

AROUND THE CITY

Smoker Arranged.
The carpenters and joiners union are arranging for a smoker to be held in their hall in the Opera House next Wednesday evening.

Vanbuskirk Remanded.
Walter Vanbuskirk, the young man who is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was before the police magistrate again yesterday and was remanded until today.

Selling Without License.
Policeman McNamee has reported Thos. J. Dean for having fresh meat and exposing it for sale in his meat store, on City road, not having a license as required by the law.

Passengers for West.
A special train of four cars with passengers from the steamer Royal George, which arrived at Halifax, passed through the city last night about 10.30 o'clock en route for the West.

Alumnae Reading Club.
The High School alumnae reading club met last evening at the home of Miss Grace Magee, 144 Elliott Row. The poet Browning was discussed by the members of the club. Papers dealing with the life and writings of the poet were read by Miss Kittie Best, Miss Jessie Lawson and Miss Brown.

New Gym Opens.
The opening of Jack Powers' new gym in Oddfellows' hall, Union street was held last evening. There was a large attendance who enjoyed three excellent amateur boxing bouts by some of Mr. Powers' pupils. Handball and other athletic games will be indulged in this season.

Speakers for Meeting.
Hon. Robert Maxwell and Manning W. Doherty will be the speakers at the meeting of the Conservative Club of Lancaster, which will be held in the Orange hall, Fairville, at 8 o'clock this evening. A meeting of the executive will be held at 7.30. Those wishing to become charter members of the club should send in their names this evening.

Veterans Met.
The New Brunswick Military Veterans held their regular monthly meeting in their room Market building, last night when only routine business was transacted. During the evening it was announced that one of the comrades, George Thompson, was very ill and general regret was expressed. The annual meeting of the veterans will be held on the first Thursday in January.

Owls Meet.
The Owls met last evening in their nest and elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows: past pres. P. W. D. Campbell; pres., F. L. Potts; sec.-pres., James Husey; J. Y. Kierstead, S. C. Beaman; sec. W. E. Ward; treas. Chas. Wannanaker; warden, C. A. Hewitt; sentinel, Joseph Burton; picket, Geo. H. Mason; lecturer, G. Earle Logan; physician, Dr. F. H. Neve; trustees, Joseph Burton, E. J. Heatt, I. J. Worden.

Feast of Immaculate Conception.
Today is observed by the Catholic Church the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the occasion being the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, one of the principal feast days in the Church's calendar. In the Cathedral there will be masses at 7, 9, and 11 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock masses His Worship Bishop Casey will pontificate. The three magnificent paintings which have been presented to the Cathedral have been placed in the church.

Officers Elected.
The regular meeting of York L. O. No. 3, was held in the Orange Hall, Bernal street last night when the following officers were elected: G. Oldfield, master; J. Perkins, D. M.; R. McIntyre, chaplain; F. Giffette, rec. sec.; W. Billard, fin. sec.; G. Heers, treas.; G. Gordon, lecturer; W. Moore, D. C.; J. Donnelly, F. of Com.; H. McKe, W. Clark, L. Meier, and H. Miller, committeemen; W. Worden, inside tiler. Among those present were P. C. Master R. A. C. Brown, D. M. D. McArthur, Jr., and R. Sullivan, the master of Johnston Lodge No. 24.

N. B. T. State.
The annual meeting and banquet of the Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association will be held in Halifax this afternoon and tonight and there promises to be an interesting time in the election of officers. The slate that the New Brunswick Travelers will strive to have elected is: For president, R. R. Phillips; for vice-presidents, A. E. Massey, J. Y. Kierstead, T. E. Simpson and G. P. Triton; for directors, F. W. Connel, H. W. Cole, and W. J. Wetmore. Among the travellers who left for Halifax on last night's express were J. H. Pritchard, George D. Ellis, W. Hazen Thompson, and W. J. Wetmore, of this city, and H. B. Colwell and H. L. Phillips, of Fredericton.

