

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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AROUND THE CITY

Will Speak in Y. M. C. A. Rev. R. P. McKim, of St. Luke's who has returned home, will deliver an address at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock this afternoon. His subject will be the Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow.

Pilot Commissioners Meet. The Board of Pilot Commissioners met yesterday afternoon and transacted routine business. The question of apprenticeship, also of pension was taken up but action on both deferred until a future meeting.

Jamaica and Porto Rico. A large audience of school children heard the Bickmore lecture in the Natural History hall yesterday afternoon on Jamaica and Porto Rico. The lecture was read by Wm. McIntosh and proved to be a good educational success.

He Will Leave the Country. Patrick McNally who was arrested on Monday, Jan. 22nd, on the charge of stealing caps from D. Maclean and Sons, King street, and who was sent up for trial, took the Speedy Train yesterday afternoon and was given his liberty on his promise to leave the country.

Body Taken to Truro. The remains of A. H. S. Parker, the commercial traveller who died in the Royal Hotel Thursday night, were taken to Truro, N. S., on last night's express. The interment will take place in Truro today. The deceased was a former resident of Truro and his parents are interred there.

The Old Home Week. A meeting of the executive of the Young Men's Branch of the board of trade was held last evening, at which the details of the programme for the old home week were considered. Application will be made to New Brunswick for a list of subscribers residing in the United States or other parts of Canada.

Says Prisoners Were Not Syrians. Regarding the arrest of the man and woman on Erin street Thursday afternoon, Michael George, the Syrian contractor called at The Standard and said that although the two prisoners claimed to be Syrians, he did not believe that they were of that nationality. They arrived in the city a few months ago and while they had been boarding in the district where the majority of the Syrians reside, they were not very familiar with the residents of St. John.

350 Engineers Passed. The Board of Examiners of Stationary Engineers who have recently been on a trip to the North Shore, have issued certificates of competency to over 350 engineers in St. John and other parts of the province. It is estimated that there are nearly 600 stationary engineers in the province as a whole. Sessions of the board will be held at frequent intervals at various points until all the applicants have had an opportunity to try the examination.

Nail Workers Choose Officers. At a meeting of the nail workers' union last night in the Opera House several new members were initiated and delegates were elected to represent the union at the trades and labor council and on the executive of the independent labor party. Officers for the year were selected as follows: F. Ring, president; R. Alward, vice-president; G. Vincent, financial secretary; G. Lammon, assistant financial secretary; P. Murray, recording secretary; G. Melvin, treasurer; R. Porter, sergt. at arms.

Slight Fire Last Evening. Last evening about 7:45 o'clock fire was discovered in a new three story house on the corner of Queen and Wentworth streets owned by Walter Chase. The fire had started at the base of a chimney on the ground floor and worked up the wall. A still alarm was sent for No. 1 chemical and No. 2 hose, and the fire was pretty near extinguished when some person sent in an alarm from box 36. The damage done will not exceed a hundred dollars. It was not known last night just how the fire started.

A Camp For Cadets. It is proposed to hold a cadet corps camp of 12 days' duration in the Maritime Provinces during the summer school vacation in July and August and free transportation will be provided for the officers and cadets to the camp grounds and return by the militia department and rations will be issued. The cadets will make their own arrangements for coats, hats, stoves, fuel, etc., tents and blankets will also be provided. The St. Stephen cadet corps of St. Stephen church intend to send about 60 of their members to the camp, which is expected to be at Aldershot.

A Jack "The Peeper". Some days ago it was reported that there was a "peeper" hovering about residences in the North End, but now it has been reported that a man has been up to the same work on St. Patrick street and the residents of the locality are quite alarmed about it. A few nights ago one of the householders on St. Patrick street was on watch for the prowler and at last he put in an appearance. Although "the peeper" did not enter any of the alleys, he slunk along by the houses for about 45 minutes and at last the St. Patrick street resident captured him and took him to a policeman and accused the man of his suspicious actions. The prowler, had nothing to say and after being given some sound advice he was allowed to go by the officer. The prowler in question is a prominent musician and is a married man residing in the city with his family.

WESTERN FRUIT MEN MAY INSPECT FRUIT LANDS IN PROVINCE

Lt.-Col. Glossop and Party from British Columbia in Province on Way for Holiday in England.

In compliance with the injunction of the Booster's Club a reporter of The Standard went over to the Royal Hotel to address Lieut-Col. Glossop and a party of fruit growers from British Columbia, bound home to good old England on a holiday. Having a cursory acquaintance with orchards in his youth he made a decided impression.

