

Around the City

THE COMMON COUNCIL.
The regular meeting of the common council will be held this morning at eleven o'clock.

HOME MADE HAPPY.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hill, Rockland road, were made happy by the arrival of a little daughter on Sunday, December 30th.

WANTED IN HALIFAX.
Mayor Hayes has received telegrams from Halifax requesting that all available carpenters be sent forward and that six coal sleds and two coal carts with harness, were required for three months.

SMOKES FOR FISHERMEN.
Commissioner Russell played Santa Claus yesterday and provided a box of fine cigars for the fishermen who attended the sale at the Court House. His thoughtfulness was appreciated by them.

JOINED THE ALLIES.
The Cuban Consul has advised the Board of Trade officials that on the 15th inst., the Cuban government declared war on the Austrian-Hungarian Empire and joined the allied nations in the struggle for international justice.

OCCUPANTS THROWN OUT.
Just before the New Year arrived in St. John a sleigh on the north side of King Square hit a car track and the box, seat and two young men on the latter were dumped onto the street. The horse did not run away and no person was hurt.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
Sir Frederick Fraser, chairman of the Halifax Blind Relief Committee, desires to acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of £11.10 per Miss Gladys E. Northrup, being the proceeds of a pie and basket social held at Cole's Island, Queens Co., N. B.

HORSE RUN AWAY.
A white steed of uncertain age and appearing as if he had been a rider, galloped down King street about 6 o'clock last evening and evaded several attempts to catch him. After drinking at the Market Square fountain he kicked up his heels and disappeared down Canterbury street.

BASKET SOCIAL AND CONCERT.
The basket social and concert held in the public hall at Salt Spring Kings county on December 24th was a great success. A large crowd listened to a very enjoyable programme given by the scholars of Salt Spring school under the management of their teacher, Mrs. Annie Ferguson, aided by people of the place. The proceeds were realized clear of expenses, which will be used in relief work at Halifax.

THE POLICE COURT.
Twenty-four Chinese appeared in the police court Monday morning charged with rambling on Sunday night at 29 Mill street. Lim King was charged with being the k-eeper and the others as inmates. There were 26 taken in the raid by the police out of the number who left deposits of \$50 each Sunday night did not appear in court. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defendants and the case was adjourned until today.

EFFICIENT MANAGER RESIGNS.
Maurice E. Dickinson, who for several years has been the popular and efficient manager of the Elliott Hotel, has resigned his place and with Mrs. Dickinson leaves this morning for Quebec. Mr. Dickinson will take up the potato business. He was formerly a resident of Carleton county. While in this city Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson made many friends. Mr. Dickinson is succeeded by Harry Worrell, a well known railroad man.

THE ANNUAL TREAT.
The annual treat for the boys at St. John's Industrial Home was held yesterday and the boys had a great time. There was a big Christmas tree with something for everybody and candy, suits, fruit, etc. galore. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, Father Costello, rector of St. Peter's, Father O'Neill and Father Moore were present and addressed the boys and a number of friends attended and helped in the entertainment.

THE PROFITT CASE.
That action of some kind would be taken in the case of the death of Charles M. Proffitt, the young lad who died recently at the St. John Infirmary while undergoing a slight operation, was the statement made to The Standard last night by the boy's father, A. E. Proffitt. He was of the opinion that the boy's death was caused by negligence, and he felt that something ought to be done so that more care would be taken in such cases in the future.

I. O. O. F. OBSERVE NEW YEAR.
The Oddfellows of the city held their usual New Year's gathering yesterday morning in the rooms Germain St. owing to the cold weather the attendance was not as large as on former occasions but the gathering proved an enjoyable one. District Deputy Grand Master John Jackson, presided, and there was the customary round of felicitous speeches. An enjoyable feature of the morning was a vocal solo well rendered by J. A. Murdoch of Pioneer lodge.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.
The evangelistic meeting in the Charlotte St. United Baptist church, West St. John, assumed a new character last night in that Prof. Duffey, Evangelist Kenyon's choir leader, was present to lead in the singing. Prof. Duffey has a rich baritone voice which greatly contributed to the success of the meeting. Besides leading in the singing he rendered several solos. Rev. R. W. Williamson, after offering prayer, sang a selection in a pleasing manner. Rev. E. W. Kenyon delivered the first of a series of addresses on the general subject of "The Plan in Redemption." His subject for the evening being "The Reason for Creation." Mr. Kenyon is a powerful speaker and in his discourse last night he spoke strongly against "Darwinism" and the evolutionary theory.

