

AROUND THE CITY

Lecture in St. Luke's. Archdeacon Remison lectured on missionary work in his diocese of Moosehead in St. Luke's church in the North End, last evening.

Socialists After the Funds. The executive of the Socialist party held a meeting last evening and wrestled with the problem of raising funds to run a candidate.

St. John's Church Reunion. The annual social reunion of the parishioners of the St. John's (Stone) church will be held in the school room this evening at eight o'clock.

Had Large Freight. The diver steamer Majestic arrived yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, bringing the largest cargo of the season. The steamer was completely loaded and had to refuse a lot of freight.

Archdeacon Remison to Lecture. Archdeacon Remison will deliver a lecture on life in Keewatin and the shores of Hudson Bay at a meeting to be held in the school room of St. Mary's church this evening at 8 o'clock.

Moncton Fire Chief Here. Among the passengers who arrived on the Boston express last night was George Ackman, chief of the Moncton fire department, who has been in Boston on a pleasure and business trip. Chief Ackman proceeded to Moncton on the Halifax express last night.

Charged with Begging. Michael Dunphy, who was arrested a few days ago on the charge of drunkenness and who was enabled to get out by paying a fine was again arrested in the North end last night and besides the charge of intoxication he is charged by Walter Dunham with begging money from him in his store on Main street.

Congregational Reception. Rev. A. D. Wetmore, the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, was tendered a congregational reception last evening in the church. A large number of the parishioners attended and an enjoyable evening was spent. An excellent program was carried out. Addresses were made by several members of the church.

Free Kindergarten Officers. The annual election of officers of the Free Kindergarten Association, was held yesterday afternoon in Centenary school room. Mrs. W. E. Hathaway was elected honorary president for the coming year. The officers chosen are: vice-presidents, Mrs. H. J. Roberts, Mrs. E. H. Holman, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. G. U. Hay; secretary, Dr. Margaret Parker; treasurer, Mrs. Woodman. The visiting committee and other committees were also chosen at yesterday's meeting.

Crops Fairly Good. T. S. Peters of Gagetown, was in the city yesterday. To a reporter he said the farmers up his way had had good crops this summer, but the grain had been somewhat affected by an early frost. As to the fruit, crop he said he had never seen the trees bearing so much fruit, but when the farmers came to pick the fruit, the high fall winds came the fruit fell easily from the trees. Root crops were good and prices were encouraging. Mr. Peters said the affairs of the Dixie Asbestos Company were being straightened out and a reorganization would probably take place.

Successful Hunters. Alderman N. P. McLeod, George M. Ballie, and D. C. Campbell, all of the West end, returned on Monday evening from a successful hunting trip to Tracey. They brought home a nice bag of game as the result of two or three days in the woods under the supervision of David Bunker of Tracey. Mr. Bunker's fame as a woodsman is more than local and any party traveling with him is usually sure of a successful bag. Not only is he a good woodsman, but he combines with this the qualities of a genial host and he was untiring in his efforts to make the West end men feel at home. The hunters report that the partridge are plentiful in the woods in the vicinity of Tracey.

THANKSGIVING SALE A NOTABLE SUCCESS

Benefit Function for Home for Incurables Held in St. John's Stone Church Schoolroom Yesterday.

The Thanksgiving tea and sale for the Home for Incurables in the stone church schoolroom yesterday afternoon was a big success. Following the Thanksgiving custom the room was artistically decorated with pumpkins, onions and wheat. The booths were prettily arranged and were fairly loaded down with good things. Mrs. Sillars acted as the head of affairs and Mrs. James F. Robertson, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. Heston and Mrs. L. R. Harrison poured. The booth for the sale of jams, jellies, pickles and cordials was under the joint care of Mrs. Harry Rankine and Mrs. Struan Robertson and the one for the sale of fancy cakes and pies was presided over by Mrs. George Wetmore and Mrs. W. C. R. Allan. The home made candy table was under the care of Mrs. G. J. MacLeod, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley and Miss Mabel McAvity. The rest of the committee in charge were: Mrs. John Thomson, Mrs. George Schofield, Mrs. Herbert Schofield, Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. W. D. Porator, Mrs. E. C. Elkin, Mrs. H. S. Bridges, Mrs. R. J. Ritchie, Mrs. D. McCallan, Miss Mary Reynolds, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Samuel Girven, Mrs. Louis Green, Mrs. William Lockhart, Mrs. George McAvity and Mrs. John McAvity. The good work of the committee in charge was certainly attested by the large crowds present who had a very good time.

HOUSE BURNED AT BROWN'S FLATS

J. F. Saunders Lost Valuable Property, Yesterday--House and Furniture Complete Loss--Little Insurance.

The house of J. F. Saunders of Brown's Flats, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning at a quarter to twelve. The house was recently built and was worth about \$2,000. Furniture to the same amount was also lost. There was very little insurance.

No one was in the building when the blaze, which was supposed to have started from the kitchen stove, was first seen by the owner, who was working in a field some distance from his home, his wife being at Belyea's store in the village. The call for help was speedily responded to and bucket brigades were formed, but on account of the high winds, which could be done to save the house and woodshed or the outbuildings attached to it. The roofs of the barns also caught, and were only put out after a great deal of work. Offers of help were quickly forthcoming from their neighbors, and Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will probably stay with one of them until they rebuild their house.

NEW CURTAINS FOR THE PATROL WAGON

Inebriated Individuals who Have Joy Ride at City Expense will be Screened from Public Gaze.

