

AROUND THE CITY

Gets Six Months Jail. Alice Thompson, the young Norwegian woman who was arrested for being on board the schooner Ann Louise Lockwood with some sailors, last week, was before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon in the police court and was fined \$50 or six months in jail.

Chance for Canadian Authors. Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, publishers, St. Paul's House, Warwick Square, London, E.C., are offering prizes to the amount of £1,000 for the best novel written by a colonial author, the scene of which is laid in their colony or dependency. For the best novel submitted by a native or resident of Newfoundland, a prize of £250 will be paid. Sir Gilbert Parker will be the judge in this competition.

May Select Local Man. The board of trade has not yet selected a secretary, but it is reported that the board intends to demonstrate its faith in St. John, and the people of St. John, by giving serious consideration to the applications received from natives of the city. The board has several applications from men now in American cities, who wish to make a move, as this is one of the secrets of success in their particular line.

Wedded in the West. A wedding of much interest to many people in St. John city and county, was solemnized yesterday, Feb. 17th at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. R. J. Hay, Norwood Grove, Winnipeg, in the presence of a few immediate relatives when Alex Wisard was united in marriage to Miss Grace C. Carson. Both the bride and groom were formerly of St. Martins, N. B. Mr. Wisard is in the service of the C. P. R. and his bride is a sister of Mrs. J. H. A. Anderson, of St. John. They will reside in Winnipeg.

Assessment Bills. The city is having a bill introduced by L. P. D. Tilley, M.L.A., in the legislature providing that every mercantile agency, life, or fire insurance company shall pay a license fee of \$100 per year, and accident insurance companies \$50, and that insurance companies having their head offices in St. John shall pay an additional tax of \$100. This bill also provides that the Bank of Nova Scotia, in addition to its present rating and assessment shall be also rated and assessed on the average volume of business done in the city of St. John during the year 1912 by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

EXMOUTH STREET METHODIST Y. M. C. A. HAS ANNUAL DRIVE

Young People Enjoy Sleigh Drive and Dinner—Interesting Programme of Toasts and Musical Selections. A very enjoyable time was had last evening by the young people of Exmouth St. Methodist church when the members of the Y.M.C.A. held their annual drive and supper.

After enjoying a pleasant sleigh drive around the outskirts of the city they adjourned to Wananamaker's restaurant and shortly before eleven o'clock set out to a beautiful repast. About seventy persons were present, and after the tempting dishes prepared by the caterers had been partaken of the party enjoyed the following programme: Toast, "The King," proposed by the chairman; vocal solo, Miss Minnie Myles; toast, "Canada and the Empire," proposed by F. G. Marston; reading, Rev. Robt. S. Smart; toast, "The Ladies," proposed by W. E. A. Lawton, responded to by Rev. H. S. Smart; selection by quartette; toast, "The Y.M.C.A.," proposed by W. A. Stileper, responded to by L. H. Sandall; vocal solo, Miss Maida Baskin.

A TRIP ON THE RHINE TOLD OF IN LECTURE

Rev. R. A. Armstrong delivered an interesting lecture in the schoolroom of Trinity church last evening, chosen for his subject "A Trip on the Rhine."

The audience, which was large, showed its marked appreciation of the lecturer's efforts by listening very attentively while he outlined his theme. The lecture was descriptive and was beautifully illustrated by lantern slides. The speaker discussed the customs, manners and characteristics of the Germans and spoke interestingly on the many beautiful scenes along the picturesque river, ending with a descriptive picture of the famous cathedral at Cologne.

During the evening two vocal solos were rendered by Mr. Taylor.

