

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and moderately cold.

AROUND THE CITY

Off For the West. A carload of immigrants who arrived here on the steamer Pomerania left last night for the west.

Found By Police. The police report finding a horse brush on Charlotte street last evening and it awaits an owner at the central station.

T. and L. Council. The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held this evening in the Ship Laborers' Hall, on Water street. Matters of special interest will be dealt with.

National History Lecture. The sixth lecture given by the ladies' association of the Natural History Society will be held this afternoon at four o'clock. Miss Louise Jack will speak on the Slums of New York. In the evening a reunion of members will be held in the museum.

Horses By Express. Nineteen horses brought out from Scotland on the Cassinara were shipped through by express this morning to Regina. The shipment of these horses by express as far as Regina is something new for this part of the country, as the expense of the shipment is very heavy.

Royal Edward Mail. A carload of mail from the steamer Royal Edward at Halifax passed through the city last evening for the west. An immigrant special of ten cars from the same steamer passed through about 1 o'clock this morning. The immigrant special left Halifax at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Card of Thanks. Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Nugent, of Briggs' Corner, Queens County, desire to express their sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who manifested much kindness to their son Arthur during his late illness, and also for the many expressions of deep sympathy towards them and their family following their sad bereavement.

TooK Evidence Here. Captain John E. Murphy, of Yarmouth, arrived in the city on Tuesday and took the evidence of the officers of the steamer Yarmouth in the matter of a collision between the Yarmouth and the steamer Ocampo of the Pickford and Black Line. While in the city he made his headquarters on the steamer and returned to Yarmouth yesterday morning.

Market Changes. The market committee has given notice to the lessees of the market building that after May 1st the old system of leasing will be done away with, and that some of them will be warned out in order to make a number of alterations in the building with a view to enabling the city to receive more money from it than it has received in the past.

St. Patrick's Society. The annual meeting of St. Patrick's Society was held last night in Keith's assembly rooms with Hon. R. J. Ritchie, the president, in the chair. Twenty-seven new members were elected and Dr. Bruce Travers was elected honorary president. The officers were appointed with the addition of Edward J. McCourt as financial secretary and Joseph Ritchie as a new member of the board of management. The society will hold a dinner on St. Patrick's night and the arrangements for the same are left to an efficient committee.

COASTING MISHAPS REPORTED LAST NIGHT

Two Little Girls Collide With Dog and are Somewhat Shaken Up—Loaded Sled Crashed Into Team.

While providing some real sport for many hundreds of the city's youngsters, not to speak of a goodly number of grown-ups, who are to be found every evening indulging in the strenuous recreation of coasting, the fact that certain streets have been set apart for this popular sport has not prevented some accidents.

Although nothing serious has so far occurred that would warrant more care being exercised, nevertheless the toll of minor casualties has been great. Last evening on Carmarthen street alone, two accidents were reported, and another which might have resulted seriously was only narrowly averted.

Two little girls, Marion Frost and Ruby Evans, of St. Andrews street, collided with a small dog, which resulted in their being thrown from their sled on the left street, and both sustained painful injuries. They were taken into Stanley M. Wetmore's drug store, where the necessary aid was rendered, and they were later removed to their homes.

Another collision which might have resulted seriously, but was nevertheless amusing, occurred about nine o'clock. A countryman, who, judging from his dress and outward appearance might have been bound on a Polar expedition, and who evidently was not familiar with the by-law placing certain restrictions on teams crossing coasting streets, stopped his team directly in the center of Carmarthen street near the corner of St. Andrews, with the result that a long powerful sled holding more than a dozen youngsters, crashed at full speed into his sleigh. The countryman was thrown rather rudely to the ground, while the coasters were scattered in all directions, but somehow miraculously escaped without serious injury. Upon recovering his breath, which seemed to have been taken away either by the surprise or the force of the shock, the stranger, without showing the slightest regard concerning the fate of the youngsters, some of whom were slightly injured, quickly drove away bewailing the damage sustained by his team, and criticizing in no uncertain terms, what he undoubtedly considered another of the monstrosities in St. John's civic government.