The patrol wagon was presented to the city by the Local Council of Women for the purpose of enabling the police to convey arrested persons through the streets without making a spectacle of them. But complaints have been made that the patrol wagon has only served to attract attention to prisoners being taken through the streets, as both sides have been left open, allowing the gratification of any morbid curiosity on the part of citizens. It appears that the curtains on the sides which were supposed to enclose the prisoners, have not been reclosed except to convey their prisoners in an open vehicle.

The difficulty has been called to the attention of Director Wleely of the safety board who gave orders yesterday to have new curtains placed on the wagon, so as to insure proper privacy to drunks and others being driven to the stone hotel.

NOT SURPRISED AT CENSUS RETURNS

School Official Says Changes in School System During Last Few Years Not Due to City's Growth.

An official of the Public school system talking to a Standard reporter, said he was not surprised at the census returns for St. John. "There has not been a very great increase in the number of children attending the schools, and much of the increase can be accounted for by the fact that the young people attend school longer today than they did ten years ago," he added. "This is evident by a glance at the attendance at the High school at the present time.

"The city has put up a lot of new school buildings in the last ten years and the expenditures for school purposes have increased considerably. But that is to a certain extent the result of the demand for better accommodation and the rise in salaries of the teachers.

"The erection of new buildings for mercantile and housing purposes, during the past ten years may be explained on much the same principle. Business, the trading business at any rate, has increased and merchants have moved into more commodious quarters. And the people are demanding a higher standard of housing. Ten years ago, many families were content with two or three rooms while today they are living in flats or self-contained houses. There has been no immigration to the city except of Jews and Syrians, and there has been a big emigration. Anybody who has anything to do with the schools knows that a surprising number of young people go away, there being few industries here to keep them at home."

Exchequer Court.

The Exchequer Court resumed yesterday morning at ten o'clock and continued until five o'clock yesterday afternoon. His Lordship Mr. Justice Casals presided. The trial of the case of the King vs. Moncton Land Co., was commenced and will be resumed when the court opens this morning at ten o'clock. This is an action to determine the value of eleven and one half acres of land expropriated by the I. C. R., at Moncton for a cut off from Sunnyside to the new shops. The government tendered \$16,000, which was not accepted and the respondents asked for \$100,000, which was refused. Hence the action. A large corps of expert witnesses are present to testify on either side as to the value of the land. John H. Harris, J. J. Taylor, G. Harris, and O. P. Boggs, testified at yesterday's sittings on behalf of the respondent. Mr. Boggs is an oil expert.

Mr. James Priel of Dorchester appeared for the Crown. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., the Toronto lawyer, and Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., Mr. C. W. Robinson and Mr. Geo. A. Harris for the respondent.

Miss Gertie Shea, of Sussex, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. P. Gorman, Steckenburg street.

REV. D. CONVERS AND THE PRESS

His Opinion of Newspapers Not Complimentary - Interesting Address at Church of England Institute.

Special services in Trinity church yesterday marked the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Church of England Institute in St. John. In the morning at 7:30 there was a celebration of the holy communion, at which there was a good attendance. In the evening at 8 o'clock there was a special service conducted by Rev. E. B. Hooper, of St. Paul's church, assisted by Rev. R. A. Armstrong, with a sermon by Rev. D. Convers.

Mr. Convers spoke of the work of the institute which had for one of its principal objects the provision of good reading material for members of the church. People, he said, should exercise wisdom and caution in the selection of their reading. Many persons wasted a lot of time reading newspapers that they might utilize to better advantage. At one point of his life, he said he had not read a newspaper for 12 years, but had not fallen behind the times, as everyone had been anxious to tell him what was going on in the world. He would not say, Don't read the newspapers, but they should be read with caution. The newspapers were not always bad, but sometimes when dealing with political affairs they descended to violence, slander and accusations which could not be all true.

As to magazines, the speaker said they should be read with discrimination and caution, too. The great evil of magazine reading was that it tended to unfit people for prolonged concentration of thought on any subject.

In regard to novels he declared that members of the church should be courageous enough to refuse to read novels which attacked morals or religion. The plea of some persons that they wanted to find out what was said against their religion was not always permissible. The novel attacking religion represented the thought and labor of some man extending over months, and everybody was not able as they skimmed through his book to supply the answers to the attacks and doubts which might remain in their minds which would disturb their faith.

Continuing, the speaker said he did not know to what extent the people of St. John read novels, but figures furnished by librarians in the cities of New Jersey showed that from 76 to 84 per cent. of the books taken out were novels and one librarian declared that if the school teachers did not send their pupils to the libraries to get information on different subjects the novels would represent about 95 per cent. of the books taken out. He would not mention any novels which he thought were good, because preachers who had done that usually found that their hearers immediately procured and read the book then condemned. What a person should read should be determined by whether or not he would care to read it aloud to his mother.

The Church of England Institute, the anniversary of which was celebrated yesterday, was founded in 1876, its first quarters being in a building on Princess street. It was burned out at the time of the great fire, and for some time thereafter it had its quarters in the Oddfellows' building. Subsequently it moved to its present commodious quarters on Germain street.

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WHITE TAILORED BLOUSES, tucked, with laundered collars and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 42. Each \$2.25

WHITE TAILORED BLOUSES, embroidered front, laundered collars and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 42. Each \$2.65

WHITE TAILORED BLOUSES, pleated and tucked, laundered collars and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 42. Each \$2.65

WHITE TAILORED BLOUSES, tucked, breast pocket and embroidered revers, laundered collars and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 42. Each \$3.00

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