Labor Matters.
At the meeting of the trades and labor council held last evening, it was decided to take steps to organize an independent labor party and a committee was appointed to confer with other unions and parties interested. It is understood clubs will be formed in various parts of the city, and that the support of non-union as well as union men will be solicited. A resolution was adopted protesting against any change being made in section 13 of the draft of the proposed city charter. A resolution was also adopted, promising support to the striking wire nail workers and machinists of the Pender works, and a committee was appointed to meet the strikers in the Opera House this evening.

Sale Yesterday.
There was a successful tea and sale held yesterday afternoon and evening at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Seymour, 244 Duke street, under the auspices of the Carmarthen Street Methodist church. The sale commenced at 3 o'clock and tea was served from 5 until 7 o'clock. The ladies in charge of the tea table were Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. A. Carlow, Mrs. T. J. Delanast, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Heffer, Mrs. Kane, and Mrs. C. H. Hutchings. Those in charge of the fancy table were Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Kane, and Mrs. Allen. The candy table was in charge of Miss Lizzy White, and Miss Abbie Evans. Miss Jean Delanast was in charge of the dolls' table. This is an unusual sale and was one of the most successful yet held.

SEVENTY-FIVE MEN STRIKE PENDER'S NAIL WORKS

Workmen State Manager Failed to Secure Shorter Hours, While Letter Asserts that Everything Possible is Being Done - Some of the Men Did Not Wish to Go Out.

There was considerable excitement about the James Pender nail works yesterday afternoon when all of the workmen went out on strike. This means that about 75 men left work and walked out of the factory. It is not known as yet what the outcome of the strike will be.

The workmen have struck for shorter hours or a Saturday half holiday, some claiming that this has been promised them.

It appears that a couple of months ago the men talked over the shorter hour or Saturday half holiday question and James Pender, who is the manager of the works now, and not the owner as formerly, the works being owned by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company of Sydney, C. B., informed the men that if they worked away and made a good showing, as there was a large number of orders to get out, that he would go to Sydney and make a talk about the matter and would try to get the nine hour system or the Saturday half holiday. The men worked along and also got in extra time as they worked part of three nights a week and the output of nails was most creditable.

Mr. Pender went to Sydney recently and when he returned it was rumored about the works that he had secured the Saturday half holiday for them, and some of the men claim that J. Fred Pender, the superintendent informed them that his father had done so and that the innovation would go into effect last Saturday. There had been a misunderstanding, however, as James Pender had not stated that there was to be a half holiday, and accordingly the men worked all day last Saturday.

Some of the chief movers in the matter, however, thought that the half holiday would come next Saturday, but as they had not received any word of it they thought that they would not wait any longer, and a delegation composed of John A. Lobb, the engineer, Charles E. Marvin, machinist, and Thomas Wilcox, also a machinist, called at the company's office in the morning and talked the matter over with Mr. Pender. They could come to no understanding and at noon hour a telephone message was sent for Mr. Pender to be at the office again at one o'clock. He was there and once more met the delegation. The talk between the employer and the delegates became rather heated, with the result that the men left the office and went into the factory. In a few minutes the firemen drew their fires, the machinery stopped and every man left the works.

It is said that Mr. Pender stated that the Saturday half holiday could probably be obtained in course of time if the entire staff of workmen were placed on the piece work system, but this would take some time. At present about thirty of the nail drawers are doing piece work while the men on the machines and some others are at day's work. The time that would expire to place the entire works on the piece work system would be for the adjusting of machines and making other arrangements. The workmen have no organization and have no union, and one of the men claimed last night that as the Dominion Iron and Steel Company were such a large concern, and had won the Springfield strike after spending nearly a million dollars that they would not let this nail works bother them very much, but would fight the strike to the bitter end.

A Standard reporter had a talk to some of the men who are out on strike last evening and while there are some who state that they will remain out on strike until they are granted what they have asked, there are others who state that they do not wish to go out, but could do nothing else when the machinery stopped. One of the workmen who is a wire drawer and who works on piece-work, talked for some length on the matter, and said there were 30 or more men in the works who did not wish to go on strike but they could do nothing else but go out when the machinery stopped, and they could not continue their work, and of course they would have to stay out now until something was done.