"If half what you say is correct, why in the name of common sense do you let us Englishmen go to Vancouver to raise fruit in the first place, and why in the second place allow us to sell our fruit in the English market. Just think how much farther we are away. We have to pay about \$250 per acre for good fruit lands in British Columbia, and we pay good prices to get our fruit to the markets."

"What profit do you make an acre?" asked the reporter.

"We can figure on a profit of \$200 acre under favorable conditions. Orchardists out there experiment a little, find out just what varieties they can grow to the best advantage and specialize."

"Have you any frosts out there during the season?"

"In some parts, but frosts are unusual. We have cold weather in winter in the fruit belt—20 degrees below sometimes."

"Say do you keep meteorological reports of the weather in the different districts of the province?" asked a blond-haired and prosperous looking giant.

"That information is vital. Men going into fruit raising want to know what they can expect. And weather conditions may vary greatly in 20 miles, as much depends on the land. I think I'll take a look around these parts and see what kind of advantages you have, when I come back."

Members of the party were highly indignant because the C. P. R. did not get them here in time to catch the boat.

"What's the matter with St. John people that they don't make the C. P. R. run their western trains right on to St. John," demanded Col. Glossop.

"It is your interest to have a through service. I've made about 25 trips across the continent and it's usually been the same," said the blonde man.

"They seldom make connection at Montreal, and when you get there you have to wait 12 or 14 hours before you can get a train to St. John. You must be asleep down here."

The party left last night for Halifax.

CITY MARKET MADE PROFIT LAST YEAR

Proposed Alterations to Market Building will Probably Await Advent of Commission System of Government

A meeting of the market committee was held yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the mayor who is out of town, Ald. J. B. Jones presided.

One of the members raised the question of proceeding with the proposed alterations to the market building, which provide for the erection of a number of office buildings. It was said that if the city wanted to rent offices in the market building it should have them ready by the first of May, but no action was taken, as the majority were of the opinion that the work of making the alterations and putting in an elevator would inconvenience the present tenants and lead to claims for damages. Further it was argued that in view of the short life of the old market system, an important work of this kind should not be undertaken at the present time.

It was said that the report of the chamberlain which will be submitted to the council on Monday, will show that the market last year was operated at a substantial profit, as compared with previous years.

CITY COMPANIES WILL GO TO CAMP

Col. McAvity Makes Announcement to Officers of 62nd—Location of Camp Not Yet Decided on.

General orders issued by the militia department announce that all the city units will be ordered to camp this summer. Col. J. L. McAvity at a regimental meeting of the 62nd on Thursday evening, informed his officers that he had received the general orders and that the regiment would go into camp from June 23rd to July 2nd. The location of the camp has not yet been decided upon. Other militia units will go into camp at convenient dates.

An Ottawa despatch says: It has been conceded by the militia authorities that the training which city corps have received in the past has been insufficient. It is realized that the training which these units receive in cities is deficient in practical work, because they have not the territory in which to operate. In consequence, this year all city units will be ordered to camp, where they will train for at least five days. The ability to march in step, to slope arms and to shoot in order, does not make a soldier, and it is the intention of the headquarters staff to give them instruction in practical work. This work will consist of long marches, sham battles and technical training.

CONING TO PROVINCE IN THE EARLY SPRING

Mr. A. Bowdler Meeting with Much Success in Advertising Resources Possessed by New Brunswick.

In a letter to the superintendent of immigration, A. Bowdler, the provincial representative in London, refers to the Imperial Reunion idea and expresses his pleasure at seeing the people of the province taking up the scheme.

"In my lectures," he writes, "I am making mention of what the people of the province are pleased to do in this connection. I believe that it is a grand thing and will give the province a good deal of desirable advertisement, and facilitate the work of inducing settlers to locate in New Brunswick."

Mr. Wilmot has received a long list of the names and descriptions of people whom Mr. Bowdler has persuaded to locate in the province and who have booked passages for May and April, and he is very much pleased with the class of men who are coming.

Practically all have been brought on from farms, and are familiar with all kinds of agricultural work. Farmers wishing help in the spring should make application at once to Mr. Wilmot, 4 Church street. It will facilitate the work of the superintendent if applications are sent in early, while assuring the early application of a wider range of selections.

Among the parties coming out in the spring are quite a number of men who besides having farm experience are possessed of considerable capital. The prospects of a fine class of settlers coming are very bright. Mr. Bowdler writes that at the request of Mr. Gibbon, publicity agent of the C. P. R., he is preparing a booklet on New Brunswick, which will be circulated among the 3,000 agents of the C. P. R.

