

AROUND THE CITY

Defective Sidewalk.
Policeman Gardner reports a dangerous hole in the Mill street sidewalk near the corner of North street.

A Key Found.
A key found on Mill street yesterday by Policeman Gardner can be had by the owner applying at the central police station.

A Little Wanderer.
Little Christina Logan of 32 Chapel street, strayed away from her home early last night and caused her mother considerable anxiety before she was brought home.

The Art Club.
The regular meeting of the St. John Art Club which was to have been held last evening was postponed on account of some difficulty with the heating apparatus, until Thursday evening of next week.

Black Silk Mitten Found.
A lady's black silk mitten was found on Queen street near Germain Sunday last by James Hamilton who handed it to Deputy Chief Jenkins, and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

United Presbyterian Meeting.
There will be a united meeting of the Presbyterian congregation at the central church, Carleton street, this evening, for the purpose of introducing the new deaconess, Miss Sinclair. Special music will be furnished and addresses will be delivered by the local clergy-men. All are invited.

Badly Injured by Fall.
William Thompson of the North End, who is employed with S. W. Mackin, Main street, while working in the store yesterday fell from a stepladder on his face and received painful injuries. Dr. Frank Hogan was called in and was obliged to put several stitches in the wound.

Hard on the Hats.
The high wind yesterday afternoon and evening with the cold weather caused great inconvenience to pedestrians whose eyes were blinded with dust, and on more than one occasion hard hats were blown from heads and when recovered some distance away were found to be broken. The police report finding a couple of these hats on the streets last night.

The Boom is Growing.
The board of trade continues to receive applications for employment in the city from those wishing to locate here. Another encouraging sign is that the secretary of the board is in receipt nearly every day of letters from people all over Canada and in the United States asking for information about conditions in St. John and in the province generally.

A Slight Fire.
No. 1 chemical and No. 2 hose were called out by a still alarm shortly after seven o'clock for a slight fire in Jeremiah Quinlan's house at 29 Elliott Row. An over-heated stove pipe set fire to a section of a wooden mantle, but the services of the firemen were not needed as the blaze was extinguished before they arrived, and the damage done was trifling.

North End Realty Deal.
An important deal in real estate on Main street has just gone through by which Allison and Thomas have become the purchasers of an extensive property on the corner of Main and Portland streets, with a frontage on these two thoroughfares and on Chapel street. Robert B. Travis's drug store is included. There is a total frontage of thirty-eight feet on Main street, seventy-five feet on Chapel street and forty-nine feet on Chapel street. It is one of the most desirable properties in the North End. Allison and Thomas purchased the property from the McColligan estate.

Marlborough Lodge Elects.
At a well attended meeting of Marlborough Lodge No. 307 last evening, several candidates were initiated, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. J. Stealy; Vice-president, A. Lawrence; chaplain, R. Ingelton; secretary, Chas. Ledford; treasurer, R. I. Carlos; 1st guide, J. I. Lord; 2nd guide, H. Talbot; 3rd guide, J. Whitehouse; 4th guide, G. H. Walders; 5th guide, A. L. H. Stephens; 6th guide, C. Mates; inside guard, H. P. Smith; outside guard, A. F. Weir; and on president, H. Holland; physician, G. A. B. Addy; auditors, A. R. Carlos, W. G. Fry, A. F. Webb; trustees, T. W. Pile, B. W. Thomas, A. K. Carlos.

The Fish Market.
Owing to the heavy weather along the coast during the last few days fresh fish are rather scarce in the market today, although there is sufficient to meet with the demand. The following are the retail quotations on fish for today:—Halibut, 15c. per pound; haddock and cod, 6c. per pound; frozen mackerel 20 to 30c. each; fresh herring, 20c. per dozen; smelt, 12c. per pound; New Brunswick frozen salmon, 18c. to 25c. per pound; shad, 30 to 35c. each; flnan haddie, 8c. per pound; kipper herring, 24c. per dozen; bladders, 24c. per dozen; clams, 20c. per quart; oysters, 75c. per quart; lobsters, 25 to 50c. each. Salt fish are selling at the usual prices.

Take advantage of the special offer which F. A. Dykeman & Co. are giving if you want to get a dainty Christmas present for a lady at a very small outlay. Silk head shawls, a big lot of them, now on sale at 37 cents each. Just the daintiest thing for wearing to the Opera and other functions. They are woven close from the finest silk fibre imaginable with a woven silk lace edge. Can be had in cream and black. Another attractive gift of special sale is a lady's silk and wool umbrella, rolls very close inside a silk case, beautifully ebony handle with silver mountings at \$1.45 each. Of course they have other prices from 75 cents to \$5.00.

