

AROUND THE CITY

An Interesting Address.
Col. Bullard delivered an interesting address on India, Corea and Japan, before a large audience in the Salvation Army Citadel last evening.

An Exciting Runaway.
A horse owned by the People's Dairy ran away on Waterloo street yesterday afternoon, and while it caused considerable excitement, no damage resulted.

Tunisian in Port.
The Allan liner Tunisian arrived in port yesterday afternoon after an uneventful voyage. The Tunisian brought to this port 16 cabin, 200 second cabin and 148 steerage passengers, and an excellent cargo was also brought over.

Will Interview Government.
A delegation representing the temperance federations of the different points throughout the province passed through the city yesterday afternoon where they will interview the government today. The delegation was joined here by several representatives of the St. John Federation.

A Dangerous Crossing.
Teamsters are complaining about the railway crossing at Mill street being in a dangerous condition. Last week two horses and their shoes caught in the tracks and were injured. Yesterday a horse owned by the Hygienic Bakery had a shoe caught in the tracks and one of the animal's legs was severely cut.

Two Lectures.
Senator N. M. Jones, manager of the Partridge pulp mill, will lecture in the Natural History Museum this evening on "Pulp and Paper." On Thursday afternoon at 3.30 Miss Millan will lecture on "Mrs. E. B. Browning." At the close of the lecture the Ladies' Association will hold five o'clock tea for their members in honor of Miss Hart, who is visiting in the city.

Salvage Corps Banquet.
The members of No. 2 Salvage Corps, North End, are looking forward to a pleasant evening on Thursday next when they will hold their annual celebration. In previous years an entertainment and smoker has been the form of the celebration, but this year a banquet will be held. Among the invited guests are Chief Kerr, the Captain and lieutenant of No. 1 Salvage Corps, Mayor Frink and the Commissioners.

The Spencer Benefit.
An evening of unexcelled pleasure is assured those who attend the benefit to be given in aid of H. L. Spencer on Thursday evening, Longfellow, on whose anniversary the benefit is to be given, will be the subject of an interesting lecture by Mrs. E. A. Smith. The subject is one that will no doubt appeal to Thursday's audience, and as it is one that is congenial to the lecturer there is assurance of a most delightful evening. A number of selections from the poet's works will be sung by some of St. John's leading talent, making the entertainment an artistic, literary and musical treat.

International Strife.
It is stated there was a lively row in a house on Main street Sunday afternoon and as a result two of the occupants, Laem Smith, aged 27, a German, with Lizze Smith, aged 19 years, who hails from Austria, were arrested yesterday afternoon about 4.30 o'clock by Sgt. Scott and Patrolmen Ross and Crawford on a warrant for assaulting a Swede who also resided in the house. The couple when arrested were taken to the central police station and were locked up in the cells for the night. They will appear before the magistrate this morning.

Fairville Board of Trade.
President William J. Linton presided at the meeting of the Fairville Board of Trade last evening when a resolution was passed in favor of the proposed route for the Valley Railway down the west side of the St. John River. Among the speakers of the evening who advocated the proposed route were W. I. Fenton, Albert Nelson, Councilor W. E. Bryant, Amador Anderson and G. Earle Logan. The representatives of the board on the delegation which will wait on the government today are President Linton and Messrs. W. I. Fenton, Amador Anderson, Eldon Scott, J. J. Hennessey and G. Earle Logan.

Charged with Assault.
A young Chinese laundryman appeared in the police court yesterday afternoon with his face badly scratched and the back of one of his hands cut and bleeding. He complained that he had been assaulted and beaten by three other Chinese and he swore out a warrant for their arrest. About 3.30 o'clock Sgt. Scott and Patrolman McNamara arrested them and Hum Yuen charging them with the assault but they were unable to locate the third man charged on the warrant. The two Chinese were not locked up long when they were allowed out on a deposit of \$20 each to appear in the police court this morning.