"It is a mighty bad time of the year for the crowd to strike," said they "for it is winter and we need the work, and here is Christmas coming on and we will be without work. There is not a great number of the crowd who could tackle 'longshore work' if they could get it to do, and there are no other positions in nail factories here for them. I think that the men should have waited for a time and not jumped at the thing too quickly."

This workman further said that as there were many who did not wish to strike, he would make a bet that before the week over two-thirds of the men who left the works yesterday afternoon would return to their work under the old conditions and be glad to do so.

Of course there are two sides to the question and most of the above is the side taken by nail drawers who have been working on the piece-work system and their standing in the matter is not looked at in the same light by the machinists and others who have been working on the days work system.

A Machinist's View.
One of the machinists who has been working on the days work was seen last night by a reporter, and he stated that he had no doubt whatever but that the men would win out. He understood that the company at present were short of stock and that they had a very large number of orders to get out, and some of these orders were to be shipped on the West Indies steamer now in port. For these reasons he did not think that the company could afford to wait.

Last night some of the strikers stated that there was a possibility of the men in the Maritime works going out on strike with the Pender men, as some time ago there had been an agreement with the Maritime men to the effect that if one factory went on strike the other factory would go out with them.

Stanley E. Elkin, the manager of the Maritime Nail Company, was in conversation with The Standard last night regarding the matter and said that so far he had not heard of any trouble with the employees in the Maritime works and as none of the men had said anything to him regarding the matter he did not expect any



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Manager's Statement.
James Pender, manager of the company, when interviewed, said a delegation of the men had written on him about two months ago, stating that they wanted a nine hour day or a Saturday half-holiday with the same weekly wage.

"I told them," added Mr. Pender, "that I would have to consult the men financially interested in the works. The request of the men was laid before the directors in due course, but they declined to pay the same wages for 54 hours a week. They agreed, however, to grant a reduction of hours, if the tonnage system was adopted in the works. Every mill in the United States is working on the tonnage system."

"When the request was first made to me, I told the men that it was a question of keeping up the rate of production, and that if this could be done, I didn't think there could be any objection to working less hours. The thing to do was to show the shareholders that we could keep up production, and meet the competition of other mills when working less hours."

"I said I was willing to try to get them either the nine hour day or the Saturday half holiday, and offered them a bonus on output over average production in order to see what could be done by speeding up the work. This plan was made to me. I instituted enquiries as to conditions prevailing in mills in other places. The information I gathered surprised me. Mills which have adopted the tonnage system have secured an increase in production over the day labor system that is astonishing. Nobody could believe the results could be so different if he did not have definite information before him."

"The delegation seemed impressed with what I said, and I understood they would give the propositions to put the works on the tonnage basis careful consideration. I thought they would at any rate be prepared to give it a trial. I could not tell them offhand just what the new arrangements would mean for them, but it would not take many months to find out."

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"I told them that I wasn't big enough to take the shareholders by the scruff of the neck and make them comply with the demand; that the men financially interested in the company had fought such contests before and would not be worried if they went on strike."

"It is a free country," I said, "and you can work or not as you please. But I tell you you are acting hastily and that you are ill advised. Personally I don't want to work any man longer than I can help, and if you give the tonnage system a trial, and under it we can keep up production, there can be no objection whatever to a reduction of hours. However, the men decided to go out. Quite a number, I know, had no desire to strike, but when the others quit it was no use for them to stay."

"Will the strike inconvenience you?" Mr. Pender was asked.

"Very little at this time of the year," was the answer. "I suspect it will bother the men a great deal more than it will us. December, January and February are the dull months in our line."

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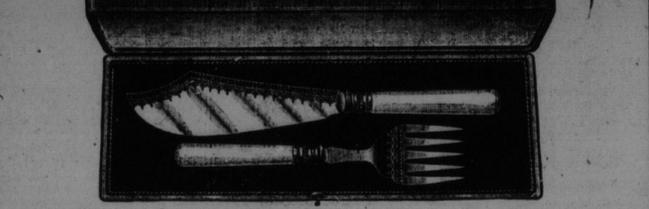
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