

AROUND THE CITY

NEW REGULATIONS WILL GOVERN STREET TRAFFIC

Council Adopts New By-law Submitted by Commissioner of Public Safety—Street Railway Men to be Licensed is One Provision.

Umbrella Found. An umbrella was found yesterday on Main street. The owner can secure the same by applying at the North End police station.

Liquor Licenses. Inspector Jones has received quite a number of applications for liquor licenses for next year. All applications ought to be in this month.

Arrested for Lying and Lurking. About 8.30 o'clock last evening while Night Detective Lucas was going his rounds, he found a Frenchman in the grounds of Hon. J. D. Hazen's house, and carried a dress suit case full of clothing. He did not give the officer a satisfactory account of himself, and he was therefore arrested on the charge of lying and lurking.

Liquor Case Dismissed. In the police court yesterday afternoon Charles O'Brien a bartender from Brussels street, was charged with selling liquor to Frank Hopper while the latter was intoxicated and who was arrested early Sunday morning. It was shown that O'Brien was not guilty of the offence as Hopper obtained the liquor at some other place, so the case was dismissed.

Who Wants to Raise Cane? Com. Schofield has received word of an opening for a bright young man who wants to raise cane. He has been asked to send out a chap to St. Vincent to take over 2,000 acres soil of raising sugar cane, cocoa and coffee. St. Vincent is one of the British islands in the West Indies. It owns a volcano, St. Suptiere, which has been active for some years. Its population consists of whites and blacks. It has a fine variety of mountains and hills.

Appoint Officers. At a meeting of St. Luke's Cadets in the school room of the church last night a complete reorganization of the corps took place. Two companies were formed. Quarter Master F. W. Stevens put the corps through battalion drill, and after this made the appointment of officers as follows: Captain, F. J. Lindsay; 1st Lieut., K. F. Gault; 2nd Lieut., G. W. Scott; color sergeant, W. S. Dunlop; sergeants, W. Watters, C. Daley, H. Adams, G. Nichols; corporals, M. Hatheway, W. Murray, A. Lindsay and L. Johnston.

A BERMUDA MAN BUYS PROPERTY AT COLBROOK

Transfer of Crookshank Property to R. B. Johnson, Announced—Will Establish Large Brick-making Plant. An important real estate transaction was completed yesterday when Allison & Thomas made a formal transfer of the Crookshank property at Colbrook to R. B. Johnson, of Bermuda. This property which cost the firm slightly over \$251,000 was purchased last winter by a local syndicate, and during the summer Allison & Thomas made arrangements for selling it to Mr. Johnson. It is said that a big price was paid for the property. Mr. Johnson is the owner of a large hotel in the Bermudas, and it is understood that he intends to establish a big brick-making plant on the Crookshank property, and that he will probably start operations next spring.

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

A local syndicate headed by H. A. Porter has purchased from Thomas Carter through M. T. Cochran five acres of land in Lancaster near the Martello tower. The land is situated on a hillside overlooking the harbor and the bay and is well located for a division into building lots.

The transfer of the property at Colbrook, known as the Crookshank farm, from B. R. Armstrong, to Richard B. Johnson of Bermuda, was recorded yesterday. The property consists of 321 acres of land.

John Roberts has sold his freehold property, 81 Spring street, including lot 40 by 41 feet, with two family houses, to an outside buyer. The sale was made through Allison & Thomas.

PRICES ARE STEADY AS RESULT OF CONFERENCE. St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—For the first time in several days prices on the bourse today were firm, the rising prices reflecting the optimism produced by foreign telegrams which pointed to the possibility of a compromise between Austria and Serbia in their dispute regarding the Balkans. Russia now endorses the proposal for an autonomous Albania, and it is believed that the question of a Serbian port on the Adriatic can be settled with comparative ease.

SERIOUS RIOTS IN BOHEMIAN TOWNS. Vienna, Dec. 16.—Serious riots have taken place during the past two days at Pilsen and Keoniggratz in Bohemia, on the occasion of the departure of the military detachments from the towns. The angry populace blocked the streets leading to the railway station in an attempt to prevent the troops entering, and also pelled the army officers with stones. The rioters were dispersed only after the military had charged with fixed bayonets. Several persons on both sides were wounded.

TWO DEAD, MANY HURT IN RAILWAY WRECK. Chickasha, Okla., Dec. 16.—Two persons were killed and fifteen injured when Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger trains numbers 23 and 24 collided head-on at Ninnekah, seven miles south of Chickasha late today.

CHRISTMAS MARKET HAS BIG DISPLAY

Rush Expected About the First of Next Week—Fine Line of Christmas Beef and Birds.

