

AROUND THE CITY

FAIR AND MILD

NOTICE

Effective immediately, The Standard office will operate on daylight time. The business office opens at eight o'clock (Standard time) and closes at five o'clock. Advertisers will please govern themselves accordingly.

AUDIT COMPLETED.

The auditors who have been checking up the expenditures in connection with the building of the city wharves have completed their labors and left for home last evening.

WAS ONLY FRIGHTENED.

While an auto truck was proceeding along Waterloo street yesterday afternoon a fire on a rear wheel panicked, emitting a loud report. A lady passing by on the street was frightened, and screamed loudly.

TWO DRIVERS REPORTED.

Two drivers of a local laundry were reported by the police yesterday for handling their teams without having a foot-strap. Both will appear later to answer the charge in the police court.

FAIR WINNERS.

The winners at the L. O. O. F. Fair on the West Side last night were: Bagatelle, H. Watson; Ladies' Bean Toss, Edith Long; Gen's Bean Toss, Roy McCarver; Air Gun, Charles Williams; Door Prize, ticket 553.

ON SAD MISSION.

Rev. F. S. Dowling left last evening for Toronto, being called there by the death of his mother, Mrs. Bryan Dowling. The many friends of the popular minister at St. Andrew's church will sympathize with him in his bereavement.

BICYCLE ACCIDENT.

A young fellow proceeding on a bicycle on Waterloo street last evening ran into a little boy who was "crossing the street," knocking him to the pavement. Beyond a few scratches the little chap escaped unhurt, while the cyclist injured one of his knees.

FAIR FOR SCOUTS.

At a meeting held recently friends of the Scouts of St. John's Church decided to hold a Fair, the proceeds of which will be for the Band Fund. The Scouts have done much valuable work assisting in every aspect, and their many friends will welcome an opportunity to help these boys, who are always so ready to give their services.

MILITARY ENQUIRY.

The military enquiry being conducted at the Armouries, relative to the conduct of the First Depot Battalion, is nearing a conclusion. The enquiry is being conducted by five officers of the Ottawa Department of the militia in uniform with others of this military district. A large number of witnesses are being called daily. Brigadier General Macdonnell, C.M.G., D.S.O., officer commanding this district, along with several other senior officers, are in attendance at the hearing.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A very enjoyable evening was recently spent at the home of Miss Zia Sweeney, 51 Saint David's street, on the occasion of her birthday. Friends to the number of thirty couples assembled to extend to Miss Sweeney their felicitations, and as a token of their esteem and respect, presented to her a beautiful cabinet. The art director, accompanying the presentation, was read by E. J. Henchery, and responded to by Miss Sweeney in a most pleasing and appropriate manner. Cards and music were indulged in and refreshments served.

FIRE'S HEAVY TOLL.

The somewhat alarming statement has been made that the fire loss in Canada last year aggregated nearly \$34,000,000, and that 69 per cent of that loss was caused by fires. The Conservation Commission has been investigating these fire losses, with a view to fixing the responsibility and providing some means of preventing this awful fire waste. J. Grove Smith of Ottawa, who has been devoting special attention to this important subject, will be in St. John on Monday next week and will address a public meeting at the board of trade rooms that evening. The board of fire underwriters, the rotary club, the trades and labor council and the retail merchants' association have been invited to send representatives to the meeting.

GETTING READY FOR THE SUMMER

Indiantown a Hive of Industry
At Present—Steamers Fitting Out for the Season's Business.

Indiantown is a busy spot these days with the steamboat and tugboat men getting their craft ready for the opening of the river. The river steamers are receiving their usual spring cleaning up, and will be ready for the business when the ice goes out. The first of the week the Maestri will be brought through the falls for an overhauling, and will at the opening of navigation go on the Fredericton route, later resuming her usual run on the Wasademoak Lake. The Champlain will run to Jemseg. The Flushing left yesterday for Pond Landing, the first boat to go up river this year. She is taking up a scow and is to bring down a raft of logs.

Reports from up river yesterday were to the effect that at Edmonston the ice was still firm and people were crossing; at Florenceville the river was still frozen with the water quite high at Footlock the river had dropped two inches during the night.

