

# EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

## THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

Beans are again higher in the west. Last week there was an advance of five and ten cents a bushel.

Frederick Hamilton, the well-known correspondent, was tendered a dinner Saturday at Halifax by the newspaper fraternity of that city.

Mr. Charles A. Everett, secretary of the Exhibition Association, is an applicant for the position of chairman of the board of civic assessors.

The Street Railway Company has declined to accept the common council's proposition regarding their taxes for this year and will appeal.

W. S. Harkins has asked the Development Club for the Institute for the holiday season and wishes to bring a company with Miss Bonstelle as the leading lady.

A number of immigrants, who were held over here on the arrival of the steamer Lake Superior, were sent west yesterday afternoon.

The Pacific express was about an hour late yesterday afternoon. Among the passengers were some 40 immigrants who came out on the steamer Tunisian.

The board of health last week issued eight burial permits. The deaths were caused by old age, infirmity, diabetes, paralysis, diphtheria, consumption, strangled hernia, fracture of skull.

Masonic Grand Master Forbes and Grand Secretary Hart will visit Petitioners tomorrow to institute Stephen Lodge, No. 27. On Wednesday they will institute Zealand Lodge at Shelburne.

John Harrington, a young man who suddenly disappeared about three months ago from his home on Sherbrooke street, and was advertised as missing, arrived home on Saturday. The young fellow has been in Massachusetts.

Mr. Thomas Richardson, of Hampton, was brought to the city yesterday and taken to the hospital to undergo an operation. At an early hour this morning he was improving, having undergone the operation successfully.

The delegates from the junior hockey clubs met at the Y. M. C. A. last evening for the purpose of forming a league for this winter. Nothing definite was decided on and the meeting was adjourned until next Friday evening.

A meeting of St. Stephen's church auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held last evening. The topic was Unity. A Bible reading was given by Miss Drake and a paper on the topic was read by Miss Morrison. A reading on missionaries' wives was given by Miss A. Dunn.

Although the sleighing is yet a little heavy there was a large number of horsemen out in the marsh road Sunday afternoon and there were a number of horsemen among some of the speedy ones. It is expected that the road will be in excellent shape by the last of the week.

Yesterday morning while Joseph Murphy, of Pond street, was working on board the R. M. S. Lake Superior, a point a chain struck him on the head and fractured his skull. He was taken to the hospital in the ambulance. Early this morning he was reported to be resting easily.

When the appraisers yesterday opened a case supposed to contain a dozen of kid gloves for Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison, they found that there were only nine and a quarter dozen. The value of the goods is \$20. The gloves were shipped from London and came out in the S. S. Daltonian to Halifax.

Yesterday at noon Detective Ring arrested Arthur Storey who was at work on Erin street. Storey is suspected of setting fire to a barn at Stoddard, Kings county, on the night of September 1st. The barn, which was owned by Richard Roach, was burned to the ground. Storey denies the charge and says he was visiting his mother when the fire occurred.

By the courtesy of Dr. G. A. Hetherington, superintendent of the P. L. Asylum, the attendants entertained their lady and gentlemen friends to an at home Wednesday evening. It took place in the amusement hall, which was prettily decorated. A very pleasant evening was spent by all. Refreshments were served at 11:30 o'clock, after which the party dispersed.

The death occurred at the hospital yesterday of Moses Kipping, a sailor who some time ago fell from aloft on the schooner E. Merriam, and besides having a leg broken was badly injured about the head and body. Deceased was 29 years of age and his home was at Channel, Newfoundland. The remains have been taken charge of by Shipping Master Purdy and the funeral will take place this morning from the hospital.

Branch 184, C. M. B. A., Fairville, has elected T. Hooley, president; J. Gallagher, 1st vice-president; J. Wallace, 2nd vice-president; J. Deane, recording secretary; J. Goldie, assistant recording secretary; C. Delaney, financial secretary; J. McMurray, treasurer; M. Butler, marshal; C. Savage, guard; C. McHugh and J. Gillis, trustees; P. Murphy, delegate to convention; T. Hooley, alternate.

Since the last large fall of snow a number of people have failed to remove the snow from the sidewalks in front of their buildings. Officer Fuller on Saturday reported the following: Frank Green, Mrs. L. Murphy, Turnbull Real Estate Company, Herbert F. Wardrop, Cornelius Heffron, Andrew Miller and the Little

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### REV. DR. GATES' RESIGNATION.

Congregation of German Street Baptist Church Reluctantly Accept It.