If there is one place in the city that attracts all visitors during Christmas time, it is the Country Market. Even if one does not intend to make purchases for the festive season, it is indeed a pleasure to walk up and down the aisles in the market and see the decorations and the many good things offered for sale in the stalls or about the benches. Here can be found everything wanted to make the Christmas Day table attractive. The butcher and the produce merchant appear to take pride in presenting their best exhibits of the year during the holiday season and to make these even more attractive they decorate with no sparing hand. Ribbons and greenings are used in abundance and each merchant attempts to make his section more attractive than his neighbor, with the result that they all look well. As the visitor strolls and admires the goods on display he will not be standing in the line of the exhibit, the owner who has that satisfied smile, the real look of contentment and the prosperous appearance that success has given. When the merchant waves his hands over the many articles for sale and says: "You can't beat that for the finest beef in the world today, or the best turkey, geese, chickens, ducks, and other tasty articles in any market on the continent than I am showing to the St. John citizens for the holiday trade," that dealer is certainly telling the truth and there is no argument put up that will carry any weight but that the St. John market will well repay a visit either from a purchaser or a person who is out to see the sights.

The butchers have not been idle during the last few months in picking out the best cattle that can be purchased in the country districts, and the same has undoubtedly been given a great care so that when they are killed and dressed and taken to market they present a fine appearance.

The wholesale farmers report that the prices will be about the same as last season while the stock offered for sale will be as good, if not better, than that offered last year. Among the best offered will be some that last fall was prize winning cattle at the most prominent exhibitions throughout the country. Beef has also been imported from Ontario which is large and fat and which always attracts a great deal of attention, there is a large quantity from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and last, but not least by any means, is the beef that has been raised on our own peninsula.

Unwisely farmers will well compare with any of the prize beef imported from other sections of Canada. In speaking of turkeys, geese, ducks and other birds which will be offered for sale the dealers in this line state that prices will range about the same as last season, and that there promises to be a large stock ready for the Christmas buyers.

The market is already taking on a holiday appearance, and it will be toward the last of the week before it will look real Christmas, when the high class goods will be exhibited in their final decorations. It will be the first of next week before the rush will be on in the market and the place will present more of a festive appearance.

The dealers are looking forward to a big business and are stocking up a great abundance of meats and poultry. There is no chance of a scarcity but plenty for all at reasonable prices.

SANTA CLAUS PLAYLET AT NICKEL YESTERDAY

Great Fun for the Kiddies at Popular Picture House—Interesting Films and Musical Programme. Large audiences were in attendance at the Nickel Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening when an excellent programme of motion pictures and music was given. About eight fine views of the world's interesting events were shown in the always popular Pathe Weekly series.

An edifying lesson for Christmas time is shown in the beautiful Count Tolstoy story entitled, "Where Love is, God is There Also."

Two very laughable Biograph pictures are given, "His Ant's First Trip" and "The Henpecked Man." There is a laugh with every minute of these two pictures.

Miss Margaret Breck was heard to advantage in delightful concert numbers, and the orchestra were out strong with a brand new programme of musical selections.

The little folks were present in large numbers to see the Santa Claus playlet, which is produced every afternoon at 3 and 6 o'clock. Every moment of this little skit is enjoyable, and very pleasing to all, especially to the little people.

The playlet will be given every afternoon this week and yesterday's programme of pictures will be repeated today.

SKATES advertisement featuring an illustration of a skate and a list of products including Tubular Hockey, Tubular Racer, Velox Nickel Plated, Regal Nickel Plated, Mic-Mac Nickel Plated, and Mic-Mac Featherweight Nickel Plated. Also lists prices for various styles like Scotia Nickel Plated, Climax Nickel Plated, Climax Plain, Boys' Nickel Plated, Boys' Plain, Ladies' Beaver Nickel Plated, Gents' Beaver Nickel Plated, Ladies' Glacier Nickel Plated, Half Clamp Skates, Acme Skates, Long Reach Skates, and Skate Straps.

WH. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST. GET THEM AT THE RIGHT TIME The Right Time to Buy Hockey or Skating Boots is just now when you have the whole winter season before you, and you might as well have them now as later on. We have a special line of Lightning Hitch Hockey Boots that are the last word in skating comfort and the prices are just about what you planned on paying for them. WE WILL ATTACH YOUR SKATES FREE OF CHARGE. MEN'S \$2.75, \$3.00 BOYS' \$2.25 WOMEN'S \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 THE SLATER BOOT SHOP, 81 KING STREET

The Thermos Bottle as a Gift It Conveys More Than Mere Sentiment. It's no longer a luxury—it's a necessity. In the Home, for nursery, kitchen or sick room. Away from home, at work or home to the automobilist, yachtsman, hunter, fisherman, traveller, camper, workingman, to everybody. BLACK, NICKEL, SILVER and COPPER FINISHES. IN PINT and QUART SIZES. Cases for Same at Reasonable Prices. EMERSON & FISHER, LTD., 25 Germain Street. PHONE 2520.