A LARGE INCREASE IN ANNUAL SALE OF FISHING PRIVILEGES

Auction at Court House Yesterday Morning—Total Was \$3,329.65 Larger Than Last Year—J. Fred Belyea, the Largest Buyer, Paying \$9,457 for Lots—This Amount More Than the Grand Total of Previous Sale.

Bidding was brisk yesterday at the annual sale of the fishing privileges owned by the city and as a consequence the prices paid in most cases were considerably higher than last year and the total was \$3,329.65 larger. The big increase was in the Courtenay Bay lots which last year sold for \$800 and this year brought \$4,051. It was whispered around at the sale that the runners up on these waters were acting for the "Booth" interests and when this lot was put up J. Fred Belyea called the attention of the auctioneer to the fact that only citizens of St. John could bid at the sale. A new bidder appeared on the scene in the person of J. S. Gregory, who purchased a number of Straight Shore lots after running them up to record prices for that locality.

The big buyer was J. Fred Belyea, and he handed over to the chamberlain no less than \$9,457 for the lots which he purchased. This is more than the whole sum received last year when all the lots sold for \$8,314.75 and is nearly double the total received in 1916 when \$5,851.20 was taken in. In two instances the runner up on Mr. Belyea was W. A. Spence. He was interested in the Navy Island lots, and for a time the bidding was keen between them for Nos. 1, 2 and 7 and No. 8. Nos. 1, 2 and 7 fell a little short of the high price of last year, but No. 8 jumped from \$1,127 to \$1,926, an increase of \$799.

The usual procedure was followed in the selling of the lots and after T. T. Lantallum, who acted as auctioneer, had read the proclamation he put slips with the number of the Navy Island lots on them in a hat and drew them one at a time. This was objected to by J. Fred Belyea who wanted all the numbers put in the hat at once. He was overruled and the sale went on. The first number drawn was No. 8, the upset price of this was \$700 and quite a number took a hand in the bidding until it reached \$1,000, when it was left between W. A. Spence and J. Fred Belyea. Considerable laughter was caused by Mr. Belyea who every once and a while would bid ten cents and the privilege was finally knocked down to him at \$1,926.

The other lots were quickly knocked down until 1, 2 and 7 were put up when another battle royal resulted between Mr. Spence and Mr. Belyea, the lot falling to Mr. Belyea at \$3,450, which was \$30 less than last year's price. The next lot to cause much bidding was lot No. 20 (The Devil's Den) on the West Side shore. The upset price on this lot was \$600 and the bidding was between Mr. Belyea and Robert Irvine. Mr. Irvine winning out at a cost of \$1,340.

A number of those present wanted the Courtenay Bay lots and the bidding was participated in by quite a few; \$3,000 was quickly reached and it seemed to be all over at \$3,000, when someone bid \$4,000. This was raised \$500 by Mr. Belyea when the other party came back with \$4,050. Mr. Belyea raised this a dollar and the lot was knocked down to him. The bidding on lots 17 to 31 on Straight Shore was between the price of \$1,106.60 and \$1,847.50.

The following is a table of prices obtained for the past three years:

Navy Island.	1916	1917	1918
1, 2, 7	\$1,731.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,480.00
8	5.00	5.00	1.00
4	81.00	100.00	5.00
5	375.00	412.00	301.00
6	12.00	25.00	8.00
9	1,004.00	1,127.00	1,926.00
10	320.00	410.00	442.00
10, 11	5.00	45.10	13.93
	\$3,633.00	\$5,627.10	\$6,175.00

MANY SPENT LAST HOURS OF OLD YEAR IN CHURCH

"Watch Night" Services Drew Usual Large Congregations Despite Biting Cold of "Below Zero" Weather.

Watchnight services were held in many of the city churches New Year's eve. Although the weather was very cold, in most cases the congregations were large.

