

## EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

### THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

Wednesday.  
The steamer Empress of Japan arrived at Yokohama, Feb. 11.

The postal authorities will send mails to Prince Edward Island via Cape Tormentine and the ice boats. The service will be maintained as long as the steamers are held in the ice.

The steamer which will be delivered to Messrs. Troop & Son's new ship is reported chartered to load supplies at St. John for the British army in South Africa.

Bagley Wm. McMillin, of this city, formerly of Sackville, was presented Saturday evening with a gold watch and chain by Sackville citizens in honor of his services with the first Canadian contingent in South Africa.

Messrs. P. McAllister and Wm. Nash, of the North End, left last night for Sydney, C. B., where they intend going into the manufacture of ginger beer and other temperance drinks. A large number of their friends were at the train to see them off.

The funeral of Mr. Robert Willis was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 110 St. James street. Rev. Geo. A. Sellar officiated and the interment was made at Fernhill in the presence of a large gathering of friends. The Rev. L. O. L. and Grand Division S. attended.

The matter of the winding up of the "Weekend Stamping Co. Ltd." came before Chief Justice Tuck in chambers yesterday morning. The principal creditor is George Wood, who holds securities to nearly \$60,000. The disposing of the property will come up at a later period.

Among the passengers on the C. P. R. for Fredericton yesterday were Mr. George Moffat, of Dalhousie, Mr. Frank Curran, Mr. A. W. Stewart, and Mr. J. J. Burns of Bathurst, and Mr. F. Sumner of Moncton, who will attend a crown land sale at the capital today.

Last evening, at the old Hilyard home, 222 Douglas avenue, a most enjoyable and successful dance was given by Mrs. Henry Hilyard, assisted by Mrs. G. Stymest Robertson. The large drawing rooms were decorated and festooned with flowers and the lady guests handsomely gown.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Drug Company was held last evening at the Hotel de Ville. Mr. J. H. Murray was re-elected president. Mr. William H. Murray, vice-president. Messrs. Samuel Hayward, James V. Russell, and Charles T. Norris, directors. Mr. John Russell, jr., secretary-treasurer.

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. John H. McKay, in the 60th year of his age. The deceased was one of St. John's best known and most respected citizens and during his life took a great interest in our local militia. He was a Fenian raid veteran and was for years one of our best rifle shots. The deceased was also a charter member of Queen's lodge, No. 13, L. O. L.

Mayor Daniel on Monday received from the treasurer of the collection fund, \$104.05, the amount of the collection taken on Feb. 2nd. This money is the nucleus of a fund to be started by his worship to build a monument to the memory of the New Brunswickers who fought and died in South Africa.

Mr. C. N. Skinner went to New York on yesterday's Pacific express in connection with the legal case in which Messrs. T. McAllister and Wm. Nash are interested. Mr. Skinner is for the opposing party, H. Nash. Hon. William Pugsley and Mr. H. Hanington are in New York representing Messrs. McAllister.

Madame Albani has during the past year sung several times at the various performances organized for the benefit of the sufferers by the war in South Africa. Nor has she, in doing this, forgotten her own countrymen. She organized and sang at a concert given at the Carlton Hotel, London, for the benefit of the Canadians, at which a net profit of \$5,000 was realized. She had also promised to sing at the entertainment given by the brigade of guards to Colonel Oter and the Canadian contingent when passing through London, but was unfortunately prevented at the last moment by a severe cold. Albani will appear in St. John March 5.

Thursday.  
Chas. White, C. P. R. baggage-master, fell on the ice Tuesday and broke his left leg.

Word has come from Bathurst that the telegraph office, post office, warehouse and blacksmith shop of Mr. Geo. I. H. of Bathurst, has been totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 6th.

rumor that Mr. Jas. McLeod, ex-actor of the Rose base ball team, had died on the western plains is correct. His mother has received a message stating that her son, though badly frost-bitten, is alive and recovering.

The St. John Iron Works Company held an annual meeting yesterday and declared a dividend. The old board of directors were elected, viz: James Pettit, J. E. Moore, W. H. Murray, Chas. E. Dr. W. W. White, H. D. Troop, Chas. McMillan, the latter as manager, director and secretary.