Surpassing Exhibit of Ladies' Waists and Umbrellas for Gift Seekers. For those who have long gift lists the problem of variety is often difficult to solve. Something different for everybody is not always easy, especially when a certain sum must be made to do much service. This showing of Waists and Umbrellas includes such a wide range of qualities that you'll doubtless find the very thing to come within your appropriation. ECRU NET BLOUSES, silk lined, trimmed with heavy insertions and medallions. Sizes 34 to 40. Prices... PLAIN TAILORED SILK BLOUSES, made of good quality mesaline silk with plain tailored collars and cuffs in tan, navy and red. Sizes 34 to 40. Each... BLACK SILK LACE BLOUSES, trimmed with lace and insertion, lined with black silk. Sizes 34, 36 to 38. Each... CHIFFON BLOUSES, made over silk and insertion. A very effective style in tan, navy, Copenhagen and black. Sizes 34 to 40. Each... IVORY LACE BLOUSES, with pipings of tan, blue, pink and Copenhagen, made with Dutch neck and high neck, three-quarter sleeves. Prices, Dutch Neck, \$4.50; High Neck... LAWN BLOUSES a good assortment just opened in lawn and fine mull, trimmed with new patterns of lace. Embroideries; many of them with the new Robespierre and Medici collars. Sizes 34 to 42. Prices \$1.15, \$1.30, \$1.90, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.50, and \$5. NEW MIDDY BLOUSES with navy flannel collars and cuffs. Sizes 32 to 38. Each... A FINE ARRAY OF FINE UMBRELLAS. Handles in gold, silver, pearl, natural wood, fancy horn, etc. Coverings of all silk and wool mixed. We are showing a large variety of Soft Case Umbrellas, which are very convenient for travellers. Our Umbrella prices are varied enough to meet the needs of practically every gift seeker. Each \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.60, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.75, \$7.00, \$9.50, \$9.75, \$13, \$15.50. SILK DEPT., GROUND FLOOR. SEE ANNEX WINDOW, KING ST.

SHOP DURING THE MORNING HOURS AND AVOID THE RUSH IN THE AFTERNOON

If Thinking of Furniture Gifts These Suggestions May Prove Helpful. Hall Glasses in Oak, all finishes. Brass Beds, bright and dull finish. Costumers or Pole Racks. Handsome Hall Chairs. Regulation Card Tables. Wall Medicine Cabinets. Exquisite Chha Closets. Handsome Buffets. Massive Sideboards. Extension Tables. Dining Room Chairs. Rockers for all rooms. Wicker Tables. Wicker Work Tables. Morris Chairs. Chiffoniers in Elm. Prairie Grass Arm and Rocker Chairs. Bedsteads. Patent Morris Chairs. Odd Parlor Chairs. Odd Divans and Sofas. Over Mantel Mirrors. Chiffoniers in all the Oak finishes. Library Tables, Secretaries. Secretary Book Cases. Low Sewing or Nursery Rockers. Willow Rockers. Willow Stationary Chairs. Lounges, Couches. Willow Easy Chairs. Quartered Oak Dressing Tables. Mahogany Dressing Tables. Parlor Tables in Solid Mahogany. Music Cabinets. Tabourettes. Wall Paper Racks. Parlor Tables in Oak and Imitation Mahogany. Babies' Sleighs. Plate Racks. Adjustable Shaving Mirrors. Scrap Baskets. Umbrella Stands. Folding Card Tables. Writing Tables. Sectional Book Cases. Dinner Gongs. Fern Stands. Mahogany Serving Trays. Tea Table in Rattan. Tea Table in Mahogany. Invalids' Chairs. Desk Chairs. Smokers' Cabinets. Cellarettes. Crex Laundry Hampers. Hassocks. Men's Foot Rests. Christmas Tree Holders, 30c. Mahogany Stands. Sewing Machines (high grade.) Kitchen Cabinets. Gramophone Cabinets. Bedroom Box Seats. Bathroom Mirrors. Invalids' Adjustable Tables. Mahogany and Rattan Curates. Duet Benches. Piano Stools. Sofa Beds. Dining Room Side Tables. Dining Tables. Dressing Tables. Dressing Table Stools. Wire Seat Divans. Cozy Corners in Velour. Leather Easy Chairs. Revolving Office Chairs. Students' Chairs. FURNITURE DEPARTMENT—MARKET SQUARE.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd.