After the regular prayer meeting last evening the congregation of the German street Baptist church held a business meeting to consider the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates, Deacon Lewis presided. Donaldson Hunt, who acted as secretary, read the following letter from Pastor Gates:

Passage, Dec. 7. My dear brothers and sisters, permit me to say a few words by pen, it being easier for me than by the word of mouth. First, let me again thank you for all your past kindnesses to Mrs. Gates and myself. All along I knew my people had kindly feelings toward me, but I confess I did not know how deep seated was this regard. You have made me feel my unworthiness, but at the same time, you have deepened my determination to try to live more and more a loyal and honorable life. The very unselfish and generous proposal on the part of the ladies' committee and which was concurred in by the pulpit committee was to me most touching. I do not feel that I can accept it, least should be regarded as obstinate. I do not want to be regarded as obstinate. The decision I came to was not quickly or thoughtlessly arrived at. You will know—I am not wise to try to tell you of the conflict that decision was reached. But once convinced I was in the way of duty, that Providence was directing I could not, I cannot with present light retract my steps. To many I seem to be making a foolish move and time may reveal that I was right and I was not, but at the present, I see no other course for me to take. Will you still kindly regard me? Even if in some ways after all you have said, attempted and done, I seem obstinate. I do not mean so to be. I hope still I am doing the right thing. Kindly then and heartily, grant me a blessing from your lips in going and rest assured my willingness to be even more in heart desire for you in days to come than in the past. Let me go followed by your prayers, for we know that returning thanks to you again and again, as I do, I am still held in esteem by you. Make it easy as you can this parting. Praying God to bless you, yours in Christ,

G. O. GATES.

Rev. S. McCully Black, the chairman of the pulpit committee, presented the following resolution:

The pulpit committee appointed last Friday night, met in the church parlour Monday evening and were waited upon by a delegation from the ladies' committee, who held a meeting in the afternoon. The delegation presented certain resolutions which were passed at this meeting in that the ladies' committee be authorized to help in every way possible in church work as well as with their sympathy and prayers and suggested that the church give Dr. Gates a year's salary from the pastorate and at the end of that time to return as pastor of the church, with the hope that he remain the pastor for life. This suggestion of the ladies' committee was met with the approval of the pulpit committee with the general expression of desire that the pastor withdraw his resignation if he can see his way clear to do so.

Rev. Dr. Black spoke in eulogistic terms of Pastor Gates and expressed regret at the resignation. As he had accepted a case thought to be closed by the ladies' committee, but he accepted the resignation, and he made a motion to that effect. Deacon Jas. Harding seconded the motion.

A vote being taken the motion was lost 45 to 44. Mr. S. McLaughlin urged the meeting to reconsider its decision. Deacons Cross, Harding and Simons spoke for the reconsideration of the vote. Finally it was resolved to unanimously accept the resignation and a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Black, Dr. G. O. Gates, Dr. P. R. L. Seaton and Mr. Charles A. Seaton, both of New York, and Miss Seaton, who is at home. The deceased was a faithful member of St. John's (stone) church, being one of the oldest of the congregation. Many friends will mourn her death and extend sympathy to her family.

An illustrated article, including business blocks, commercial houses, street view, park views, banks, city and public buildings, churches, schools, dock and harbor views, showing St. John's to the best advantage, will be published shortly in The Canadian Trade Review, of Montreal. It is desirable to say that this work is being carefully prepared and printed by the publisher, and is of a superior to anything ever before published upon this city. It will be so full and complete, both in descriptive and illustrative matter, that citizens will doubt wish to send copies abroad to their friends. It is further to be desired that all should understand that in order to secure copies of the St. John edition of The Canadian Trade Review it will be necessary to order in advance at bookstores, as none will be placed on sale by the Review.

The regular meeting of the pilot commissioners was held yesterday afternoon. The matter of pilots bringing vessels into port before they had been visited by the port physician was taken up. The owners of vessels have had occasion to pay extra towage on account of the quarantine officer having their vessels towed out side of quarantine when brought into port by pilots before being inspected, and are asking that something be done so that they will not be forced to pay extra fees on such account. It was decided by the commissioners that at present they could do nothing in the matter but would endeavor to have the regulations changed so that when such a case happened it is the pilot's fault, he be made pay the extra charge back to the owners.

At Chubb's Corner, Saturday, Auctioneer Gerow sold one city lot 6 per cent. \$300 bond, due June 1, 1905, at \$2 per cent. premium; one city lot 6 per cent. \$320 bond, due June 1, 1905, at \$2 per cent. premium; one city lot 6 per cent. \$300 bond, due May 1, 1911, at 171 per cent. premium; three city lots 4 per cent. \$500 each, due May 1, 1910, at 121 per cent. premium; two Carleton 6 per cent. water scrip, \$400 each, due November 1, 1903, at 61 per cent. premium; four province 4 per cent. \$500 each, due February 15, 1922, at \$2 per cent. premium. Mr. Gerow also sold two J. W. Keast building and barn on Bridge street. The ground rent is \$75 per annum and the claims for mortgages, etc., were \$4,965. Messrs. P. Nase & Sons bought at \$410 above the claims. Auctioneer Burke was indisposed and the Brandon and Golden Crown Mining Company shares were not offered. They may be purchased at private sale.