He also writes that he has received notice from J. Obed. Smith, assistant superintendent of immigration, that the first consignment of the Dominion pamphlet on New Brunswick, containing 2,000 copies, is on the way.

Mr. Bowdler will leave Liverpool with a personally conducted party on the 5th of April, arriving here on the 12th. Many others whom Mr. Bowdler has secured will sail on the Lake Champlain on March 28th, and on the Lake Manitoba on April 11, and other boats following.

The provincial agent has completed his lecture tour of England, and the date of writing was preparing to leave for Scotland, where he expects to secure many desirable settlers.

CONSIDERED DRAFTS OF THE CITY BILLS

Bills and Bye-Laws Committee Met Last Evening—Increased Ferry Rates Bill Drawn for Council.

A meeting of the Bills and By-laws Committee was held last evening, when the drafts of a number of bills to be submitted to the legislature were considered.

Ald. McLeod presided and there were present Ald. Smith, C. T. Jones, McGoldrick, B. Jones, Potts, with the common clerk and the recorder.

A bill providing for the increase in the ferry rates ordered by Council was read and adopted. The rates follow: Foot passengers, 3 cents; each horse, mare or gelding, 5 cents; ox, cow or other animal, 5 cents; single teams, 6 cents; double teams, 12 cents; for single teams carrying loads of more than 2,000 pounds, and double teams carrying loads of more than 4,000 pounds there will be an extra charge of 1 cent for every 100 pounds of excess weight. The limit of a load is 8,000 pounds.

A draft of an act empowering the city to enter into a contract for the removal of household garbage was read and adopted; also a bill to confirm the agreement between the city and the C. P. R. relative to the exchange of the 1600 foot strip for the 40 acre lot on the West Side.

Another bill providing that the city should be given power to construct conduits and connect electric companies to remove their poles from the streets and place the wires under the ground was also read and adopted.

At the suggestion of the recorder a motion was adopted, recommending that the Council order the preparation of a bill to amend the act destroying unsafe buildings, so far as to empower the Grand Jury to order the demolition of unsafe buildings, and a complaint of interested parties.

The recorder also suggested the advisability of consolidating the acts giving the city the power of expropriating private property for certain public purposes, and a motion in accord with the suggestion was adopted.

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R. L. Borden Club's Sleigh Drive and Supper, Monday Night. Moonlight Drive, Oyster Supper, Good Songs and Speeches, Don't miss it. The sleighs will start from King Square, Breeze's Corner, at 8 o'clock.

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AFTERNOON DRESSES in Serges, Panamas, Dolanese and Silk. The cloth dresses are in black, navy, cream, grey, light blue, fawn and catwax, and made in newest styles, including the popular slightly raised waist, line effect and the new set-in sleeves. The trimmings are mostly of silk or cloth leaves contrasting shades, but there are some plain and braided dresses among the lot. Sizes from 15 years to 40-inch bust measure. Prices from \$10.75 to \$22.50. The Silk Dresses are black, navy, light blue, half an stripes and foulards; many are made with a revers on one or both sides of waist and sailor collar. The skirts are new straight effects with loose or stitched down panel in back. Sizes range from 34 to 42-inch bust and prices from \$14 to \$25.

Table with 2 columns of evening dresses and their prices. Includes items like EVENING DRESSES IN ALL WHITE MESSALINE, EVENING DRESSES IN MESSALINE, EVENING DRESSES IN NET, etc.

CHILDREN'S NAVY BLUE SERGE SAILOR DRESSES, pleated skirts, collars and cuffs trimmed with braid. Each \$6.75. CHILDREN'S NAVY BLUE SERGE SAILOR DRESSES, pleated skirts, collars and cuffs red braid trimmed. Each \$5.75. CHILDREN'S NAVY BLUE SERGE DRESSES, with blue braid and white anchors. Each \$6.25. CHILDREN'S NAVY BLUE SERGE DRESSES, pleated skirt, pipings of plaid silk, brass buttons. Each \$4.75. CHILDREN'S NAVY BLUE SERGE DRESSES, one side revers effect, collar, belt and cuffs braid trimmed. Each \$6.75. CHILDREN'S DRESSES, in pretty grey material with pale blue half-line stripe, braid and button trimmed. Each \$7.50. These dresses are in ages from 6 to 14 years. COSTUME SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

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