

AROUND THE CITY

The Barbers' Union.
There will be a meeting of the barbers in their rooms, Opera House building, Sunday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Important business.

Will Have St. John Edition.
The progress of St. John seems to be attracting interest in other parts of Canada. The Montreal Standard, the biggest illustrated paper in Canada, is arranging to bring out a special St. John number, and now has a representative, Mr. McCallum, here sitting up the city.

The Empress Sails.
The C.P.R. royal mail liner Empress of Britain, sailed last evening at nine o'clock for Liverpool. The passenger list was made up of 48 first class, 48 second class and 315 steerage. Among the passengers were Mrs. G. M. Bosworth, wife of G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C.P.R., and Sydney Beckley, the well known singer.

Marine Department Man Here.
Mr. Tremaine, of Ottawa, an official of the Dominion marine department, arrived in the city yesterday, after an inspection tour of Prince Edward Island and other points in the Maritime Provinces. The Minto, he said, had met with an accident to her main reefed pipe yesterday, and might be held up for a few hours, but beyond that he knew of nothing of interest. In St. John the agency seemed to be living up to its obligations. The Steamship Navigation Company would proceed to Halifax. In regard to the marine depot here, all that Mr. Tremaine knew was that the contractor, Mr. Boone, was supposed to get to work as soon as possible in the spring.

The Spencer Benefit.
The benefit concert being arranged by the Women's Canadian Club and other organizations in honor of H. L. Spencer, St. John's veteran poet, will be of great interest to the people generally, as well as those who are admirers of Longfellow, as the date selected for the benefit is the anniversary of Longfellow's birthday. Mrs. E. A. Smith, who is one of the close friends of Mr. Spencer, is in charge. There will be a number of readings or recitations from the works of Longfellow who was one of the close friends of Mr. Spencer. In addition there will be a number of readings or recitations from the works of Longfellow who was one of the close friends of Mr. Spencer. It is hoped that all lovers of the artistic reputation of St. John will turn out and do honor to the aged poet.

MAY ESTABLISH BIG PIGGERS NEAR CITY

High Price of Pork May Result in Breeders Taking this Step — Quotations in Country Market.

The country market will contain a good supply of produce this morning. Fowl and ducks are scarce and in all probability will not be offered for sale in the market today.

The price of pork is exceedingly high, ranging from 16 to 18 cents a pound. The demand for pork products in the city is great and the Maritime Provinces being unable to furnish a sufficient supply a great quantity has this year been imported from Upper Canada. Last season pork could be purchased here for as low as 9 cents a pound by the pig and this year the merchants have paid as high as 15 cents by the car load.

Merchants in the city are considering the advisability of starting a piggery here, and it is possible that within a short time an extensive acreage near the city will be devoted to such a purpose and run on an extensive scale.

The retail prices in the country market are: Turkey, 30 to 32 cents a lb.; chicken, 25 to 30 cents a lb.; fowl, 20 to 25 cents a lb.; veal, 10 to 15 cents a lb.; lamb, 12 to 18 cents a lb.; pork, 16 to 18 cents a lb.; beef, 16 to 20 cents a lb.; steak, 16 to 24 cents a lb.; bacon, 22 to 24 cents a lb.; eggs, 30 to 32 cents a dozen and butter 50 cents a lb.

FUNERALS.

Harold E. Johnston.
The funeral of Harold E. Johnston took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from Messrs. Chamberlain's undertaking parlors in Mill street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. D. Deinstadt, and interment was in Cedar Hill.

George Oram.
The funeral of George Oram will take place this morning at 7.30 o'clock instead of 8.30 o'clock as previously announced. The funeral will be from his late home at 16 Merritt street. Requiem high mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's church at 8 o'clock.

PERSONAL.

William Pierce, representing the Balke-Collender Company, is in the city.
Captain S. W. Theal of Chelsea and wife are in the city, the guests of C. A. Byles, 142 Adelaide street.

HOCKEY GAME POSTPONED.

The Fredericton High School hockey and basketball teams arrived in the city yesterday and intended playing a game of hockey with the local high school team last night, but owing to the fact that the game was not played, the Fredericton team will play the St. John High School at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. gym this afternoon.