Titanic Claims Amount to \$5,467,406. So heavy has been the work in connection with filing and fixing claims in connection with the Titanic calamity that the time limit has been actually extended to Feb. 11. The total number of claims filed with Commissioner Gilchrist up to Jan. 29, was 573. These involved a lump sum of \$5,467,406. Of the total claims filed 76 were for loss of life, entailing a total of \$4,292,580; 37 claims for loss of baggage, other property and injuries amounted to \$96,173, and six claims for loss of cargo involving a total of \$286,654. Many of the claims filed for loss of life range from \$5,000 to \$200,000, while the individual claims for lost cargo and baggage range from \$4,000 to \$60,000. The moral of the above is that those who had accident insurance were paid shortly after the catastrophe, while claims against the steamship company are still unsettled. Call up Main 610 for the best accident and sickness policies. Frank R. Fairweather, Insurance, Fire Prevention Apparatus, Typewriters, 15 Canterbury street, St. John.

LECTURE ON NAVIGATION OF AIRSHIPS

W. R. Turnbull Heard in Exceptional Address Before Natural History Society Last Evening—Aerial Progress.

W. R. Turnbull, M. E., A. E., A. S., was the lecturer before the members of the Natural History Society in their rooms, Union street last evening, when he delivered an address of exceptional interest on "Aerial Navigation and Its Possibilities." Mr. Turnbull dealt with the subject in an intelligent manner, making it possible for all present to understand the history and construction of the ships of the air. At the close of the address a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Turnbull.

In opening the lecturer said: In the development of each of the great means of transportation there have been three distinct stages, the crude, the prototype and the development of the prototype. He spoke of the advancement of the forms of travel already perfected, giving a short description of the vast strides made in land and marine transportation, and stated that the conquest of the air was the last element left for man to conquer. It is highly probable, said Mr. Turnbull that owing to the perfected mechanical devices at man's disposal the progress of aerial navigation will be more rapid than in the two other cases.

Continuing, the lecturer gave an able description of the strides already achieved in the conquest of the air, and spoke of the efforts of the early inventors to propel balloons with sails. The balloon was supposed to be of Chinese origin although Francis Lana, proposed hollow copper vacuum spheres in 1670, but the invention of the balloon is usually ascribed to Stephen and Joseph Montgolfier, who sent up a hot air balloon on June 5, 1783.

Mr. Turnbull then dealt with the different experiments and spoke of the work achieved by Count Zeppelin, whose airships are distinct as to construction, from those of other inventors. The progress of the different nations was then taken up and handled in an intelligent manner. In France, the military airship Ville de Paris, was spoken of as having, perhaps, all the necessary essentials for a ship of this class. The construction of various inventions was then described.

Aeroplane Construction. The invention, construction and development of the aeroplane, together with the faults and perfected parts taken up. Bird flight, said the lecturer, was doubtless man's first inspiration toward encompassing flight by dynamic means. Speaking of the different types Mr. Turnbull gave an accurate description of the efforts of the Wright Bros. in America, and Picher in England, both of whom contributed so much toward the advancement of the conquest of the air. Soaring flight was first attempted, the Wright brothers being the first to attach a motor to a plane. After this the development of motors and air screws received particular attention. The present status of aerial navigation, said the lecturer, shows that the development of the dirigible has been gradual, while the development of the aeroplane has been rapid, although many notable achievements have been accomplished by the dirigible. The aeroplane, however, it is thought by many experts will finally be chosen for development into that perfect machine which will be able to go anywhere in any weather.

GAMBLE HAD A HARD TIME

Longshoreman Working on Manchester Importer, Rescued with Difficulty After Twice Plunging into Harbor

While working on board the steamer Manchester Importer, docked at No. 5 berth, Sand Point, yesterday afternoon, a longshoreman named Gamble was knocked overboard and rescued from the water by his fellow workmen. He was working on the deck at the time and taking precautions not to slip was struck by a heavy sling of iron and thrown headlong into the water. The unfortunate man was in a precarious position as he fell between the importer and the wharf. The vessel was but three feet from the wharf and a sudden lurch might have crushed him to death. By lowering a rope to Gamble the men succeeded in bringing him to the top of the wharf, but when about to catch him the rope slipped from his hand and he again plunged into the water. In a similar manner, however, he was once more pulled to the wharf and this time rescued. When brought to the shed the man was in a weak condition, chilled by the water. Fortunately, however, no internal injuries resulted and he was later able to return home.

