

## Around the City

## CLEARING.

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY.**  
Today is the feast of St. John Baptist and a holy day in the Anglican churches.

**TREE BLOWN DOWN.**  
One of the large trees in Haymarket Square was blown down Saturday night by the gale of wind.

**SAFE IN ENGLAND.**  
James H. Wilkes, of Waterloo street yesterday received a cablegram stating that his son, Harold Wilkes, had arrived safely in England.

**THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.**  
Father Duke announced yesterday at 11.30 mass that the Cathedral Sunday school would close commencing next Sunday for the summer holidays. This goes into effect today, so there will be no Sunday school next Sunday.

**IS DOING WELL.**  
Reports yesterday were to the effect that Fred Wistard, the thirteen year old boy who, a few evenings ago was run over by a street car near the Haymarket Square and had his right foot cut off, was doing as well as could be expected and would recover.

**COMPLETED INSPECTIONS.**  
Capt. R. Robinson Black, Inspector and organizer for the Cadet Corps, inspected the West Side Corps Saturday morning on the grounds of the Lancaster school. He left Saturday evening for Prince Edward Island to make some inspections there.

**LEFT FOR BOSTON.**  
John A. Sullivan, of Boston, one of the city council in the New Brunswick Power Company matter, who has been in the city for several days, left for his home on Saturday evening. Saturday was spent in consultation with Hon. Dr. Baxter, senior counsel for the city, who was absent from the city when Mr. Sullivan arrived.

**JOINS SIEGE BATTERY.**  
Russell Smith of Shediac, son of Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, has joined the siege battery here. The young man has been in the Hartland branch of the Bank of Montreal, but has severed his connection with the service for the purpose of entering the militia.

**RESIGNED POSITION.**  
Mr. Daniel Hogan of Stoneham, Mass., an expert leather man who has been in the city about three years has resigned his position with a leading firm here and leaves today for Salem, Mass., to take a place in a new shoe factory. The factory by which he was employed in St. John is going out of business.

**IS STILL IMPROVING.**  
The many friends of Aubrey Ervin, who was so seriously injured on the Mill street crossing by being run over by a train a week ago last Saturday night, will be pleased to learn that he is steadily improving at the General Public Hospital, and although his life was in danger during the early part of last week the reports yesterday were to the effect that he would surely recover.

**AT ST. PHILIP'S.**  
The annual children's day at St. Philip's church was held last night and a large audience listened with interest to the following programme: Opening chorus by the school; invocation, R. H. McIntyre, superintendent of the school; exercises from Children's Day classic, "Filled in Their Strength, Eternal" selection by the choir; responsive reading by the school; trio, "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam," Alice Young, Helen Young, M. Marsh; recitations by Zella Ogden, William Stewart, and James Blizard; exercises, "Ye Shepherds of Judea," exercise, "The New Recruits," presentation of certificates to five children graduating from the primary to the intermediate classes as follows: Edward Young, F. Leslie, Alice Young, M. Marsh and Stella Burns. The singing of the National Anthem brought the service to a close.

## TERRIFIC STORM SATURDAY NIGHT

**Heavy Downpour of Rain Driven By Gale of Wind—Storm Was General—Not Much Damage Reported.**

After a rather cold Saturday afternoon, the clouds gathered and at 6.30 o'clock in the evening it commenced to rain. The storm became more violent during the night, the rain poured in torrents and was accompanied by a very high wind. Between midnight and two o'clock yesterday morning the storm was at its worst and the wind had reached the velocity of a small gale which blew the heavy rain in sheets. Limbs of trees were broken off and thrown to the walks in the squares and other places, and in fact anything that was not securely fastened was blown about. While the wind was blowing hard in the earlier part of the night many umbrellas were turned inside out and some were put out of being of further use and were left on the roadside.

While no great damage is reported to have happened to the wires of the telephone wires were broken and the line in certain sections was placed out of commission for some hours until the linemen could make necessary repairs.

The storm was general for many miles and a very heavy storm is reported all along the coast and in the Big lakes, and while some minor damage was done nothing very serious was reported up to last night. The rainstorm in the city continued until shortly after daylight yesterday morning when the wind decreased and then there was a thick mist followed by a fog. During the morning and the afternoon the sun broke through the clouds on a couple of occasions but not long enough to make it pleasant. It was a day that both in the city and in the country districts found in doors the best place for the weather was anything but comfortable on the outside.