In Stone church, the organist, D. Arnold Fox, gave a short organ recital from 11 to 11.30 o'clock. This was followed by the Litany and an address by the rector, Rev. G. A. Kuhring. Appropriate hymns were sung. A united meeting of Waterloo St. Baptist, Zion Methodist and Calvin Presbyterian churches was held in the Waterloo street church. Rev. F. H. Wentworth presided. An address from the text, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom," was given by Rev. Mr. Boothroy of Zion Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Thompson of Calvin church and Rev. George Boister of Halifax assisted in the service. The congregation passed the last moments of the year in silent prayer. Then they formed a circle around the church by joining hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie that binds."

The service in Main St. Baptist church was conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. Hutchinson, who gave an address speaking of thanksgiving to God for blessings of the past year and confession of sin on account of failure. He emphasized the importance of the consecration of the spirit when entering upon the new year. The congregation remained in silent prayer while they passed from the old year to the new. The service closed with the Doxology and the Benediction. In the Ludlow St. Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson, gave an appropriate address. Hymns suited to the occasion were sung.

GOVERNOR GENERAL SENDS GREETINGS TO THE BOY SCOUTS

Telegram from Chief Scout Received Yesterday by A. C. Skelton, the President—Suitable Reply Was Wired to Ottawa.

The following telegram from the Duke of Devonshire to A. C. Skelton, president of the New Brunswick Provincial Council of Boy Scouts was received yesterday:

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31, 1917.
A. C. Skelton, President
Boy Scouts' Assn., St. John, N. B.:
I desire to extend to all Boy Scouts, Scoutmasters, and other officers my congratulations on their splendid efforts in aid of the war cause and other activities during the past year, and I hope they will accept my warmest good wishes for the New Year. All scouts will, I am confident, do their utmost to assist the common cause in every direction, and especially in regard to the vital needs of increased conservation and production of food and other necessities.

The following is the reply sent to the Governor-General:
George H. Brown,
Dominion Secretary,
The Boy Scouts' Association,
Ottawa:
On behalf of the Boy Scouts, Scoutmasters and officers throughout the province, please convey to our Chief Scout, the Governor-General, my thanks and appreciation of his good wishes, and my assurance that the scouts of New Brunswick will endeavor to carry on along the lines suggested by him.

(Sgd.) A. C. SKELTON.
NEW YEAR'S TREAT AT THE BOYS' CLUB

Between Ninety and One Hundred Youngsters Made Happy Last Evening.

Between ninety and one hundred boys were made happy at New Year's treat given for them at the Boys' Club on Union street last evening. An interesting programme was arranged for the occasion. Hon. R. J. Ritchie briefly addressed the boys and presented to them a cheque for \$100 which was to be hung on the walls of the club. H. S. Culver, American consul, gave a very fine illustrated talk on Southern Ireland. Views were thrown on the screen and these were vividly described by Mr. Culver who was stationed at Cork for some time and covers that part of Ireland well.

As the pictures were shown a melody of Irish airs was played upon the piano by Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy. Mayor Hayes said a few words to the boys and A. M. Belding also spoke briefly. Solos were sung by Mrs. W. C. Good and Percy Reid gave a mandolin selection. Several choruses were sung by the boys themselves. The boys were treated to cake and ice cream cones and as they filed out each one was presented with a bag of fruit and confectionery. The boys were warmly congratulated upon their excellent behavior. The committee in charge were Mr. W. C. Good, Mrs. H. C. Groat, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. J. J. Mulcahy, Mrs. A. M. Belding, Mrs. J. E. Secord, Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, Mayor Hayes, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, R. E. Armstrong, A. M. Belding. There were also present Miss Poole of Manchester, Eng., Mrs. H. S. Culver, Capt. Kane and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson. The lantern views were shown by C. G. Flewelling.

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Band at Victoria Rink tonight and every night this week.

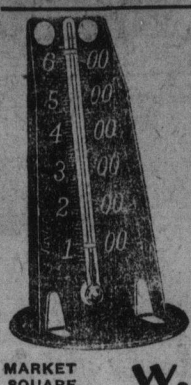
HUNT'S PRE-STOCK-TAKING
8:45 o'clock, Friday morning, at 9 o'clock. For particulars see advertisement on Page 3.

ST. JOHN BUSINESS COLLEGE.
Day and evening classes will reopen Wednesday Jan. 2.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine McKay took place Monday morning, at 8:45 o'clock, from the Mater Misericordiae Home to the General where the funeral high mass was celebrated by Rev. Wm. M. Duke. Interment was made at the new Catholic cemetery.

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