aberdeen street, after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Samuel Baxter, three brothers, Samuel and Robert, of this city, and Arthur, of South Africa, and one sister, Mrs. Chas. Bolster, of Gibson. Although the esteemed lady had been in poor health all winter, her death was very unexpected, as she was believed to be recovering. She was aged 37 years. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the home of Ald. Baxter. Rev. Thos. Marshall will conduct the service and interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

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### STRIKE THREATENED AT MINTO COAL MINES BY FOREIGNERS

**Substantial Increase in Pay Demanded—Enforcement of Canada Temperance Act Said to Have Annoyed Foreign Miners.**

Reports from Minto are to the effect that foreigners employed as coal miners there are threatening to strike and tie up the operations at the mines unless given a substantial increase in wages. The price paid at present for mining at Minto is 40 cents per "box." The miners are asking for 49 cents instead.

It is not believed that the operators of the mine are willing to give the increase demanded, and the situation is serious. Labor is very scarce and on that account recruiting for the Canadian Expeditionary Force among the miners was stopped some time ago. The miners are perfectly aware of the labor situation and of the fact that they can interfere materially with coal production by declaring a strike.

**French and Belgians.**  
Those concerned in the threatened tie-up are French and Belgians. These two nationalities comprise a majority of the miners employed at Minto. Their representatives already have presented their demands to the mine operators. The Minto Coal Co. will be particularly affected in case of a strike.

**Scott Act Enforcement.**  
Enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act is said to be connected with the trouble among the foreigners at Minto. Some of them have sold liquor in the past and fined and imprisoning them has angered their friends. A Belgian and his wife who left Minto (Continued on page 5.)

### BIG INCREASE IN SCHOOL ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR

**Legal Limit is \$40,000 and Will be Closely Approached—Some Teachers Given Ten Per Cent In Salary.**

The School Board at a special session held yesterday afternoon, took steps toward preparing its budget for the ensuing year. The prospect is that the school estimates will be the largest on record. The limit imposed by legislation on the school estimates in any one year is \$40,000. Last year the estimates amounted to \$35,000. This year the maximum will be closely approached.

**Teachers' Salaries Increased.**  
The School Board yesterday decided to increase the salaries of some teachers in the city schools to the extent of ten per cent. Those who will be given the increase will be selected on account of length of service. The increase asked for by the teachers was 25 per cent.

**Other Expenditure.**  
Other increased expenditures are necessary on account of renewal of furniture in some of the departments, and other necessary work in some of the buildings.

The school budget is not yet prepared, but will be next week. The City Council will hold a meeting this month for the purpose of making up the 1917 assessment. The date of this will be decided upon the return of Ald. Reid, chairman of the Finance Committee. The School Board estimates will be incorporated in the assessment at this meeting.

## SNOW BLIND

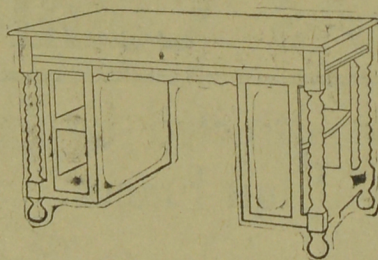
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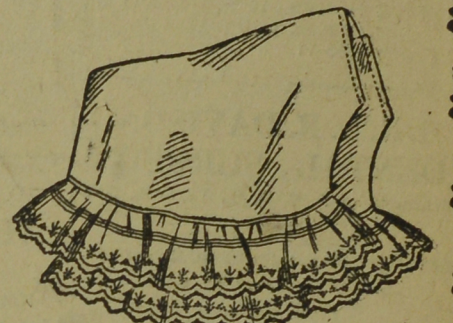
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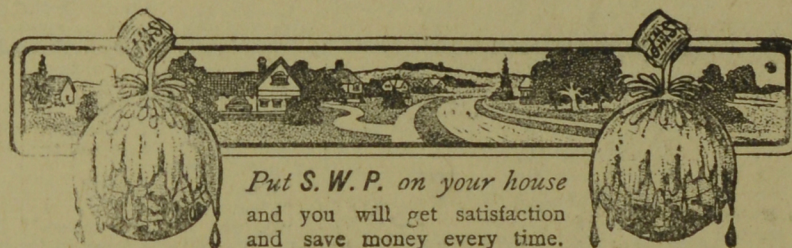
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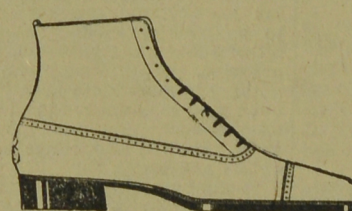
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