PERSONAL.
H. B. Robinson, manager of the Atlantic Bend Company, has returned to the city after a visit to Montreal. (Montreal Herald, Dec. 11.)
E. A. Smith of St. John was introduced on change at the Board of Trade yesterday by D. Piewas.
H. F. Robinson of St. John was in the city yesterday and in an interview dwelt on the progressive conditions in the Maritime Provinces.

BORDEN'S NAVAL POLICY MAY BRING A BIG PLANT TO SWELL ST. JOHN BOOM

Visitor has information that Effect of Naval Policy of Borden Government will be to Bring English Shipbuilding Plant Here — Cheering Report About Steel Plant and Drummond Interests.

A report was in circulation about the city yesterday that the capital required for the establishment of the proposed iron and steel works at St. John had been fully subscribed by English capitalists and that there was every probability that work on the plant would be started as soon as the question of a site was settled.
G. F. Palmer of the Norton Griffith Company, which is generally understood to be identified with the project to establish a steel plant here when asked about the matter said that he had no information to make public, as he had just arrived in the city. "The report may be true," said Mr. Palmer, "but I have no information of a definite nature about the position of the project. Mr. Burton Stewart, the managing director of the company, who is very much interested in the steel and iron proposition, is in Vancouver, and I have not heard from him for several days."
The report in circulation also stated that the Drummond interests would move their plant at London-derry to St. John, and that when the

VAST SILVER TREASURE FOR OLD COUNTRY

About \$41,000 Worth of Precious Metal Hauled Through Streets on Slovens — Looked Like Tin.

Eighty-three bars of solid silver, each weighing in the vicinity of 80 pounds and worth approximately \$500 a bar figures out at \$41,500. This is the extent of the shipment made by some of the Cobalt mines via the Empire of Britain to the Old Country, where it will be taken to the mill, and made in the coin of the realm. The Dominion Express Company handled the special which was taken to the steamer yesterday.
About half past three yesterday afternoon the silver was loaded on two stout express wagons and without covering or guards driven to the ferry floats, and after the West Side had been reached, the steam or where it was checked and placed in the strong room.
During the trip many curious people wondered what the metal really was, but few realized the value of the bright colored bars being hauled through the city with so little ceremony. To those who knew, however, it was amusing to see silver representing such a sum being transferred like so much pig iron.

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A special offering of our entire stock of English Down Filled Quilts with coverings of Art Satin, Art Silk and Art Silk. Any of these handsome comfortables would make acceptable Christmas Gifts.

Special Sale Prices, each \$3.40, \$4.10, \$4.95, \$5.80, \$7.30, \$9.65, \$11.30, to \$27.00.

HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

For "Him" Buy a Comfort Garment

SMOKING JACKETS in double breasted cloth the back forming collar, lapels and pocket tops. A very great variety of exceedingly natty garments, many with plain backs to the cloths, others in various stripes and check effects. The colors are dark greys, Cambridge greys, blues, greens and wine.

Prices each from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

SMOKING JACKETS, heavy weight, English make, cord and braid trimmed sleeves, pocket and edges; all cloths have plaid backs. So many men prefer this style of jacket that we have provided a particularly fine assortment in greys, blue greys and browns. Price, each \$5.00 to \$7.50.

Make a man comfortable in his home and you have gone a long way toward making a happy home environment. The Dressing Gown is an important adjunct toward this endeavor—hence a happy Christmas thought. The very choicest of qualities, textures and patterns are here now.

DRESSING GOWNS, plain styles, braid and cord trimmed, others have shawl collar, cuffs and pocket tops formed from reverse side of materials which are in two-tone and plaid back effects. Also gowns in diagonal wales and tweeds of fancy stripe design; trimmings of braid and cord. We offer Dressing Gowns in several shades of light and dark greys, browns, blue greys, greens, reds; plain effects and stripes, also a great many fancy figured designs.

Prices, each \$6.00 to \$19.00.

In Addition We Offer a Fine Exhibit of Jaeger Dressing Gowns

BATH ROBES, in rich warm figured blanket fabrics. A splendid showing in blue and grey, green and grey, brown and castor, grey and red, tan and grey, red and castor.

Prices, each \$4.50 to \$5.75.

BOYS' BATH ROBES, in same materials. Each \$4.25 to \$5.75.

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CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Cluny Lace Lunch Sets for Gifts

d'Oyleys, 6 to 12 inches, each 25c. to 75c.
Centres, 15 to 28 inches, each 50c. to \$5.00
Trays, oval and oblong, each \$1.50 to \$4.50
Covers, round and square, each \$2.50 to \$9.00
Bureau Scarfs, each \$1.50 to \$5.00
Buffet Scarfs, each \$1.75 to \$6.00

These are genuine French hand-made, they wash and wear well and make useful Christmas gifts. See them at front counter, Main Store.

