

AROUND THE CITY CONDITIONS IN JAIL ARE DISGRACE TO COMMUNITY

At Stone Church.
Mr. Pixley will address a meeting in Stone church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. He will take for his subject, Character Building.

Water Escaping.
Policeman Sullivan reports that there is an escape of water running across the street at the corner of Germain and Bristol streets.

Young Ladies' League.
The intermediate class of the Y. M. C. A. will meet on Tuesday evening next to organize. The Young Ladies' League, will entertain them at supper.

Destroying Sidewalk.
Mayor Whitman has been reported by Sergeant Campbell and Policeman McNamee for destroying the asphalt sidewalk on Pond street, by driving a sledge across it on Thursday last.

Lecture At St. Matthew's.
The Rev. J. J. McNeill will lecture on Robert Burns on Tuesday evening, in the schoolroom of St. Matthew's church. Homer Crookshanks will give a selection on the sabbath.

Steamer Arrived.
Pickford and Black West India Line steamer Rhodestian, Capt. Forrest, arrived off Partridge Island last night from Halifax, and will come up to her berth this morning to receive her outward cargo.

Recovering Rapidly.
E. S. Hennigar, who met with an accident while overseeing the repairing of the chimney at the residence of the Misses Nixon, on Queen street, on Thursday, was reported to be mending rapidly at the hospital last evening.

Every Day Club.
Rev. M. F. McCutcheon will speak at the Every Day Club tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock, and present some interesting facts concerning the evils of intemperance. The musical programme will include a solo by David Higgins.

Arrested in Depot.
Yesterday morning about 11:30 o'clock, Albert Weir was arrested in the I. C. R. depot by I. C. R. Policeman Smith and was charged with being drunk and disorderly. The prisoner was allowed his liberty by leaving a deposit of \$16.

Trades and Labor Council.
The Building Trades and Labor Council met last evening and transacted a good deal of business. Encouraging reports were received in regard to the movement to establish the closed shop in the building trades in St. John.

Y. M. C. A. Intermediates.
The intermediate class of the Y. M. C. A. met last Wednesday evening and formed a new scout patrol. The new patrol that is known as the Beavers will leave the association building at two o'clock this afternoon en route for Howes Cave and Lout Lake where they will spend the night.

Foundation Giving Way.
The contractors who are putting up the new three story brick building at the corner of Union and Brussels streets are having trouble. The foundation of one of the walls has started to give way, and the wall has had to be shored up. It is feared that the wall may have to be taken down in order to put in a new foundation.

Exmouth Methodist Church.
Class meetings, Sunday morning at 9:45. Preaching service at 11 a. m., Rev. G. A. Ross, Sunday school, pastor's Bible class at 2:30 p. m. The evening service will be of a special character. A large male choir will conduct the singing and addresses will be given by the pastor, Rev. W. V. Brewer and several prominent laymen of the city, all the friends of the congregation are cordially invited to the service.

To Elect Delegates.
Local government supporters for the Parish of Simonds are requested to meet in the Nickel assembly rooms (Carleton street, on Tuesday, 14th inst.) at 7 o'clock, a half hour before the convention, to elect delegates and substitutes to the convention. Simonds No. 1 is entitled 10 delegates; No. 2 to 3 delegates, and No. 3 to 2 delegates. The convention will select a candidate to contest the county by election. The meeting will be called to order at sharp half past seven by the Hon. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P.

White's Changes Hands.
John Bond and Victor A. Scott have taken over the White's restaurant on King street, from the White Catering Company, and will take charge of the property on Monday next. The name of White's will be dropped and that of Bond's will take its place. Mr. Bond's ability as a caterer is well known and Victor A. Scott has been with the Dufferin Hotel on Charlotte street for the past ten years. It is their intention to run a first class restaurant with up to date food of the best quality and to give the best service in the city. The ice cream and confectionary business will be carried on in connection with the restaurant business and arrangements will be made for small parties and dances. The change will not affect the management or the office staff of the Dufferin Hotel.

