

SMITH FOUNDRY CO. ENTERTAINED ITS EMPLOYEES

CLOSE OF MUNITION MAKING WAS CELEBRATED

Attended Gaiety Theatre, After Which Dinner was Served at Washington's—The Toast List.

The employees of the Smith Foundry Company, about ninety in number were given an entertainment on Saturday evening by the Company to mark the close of the production of shells. At 7.15 the employees attended the show at the Gaiety Theatre, seats having been reserved for them. The pictures were enjoyed by all. Afterward they adjourned to a six-course dinner at Washington's Cafe, York Street. There they sat down to a bounteous repast.

After the banquet was over Mr. H. A. Smith, President and General Manager, acted as toastmaster. Toasts were proposed to the King, to the C. E. F., The Men Behind the Lines, Inspector of the Imperial Ministry of Munitions, and to the Munitioneers.

Between the toasts vocal solos and duets were rendered. Speeches on behalf of the various departments were made by Mr. A. A. Colter, Secretary Treasurer of the Smith Foundry Company.

Rowan's Orchestra supplied music during the dinner. The party broke up about twelve o'clock and departed for their homes after uniting in the National Anthem.

Condition Improved

The condition of Mr. Harry R. Adams who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is reported today to be considerably improved.

Announcement

Mr. T. A. MacDonald wishes to announce the engagement of his sister Muriel to George Wilbert Currie of St. John. Marriage to take place in Boston early in New Year.

Temporary Vendorship

A temporary vendorship under The Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916 has been given Mr. G. Y. Dibblee of this city. This is on account of the influenza epidemic.

An Insane Soldier

Monday Times: An escort from the Army Medical Corps, St. John arrived in the city last evening to accompany Pte. Nevijns, the insane soldier to the convalescent hospital at Fredericton.

Increasing Staff of Post Office

The Fredericton Post Office Staff is taking on six additional members to help with the Christmas and New Year's mail. Four will do inside work and two outside. They will likely be called in to start their work tomorrow.

Absent Through Sickness

Mr. W. M. Burns and Miss M. Gallagher of the Model School teaching staff are absent today from their teaching duties on account of sickness. The pupils were dismissed this morning.

Arrived on Minnedosa

Among the passengers on the Minnedosa which docked at St. John on Saturday is Mrs. S. H. McKee wife of Lt. Col. McKee, C. M. G. Mrs. McKee is in the city the guest of her sister Mrs. Robertson.

Left For Amherst

Mr. Wilnot G. Miller who has been ill at his home here for several weeks left this morning for Amherst to resume his duties as manager of the retail department of the Amherst Boot and Shoe Company.

Late Mrs. William Till

The funeral of the late Mrs. William Till took place at Geary yesterday. The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives. Service was held at the house at one o'clock and at the Church at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Gregg conducted the service.

Weekly Roll-Off

About forty names are down for the weekly roll-off this evening at the Palace Alleys. A fine list of prizes from which the winner is to take his choice has been prepared. About fourteen names are down for the competition for the Christmas Turkey.

Circumcision This Morning

The rite of circumcision took place at the home of Mr. L. Budowitz at the corner of King and Westmorland Streets at noon today. Rev. Rabbi Hains performed the ceremony before several invited guests. The sum of \$10 was collected to be given to the Victoria Hospital.

Received Appointment to Hospital

After eighteen months in France with the Canadian Field Ambulance Capt. James F. Shute has been appointed to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Cooden Camp, Sussex, England. Capt. Shute is a brother of Mr. Arthur A. Shute of this city.

Divorce Court

The Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes met in adjourned sitting this morning Mr. Justice Crockett presiding. Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C. counsel for the plaintiff in the suit of FitzRandolph vs. FitzRandolph appeared and moved that the case be set for the next term of the court. The motion was granted and the court adjourned sine die.

BAN MADE MORE STRICT BY THE AUTHORITIES

GOES INTO GENERAL EFFECT WED. NIGHT

Schools Close Then—Temporary Hospital Ready Then—Victoria Hospital and Pneumonia.

The Fredericton Board of Health held a special meeting this morning and imposed a ban on public gatherings which is more severe than that announced Saturday. This precaution is taken on account of reports of further increase in the number of cases of influenza and pneumonia in the city. The decision of the Board was that a ban would go into effect Wednesday night on all public gatherings except divine service in churches.

