

LOCAL NEWS

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. J. Stewart Neill was the hostess at a very enjoyable afternoon tea yesterday.

Protestant Church Parade.

The Protestant troops quartered in Fredericton will attend divine service at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

At the Gaiety.

A Paramount picture today, Dustin Farnum in "The Parson of Panamint." Also Hazards of Helen picture.

The Attraction This Evening.

The grand clearance sale of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings still in progress at Edgcombe's tonight. Don't miss this opportunity.

The Cold Snap.

Last night was one of the coldest of the season, the thermometer at the city pumping station registering 20 degrees below zero. This morning at 9 o'clock the mercury stood at 10 below.

Hockey Match Tonight.

The second match in the Fredericton Hockey League will be played to-night at the Arctic Rink, U. N. B. vs. Fredericton. This will be the first appearance of the College team which is reported to be strong this year.

Late Elizabeth Tweeddale.

The funeral of the late Miss Elizabeth Tweeddale took place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. M. A. Tweeddale, 515 Brunswick street. Rev. Thomas Marshall conducted the services at 2.30. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

Week-end Market.

There was a small market this morning, but the customary high prices prevailed. Beef sold at 16c. and 12c. lb., pork at 15c. lb., chickens at \$1.50 pair, potatoes at \$4 bbl., eggs at 50c. doz., butter at 38c. lb., and turnips at \$1 bbl.

At the Gem.

Today six big reels. Ninth episode of Liberty, entitled "Trapped," two reels. "The Bad Man of Cheyenne," featuring the Universal Star, Harry Carey, 2 reels. A Joker comedy, "In Love With a Fireman," and the usual weekly of interesting events.

Managing Com. Series.

Three matches were played at the Curling Rink last night in the Managing Committee series. The results were: H. E. Fowler 13, E. J. Miles 11; F. P. Hatt 17, J. E. Page 7; C. H. Weddall 20, E. H. Allen 3. Skip Page's defeat was his first in the series.

Successful Operation.

Gunner James B. Adams of the 9th Siege Battery, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams, of this city, was successfully operated upon for appendicitis at Victoria Public Hospital this morning. The operation was performed by Major S. F. A. Wainwright and Major C. G. Gedge.

Welcome News.

In spite of the rapidly advancing prices of cottons and silks, R. L. Black will hold his midwinter sale of waists and underwear next Tuesday, Jan. 30, beginning at 9.30 a.m. Besides clearing a lot of pretty silk crepe de chene and veil waists at half price, he will for one day only give 20 per cent. off all underwear and waists in the store.

Cercle Francaise.

The Cercle Francaise de Fredericton was organized at the Knights of Pythias Hall Thursday night. Officers were elected were Prof. C. E. Poppstone, president; Fred Patterson, vice-president; W. E. McMullen, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Smith, Miss McLaughlin, Mr. Cormier and P. J. Hughes, managing committee.

Returned to St. John.

Major General T. Benson, of Halifax, Brigadier General H. H. McLean, of St. John, Major N. Jones, of Halifax, and Capt. A. D. Corelli, of St. John, returned to St. John last night. The inspection of the 236th Highlanders was completed yesterday afternoon. The battalion marched past the Queen Hotel in the afternoon, Major General Benson taking the salute.

Sale of the Viking.

Steamer Viking was sold on Thursday at St. John by order of the Admiralty Court, for claims filed against it. Among those who presented claims were Frederick A. Foster, Geo. F. Johnston and Chester McLean, the claims aggregating more than \$430 for wages past due. The late owners were Joseph Williams and J. Taylor. The steamer was sold as it lies to Mr. J. S. Gregory for \$1,150.

Death at Southampton.

Mrs. Elmer Stairs, a bride of four months, died at her home at Southampton last Wednesday and was buried in the Lenentine cemetery on Friday, the Rev. M. Bell officiating. Mrs. Stairs taught school very acceptably in several districts in this parish, and her numerous friends will hear of her early death with heartfelt regret. She was a daughter of ex-Councillor James T. Mastin.

To Wed in February.

Miss Annie Hobkirk, who has been employed as clerk at the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia for several years, sever's connection with the institution today. She will leave for Boston on February 5th, accompanied by her father, G. M. Sergt. H. R. Hobkirk, and will be married on the following day to Mr. Edward F. Berry, B. Sc., of Pittsburg. This morning Miss Hobkirk was presented with a handsome travelling bag by the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

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Sergt. Russell Gerrie Writes of Circumstances of Death--Killed Instantly by German Sniper--Impressive Funeral

Relatives of the late Sergt. Frank McLaggan, who was killed in action December 15th, have received the following information in regard to his death through a letter written by Sergt. Russell Gerrie, of Edmonton, Alberta.

Writing to his mother, Sergt. Gerrie says:

"No doubt you will have heard that Sergt. Frank McLaggan, of whom I have often spoken in my letter, was killed Dec. 15th. It has hit me very hard, as we were great friends. He was doing officer's duty that trip in the trenches and I was in charge of his platoon. He was killed as quickly and cleanly as possible by a sniper. The bullet struck just underneath the nose, and went straight through, cutting the spine. His whole platoon thought a great deal of him, far more than platoons usually think of their officers.

"His funeral was very small, of course, but very impressive. I was unable to attend, but the sergeant who did, an old timer, broke down completely and cried like a child. He is a big 6 foot 4 inch fellow, with twenty-two months service in the trenches, and not easily moved.

"Some time later, when permissible, I will let his relatives know the exact location of his grave. It is a long way behind the lines, a very exceptional thing."

NIGHT CLASSES IN VOCATIONAL WORK BEGIN NEXT MONTH

Three Teachers Secured for This Branch--Twenty-four Pupils to be Taken at First--Arrangements Being Made.

The School Board, at a special meeting held yesterday, decided to begin evening classes in vocational instruction.

Each member of the Board was ready with a report from his committee, and nearly every report had a bearing upon work connected with the immediate inauguration of some branch of vocational work.

Arrangements are being made for opening at least three night schools on Tuesday, 6th February, in the York street building. Instruction will be given in sewing, cooking, woodworking, mechanical drawing, business and general commercial lines.

Teachers Selected.

Miss Gillis, of the Household Science Department, and Mr. Barnes, director of Manual Training, will probably be secured to conduct two of the new evening departments. Trustees Lemont and Hughes and Principal Foster, of the High School, have been appointed a committee to select another teacher. It seemed to be generally conceded that one of the staff teachers would be preferable. It is intended at the beginning to have a course of about 20 lessons, each lesson to be two hours long, and that instruction be given on each Tuesday and Friday evening. As

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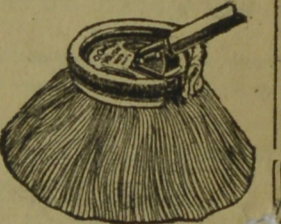
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