

AROUND THE CITY

Non-Ratepayers Reported. Policeman Anderson has reported 29 men who are working on the sugar refinery connection for working in the city without a license, they not being ratepayers.

Arrivals and Sailings. The steamer Corsican from this port arrived at Liverpool yesterday. The steamer Monmouth, from Liverpool, and Eastport from London, sailed for St. John yesterday.

Veterans Arrange Smoker. The members of the South African Veterans' Association held a meeting last evening and completed arrangements for a smoking concert in their rooms, 42 Princess street, tomorrow night, it being the anniversary of the battle of Paardeburg.

Coasting Accident. While coasting on Waterloo street yesterday, a young boy named Alfred Blakney fell from his sled, receiving painful injuries. He was removed to the general public hospital, where on examination it was found that he was suffering with a fracture of the leg.

Told of Prison Work. In Main street Baptist church last evening Rev. B. H. Thomas, chaplain of Dorchester penitentiary, delivered an interesting lecture on "The Man Behind the Bars." He spoke chiefly of the manner in which the spiritual welfare of the prisoners is looked after. During his discourse Rev. Mr. Thomas referred to the urgent need of having prisons for juveniles where the young prisoners could be separated from the older and more hardened criminals, and if this was not possible, to segregate these as far as is able under the present conditions.

Lecture on Amusements. The illustration in St. John's Presbyterian church last evening by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson on dance halls and popular amusements was a five argument against improper amusements. The dance halls, said the speaker, lead to great immorality. The good and bad in the theatre was pointed out. Attention was called to the bad results of the commercialization of the theatre. The moving picture theatre under responsible censorship has a great educative and moral value. It can be made a popular university.

Looks Over Port Facilities. Evidence of the attention which St. John is attracting in the circles of the world is found in the visit to this city of Edmund J. Clapp, special traffic commissioner of the Port of Boston. Mr. Clapp spent yesterday in the city looking over the harbor improvements, expressing himself as pleased with their extent and the thorough manner in which they were being undertaken. He felt that St. John was on the high road to great prosperity and was destined to become one of the greater Atlantic ports. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Clapp visited the Board of Trade and made inquiries as to the railway and docking facilities. He left last evening for Halifax.

NORTH END RESIDENT BEATEN AND ROBBED

William London Victim of Brutal Assault on Brussels street—Three Men Arrested Charged with Crime.

William London of the North End walked into the central police station shortly after ten o'clock last night with his face covered with blood and informed the officers that a short time previously he had been beaten and kicked unmercifully near the corner of Brunswick and Brussels street by three colored men.

London says his assailants jumped on his back, knocked him down, and while he was lying on the street kicked him on the head.

London's eyes were badly discolored and swollen while there was a deep cut on the forehead. His face was bruised and scratched. He was half dazed from the beating he had received. He said his assailants were not satisfied with beating him but that they stole \$25 from him.

About the time that he arrived at the station Louis Jones, a young colored man, was locked up by Sergeants and Officer Powers on the charge of being drunk and using profane language in Union Alley.

When arrested Jones appeared to have been in a fight and he claimed to the police that he had been robbed of \$24. London was taken to the basement of the station and, after looking at Jones, said that he was one of the colored men who assaulted him.

Shortly after 9:30 o'clock Policeman Briggs arrested Walter Jones and Ernest Bushman, both colored, on Brussels street, and charged them with having assaulted and beaten William London and robbing him of \$25.

London was not held as a witness but was sent to his home to have his wounds dressed. He promised to be in court this morning to appear against the three prisoners.

ODDFELLOWS MAKE FRATERNAL VISIT

Last evening the Pioneer, Siloam, Golden Rule and Fraternity lodges of Oddfellows made a fraternal visit to Peerless Lodge on Sion's street, where a programme made up of speeches, musical numbers and refreshments was enjoyed.

R. E. Coupe presided and addresses were delivered by D. G. Lingley, A. D. Smith, W. Catherwood, W. Saunderson, H. E. Colner, W. Ragnoli, Mr. Mills of Westport, N. S., Mr. Foster of Montana, Mr. Wade of Fredericton, R. E. Coupe, W. McLean, W. E. Neve, W. F. Hatheway, J. Stammers and A. B. Thorne. Vocal solos were rendered by J. A. Murdoch, H. Holder and Charles Fowler. H. V. MacKinnon acted as accompanist. Readings were given by R. G. Dibley, J. Cunningham and R. E. Coupe.

During the evening M. D. Brown was presented with a suitable memento of the occasion. A memorial to the late N. W. Brennan was also unveiled.

PREFERRED JAIL TO MARRIAGE WITH MAN SHE COULD NOT LOVE

An "Almost" Wedding in Central Police Station Yesterday Afternoon—Prospective Bride Had Another Love and Would be Groom is Still Heart Free.

John Patterson, a Norwegian mate on one of the schooners now in port, had a narrow escape from getting married yesterday afternoon and he is now quite happy that he was not tied for life to one Alice Thompson, a Norwegian girl who is serving a sentence of four months in the county jail.

A couple of weeks ago the Thompson girl was arrested with Harry Buch and another sailor named Olsen for being and lurking on board the schooner Ann Louise Lockwood lying at the Ballast wharf. She was in love with Buch, and first made his acquaintance when he met her on the dock.

Buch is a sailor, 21 years of age, and was fined eight dollars which he paid and left for New York on the schooner. The girl was sent to jail.

John Patterson who claims to have known the family of the girl in Norway and who also claims to have met her in that country, with Alice before she met Buch. He said he wanted her to become his wife. Even after she was found guilty and locked up his affection did not wane and he said she had decided to marry him.

