

AROUND THE CITY

St. Stephen's Church Guild. A meeting of the St. Stephen's church guild will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. The subject to be discussed will be Church Union.

Concert By Corsican Troupe. On Tuesday evening the Corsican troupe will give a program in the Seaman's Institute. This band has proved very popular in Montreal.

The Bible and The World. In Germain street Baptist church last evening the speaker was Rev. A. F. Newcombe, the newly appointed secretary of the Bible Society. Rev. Mr. Newcombe spoke on the place of the Bible in the life of the World.

Extending West End Plant. The Union Foundry Company is pushing the work of building an addition to its plant on the West Side. The foundation of the new structure has been prepared, the site laid, and the frame will soon be raised.

A Schooner in Trouble. The tern schooner Brookline, Captain Korrigan, arrived at Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday from New York. The schooner arrived in a crippled state having encountered very rough weather during which she lost and split sails.

The Seaman's Mission. The ladies' auxiliary of the Seaman's Mission will meet in the rooms this afternoon for the purpose of filling the comfort bags. All who have comfort bags or the materials to fill them, are requested to bring them to this afternoon's meeting.

Police Reports. The police report finding the door of E. P. Charlton and Co's store open on South Market street, early yesterday morning. A tan glove was found on Main street and a shovel on Charlotte street Saturday. These were the owners at the police station.

St. Philip's Anniversary. The congregation of St. Philip's church celebrated its 50th anniversary yesterday. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Pearson, gave an address during which he spoke of the good work done by the school. Rev. H. D. Mart, pastor of the Portland Methodist church, preached a very able sermon.

Loyalist Division. A largely attended and interesting meeting was held last evening in the Loyalist division, Sons of Temperance hall. R. B. Addison presided and the speaker of the evening was Rev. W. R. Robinson who gave an interesting talk on the temperance question.

In the Every Day Club. C. F. Humbert occupied the chair at the meeting in the Every Day Club last evening. Rev. Mr. Tucker addressed the meeting, taking for his subject Character Building. The musical programme consisted of solos by Mrs. Annie Smith, Miss Nellie Williams, R. Bonnell and Bayard Sullivan.

Temperance Meeting. The Saturday evening temperance meeting at the Seaman's Institute was conducted by Rev. L. McLean. A pleasing musical programme was given and greatly enjoyed by the sailors. On Saturday evening Rev. David Lang addressed the men and a bright meeting was held.

Thorne Lodge Meeting. M. A. Thorne presided at the meeting of Thorne lodge, I.O.O.F., yesterday afternoon. L. P. D. Tilley gave an address on the temperance question and described the difference between the Scott Act and the Local Option Act. The address was greatly enjoyed. L. S. DeWolfe gave a recitation.

Will Exonerate Ald. Kierstead. Ald. Scully stated last evening that the committee which investigated the charges against Ald. Kierstead would try to have a report ready for submission to the meeting of the council today. It is pretty well understood that the report will exonerate Ald. Kierstead from any intention of using his position for private advantage.

Buried Yesterday. The funeral of Timothy O'Connor took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 48 Wall street. The remains were conveyed to Holy Trinity church where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. J. Walsh. Relatives acted as pallbearers and interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

Presbytery of St. John. The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of St. John will be held in St. Andrew's church on Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock. The business of the meeting will include the reception of the reports of the committees on the union of Milltown and other sections on the amalgamation of funds, on augmentation, home missions, synodical allocations and budget plan, assembly reports, suggestions for benedictions re union vote, and other matters of importance.

Allan Line Corsican Arrives. The Allan Line steamship Corsican, Captain Cook, arrived from Liverpool via Halifax last Saturday night on her first visit of the season to St. John. The Corsican sailed from Liverpool on November 30th and for first three days of the voyage encountered exceptionally bad weather. Heavy head gales were experienced and the progress of the steamer retarded. The Corsican had over 300 passengers, but most of them landed at Halifax—two saloon, 60 second cabin and 60 steerage landing here. The Corsican has a large cargo for this port and the west. After discharging her freight here she will load a general cargo for Liverpool direct. When the Corsican reaches Liverpool she will be laid up for overhauling.

Knocked Down by a Huge Wave. Harry Knowlton, one of the crew of the C.P.R. steamer Empress of Ireland, which arrived in port late Friday night, had a narrow escape from being killed a few days before the steamer reached port. The ship encountered heavy weather and while walking along the deck Knowlton was struck by a big sea, washed across the deck and almost overboard. He was dashed against the side of the ship and received a severe scalp wound. Saturday morning the injured sailor was conveyed to the General Public Hospital and he will be able to leave there in a few days as his injuries are not of a serious nature.

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VALLEY RAILWAY

WORK STARTS IN COMING SPRING

A. R. Gould Says He Expects to Build 125 Miles of Road Next Summer.

Contract will be Signed in Few Days and Active Construction Commenced as Soon as Weather Permits.

"The St. John Valley Railway contract will be signed in a few days now," said A. R. Gould, who was at the Dufferin Hotel yesterday. "Only a few details remain to be arranged, and I expect they will be straightened out this week." "The company is all ready to go to work just as soon as the contract is signed. We have engaged offices at Fredericton and Woodstock, and our engineers are only waiting for the word to start. When the contract is signed our engineers will start over the route immediately and make a working survey. As much of this work as possible will be done this winter, and we hope to complete it if there isn't too much snow on the ground."

"When will you start construction work?" "Just as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring," answered Mr. Gould. "We will start construction work at Fredericton and Woodstock, and work both ways from these points. And we will push the work along as rapidly as possible. We expect to complete at least 125 miles of railway before the snow flies again. "During the winter we will get our material, and prepare our plans for construction work in the spring. We have selected Fredericton and Woodstock as starting points, because of their railway connections we will have facilities for getting in our material."