Exceptions Removed

Exceptions to the ban which were made previously have been removed. Billiard parlors, pool-rooms, bowling alleys and rinks are included in the regulation. Public schools, the Provincial Normal School and the Fredericton Business College will close Wednesday afternoon. The University of New Brunswick will be given a few days of grace in which to complete examinations. Sunday Schools are under the ban but church services are to be allowed.

Temporary Hospital

The establishment of the temporary hospital for the cases of influenza and pneumonia is proceeding and according to intention the hospital will be ready for patients by Wednesday. The upper flats of the Gilman Block at the corner of York and King Streets have been secured and are being furnished.

Among Normal Students

A number of cases of influenza some of which have developed into pneumonia have occurred among the students of the Provincial Normal School. This is one of the factors which determined the Board of Health to close the school.

Victoria Hospital Meeting

The Trustee Board of Victoria Hospital met this morning and considered the matter of placing the hospital at the disposal of the public for the treatment of cases of influenza and pneumonia arising from them. After lengthy discussion it was decided that the hospital would admit ordinary pneumonia cases but would not admit pneumonia cases arising from influenza. The view taken was that the temporary hospital for influenza and pneumonia would be open not later than Wednesday and would take care of the cases of those types.

RETURNED OFFICERS AND MEN ARRIVE

MINNEDOSA AND OLYMPIC EACH HAD THEIR QUOTA

Hon. Capt. J. D. Black, Capt. J. P. McPeake, Lieut. A. H. Tweedie and Lt. F. W. VanWart Here.

The Minnedosa, the new C. P. O. S. liner docked at St. John on Saturday with over 900 returned troops. She received a stirring welcome from the citizens. The Olympic also docked at Halifax on Saturday with a large crowd of returned men on board. The Fredericton names are: Capt. J. D. Black, Capt. Joseph P. McPeake, Lieut. K. McGrath, J. V. Marshall, A. E. Beatty, Wellesley Everett, S. Gamson, R. A. Scott, Charles S. Lawrence, W. R. Thompson, Alfred Wood, P. J. Armstrong, J. Curtis, A. Y. Clements and S. McLean.

Capt. J. Douglas Black

Capt. J. D. Black former city editor for the Daily Gleaner was among the arrivals in the city on Saturday night. Capt. Black was appointed to the 236th MacLean Highlanders and went overseas as Honorary Captain and Quartermaster. Capt. Black has been on duty overseas since the 236th Battalion was broken up into drafts for France.

Capt. J. P. McPeake

Capt. Joseph P. McPeake went overseas on the staff of the 3rd Infantry Brigade with the First Contingent. He went to France with a draft and was wounded in the leg and returned home. Later he went over with the 236th Highlanders as Paymaster. Capt. McPeake has seen considerable service in France.

Lieut. Fred W. VanWart

Lieut. "Ted" VanWart went overseas with the 4th Siege Battery in 1916. He went to France with the 4th Siege Battery in July and that Battery was sent to the Somme. He came through numerous actions unwounded and received his commission in May of this year. Lieut. VanWart speaks very heartily of the welcome accorded them at St. John. Lieut. VanWart is a son of Mr. W. H. VanWart of this city.

Lieut. A. H. Tweedie

Lieut. A. H. Tweedie was one of the returned officers who arrived Saturday. Lieut. Tweedie was appointed to the 104th Battalion but was transferred to France with the 26th Battalion. He was wounded in the head late in August of this year.

Sergeant Justin McGrath

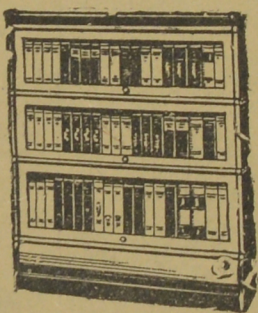
Sergt. McGrath joined the 53th Battery in 1916 in Fredericton and went overseas with that battery resigning (Continued on page five)

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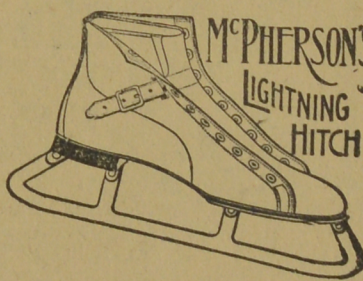
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