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THIS EVENING
Dramagraph, pictures and songs at the Nickel.
Cameraphone at the Opera House.
Hockeyists meet in Y. M. C. A. building to discuss formation of city leagues.
Union Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias meet in Castle Hall, Germain street at 8 o'clock.

LATE LOCALS
Steamship Lake Erie arrived at Liverpool at one o'clock this afternoon.
Steamer Calvin Austin arrived last evening and landed 45 passengers from Boston.
British schooner Wanola, Captain Atkinson, arrived in port today from New York with 505 tons hard coal.
Steamer Cape Breton, Captain McDonald, arrived from London, Louisiana, C. B., with 2,110 tons of coal.
Norwegian steamer Tallman, Captain Olsen, of the Cuba line, will leave Boston today for this port to load for Havana.
The concert party from the R. M. S. Corsican, of the Allan line, will give a concert in the Seamen's Institute, tomorrow evening.
C. P. R. steamship Monmouth, Captain Kendall, will sail tonight at high tide for Bristol. She is taking a large shipment of wheat and cattle.
Allan line steamer Sardinian, Captain Henry, will sail tomorrow for London and Halifax with a general cargo.
Steamer Oruro, Captain Bale, left Bermuda yesterday for this port, and will be due here the last of the week.
Steamship Manchester Mariner, Captain Linton, passed Brice Island bound inward from Manchester via Halifax with a general cargo. She is due here at four o'clock.
Donald Robertson, the young son of H. P. Robertson, 135 Queen street, was injured yesterday afternoon by colliding with a team, while coasting on Carnarvon street. Dr. Bishop attended him.
Acting Engineer Sisson at No. 4 fire station was notified by the chief of the fire department last night that his services were no longer required. Chief Kerr when asked about the case today said that Sisson was only temporarily employed.
Up to the present, as far as can be ascertained, the city have not made any move looking to a system for dealing with strangers stranded here. In reference to a statement that the Rev. J. J. McCallister might make a grant to the Salvation Army's social work, Mrs. Hall, the secretary, said this could not be done.
For the past few weeks the number of arrests by the police on the water front of the city have shown an unusual increase. On December 9 alone seven men were apprehended along the harbor line. From Nov. 14 to date, forty-three arrests were made on the water front, missing wharves and adjoining wharves, other wharves on Smythe street and other parts of the front. Part of Prince William street is also included. Yesterday three arrests were made and on the previous day the large number of 17 were taken into custody. Four arrests were made on November 23 and 24 respectively.

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, SWEDEN AND CANADA
They Stood Together at the Bar of Justice in the Police Court This Morning.

Today was a day of leniency in the police court, three of the four offenders regaining their freedom, while the other's fate lies in abeyance. Four nationalities were represented, Sweden, England, Scotland and Canada, and each of the foreign trio spoke with pronounced accents indicative of their nativity.

John Norton, the Englishman, denied that he was inebriated. "Hi was hill, sir," he exclaimed vehemently.

Policeman Totten testified that he arrested Norton at the foot of King street at 9 p. m. Norton had asked him to direct him to a boarding house, and he furnished him with the desired information. The Englishman was, however, evidently fascinated by the brass buttons on the patrolman's uniform, for after walking some distance he retraced his steps to the officer, who thereupon lodged him in the lock-up. Two hours previous Totten stated that Norton was directed to his boarding house by him. The man had at that time emerged from a saloon on Water street, and was very drunk. The policeman was cross-examined at some length by Norton, who claimed that he approached Totten and asked him where the boarding house in question was located. Totten readily acquiesced, but instead of abiding by his affirmative reply he clutched the Englishman and locked him up.

"Hi'll admit, sir," concluded Norton, "that I'm a little bit of a brandy, sir, but I'm jolly well sure, sir, I wasn't drunk. Hi saw some friends off to Winnipeg, who came over to me on the Corvican yesterday, and feelin' sick Hi took a little bloom'n' brandy."

He was a railroad employe in England, and arrived here yesterday practically penniless. On being liberated he thanked the court.

John Burdman, the Swede, was arrested by Totten at 11.45 p. m., on Prince William street, for being unable to furnish good reasons for his presence on the street at that late hour. The policeman understood him to say that he has been in St. John two months and he spoke of lodgings somewhere until morning, he was arrested. In court he made a brutal assault on the English language and the translation was interpreted with difficulty.

"Meda some frome de fish da Gasper," and he was struggling for the tail of the fish. "Me da come out in January, Me some last night at dark from de woods. Me wurk dere from two month's under the name of camp. Yes want me to go to Sator Army when me met some man no know who was he den. Me come here after an instable version of his language was interpreted he produced a ticket to Gaspereux Station. His story was very plausible and he was an apparently plausible man. He was led away by the other side."

John Dalis, the Scotchman, was arrested by Totten at 11.45 p. m., on Prince William street, and when arrested was searching for the missing coupon. A fine of \$4 is pending.

One drunk was remanded.

WEDDINGS
Thorne-McDonald
A very quiet yet pretty wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. McDonald, 63 Stanley street, this morning when their eldest daughter, Miss Pearl, was united in marriage to James A. Thorne, of Belvidere, N. B. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. J. McCallister, pastor of the Baptist church, Douglas Avenue. A Victor Ipe will preside at the organ.
Mr. and Mrs. Hilson will leave Thursday night for Toronto the groom's home, where some time will be spent before they leave to take up their abode in Saskatchewan.

DEATHS
HERNAN—In this city on the 13th inst., George J., only son of William and Margaret Hernan, aged 15 months.
Funeral tomorrow (Thursday) at 2.30 o'clock from his parents' residence, 59 Harrison street.
ROSS—In this city on the 13th inst., Thomas Ross, aged 54 years, leaving a wife and six children and two brothers to mourn their loss.
Funeral from his late home, 94 Sheriff street, Thursday at 2 o'clock.
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CHANGES IN THE 'ASSESSMENT ACT'
Treasury Board Informally Considered Them Last Evening.

An informal meeting of the treasury board was held last evening to discuss various methods to ensure better collection and to consider changes in the present assessment act, including a promise to exempt small incomes.

The board took up the new assessment act and made considerable progress. A number of sections were marked and set aside for future discussion. With regard to small incomes it has not yet been decided whether a graduated scale or exemption will be recommended. Another meeting will be held at an early date.

One suggestion put forward at the meeting was to reduce taxation in accordance with the growth of families.

AN ACTION AGAINST GEORGE W. FOWLER TO SECURE ACCOUNTING

An interesting case is set for hearing in the equity court at 11 o'clock on Tuesday next when a suit brought by Albert P. Pugsley, of Sussex, against George W. Fowler and Rufus H. P. will come up for hearing.

The matter has to do with transactions in western lands which have received a lot of notice throughout Canada. The pleadings of the plaintiff declare that Mr. Pugsley subscribed \$200 to a fund for investment in lands and he claims that a gross profit of some \$200,000 was made. He now asks for an accounting of the fund that he is entitled to one-thirtieth of the profits as there were thirty shares in the syndicate and he held one.

The defence, it is understood, claim that Mr. Pugsley's \$200 represented but a preliminary sum and that he was really not a member of the syndicate.

Dr. A. W. MacRae, K. C., appears for the plaintiff and W. B. Jonah for the defendant.

Policeman Ward reports his employer—the city—for neglecting to fence a vacant lot on St. James street.

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