

AROUND THE CITY

Midnight Mass. In the Home of the Good Shepherd and the chapel of the Sisters of Charity, midnight mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve.

Ladies Coats Found. Two ladies coats were found Tuesday in Main street. The owner can have the same by applying at the North End police station.

Charged With Wife Beating. Randolph Drillon who was charged with assault by his wife, was yesterday morning placed under arrest by Officer Hamm.

Hand Satchel Found. Patrolman Witten found a lady's hand satchel on the King Square yesterday and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

Found Parcel of Boots. Early yesterday morning Patrolman Witten found a parcel of boots in an alley off Charlotte street. He placed them in the office of the St. John Creamery where the owner can receive the same on application.

Jack Robinson Here. Among the arrivals in the city yesterday to spend Christmas in his old home town was Jack Robinson, the manager of the Sydney Hotel, Sydney, C. B. Jack was kept busy all day receiving the glad hand from his many friends. He leaves for Boston this evening for a brief trip.

Water Pipe Burst. About two o'clock yesterday afternoon the main water pipe running down the North Wharf wharf to the Ferry burst at the head of the wharf and there was a heavy flow of water over the sidewalk and the C. P. R. tracks for a couple of hours until the water works men arrived on the scene and turned the water off.

Buried at Gondola Point. The funeral of Charles Hobert Saunders took place at Gondola Point on Tuesday. Rev. W. W. Allaby conducted the funeral service, and interment was made at the Baptist burying ground. Members of King's Own No. 53, local Orange Lodge, acted as pall bearers. The service of the Orange order was held at the grave, being conducted by J. A. Johnson, King's County master, assisted by Rev. A. W. Daniel of Rothesay, as chaplain.

Slippery Sidewalks. The snow storm Christmas Eve caused the sidewalks to become very slippery yesterday, and as the sand men were enjoying the holiday at their homes the walks were left in a dangerous condition, and a number of people received bad falls on the icy pavements. Yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Amanda Baxter, of Exmouth street, started to walk down Exmouth street hill, she slipped and was almost saved from severe injuries by the quick action of a young man named Huddock who caught her.

Christmas Eve Squabbles. Shortly after Tuesday midnight Patrolman Crawford was called into Patrick Monahan's house on Peter street to quell a disturbance that Patrick was creating. About 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night a fight broke out and Collins were called into Walter Jones' house, No. 5 Union Alley, to quell a disturbance that Jones' son was making. About an hour later the same two officers were called into a house on Sewell street to quiet an angry husband. The man's wife called the officers in and complained that her hubby had been threatening to take her life. She would not give the man in charge. He was quieted down when the officers arrived and promised to be good in the future.

Jail Prisoners Released. Yesterday morning there was joy among a large number of the prisoners in the county jail, whose terms were nearly up, and they received the glad news that they were discharged and given their liberty. In all, twenty-four prisoners were allowed to depart from the big stone building with the request that they try to do better and keep out of the clutches of the law in future. Up to midnight all were reported doing well with the exception of an old rouser and he held his feet until last evening when, although all the saloons were closed, he managed to obtain enough liquor to become intoxicated and was gathered in by the police. He had been in jail since last fall and he stands a good chance of going back there for the remainder of the winter.

Sad Christmas News. Yesterday W. C. Cross of this city received the sad news that his brother, Charles Vince Cross, had passed away in Berkeley, California, after a brief illness, due to smallpox. The deceased was a son of Rev. Henry Cross, formerly pastor of the Germain street Baptist church. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, but went to school in St. John. He was only 35 years of age and for the past five years has represented a big New York firm in California. He leaves a wife and three young children. Three brothers and one sister also survive. The brothers are W. C. Cross of Baird and Peters; Henry S. of Redlands, California; and Francis E. first lieutenant of a United States auxiliary cruiser stationed in the Philippines. The sister is Mrs. H. B. Williams of Red Bank, New Jersey.

Saved by the Police. The timely arrival of Patrolmen Powers and Gibbs at the Long Wharf last evening, about 6:30 o'clock, was perhaps the saving of Fred Rowan's life. Rowan is an Englishman who is employed on one of the steamships lying at Sand Point and he put in part of his time yesterday by drinking liquor, with the result that he wandered down the Long Wharf where he collapsed in a stupor and when the officers arrived he was dead to the world. He was lying very near the edge of the wharf with his two legs over the railway tracks and within a very short distance from some cars which had just been moved by the shunting engine, would have undoubtedly run over and out the man's legs off if it had not killed him. After considerable difficulty the officers roused the drunken man up and gave him a ride in the patrol wagon to the central police station and locked him up.

VOLUNTEER EFFORT PREVENTED BAD FIRE

Michael Mahoney and the Watchman of the McAvity Foundry Fought Stubborn Blaze Without Calling Department.

