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AROUND THE CITY

The New City Map.

A meeting of real estate men will be held today to consider the report of the committee appointed to look into the matter of having a new map of the city and suburbs prepared and printed.

Used Threatening Language.

Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock Frank Doherty, aged 29 years, was arrested on Mill street by Policeman Wittren and charged with using threatening language to the officer. Doherty was allowed out on making a deposit of eight dollars.

Engineers Examination.

The board of examiners of stationary engineers will meet this morning in the government rooms on Church street and examine candidates up to 8 p. m. Those who have passed may secure their certificates by applying to Mr. Wilnot, at the government rooms any day this week.

Word From The Stanley.

Word was received yesterday by Marconi wireless from the government steamer Stanley at Grindstone, Magdalen Island, stating that the steamer arrived at Amherst harbor last Saturday morning from Sydney, C. I., with the mails, but found the harbor full of shell ice. The mails may be landed today.

Gospel Temperance Meeting.

R. D. Addison addressed the Gospel temperance lecture held under the auspices of the Alexandra Section No. 2, P. of H. in the Temple of Honor building on Main street yesterday afternoon. Mr. Addison pointed out the temptation of the bars to the men and told of how men fell through the use of liquor. After the address J. R. Robinson rendered a vocal solo.

The Harbor was Bare.

The harbor presented a very bare appearance yesterday afternoon as there was not an ocean steamship at any of the wharves. The only craft of any size in port was the steamer Yarmouth of the D. A. R. line. This week will, however, be a big one in the shipping line, as a number of ships are due to arrive, among which will be four large C. P. R. liners.

There Was No Quorum.

A meeting of commercial travellers was called for Saturday night for the purpose of arranging a dinner for the travellers of the province, but a quorum failed to turn up and the meeting was postponed till next Saturday evening. It is hoped to have a large attendance at this year's dinner, as the speeches promise to be of unusual interest.

Labor Party Organized.

At a meeting of the delegates to the Labor Party, held in the Bricklayers' Hall, Saturday evening, the following officers were elected: President, A. L. Dever; vice-pres., C. H. Stevens; sec., J. Merritt; treas., C. G. Langbein; Sergt.-at-Arms, E. J. Tighe. An executive committee was appointed composed of three delegates from each of the trades unions of the city. Most of the time of the meeting was taken up in formulating a constitution for the new party. Another meeting will be held next Saturday evening.

He Saved a Life.

John Murphy, a young City Market merchant, saved one of a cat's nine lives yesterday morning by making a thrilling rescue. A pretty little pussy was chased up an electric light pole on Union street by a dog, and was too greatly frightened to come to the ground again. A lady who saw the animal's predicament called for aid and Mr. Murphy proved the hero of the occasion. He climbed the pole and brought the cat safely to the street and was heartily complimented by his friends for his humane act. He, however, is not expecting a Carnegie medal for being a life saver.

Lectured on Shakespeare.

An interesting lecture was given yesterday afternoon in the rooms of St. Peter's Y. M. A., when Rev. Dr. O'Reilly lectured on Shakespeare. Rev. Dr. O'Reilly dealt first with the life of the bard of Avon, after which he took up a number of Shakespeare's works and treated them from the critical viewpoint. He referred to the literary inspiration to be derived from a careful perusal and analysis of Shakespeare's writings, and showed how the members of the Y. M. A. could with benefit organize a class for this purpose. The attendance was large and the lecture greatly appreciated.

A Retreat in St. Peter's.

In St. Peter's church yesterday morning a retreat for the members of the congregation was begun and will be conducted each evening during the week. Rev. Henry Borgmann, of Mission church, Roxbury will conduct the retreat. The opening sermon was given by Rev. Fr. Borgmann, at the high mass yesterday. In the evening Fr. Borgmann again preached, delivering an eloquent and forceful sermon on the Holy Sacrifice of the mass, explaining the ceremonies and prayers of the mass. The church was crowded for the vespers and benediction. The first three evenings of the retreat are for the women of the congregation; the remainder of the week being set aside for the men.

Notice of Meeting.

A special meeting of The Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association will be held in the Board of Trade rooms on Saturday evening, Jan. 27th at 8 o'clock, to discuss the advisability of holding an annual function in this city.

WAS WEST END FIRE WORK OF THIEVES?

