

### AROUND THE CITY

**Concert and Wedding.**  
There will be a grand old folks' concert and wedding in St. Philip's church Thursday evening.

**New Questions for Board of Trade.**  
A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade will be held on Thursday morning. It is understood the council will deal with matters in connection with the acquisition of the new building upon which the Board has secured an option.

**The Seamen's Christmas.**  
A committee of ladies of the Auxiliary met at the Seamen's Institute last evening and finished filling the comfort bags. They hope friends will remember that a large quantity of fruit, cake and candy will be needed for the entertainment of the 500 men expected to attend.

**The City Council.**  
The monthly meeting of the city council will be held on Wednesday of next week instead of on Monday. The boards are busy making up the estimates for next year, and a special meeting of the council will be held about the 15th of January to deal with the estimates.

**Grand Sailors' Entertainment.**  
The annual entertainment to the seamen in port, will be held in the Seamen's Mission tonight at eight o'clock. The management will be very pleased to receive any donations of cake, candy or fruit. A limited number of seats will be reserved for citizens, admission 25 cents.

**A Full House.**  
About nine drinks were arrested last night by the police and the greater number of these came from the Market Square hotel. At 10 o'clock the patrol wagon went up King street with a load that looked like a bus full of prisoners on a warm time. One of the prisoners is charged with assaulting a boy.

**It Was Not Their Barn.**  
The report that the barn on North street in which a fire occurred Saturday evening belonged to the St. John Real Estate Company was incorrect. A gentleman connected with this company informed The Standard yesterday that the St. John Real Estate Company had no property on North street.

**Engineers Examinations.**  
The board of examiners of stationary engineers for the province will hold examinations after the first of the year as follows:—January 3, Sussex; January 4, Moncton; January 6, Sackville; January 8, Newcastle; January 9, Chatham; January 11, Campbellton. Applications for examination should be sent to John Kenny, Jr., factory inspector, St. John.

**At the Opera House.**  
"The Lottery Man" drew a large audience to the Opera House last night and the patrons were kept in good humor from beginning to end. The play will have its final presentation tonight. No one should miss seeing "The Lottery Man" Friday and Saturday nights "Girls." Holiday matinee Monday, "The Blue Mouse." Monday evening "The Turning Point." There will be a matinee Saturday at 2.30.

**The Empress Rainbow Follies.**  
The Empress of Britain's concert troupe, the Rainbow Follies, appeared at the Seamen's Institute last evening and gave another of their infatigable entertainments. The attendance was large considering the other demands of the holiday season, and the concert was greatly enjoyed. Although this is only the second entertainment given by the troupe here, the performers have already become popular and individual and chorus numbers were of a high order and were well received.

**Home for Incubables.**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Committee of the Home for Incubables was held at the home yesterday afternoon. The committee, which consists of thirty members, summed up the work during the Christmas season and passed a motion of thanks to the citizens who gave so freely toward the work. The committee also welcomed a new member in Miss Millet. The next meeting will be held just after the new year, when plans will be made for the year's work.

**King Edward Lodge Officers.**  
King Edward Lodge No. 30 P. A. B. met last evening in their hall, West End, and elected the following officers: L. Edwin Rolston, W. M.; Samuel Ferguson, D. M.; Walter Spout, chaplain; A. P. Belyea, treasurer; Z. McLeod, fin. secy.; Roy Spencer, R. secy.; A. Arnold, I. guard; J. McLeod, O. guard; J. Carlson, D. of C.; Wm. Davis, F. of C.; William McAfee and R. Melvin, lecturers; William Smith, D. Wells and I. McLeod, trustees. The election was conducted by Grand Master Harry Sellen.

**Another Hotel Plan.**  
It is understood that the company which recently offered to purchase the Court House and adjoining properties for the purpose of putting up a hotel is still anxious to secure the site, and much dissatisfied at the failure of the municipal council to return a definite answer to their proposition. It is said the company would be willing to allow the county a year's time in which to discover a new site for the court house if the present site was sold to them, and that as soon as the site was vacated the company would proceed with the erection of a building which would cost upwards of one quarter of a million dollars. It is said the company planned to acquire the property on the south side of the court house and build a hotel the front of which would extend from King street to Leinster street.

**Christmas Activities.**  
The Christmas season was well observed in the Sunday school in connection with the Ludlow street Baptist church. The members of Mrs. Colwell's Bible study class presented to their teacher a gold lined silver cake basket and an address. The presentation was made by Mrs. Kempton Gates on behalf of the class. Mrs. C. E. Belyea received a cut glass fruit vase and an address from the pupils in her Bible class. The presentation was made by Miss Louise Curry. Several of the classes in the Sunday school provided Christmas trees laden with gifts to poor families in the neighborhood and the Dorcas Society provided groceries, provisions, candies and toys to the extent of \$74.

