

LOCAL NEWS

Down to Zero Again.

The thermometer registered two degrees below zero last night and today the temperature remained low with a stiff breeze blowing.

A Baby Boy.

A little son arrived at the home of Sergt. John Markey yesterday and the former member of the Princess Pats is receiving congratulations.

Several Dogs Poisoned.

Eleven dogs were poisoned along King street a week ago last Sunday. The owners have been investigating the matter and it is understood have located the responsible party.

To Montreal for Treatment

Lieut. G. Earle Logan of St. John, left for Montreal yesterday afternoon to consult a specialist about his throat. He was recently gassed and his throat is affected. Lieut. Logan who is well known here recently returned from England.

Will Go to Sydney

Rev. M. Paul Maxwell, formerly rector of Bright, will take charge of Christ church, Sydney, shortly. Rev. Mr. Maxwell was engaged as curate at St. Mark's church, Halifax, but before he took up the work St. Mark's was destroyed by the explosion. He is a native of Moore's Mills.

Late F. B. Cooper.

The funeral of the late Frederick Benjamin Cooper took place this afternoon from his late residence and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. M. Addison, pastor of the George Street Baptist church. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery. The funeral was under the auspices of the Sons of England.

The 236th Kilties

The 236th battalion expects to be moved very shortly from Seaford to Witley Camp, where they will be attached to the 5th Division. Officers have all completed their leave and are in steady training. Some of the juniors have taken short courses of instruction. The Adjutant, Captain E. A. Sturdee, is with the Grenadier Guards at Chelsea Barracks, taking a special course in advanced work.

In Honor of Soldier

St. John Times, Thursday: Pte. R. L. McCutcheon, a soldier who returned from the war on last Friday, was the guest of honor last night at a gathering at the home of Mr. Stuart Henderson, 34½ Cliff street. Mr. Henderson, on behalf of all, presented to the gallant soldier an address and an easy chair, and Mr. McCutcheon suitably responded. The evening was very pleasantly spent and dainty refreshments were served.

Situation Improved

The smallpox situation in Eastport has improved to such an extent that it is expected the quarantine will be lifted on Saturday. During the epidemic many thousands of dollars were lost in trade between that city and Campbell, Grand Manan and Deer Island. It is expected that the mail and passenger service by the steamer Grand Manan will be resumed and that the ferry between Welchpool and Eastport will be in operation again.

Making Good Progress

The Daughters of the Empire, who are collecting the necessary information for the Maritime Directory Company which is to prepare a directory of Fredericton, are making good progress. Mr. H. L. Hestwood, representing the company was in the city some weeks ago. As it is the policy of the Maritime Directory Company to disburse as much money as possible in the locality for which the directory is prepared he made the arrangements with the Daughters of the Empire. The amount paid by the company will be used by the Daughters of the Empire for patriotic purposes.

Fines Imposed.

The Prohibition campaign is continuing rigorously. This morning three cases were before the police magistrate. Judgment was given in two and the third went over until the 17th inst., on account of the absence of Mr. P. J. Hughes, counsel for the prosecution. The proprietor of the Springhill Hotel was convicted and was given a sentence of \$200 fine or six months in jail. This is the third fine against this hotel within a few weeks, the others being \$200 and \$20 respectively for selling liquor and selling beer without a license. Fourteen other cases laid against the same by the prosecution to cover a technicality, were dismissed. The proprietor of Hayes' Hotel in Devon was convicted, the penalty being \$50 fine or three months in jail. The case against the Pine Grove Hotel at Nashwaaksis was adjourned.

Provincial Tour

Messrs George W. Parlee and O. Logan, both members of the St. John Branch G. W. V. A., will leave today for Fredericton, and here they will give a lecture that accompanies several hundred slides which has been prepared by the M. H. C. C. and which has been especially loaned for the occasion by Mr. Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission. The lecture is an instructive as well as an educational composition, showing the splendid work carried on in military hospitals, convalescent homes, etc. The slides give the lecture a comprehensive touch and a practical idea of what the M. H. C. C. is doing especially in its vocational line of activity. The lecture shows the returned invalid soldier from the time as it says "down and out" to "up and again." Sergeant Puddy, St. John secretary of the G. W. V. A., will also come and will, while in Fredericton, deliver his lecture telling of the soldier's trips overseas from St. John to France and all he encounters. A tour of the entire province will be made by Messrs. Logan and Parlee with the lecture and the lantern slides.

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DESERTER FROM U. S. ARMY HELD BY THE POLICE

Floyd De Groff Arrested at McAdam as Hobo, Deserted from 186th Aero Squad in Texas.

Floyd DeGroff, arrested at McAdam by the C.P.R. police on New Year's Eve on the charge of trespassing on the property of the railway has been identified as a deserter from the United States army. He is being held by the Fredericton police for further instructions from the United States authorities and eventually will be handed over at the border.

Belongs to Dayton, O.

DeGroff some time ago informed the local police that he had been all through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and when arrested was trying to get back into the United States. Upon entering Canada he eluded the immigration officials at the border. Further inquiries elicited the information that he belonged to Dayton, O., and also that one of his grandfathers had been born in Germany. On that account he was held for information from his home town.

Deserted in Texas.

The reply from the chief of police at Dayton was that DeGroff belonged there and also that he was wanted as a deserter from the 186th Aero Squad at Kiely Field, San Antonio, Tex., his desertion having taken place several months ago. He is about twenty-two years old.

The information from Dayton gave full details concerning DeGroff, even classification of the scars of his body.

Managing Committee Series.

Only one game was played in the Managing Committee Series at the Curling Rink last night. The result was as follows: T. A. Wilson 13, L. C. Macnutt 9.

Mr. C. O. Foss arrived in the city last night.

Mr. H. V. Clemens of Halifax, is at the Queen.

Mr. B. F. Maltby of Newcastle, is at the Barker House.

EXTRA HEAVY ICE BEING CUT IN ST. JOHN RIVER

Dealers Claim That the Cost of Harvesting Ice is Increased—Twenty-eight Inches of Clear Ice.

The ice crop harvested from the St. John River at this point will be about as large as ordinarily but according to the statement of the dealers is being gathered at a greatly increased cost which will probably result in an increase in price to the consumer. The statement made is that labor is much more costly and also that the ice is so much heavier than in ordinary years that it costs more to handle it.

Clear blue ice twenty-six to twenty-eight inches in thickness is being cut and stored. This is unusual although there have been occasions when ice three feet thick has been cut in the St. John River at this point.

Unfavorable Conditions.

It is explained that the weather in December was so stormy and cold that the ice cutting crews could not work when the ice was of moderate thickness and also that the drifting snow covers the "claims," continually making extra work in clearing it away.

Usually the hotels, butchers and others requiring large quantities of ice store it in their own ice houses, having it put in by contract by the dealers after the latter have got their own supplies. This season the ice is so heavy that contractors are liable to charge more for putting in ice.

The Canadian Government Railways put in five hundred tons each year for use on the trains, storing it at Devon. Mr. A. H. VanWart has the contract this year.

Adjourned for Judgment.

The case in which the Children's Aid Society is concerned was continued yesterday before the police magistrate. Evidence for the defense was completed and adjournment was made until the 17th, when judgment will be given.

Mr. R. H. Raymond of Montreal, is at the Barker House.

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