## ST. JOHN MAN'S SUCCESS.

George McLean, Formerly of The Telegraph, Joins the Boston Herald.

Under the heading "Good Man Anywhere," the Worcester, Mass., Sunday Telegraph has the following of a well-known and popular newspaper man, formerly of this city:

"George J. McLean, four years a member of the Telegram staff, left the paper last night and tomorrow begins work on the Boston Herald. Last night his associates on the Telegram showed their good will toward him, presenting him an English traveling bag and a silk umbrella, with an elaborate horn and silver handle, engraved, so he will have occasion to remember the Telegram whenever he is out on a wet day. The presentation was made by E. M. C. French, a member of the staff and Mr. McLean responded briefly. At midnight a number of his friends at the hotel presented him with a solid gold watch chain and locket, and after the presentation, made by ex-Corcoran J. H. Mugg, a banquet was served at which a dozen friends of the Telegram were present. The occasion was a jolly one and all enjoyed themselves until early this morning.

"George McLean came to the Telegram in April, 1897, from the St. John, N. B. Telegraph and for a year did general assignment work. He was soon classed among the brightest of the gens, and in 1898 was given the police assignment, one of the most important on the paper. He has worked on the Telegram for several years, and is a faithful, conscientious worker, and as a police reporter made a record for himself and for the paper by turning in many scoops of important nature. He has enjoyed this class of work, and when detailed on an important case worked up three years, one three years, one retiring each year. It is also suggested to make the majority term two years instead of one. No alderman in particular is promoting the plan nor is anyone fathering it, but it is not improbable that the mayor will be asked to call a special meeting to discuss the scheme, which means an increase of three aldermen. The new system as outlined is similar to the one in operation in Halifax.

Aldermen have been exchanging views recently as to a plan of changing the civic system of selecting a board of aldermen as well as turning the wards into six electoral districts, each with three representatives, elected for three years, one retiring each year. It is also suggested to make the majority term two years instead of one. No alderman in particular is promoting the plan nor is anyone fathering it, but it is not improbable that the mayor will be asked to call a special meeting to discuss the scheme, which means an increase of three aldermen. The new system as outlined is similar to the one in operation in Halifax.

Many people in St. John will regret to hear of the very sudden death yesterday, of Miss Frances E. Murray, at her home, Wright street. Recently her health had been unwell, but at 12:30 o'clock yesterday, she was stricken with heart failure, and died almost instantly. Deceased was late Mrs. John Thomas Murray. She was intimately associated with many charitable societies and in all movements that tended to the betterment of humanity. She was a member of St. Paul's church. A sister in Massachusetts survives her. Miss Murray was very prominent in the Women's Council and S. P. C. A.

The death occurred early this morning at his Church street residence, of Mr. George Patterson, an old and respected citizen of this city. Mr. Patterson was 80 years of age and for the past 65 years has been a resident in St. John. He was a native of Newry, Ireland, and leaves eight sons and two daughters. The sons are Messrs. William, John and Richard, and the daughters, Mrs. George, of New York; Mrs. Henry, of Boston; Mrs. George, of British Columbia; Thomas, of California; Andrew, of Hantsport, N. S.; and Samuel of St. John. The daughters are Mrs. Joseph Armstrong and Miss Jane Patterson, a native of Newry, Ireland, and leaves eight sons and two daughters. The sons are Messrs. William, John and Richard, and the daughters, Mrs. George, of New York; Mrs. Henry, of Boston; Mrs. George, of British Columbia; Thomas, of California; Andrew, of Hantsport, N. S.; and Samuel of St. John. The daughters are Mrs. Joseph Armstrong and Miss Jane Patterson, a native of Newry, Ireland, and leaves eight sons and two daughters.

Friday.  
Mr. Frederick A. Estey, railway mail clerk, has been superannuated.

David Lawson, who resides on Brussels street, fell on the icy sidewalk near his home last night, and broke one of his legs.

James H. King, son of Mr. William King, of Pleasant Point, died yesterday morning of consumption. He was 23 years old.

The Circuit Court, adjourned from January, met in the Court room yesterday morning. Messrs. John Willet, K. C., and Robert O. Stockton took the oath of allegiance.

