

AROUND THE CITY

Was Profane and Nasty. Last evening about 7.30 o'clock Ofcers Ross and Howard arrested Henry O'Leary on Water street, and charged him with using profane language and shouting on the street.

Police as Peacemakers. Patrolman Wittreta was called into street about 9.30 o'clock last night to quell a disturbance that Griffin was creating. Patrolman Kane was called into a Mill street pool room yesterday afternoon to eject a man who was not wanted there.

The King's Daughters. In the rooms of the King's Daughters last evening Miss Jamieson, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., of Canada, addressed the members of the guild on the work of the organization. She told of the work carried on by the Y. W. C. A. in other cities and with what success their efforts had met. Miss Jamieson left last evening for Halifax.

The Country Market. The retail prices for produce in the country market today are as follows: turkey, 25 to 30 cents per lb.; chicken, \$1 to \$2 a pair; duck, \$2 to \$3.35; geese, \$1.25 to \$2; fowl, 75 cents to \$1.50; lamb, 12 to 15 cents a lb.; mutton, 10 to 16 cents; beef, 10 to 20 cents; steak, 16 to 24 cents; pork, 16 to 18 cents; bacon and ham, 20 to 22 cents; butter, 32 to 34 cents per lb., and eggs, 32 cents per dozen.

Another Shoplifter. A prominent storekeeper in the city was yesterday relieved of six or seven bars of soap by two lady shoppers. The customers came in the store to make a small purchase, and while talking one managed to slip the bars of soap in her muff. The thief, however, was noticed by the clerk and the amateur shoplifter will be given an opportunity to pay for the goods taken.

"Rot," Says Commissioner. Since the city council appropriated \$2,000 for additional detective service, it has been reported around the city that the commissioner of public safety intended to reorganize the detective department, and make it a distinct department, independent of the chief of police. When asked about the matter Com. McLellan said: "That's all rot." He declined to give any information as to how the \$2,000 would be utilized.

Little Girl Dies Suddenly. The many friends of Mrs. Teresa Hanson will regret to learn of the death of her 13 year old daughter, Annie C., which took place Friday evening at her mother's home on Magalloway street. The child had only been some days and her death was a severe shock to her family. She was a bright young girl, and had many friends. Besides her mother she leaves four brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss.

Due to Trashy Novels. It is stated that the youth Fullerton, who is a member of the Allan liner Granplan's crew, and who terrorized three women on the west side of the harbor on Thursday night by flourishing and discharging a revolver, will be sent back to England on the steamer which sails today. The only reason for the young fellow's actions is that he has been reading too many trashy novels and attempted to become like one of those terrible hold-up men that he had been reading about.

The Bickmore Lecture. The second of the Bickmore course of lectures in the free course conducted by the Women's Canadian Club was held last evening in Centennial School. Despite the inclemency of the weather about two hundred attended, many of them being from Rico and Jamaica and as the lecturer read by Mrs. James F. Robertson and proved both entertaining and instructive. The subject was Porto Rico and Jamaica and as the lecturer has visited these places the personal touch given the lecture by Mrs. Robertson making it especially attractive. At the close the vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved and seconded by two of the larger boys.

Slowly Removing Dredge Buckets. Owing to bad weather there has been a great deal of delay in the matter of recovering the buckets dredged in the channel by the dredge Fielding. Yesterday morning a crew of men went down and managed to pick up two of the buckets, making six so far recovered, but as the breeze got up it became too rough to continue the work. Nothing can be done except in calm weather, and it is expected it will be some time before all the buckets are brought up. The method of recovery is to send a diver down and hook on the hoisting apparatus to one end of the string of buckets which is then raised and the links removed and the buckets separated.

More New Settlers. A communication received yesterday from A. Bowder, the representative for New Brunswick in England, stated that he intended to leave Liverpool for St. John on April 4th with a party of at least 150 farmers who are planning on locating in the province. Mr. Bowder has visited many parts of the United Kingdom recently, delivering lectures on the province. He reports a steady increase of interest in the opportunities here, and expects the result of the advertising and publicity work carried on for the last three or four years will be a great increase in the number of settlers coming to the province this year. The steamers Tunisian and Lake Champlain are bringing a few immigrants for the province who are being sent out by Mr. Bowder.

