

AROUND THE CITY

SPRUE LAKE MAIN. Commissioner Jones advised last evening that the water would not be turned into the new Sprue Lake main until next Saturday.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS. The evening service at St. Luke's church yesterday was in the hands of the choir who, following out their usual custom, rendered very acceptably a number of Christmas carols.

AUTOMOBILE DAMAGED. An automobile owned by Dr. R. J. Broderick skidded on Coburg street at 3 p. m. Saturday evening and struck a telephone pole, the area of the impact being such as to tear off one of the wheels of the car. No injury was sustained by the occupants of the car.

ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS. A special train, composed of four cars will leave Moncton at 10 a. m. on Thursday, Dec. 22nd and returning will leave Colton at 10 a. m. for the accommodation of the St. Joseph College students. A number of St. John boys are expected to arrive in the city on the 8.30 train Thursday from St. Joseph.

FOR MINISTER'S STUDY. A pantry sale was held on Saturday afternoon by the Ladies Aid of St. Andrew's church, the proceeds to be used in furnishing the minister's study. Mrs. Frank White was in charge. She was assisted by Mrs. Frank Hinkley, Mrs. L. G. Mitchell, Mrs. C. H. Allen, Mrs. J. Blinn, Mrs. J. L. Pliny, Mrs. N. H. Chipman and Miss M. Knox.

CARLETON IN DARKNESS. "Head-knights" light is an appropriate description of the Patrimonist's duties in West St. John last night, when, owing to a difficulty in the street lighting system, the streets in that section of the city were shrouded in darkness for the greater portion of the evening. The only light to guide pedestrians on their way was provided by the occasional glimmer of motorists' flash light and the headlights of passing motor-cars.

HELD HANTRY SALE. The North End branch of the Women's Catholic League held a pantry sale in the lobby of the Imperial Theatre Saturday morning, proceeds to go to the League. Miss M. H. McCleary, president of the branch, and Mrs. C. Lynch, convenor, were in charge, and were assisted by Mrs. A. Phillips, Mrs. F. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. D. Maher, Mrs. J. Burke, Mrs. McDowall, Mrs. J. Buckley, Miss M. Blinn, Mrs. Burke, Miss F. Kierin and Miss Katie Oughlin.

CHANGE CONTEMPLATED. The Commissioners of Safety advised Saturday morning that his department was considering plans for moving the motor chemical engine from No. 3 station, Union street, to No. 1 and L house, King street east. This advantage would be that both motors would be under one roof and would have a considerably wider street in which to turn in going to free. The horse-drawn chemical is now housed at No. 5 Station, West End, and, reportedly, the new plant presents an attractive appearance.

C. P. R. Employee Killed Last Night. Ernest Black, Foreman of Switching Crew, Run Over and Badly Mangled by String of Cars.

The life of Ernest Black, foreman of a C.P.R. switching crew, was suddenly snuffed out near the Bay Shore road house, W. E., at 11.30 last night, when he had the misfortune to fall under the wheels of a string of cars he was working with, and he was cut to pieces. The cause of the accident cannot be determined and the mutilated body of the unfortunate man was first discovered by Fred Duff, who together with Howard Johnson were the brakemen who were assisting Black on the switching crew. It is presumed that Black tripped and fell to his death.

Letter Carrier Under Arrest. Held on Suspicion of Stealing Jewelry from the Post Office on Recent Date.

William Dixon was arrested on a warrant Saturday charging him with stealing jewelry worth \$100. Five drunks were taken into custody, and one professional was given a month. On Sunday Harry A. Morrison was given a month for stealing jewelry from the Post Office. On suspicion of stealing a quantity of jewelry to the value of \$300, between Dec. 1 and 15, from the local Post Office department, where he was employed as a letter carrier. The articles believed to have been stolen include four watches, three rings and various other articles. Three professionals spent Sunday night in the cells.

ATTENDED LEAGUE OF NATIONS' NATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE.

Tom Moore, President of Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and Hon. Walter Rollo Arrive in St. John—Speak Very Highly of Work of Conference.

Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and Hon. Walter Rollo, of the Ontario Cabinet, who have been attending the League of Nations National Labor Conference, were among the passengers who arrived in St. John yesterday on his C. P. S. Scandinavian. When interviewed by a representative of The Standard, Mr. Moore and Hon. Mr. Rollo spoke very highly of the work of the conference and were enthusiastic in regard to the universal benefits which will be brought about by the discussion of problems vital to the labor element by representatives of the Governments of the vast majority of countries in the world.

Delegates were present from thirty-five countries, including Canada, Great Britain, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Chile, India, South Africa, Australia, Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Japan, China and Cuba. Mr. Moore stated that the conference was entirely autonomous from the League of Nations, and dealt solely with labor questions. The budget of the conference was, however, to be submitted annually to the League of Nations, and this is the only instance where the latter body has power to veto in any respect the acts of the conference.