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Great Losses by Fire. Baltimore, Dec. 8.—The extensive stores and stocks of the Baltimore Bargain house at 212 to 220 West Baltimore street were totally destroyed by fire this morning. The stock and building of Grojan, Love & Co., adjoining, was considerably damaged. The fire was discovered shortly after three o'clock and burned fiercely the rest of the night and far into the forenoon, completely obstructing traffic in the busiest part of the city during the early hours. Several firemen had narrow escape from death, but none was seriously injured. The Baltimore Bargain house, of which Mr. David Epstein is the head, was the largest store in the kind in the south, had a large holiday stock on hand.

Mr. Epstein is as yet unable to give accurate figures of the loss, but roughly places it at \$150,000. Grojan, Love & Co. estimate their loss at \$50,000, while the loss on the buildings will probably swell the total to \$300,000, all being fully covered.

Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 8.—A fire in the blacksmith and carriage shop of E. T. Southwick & Co. tonight, caused a damage of \$17,000, covered by insurance. The stock and machinery of Sylvester Albee, wood turner, were also damaged to the extent of \$700.

Casnovia, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The mills of the Casnovia Woolen & Felt Co. were burned last night. Two houses were burned. The loss will be about \$50,000. Spontaneous combustion is given as the cause of the fire.

Saved by a Cat. Stoneham, Mass., Dec. 10.—A cat saved the lives of Peter White's family at Stoneham, who had been out in the house early today.

At about two o'clock this morning an occupant of a chamber was suddenly awakened by the cat clawing at the bed clothing and crying pitifully. The house was filled with suffocating smoke that poured in from the chimney and the fire. The family escaped, but Mr. White's mother was nearly overcome by smoke.

The house was practically ruined. It is thought the fire originated near the furnace. The loss will amount to about \$3,000.

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Private Kirkpatrick Home. Arrived at 215 O'clock This Morning and Welcomed Heartily.

A large number of Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison's clerks went to the depot early Saturday morning to meet Private Kirkpatrick, who is expected home from South Africa. The train was about an hour late, and while waiting for the train, a number of other officers and friends were waiting at the depot and about an hour was pleasantly spent in song and speaking. The train arrived about 215 o'clock and the two Kirkpatrick men were seen in waiting and driven in triumph to his home on Rockland Road.

Two other members of the first contingent, Private Redden and Woodard of Fredericton, also arrived on the train this morning and were taken care of by ex-Mayor Sears and Private Kirkpatrick's friends. The two Fredericton men leave for the capital on the express this morning. Private Redden says that Private Walker Bell will arrive here on the next train from Halifax, arriving this morning.

TO SPEND \$1,000. Recommendation of the General Committee OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

In the Cushing Water Supply Matter Was to Provide a Ten-inch Meter Instead of the Present Six-inch One—Taxation Discussion Postponed.

At the civic treasury board Friday morning an order was passed for payment of the city's grant of \$5,000 to the exhibition association. Two coupons of Mrs. Isabella C. Dunlap, of Scotland, wrongfully numbered, were ordered paid for \$100.

A letter was read from Mr. W. T. Goff, editor of Canadian Trade Review, Montreal, asking the city to furnish 25 cuts, to be used in an illustrated St. John edition. The present meter was capable of supplying the water supply of the Cushing pump mill.

Mayor Daniel presided at the meeting, while the aldermen present were Messrs. Hildard, Waring, Millidge, Armstrong, Maxwell, Christie, Seaton, Tufts, McMullin and White.

The entire system of providing the pulp and saw mills with water for general consumption and fire protection purposes was discussed, but the question of metering was postponed.

At present the 10-inch pipe supplying the whole service for the mills is intersected with a six inch pipe for the purpose of the water supply. The water supply is now running to the mills. As a remedy he desires that the meter be removed from its present location and that two six inch meters be placed on the two six inch pipes running from the main into the pulp mill, leaving the pipe giving the supply to the fire protection sprinklers and hydrants without being metered.

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Engineer Murdoch was present and explained the matter to the council, but the engineer stated he did not favor any change in the meters or pipes. The present meter was capable of supplying the maximum quantity desired by the pulp mill, 2,000,000 gallons a day, as well as the supply required for the fire hydrant service would give. This he said, contradicted Mr. Murdoch's statement respecting the capacity of the meter.