Borden Clubs Holds Smoker.
A very enjoyable time was spent by the members of the H. L. Borden Club in their rooms on Charlotte street, when after the transaction of regular business a smoking concert and social of an informal nature was held. Brief addresses were delivered by the president, W. H. Harrison, and by J. Starr Tait, dealing with the progress of the club, and public affairs in general. An impromptu programme was then carried out, Fred Ramsay and M. Cosman contributing solos, W. R. McDonald a mandolin solo, and E. R. W. Ingraham and Roy Handley favoring the gathering with recitations. During the evening refreshments were served.

A Presentation.
Chas. F. Stevens, who has been a general foreman with the Metcalfe Construction Company since it started work on the C. P. R. elevator, has severed his connection with that concern, and will take a position in the hatchery branch of the Dominion department of marine and fisheries. Before leaving the Metcalfe company, he was presented with a silver mounted tobacco pouch and two pipes, one a fine briar and the other a calabash, by the carpenters employed on the job. The presentation was made by Ewart W. Horne, C. E., who took the occasion to read an address to Mr. Stevens, testifying to the esteem in which he was held. Mr. Stevens responded in a few well chosen words, thanking the men for their tokens of friendship and esteem.

ST. JOHN RAILWAY COMPANY GETS OFFER TO SELL OUT

Bid of \$1,200,000 for Stock of Company Received Yesterday and Referred to Directors—Difference of Opinion as to Idea of Sale.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Street Railway Company held yesterday afternoon an offer to purchase the stock of the company for \$1,200,000 was laid before the shareholders, but was referred to the directors to be dealt with later. It is not known just how the matter will be settled but from opinions expressed after the meeting it does not appear that the offer will be accepted. The offer was made by a local broker in behalf of an American syndicate. The matter when laid before yesterday's meeting was briefly discussed, but did not meet with any great degree of enthusiasm. The affairs of the company are satisfactory at present, and there does not seem to be an overwhelming desire to get rid of the road.

At the subsequent meeting of the directors, James Ross, of Montreal, was again chosen president, Col. Hugh H. McLean, vice-president; Harry M. Hopper, general manager and secretary; G. O. Peters, treasurer. The board of directors for the year were chosen as follows:—James Ross, Hugh H. McLean, Fred E. Sayre, R. H. Emerson, James Manchester, William Downie, Fred R. Taylor and W. H. Thorne. The board is the same as that of last year, with the exception that W. H. Thorne replaces J. M. Robinson.

AN OFFER TO PURCHASE THE MUNICIPAL HOME

County Council Today will have Proposition from Eastern Investment Company Before it—Offer \$125,000

A special meeting of the county council will be held this afternoon to consider an application of the Eastern Investment Company for the site of the municipal home. It is reported that this company has offered about \$125,000 for the home and grounds, and that it will have to enlarge its offer a great deal before the county will consent to sell. As Burton Stewart told the last regular meeting of the council that the Norton Griffith Company would be willing to negotiate for the purchase of the home and grounds with a view to providing more room for a steel plant, there is considerable speculation as to what the offer from the Eastern Investment Company means.

ALLEGED DESERTION CASE IN NORTH END

Report Young Man Left His Wife and Eloped with His Half Sister.

A story has leaked out in the North End regarding a man who is said to have deserted his young wife and small family, and it is believed by the hearers that the man who has deserted his wife but has not only deserted her but has eloped with his half-sister, who is much his junior.

The man is about thirty years of age and is the father of three or four small children. It is claimed he has for some time past neglected his wife by leaving her home to attend to the children at night while he, in company with his half-sister, who is not yet out of her teens, took in the moving picture shows and otherwise enjoyed himself.

Two or three weeks ago the young husband left his home and disappeared, and at the same time his half-sister was missing from home. As far as could be learned the couple purchased tickets for the United States, and travelling as brother and sister were not held up by the United States officials.

The deserted wife is having a struggle to make matters go along smoothly, having little or no funds to support her family. Much sympathy is felt for her.

PERSONAL

The Misses Grace and Ruby Wentworth, who arrived on the Tunisian from England yesterday, are the guests of their father Rev. F. H. Wentworth.

L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., and J. B. M. Baxter, M. L. A., left last evening for Fredericton.

George B. Jones, M. L. A., for Kings passed through the city last evening on his way to the Capital.

Dr. O. B. Price, M. L. A., for Westmorland, passed through the city yesterday afternoon.