Annual January Clearance of Men's Furnishings at M. R. A's. This will be a great bargain offering of travellers' and odd lots consisting of men's and boys' sample top shirts, men's sample negligee and colored cotton shirts, sample night shirts, sample undershirts, sweaters, half hose, gloves, etc. The sale will commence this morning at 9.30 in men's furnishings department.

The sale men wait for the regular clearance sale of winter overcoats and ulsters at Gilmour's. Your choice now at 25 per cent. discount off original price of \$12 to \$25, none reserved. 65 King street.

WORK ON THE NEW ELEVATOR IS NOW ADVANCING RAPIDLY

First Lift of Concrete Piers will be Finished Next Week -- Second Lift well Under Way -- Mild Weather Aids Work.

The work of erecting the new C. P. R. elevator on the West Side is rapidly going forward despite the unfavorable weather conditions and having allowed the Atlantic oceanic tide. The mild weather of the past few weeks is considered by those in charge to be greatly in the nature of a blessing, as it is impossible to put in concrete with the thermometer registering near zero or below. At first the John R. Metcalf Co., who have the contract, attempted to work the men in regular day shifts, but it was soon found that the heavy rise and fall of the tide made this impossible, and during the past few months the men have been working tide shifts, that is going to work when the tide is out and remaining until the advancing water drives them away. At present the majority of the concrete piers which will form the foundation of the building have been brought up clear of the ground, and by Wednesday of next week Superintendent Weyman expects to have the remainder finished. This will prove a great stride toward the completion of this part of the building, as it will do away with the necessity of pumping water from the excavations after the tide goes out. It is interesting to note that the water level is fourteen feet above the ground. Five rows of thirty-five piers of the second lift have also been completed and it is expected that with fair weather conditions the eight remaining rows will be in place within the next month. The mild weather of the past few

weeks has greatly facilitated the placing of the concrete, and although the first lift of tiers is under water when the tide is in and thus partially protected, it is necessary that for the first twenty-four hours after the concrete is in position that it be untouched by frost. Luckily, however, largely through good judgment in gauging the weather all possible success has met the efforts of those in charge, and the work is progressing in an eminently satisfactory manner. Another great problem which the Metcalf Company has found it necessary to deal with, is the supplying rubber boots and oil skins to the men. Already over five hundred pairs of rubber boots have been ordered, and twenty-five hundred suits of oil skins. The company to save time issues to each man whose work makes it necessary, a pair of rubber boots charging him with the cost. When the boots are worn out the men get another pair on returning the old ones to the store. This method has been found highly satisfactory. Often, however, a new man will be hired, who, after drawing his boots and oil skins, will vanish. At present there are about 200 men employed on the new elevator, and the work of excavating the foundations and mixing concrete is being successfully carried out. Yesterday afternoon a large gang was employed in hauling the concrete up the tall distributing towers, from whence it is taken to wherever needed. The company has installed several miniature railroads to aid in the moving of the concrete and other heavy items necessary in such an undertaking.

BOUNDED ON GERMAIN ST.

Hiram Webb & Son's Store Entered and Cash Box with Money Stolen -- Probably Work of a Boy.

A most daring robbery took place last evening when a thief broke into the store of Hiram Webb and Son, 91 Germain street. The Messrs. Webb are electrical engineers and contractors, and their place of business is on the corner of Germain and Church streets. Yesterday afternoon, about 5.30 o'clock the store was locked securely and the proprietors went home. Last evening about 7.40 o'clock Stanley Webb, the junior member of the firm, had some business to transact in the store and when he went to the front door he found that one of the broken glass panels in the door had been broken. He unlocked the door and found the floor near the door strewn with the broken glass. At first he thought the glass had been accidentally broken but on examination he found the store had been broken into and robbed. A cash box which he had left locked, and which contained about ten dollars, had been broken open and the money stolen. Mr. Webb immediately communicated with central police station and Night Detective Lucas hastened to the scene. Detective Killen had also been there and later on in the evening Patrolmen Ross and Howard accidentally broken into the store and found the cash box had been broken open and the money stolen. From all appearances the robbery was not committed by a grown-up person as the broken glass panel is not more than sixteen inches in width and it is very likely that some boy broke the glass and then squeezed through the opening and after robbing the cash box made his escape the way he got in. As it was a wet evening and not many people, if any, passing along that part of the street at the time the breaking of the glass did not attract any attention. Despite these facts the robber took an exceptionally bold chance in making the break as he did.