The government of each country, which is a member, is entitled to send two representatives to attend the conference; while the employees and workers send one representative each. At the recent conference, Canada was represented by Gerald Brown, Deputy Minister of Labor at Ottawa, and J. O'Neil Smith, Commissioner of Canada's Immigration in London. Each delegate is entitled to so many advisers and in view of the fact that certain proposals dealt with at the conference affected matters within provincial jurisdiction in Canada, an invitation had been extended by the Dominion Government to Provincial Administrations to send representatives. The provincial delegates present were: Hon. Walter Rollo for Ontario; Hon. A. Gallipault for Quebec, and Hon. Thomas L. Johnston for Manitoba; Tom Moore represented the Trades and Labor Congress; and S. E. Parsons, of Toronto, and Blake Robertson, of the C. M. A. Staff, represented the employees of Canada.

Mr. Moore pointed out that the decisions of the conference may be made by recommendation or resolution, which requires a majority vote. An alternative method is by free convention, under which it is compulsory to submit the matter to the various governments represented within a fixed period, and requires a two-third vote of the delegates. The recent session opened in Geneva on October 26 and extended over three weeks. Most of the matters submitted in the agenda were dealt with by conventions, so that automatically they will come before the Canadian and other Governments. The chief matters under consideration were proposals for the prohibition of the use of white lead in painting; the adoption of a weekly day of rest throughout the agricultural world by an international arrangement, and various other proposals.

The question of an eight hour day for agriculture was protested by the French Government, and the matter was, therefore, allowed to stand in abeyance, but it will probably come up again for discussion at a future conference. Mr. Moore declared that the conference, as a whole, shows every sign of being a permanent organization, and is, undoubtedly, going much to raise the standards of conditions among the labor elements in the various countries throughout the world. One of the most valuable accomplishments is the bringing together of so many and varied interests in each country; and such an organization, with representatives of the Govern-

ments, employers and workers of so many nations, will do a vast amount of good towards alleviating undesirable conditions and evils. The attendance at such conferences manifests the maintenance of the world, the interlocking relations which one country bears to the other, and the realization that elements in one country cannot progress unless prosperity exists within the boundaries of the other nations.

As a conclusion of the conference in November, Mr. Moore, accompanied by Mrs. Moore, and Hon. Walter Rollo, spent two weeks inspecting the various plants in Germany, in which war material had previously been manufactured, and to convince the delegates that these establishments had now been turned into industrial enterprises. It was also for the purpose of enabling the representatives to familiarize themselves with existing conditions in Germany, and the invitation was issued by the German Trade and Labor Union.

Mr. Moore stated that, considering the reactionary attitude of the various governments in regard to the favorable attitude they had previously adopted towards some of the policies of the labor element, the fact that as good as no expert in the circumstances. Mr. Moore and Hon. Mr. Rollo declared that they were very glad to get back to Canada. They had not been in touch with any matters in regard to politics or labor which had transpired in this country during the past two or three months, and for that reason they did not wish to express themselves on any recent question which might have arisen since their departure from Canada.

Miss Susie Smith Sustained Injuries. Struck Down by a Team on Haymarket Square—Driver Who Did Not Wait is Known.

Miss Susie Smith of Prince Edward Street sustained painful but fortunate injuries when she was struck down by a team on Haymarket Square at about 8.30 Saturday evening. The driver of the team did not pause to see what happened to the girl but whipped up his horses and disappeared. He was recognized by some passersby however, and action was taken against him for his heartless conduct.

Miss Smith was picked up by those nearest to the scene and carried into McWatt's drug store where she was attended, and after some little time was able to return to her home.

Will Lecture In The Officers' Mess

LT.-Col. Newcomen, M. C. Will be Speaker Tomorrow Evening.

Lieut. Colonel Newcomen, M. C., officer commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons, of Toronto, will deliver a lecture in the Officers' Mess at the Armouries, Tuesday evening at 8.30, on "Cavalry Operations in the Great War, Especially on the Western Front." All officers, both on the active and retired list, and of the C. B. F. are invited to attend. Colonel Newcomen made a distinguished record during the great war. He was over as a lieutenant in the cavalry and rose to the command of the R. O. D.'s. He has a thorough grasp of his subject, on which few know anything about, and which because it was overlooked by general events, has not received the attention it deserves. Colonel Newcomen was in command of the Cavalry School which recently terminated a course of instructions in Montreal.

Leak Discovered In The Water Main

Is in No. 3 Between Little River and Silver Falls—Warning to Residents on Heights.

A leak was discovered in No. 3 main last evening between Little River and Silver Falls, about thirty feet from the roadway. It was not known what it was a break in the main or not out a crew of men will be on the scene tonight and early this morning to investigate and make the necessary repairs. While repairs are being made the pressure of the high levels will be somewhat increased, and householders living on the heights are advised by Commissioner Jones to draw a supply this morning to last through the day, as judging from the amount of water coming up around the vicinity of the leak it is a considerable one.

