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THE POLICE

The annual report prepared by Chief Clark, which was presented to the Common Council yesterday, contains a great mass of detail on the work of the department during the past year. After a review of incidents in connection with the administration of the force, Mr. Clark makes several recommendations. First of all he urges that for the better protection of Douglas, Burpee and Mount Pleasant avenues, the Queen Square district, and the residential portion of the city east of Sydney street, a number of additional men could be used to advantage. In the outlying districts, including some of those mentioned, he advocates patrol by mounted officers. Once again Chief Clark makes a request for an up-to-date police signal system and for a patrol wagon, and suggests that the patrol wagon and the ambulance be housed in the same building, where one officer could answer the calls of both, adding in his suggestion that the charge for private use of the ambulance might help pay expense.

This matter of the patrol wagon has been brought up so often that it is becoming a little tiresome and it is really time that the council took some definite action on the question. Certainly the vehicle would not be a particularly costly affair, nor would its maintenance prove a heavy drain on the city treasury. It is needed, what is admitted by everyone, and the fact that it has not been secured is evidence only of neglect on the part of those responsible. An order might be put through immediately for the purchase of a suitable patrol wagon, and the chairman of the Safety Board could easily arrange for its service.

Although during the year the police were called upon to arrest no less than 123 persons, the offences were none of them serious. Theft and burglary were responsible for 77 charges and there were 78 cases of assault. Other offences were of a minor nature and St. John may well congratulate itself on the freedom from serious crime. It was found necessary during the year to arrest only 94 persons under the age of twenty years, of whom twenty-nine were under fifteen years. This is creditable not only to the police of the community but to the discretion of the officers to whom the enforcement of the laws is entrusted. No less than 334 business establishments were found open at night, indicating a very general carelessness on the part of business men.

The police force is composed of forty one men in all; during the year three members were dismissed, two resigned, and five new men were appointed. The number of arrests for drunkenness, 78, was the smallest for the past eight years.

THE WATER SERVICE

"Your committee report that the system of distribution laid down by Mr. Barbour has been departed from." This, a chance sentence from the report of the special committee on the distribution service, is picked upon as the basis of an entirely unfair and unjust attack upon the officials of the water department, while other statements placing the question in its true light, are wholly ignored.

Those who have been endeavoring to discredit the civic officials in charge of the water service, having utterly failed to find any support for the malicious charges originally preferred, who realize now that the assertions made by members of the board of underwriters were based on imperfect knowledge or worse, who have by distorting the statements of persons in a position to know, and who have given publicity to contemptible insinuations of dishonesty, are now compelled to fall back on the single admission that the service is not exactly as recommended by Mr. F. A. Barbour.

With all due respect to Mr. Barbour who knew absolutely nothing about the distribution service more than he picked up during a few weeks residence here, the opinion may be entertained that our own officials through years of experience have a better acquaintance with actual conditions. And the fact that the system laid down by Mr. Barbour has not been strictly adhered to is evidence that our own men are making the best use of their superior knowledge. Certainly the truth now is, in so far as anyone can ascertain, that the service today is better than Mr. Barbour provided, though if he had remained in constant control he would undoubtedly have made the changes already introduced. The evidence taken by the special committee fully justified the council

in rejecting the suggestion that an investigation under oath be held. It shows conclusively that there was ample pressure at the Hamilton fire not only for the streams in operation but for all the hose lines the department could lay. It is also admitted that in those lines of hose in which the force was weak, local obstructions were the cause. Surely this ought to settle the whole ridiculous business.

The Star, in common with innumerable friends in the city and elsewhere, extends to Mr. Joseph Allison and family its sincere sympathy in the death of Mrs. Allison, a lady who neglected no opportunity of doing all in her power to make happier the lives of those with whom she came in contact.

HUNDRED BOYS THRASHED BY PRINCIPAL OF SCHOOL

Wears Out 22 Switches in World Record of Trouncing—Time is Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Feb. 7.—Principal W. D. Hathaway of the Clark school, this city, is believed to be the champion boy trouncer of the world. This is his record:

Boys trounced, 100; boys untrounced, 1; time consumed, 2 hours 30 minutes; switches worn out, 22.

At the Clark school, where the principal is engaged in the punishment of the boys of his school come about in this wise: Early in the morning, the pupils there must be no more snow-balling on the school premises. Wednesday and Thursday morning the order was disregarded. The principal could see from the school building that all of the boys in his charge engaged in one or more snowball battles.

At noon today he supplied himself with a bucket of water and a broom, and the greatest exhibition of birch-wielding in the history of corporal punishment was on.

Some of the boys were inclined to take the matter as a joke, but when Principal Hathaway's switches cleaved the air, especially in the earlier minutes of his record-breaking, the amusement in the situation diminished. Aside from a disagreeable muscular soreness in his right arm, the principal was reported as coming out of the mill in excellent form. He was about town tonight calm and unwarmed, apparently, that he had the unique distinction of being the champion thrasher.

CUT THE BEAM LIKE

PADDY CUT THE ROPE

Patrick Diskin, Without the Aid of a Net, Performs a Feat That Rescues Emy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Opinion will be about equally divided as to which is the more remarkable feat, of this story—the fact that Patrick Diskin, carpenter, deliberately saw off the end of the log on which he was seated five stories above the ground, or the fact that he still alive to tell it.