## FAREWELL SERMON AT QUEEN SQUARE METHODIST CHURCH

**Rev. Hammond Johnson Preached To Large Congregation Last Evening—Goes To Wesley Memorial Church, Moncton.**

Rev. Hammond Johnson, who for the past four years has been the pastor of Queen Square Methodist church, last night preached his farewell sermon and will leave this week for his future charge, the Wesley Memorial church, Moncton.

At the opening of the service Rev. Mr. Johnson made a brief reference to the parting which was near, and returned thanks to the congregation for the splendid way in which they had worked with him during the tenure of his pastorate, and assured them that both he and Mrs. Johnson would carry with them many pleasant memories of their stay in St. John.

He based his sermon on the following words found in Isaiah 55: "And ye shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of waters in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

He said that in this age as never before people were building shelters. There were homes for the aged, homes for the incurable and all sorts of refuges from the winds of life, and yet it was also true that in this age as never before men were feeling the blasts of the winds and the tempests. This could be accounted for by the fact that it was not what men built but what they were that was the hiding place meant by the text.

When this text was read by the most of men their thought was of Jesus, the man of Galilee. While it was true that He was a hiding place, the meaning of the text was that every man who believed on Him should become a hiding place and make life easier for those who were exposed to the blasts.

For four years he had been laboring with the congregation before him through storm and sunshine, sorrow and joy, loss and gain and while it was true that the number of members had increased and the treasury was richer than when he came to them, unless his ministry had succeeded in making bigger and better men and women of them it had been a failure. The time had come to say farewell and he prayed that God might give them a rich blessing in the days to come.

## TWO-ALARM FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT

**Upper Flat of Mrs. James Keys' House on March Street Destroyed—Water Damaged Other Sections of the Building.**

The firemen were given a hurried call Saturday night at 11.30 o'clock during the downpour of rain. Box 412 gave the summons for their presence, a house at 28 March street, near the corner of City Road, caught fire in the upper flat. A second alarm was rung in soon after the first for by this time the fire had made considerable headway.

The occupants of the house, which was a three tenement, were about retiring at the time, and were forced to make a hasty exit, one lady escaping in her night clothes, and another in a bath robe. The husband lost all his clothes, as he was forced to leave everything behind him.

The three families residing in the dwelling were, D. Lacey, who occupied the top flat; P. Connolly, the second flat, and Herbert J. Keys, lived on the ground floor.

When the fire caught the rafters of the dwelling, the firemen were obliged to do considerable cutting before a couple of streams of water became effective. The upper flat was a total wreck, the second suffering mostly from water, the lower flat, in which was a valuable piano, was also damaged considerably despite excellent work by the Salvage Corps.

Very little insurance was carried on the building compared to the loss. How the fire started is yet unknown, but it is thought to have started in a room where clothes were drying.

Quite a crowd gathered, despite the storm to witness the blaze which was confined to the upper flat. The house was owned by Mrs. James Keys.

## BRANCH OF LEAGUE FORMED AT SUSSEX

**C. B. Allan, Secretary of N. B. Division of Navy League, Visited Sussex—Good Meeting and Officers Elected.**

C. B. Allan, secretary of the New Brunswick division of the Navy League visited Sussex on Friday last and organized a branch of the league at that place. The following officers were elected:

Rev. A. V. Marsh, president; W. D. Turner, secretary-treasurer; Hon. J. A. Murray, S. H. White, Rev. James Rice, N. W. Eveleigh, J. C. Mills, Gordon B. McKay, F. S. Creed, Mrs. Robert Morrison, Mrs. J. E. Kelcey, Mrs. P. P. Reid, Mrs. A. Reid, L. King, Mrs. H. H. Reid, Mrs. W. D. Turner, Mrs. George Wetmore, additional members of the executive.

The executive were very enthusiastic and immediately started a canvass for members, a dozen being secured in less than an hour. A good deal of the credit for starting the branch is due W. D. Turner the energetic secretary who will now be assisted by an active band of workers.