FAVORS MONCTON A DIVISIONAL RAILWAY CENTRE

St. John Board of Trade Endorses Request of Moncton Body and Promises Cooperation to That End.

The council of the Board of Trade met yesterday and heard the report of the secretary, who had been appointed a delegate to visit Moncton and discuss with the Board of Trade of that city, railway matters.

Mr. Armstrong reported that he had visited Moncton on March 29 and had a conference with the Board of Trade, who found that body in accord with the stand taken by the local board. There was no disposition to criticize the C. N. R. for removing the general store, but what they did ask was the division of the railway into two or more operating units, one of which would take in the line from Moncton to Quebec to Sydney, taking in Hallifax and St. John, with a divisional executive at Moncton, which would be empowered to deal with all local affairs.

The view was expressed that as the Maritime Provinces possessed the only open winter ports on the Canadian Atlantic Coast and the peculiar problems in connection with the Prince Edward Island and branch railways in the other two provinces, that a divisional administration would be in the interest of both the railway and the public of these provinces.

It was stated that almost all the years of trade in the Maritime Provinces had expressed a desire to cooperate with Moncton in this matter and great pleasure was expressed at the stand the St. John board had taken on the question.

The following recommendations were submitted by Secretary Armstrong and adopted by the council:

1. That it would provide a prompt report of appeal on traffic and other matters, the effects of which would be to expedite business; add to the efficiency of the railway system; increase its traffic receipts; enhance its usefulness as a national highway, and make it more popular with the people of the Maritime Provinces.

2. That a sympathetic local administration, conversant with local needs and local possibilities, would materially assist in building up our ports and export traffic; in developing our fisheries, mines, lumber, agriculture and other natural resources; in directing tourist travel to the Maritime Provinces; in forwarding local industries and general business, and in grappling with local difficulties.

3. That it would bring the railway in closer touch with provincial managers, with the Boards of Trade, Tourist Associations and kindred organizations, thereby securing greater coordination of effort and enlarged results.

4. That it would remove to a great extent the criticism that Confederation promises to the Maritime Provinces were being ignored.

5. That it would stabilize industrial, commercial and recreational conditions at the divisional centre, and that these benefits would extend to all maritime communities.

6. That it would tend to the betterment of the railway and its rolling stock and create a better feeling among the railway employees.

7. That it would relieve the general staff of much of its responsibility and would enable it to devote more attention to the advancement of the larger interests of the system.

8. That it would enable the Railway Board to ascertain the strong and the weak portions of the system and thus to promptly remedy defects.

9. That it would tend to direct more national attention to the Maritime Provinces as an integral part of the Dominion and to their outstanding opportunities.

10. That it would encourage and stimulate the people of the lower provinces, give them a greater incentive to work in the national interest, remove causes of disaffection, and at the same time hasten the development and add to the population of this maritime section, which results must redound to the benefit of the railway.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

The Council unanimously adopted the secretary's report, the matter of naming delegates to be taken up later on.

A letter was read from President Beatty, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, touching the matter of inspection of ports dues. It was Mr. Beatty's view that "St. John should, in the national interest, be as nearly as possible a free port so that Canadian traffic would naturally pass through it and neither the traffic itself nor the steamship or rail companies be under greater handicap than that which they are by virtue of its geographical location."

President Beatty stated that he expected to be in New Brunswick this month and spend a day or more in St. John.

The Halifax Board of Trade reported that a delegation of business men had waited on the Board of Control and urged the adoption of daylight time, but the Board decided to wait the decision of the Railway Commission.

The Chatham Board of Trade reported that it was unanimously in favor of daylight saving for the town itself, and that uniformity of dates would be taken up with the Newcastle Board. A largely signed petition in favor was being circulated.

No action was taken on the Winnipeg Board of Trade's recommendation for an all-British road the world news wireless service.

Communications were read from Messrs. Elkin and Wigmore, relative to the action of parliament on daylight saving and also with respect to their action on Bay of Fundy subsidies.

TRAINS LATE.

