

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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AROUND THE CITY

Arrested for Vagrancy. About 10.30 o'clock last night the police arrested Thomas F. Ross, aged 51 and hailing from the United States on the charge of wandering about on Sydney street and not giving a satisfactory account of himself.

Maritime Committee. The Maritime committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, will hold a conference at Truro on January 18th, to consider the action of the Toronto conference in making the association national instead of international.

The New Board of Trade Building. A meeting of the building committee of the Board of Trade will be held today to make arrangements for the remodeling of the Troop building, which has been purchased by the board. It is expected that it will cost about \$2,500 to fit up the building for the board's purposes. It is planned to move into the new building about the middle of March.

A Shortage of Ladders. Complaints have frequently been made that the contractors who built the new government wharf on the West Side, did not construct enough ladders. It is claimed that if a man fell off the wharf, he would not be able to get up without swimming a considerable distance, which is not an attractive job in cold weather.

Preparing Civic Estimates. The Safety Board will meet at three o'clock and the Board of Works at four o'clock this afternoon to make up the estimates for the year. The Treasury Board will meet at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon. A special meeting of the council will be held on Monday to deal finally with the estimates of the boards. The finance committee of the Municipal Council will meet on Friday.

Another Real Estate Deal. It is reported that parties in Montreal and Toronto have obtained an option on the lot on the northwest corner of Canterbury and Duke streets, owned by the Diocesan Synod. If the option is taken up, as it is thought it will be, it is the intention of the men applying to erect a five storey warehouse on the lot. This is another evidence of the fact that St. John is experiencing the much desired boom.

No Inquest. Coroner D. E. Berryman after viewing the remains of Thomas Reid which were found on the shores of Courtenay Bay, decided that an inquest was unnecessary and gave permission for the burial. The body was taken from the morgue yesterday afternoon to I. O. Beatey's undertaking rooms on Prince street, W. E. to be prepared for interment.

Presentation by Band. The Artillery Band rooms were gayly decorated with flags and streamers last night when the bandmen attended their regular rehearsal. After the practice Bandmaster Fred W. McNicol was given a surprise when one of the bandmen on behalf of his comrades presented him with a solid gold pair of cufflinks with his initials and 1912 engraved on them. Bandmaster McNicol accepted the gift with a brief speech of appreciation. Refreshments were then served and a couple of happy hours was spent by those present.

Case Adjudged. Roy Wilson was before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon on the charge of having liquor for sale in his house on Wall street and pleaded not guilty. K. J. Macrae appeared for Wilson and George A. Henderson conducted the case for the prosecution. Sgt. Kilpatrick and Night Detective Frederick Lucas gave evidence that they visited Wilson's house last Saturday evening and in their search found a bottle of liquor under a sink. A man named Spencer took the stand for the defence and swore that he had given the bottle to Wilson. The case was adjourned until next Monday.

CITY VIOLATED ITS OWN BY-LAW

The city of St. John years ago, made a by-law whereby persons were liable to a fine for not having the snow removed from the sidewalks bordering their property and citizens have been fined for the offence in the police court. The city has broken the by-law and it is struck by Magistrate Ritchie the amount of money that is handed at city hall will be lessened. The taxpayer however, need not become alarmed, as a prominent official last night stated that the city had enough money to pay the fines and that when it was done, it would not become necessary to increase the rate of taxation next year. Among others reported for the same offence but who no doubt will not feel that they are fined because they have been reported at the same time as the city, are Joseph I. Noble, 202 Duke street; Samuel Warwick's posting billboards on Prince William street; M. L. Trank, Prince William street; Thomas J. Dean, City Road; George Jackson, James Parks, James Munro on Dorchester street, and Charles M. Bostwick on the corner of Duke and Germain street. The city properties reported are some vacant lots and at the entrance to the Lower Cove slip off Brittain street.

DECIDED IN FAVOR OF VESTED CHOIR

Congregation of Stone Church Vote for Innovation - Spirited Opposition to Introduction of Surplice.

After a spirited discussion lasting over two hours the congregation of Stone church at a meeting held in the schoolroom last evening decided in favor of introducing the vested choir into the services of the church. The meeting was attended by a large number of the congregation and the pros and cons of the matter were put forth at length by both sides. The meeting was by no means unanimous in the matter, and was enlivened by frequent tilts between exponents of the merits and demerits of the innovation.

The chief causes of discussion arose over the decision on the question of who in the meeting were eligible to vote, and whether the matter of introducing the vested choir should be decided simply by a majority vote of those present, or by a two-thirds or seventy-five per cent. vote. A rapid succession of motions, amendments and amendments to amendments followed each of which elicited much discussion on the part of members.

A resolution was submitted by the vestry of the church in which was suggested the qualifications of voters. A motion was put to the effect that the recommendation of the vestry be adopted. This was followed by a motion that all present be given the franchise. On being put to the meeting this eventually carried, there being but one solitary dissenting voice.