On the face of it there doesn't seem to be much to brag about in the first performance. Given a saw and a beam projecting from a roof, even the most inexperienced person could do the same trick.

MINISTERS APPROVE FAIRBANKS ACTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Criticizing the action of the Vatican in refusing former Vice-President Fairbanks an audience with the Pope, because he would not cancel his engagement to address the Methodist church in Rome, the Ministerial Association of Washington today adopted a set of resolutions framed by a committee headed by Bishop Cranston of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which the action of the Vatican authorities is described as "a characteristic expression of the real spirit of the Roman hierarchy."

"We congratulate our former Vice-President on his manly vindication of the American spirit of toleration and his exhibition of the dignity of free American manhood in this most significant test in Rome," says one of the resolutions.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

Do you read with a pencil?

Not when you read novels or magazine I mean, but when you are trying to do any more serious reading.

I don't think serious reading is on a half-no, one-quarter-so valuable done without a pencil as with one.

If you do not own the book the pencil is to jot down the thoughts you want to remember. It will doubtless seem a good deal of bother and a burden at the time, but some day you will probably be very glad to have a cubby hole in your desk filled with the cullings of your reading.

Another delight is to read over five or ten years later, a book that you once read and marked.

On some passages you will wonder in hopeless puzzlement why you marked them at all.

Other passages will bring back the mood in which you read them before, with that same subtle, sweet power that certain fragrances—the scent of Russian violets, the "smell of the wax tie at Littenburg riding in the rain"—bring back certain scenes to you.

For instance, when I read over my Emerson the other day, I found in the vision of that power to his heart and brain which created all things new, when a single tone of one voice could make the heart beat, and the memory; when we become all eyes when one was present and all memory when one was gone. And as I looked at that underlining straightway I was carried back to the dear, romantic, college maiden mood in which I marked it.

The occasion for Hathaway engaging in the punishment of the boys of his school come about in this wise: Early in the morning, the pupils there must be no more snow-balling on the school premises. Wednesday and Thursday morning the order was disregarded. The principal could see from the school building that all of the boys in his charge engaged in one or more snowball battles.

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But could one negotiate the long journey to the pavement with nothing worse than a slight scalp wound to his discredit at the end of the trip?

Another thing that must be taken into consideration is the fact that Diskin didn't permit anything to interfere with his right notwithstanding he made his life hang first and foremost after himself with a saw. He skillfully avoided all abutting objects and proved himself an excellent judge of place.

He was at work on a building at Beekman avenue and Oak terrace, the Bronx, when the thing happened. His companions were plainly disappointed when they rushed to the spot expecting to see Diskin sprawled all over the landscape, and found him lying on his back with a smile on his face. After beseeching them to wake him up when the whistle blew he relaxed into unconsciousness.

Dr. Baker, of the Lebanon Hospital, gave the man a thorough overhauling, but could find nothing worse than a tear in his turtlet. As a matter of precaution he took him away in the ambulance.

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STEAMER CENTREVILLE

WRECKED LAST NIGHT

DIGBY, N. S., Feb. 8.—The steamer Centreville, Captain Robert Graham, with general cargo from St. John for Centreville and Digby Neck, went ashore about 6 o'clock last night on the rocks near the front Cove breakwater and it is thought will prove a total loss, together with her entire cargo.

A big sea was running at the time with a tremendous surf on the Bay of Fundy shore. The crew had a narrow escape. They were washed ashore and, as near as could be learned were all saved.

The Centreville is owned by A. Boutiller and Co., and was especially built for use as a freight boat between Centreville and St. John.

(The Centreville sailed from this port Monday morning with a full cargo of general merchandise, shipped largely by wholesale grocers and North and South wharf firms. She performed a weekly service between St. John and Centreville and was also used as a packet carrying fish from points near Trout Cove to the fish cannery situated there. She was an excellent steamer for the service in which she engaged and her loss will be a serious inconvenience to merchants engaged in that trade.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The president of the Seaman's Mission Society desires to express his cordial appreciation of the work done so successfully by the collectors in the late campaign, and also to record his gratitude to a generous public for the noble response made.

The unknown donor of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) his thanks are especially offered for the munificent gift, and the kindly thought that prompted it.

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DEATHS

ALLISON—On Feb. 7th, at her residence, Rathliffe House, Princess street, Helen Matilda, beloved wife of Joseph Allison.

Funeral service on Wednesday, 9th, at Centenary church at 2 p.m.

VAIL—At St. John, Newfoundland, on Feb. 6th, Eunice P., widow of the late William Vail of this city, in the 76th year of her age, leaving five sons and three daughters to mourn.

Funeral of funeral hereafter.

CRAFT—At St. John West, on Monday, Feb. 7, Theodore D. Craft, in the 24th year of his age, leaving a mother, three sisters and six brothers to mourn their loss.

Funeral on Wednesday, from the home of his brother, Frederick A. Craft, 178 Water street, W. E. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. (Woodstock papers please copy.)

CHRISTOPHER—At West St. John, on Feb. 7th, Leta B. Christopher, aged 21 years, third daughter of Charles W. and Amelia Christopher.

Funeral Thursday from 109 Ludlow street, West End. Service at house at 2:30 p.m.

FURNITURE SALE CONTINUES

To be a success. The public find this a rare opportunity to secure good, reliable FURNITURE at greatly reduced prices. Goods purchased at this sale can be stored FREE OF CHARGE by leaving a deposit.

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A large assortment to select from.

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