PERSONALS

Hon. J. A. Murray, of Sumner, was in the city yesterday and registered at the Victoria Hotel in the afternoon. J. P. Black, of Moncton, was a guest on Saturday at the Royal Hotel. H. L. Boers, of Moncton, was an arrival at the Dufferin Hotel over the weekend. B. A. Atkinson, of Sackville, registered at the Royal Hotel on Saturday.

A. Robertson, of Bathurst, was a guest on Saturday at the Victoria Hotel. Chief Lighter Inspector J. B. Hawthorn, of Moncton, was in the city on Saturday. E. B. Evans, of Moncton was an arrival at the Royal Hotel during the week-end. Guy J. Porter of Andover, is stopping at the Dufferin Hotel. H. H. Hatfield, of Harland, registered at the Victoria Hotel on Saturday.

Among the arrivals at the Royal Hotel during the weekend were H. M. Milton, Antwerp, Belgium, and J. R. Drew, Montreal. At the Victoria Hotel the guests included N. J. Foster Halifax, and J. J. Lenow, Montreal. Those registered at the Dufferin Hotel included Delaney, Fredericton and W. A. Arthur, Sincow, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blair, of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived in the city Saturday evening, accompanied by Mrs. F. B. Ellis, Queen Street. Rev. J. Honey, pastor of Carleton Methodist church, returned home Friday evening from P. B. Island, where he was visiting his father for a few days.

Miss Marie Thompson, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Bernard Connor, of Black's Harbor are visiting in the city Friday evening on their way home from Halifax, after attending a reunion held at Mount St. Vincent's. Both were former students there. James L. McAvity returned to the city Saturday from Toronto. Antigonish Castle: Mrs. Henry Bowls, Truro, accompanied by her son, Leonard, has gone to St. John, N. B., to spend the holidays with daughter, Mrs. J. Miller. Saturday Night, Toronto: A most enjoyable bridge was given on Wednesday last by Mrs. C. S. Goswami, Parkside Drive, Toronto, for some out of town guests: the Misses Kerr, Vancouver; Miss Snowball, Chatham, N. B.; and Miss Madeline Rowan, who is the guest of Mrs. George Marks.

Fredericton (Gazette): Lieut.-Col. T. G. Loggie Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, and Mrs. Loggie, left Thursday night for Colebrook where they will spend a month with their son, Major Gerald Loggie and Mrs. Loggie. Mrs. Geo. T. McCafferty, who has been spending some time in Boston and vicinity, returned home Saturday.

THORNE'S OPEN EVENING AFTER TEA TILL CHRISTMAS EVE. The stores of Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open every evening after tea until Christmas Eve.

OPEN TONIGHT. Commencing tonight (Monday) the stores of W. H. Thorne & Co. will remain open each evening until Christmas. Visit Dykeman's great display of Toys in Toyland.—Top Floor. Clifton House, all meals 60c.

Santa Claus at THORNE'S This Afternoon. At 4.30 O'clock. The merry old fellow will be on hand, with a cheery smile and a joyous welcome for every kiddie in St. John, and HE WANTS TO SEE EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN TOWN, as he said in his message which you read here yesterday and the day before. BE SURE TO COME —and be on hand as near to half-past four as you possibly can. This will be just one big, jolly kiddies' carnival. Old Santa will show how to get the most fun from the hundreds of Toy Novelties in our Big, Bright Toy Department. Remember the time—4.30 O'clock in the Afternoon at our Prince William Street Window. ALL DOLLS AT HALF PRICE. THE GREATEST BARGAIN OPPORTUNITY IN DOLLS you have ever known. In our exceptionally large stock of Dolls, you'll find the finest exhibit of the kind ever shown here and, within the former prices represented, particularly good values, the greatest REDUCTION TO HALF PRICE gives you the BEST VALUES IN DOLLS your money can buy. There are Beautifully Dressed Dolls from 6 inches to 18 inches high, Baby Dolls from 6 inches high to life size, Undressed Dolls of all sizes, Kewpie Dolls of every size. But they're selling rapidly and, to ensure the widest range for choice, you will be wise to COME IN AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS NOW. TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE TOY DEPARTMENT. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Store Hours—8.30. Open Every Evening Until Christmas Eve.

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Make Her Christmas a Happy One. She will appreciate one of these new gowns more than anything else you could give her, and as they are moderately priced, you will appreciate the value yourself. Some very smart models have just arrived in the new colors, and are cleverly trimmed in most attractive effects. These new models warrant your consideration, and we know their attractiveness will appeal to you. The Store of Practical Gifts. Always Pleased to Serve You. Macaulay Bros & Co. LIMITED. Commencing tonight (Monday) the stores of W. H. Thorne & Co. will remain open each evening until Christmas. Visit Dykeman's great display of Toys in Toyland.—Top Floor.