## REAL ESTATE MEN ABOUT THE ST. JOHN BOOM

**Western Investors are Sending Their Money This Way for Investment.—Building of Valley Railway will Cause Big Advance in Property Values — Prospects in Lancaster.**

While operation in real estate in the City of St. John during the past years have not been quite as extensive as in 1910, there has been a general strengthening of prices, and a marked increase of interest on the part of outside investors in the real estate possibilities of St. John. There is a general feeling that the boom is coming into its own, and entering upon an era of development which is bound to assure a steady rise in the values of land and improvements. The spirit of optimism in regard to the future of the city, which has been spasmodically apparent for some time, has been greatly strengthened by recent events.

In common with the merchants, the real estate operators believe that the Valley Railway must have an important influence upon conditions here, and they regard the signing of the contract to construct the road as an event of moment to the people of St. John. The determination to build the road so as to enter the city by way of Gondola Point or Perry Point, and the L. C. R. line, combined with the fact that the Dominion government has agreed to contribute over \$1,000,000 for the construction of permanent bridges seems to give good grounds for the belief that the Grand Trunk Pacific will utilize the Valley Railway in order to enter St. John. The inference from this is that Courtenay Bay will be developed as rapidly as the needs of the shipping and railway interests demand.

Another development of interest has been the preparation of plans for building a new bridge at the Reversing Falls—an improvement which is bound to cause a boom in real estate in Carleton, Fairville and the whole parish of Lancaster. L. P. D. Tilley, of the St. John Real Estate Company, reviewing the real estate situation, said that it was never more satisfactory, and that from the investor's point of view the prospects for the future were exceptionally bright.

"An encouraging feature of the situation," he added, "is the number of people from the Old Country and the Canadian west, who are coming to St. John and investing their money in real estate. Many of our people would be greatly surprised if they knew how many enquiries about real estate investments here are coming in from the west, or how many outside investors were paying personal visits to the city for the purpose of studying conditions here. "But there is a reason why the men

### YOUNG MEN'S BRANCH OF BO. RD. OF TRADE ENGLISH COMPANY TO BOOM PROVINCE

**Meeting will be Held in Board of Trade Rooms Thursday Night to Consider an Important Matter.**

A meeting of young men will be held in the board of trade rooms Thursday evening in connection with the movement to organize a Young Men's Branch of the board of trade. After the press notices of the informal meeting at which the idea of establishing an associate membership was discussed, the secretary of the board of trade received a large number of telephone calls and personal visits from young men of the city who expressed their approval of the idea, and declared their intention of working for its realization.

The idea of the promoters of the movement is to furnish a medium through which young men interested in the advancement of the city may take concerted effort towards the common good; an organization in which the young men will give freer expression to their views on the city's problems and needs than they would be inclined to do in an organization composed of older men. It is said the organization will hold meetings to discuss the conditions and guarantees of the industrial and commercial progress of the city, and consider especially the problem of advertising the city's advantages in other parts. It is expected travelling men will be asked to study and report on conditions, civic, commercial and industrial prevailing in other cities all over the country, and to establish comparisons with the conditions in St. John. It is hoped that many fruitful suggestions for the promotion of the city's welfare may thus be brought out, and that a field of service may be found for energetic young men through the better dissemination of knowledge of the city's needs and possibilities, and a wider recognition of the importance of personal individual effort in solving the problem of boosting the town.

**PERSONALS.**  
Arthur McGuire and Nell Driscoll of the C. P. R. staff, Montreal, returned last evening after spending the holiday in the city.  
H. H. Crockett was in the city yesterday and returned to Fredericton last evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ogilvie left last evening for their home in Truro after spending the holiday season with Mrs. Ogilvie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Scott of Douglas avenue.  
James Lewis left last evening on a trip to Vancouver and Southern California. He will be absent about six weeks.

**Will Have Christmas Tree.**  
At the weekly meeting of the E. D. C. last evening, it was decided to have a Christmas tree entertainment on Wednesday, Jan. 3. A musical programme will be prepared for the occasion and refreshments served.  
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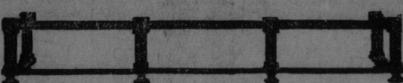
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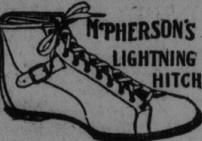
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