

### AROUND THE CITY

**Police Shoot Dog.**  
A dog belonging to Oscar Brown, of Main street, was shot yesterday by Officer Hamm, at the request of the owner.

**Teamster Injured.**  
Thomas Davis, who is employed by William McCouchie as a teamster, fell from his wagon yesterday on Thurst street, and was cut considerably about the face. He was removed to the office of Dr. Roberts, where his wounds were dressed.

**The Board of Trade Smoker.**  
The Board of Trade is making extensive arrangements for a smoking concert to be held after the first of the year, at which it is intended to have speeches on town development, and an excellent programme of musical and vocal selections.

**Will Probably Recover.**  
The condition of Mrs. William Rodday, who was badly burned on Thursday while kindling a fire in her home on Acadia street, was last night reported to be improved, and it is now thought that she will recover from her injuries.

**A Chimney Fire.**  
Shortly after five o'clock yesterday afternoon the chimney caught fire in a residence of Brussels street owned by Fraser, Fraser and Company, and an alarm was sent in from box 14. The department responded quickly and had nothing to do but witness a fireman throw some salt down the chimney and quiet the fire down. There was no damage done.

### MASONS HAD GREAT TIME

Installations and Banquets by Albion and Carleton Union Lodges Marked Celebration of St. John's Day.

Yesterday was St. John's day, and it was observed all over the world by the Masons. On this day it is customary to install officers, and in many parts of the world Masonic banquets are held in honor of the day.

Yesterday afternoon Albion Lodge No. 1, F. and A. M. installed their officers. Past Grand Master, Dr. Thomas Walker was the installing officer, and the officers installed were as follows:—E. H. Cairns, W. M.; Dr. W. S. Morrison, I. P. M.; N. B. Hix, S. W.; Alex. MacMurray, W.; Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, chaplain; Dr. Thomas Walker, treasurer; Dr. F. A. Godsoe, secretary; R. S. Orchard, E. D.; R. L. Hunter, J. D.; Dr. D. J. Malcolm, S. S.; Dr. J. S. Bentley, J. S.; J. G. Leonard, organist; J. J. Donovan, D. C.; B. Fowler, I. G.; Robt. Clarke, Tyler.

Last evening all the Masonic blue lodges in the city proper were represented at a mammoth banquet in the Masonic Hall, Germain street, and there was a very large attendance. Grand Master F. J. G. Knowlton presided, and a most tempting menu was served.

After all had done justice to the many good things offered the chairman made a brief address and was followed in addresses by Past Grand Master Dr. Thomas Walker and Judge J. G. Forbes, who spoke principally regarding the day and the order. Vocal solos were excellently rendered by F. T. McKean, Signor Menetta and D. B. Pidgeon, while Major F. H. Hart rendered a solo and all present joined in the chorus. Ralph A. March was heard to advantage in a sketch and the happy time came to a close about eleven o'clock with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

During the evening there was a very pleasant feature when F. Nell Brodie was presented with a travelling companion as a token of appreciation of the gratuitous services he rendered during the past summer in renovating the lodge room. Mr. Brodie received the gift with a brief speech of thanks.

**Carleton Union Lodge.**  
The annual installation of the officers of Carleton Union Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M. was held in the lodge room last evening when Past Grand Master John V. Ellis conducted the ceremony.

The officers installed were as follows:—George M. Baillie, W. M.; J. Frith Brittain, S. W.; G. N. Kennedy, J. W.; Uriah Drake, treasurer; P. W. Wetmore, secretary; D. C. Clark, chaplain; Jarvis M. Wilson, S. D.; T. Gilles Allan, J. D.; S. Irons, S. S.; W. Stewart, J. P. K. Stuart, D. C.; J. Percy Cruikshank, J. G.; George Scott, organist; G. W. Carleton, Tyler.

### SAND POINT ITEMS.

The C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland, Captain Forster, sailed for Liverpool yesterday afternoon with 738 passengers, including 55 first, 128 second and 558 third. The liner also carried about 80,000 bushels of grain.

The Allan liner Hesperian, Captain Main, will sail today for Liverpool. She will carry 25 saloon, 50 second and 100 steerage passengers. Her cargo consists of deals, boxed meats and 60,000 bushels of grain.

The Donaldson liner Athena will sail today for Glasgow with 225 passengers.

### PERSONALS.

Mrs. Charlton has returned to her home, Charlton street, after a delightful visit to her son, Frank Charlton, medical officer of the U. S. S. Bangor, at his home in Everett, Mass.

An exceptional opportunity to provide yourself for a rainy day is to be offered by E. A. Dykeman & Co., when on Saturday night at seven o'clock, they will place on sale a lot of Misses' and ladies' raincoats of the very latest style at the most extraordinary prices of \$2.98. They are perfect goods and positively rainproof.