NEWS IN SHORT METRE

Juvenile Court. As a result of the crusade started by Commissioner McLellan and the police force, three young lads were arrested in the juvenile court yesterday morning charged with being members of a disorderly gang. All three were fined \$8 or two months in jail.

Ministers' Meeting. The Methodist ministers held their regular weekly meeting yesterday morning. Following routine business, a communication from the Every Day Club regarding the child's protection act was read. The matter received the endorsement of the meeting.

Pleased With Vancouver. An interview with the Vancouver News-Advertiser, Archbishop Casey professed himself to be pleased with his new home, and stated that he had enjoyed the long trip across the continent.

Police Court. The case of Stanley Hopkins, charged with obstructing the sidewalk on Union street with 20 bags during the afternoon of Dec. 10th, was tried before the magistrate yesterday morning. After hearing the evidence the magistrate fined the prisoner \$2 or four days in jail. Mr. Hopkins refused to pay, he left the courtroom, but was warned that a distress warrant would be sent out against him immediately.

Lumber Transfer. Fredericton, Dec. 16.—Messrs. D. Fraser and Sons have taken possession of the Scott Lumber Company's property, which they acquired in their recent \$150,000 timber lands purchase, and this morning workmen started up on the improvements to be made at the Victoria mills.

Thirty Days for Drunks. Fredericton, Dec. 16.—Thirty days imprisonment is the sentence which Col. Marsh now imposes on those found guilty of drunkenness and have not the money to pay a fine. As leniency has been shown to St. John drunks in the past, every stranger arrested here for drunkenness now says he belongs to the wintertime. Several engineers on the Valley Railway survey will quit work this week for the Christmas vacation. It is said that early in January parties will be sent to Northern Maine to survey the line from Presque Isle to the Quebec bridge.

Attempted Burglary. Moncton, Dec. 16.—On Sunday morning a little before five o'clock Police-Main Bellevue, while walking down Main street past Mechanic street corner, heard sounds from the rear of Valentine Landry's restaurant. He found there three men, who made a dash for liberty. One of them, Dennis Halpinny, was arrested and charged with being drunk. The police believe there was an attempt to break into Bourdreaux's garage. The police know Halpinny's companions, and arrests are expected soon.

Small Fishing Good. Chatham, Dec. 16.—In the first fifteen days of fishing on the Miramichi the total catch is estimated at about 400 tons of smelts besides other fish. At \$50 a ton, the lowest at which the fish have been selling, there has been paid out upwards of \$37,000. On Sunday the fish were scarce, but reports state that last night the quantity was greatly increased.

GENERAL

To Aid Voting. Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A bill providing means whereby railway employees in Canada will be given a better opportunity for voting in Federal elections is to come before the House in this session as a result of efforts now being made by the conductors, engineers, firemen and other organizations.

Have Purchased Shares. Montreal, Dec. 11.—A syndicate headed by Sir Henry Pellatt, of Toronto, today took over the Paris shares of the Banque Internationale, an option on which was secured by a local group of capitalists headed by J. M. Fortier, just a month ago. The transfer of the shares was put through this afternoon. \$2,750,000 in all, and a cheque for \$286,000 was drawn up and will be paid over to the representatives of the Paris interests tomorrow.

Blackhand Shot. New York, Dec. 16.—Amelio Prince, said to be a notorious blackhand leader, was shot and killed early today in a bakery. According to the story told the police he had just demanded \$10 of Joseph Gallucci, manager, when he was shot by Gallucci's nephew, who escaped.

To Use Warship. London, Dec. 16.—The British government has proposed to the government of the United States that a British battleship should convey the body of the late ambassador to his native land. Premier Asquith in announcing this decision to the general federation of the House of Commons, paid a graceful tribute to the dead diplomat. It has been arranged to hold a memorial service for the late Ambassador in Westminster Abbey on Friday.

Hotels Projected. Montreal, Dec. 14.—It was announced this morning that the C.N.R. has decided to launch a continuing wide hotel project.

Ten Killed. Rome, Dec. 16.—Ten persons were killed and fifteen injured in a collision Sunday between an express train and a freight between Catania and Messina.

General Strike. Paris, Dec. 16.—A general strike of the whole of the working population of France ordered to be carried out today by the general federation of labor as a protest against laws, was partially unsuccessful. It was understood that all workmen were to throw down their tools for one day only in order to show the strength of the laboring classes and to demonstrate their power of paralyzing the government in the event of war.

PERSONAL. F. R. Hodges, superintendent of the Metcalf Construction Company, left for Montreal last evening.