

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

A Glove Found. A glove found by Policeman McNamee on Dock Street yesterday awaits the owner at the central station.

The Labor Party. A meeting of delegates to the labor party will be held this evening in the bricklayers' hall, Brussels street.

More Citizens Reported. The police have reported E. T. C. Knowles, 59 Charlotte street; Eben E. Fraser, 223 Charlotte street, and Mrs. Wm. F. Hunter, 15 Brussels street, for having defective water spouts on their buildings.

Officers Elected. The St. John Co. Royal Scarlet Chapter at their annual meeting, in Orange hall last night, elected the following officers: W. C. and C. Wm. M. Campbell; E. C. and C. L. Mercer; chaplain, R. H. McIntyre; scribe, Jas. W. Speight; treasurer, C. B. Wood; herald at arms, J. W. Burley; 1st lecturer, W. H. Sallis; 2nd lecturer, G. F. Menzies; 1st conductor, T. Nice; 2nd conductor, W. W. Williams; inner herald, R. Pitt; auditors, G. Earle Logan, H. Kilpatrick.

Mr. Mayes Will Entertain. G. S. Mayes, honorary vice-president of the St. John Choral Society has invited all those taking part in the recent production of The Messiah to meet him and Mrs. Mayes in Bond's restaurant on Monday evening. Brief addresses will be delivered by Mayor Frink, Judge McKeown, Dr. J. W. Daniel, Recorder Baxter and several of the city clergymen. There will be music by the members of the society and refreshments will be served. The affair promises to be a most enjoyable one.

An Open Meeting. Alexandra Section, No. 2, J. T. of H. and T., held open house last evening in the Temple of Honor building on Main street. During the evening a musical programme was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary. Worthy Governor Blewett presided and delivered an address of welcome. The evening which was responded to by Mrs. W. F. Roberts, president of the ladies' auxiliary. The musical programme was as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Galley; piano solo, Vernon; recitation, G. Webster.

Natural History Society Reception. The Natural History Society held their January reunion for the members last evening. Dr. Matthew Prentiss and the excellent musical programme which was rendered, greatly delighted the large audience present. At the close of the programme refreshments were served. The programme was as follows: violin duet, Mesdames Gunn and Dempster; vocal solo, E. M. Armitage; vocal solo, Miss Hall; violin solo, Mrs. Gunn. The committee in charge of the refreshments was as follows: Miss Gilchrist, Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. Flanders, Miss Brodie and Mrs. Black.

Died in Brooklyn. Many St. John friends will regret to learn of the death in Brooklyn, New York, of Edward Callahan, a former well known and highly esteemed resident of St. John. After the close of a successful business career in shipping and stevedoring lines in St. John, Mr. Callahan removed to Brooklyn, in which city he has made his home with his sister, Mrs. B. Boden, for the past eight years. The deceased was in his 77th year and was unmarried. Four sisters survive him, Mrs. James Thornton, Mrs. B. Boden of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. M. Conley and Mrs. David Colgan, of St. John.

A Question of Police Sergeant's Pay. Another instance of the city council's manner of doing business without regard to legal procedure has been brought to the attention of the police. At its last meeting the council passed the Safety Board's appropriation which included a grant to pay a sergeant's salary to the extra sergeant on the police force, who heretofore has only received a patrolman's pay, and it is understood an order was sent to the comptroller to give Sergeant Scott full pay. It is now said that the comptroller declined to carry out the order, because the council did not formally revoke a former order passed some years ago limiting the number of sergeants entitled to sergeant's pay, and that he has submitted the matter to the recorder for advice.

The N. B. Tourist Association. A meeting of the directors of the New Brunswick Tourist Association was held yesterday afternoon to consider the matter of getting out a new tourists' guide-book. Arrangements have been made for the publication of a new map of the province and the guide-book to be issued this year will be a rather pretentious volume, containing a number of new features and pictures of places of interest. The association will again take a booth at the upcoming show in New York next March, and an official will be in charge to distribute literature and answer enquiries about the province. The annual meeting of the association will be held on Tuesday when reports of the year's work will be considered and arrangements made for an extensive programme of advertisement. As a result of the work of the association the number of tourists coming to the province has increased rapidly in recent years, and it is understood the reports for last year will be of a more gratifying nature than usual.

The strength beneath the surface is the vital element in Humphrey's Solid Footwear, all leather, best value. Ask the dealer.

Grand big carnival at the Victoria rink Monday, Jan. 22nd. \$40 in prizes.