## DETACHMENT OF NINETEEN MEN FROM THE STATES SERVICES OBSERVED IN TWO CHURCHES

**Party Arrived Saturday Night—Will Join the Imperial Army—Magazine Writers Among the Number.**

A detachment of nineteen men from American centres, reached the city Saturday night, en route to Windsor, N. S. These men were all of British or Canadian parentage, with the exception of one, who was a Belgian by birth. On the day previous, thirty men arrived on the same mission. They leave this morning on the Digby boat, en route on the first lap over-seas.

Among the number worthy of mention were: A. S. Madden, 31 West Line street, Kansas City. Previous to coming to the United States he was on the staff of an English paper near London, England and whilst in America he wrote for several magazines there. Speaking of the United States, he said "Under such a government, to stand with England, against whom she once fought; today not a rival but a powerful ally."

J. H. Brown, was among the number, also a writer for an Irish edition of the Standard in London. He had travelled much in his day and was loquacious regarding the war situation. Apparently he had a good knowledge of everything in general, and likely could have given a good description of his trip, if he had chosen to do so, however he added, that their way was being paid by the British. "John Bull footed the bill."

Others in the party were J. Champagne, Chicago, Ill., born in England, returning to fight for his Motherland, W. Smith, Seattle, Washington, was born in Canada, but was going over to join the Imperial army.

G. Buckle, Maryland, Ohio, born near the Bow street church bells in England, and a "Cockney" by nature and tongue, was en route also.

Others numbered were: H. Clegg, a Belgian, born in West Flanders, P. Allee, Chicago, Ill., P. Moylan, Milwaukee, J. Semple, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## A FESTAL DAY AT MISSION CHURCH

**Feast of St. John Baptist Impressively Observed—Jewelled Chalice of Gold and Handsome Ciborium Were Dedicated.**

Yesterday was festal day in the Mission church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row, which elaborately and impressively observed its patronal festival, the feast of St. John Baptist. There were low eucharisties of the Holy Eucharist at 7 and 8 a. m., matins and litany at 10.15, a high celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11: a children's service at 2.45 p.m. and solemn evensong and Te Deum at 7 p.m.

The celebrant at 7 a.m. and 11 was Rev. Fr. Benson, and at 2.45 p.m. the celebrant, Rev. Fr. J. V. Young, priest in charge, dedicated a large beautiful jewelled chalice of solid silver, valued at nine hundred and fifty dollars, presented to the church by Miss Lee in memory of her mother. The chalice was used for the first time at this service and will be used on festal occasions when the number of communicants receiving is larger than on ordinary days.

A handsome ciborium, given by Mr. Williams, was also dedicated. Father Young announced in his sermon at eleven o'clock that a litany desk and font which also had been presented to the church would probably be set in position by next Sunday. He said that the Mission church had been more fortunate than many churches in the respect that it had received in past years.

He considered that the founders of the Mission church had made a happy selection when they selected that of St. John Baptist, for no more worthy man among the prophets and apostles had existed. Father Young gave a brief and interesting history of the church from the time it was formally opened in 1832 by Rev. Father J. M. Davenport, the first priest in charge, and Rev. Theodore Darling, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, until the present.

The Mission church of St. John Baptist had been subject to persecutions and misrepresentations in past years, but today it was as strong as ever and had exercised a remarkable influence for good in this city and throughout the maritime provinces. It practices and preaches the full Catholic faith, and for this reason was widely known. More than one thousand had been baptised, and its priests had carried their ministrations to many.

The preacher paid a splendid tribute to the work and worth of the late Father Davenport.

The solemn evensong was sung by Rev. Canon Armstrong, rector of Trinity church, who selected for his text part of St. John I, 15: "John bare witness of him." His sermon was a panegyric on St. John Baptist, of whom, he said, his sincerity, his humility and his sweetness of heart were virtues which were necessary for the true Christian to hold, particularly sincerity for an insincere man had little influence whether in the pulpit or out of it. St. John Baptist, he said, had willingly surrendered his power and place to the One who came after him, and those in this world who had been unwilling to surrender their power and authority and make way for Him, were the enemies of the true Christian to hold, particularly sincerity for an insincere man had little influence whether in the pulpit or out of it. 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