Mr. Gould leaves this morning for Fredericton.

BIG DEVELOPMENTS TO FOLLOW SIR WILLIAM

Purchase of Oil Shale Property by Sir William Mackenzie Regarded as Presaging Important Industrial Boom.

One of the most important steps in connection with the development of the natural resources of New Brunswick, is the purchase by Sir William Mackenzie, of the firm of Mackenzie and Mann, of the Calhoun property, in the Albert county oil shale fields. This property is one of the largest and most extensive in the oil shale belt and its purchase by Sir William Mackenzie, who is closely associated with the Canadian Northern railway group of financiers, indicates that there will be an important development in the property very soon. The members of the Canadian Northern group are today among the leading Canadian capitalists and are recognized as particularly shrewd and careful investors. The purchase is regarded by many as merely the forerunner of other and perhaps greater investments to be made in New Brunswick by the same interests.

It may safely be assumed that the completing a purchase of such magnitude as the Calhoun property will be followed in the very near future by development work on a large scale. Scientists have declared the Albert oil fields are of inestimable value, and that they cover a wide area is well known, and the coming to New Brunswick of Sir William Mackenzie and his associates to carry on development can hardly fail to interest other capitalists of equal note in the possibilities of the section, and there is consequent hope of provincial development on a large scale.

The Albert oil shales are reported as being without equal in the province and those who know of the purchase are optimistic over the development which is to follow. One St. John man, who has been interested in the property, said to the Standard last night: "I regard it as a very healthy and happy sign of the development of New Brunswick and I have no doubt that the oil shales will prove to be one of the greatest sources of wealth and development in the province. It is the best thing which has happened to New Brunswick in the last ten years."

SAID BULLET WHIZZED CLOSE PAST HIS EAR

Young Man Had Experience with Police Officer Whizzed Early Saturday Morning - Bullet Stopped His Flight.

Two young men were arrested about 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the Market square and were charged with wandering about Canterbury Duke and Market square, and not being able to give a satisfactory account of themselves. Policemen Whittier made the arrest and one of the young men had an experience that he will not soon forget. He stated he had been guilty of no wrong, but when he saw the officer coming he, very foolishly, started to run. The officer, he says, did not call out for him to stop, but, pulling his revolver, fired a shot after him. The young man said this caused him to run harder, when another shot was fired as he reached the head of North Market wharf. The officer, at this time, called on him to stop, and as the bullet passed so close to his head

WERE FRAMERS OF OUR CHARTER "GODLESS MEN"?

Rev. H. A. Cody Says God's Name Has Been Omitted From New Charter.

All Depends on the Men Says Mr. Cody - J. A. Belyea, of Charter Committee, Thinks Objection is Extreme.

Likening the framers of the new city charter to the builders of the Tower of Babel, Rev. H. A. Cody, in his sermon in St. James' church last evening, declared that the result of the long labors of a distinguished committee of prominent citizens could not be acceptable to a Christian citizenship.

Mr. Cody stated that no city charter could be satisfactory unless it was based on the Bible, whereas in the draft of the proposed charter there was no mention whatever of God. In opening the preacher said he proposed to consider the draft of the charter in the light of certain great principles, which as a rule he had failed to find in it. In old days cities were usually engaged in great struggles. They had foes within and without. In its larger relations the struggle of cities were like the struggle of the ages—a struggle for a better system of things. All progress had been made through struggle, turmoil and bloodshed.

An Upward Tendency. "We see in the draft of the new charter an attempt to rise to a higher plane, to provide a better system of managing civic affairs. It shows that things have not been satisfactory in the past, that there have been struggles for better things. But it shows too that there is a tendency upward and onward to finer, purer things. It marks an effort to advance. As the growing pains of a young boy evidence health and vitality, so with a city. A city which is not struggling is a dying city; still water becomes rotten.

But there are certain things about this charter which do not please me, and I do not see how they will please a Christian people, our city is a religious city. It has a great charter in the Bible, the rock upon which every city should be built. In this new charter of St. John, God's name is not mentioned. He is left out of it entirely.

No Recognition of God. "In the days of Moses every law was promulgated in the name of God. There was a conscious effort to legislate in accordance with the Divine Plan. In this new charter there is no recognition that there is a God.

"Human intelligence alone is not sufficient to frame a great charter for our city; a knowledge of God working in the minds of men is essential. "In the old days men built a tower of Babel, trusting in their own strength and ignoring God. Something like that is what we have been doing in our city, and in Canada as a whole. We do not recognize that we are what we are by the grace of God. We do not consider God's teachings in our business and other relations.

The Board of Trade met last week and recommended that technical education be given in night schools. But they forgot one thing. They did not recommend that the Bible be taught in our schools. That is another disgrace to our city—to Canada.

The great charter of our Empire is the Bible, and it must be taught in our schools. We must, we must be true to that.

"We may," he continued, "have the best kind of a charter for our city, but it will be as nothing unless we have good men. We must have leaders—brave, unselfish men who will forget themselves in their devotion to a great cause. In St. John we need men who have the vision and the dream—men who can look forward, and plan and work for the future."

Business Not Religion. J. A. Belyea, chairman of the charter committee, when informed of Mr. Cody's statements, said the framing of the charter was a matter of politics, law and business, and not of religion. "Is there any mention of the Deity in the old Royal charter of the city?" Mr. Belyea was asked. "I don't think so; I never noticed it," was the answer. "Why not invite Mr. Cody to attend some of our meetings?" "I think we have plenty of discussion now. Really, I have nothing to say to Mr. Cody's censures."

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