Yesterday's C. P. R. trains were two and a half hours late, due to wreck on the Maine Central, west of Vancorbore. The wreck was caused by a freight leaving the rails. One of the cars, a heated one, took fire and the rest of the train was burned as well. So far as known no person was injured. The accident occurred at Tomah, Me.

DIRECTOR STEEVES ASKS TO BE RELEASED

Has Been the Head of Elementary Agriculture Education in New Brunswick for Several Years.

Mr. R. P. Steeves, director of elementary agricultural education, in the Province of New Brunswick, has asked to be retired. Mr. Steeves has been engaged in educational work for forty years and during that long period has won recognition for ability and industry. As Inspector of Schools he was widely known. When the department of agriculture decided to introduce elementary agricultural education in New Brunswick, Mr. Steeves was selected to direct the undertaking. How he succeeded is best evidenced by the widespread movement along these lines. The children of the public schools have shown keen interest in the work, and the annual school fairs, which have attracted so much attention in recent years, are the result of Mr. Steeves' efforts. It is understood that a retiring allowance will be made in his case. As the pioneer in elementary agricultural work he will leave behind him a well organized movement. The work is yet young and can be made of the greatest importance to the province.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL MEETING

Appoint Committee to Attend Board of Trade Meeting Monday—President Campbell Appointed Volunteer Organizer.

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last evening in Odell's Hall, Union street, with President Fred A. Campbell in the chair.

A communication from the Board of Trade requesting a delegation of the Trades and Labor Council to attend the meeting Monday evening was read and accepted, a committee being duly appointed.

President Fred A. Campbell was recommended to the A. F. of L. as the volunteer organizer for St. John in place of John Kemp, whose vacancy is recorded on account of his work which takes him out of the city, and who resigned lately.

Peter Sharkey reported to the meeting relative to being before the Board of School Trustees with respect to the daylight saving as was being proposed by the school board for Monday, and reported the outcome of the conference—the postponement of action on the part of the board until a later date when definite time is authorized.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Board of Trade for the use of their room last Thursday evening in the interests of labor against daylight saving.

The drawing of the Stetson hat lottery was held and won by ticket 608 held by James Scumrah, 126 Metcalfe street.

It was decided to hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon of all organized labor in the city for the discussion of important business.

The date of the next regular meeting falling upon Good Friday will result in no doubt in postponement of the meeting until after Easter tide.

TEMPLE BAND TO BE BIGGER AND BETTER

Start Practicing on Tuesday Under Former Bandmaster McNichol Who Returned from Overseas—Twenty-eight Members Joined Colors.

At a meeting of the Temple Band, held recently, the members declared in favor of a bigger and better band and plans for this were talked over. This organization deserves a great deal of credit for the way it has carried on during the war, in the face of great difficulties. They sent no less than twenty-eight men overseas, including their bandmaster, and of this number three have paid the supreme sacrifice. They are now getting some of their former members home and it was thought the matter of improvement of the band to give it a bigger and better band, and with this object in view they will be glad to welcome to their ranks any musician who is not affiliated with any other organization, and they hope before long to have a band of forty or fifty men.

In this they are following out the example set by the United States, who, since the war have, through the press and public speakers, been agitating for bigger bands and consequently better music.

The band this year will be under the baton of its old bandmaster, P. W. McNichol, who has overseas with the 9th Battalion of Toronto (Bandmaster Jones, who has been in charge for the past three years having resigned), and started practicing for the summer on Tuesday evening last.

The officers for this year are: H. P. Black—President. W. H. Akerley—Treasurer. B. W. Wilson—Secretary. E. B. Lemon—Librarian. A. Jack—Band Sergeant. A. McAllister—Property Man. H. F. Black, H. C. Lemon, Charles Gillop, Trustees.

FOUND OLD COIN.

An employee of the water and sewerage department, while at work on Union street, Thursday afternoon found an English sovereign of the year 1815.

MORE "FLU."

It was reported to the Board of Health yesterday afternoon that influenza has broken out in another family.

A meeting of the executive of the Local Board of Health took place this afternoon at 3:30 p. m., daylight time.

EXPECTS GREATER TRADE WITH JAPAN

Niamo Kayki of Tokio Talks to The Standard—Judgment on Market Conditions After Reconstruction Has Been in Progress.