CARPENTERS IN LINE FOR WAGE INCREASE

Members of Union Hear Addresses on Benefits of Organization—Peter Sharkey in Favor of Internationalism

A mass meeting of the carpenters was held in the Market by Tom Jones last evening for the purpose of strengthening the union, and interesting the carpenters generally in the demand for a \$3 rate per day to go into effect on May 1, President Chas. Jones occupied the chair and there was a large attendance.

Peter Sharkey delivered an interesting address, pointing out the need of organization and increased activity on the part of the workers. St. John was said to be booming, but the workers were not particularly prosperous. The cost of living had gone up faster than wages. He knew of many houses the rents of which had been doubled in the last few years.

He said that owing to the lack of organization 2,500 unskilled workers were trying to exist on jobs which would only give satisfactory employment to 1,000 men. Most of the unskilled workers in this city did not average more than \$5 per week.

Only through organization could the workers improve their position. When the railway men were organized here 12 years ago they were only getting \$1.25 a day; now they were making a demand for \$3.50. Nine years ago when the carpenters' union was started here the carpenters were getting from \$1.25 to \$1.75; now they were asking for \$3. The painters when organized got \$2.50, but when their union lapsed their wages dropped to \$1.50.

In conclusion Mr. Sharkey spoke strongly in favor of internationalism, declaring that for every dollar the international workers they reaped a benefit of \$100.

James McInn, president of the bricklayers' union; John Hughes, of the plumbers, and Geo. Breen, executive of the carpenters also spoke of the benefits of organization. As a result of the meeting many applications for membership were received.

700 SMALLPOX CASES ON NORTH SHORE

Member of City Council is Informed, at Provincial Board of Health Meeting—Local Official Talks.

That there are nearly 400 cases of smallpox on the North Shore was the statement made to a Standard reporter yesterday by one of the city fathers who declared he had received his information from a member of the provincial Board of Health. He added that in his opinion the duty of the local Board of Health is to disinfect all mail matter and goods arriving here from the infected areas. If the epidemic got a foothold here there would be a great outcry, he said.

At the office of the local Board of Health, it was stated that so far as the information of the local officials went, there was no occasion for alarm. Representatives of the local Board of Health attended the meeting of the Provincial Board on Wednesday, and asked that the St. John officials be supplied with all possible information regarding the epidemic, and the appearance of new cases in new districts be made known to them by wire. While the meeting of the Provincial Board was mainly occupied with the discussion of measures for dealing with smallpox, no information was vouchsafed, the representative of the local board that would indicate that the outbreak on the North Shore was very extensive.

In reply to questions an official of the local board said that if other municipalities adopted as stringent measures in dealing with smallpox patients as St. John did, there would be practically no danger of infection through the mails.

"We isolate patients, allow nobody to have access to them but our officials, and all letters etc. coming from infected persons are thoroughly disinfected before being placed in the mails. And the same measures upon other municipalities the duty of adopting the same practices when dealing with smallpox. Of course the other municipalities do not have the same facilities that we do, and the enforcement of the regulations is not always as well attended to as it ought to be. Some municipalities object strongly when called upon to pay expenses incurred by the health officers, and for this reason the precautions taken are not always as drastic as they ought to be.

Local Board on Guard. The St. John board, he added, realizes this and is on guard. The only really safeguard against smallpox is vaccination, and our board under the act making it optional for the local boards of health to make vaccination compulsory in their jurisdiction is compelling school children to submit to vaccination.

"The present outbreak on the North Shore is of a very mild type. Some doctors have informed us that most of the patients they have under treatment did not know they had the smallpox, as they were able to go about their work. This will make the epidemic rather hard to deal with, because of the difficulty of ascertaining new cases and isolating them."

"The boards of health have a lot to do yet before they receive the co-operation of the people. Hundreds still seek to evade obedience to the regulations in the general interest."