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MASSACHUSETTS IS KEEPING WATCHFUL EYE ON FARM PLAN

New Brunswick's Farm Settlement Board is Attracting Attention Abroad.

Twenty Families will Arrive in Spring to Take up Farms Under Settlement Act.

A letter received yesterday by the secretary of the Farm Settlement Board from Percy Thomson, of the Victoria Grange Company, stated that he was just recovering from a serious attack of pneumonia, but that he expected to bring out 20 families early in the spring to take up farms under the settlement act, and that he hoped the Board would be able to have more than twenty farms available, so that he could arrange for bringing out more families. He added in his letter that he had addressed communications to all the Unionist members in the British parliament, calling attention to the plan adopted by the New Brunswick government for settling people on the land, and that he had received many letters from the members of parliament expressing their appreciation of the scheme, and promising co-operation with the Norton Griffiths people in the way of interesting their constituents in New Brunswick and making arrangements to have some of their former constituents come out here and take up farms under the act. That the Farm Settlement scheme is creating interest in other quarters is shown by the fact that Mr. Gilchrist received a letter yesterday from Warren Dunbar, secretary of the Massachusetts Homestead Commission. Mr. Dunbar wrote that he had noticed by the papers that the Farm Settlement policy of the New Brunswick government was attracting a great deal of attention, and as his commission was much interested in all plans for getting people on the land he would like to have information about the act and the methods employed in giving it effect. This was promptly furnished.

SCARLET CHAPTER HEARD REPORTS AND ELECTED OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of St. John County Scarlet Chapter Last Evening.

W. M. Campbell Re-elected to Chief Chapter Office -- Reports Showed Good Year.

St. John County Scarlet Chapter met last evening in the Orange Hall on Germain street, the attendance being large. After the transaction of routine business, the reports of the officers were read, showing that the chapter was in a flourishing condition financially and numerically. The election of officers was then conducted with the Grand Secretary, Nell J. Morrison in the chair, resulting as follows: Worthy and efficient companion in command, Wm. M. Campbell; excellent companion in command, J. G. Sullivan; chaplain, Companion R. H. McIntyre; Recording scribe, Companion M. Day; Treasurer, Companion C. B. Ward; Sir knight herald at arms, W. H. Sullivan; first lecturer, Companion E. N. Earle; second lecturer, Companion Wm. St. John; first conductor, Companion Fred Nice; second conductor, Companion J. E. Welsh; inner herald, A. W. Harvey. After the installation ceremonies, Douglas McArthur and the officers and others delivered brief addresses.

BOONING THE PROVINCE IN WIDE AWAKE FASHION

Provincial Literature Being Distributed at Sand Point -- New Booth Makes Decided Impression.

A bright idea hit the officials of the local government when they went over to Sand Point to make arrangements for the distribution of the provincial literature to advertise the attractions of the province. Depressed by the gloomy nature of the immigration statistics, the officials of the Board of Trade went over there to inspect the booth, and observed the cheerful aspect of the booth in contrast with the sombre appearance of the booths elsewhere generally. Also they visited the part of the shed where the Yankee officials welcome immigrants bound to the republic and they noted that the walls there were hung with the stars and stripes. Their patriotic spirit, as well as their love of the decorative, was aroused, and they suggested the advisability of having a number of large British flags hung about the building in order to relieve the gloom and notify immigrants that they had arrived in a British country. The booth which has been opened through the co-operation of the provincial government and the Board of Trade has introduced a note of cheerfulness which has called forth many complimentary remarks from the officials over there, and is proving a great attraction for immigrants who inspect the exhibits of provincial products. The superintendent of immigration has made arrangements to have the provincial literature distributed on the boats. A package will be supplied the stewards for distribution among the passengers bound to England and another package will be provided for distribution among those going to Quebec in this way it is hoped to secure publicity for the province in many quarters that could not be reached by the ordinary publicity channels.

