

LOCAL NEWS

At the Gem Today.

"The Fall of a Nation," a great war picture, a vision that might have become true but for the invincible British Navy. Three shows daily.

Enlisted in Highlanders.

Joseph Alcide Berube, 43, Quebec, enlisted here this morning for 236th Battalion. He is a physician by profession.

Thank Offering.

The Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church held a successful thank offering meeting last night. The pastor, Rev. J. S. Sutherland, gave a missionary talk and there was special music. The receipts amounted to \$71.

At the Gaiety Today.

"Great Expectations," Charles Dickens' great story, featuring Louise Huff and Jack Pickford, a Famous Players-Paramount picture. Also a Christie Comedy. Gaiety's Concert Orchestra in latest musical hits.

Old Amoskeag Engine.

It has been suggested that the old Amoskeag fire engine, which is stored in the City Market, be sold. Mayor Mitchell has advanced the suggestion that the engine be replaced and used as a reserve engine in case of an accident at the pumping station.

Changes in Chairmanships.

Ald. Everett at last night's meeting of the City Council in committee, resigned the chairmanship of the Water Committee and was succeeded by Ald. Burnett. The latter resigned the chairmanship of the Committee on Appeals and Contingencies and was succeeded by Ald. Everett.

Waste of Water.

Owing to a waste of water at the city school buildings, it is suggested that the School Board be charged \$1,000 by the City Water Department. At the High School, where the greater waste was observed, the water is to be shut off at night. The Provincial Normal School also wastes much water. In one day recently 32,000 gallons were metred in that building.

May Grow Potatoes.

In connection with the Municipal Home it is understood that the experiment of growing potatoes on land adjoining the Home will be attempted in the summer. The crop will be used in the institution. The inmates are to perform some of the labor, but the majority of them are aged and cannot do hard work.

The Number was Six.

A truckman with six new coffins piled high upon his wagon attracted some attention on Queen street this morning. It was thought at first that he was heading for the Parliament buildings, but he brought up at a local undertaking establishment. There are six members of the government now in the city.

Politicians in Town.

Messrs. J. K. Pinder, John A. Young and S. B. Hunter, M.P.P.'s for York, are in the city endeavoring to get the ear of members of the die-hard government. It is said that they have some "unfinished business" which they are anxious to get out of the way. Mr. A. E. O'Leary, chief game warden, is also here attending to some unfinished business.

For the War Loan.

New Brunswick did their full share towards the success of the third Dominion war loan. According to Mr. J. M. Robinson, of St. John, between \$3,000,000 and \$3,500,000 was subscribed in this province, which is considerably in excess of the amount subscribed for the first and second loans. The greater part of the amount was subscribed at St. John. Fredericton gave upwards of \$250,000.

Mt. Allison vs. Acadia.

The Mount Allison debating team from the Eurhetorian Society will meet the Acadia team at Wolfville on Friday. The Eurhetorian team, composed of Messrs. W. D. Withrow, '17, leader, I. F. Curtis, '17, and D. B. Smith, '18, have the negative side of the resolution: "Resolved, that the government of Great Britain is more democratic than that of the United States." The judges so far chosen for the debate are Judge Harris, of Halifax, and Mr. V. J. Paton, of the same city.

Methodist Conference.

The annual New Brunswick and P. E. Island Methodist Conference will be held in the Central Methodist Church, Moncton, during the second week in June. At a recent meeting of the official board of the Central Methodist Church, a resolution was passed requesting Wesley Memorial and Sunny Brae Methodist churches to co-operate in entertaining members of the Conference. A committee was appointed who together with similar committees appointed by the other churches, will have full charge of the entertainment.

Fredericton Song Writer.

A song entitled "We Are the Boys of Canada," written and composed by "Peggy Stuart," lately published by the Frederick Harris Co., of New York and London, is attracting much attention. Fredericton people will be interested in learning that "Peggy Stewart" is none other than Mrs. Robert Franklin Jones, of Lakeville, Carleton county, formerly Miss Ina McCatherin, daughter of the late Mr. Dugald McCatherin, of this city. The song is an inspiring one, and the words and music are most appropriate. It is certain to make a big hit with Canadians at this time. Copies may be had at local music stores. The Mail heartily congratulates Mrs. Jones on her success as a composer.

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"NOT YET," SAYS PREMIER MURRAY RE RESIGNATION

Provincial Govt. Transacted Routine Business This Morning---Thought Resignation Will be Handed to Lieut. Governor Tonight

The Provincial Government met here last night and continued its session this morning. Premier Murray stated at the conclusion of the meeting at noon that it had been devoted entirely to routine business. He was asked by a reporter of the Mail if there was anything concerning his resignation. His reply was, "Not yet." He said further that he had no statement to make concerning the matter.

Hon. H. I. Taylor, of St. George, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, of St. John, and Hon. D. V. Landry, of Buctouche, arrived last night, the other members being already in the city.

It is believed that the resignation of Premier Murray is prepared and ready for presentation to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor tonight. The members of the government will receive a full month's salary no matter what day the resignation is made.

Must Not Peel Potatoes.

In order to save labor and time, potatoes given troops as rations in future are to be cooked with jackets on. The battalion orders of the 236th Battalion contain reference to this fact.

Violation of Game Laws.

A case from Lower Hainesville, in which an aged resident is charged with violating the game laws by carrying firearms in the woods, is being heard before the police magistrate this afternoon.

TAX-RATE WILL BE \$2.25 EXCLUSIVE OF PATRIOTIC FUND

Decrease in Value of Personal Property ---Patriotic Fund Assessment Will Take Some Time---Matter of School Assessment.

The rate of taxation in Fredericton in 1917 on an assessment of \$140,000 is to be in the vicinity of \$2.25, exclusive of the Patriotic Fund assessment. This is the highest in the history of the city. How much the Patriotic Fund assessment will increase the rate is problematical. This assessment must be made up separately from the other, as companies and corporations which are exempt from ordinary city taxes are not exempt from assessment for the Patriotic Fund. As there is a large amount of property in Fredericton which is exempt, the probability is that the general rate for the Patriotic Fund will not be large.

Chief Assessor A. A. Sterling stated this morning that there would be a decrease in personal property liable to assessment owing to reinvestment of certain moneys.

School Assessment.

At last night's meeting of the City Council at which the assessment was fixed, it was pointed out that the assessment for the maintenance of the schools had practically doubled within six years. In 1911 the assessment for that department was \$20,000. In 1917 it is \$39,550. The statement also was made that the per capita school debt of Fredericton was the highest in the province.

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