PROVINCES CLOSE CITY AS LARGE AS ST. JOHN BY FIRE ABOUT EVERY FOUR YEARS

Local Fire Underwriter Makes Startling Statements—Advises Appointment of Fire Marshall for Province as a Practical Preventative Step of Value.

"While people are discussing methods of inducing capital and immigrants to come to the maritime provinces we are burning up about \$2,500,000 of capital every year," said a local insurance man yesterday. "It is quite as important from the stand-point of public economy to take measures to prevent this great waste, as to take measures to increase our productive capacity by bringing in new capital and more people. "Perhaps few people realize what a fire waste of \$2,500,000 a year in these three provinces means. What it means is practically this: that we people of the maritime provinces are burning up a city about the size of St. John every four years. "That is no joke. The assessed valuation of land and improvements in St. John is a little over \$16,000,000. Of this total buildings and improvements represent a valuation of \$10,700,000. But the insurance companies' estimate of fire losses is conservative too. "Certainly the people of these provinces can afford to take an interest in the problem of preventing a city the size of St. John going up in smoke every four years. It is claimed that 75 per cent. of the fire waste is preventable; and this is not an unreasonable claim. If the fire waste in these three provinces was the same in proportion to the population as it is in Europe, the fire-losses last year instead of being \$2,500,000 would have been less than \$200,000. On the basis of the per capita fire loss in England, where fire protective measures are not as stringent as in some other European countries, the fire waste for these provinces would have been \$500,000. It would, therefore, seem pretty safe to assume that we could save about \$2,000,000 worth of property from the flames every year in the maritime provinces. "One means of directing public attention to the fire evil and its remedies would be to provide for a thorough investigation into the causes of all fires. At present we have a law enabling such an investigation by the police magistrates or stipendiary magistrates, but such investigations are only made on application of some interested party, and they are not often held. A man who has had a fire is generally regarded as a sort of hero in the community, and insurance companies do not like to take the onus of instituting an investigation, as it might be considered an attempt at persecution of the popular hero, or an attempt to evade its responsibility. "So keen is the competition for business that individuals in the community do not care to take proper measures to protect themselves against culpable negligence, lest by so doing they might set in motion forces that would interfere with their business-getting capacity. "The only way to secure proper investigation is to appoint a fire mar-

MANY APPLICATIONS FOR CITY PROPERTY

Many People are Anxious to Get in on the Ground Floor on the in Real Estate.

An indication of the interest in real estate is afforded by the number of applications being made to purchase city property. For some time past the office of the director of public safety has been besieged by men anxious to get in on the ground floor of the boom in real estate. At the last sale of city lands 14 out of 17 lots offered for sale were taken by one company and this has made the alderman in charge of selling more lots by auction the close of the afternoon session to the charge of aiding speculators. A few aldermen are advocates of the sale of all the city lands, but it is not likely they will be able to celebrate the close of the aldermanic regime by any extensive sales of city property. One important consideration is that the treasury officials raise the lands as civic assets, and claim that they are an influence in enabling the city to get better terms for its bonds than most other Canadian cities do.

Another consideration is that all progressive German and British cities are now buying up private lands as fast as they are able in order to assure to the community at large any benefits which may arise from the growth of the city and the rise of values.

"In the general hurrah about the boom in real estate some of its less pleasing features are lost sight of, and there will be opposition from the workmen to the sale of city lands to speculators," said an official of a local trade union last evening. "So far about the most notable result of the boom has been a steady increase in rents. A city official told me the other day that in the past three years his landlord had raised his rent \$30, giving as his excuse that he needed the money to pay the increased taxes. The city official added that he dropped into the assessors' office one day, and found that in the three years his landlord's taxes had been increased by \$3.57. So that landlord was evidently taking advantage of the boom, and there are many others like him.

"This kind of a boom is not of much advantage to the workmen, when their wages do not boom in like proportion, but it never seems to occur to some people and newspapers that the interests of the workers are of any importance."

Band at the Vic. Band at the Vic this afternoon.

shall whose duty it would be to hold an inquest upon every fire. He would be a public official interested only in getting at the facts. Possibly one marshall might suffice for the three provinces, but it would certainly pay the people to maintain three or more. Such an official could do much to educate the people in habits of carefulness and measures to prevent the spreading of fire. He would collect information as to fire preventative measures in other countries, and disseminate it through the press and in other ways. While not engaged in making investigations, he could be sent around the country giving living lectures to school children and adults. Every investigation held would be an education for the community, partly because he would doubtless be able to find the circumstances of the fire some pretext for making recommendations of value to the community, and partly because it would tend to place the man who has a fire upon the defensive and change public sentiment. "No doubt the insurance companies would be willing to pay a portion if not all, the expense of the maintenance of such an official. "In Europe the people regard a fire as a crime and investigate and punish the man who is guilty of having a fire while in this country the people regard fire as a misfortune and sympathize with the man who has had one. In Europe they regard insurance as a tax which is ultimately borne by everybody; here insurance is regarded as a gamble, and if there is a fire the insurance company has lost a bet.