SENDING OUR APPLES TO BELGIAN MARKET

Interesting Experiment by New Brunswick Fruit Growers -- Expect Good Demand for Best of Our Fruit.

Owing to the fact that the English market was flooded about Christmas time, the price of apples over there just now is low," said S. L. Peters, Dominion Fruit Inspector, who was in the city yesterday. "A large quantity of Ontario apples were shipped through St. John earlier in the winter, but at the present time many of the Ontario companies are putting their apples in the cold storage plant here to be held for an improvement in prices on the other side."

Mr. Peters said that while New Brunswick had not shipped many consignments of apples, good reports had been received from those landed on the other side. An interesting venture was recently made by one New Brunswick shipper, who sent apples gathered from his farms on the St. John River to Belgium, where it is believed a good market for N. B. apples can be opened up.

SONS OF ENGLAND INSTALL OFFICERS

Pleasant Entertainment in Temple Hall, North End, Last Evening -- Concert Program Followed Installation.

Temple Hall, last night was the scene of much merriment when Lodge 246 Sons of England met and installed their officers for the new term. After the installation a very interesting programme consisting of readings, addresses, vocal and instrumental solos, was carried out. Commissioner Wigmore presided, and in opening the meeting he dwelt on the high standing of the organization, and the very successful year that had been experienced. The following officers were then installed: Pres., L. A. Byles; Vice-Pres., C. A. London; Chaplain, F. S. Purdy; Secretary, H. Selles; Treasurer, W. C. Allen; 1st guard, H. Scribner; 2nd guard, H. Casterwood; 3rd guard, F. C. McLeod; 4th guard, A. Lowe; 5th guard, B. Edwards; 6th guard, R. Dinnell; inner guard, J. Howe; Outer guard, H. Carran. After this the following musical and literary programme was carried out: Opening selection, band; Address, President; Solo, Greenville King; Address, Dist. Deputy Brother Carter; Violin solo, F. Holder; Solo, S. J. Holder; Song and sketch, James Bond; Recitation, Hassen Taylor; Address, Past Dist. Deputy Brother Carter; Solo, Stanley Williams; Selection, band; Address, H. Selles.

PERSONAL

Orlando Brown, of the C. M. R. A. who has been in the city for the last week in the interests of the organization, left last evening for Halifax.

Sale of Ladies' and Children's Knitted Underwear and Flannellette Wear Continued Today. Store Closes This Afternoon At 6 O'clock

Early Sale of Slightly Defective Damask Table Cloths

Commencing This Morning. Having secured another lot of these slightly defective Table Cloths, they will be offered in connection with our Free Hemming Linen and Cotton Sale at great bargain prices. They are in three popular sizes: About 2 by 2 yards -- Sale prices, each \$1.10, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$2.40, \$2.60, \$2.75. About 2 by 2 1/2 yards -- Sale prices, each \$1.65, \$1.70, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.10, \$2.35, \$2.40, \$2.45, \$2.55, \$2.80, \$2.95, \$3.35. About 2 by 3 yards -- Sale prices, each \$2.20, \$2.50, \$2.85, \$2.95, \$3.30, \$3.55, \$3.90, \$4.10. In addition to the reduction in price, all of these cloths will be hemmed free of charge. Sale Will Start at 8.30 in the Linen Room.

Clearing Out Sale of Children's Bonnets and Hats

Commencing This Morning. We have marked down our complete stock of Children's Hats and Bonnets to prices which will make it worth while for mothers to attend. These Hats and Bonnets are made of velvet, plush, corduroy silk, corduroy velvet, beaver cloth, etc., in rose, scarlet, pink, Copenhagen, Nile green, black, white, sky, brown--pretty trimmed with ribbons, lace, feathers and flowers. Sale prices 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.00. We also offer special reductions in Misses' Tailored and Trimmed Hats, in brown, navy, tan, black, black and white. All one price -- 79c. Ladies' and Misses' Wool Toques and Skating Caps, all colors, each from 45c. to \$1.50. Millinery Salon--Second Floor.

White Embroidered Robes, round skirt, shaped with material for waist also embroidered. Special for Saturday, each \$3.20. Lace Department--Back Store. Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, Special 3 pairs for 70c. Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, Special 3 pairs for 90c. Hosiery Department--Annex.

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