Joseph Campbell who gives his home as Montreal, arrived in the city yesterday from Moncton and was about the I. C. E. depot. Campbell claims to have badly frozen his feet while in the woods, out of Moncton. On being told that he could not get into the depot, he sought protection in the central police station. He will try to gain admittance into the hospital today.

Advices yesterday from the Pacific coast state there is no definite evidence of the loss of the ship Ardanmurchan, the vessel of which Captain Kennedy of Yarmouth is commander and whose wife resides in St. John. Shortly after leaving Vancouver wreckage, supposed to be from the ship, was found, but as the vessel is not yet due at her destination, hopes are confidently entertained for her safe arrival.

Dioceses will again be cheaper the coming season, and the dealers state that from the orders already placed more new wheels will be purchased than last season or the previous one. A chassis wheel will be on the market at \$65, while chain wheels will range from \$35 to \$60. At the reduced price the chainless is likely to be adopted by riders of the old-style wheel as well as many new riders. Nothing extraordinary in the way of improvements is promised, but there will be many converts to coaster brakes and cushion frames.

Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison have on exhibition in the window of their furniture department, Market square, the handsome easy chair, which their upholders have just completed for the municipal council with which that body has so thoughtfully decided to comfort the remaining years of our oldest inhabitant, Mr. James Ross, of St. Martins. If the railway is opened for traffic this week, Warden McFadden and a committee of the council intend presenting our 110-year-old neighbor with this comfortable chair and an appropriate address, expressing the heartiest wishes of the people of the city and county of St. John for his continued good health and youthfulness.

## FREE OF DEBT.

Seamen's Mission Society in a Happy State.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. Cosman, the Missionary, Told of the Work of Last Year and Showed How the Sailors Have Been Helped -- Officers Elected and Funds Subscribed.

The Seamen's Mission is completely free from debt and the new year and century opening exceedingly bright and encouraging circumstances. Last evening the annual business meeting of the mission was held with a good attendance, and the president, Mr. H. C. Tilley, in the chair.

The manager and missionary, Rev. H. H. Cosman, submitted the following report: Mr. President and Managing Committee of the Seamen's Mission, St. John, N. B.

In presenting this, my first annual report, I note that the year has brought with it many changes. Among these the passing from the old century into the new. We also mourn the loss of our good Queen and yet rejoice in the accession to the throne of King Edward VII. We must mark the changes in our work as an institution, organized and we trust, carried on with a view to honor God and for the betterment of the sailor physically, morally and spiritually, we have no reason to be discouraged, but in summing up the work of the year we find much to encourage.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE.

Details of Qualifications, Pay, Furloughs, and Other Matters.

The South African constabulary is a permanent mounted force for maintaining order in the Orange River Colony and Transvaal, also available as a military force in time of war.

Qualifications: Candidates must not be under 20 nor over 35, good riders, good shots, single, strictly sober, medically fit, and recommended by at least two persons in responsible positions.

Period of engagement: Three years from date of attestation in South Africa. They may re-engage on increased pay.

Promotion and pay: Promotion will be by merit and commissions will be obtained from the ranks. Promotion will depend upon a man's efficiency and behavior. Men must enter at the lowest grade and work up.

Pay: Sergeant (staff sergeant), \$2.43 per diem; sergeant, \$2.19 per diem; second class sergeant, \$1.94 per diem; corporal, \$1.82 per diem; first class trooper, \$1.68 per diem; second class trooper, \$1.48 per diem; third class trooper, \$1.21 per diem. Pay will commence from date of attestation in South Africa. Extra allowances will be given to men to cover high market prices when stationed north of the Vaal River. This allowance is provisionally fixed at 48 cents per day. A traveling allowance of \$1.21 per day is given when the men are on duty outside of district.

Marriage: Men must obtain the sanction of the commanding officer, and they will then be entitled to an extra allowance to cover lodging such as ration, fuel, light, etc., at the rate of 75 cents per day. Free issue: Uniforms, horses, forage, clothing, equipment, arms, quarters and medical attendance are supplied free.

Settlers in South Africa: Proposals are under consideration whereby a certain number of farms will be annually given to members of the South African constabulary, and they will also be assisted in standing, by government advances, money advanced being repayable on easy terms.