A fire broke out in the basement of the McAvity foundry on Water street yesterday afternoon and had it not been discovered by the watchman in time the results might have been disastrous. It was a little after six o'clock last evening when the night watchman observed smoke rising from the basement of the building. Not thinking it serious, he did not summon the fire department but telephoned George McAvity, who hurried to the foundry. Meantime the fire rose in the building was stretched along the street by the watchman with the assistance of Michael Mahoney, who had been called, and a Standard representative, made preparations for fighting the fire. In order to get down in the basement where the fire was burning, a hole was cut through the floor and Mahoney dropped through the hole with the fire hose and made a plucky fight against the flames. Several times he had to come up to take a breath of

MANY PRESENTATIONS MADE DURING HOLIDAY

Several Firms Remembered their Employees with Turkeys and Cash—Other Presentations of Interest.

The altar boys of the Cathedral assembled last night in the vestry of the church and presented to Rev. Dr. Meahan a ten dollar gold piece and a box of cigars. A nicely arranged and very appropriate address was read by Joseph Ward. The presentation was made by James Murphy. After he had thanked the boys for their thoughtfulness, Father Meahan gave them a short talk, telling the boys what measures they should take to develop their minds and impressing on them the importance of seeking their vocations at an early age.

Following its annual custom at this season of the year the management of the St. John Railway Company distributed turkeys to each of its employees. Altogether 263 of the festive birds were handed to the men, and each of them was remarkable for its plumpness. The Christmas spirit is making itself felt around the city hotels, and in most cases the managers have expressed their appreciation of the work of the staff for the year by remembering them with substantial cash prizes. Most of the managers and officials of the hotels have, too, been the recipients of presents from the staff.

The employees of the Royal Hotel have presented the manager, T. B. Reynolds, with a fitted travelling case. Mrs. A. A. Blaine, the housekeeper, was presented with a camera by the maids. F. A. Wright, the head waiter, received a cut glass pitcher and glasses from the waiters. The staff presented a reading lamp to Mrs. Doherty and a piece of bronze statuary to Mrs. Raymond. Cash presents were given the staff by the management.

At the Victoria the employees presented a travelling bag to A. M. Philips, the manager, and another to Mrs. Philips. Cash presents were given to the members of the staff. The staff of the Dufferin Hotel presented a silver scallop dish to the manager, John H. Bond. Messrs. F. H. Foster and J. H. Doody were the recipients of umbrellas. Cash presents were distributed among the staff. Arthur McHugh of the Customs was presented by the staff of the Customs with a purse of gold. Mr. McHugh thanked his donors for their good will towards him.

The men employed by the firm of H. S. Gregory, surveyors, were remembered with turkeys, as were the employees of J. H. Pullen. The Simons Canada Saw Company, Sheffield street, presented to each of their employees in the saw and knife department a five dollar gold piece. Mr. and Mrs. Green, proprietors of the Clifton House, were presented by the guests of the house with a large handsome mission table and steel engraving with mission frame, and by the employees with a mission chair, with leather cushion bottom and back. Mr. Green presented the employees with gifts of gold, and the employees received a number of presents from the guests.

In the Edward Hotel last night the friends of Mike "Twin" Sullivan presented him with a gold headed umbrella. The Beacon Dredging Company presented suitable gifts to all their employees. Unique last night the members of the Lyric and Unique staff presented to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Spencer a handsome silver coffee urn accompanied by an address. On this was represented two motion picture reels mounted on mission wood, and stretched from reel to reel was a satin ribbon representing a film on which was printed the address. Mr. Spencer replied briefly and presented each member of his staff with a cheque. On Christmas eve E. R. Fenwick, general manager of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company here, was presented with a handsome Morris chair by the employees of the firm.

REFERENCE TO THE PEOPLE. To the Editor of The Standard. Sir,—It would be hardly worth while for Borden to appeal to the people on the naval question or any other question if he did not carry out the wishes of the people as expressed at the polls, any better than Laurier did when he referred the temperance question to the people. After spending three or four hundred thousand dollars he let it remain in statu quo. For such characters as Laurier to talk about referring the naval question to the people is all rubbish. SUBSCRIBER, UPPER SHEFFIELD, Upper Sheffield, Queens Co., Dec. 23.

QUINLAN AND GIBBS WERE FORTUNATE

Sand Point Shooting On Christmas Eve Ends Luckily.