After a lot of discussion a motion by Ald. Baxter that the city notify Mr. Cushing that it is prepared to provide a ten inch meter where the six inch meter is now situated, was carried.

This means that the entire supply will still be metered.

Ald. Millidge said he desired to be put on record as opposing the expenditure of any more public money on a change which the engineer said was not necessary. The committee, by its action, was really giving away money.

Engineer Murdoch explained the ten inch meter would cost \$1,000. For this the Cushing company will pay a yearly rental of five per cent. of the cost. As to the matter of providing a protection which Mr. Cushing removed in replacing a pipe, the engineer was instructed to place the meter where the six inch meter is now situated.

A bill from the tug Digbo for \$40 for four hours' ferry service in place of the \$100 recommended for payment.

Ald. Maxwell said the new 16 inch water main on Union street was being laid on top of a wooden sewer and when the steam roller went over the street the pipe would likely be crushed through the sewer.

Engineer Murdoch said the sewer was constructed of timber and would stand the pressure. Ald. Maxwell said the engineer's assurance was satisfactory.

### WITH ST. JOHN CARGO.

Schooner Brisk Had to Be Beached in Horseshoe Cove—Making Brick at Advocate, N. S.—New Steamer.

Advocate, N. S., Dec. 7.—The schooner Brisk, while making a passage from St. John to Hantsport, with a full cargo of goods for W. C. Balcorn and others, anchored in Horseshoe Cove and during the heavy gale of Thursday dragged her anchors and in order to save vessel and cargo the cables were slipped and the vessel beached near high water on the ash tide.

A number of men with teams went from Advocate and before next tide had the cargo all landed without much damage and had the goods stored in the government coal shed where they now remain in charge of F. H. P. Lewis, keeper of the Cape Fear fog alarm. The vessel has since been floated and brought into Advocate harbor with but slight damage, but with loss of one anchor and cable, which may be gotten in the spring.

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### DOES NOT WANT WAR.

General Mercier in the French Chamber Talks of His Recent Speech.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The chamber of deputies today rejected a motion providing for a parliamentary inquiry into slavery and cruelty in the colonies. On an anchoring the Americans were fired upon by sixteen rifles, and after a short engagement they cut the anchor chain and sailed for Catanduanes with two killed and two wounded. The names have not yet been received here.

Christie Richard T. Ellis, of the 3rd Volunteer Infantry, captured in the mountains near Barbas large quantities of Krug Mauser and Remington ammunition, together with a steam engine, printing press and other equipment. All of this was destroyed.

Thirteen rifles and several hundred cartridges were secured at Victoria.

A detachment of the Fourth Infantry captured Major Garcia and three officers of low rank in the town of Paseo. Another detachment destroyed General Urua's camp. The enemy had fled but the Americans subsequently rounded up 25 prisoners.

General MacArthur has approved the death sentences passed upon several additional persons convicted of murder, arson and other crimes.

General Mercer then rose and alluded to his speech of Dec. 4, when he urged training the army so as to be ready for an invasion of England. He said that the remarks had produced. He did not desire war with Great Britain, but he thought it the duty of the government to provide for such an emergency. He repudiated any intention to appear aggressive towards Great Britain.

Will Have to Pay Indemnity. Kingston, Jan. Dec. 7.—The British steamer Louisiana, from Colon today, reports that the British gunboat Phœnix arrived at Panama recently and left that port without any important incident. The Phœnix was sent to investigate the seizure of the British steamer Tago by the Colombian authorities. It is believed the Tago matter will be settled by the payment of an indemnity to the Pacific Navigation Company, owners of the vessel.

Fighting is proceeding at Buenaventura. The Colombian government has not succeeded in dislodging the rebels at that port, who still hold strong positions.

Paralyzed from Fear. Full River, Mass., Dec. 8.—As the result of paralysis, caused through fear that she had swallowed her false set of teeth, Mrs. Hannah Laidlaw, of East Main street, is dead at the city hospital. The woman was found Wednesday night in an unconscious condition and after regaining her power of speech declared that she had swallowed her set of false teeth, which had reposed in her lower jaw. The physicians declare that the woman had shown fear for a surgical operation, even though assured that she had not swallowed the teeth, caused paralysis and finally death.

Ordered to South America. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 7.—Admiral Kautz received orders this afternoon to sail with his fleet to South America and in accordance with these instructions preparations are now being hurriedly made for both the Iowa and Philadelphia to leave this port tomorrow. The cause for this hurry order is not made here, but came as a great surprise to Admiral