This obstacle being removed, the meeting next settled down to come to an understanding as to whether a majority vote or a two-thirds vote should be taken in the decision of the real question of the hour. After a lengthy discussion the amendment to the amendment which called for a vote of 75 per cent. of the meeting before the vested choir could become a fact, was put and defeated. The simple majority vote at last won the hour.

The opinion was expressed by some favorable to the vestry choir that it would add to the beauty and impressiveness of the service, serve as a means to interest the young and keep them in the church. Those who were in favor of the innovation were given opportunity to express their views after which the motion was put and a standing vote taken, the yeas being greatly in the majority.

Judge J. R. Armstrong acted as chairman during the meeting. The majority of the meeting expressed the opinion of introducing the surplised choir into the services was then taken up. The majority of the meeting expressed themselves favorable to the innovation, but a goodly number of the more conservative held out, giving various reasons for their opposition to the choir. The ladies present at the meeting showed great interest in the proceedings, and some of them were heard in speeches.

Police Officer SERIOUSLY ILL. Late last night Policeman James McLaren who is the officer on duty in the central station was taken suddenly ill with a hemorrhage and became very weak. Dr. D. E. Berryman was summoned and attended the officer. The doctor gave instructions for the policeman to remain quiet during the night for who he might take another hemorrhage which might prove fatal.

Policeman McLaren resides in the West End and is a very popular officer. He has been on the force for many years and since receiving injuries to his knees some years ago when he jumped off a wharf after a prisoner who was escaping, he has not been able to do patrol duty and has been a most obliging official at police headquarters. It is to be hoped that he will soon recover from the attack and go on duty again.

PERSONAL. Premier Flemming returned to Hartland last evening. J. Louis Slattery, M. A., returned yesterday from Hartford, Conn. Messrs. J. B. Nevins and F. C. Nevers, of Lower Vemseg, Queens county, who have been attending the short course at Truro are expected home this week.

Herbert Morley, of Hazon street leaves this morning for U.N.B., where he will resume his studies in engineering. M. R. A.'s ORIENTAL RUG EXHIBIT. This display of fine Eastern Rugs is without doubt the largest ever seen in the city, and is attracting a great many people who have never before realized how interesting a study Oriental Rugs present. There is one particularly striking rug in the collection, which has in one square foot of its surface more knots than there are hairs to an average person's head.

This is a fine antique Saruk Rung, made in a village of 150 houses amidst the picturesque mountains of Persia, and made by hand. In this rug it is plainly noticeable where the weaver has taken long periods of rest, presumably at the end of each year of labor and as there are three divisions, it may be assumed that the rug required about four years to complete. The rug is four and a half feet by six feet, seven inches and contains considerably more than a million knots. Whether this rug is the product of a rapid weaver is not known, but the most expert Oriental Rug worker is unable to tie more than three knots a minute. This rug has a very dark blue ground with varicolored shades in the forming of the intricate and fascinating design which is beautiful beyond description. This is only one of the many distinctive rugs over which hours could be spent in rapid appreciation of their mystic symbols and in endeavoring to trace a part of the long ago messages placed there by patient, deft fingered people of far away Persia.

CHAMPIONS OF FLAG FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Aldermen to the Rescue of Union Jack Desecrated by Men Calcimining Ceiling of Court House.

Some of the aldermen were very much exercised yesterday by the treatment accorded the Union Jack by a couple of decorators who were calcimining the ceiling of one of the rooms in the court house. The painters were using an old mildewed flag as a cover cloth, and when the aldermen noted this they claimed the flag was being desecrated and raised a loud protest. The chaps with the whitewash brushes said they had no time to get anything else to keep the spatters off the woodwork. Some of the aldermen got rather hot and wanted to get up on the platform and throw the whitewashers out of the window.

But fortunately the intervention of the mayor prevented further bloodshed on behalf of the old flag. He gave peremptory orders to rescue the flag and the brushmen came off their high horse, and the flag was rolled up and put away. One of the aldermen said he was going to move that the council adopt an order to have all old flags cremated with appropriate ceremonies, but in the wrangle over salaries at the meeting which followed the rescue of the flag, he evidently forgot about it.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS PATRONS OF DRAMA

Alderman McGoldrick Tells City Council They Should Encourage Efforts to Put St. John on Dramatic Map.

The Mayor and members of the common council will attend the performance of "The Servant in the House," to be given by the Loyalist Dramatic Club in the Opera House this evening, as a mark of their appreciation of the determination of the club to enter the play in the dramatic competition for the Earl Grey trophy. At the meeting of the common council yesterday Ald. McGoldrick called attention to the fact that the Mayor and aldermen had agreed to become patrons of the play, and suggested that the Mayor should issue a proclamation to the aldermen reminding them that they ought to attend the performance in force and thus show their appreciation of those who were going to try for the Earl Grey trophy and put St. John on the dramatic map.

His Worship said he was much obliged to the dean of the council for his reminder, and he hoped the members of the council kept track of events. He could not add anything to the reasons presented by Ald. McGoldrick for attending the performance. He intended to attend the show and he felt the aldermen should all be present, as the entertainment was bound to be very interesting.



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