ALFRED GIBBS MIGHT FACE SERIOUS CHARGE. Fired Revolver Point Blank at P. Leo Quinlan—Fortunately Bullet Lodged in Quinlan's Sock, Doing no Damage. Shortly after noon yesterday, Deputy Chief Jenkins paid a visit to the West End and in company with Sergt. Wm. H. Finley placed Alfred G. Gibbs, aged 28, under arrest, having been charged by P. Leo Quinlan with shooting him with a revolver in the Pacific House, Protection street, Christmas Eve. From all accounts Quinlan is a very fortunate man that he was not killed by the bullet. The Pacific House is near the C. P. R. elevator and a sort of restaurant where workmen at Sand Point obtain meals at all hours of the day and night. Quite a number of men were in the Pacific on Christmas Eve and it had just passed the hour of midnight when Gibbs entered the restaurant from a room off the place. Quinlan, with others, was sitting in the room, and the first thing he noticed was a revolver which Gibbs held in his hand. Gibbs appeared to have been drinking, and when Quinlan saw the revolver he became rather alarmed, and said to Gibbs: "I hope that you have no ill feelings against me, old man," to which Gibbs replied: "Oh, no, it is blank," and at that he pointed the revolver at Quinlan and pulled the trigger. There was a loud report, and instead of firing a blank cartridge he discharged one with a bullet in it. Fortunately for Quinlan, he wore a heavy winter overcoat. The bullet went through the coat on his side and then through his inner clothing, and it is thought it struck against the leather part of his suspenders. After firing the revolver, Gibbs returned to the room from which he came, muttering "It is only blank, it is only blank." Quinlan became alarmed and thought that he had been injured. He at once disrobed. On his left side was a slight swollen bruise, from which the blood almost issued, but at first he could not find the bullet. Later on he found the bullet in his stocking. After going through his clothing and striking the leather part of his suspenders, the bullet had been spent and it dropped down between his body and the trousers into his sock. The revolver, it is learned, was not the property of Gibbs, but belonged to a man named Tufts who boarded at the Pacific House. He had the revolver stored in his trunk. Gibbs had been in his room and extracting the weapon from the trunk, walked out in to the next room and fired point blank at Quinlan, with the result as stated above.

UPSET LAMP CAUSED FIRE

Considerable Damage from Blaze in Building on King Street, West End, Yesterday Afternoon.

The upsetting of an oil lamp in the house of Mrs. Mary Seely, the proprietress of a cake shop at 150 King street, West End, resulted in serious damage by fire yesterday afternoon. It was shortly after five o'clock when the accident occurred. A young man was sitting in a rocking chair in the parlor reading, with a lamp standing on a table behind him. As he rocked back the chair struck the table and threw the lamp to the floor and it immediately exploded. In an instant a great stream of water turned on that the carpet, caught fire and in a very short time there was a brisk blaze which the man was unable to extinguish. An alarm was sent in from box 114 and when the firemen arrived they found a rather bad fire to handle. It was not long, however, when they got the fire under control and before much damage had been done. The furniture in the room was badly damaged and a piano was destroyed. Mrs. Seely has enough insurance on her furniture to cover the loss. The building is the property of Mrs. Seely's mother, Mrs. Brown, and the damage done the building is also covered by insurance.

HE FELL DOWN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Cornelius O'Leary Injured while at Work in O'Regan Building on Tuesday—Not Badly Hurt.

While working in the O'Regan building on Tuesday afternoon, Cornelius O'Leary, who is employed by John O'Regan as teamster, fell down an elevator shaft from the first floor to the cellar and was badly shaken up. Mr. O'Leary was engaged in moving heavy cases when he slipped and fell to the cellar below. The nature of the fall was such that it was at first thought his condition would be serious. Medical aid was summoned and it was found the man received no injuries other than some slight bruises and a shaking up. He was removed to his home City Road and will be around in a few days.

NEW POLICE BLOTTER DID GREAT BUSINESS

Eleven Prisoners Arrested Since Tuesday Night—A Christmas Wish and what Appeared Beneath it.

A new police blotter was placed on the desk in the guard room on Tuesday afternoon and a fairly good business during the past two days. The first visitor to have his name enrolled was a drunk who was gathered in the afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. Since that time eleven prisoners were placed under arrest and the majority are for drunkenness. On Christmas Eve seven drunks were arrested. Of this number five had deposits for eight dollars each yesterday morning and were enabled to get out. Two were unable to raise the cash and spent their Christmas behind the bars. Edward Marr was arrested for being drunk and profaning God's name on the north side of the King Square. There is a line inscribed in most brilliant red ink and in most artistic penmanship over the Christmas date which was not put on by the police official with any sarcastic intention but it strikes one that it can only be meant for the reporters and the police officers who have occasion to read the book. The line reads: "A merry Christmas to you all." Immediately under this happy Christmas greeting come the names of two drunks, a man on the charge of beating his wife and the name of another man who is charged with shooting. It may be a very happy Christmas for some people, but for those whose names are under the line it can be taken for granted that they are not enjoying the holiday season to any great extent.

Notwithstanding the fact that an immense quantity of goods have left Dykeman's store in the last few days, you would hardly notice that the stock had been depleted. So if you had money presented to you for a Christmas gift, you would hardly notice where it would bring the biggest returns, make a bee-line for this store. They have a big lot of Ladies Coats, about fifty of them, that they are anxious to clear out. It is the policy of their store to have no old stock sticking around, so the prices have been cut sufficiently enough to induce you to buy one of these coats whether you want one or not.

SLEDS. The famous Flexible Flyers and Fire Fly self-steering sleds pay for themselves in footwear saved. Flexible Flyers - Prices \$3.00 to \$5.35. Fire Flies - Prices \$1.50 to \$3.25. W.H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

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SLEDS SLEDS. The largest and best assortment we have shown both boys and girls, a comparison of value will show you our prices are right. BOY'S SLEDS 30c., 60c., 75c., \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$5. GIRLS FRAMERS 40c., 50c., 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3. EMERSON & FISHER, LTD., 25 GERMAN STREET.

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