Col. H. H. McLean and Miss McLean, left last evening for Ottawa.

Senator Domville left for Ottawa last evening.

W. Shivers Fisher leaves this week on a business trip to the Pacific coast.

FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LABOR TEMPLE HERE

Coal Handlers Union Discussed Matter at Smoker Last Evening—Would Serve Purpose of Labor Club.

The Coal Handlers and Trimmers International Union held a smoking concert in the Socialist Hall last evening. There was a large attendance and a pleasant time was spent by all, the union having among its members a considerable amount of vocal talent as well as some clever step dancers and acrobats. One of the features of the programme was a recitation by Major Howe. Among others who took part in the programme were A. Howard, J. Leyden, M. Hatto, M. Travis, Charles Smith, J. Montague, J. L. Surru, A. W. Reynolds, J. T. Tighe and P. Hyatt. Mr. Bradshaw presided at the piano.

Several of the speakers took up the matter of following the example of other cities and establishing a labor temple, in which the various unions might meet, and also provide arrangements for the social enjoyment of the workers, especially those out of work who have no other place to go except the saloon.

POPULAR POLICE OFFICER IS DEAD

Charles A. Wittrien Passed Away in Hospital Yesterday Afternoon—Was Ill Since Thursday Last.

The members of the police force and the very best of friends gathered at the home of Charles A. Wittrien yesterday afternoon to learn of his death which took place at the general public hospital at 4.30 o'clock after a few days' illness.

Policeman Wittrien was on duty last Thursday, and fearing that he was contracting la grippe, he was allowed to go off duty and went to his home on Wall street. He did not improve, and on Friday thought that he was suffering from jaundice. On Saturday he became worse and on Sunday night he lapsed into unconsciousness. Yesterday morning he was conveyed to the general public hospital, and it was found that he was suffering from a more serious malady, and he was immediately put under an operation.

The policeman was too far gone, however, and did not rally and at 4.30 o'clock while a brother officer, Alexander Crawford, was sitting at his bedside, he passed away. The death of this popular officer is all the more sad as he leaves to mourn an invalid wife and four small children.

The deceased was a German by birth, having been born in Strasburg. He was, however, a naturalized British subject. He was the master of several languages. He was a machinist by trade and a first class workman. He was very steady in his habits, and was counted as one of the best officers on the police force. He was employed in the Fleming foundry for some time before joining the police force and has been a member of the force between two and three years. He was a man of about 35 years of age and a member of Dominion Loyal Orange Lodge and also of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Wedding Anniversary.
A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Urquhart gathered at their home last night to observe the occasion of their ninth anniversary and to give them a farewell in anticipation of their removal to the west.

A travelling bag and purse of gold were presented by the guests during the evening.

VICTORIA ROLL-OFF.
In the weekly roll-off on the Victoria alleys last night Albert Lanagan was the winner with a score of 94. The prize was a three B. pipe.

HOUSE LOOTED; THIEVES FLEE

Mrs. S. H. Carpenter, of Manawagonish Road, Finds Visit to City was Costly—Police Have Case.

On returning home to her home on the Manawagonish Road, Saturday evening, Mrs. S. H. Carpenter discovered things upset considerably about the house and on further investigation learned that there had been stolen from the place a gold watch and chain, two gold rings, two revolvers, an overcoat and \$60.

Employed about the house were a young German and an elderly man, and when Mrs. Carpenter returned home both the hired men had disappeared and they were at once suspected of the theft.

The greatest confidence had been placed in the men and in going out the doors had been left open. The matter was reported to the police and they are working on the case but as yet have not succeeded in rounding up the men.

CITY ENGINEER SUBMITS REPORT

Expenditures on Water Service During Year Explained in Document Submitted to Council—Still Large Leakage

The city engineer submitted his annual report to the city council yesterday. Mr. Murdoch's Scotch humor finds expression in the first part of his report where he gravely explains that a new regime had been established last May, and as a consequence his position has become more like that of a consulting engineer, enabling him to devote time to various things he had to hurry through in the old days.