All Wool Serge Skirts. Dear Sir, an all wool serge skirt for \$2.35, and made in the very latest style at that, can be had at Dykeman's. It would pass in most stores if the price was five dollars. Cash buying, cash discounts, small profits and quick sales tell the story. These skirts have jaunty lines, are perfectly tailored and come in black, brown, blue and green. All sizes. One of those stylish undershirts that they are selling at 50 cents would do well to go with this skirt. In black only. Regular value \$1.50.

WILL DISCUSS MONTFORT VALLEY ROAD BATTERED BY HURRICANES

Delegation from Board of Trade will go to Fredericton Next Week for Conference on Route.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon at which it was decided to send a delegation to Fredericton next week to have a talk with the government about the route of the St. John Valley Railroad. The council of the board decided not to make a choice among the routes proposed, and will give no instructions to the delegation which goes to Fredericton on its behalf. It is understood that in addition to those selected to represent the board, all interested in the location of the railway will be asked to go to the capital and express their views; and it is expected there will be delegations from other localities there at the same time. The idea of the council of the board is that the matter should be given the fullest discussion, and that the delegation chosen to represent it should after hearing the arguments for the various routes and the views of the government engineers in regard to the feasibility of the proposed routes, be free to recommend what it considered best in the light of the information which had been placed before it.

The members of the board of trade delegation are J. M. Robinson, C. W. Hallamory, J. B. M. Baxter, A. E. Macle, Manning W. Doherty, J. E. Moore, P. Del. Clements, Miles E. Agar, J. A. Likely, Thomas Bell, H. Colby Smith, Hunter White, W. S. Fisher and Senator Jones.

STOLEN HORSE FOUND IN CITY

St. John Livery Man will be Out \$60 Paid for Horse Purchased From a Stick Horse Thief.

A week ago yesterday a man giving his name as Charles Campbell called on Wm. E. McLeod, of Sussex, and hired a horse and carriage, saying that he wished to go for a drive. As evening approached the man who hired the horse and rig did not return, when he had not shown up the following morning Mr. McLeod suspected that the animal and carriage had been stolen, and he immediately sent word all along the line for the authorities to keep a watch for the thief. Yesterday afternoon Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen who had been working on the case, found the stolen horse and carriage in William Gibson's stable on the south side of King square. When informed by the police that the horse and carriage were stolen property, Mr. Gibson was greatly surprised and said that during the latter part of last week a man had called at the stable and sold him the horse for \$60. He did not sell the carriage, stating he would leave it at the stable and would call for it later. He put the money he received for the horse in his pocket and walked away and has not been seen by Mr. Gibson since. It is stated that Campbell is not the real name of the horse thief, but that he is known as Charles Oates, and for some time had resided at Campbell Settlement near Norton. Mr. McLeod, owner of the horse, will arrive in the city today to claim his property, and Mr. Gibson will be out the money that he paid the thief.

WILL PROTEST AGAINST BRINGING IN WORKMEN

Woodworkers Object to Reported Action of Contractor Boone—New Woodworkers Union Organized.

At a largely attended meeting of the wood workers of the city, held in the Opera House last evening, last evening, a new union was formally organized under the name of the Woodworkers' Local of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Alfred Carlos; vice president, H. J. Barto; recording secretary, John Macfarland; financial secretary, E. S. Wetmore; treasurer, Wm. Barker; conductor, Arthur Knapman; warden, Ernest Kenney; auditors, John Long, James Gosling and Walter Scott; trustees, Geo. Spencer, Foster Duval and Chas. Ring. The officers were installed by Chas. Steward, president of the carpenters' union assisted by J. L. Sague, president of the T. and council, A. W. Reynolds, business agent. All the new officers made brief speeches and the meeting was very enthusiastic. Attention was called to a report in the Times that Contractor Boone intended to bring 40 men into the city to work on the new marine depot, and it was decided to protest against this, as it was said there were many idle men in the city at the present time.