Yesterday morning he procured a marriage license, a clergyman was engaged and John, with a few friends, called at the police station in the afternoon and all was ready for the wedding. There was some little delay until the clergyman arrived on the scene and then John's friends advised him to "look before he leaped."

Magistrate Ritchie had a private conversation with the clergyman, and then with Patterson and remarked after these conversations that he did not think the wedding would take place. Alice was brought in from jail and had a long private conversation with the clergyman, then the would-be bride and groom

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Interesting Lecture on Child's Protective Act, Delivered by J. J. Kelso, Before the Canadian Club.

An interesting lecture on the protection of neglected children was delivered in Keth's Assembly Rooms last evening by J. J. Kelso, secretary of the Child's Protective Association of Ontario, in which there was much of inspiration for those who are taking up this matter of providing a better chance in life for neglected and delinquent children of New Brunswick.

While the lecture was held under the auspices of the Men's Canadian Club, there was a much larger attendance of members of the Women's Canadian Club.

Mr. Kelso in opening said that some twenty odd years ago he started life as a newspaper reporter and that his stories about the children he saw in police courts and other places had, he thought, led to a movement for a child protective act.

Various societies were formed and in response to their request the Ontario government adopted a child's protective act to serve on similar acts in other countries and giving the Child's Protective Society power to apply to a judge for the control of children under 16 years of age who were without salutary parental control or education.

The Ontario government at once invited him to assume the task of administering the act and based on a child's protective act to serve on similar acts in other countries and giving the Child's Protective Society power to apply to a judge for the control of children under 16 years of age who were without salutary parental control or education.

One of the principal effects of the Child Protective Act was to induce parents to do their duty by their children. Most parents loved their children, and if faced with the possibility of having them taken away would not send them out to beg on the streets or to sell papers and other things late at night, which was merely begging under the guise of industry. Moreover a powerful appeal could be made to short-sighted parents by showing them that if they neglected their children they would probably be neglected in their old age.

The speaker did not approve of putting children in institutions. They should be placed in country homes with people willing and able to educate them. In the country they grew up rugged and hearty, no child ever died from natural causes on a farm.

In twenty years the speaker had placed 10,000 or more neglected children with foster parents and generally they had turned out to be good citizens. He declared that degeneracy was largely the result of poor surroundings, and that every community should see that its housing accommodations were conducive to right living.

One of the greatest needs was playgrounds for city children. In Toronto they had 35 school nurses who regularly inspected the school children and advised their parents in regard to their medical or surgical needs. Even deformed and repulsive looking children could be transformed by modern surgery.

In the course of the lecture a large number of pictures were thrown on a screen, showing that in many parts of Canada housing accommodations of a kind that would not be tolerated in the slums of England, and showing the marked improvement that could be effected in neglected children by good food and good clothes.

Rev. G. A. Kuhring presided and briefly thanked the lecturer.

OFFER TO BUY MUNICIPAL HOME DISCUSSED BY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secret Meeting Held Yesterday when Offer was Considered but no Action Taken—Three Bidders Apparently in Market for Municipal Home and Grounds

At a secret meeting of the county councillors held yesterday afternoon the application of the Eastern Securities Company for an option on the Municipal Home and grounds was considered but though it was said the meeting was a stormy one no action was taken and the session will be resumed at two o'clock today when the matter will be gone into more fully.

The councillors also had before them an application from Cyrus F. Inches for an option on the Municipal Home, but they took no action on this either.

The meeting was called for 2:30, but it was 3 o'clock when Warden Carson took the chair, called the meeting to order, and read the notice calling the special meeting.

Coun. McLellan immediately arose and moved that the council go into committee of the whole and take up the application in private.

Coun. Shillington seconded this. This motion carried, and the marshal proceeded to usher the reporters out of the council chamber.

At this stage Cyrus F. Inches appeared and asked to be heard.

"You're too late," said the warden. "Surely you will not grant an option on the Municipal Home without hearing me," said Mr. Inches. "I want to apply for an option."

Mr. Inches was allowed to remain and make his offer, but the reporters did not get a chance to hear what it was.

In the lobby the reporters met Mr. Palmer and Mr. Warren of the Norton Griffiths company. They were bound for the council chamber, and seemed to be somewhat surprised to learn that the councillors were meeting in secret.

"Is the Norton Griffiths Company behind the proposition of the Eastern Securities?" the reporters asked. "Not that we know of," said the local representatives of Norton Griffiths Company.

"We came here in the hope of finding out who was," said Mr. Palmer and Mr. Warren waited for a short time, but as the secret meeting continued they went away.

When Mr. Inches came out he was asked if he had appeared on behalf of the Norton Griffiths people.

"No," he said, "I did not know they were in the market. He declined to say who he was acting for, but it is understood he appeared on behalf of prominent local real estate men.

MEMBERS OF YORK LODGE AT DINNER

Pleasant Gathering, Last Evening in Celebration of 80th Anniversary of York L. O. L.

The members of York L. O. L. No. 2 assembled and dined in King's dining hall last evening in honor of their 80th anniversary. Presiding over the gathering was Worthy Master G. Oldfield. There was a large attendance and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was passed by all.

The following toasts were proposed and responded to: Sovereign Grand Lodge, proposed by E. S. Hennigar, responded to by Colonel A. J. Armstrong.

Grand Lodge of N. B., proposed by C. M. Lingley, responded to by Robert Maxwell, S. D. G. M.

County Lodge, proposed by R. H. McIntyre, responded to by H. Sellen. District Lodge, proposed by G. A. Earle, responded to by B. Ward.

City of St. John, proposed by Neil J. Morrison, responded to by R. W. Wismore.

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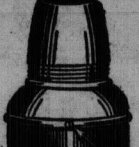
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