The report then goes on to deal with the work under his jurisdiction during the year. The reservoirs are in good condition, and as illustrating the capacity of the Loch Lomond extension which cost up to date \$521,802 it is pointed out that the overflow from the Robertson reservoir is about 37,571,291,000 gallons. It is hoped that this will provide for the growth of the city for some time. Lake Latimer's level ranges from 297 to 298 feet above high water in the harbor. Now screens placed there last summer cost \$232. About \$678 was spent repairing leaks, and a leakage of 193,000 gallons a day was stopped. Careful tests were made on the mains passing under Little River, the instruments being transposed to show that they were reading in the like, and it was found that there is still a leakage of 664,000 gallons a day somewhere under the bed of the river. This leak is supposed to be in the wood side pipe.

The engineer points out that the sprinkler system installed in the immigration shed on the west side is in good condition, and that during the year he had surveyed made of 43 properties which the city sold.

LEAGUE BOWLING

On Black's alleys last night the third and last game in the series between the Sweeps and Tigers was rolled and the former won with a majority of 30 score. The score follows:

CITY LEAGUE.
Sweeps.
Foshay ... 89 81 78 248-82-2-3
Ferguson ... 82 79 12 274-91-1-3
Cosman ... 103 78 91 272-90-2-3
Sullivan ... 85 109 80 274-91-1-3
Harrison ... 92 85 85 262-87-1-3
452 432 446 1230

Tigers.
Belyea ... 84 87 91 273-90-2-3
White ... 79 78 87 244-81-1-3
F. Bailey ... 94 80 76 250-83-1-3
A. Bailey ... 82 85 78 245-81-2-3
Moore ... 87 107 95 289-96-1-3
436 437 427 1300

Tonight's Games.
City League—Rambles vs. Insurance.
Commercial League—S. Hayward vs. T. B. Simms.

Weekly Roll Off.
In the weekly roll-off Thomas Cosgrove with a score of 103 won the prize, a half dozen silver knives.

M. R. A. STORES OPEN NEXT SATURDAY EVENING.

The Saturday night closing which has been observed by Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., for the past two months concluded with the past week-end. It was announced by this firm that they would close at 6 p. m. Saturdays during the months of January and February, therefore next Saturday will begin the old order of things and all M. R. A. stores will be open for business until 10 p. m.

A great bargain in ladies' one-piece all wool serge dresses of Dykeman's. They have a quantity of these dresses in sizes 34, 36 and 38 which they will place on sale Wednesday morning at two prices, \$4.50 and \$5.50. These dresses are worth \$7.50 and \$9.00 each. They are nicely made and tastefully trimmed and the colors are navy blue, electric blue, brown and tan.

Miss Gallagher of the Marr Millinery Company has returned home after attending the millinery openings in New York.

PASSED A WRECK.
Gravesend, Feb. 10.—Strm. Caucasian (Br) from Newport News, arrived here reports: On Jan. 25 in lat 38.30 lon 64.10, passed within half a ship's length of what had the appearance of a large piece of wreckage about 50 feet in length and showing two or three feet above the water.

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Also Overcoats by other makers with set-in Raglan sleeves and two-piece top sleeve effect in plain "Chesterfield." Overcoats in fancy tweeds, diagonal weaves, stripes and heather mixtures. The predominating shades for this spring appear to be greys and browns interspersed throughout the largest and finest showing of overcoats we have ever made.

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Then there are Overcoats in plain grey and black Vicunas and Cheviots, some of them silk faced to edge and these also range in price from \$10.00 to \$24.00.
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Knitting and Crocheting Demonstration

The Right Way to Work With Wools Explained by an Expert.
Today, Wednesday, Thursday

This will be a fine opportunity to observe the making of sweater coats, aviation caps, babies' garments and many other wearables. The possibilities of Beehive Fingering, Heather Fingering, Petticoat Yarn, Silken Flos, Lady Betty Yarn, Double Knitting Yarn, etc., will be shown by Miss Tillotson, a specialist representing the manufacturers of J. & J. Baldwin & Partners, Ltd., of Halifax, England.

Miss Tillotson is the originator of many of the stitches used and she will illustrate the proper way to make innumerable dainty things in knitting and crochet work. This interesting art, easy to acquire when the right materials are used, will be demonstrated in our Millinery Salon—second floor.

Today, Wednesday and Thursday

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