A Successful Concert. The Seaman's Institute was packed to the doors last evening when a delightful and exceedingly interesting entertainment was given by the Empress Rainbow Folies. The programme was a varied one, and the various persons who participated acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner. The different numbers were well chosen, W. Warner and R. Thompson in their respective solos, seemed to be the hits of the evening.

MONTFORT BATTERED BY HURRICANES

C. P. R. Steamer Loses Her Starboard Propeller in Terrible Gale—Captain Davidson Proves a Hero.

It was the courage and able seamanship of Captain W. Davidson that brought the C. P. R. steamer, Montfort safe to port after a voyage during which hurricanes and cyclones battered the ship about like a toy for twenty days and besides doing other damage carried away the starboard propeller. Captain Davidson, when seen by a Standard reporter yesterday afternoon, stated that all was well. It was rough but that all had gone well. It was from the other source, however, that the history of the trip was learned. The ship had hardly left the English Channel when she ran into a series of hurricanes which usually commenced by blowing from the south and ending in the northwest. It was during such a gale on February 6th that the ship when plunging through the heavy seas lost her starboard propeller. Captain Davidson at once came down off the bridge and after ascertaining the damage assumed everybody that all was well. It was the smile which accompanied the words that went far to inspire the crew with confidence. Indeed the officers and crew of the steamer all unite in praising the work of their captain, and the cool manner in which he conducted the ship during the passage. After the propeller had been carried away the Montfort received word that the steamer Crown Point had lost her rudder and was at the mercy of the gale, but although an attempt was made to go to her assistance, it had to be abandoned owing to the loss of the propeller. The Crown Point was afterward picked up and towed to New York. The Montfort brought over 253 stowage passengers and a large cargo.

SAFEGUARDS ON RODNEY WHARF

Bill Compelling Street Railway Co. to Take Necessary Measures Against Accident to go to Legislature.

The long dispute between the city and the St. John Street Railway in reference to the provision of safeguards on Rodney wharf will be dealt with in the legislature this session. Philip Gannan, M. L. A., will introduce a bill making it the duty of the Street Railway Company to provide adequate safeguards and appliances called at the end of the railway on the southern side of Rodney wharf, to prevent persons resorting to the same from falling into the slip, and also to light said portion of such route. The bill provides that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities shall have power to determine the nature of the safeguards, upon complaint of any person. This matter has been a source of controversy between the city and street railway for some time, each party disclaiming responsibility for the lack of safeguards. Quite a number of persons have fallen into the slip, in one case with fatal results.

THIRD LECTURE IN THE BLISS SERIES

Rev. J. H. A. Anderson Reads Address on "Women and Children in Toil"—Ask Minimum Wage Scale.

The third in the series of the Bliss illustrated lectures was delivered in St. John's Presbyterian church last evening. The lecture was read by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson and the subject, "Women and Children in Toil." It is estimated that there are about two million children between ten and sixteen years of age at work for wages in the United States while the women breadwinners number five and a half millions. Striking illustrations were given of the conditions attending much of the woman and child labor in factories, mines, canneries and sweat shops. Observations were made upon the recent provisions being made by employers for the comfort of their employees in factories and department stores. In pointing out the way to better conditions the lecturer said, what we need is a minimum wage law forbidding any employer to pay wages too low to support a family. If we had and enforced such a law fatigued employees would pay high wages, because they would be delivered from the competition of those willing to pay low wages. The woman's and child's ill paid toil would disappear. If every father would be able to buy what he needs and steady increased market would produce prosperity for all, both producer and consumer. The lecture proved of great interest to all present.

Wandering Horse Stabled. A horse found wandering about North Market street yesterday afternoon by Policemen Kane was stabled in Wm. Gibson's stable on the south side of the King square.

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