**TURKEY SUPPER AT WANAMAKERS TONIGHT.**

## YEAR JUST CLOSING WAS BEST IN BUSINESS THAT ST. JOHN HAS EXPERIENCED

In all Lines Development was Great and there is Every Indication that 1913 will be Even Better — What Representative Business Men Say.

There is no doubt that 1912 will be a notable year in the annals of St. John. It will be memorable as the year in which many long mooted projects took practical shape; and also as a year in which the spirit of optimism which has grown upon the people was projected in a general increase of business activity. Certainly the new spirit manifested among the people has been reflected in the material affairs of the city and province.

Yesterday The Standard interviewed a number of representative business men of the city, and without exception they reported that business conditions during the year had been exceptionally good, and that the prospects for next year were of the brightest.

**Machinery Trade.**  
W. R. Mathers, manager of the A. R. Williams Machinery Co., said: "It has been the best year in the machinery line ever seen in the Maritime Provinces. The manufacturers have had the advantage of freer money, and they have made preparations for handling an increased business. I don't think there is a factory in the Maritime Provinces which hasn't increased its output during the year. I would say that the total business of the machinery houses in the Maritime Provinces this year was 50 per cent greater than in 1911; this also applied to the business in St. John. As for next year the prospects are the best ever."

A representative of the Fairbanks, Morse Co., Ltd., said, that there had been a big increase in the demand for machinery all over the Maritime Provinces during the year, and that the outlook for next year was better still.

**Hardware Trade.**  
W. H. Thorne said: "Business generally throughout the lower provinces has been very good in the hardware line. Business in St. John has been very satisfactory. Taken it altogether the year has been a very prosperous one for the hardware merchants and also for the manufacturers. Payments were made promptly and there were few losses."

**Pulp Making.**  
H. W. Schofield, secretary of the Partington Pulp Co., said: "Business has been very good. Our company has increased its output considerably. Next year we will enlarge the mill and increase its capacity at least 50 per cent. We look for a continuation of good times."

**Shipping.**  
H. C. Schofield, of the Robert Redford Company, said:

"The shipping companies have had a good year. The freight market has been very good, more particularly towards the end of the year; rates are higher than we have had for 15 or 20 years. The winter business at St. John promises to make a new record; there is lots of cargo moving. The prospects for next year look good. At present the outlook for the port is pretty well fixed. When we get more accommodation, more lines will, I think, be sending ships here. Yes, from the shipping point of view, the future of St. John looks good."

**The Paper Trade.**  
R. Frith, of Schofield Bros., said: "In St. John and all through the Maritime Provinces business in the paper trade has been very good. Our work cut out to keep pace with orders. All classes of paper goods have been in great demand. Collections have been exceptionally good. Everything indicates a decidedly better tone in business generally."

**Wholesale Grocers.**  
G. E. Barbour said: "I think the wholesale grocers have every reason to be satisfied with the business of the year. The turnover has been large, though the profits have not been so good. Collections have been good. Business conditions all over the provinces seem to be excellent."

**Dry Goods.**  
J. W. Vanwart, retail grocer and butcher, said: "I did a much larger business than ever before. Conditions in the city are good, and the people seem to have plenty of money. There is a boom on all right."

**W. E. Foster, of Vassie and Company, said:**  
"We found trade exceptionally good. There was a strong demand for a better quality of goods. That is a sign of good times, especially in view of the advances in prices of most lines. Collections were better than usual. Since the crops were harvested money has been very free. We did an excellent business, not only in New Brunswick, but in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. With the developments in progress in St. John and the country generally the outlook for the future is especially bright."

**W. H. Barnaby, managing director of M. R. A., said:**  
"Business has been very good during the year. The Christmas trade was splendid. Everything indicates a healthy condition of business generally, and the prospects for next year are good."

## THE RUMORS ABOUT POLICE FORCE CHANGE

Members May be Formed into City Constabulary Under New Head.

### COMMISSIONER IS STILL SILENT

Reported, However, that Deputy Chief Jenkins or Police Sergt. Baxter will Head the New Organization.

While the public have no definite information as to what will happen when the police force is abolished, Com. McLellan has stated that at no time will there be less police protection than there was at the last meeting of the council. It is generally understood that on the 30th inst when the police force disappears, the members thereof will be converted into city constables. The chief of police will then constitute the entire police force, while the city constabulary will be under the control of the city society and the council. No information has been given out as to the form of organization which will be put into effect when the constabulary is established. It is rumored that the street that Sgt. Baxter or Deputy Chief Jenkins may be given the immediate control of the constabulary and subject to the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Safety. When asked some time ago if all the members of the police force would be retained as city constables, Com. McLellan said he would not say that.

### COURT LOG CABIN ELECTS OFFICERS

Annual Meeting Last Evening — Court had Successful Year — F. W. Jenkins Signs Office.