Furlough: Leave of absence, one month in each year, will be given.

Candidates found unsuitable on their arrival in South Africa will be given a free passage back to Canada. Railway fare and subsistence to point of embarkation will be provided.

LOWER MILLSTREAM.

Coal Shaft Being Sunk--Grip and Measles.

Lower Millstream, Kings county, Feb. 12--Storm coming after storm has completely blocked the roads and made traveling very difficult; notwithstanding, the mail carrier, Mr. George Scott, makes prompt connections.

Mr. George H. Cochran thinks he need not go to the Klondike to make his fortune but has one nearer home in the shape of a coal mine. He has now men at work sinking a shaft. They have already sunk down a considerable depth, but as yet no showing of coal. A short distance from where they are digging coal has cropped out on the surface.

The farmers are getting out lots of corn and at present it commands a good price.

A large number of people are laid up with the grippe. Mr. Edgar McAulay is quite low with it. The measles have broken out in the neighborhood.

HALIFAX LIGHTING.

Council Reconsiders Former Action and Defers Purchase of Site.

Halifax, Feb. 12--(Special)--At a meeting of the city council tonight notice for reconsideration of the resolution passed at the last meeting with reference to the city doing its own electric lighting, was taken up. The reconsideration was carried and a resolution passed that the report of the committee on electric lighting be received, and that the matter be referred back to the special committee with instructions to select a site and report to the council and that no site be purchased before said report be made, not later than a month from this date.

The question of steel shipbuilding was not touched at tonight's meeting.

The only other business was the granting of liquor licenses. Out of 120 applied for were granted and the others deferred.

THE DOMINION OF CANADA TO AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

Sister of the Southern Sea.

Canadian hearts reach out to thee, And not in fear or sadness; And not in vain thy aid we pray, And not in vain thy aid we pray.

Write a stainless story, "Advance, Australia," on thy way To everlasting glory.

The timber of the Ship of State Are chosen well and rightly. Her lines are drawn with skill, no great Swiftness shall sail, and lightly;

No hostile boarder swarms with foes, No pauper millions crying, No Arctic blizzards wait the snows, Where Spring is never dying.

Then welcome to your right place, Fairer of Britain's daughters; This day we offer, face to face, Hands stretched across the waters, A pledge of love that shall not die, Of free and firm alliance;

To all who envy or desire The Empire wide defence.

—F. B. Hill, '98, in The University Monthly, January 1, 1901.

[The author of the above poem, Mr. Frederick Borden Hill, is a son of Mr. Henry B. Hill and nephew of the Hon. George F. Hill, of St. Stephen, N. B. Mr. F. B. Hill is a young man of brilliant promise. He was educated at the common schools in St. Stephen, N. B., at the University of New Brunswick, taking high honors, and is at present studying law at Ann Arbor University, Michigan. It is Mr. Hill's intention, on the completion of his law course, to locate in Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Hill's mother was a Miss Borden of Hants county, Nova Scotia, and a relative of the present minister of militia of Canada, and of the new leader of the Conservative party.]

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At an increase of 15 per cent. it would be 5,504,845 (An increase of 724,988).

At an increase of 20 per cent. it would be 5,799,896 (An increase of 964,988).

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Anarchists' Anxious Not to Offend England.

An Italian Anarchist leader now in Paris was asked if there were likely to be any Anarchist attacks in London in connection with the assembling of sovereigns and princes for Queen Victoria's funeral. He replied:

"If there are any such attacks the Internationalists will be absolutely innocent. We decided on 'hands off.' It would be worse than that if by any such act we closed against our only refuge in Europe."

"Our people, hounded everywhere else, have found an asylum in England. We are neither ungrateful nor fools, so we will leave England alone. Young Spido, who tried to kill the Prince of Wales, was not one of us or he would have known better."

—New York World.

CITY INUNDED.

Bridges Destroyed, Lighting System Disabled, and Lives Lost.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 13--A despatch from La Paz, the nominal capital of Bolivia, dated Feb. 11, 5 p. m., says that the overflow of the river has caused the inundation of the city and the destruction of bridges.

The electric lighting system has been disabled and the city has been in darkness for two nights.

Many lives have been lost and the damage will aggregate \$1,000,000.