A big lot of English and German stockings and men's socks are on sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co. About three hundred pair of stockings from the cheapest to the very finest makes, no two pair alike. These were bought less the duty and freight, consequently they can sell them at one-third less than the regular price. This is a chance for you to buy a stock of underwear at a great saving and get the best of quality.

C.P.R. MAY NOT BUILD BRIDGE AT FALLS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE

It is Understood that Company will Await Development — May be Bridge Across Harbor.

It is understood from reliable sources that the proposal of the C. P. R. to build a new railway bridge across the reversing falls, will not be carried out in the immediate future. A prominent official of the road when seen yesterday afternoon said that while it was probable the work would ultimately be carried out, he did not think it would be done at once.

The line taken by the Valley Railway in approaching the city has considerable to do with the proposition to build the new bridge, is thought in some quarters. Should the Valley Road, as is probable, cross the St. John river in the vicinity of the Nerepis highway bridge at Westfield and then follow the line of the C. P. R. as far as Fairville and enter the city by a bridge from the west side to Navy Island, and from that point to the city, it is probable that arrangements could be made whereby the C. P. R. would also lay their steel on this bridge. This would do away with the necessity of building a new bridge at the falls, and at the same time fill a long felt need.

NEW PROJECT TO SETTLE NEW BRUNSWICK FARMS

Dr. Wilby Leaves for England Today with Plan to Bring Farmers Out to Provincial Lands.

Dr. Wilby leaves for Liverpool today on the Allan liner Gramplan and while in England he will assist in the organization of a new farm settlement plan to be operated in this province. The scheme is to assist farmers to settle in New Brunswick and around farms of their own by an easy payment system. Dr. Wilby, when seen last evening, said that if he finds all satisfactory when he arrives in England he will return as manager of the new company with headquarters in St. John. Paul Jean, who is well known in this city as a French trader, is already in England and will return here as secretary of the company.

Dr. Wilby says the capital stock of the company will be large and will be all taken in the old country. It will be the aim of the company to bring farmers only from their homes in England to settle in the province and also that there has been some dissatisfaction from settling men on farms who knew practically nothing about farming.

RECEPTION HELD IN ORPHAN'S HOME

Pleasing Programme Rendered at Last Evening's Function in St. John Protestant Orphanage.

The annual reception at the Protestant Orphan's Home was held last evening and there was a larger attendance than usual. Many of those who attended their first visit to the Home and were greatly pleased with the arrangements and the manner in which the Home is conducted. During the evening there was a violin duet by Miss McLean and Miss Barker accompanied on the piano by Mrs. George Billard. Brief addresses were delivered by the President, T. H. Estabrooks, Rev. Mr. Cody, Rev. Dr. MacVicar. Recitations were given by a number of children of the Home and the manner in which they performed reflected great credit on their teachers.

At the close of the programme refreshments were served, the refreshment table being presided over by Mrs. Hugh McLean and Mrs. Tuck, who were assisted by Mrs. Estabrooks, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Sheffield, Miss Leavitt, Miss Bayard, Mrs. S. Murray, Miss Dorothy Bayard, Miss Jean Leavitt, and Mrs. J. S. McLaren. The guests were received by Mrs. David McLean, Mr. Estabrooks, Mrs. S. W. Murray and Mrs. J. S. McLaren.

The room was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, there being a beautiful display of flowers which had been kindly donated by the different florists in the city.

THE HUMAN RATTLEBOX ARRIVES IN THE CITY

There is a remarkable individual up at the Victoria Hotel, a chap who can dislocate all the bones in his body at ease of any account. His name is Elton Whitman, the human rattle box, who has surprised medical men all over the world. At 15 o'clock today he is to give a demonstration to the doctors of the General Public Hospital. Whitman says he is only 23 years of age; he does not look it. That, however, may not be his fault. Last evening he dislocated a shoulder for the benefit of a reporter. The human rattle box has sold his carcass to two persons, but as these have died he considers himself a free individual.

DOES NOT WANT RATE WAR; BUT WOULD FIGHT ALL RIVALS IF FORCED

G. M. Bosworth Tells of New Austrian Service — Would Prefer Peaceful Competition with Other Lines.

When speaking of the new Trieste-Canada service shortly to be inaugurated by the C. P. R., and the objections made to it by the competing lines, G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the company, said yesterday afternoon: "We don't want a rate war, but if it comes we are prepared to fight." These lines, said Mr. Bosworth, demanded that we give up our Austrian concessions, which we refused to do, but the company would welcome a uniform rate as the result of clean competition.