Facts in Connection with Early Morning Blaze in Prince Street Point to Attempted Robbery and Arson.

Fire was discovered about 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the grocery store at No. 153 Prince street, West End, and there is every evidence that the place was broken in to by thieves and then set on fire. The store is occupied by Mrs. William Gregg, and is owned by James A. Starks.

At twelve o'clock Saturday night Mrs. Gregg left the store as usual, leaving a fire in a stove in the back apartment and shutting the door between the front and back stores, also locking the front door. About 1:30 o'clock Mrs. Edward Warnock, who resides next door to the grocery store, noticed smoke issuing from the front part of the store and she notified Mr. Stackhouse, who lives over the store. On going down stairs Mr. Stackhouse found a fire burning briskly in the front store behind a counter, also another fire in the rear, on the floor, back of the stove, and running up the side of the door.

In the meantime some person sent in an alarm from box 221 and the fire department responded quickly, and the fires were subdued with little difficulty. It is surmised that the fire in the rear store started from the stove as the door was considerably charred, where it had evidently swung back against the stove, but just how the fire in the front store started is a mystery, as there was no stove in the front store and the store is lighted with electricity. Mrs. Gregg had no lamps about the premises.

Mrs. Gregg yesterday expressed her view that the fire was of an incendiary origin, as when she left the store only about an hour and a half before the fire was discovered, she had left everything secure, the door between the two stores closed and the front door locked.

When Mrs. Warnock and Mr. Stackhouse entered the store they had no difficulty in getting in as the door was unlocked. When they reached the counter they found a fire on the floor, as well as two empty beer bottles and two glasses on the counter, one glass was bottom up and the other in reverse position. Mrs. Gregg says there was between two and three dollars worth of tobacco stolen as well as some tea, which had been piled on a shelf. She said that it looked as if some one had made a break and not finding any money in the till had taken of a lunch with the beer, stolen the tobacco and tea, opened the door between the two stores and allowed it to swing against the stove, and had set the fire in the front store either intentionally or carelessly before leaving.

It was only last spring that this store was broken into and among other things a valuable gramophone was stolen. That time entrance was made through a back window, after the thieves had failed to bore out the lock in the front door with an auger. There have been several breaks and robberies in the West End stores where entrance has been made by boring out the locks or panels of the doors with an auger.

There was also an attempt a few years ago to enter the store which was broken into yesterday morning. At that time the thief cut the putty from a rear window, but was frightened away before effecting an entrance.

District Engineer McAndrews, of the fire department, who was at the fire yesterday morning, said that he thought it was of incendiary origin. Policeman Clark, of the western division, says that he had tried the store door every night, and had always found it locked. He did not try on Saturday night, previous to the fire as he had not reached the store on his rounds, being later on Saturday nights than usual, on account of the stores closing later.

Mrs. Gregg carries \$300 insurance on the stock, which will sufficiently cover the loss. Mr. Stackhouse has the building well covered with insurance.

THE HAMPTON NOW LIES IN THE MARKET SLIP

Steamer which Sunk in Indian-town Brought Through Falls Yesterday—Will Attempt to Float Her Today.

The river steamer Hampton continued under the evil influence of her hoodoo yesterday morning. At that time the Hampton held up by chains passed under her and fastened to the steamer Champlain on one side and to scoops on the other, was towed through the falls. When opposite Partridge's mill the Hampton, which was very low in the water, struck her keel on the bottom causing it to be badly damaged. The vessel however, made the remainder of the passage without mishap until she got close to Rodney wharf, when the chains fastened to the Champlain broke away, causing things to take a very serious aspect. After this accident it was found impossible to proceed to Rodney slip as the tide was setting strongly up the harbor. This forced those in charge to 'bout ship and make for market slip where the Hampton was grounded. When the tide was low last evening an attempt was made to pump her out, but this was not successful. Today however the Hampton will be raised by steam screws and taken farther up the slip for temporary repairs, after which the vessel will be placed on the docks and thoroughly fixed up.

Ho! All you who will come and see what good things are in store for you at Daniel's Mid-Winter Clearance Sale, Corner King street. Were you one of the crowd who made purchases Saturday? If not, today has a host of interesting things for you. You will save on every dry goods item, from gloves or cotton to women's and children's ready to wear.

D. C. D. Club's sleigh drive tonight.

MATTHEW NELSON DEAD IN MONTREAL

Well Known Engineer who Passed Away Yesterday at One Time Managed St. John Railway Company.