"Individual legal responsibility for loss by fire would seem a drastic corrective to the ordinary Canadian anarchist, who believes his neighbors can look out for themselves no matter how unneighborly his own acts may be, but it is along the line of individual responsibility that we must proceed if the absurd number of fires is to be curtailed. In France a man is held responsible for damage by fire to his neighbor's property. If a fire starts in any premises through gross carelessness or culpable fault, all damage to neighboring property must be made good. There is no limit to this liability which may extend to a whole block. The only point in the application of the law by which the offender may escape is that the burden of proof of gross carelessness or culpable neglect lies with the neighbor making the claim. If the fire is due to defective construction the landlord is liable for damage to his neighbor's property; but if the tenant is at fault he bears the liability. "If this principle was even moderately applied in this country, it would compel every citizen to take an active interest in the fire hazard of the community, and buildings now adopted nearly 40 years ago would be revised without delay, fire traps would be torn down or their owners compelled to take out insurance policies on their neighbors' properties, and by-laws would probably be adopted to curb carelessness and neglect.

FERRY TOLLS WENT BACK TO OLD RATE

The Three Cent Fare Died a Sudden Death Yesterday Morning—Delegations will Still Interview Council.

As forecasted in The Standard the ferry tolls went back to the old rates yesterday morning. At 11 o'clock Superintendent Waring, acting under orders from Ald. Smith, chairman of the ferry committee, notified the collectors to restore the old rates.

In compliance with the request of Ald. Smith, Wm. McLeod, Scully and McGoldrick, the Mayor has called a special meeting of the council for Monday afternoon to consider the ferry question, when the question of tolls will probably be fought over again. A delegation of citizens from the West Side, and also a delegation from the Trades and Labor council will attend the meeting for the purpose of protesting against any increase in the ferry rates.

It is the intention of the labor delegation, if given a hearing, to ask for an all night ferry service, with trips every hour after midnight, and the same on Sundays on weekdays, in order to furnish better accommodation for men working at the winter port.

It is within the power to rescind the old by-law and then raise the rates, but it is doubtful whether a majority of the council is now in favor of increasing the tolls.

Low and Lower Strickman and Co. hold sales but when they do it is an event worth attention. Sales have been held continuously during the year all around them, yet people have found their resale prices to be so much lower than sale prices that their business has grown by leaps and bounds. Now during the great annual after stock taking sales when their resale prices which are so low are reduced for the sale, it is worth one's while to give this sale attention.

Clan Mackenzie Scottish Night. The arrangements for the Scottish Night in the Keith assembly rooms on Thursday, Jan. 25th, under the auspices of Clan Mackenzie are complete. Recorder Baxter will be the orator while the Misses Blenda Thompson and Louise Knight and S. J. McGowan and Hew Walker, Mrs. Barnes and Goudie's orchestra and the pipes will supply the music. Mr. Vines will be the caterer. The reception committee is as follows: Chief and Mrs. MacDonald, Clan Dr. and Mrs. MacLaren, Clan Dr. and Mrs. Inches, Clan John White and Mrs. J. Pope Barnes, Clan Struan Robertson, Mrs. Robertson, Clan Dr. and Mrs. Corbett.

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Today--Sale of Knitted Underwear and Fianette Wear for Ladies and Children. Today--Remnant Sale of Curtain Nets and Drapery Materials.

Bargains at the January Clearance Sale of Furnishings for Men and Boys

Out-of-the-Ordinary Values Are These Special Offers. SWEATERS, Pure Wool English made, a special lot in Coat style, with very reliable high button up collar. The most pleasing colors and color combinations. Good sizes. A limited quantity only. Sale price, each \$2.00. BOYS' COAT SWEATERS, small quantity in the popular colors. Sale price, each .75c. TOP SHIRTS, travellers' samples, Flannel, Tweed and Kaki cloth. Mostly size 16. Sale prices are about one third less than regular. Each 45c, 65c, 75c, 85c and 90c. SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, a special lot, Elastic Ribbed-Wool, unshrinkable. Penman's reliable make. We have decided to close out this particular grade quickly regardless of first price. Good winter weights in small and large sizes. Shirts and Drawers to match. Regular prices 75c to 90c. Sale price, per garment, 50c.

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