When asked what effect such a rate war would have on the company and on Canada, Mr. Bosworth stated that it was highly probable a far larger number of immigrants would take advantage of the lower rates to begin life again in the new world, but that what would be lost in meeting the cut rate could be made up in railroad fares.

This service, which will be started at once, the first boat being due to arrive here on March 20th, will complete the last link between the winter port of Canada and the different great trade centres of the world.

The two steamers which have been placed on the route, the Lake Erie and Lake Champlain, have been renamed the Tyrolia and Ruthenia, after the two great Austrian provinces, will also call at Naples, in Italy, as it is the intention of the company to carry Italian as well as Austrian freight and passengers. Other ports of southern Europe may also be placed on the call list.

These two ships will continue on the service, and at such time when the increased traffic demands others will be added. Mr. Bosworth when speaking of the probable growth of the service said he sincerely hoped that it would be a success and looked forward to having the Austrian branch of the service ranking well up with the others.

NEW YORK MAN WILL ORGANIZE A CAMPAIGN FOR MOUNT ALLISON

Committee will Seek to Raise \$250,000 to Augment Endowment and Improve Sackville Institutions.

The campaign committee of Mount Allison University at Sackville, have secured the services of R. A. Cassidy, of New York, in the forward movement planned for next month. Mr. Cassidy has had wide experience in work of this nature, and is said to be an organizer of exceptional ability. The details of the campaign have not yet been fully worked out, but plans are now being prepared, by means of which it is hoped to clearly place the needs of the Sackville institutions before every graduate and other friend of the college in Canada.

Mount Allison requires a new science building, and it is felt that fifty thousand dollars set apart for this purpose from the quarterly million which the committee hope to raise, will give the institution an equipment of science equal to any in the eastern provinces, and sufficient for many years to come. This, however, is not a first consideration of the campaign. Mount Allison's most pressing need is a sufficient fund to enable it to eliminate all possibility of further deficits, and to guarantee that for the future, the university will be self-supporting, in so far as this may be applied to a denominational institution, and with this end in view, the first efforts of the committee will be directed to securing two hundred thousand dollars as an addition to the permanent endowment, and only after this has been obtained, will the proposed new science building be given consideration. The annual deficit on operation has averaged three thousand dollars for some years, so it will be seen that the right or with the additional income, the university should be able to get along very comfortably.

ROBBERY IS CHARGED AGAINST JAMES SHAW

Man who Stole Pocket Book and Money from Clerk in Brussels Street Case Arrested Yesterday.

Yesterday morning James Shaw, who is supposed to be an English lawyer, entered the store of J. C. Clayton, Brussels street, and took a seat on one of the chairs. One of the clerks, Miss Maude Lake, had an occasion to wait on a customer and when she finished she discovered that some person had stolen a black seal pocketbook containing a large sum of money from the pocket of her coat hanging on a nail on the wall.

Shaw who had been in the store had left in the meantime and he was suspected of the theft. The police were notified, and as he is well known to the officers, they were keeping a lookout for him all day. He was not located until about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Officer James Ross found him on Smythe street and placed him under arrest. When searched the stolen pocketbook and \$2.41 were found in his pockets.

BOARD OF TRADE IS SPLIT ON VALLEY RAILWAY QUESTION

Take Exception to Article Published in Evening Paper — Will Give Careful Consideration to Subject.

The question of sending a delegation to Fredericton to urge upon the government the advisability of building the Valley Railway down the valley of the Nerepis to the West Side, will be taken up at a special meeting of the Fairville board of trade to be held on Monday evening. Those who have taken the responsibility of calling the meeting expect that the board will be practically unanimous in favor of the West Side route, and that it will authorize a large delegation to go to Fredericton and urge the adoption of this route.

Some of the members of the St. John board of trade take exception to an article in an evening paper intimating that those appointed to go to Fredericton are mainly in favor of the West Side route. It was said that there were quite a number in the delegation who were not in favor of this route at present. In any case the idea of the board is that the delegation will give careful consideration to the question, and not make up its mind till it has full information. The council of the board took no stand in the matter because it felt it did not have sufficient information about the various routes proposed.