H. M. Hopper, secretary of the St. John Street Railway received a telegram yesterday conveying the sad intelligence of the death at Montreal of Matthew Nelson, formerly manager of the St. John Street Railway, and one of the best known civil engineers in Canada. Mr. Nelson had been ill at his residence 52 Arlington Avenue, Westmount, for about three months, and death came about daybreak on Sunday morning, as a result of complications following an attack of pleuro-pneumonia.

Mr. Nelson was born at Almonte, Ont., 59 years ago. While a young man he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway on the Rocky Mountain division for a number of years. He then became division engineer of a railway system in Maine. Later he was civil engineer of the Calgary and Edmonton railway and of the Regina and Long Lake railway.

About eight years ago he came to St. John and assumed the management of the St. John Street Railway, Gas and Electric Company. He held this position for about five years. During his stay here he made many friends who will be grieved to learn of his death. He was a keen business man and had a fine reputation as an engineer. He was a man of pleasant disposition, and took a very active interest in the local rifle club, shooting being one of his relaxations.

Of late years he has resided in Montreal where he followed the profession of consulting engineer. He was a director of the Mexican Light and Heat and Power Company and interested in a number of other enterprises. He is survived by a widow and one son.

The remains will be buried at Kingston, Ont., on Tuesday.

COUNCIL MAY YET TRY TO JUMP FERRY TOLLS

Expected There Will be Strenuous Fight Over Ferry Matter today — Delegation from West End to Attend.

The common council will hold a meeting this afternoon to consider the ferry situation. A meeting of the ferry committee will be held this morning.

It is expected a delegation from the West Side will appear at the council meeting and protest against any increase in the rates. At the meeting of the council a strenuous fight will be probably made to have the rates reduced and the tolls increased. When asked by the matter the chairman of the treasury board said he did not intend to say anything till the council met, but it is expected he will press for an increase in the tolls.

The council seems to have blundered into an awkward dilemma. In view of the opposition developed not only on the West Side but among the workmen on the East Side, it is hardly likely that it will now decide to increase the fares, and it cannot levy an assessment to make good the difference in the ferry revenues between what the present rates would yield and what it was supposed the increased rates ordered last meeting would yield. The assessment for the ferry this year is only \$1,000 as against \$10,000 last year.

Ald. Smith told the council he thought the ferry this year could get along with \$5,000, and Ald. Hayes figured that the advance in rates would yield an additional revenue of about \$4,000. But there is no guarantee that increased rates would bring in a larger revenue as many who now pay two cents a trip would buy book tickets under the proposed schedule. If the ferry deficit should be as large as usual the only way to meet it would be to take the money out of general revenue, as the idea of bonding for ferry maintenance would place the city in a ridiculous light. And if as is reported likely, the city has to entertain the governor general this year, that will probably mean there will be no money in general revenue to pay the salaries of the commissioners.

The Sale Problem. It does not pay one to patronize all sales advertised, but it does pay one to take advantage of such a sale as F. A. Dykeman & Co. are now holding. It is a well known fact that their regular prices are considerably lower than the average, but when they put on a sale-as they rarely do and then reduce the prices from 25 to 50 per cent, it makes the inducement all the stronger to lay in a stock of Dry Goods for some time to come. They advertise a big lot of 1912 Prints that usually sell at 15 cents for 11 cents a yard, also a big lot of Ladies' Silk Hose at very much less than the usual price.

A Free Lecture. "The Legal and Moral Aspects of Intemperance," is the subject of a lecture to be delivered by His Honor Judge Ritchie, on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst., at the Mission Church school house, Paradise Row, under the auspices of the Y. M. A. of the church. No fee will be charged for admission, and there will be no collection. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

An Hour of Prayer. In the local churches as all over Canada the congregations yesterday afternoon spent an hour in prayer. In a few cases the groups formed during the week of prayer, assembled at selected churches for the prayer services, but in most cases each church received its own congregation. A group service was held at Centenary; Rev. Wellington Camp led in prayer and there was a large attendance. In the majority of the churches, the pastor led the service. After the week of prayer the church authorities sent out a call to all the cities, towns and villages in Canada, requesting that the congregations be asked to unite in prayer and thanksgiving on Sunday, the 21st after the close of the Sunday schools.

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