The annual meeting of Court Log Cabin I. O. F. was held in their rooms, Coburg street, last evening, when the following officers were elected: F. W. Jenkins, C. D. H. C. R.; Dr. G. G. Corbet, C. P.; W. H. McBride, C. R.; George Blinn, C. G. R.; James E. Arthur, R. S.; E. W. Paul, F. S.; J. V. Russell, T. H. H. Bell, G. S. B. Brown, S. W. H. Makepeace, J. W. J. R. Russell, S. Y. T. E. Perkins, J. B. T. E. Perkins and B. H. Bell, finance committee. F. W. Jenkins and O. J. Dick, trustees.

Chief Ranger W. H. McBride presided and after the election a number of new members were initiated into the lodge. The tree and gifts were donated by the kindergarten and cake and toys were also sent by officers of the Empress of Ireland. There are seven patients in the children's ward in the hospital, and they had as enjoyable a time on Christmas Day as was possible under the circumstances.

**The Street Railway Extension.**  
There was another conference yesterday between the city commissioners and the officials of the street railway in regard to the extension of the tracks to Kane's Corner, and it is said a basis of agreement was reached. It is understood that the turn-out will run along Brussels street on the South side of Haymarket Square. It was stated that a resolution covering the matter would probably be introduced at the meeting of the council on Monday, as both the city and street railway officials are anxious to have it settled so the work can be proceeded with as early as possible in the spring.

the province that they wanted to come on here too. Another letter received by the superintendent of immigration yesterday was from H. S. Wells, an engineer in British India, who is employed on a railway there, and writes that he wants to take up a farm in this province for the sake of his family. He writes that he has about \$4,000 with which to purchase and equip a farm.

A postscript to this letter says that another married couple living in India are also thinking of coming to New Brunswick, having been much impressed with the information they have received of the opportunities here.

A few days ago it was reported in The Standard that a retired army officer in England wanted a farm with plenty of sporting facilities in the vicinity. Mr. Gilchrist has received a half dozen or so letters calling attention to the item in The Standard and offers to supply just the kind of farm wanted.

## DID RUSSIANS PLOT MURDER IN A NORTH STREET HOUSE?

Judging from Information Received by Police, Harry Gaynor was Very Near to Death Last Night — Three Men Arrested for Creating Disturbance.

Harry Gaynor, boarding house master, is alive today only through the quick action and bravery of a Russian who is boarding with him in his house on North street. This man, braving the insane rage of six of his countrymen, warned Gaynor of a plot to entice him into a room where he would have met a violent death. On learning the intentions of the men, Mr. Gaynor called in Policemen O'Leary and O'Neil who, after considerable trouble, arrested three of the company.

The would-be murderers arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal and intended to sail on the Allan liner Hesperian this afternoon. Being forced to stay in the city over night they put up at Gaynor's place with the above result.

All went well during the early part of the evening but between nine and ten o'clock the men who were all in one room began to flourish their knives, break the furniture and lamps and to sing and shout in the most blood-thirsty manner. Mr. Gaynor then became alarmed, and fearing that the Russians would soon be beyond control, called on Officers O'Neil and O'Leary who speedily quelled the disturbance, the men promising to go to bed. Shortly after the officers left the house, they repeated their previous performance.

It was then that the plot to stab Mr. Gaynor to death with their knives was begun and would have been carried to an awful end had not a Russian, trying to sleep in the next room, heard with horror their fearful intentions. The would-be murderers planned to entice Gaynor into the room in which they were staying and to fasten a quarrel upon him in the midst of which he was to be stabbed to death.

The man to whom Gaynor owes his life then slipped out of his room and warned the boarding master of his peril. Mr. Gaynor quickly rushed out into the street and called in Officers O'Leary and O'Neil to arrest the plotters. The officers after entering the house had almost to force the door to the bedroom. Mr. Gaynor then gave notice of them in charge for creating a disturbance in his house. The boarding master feels that as the men are leaving the country it is unnecessary to add the charge of attempted murder.

The three men gave their names as Mike Keller, Waldpur Voroum and John MacPherson. All had knives when arrested.

## CLERGYMAN FROM WEST TAKEN SICK ON WAY TO ENGLAND

Rev. G. G. Edwards, of Calgary Operated on in General Public Hospital, and in Serious Condition.

A sad case is that of Rev. George Gordon Edwards, who is now in the General Public Hospital suffering from internal trouble.

## COMING FROM INDIA TO PROVINCE FARM

Immigration Superintendent Receives More Evidence of Manner in which New Brunswick is being Boomed.

Yesterday the provincial superintendent of immigration received a letter from a man named Snowden in Cheshire, England, saying that he had attended a meeting at which the cinematograph pictures, taken in the province last summer at the expense of the local government, were exhibited. "I was simply astonished," he added, "at the views of New Brunswick. I had no idea that it possessed such splendid natural resources as were revealed by the moving picture machine." Mr. Snowden was evidently impressed enough to want to come to the province for he asks the government officials to send him information of any opportunity of employment they may be aware of, and adds that a lot of his friends who saw the pictures were so much pleased with

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