Christmas Gifts In Hand Bags, Purse and Card Cases

Hand Bags in black, tan, brown, green, grey or navy; some have fittings, short or long handles, each \$1.00 to \$12.00

Beaded Bags, now so fashionable, in many shapes, each \$1.50 to \$10.00

Mesh Bags, in gilt, silver, gun metal, black and oxidized, each \$5.00 to \$6.00

Fancy Bags, Automobile Bags, Chatelaine Bags, etc.

Beaded Purse, each 25c. to \$2.00. Mesh Purse, each 25c. to \$3.00. Leather Purse, each 20c. to \$5.00.

Card Cases, in black and colors, assorted sizes, each 50c. to \$2.00. Front Store.

CITY HOTELS FILLED WITH WESTERNERS

MONTREAL IN AFTER ROUGH TRIP ACROSS

A WESTERNER AND HIS PILE

Rush for Christmas Boats, Last Night, Taxed Accommodation of Hotels -- Nearly 500 Slept in Cars.

C. P. R. Liner Docked Yesterday Afternoon -- Stopped for Five Hours by High Wind -- Other Winter Port News.

Where \$200 Looks as Big as the Government Mint -- Not Much of a Western Boast.

Judging by the crowds about the streets yesterday one would almost think St. John was in the midst of exhibition week. Fully two thousand arrived during the day. On regular and special trains they came; fur coats and all. Except for the few commercial men who arrived during the day all were bound for the Old Country for the holiday season. The accommodation of every hotel in the city was taxed to capacity, and even at a late hour last night, a number could be seen making unsuccessful attempts to find accommodation.

With the arrival of the C. P. R. steamer Montreal and the Elder Dempster steamer Bona and with the departure of the Dominion liner Salsburgh, the waterfront at Sand Point presented an animated appearance yesterday afternoon.

The fact that the city was full of strangers yesterday awaiting the sailing of the steamships for England, coming from the far west for the purpose of paying a visit to the old folks at home, and having their Christmas dinner with them, it strikes the majority of people who see them that these western visitors must have made little fortunes in the very short time or they would not be able to make such a long journey for a simple vacation.

While the weeks immediately preceding Christmas have, for the past few years, been looked upon as busy ones in connection with the winter port traffic, there is every indication that a new record will be established this year. One leading hotel man, commenting on the rush, said last night that the number returning to the Old Country through St. John this season so far is more than double that of last year for the corresponding period, and is in fact far in advance of any previous year.

The Elder Dempster steamer Bona, Captain Dutton, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Mexico with a large general cargo and a few passengers. Among the passengers were two Chinamen who have made their piles in Mexico and are here to enjoy the delights of their native Hong Kong.

Why no? said the man. "I don't own a farm, but I work on one. You see away out in the west it is quite easy to get a job on a farm, and after you get to work you receive what is the beauty of the whole thing is that out there you have no place to spend it. You get up early in the morning, wash, eat, and at dark you go to bed and have nothing to do until the next morning. You don't have to wear a suit of clothes to work. You don't have a barber to pay every other day for a shave, and in the evenings there are no theatres, restaurants or halls to visit, where you can spend your money, so you see when you are paid so much a month and given your board, you are like a sailor when he is at sea, for every cent you earn has to be stowed away until you get back to a city where there is a chance to spend some money."

A TEA AND SALE IN CALVIN CHURCH

BOOSTERS LOSING CHANGE TO BOOST

Excellent Opportunity to Get St. John or New Brunswick Literature Into Hands of Returning Britishers.

In the school room of the Calvin Presbyterian church last evening a tea and sale was held under the auspices of the Young Ladies Guild. The rooms and the different booths were tastefully decorated with evergreen and red trimming.

With thousands of Old Country people passing through the city on their way home for Christmas, the boosters are neglecting a good opportunity of advertising the city and the province.

The reporter asked him if he considered two hundred a big stake to put in a small time on this winter, and he replied that he did think it a whole lot. "For," said he, "I would be working in England for a very long time and would never manage to get that much money ahead." He said that there were a great number of men from the west in England for a very long time and were in just the same position as himself.

The ice cream table was under the supervision of Miss M. Tweedie, Miss Christine Nicols, Miss L. Gray and Miss Minnie Semple.

At the tea table were, Miss Grace Clark, Miss Florence McBride, Miss Beattie O'Dell, Miss Willis Miss Rose Desautel, Mrs. A. J. Robertson and Miss Hazel McGarrity.

Many of those returning home to Great Britain from the west are not particularly pleased with their experience, and it is to be hoped that literature about the city and province was distributed among them, it might induce many to stop here if they come back to Canada. In any case it would afford an excellent opportunity of getting information about the province and city into many homes in the West Side.

Successful Tea and Sale.
A most successful sale and tea was held in the school room of the Lutheran street Baptist church yesterday afternoon and evening and a substantial sum was realized in aid of the church funds. The affair was under the auspices of the Young Women's Society and the committees who had it in charge are greatly pleased at the success achieved.

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