Pythians Will Celebrate.
The fifth anniversary of St. John Lodge No. 30 Knights of Pythian, North End, will be most interestingly celebrated, Monday evening in the quarters of the lodge, Temple Building, Main street. The Pythian brotherhood generally is invited to the festivities. A most elaborate programme of unusual merit has been arranged and among those to take part are: Messrs. D. B. Pidgeon, Robt. S. Ritchie, Frederick McKean, Clive Dickson, A. Chip Ritchie, Charles Munro, J. D. Garrett, Bayard Stillwell, Wm. J. Bambury, Murray Long, the Pythian quartette composed of Sydney Young, Ed. Bonnell, Ken. Bonnell and William Bambury. In the way of instrumental selections there will be a saxophone solo by Harold H. Williams, saxophone trio by Messrs. Williams, Fred Ed. deaton and Fred Brennan, Past Grand Chancellor W. A. Stewart will be present to make an address and there will be other speakers. D. Arnold Fox will accompany the singers at the piano. The St. John Lodge Pythians are showing a very strong membership—every knight a hustler—they promise to outdo their noble efforts of pleasant memory.

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County Council Pays Visit to Jail and Find that Sanitation is Impossible with Limited Number of Cells -- Criticize Police Magistrate.

That owing to overcrowding, conditions in the common jail are a disgrace to any civilized community, and that the police magistrate accentuates the difficulties by his practice of remanding prisoners and keeping them in jail without determinate sentences, were the discoveries made by a committee of the county council which paid a visit of inspection to the jail yesterday. The committee found that 74 prisoners were crowded into 16 cells, that all the requirements of sanitation were wanting, as well as most of the conditions of decency and morality; and they decided to make a number of important recommendations to the council with a view to alleviating the evils. In one case they found a man and a boy locked in a cell, a condition which is contrary to all modern jail practice, and lends itself to the most frightful abuses.

The committee which inspected the jail consisted of the chairman, Council M. O'Carroll, of St. Martin's, and Councillors Codner and J. E. Jones, with the county secretary and the sheriff. They decided to recommend the council to install a laundry plant in the jail and to provide the prisoners with clothing. They decided also to ask the council to authorize the provision of shower baths, and to recommend that arrangements be made in so far as possible, for the adoption of the dormitory ward system. They will also recommend that the guardroom be removed to the room over the morgue which is more central, and that a morgue be established elsewhere. Another matter which they thought demanded attention was the provision of better ventilation for the cells and corridors.

Disgrace to Community.
The chairman of the committee when seen by a reporter, said the conditions in the jail at the present and the strongest kind of an argument and the strongest kind of an argument for the immediate establishment of a prison farm.

"The jail is frightfully overcrowded," he said. "This condition, we were told, has been developed by the fact that the patrol wagon now brings many prisoners to the jail for safe keeping, who before it was placed in use, were taken by the policemen to the lockups and kept there for the night. Sheriff de Forest, who impressed me as a very capable official, also charged that the police magistrate increased the difficulty by neglecting his duty and remanding many prisoners whom he ought to give a speedy trial, and not keep in jail under indeterminate sentences. In some cases five or six prisoners were crowded in a cell, a condition which should not be tolerated in any jail.

"Eight Cells Not in Use."
"There are eight cells in the basement of the new big wing which are not being used. We were told that the reason was that they were too damp to place prisoners in, but the building is heated by steam, we did not think the reason was a very strong one.

"As to sanitation, there is no such thing in the jail. Ordinary decency is impossible under the present crowded conditions. We will recommend the installation of a shower bath and the provision of clothes for the prisoners, so that when they are taken there, their old clothes can be taken away and the prisoners given a good bath and clean clothing.

"Now they are brought there, many of them in filthy clothes which they have to wear during the period of their sentence, and the quarters are usually overrun with vermin. Now, and then the guards have to strip the prisoners and put their old clothes in pickle, a heroic remedy which does suffice to keep the place free of parasites.

Sanitation Impossible.
"Sanitation, cleanliness or decency are impossible under present conditions. Two thirds of the prisoners there are drunks, and they must be kept out when they are taken. We saw a young fellow, who did not look to be more than 14 years old locked in a cell with an older man.

"Such conditions as obtain can not lend themselves to reform; they are more apt to brutalize and pollute the prisoners.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

Indications That Attendance Will be Large -- Sir Alex. Fraser and Other Noted Speakers.

Preparations for the Laymen's Missionary Convention, to be held in this city on the 20th and 22nd of November are gradually nearing completion, and present indications are that the convention will meet with the greatest success hoped for by those who have been instrumental in bringing St. John into the list of convention cities.