LUMBERMEN LOOK FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

A. E. G. MacKenzie, of Campbellton, Believes Extra Large Cut has been Made—North Shore is Booming.

"It has been a very good winter for lumber operations in the northern part of the province," said A. E. G. MacKenzie, Campbellton, who is at the Royal. "Of course the lumbermen are liable to say that things are not all right, but the fact is the output of lumber in the Campbellton district this year seems likely to establish a record, and as prices are better than they have been the lumber operators ought to do a fine business."

Everybody in Campbellton is looking forward to a busy year, and there is no doubt that the old town will give a good account of itself and add to its business and population. The weather has been much colder and with more snow on the North Shore than in the St. John district, and this will be to the advantage of the North Shore lumbermen and business men generally.

A SAFE BLACK FOX INVESTMENT

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On another page of this paper will be found the advertisement of the Smith Silver Black Fox Company Limited. Conservative investors will find that this businesslike proposition will make a special appeal to them, as it offers high profits with all possible degree of safety.

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It may be of interest to mention that the profits on fox raising at present are estimated at from 40 per cent to 80 per cent. All information given to intending investors by C. H. McLean, provisional secretary, 93 Prince William street, St. John, N. B., or A. C. Jardine, provisional treasurer, real estate, 93 Prince William street, St. John, N. B. Read the advertisement, and write or call for the prospectus.

Housing Accommodation.
In spite of the cry that St. John is suffering from a lack of housing accommodation, the W. I. Fenton Land Co. has vacant houses to let or sell in Westmount, the finest residential section of Lancaster Heights. These self-contained houses have just been built, are provided with every modern convenience, and are right on the street car line. The houses have seven or eight rooms, and are arranged for either furnace or stove heating. Apply at Robinson Building, Market square or telephone M. 1624.

DOMINION LIFE.
The Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Dominion Life Assurance Company, represented in New Brunswick by Roy J. Rippell, shows business in force \$19,936,844, with assets amounting to \$2,272,054. The average rate of interest earned on the company's funds was 3 per cent, and the rate of mortality only thirty per cent of the expected. The business of the company for the twenty-fourth year was satisfactory in every respect.

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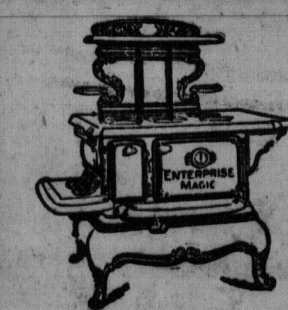
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M. R. A. STORES CLOSE THIS AFTERNOON AT 6

Special Sale of Ladies' Black Sateen Underskirts for Today

Advancing spring will soon bring the days of mud and melting snow, and these Underskirts will then serve when finer underskirts had better not be worn.

At 80c. each, here are Underskirts, 38, 40 and 42 inch lengths, made of good quality black mercerized sateen in the new narrow width, corded, with knife pleated frill and deep flounce. Extraordinary value. Sale price, each ——— 80c.

Come and Examine Them. Costume Section, Second Floor.

Spring Styles in Umbrellas For Ladies and Children

LADIES' UMBRELLAS in a brand new range, featuring an interesting array of the latest ideas in handles in silver, gold, horn and celluloid; mission wood, plain, and with silver and gold mountings; also natural wood handles in large variety. These umbrellas have steel rod and good reliable frames, durable mixed silk coverings, all with separate cases. Prices \$1.50, \$1.60, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.75 to \$10. See our special Umbrella at \$1.10.

CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS—We have just opened a much larger than usual assortment of umbrellas for young folks in a pleasing variety of latest handles, including the straight mission wood style. Prices 45c., 60c., 95c., \$1.30.

Showing in Silk Room—Second Floor.

Two-Dome Real French Kid Gloves FEBRUARY SALE STARTING THIS MORNING

Gloves of Fine Quality Worth \$1.25, for \$1 a Pair.
Seventy-five dozen only to be sold at this low price. The principal colors are white, greys, tans and black. These gloves are perfectly finished and the shades are of the best. All sizes to select from. Sale price, per pair ——— \$1.00
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