Premier Hazen told the meeting of the provincial board on Wednesday that during the last 10 or 12 years smallpox had cost the province between \$600,000 and \$800,000.

"And yet our system of dealing with epidemics is far from perfect. There is not enough co-operation between the boards. Chairmen of local boards should be members of the provincial board so they could keep in touch with conditions all over the province. Then we should be informed of the prevalence of contagious diseases in other provinces."

USES KNIFE AFTER CHASE IN STREET

Leo Walsh Slashed Across His Face by Thomas Davis, Man with Police Record—Much Excitement.

Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon there was considerable excitement on Mill street in front of the I. C. R. depot. Thomas Davis, with a past police record, and Leo Walsh had some altercation on Smythe street, and Davis drew a knife from his pocket, and seeing this action Walsh ran away from him.

With the open knife in his hand Davis chased Walsh across Mill street, and in an instant there was much commotion, women screamed and men tried to catch Davis before he could do any damage, but were too late.

He caught up to Walsh in front of the depot and gave him two slashes across the face. There was one severe cut on the forehead and another on the cheek.

After doing the damage Davis hastened from the scene. The police were notified and shortly afterwards arrested Davis in the North End. He will appear before the Police Magistrate this morning.

K. OF P. PREPARING FOR ANNIVERSARY

Musical Programme at Church Service in Centenary, Sunday Next, of Unusual Excellence—Quartette will Assist.

The Knights of Pythias are making extensive preparations for the observance of the 48th anniversary of the institution of the order. In this city divine service will be held in Centenary church Sunday afternoon next commencing at 4 o'clock.

Rev. Geo. Ross, of the Fairville Methodist church, a Past Chancellor of the Pythian Order, will have charge of the service and Rev. H. D. Marr, another Past Chancellor, will preach the sermon.

In programme order the service will be conducted as follows: 1—Organ prelude. 2—Pythian Quartette, "Saviour of the World," (Gaelic). 3—Doxology (all standing). 4—Invocation, followed by the Lord's Prayer. 5—Hymn—"Fight the Good Fight" (Choir and congregation). 6—Prayer. 7—Hymn—"Art Thou Weary" (Choir).

8—Hymn—"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" (Choir and congregation). 9—Scripture reading. 10—Hymn—"Lead Kindly Light" (Choir and congregation). 11—Offerory. 12—Solo by F. McKean, "The Heavenly Promise" (Hawley). 13—Sermon by Rev. H. D. Marr. (Past Chancellor). 14—Hymn—"Glorious Spirit Love Divine" (Choir). 15—Prayer. 16—Hymn—"Go Labor On" (Choir and congregation). 17—Benediction. 18—Organ prelude.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MUSICAL FEATURES

Specialties with Production of the Man From Albany will be Particularly Good—Subscription Tickets in Demand.

One of the features of the production of The Man From Albany, which will be presented by Theodore H. Bird and local players in the Opera House on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings next, under the auspices of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers, will be the specialties. The entertainments which Mr. Bird and his associates have from time to time presented here have always been noted for the musical numbers, and particular attention is being paid to this end of the present production.

The orchestra will be one of the finest ever heard in St. John. It will be made up of 25 pieces under the leadership of Bandmaster Perkins, of the 62nd band, and an excellent musical programme is being prepared. The play itself is one of the finest ever written, and with a capable cast a most enjoyable performance should be given. There is a large demand for subscription tickets, which may be procured from members of the company or band, and may be exchanged at the Opera House box office commencing tomorrow morning for reserved seats. The general seat sale opens on Monday.

An Odd Sale.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are advertising a sale to commence this morning of a varied line of articles at a price so small that everyone will be interested. Among these goods are over three thousand yards of Hamburg embroidery, which is an article that every woman will be using during the spring months.

Miss Alice Dysart, of Fredericton is visiting Mrs. M. L. Beverly, of Main street. D. Mallin, K. C., left last evening for Fredericton.

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