Rev. J. T. Tucker, secretary of the movement, has received to date between 200 and 300 names for registration as commissioners, and when the convention opens the number will no doubt reach the three hundred mark. Rev. M. E. Fletcher, who has been in Newcastle, Sussex, Moncton, and Woodville and other places in the province reports that each of them will send large representations.

At the session of the Anglican Synod, held during the week in Fredericton, Bishop Richardson commended the movement, and he will take part in the convention, which will be attended by a large number from all the denominations.

The great convention will open on Monday 20th, which will be the grand rallying day for registration at the headquarters 85 Prince William street.

The special feature of the St. John convention will be the grand meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, to be addressed by Sir Alexander Fraser, and J. Campbell White.

Nothing is being overlooked to make the convention a memorable one, and the programme arranged for in this city is of a high order.

Among the speakers during the convention will be Rev. J. Day, M.A., chairman of Canada's Congregational Union, who is well known in Montreal for his religious and social activities; also the Rev. Canon Gould, general secretary of the M.S.C.C. Canon Gould succeeded the Rev. D. L. Workman, Tucker as secretary and has proved himself worthy of the high position he fills. He has a brilliant college record, receiving the degree of B.A. from Toronto University and M. D. from Queens, Kingston. He accepted a call to missionary work among the Mohammedans, believing this to be the hardest work possible. In this work his medical knowledge was invaluable, especially his ability as an eye specialist. Rev. J. Day will take part in the general Anglican denominational rally.

Meeting Tomorrow.
Leo Patrick Cathels will address the meeting tomorrow morning at the Y. M. C. A. at 10 o'clock.

Interesting Musical Event.
The lecture on Shakespeare and music to be delivered in Stone church schoolhouse on next Wednesday evening, Nov. 5, by Dr. H. C. Perrin, dean of the music faculty and director of the conservatorium of McGill University, which is to be under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club is arousing much interest and will open the season of the club's activities. The lecture will be musically illustrated.

VANCOUVER OBJECTS TO LOCAL KNOCKS

Resident Writes Pointing Out that City is Not Lawless and is Making Exceptional Progress.

As an answer to an interview published in a morning paper some days ago in which some rather unkind things were said about Vancouver, a well known business man of this city has received a letter from the successful St. John man who is a resident of Vancouver, in which he replies vigorously to the assertions made in the interview referred to. Among other things said by the "knocker" was that many houses are placarded for sale and that people think nothing of pulling a gun and shooting a man in the street. As an answer to the intimation that there is a slump in real estate he encloses the following:

"The total building permits from the first of January to October 15th amounted to \$1,411,965. Some months ago Mr. Jarrett, the building inspector, estimated that the total permits for the year would probably reach \$15,000,000. There is hardly any doubt but that these figures will be reached by the end of the present month, and if November and December keep up the average for the year another \$3,300,000 will be added, making a grand total of over \$18,000,000 for 1911."

A copy of the paper in which the interview was printed was sent and the reply follows:

"Such articles as you marked in the Standard amuse and perhaps annoy me. If the men who are writing these things would stick to the truth, it would be a good thing for Vancouver. The clipping enclosed is a fact, not real estate boosters' talk. As for shooting a man on the street, that did happen, and the papers had a good deal in them for a day or two, and it was dropped as most people thought. Within a week past the papers announced that the murderer had been captured way up north, and is now awaiting trial. There is better order in Vancouver than any place I know of.

"I have been in all the large cities of Canada and when it comes to picking out the best place I will take Vancouver every time. It is unpleasant to have 'For sale' on your house, but if by having it you can make a few thousand dollars, most men will have the 'For sale' there. It is not uncommon to have a mortgage on your house east, and as a rule most men there rent them and in the end have nothing.

"Here men are content to let their money paid as rent go against the price of their house and as a result, they are enabled to own the property. The house they pay \$5,000 for now, will be worth \$5,000 a few years hence. The writer of the article in the Standard may not call this good business, but I for one, like to get 100 cents out of every dollar I spend. I am not knocking the east but the man who comes out here and makes money and goes back and knocks the west isn't much good. I do not say that living in the west is not high, but in one works, one can make good money, and while you work harder you do not realize it. The average man here will say 'I would rather work on a holiday than loaf.' Everyone wants to work and that's why the newcomers think he works harder than in the east."

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