That Japan anticipates greater trade with the Dominion was the opinion expressed by Niamo Kayki of Tokio to The Standard last night at the Union Depot, while he was awaiting the departure of the Boston train. Mr. Kayki carries on an extensive industry in the manufacture of oriental rugs and is visiting this side in connection with establishing connections.

"In some respects conditions are similar to those in Canada," remarked Mr. Kayki, "and we must await until reconstruction has been in progress for a period of time before we can pass judgment on the market conditions. One thing is very noticeable and that is the very large number of second-hand goods that have asked to be taken to the place of the place of rugs and carpets which they formerly purchased from enemy countries. Measured by the expressions of the majority of merchants I can see a large increase within the next few years in our volume of trade with the Dominion."

Mr. Kayki spoke very interesting of the political situation in the island Empire and stated that at present the trade was in a flourishing condition.

SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Did Not Materialize Last Evening, Not Enough Present for Quorum—Labor Representatives Present—Daylight Time Discussed Informally.

A special meeting of the school board called for last night did not materialize, as only five of the members turned up, and it requires six to make a quorum. An informal discussion on the opening of the schools on daylight saving time took place, and P. C. Sharkey, representing the Trades and Labor Council of the city, said the views of that body before the trustees present. After considering the matter, the chairman, Dr. Emery, stated that as the action of the board in announcing the opening of the schools on daylight time on Monday, was not strictly legal, no meeting having been held, until the city council should take action on the matter, the board would open and close on standard time.

Dr. Emery, G. H. Green, H. C. Smith, E. J. D. P. Lewis, were the members of the board present, with superintendent of schools, Dr. Bridges.

Mr. Bridges said the board had through Dr. Bridges, stated that beginning Monday, the schools would open and close on daylight time. It would be a hardship to have to make the change. The laboring men objected to the new time because they had to get up too early in the morning in order to get to work at six and seven o'clock, as many of them had to do.

Trustee Green asked how many men had to go to work at these hours, and Mr. Sharkey replied that the street railway men, longshoremen and engineers had to. Mr. Green then asked why the board had voted for it. Mr. Sharkey said one side of that story had been told yet. When the vote was taken the men in the factory voted against it by a majority of eight, but the vote of the office staff made it four of a majority in favor of the new time. Mr. Sharkey thought the merchants would get their goods and shipments out on time by employing a little more help.

He informed the members of the board that if the change went into effect "you may expect to hear from us."

Mr. Day wanted to know who "us" was, and Mr. Sharkey said the laboring men. Mr. Day pushed the matter further and wanted to know by what right Mr. Sharkey undertook to speak for all the laboring men of the city. Mr. Sharkey said he had been sent there by the Trades and Labor Council, and did not propose to be insulted by Mr. Day. Mr. Day assured there was no insult meant, he merely wanted to find out who he was representing.

J. D. P. Lewis said he had first learned of the proposed change from the newspapers and he questioned the advisability of the change. He thought of all institutions the school would be the least affected by not changing the time, about the only possible inconvenience being at the noon hour.

Dr. Bridges said he was personally opposed to any tinkering with the school hours, but the children who lived in the suburbs and came in on the train had to come in an hour early.

H. Colby Smith said he was opposed to any change at present and objected when asked about the matter over the phone. He thought the board should wait until the city council had acted.

Dr. Emery said in view of the fact that the action taken was hardly legal, he thought it would be better for him to make another announcement stating that school hours would remain as they were until the city council had moved in the matter.

Mr. Sharkey thanked the members of the board for the hearing given him, and the members left for their homes with that understanding.

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THE JOY RIDERS WERE ARRESTED

Police Stop Wild Runaway on Pond Street—Ambulance Called for Carriage Occupants But Patrol Wagon Used Instead.

When near the corner of Sowell and Pond, both occupants of the wagon were hurled to the ground and the frightened animal continued on its course. At this corner Officers Sheehan and Gaudet jumped out on the street and stopped the horse. While one of the officers attended to the horse the other called the patrol and ambulance, both conveyances responded with dispatch.

On examination of the young men it was found that they were not seriously injured and they were both taken to the police station.

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