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The winter may have done some damage to your shade, or perhaps you are bored at having seen the same shade at the window for such a lengthy time. The coming of the new season is a very good time to change your home furnishings, and in this complete assortment of Window Shades you cannot help but find something suitable and practical.

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LOCAL NEWS

HER BIRTHDAY.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Bevan, 195 Thorne avenue, a pleasant surprise party was held on Tuesday evening in honor of the birthday of their little daughter, Marion. The party was made up of friends in the same Sunday school class. Games were enjoyed by all.

FELL ON STAIRS

Friends of Mrs. A. Devenille of Barker street, will regret to learn that she sustained a severe shaking up last evening in falling down several steps in the city hall building in West End. Mrs. Devenille, with her husband, had gone there to attend an evangelistic service and in coming out she tripped near the top step and fell.

DIED YESTERDAY

The death of James Smith occurred yesterday at his home, 22 Pitt street, after an illness of about four or five weeks. He was a well known blacksmith, and had a large number of friends. Four brothers survive—Peter, of this city, David, of Boston, John, of Jerusalem, N. B., and Benjamin in the west. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

MRS. HELEN M. GRAY DEAD

The death of Mrs. Helen M. Gray, wife of William G. Gray, occurred at five o'clock this morning at her home, 18 Canon street, after a short illness. Mrs. Gray, who was fifty-two years old, is survived by her husband, three sons—Walter, Roy and Gerald, of this city; and three daughters, Misses Muriel and Hazel at home, and Mrs. Charles Glazier of Dorchester, Mass. Her funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon from 18 Canon street.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

A very pleasant surprise party took place last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bourgeois, of 19 St. Patrick street. Many friends gathered to congratulate Mr. Bourgeois on the attainment of his thirty-third birthday. A congratulatory address in French was read by Miss A. Gilbert, to which Mr. Bourgeois replied, and thereafter the young people enjoyed themselves with games until 10 o'clock, when refreshments were served. Songs were sung by T. Perle and J. Noel. The committee in charge was composed of Miss M. Thibodeau and Miss L. Richards, and all present had a most enjoyable time.

WORK AMONG THE BOYS.

George Scott visited the Every Day Club last evening and was heartily cheered by the boys, who remembered his earnest work last winter. Mr. Scott gave an interesting short talk, congratulating the forty boys present on the success of the club, and giving them much good counsel, concluding with the striking story of a young and brilliant graduate of Oxford whom he had known in Scotland years ago, but who was finally sent out to Canada to die miserably while yet young, because of bad habits contracted in early life. After Mr. Scott had gone the boys held a meeting. Mrs. F. B. Patterson and Mrs. C. E. Harding came in, and Mrs. Harding played selections for some time on the piano, the boys singing several popular songs. Still later, after the annual time of closing had come and the smaller boys had gone, sixteen remained and, directed by their young president, went through a series of fancy marches and physical drill. They have already begun to organize their basketball team for the season and look forward to a most enjoyable summer.

THE STEAMERS

Donaldson liner Cassandra sailed for Glasgow direct at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, with upwards of 100 passengers and a fair cargo of general freight. The Ruthenia, of C. P. R. steamship fleet, left this afternoon at 1 o'clock for Liverpool with twenty cabin and fifty steerage passengers, and a full cargo of freight, including grain, coal and flour. The Manchester Inventor was due to sail from Halifax today for St. John. The Benguela will sail tomorrow night for South African ports with a full cargo of freight.

The steamer Bray Head, from Anderson and Fort Tabot, in ballast, is out sixteen days. Furness liner Rappahannock, Captain Hanley, from St. John and Halifax, arrived in London on Monday.

Allan liner Sicilian, from London and Havre for St. John, was reported 270 miles south of Cape Race at 6:05 o'clock this morning.

The Grosman, of the Allan line, bound from Glasgow to Boston via Halifax, was 880 miles east of Cape Race last night at 8:30 o'clock.

Allan liner Virginian, due here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, passed Sable Island this morning at 8 o'clock. She has seventeen saloon, 388 second cabin, and 651 steerage passengers; 1,169 bags and 651 packages of mail, and about 1,200 tons of freight.

The Empress of Ireland, bound for Halifax, was 1,060 miles east of that port last night at 8:30 o'clock.

Furness liner Kanawha, from St. John for London via Halifax, was 88 miles east of Sable Island last night at 10 o'clock.

Cunard liner Ascania arrived at London on Tuesday at 11 p.m. R. M. S. Royal George sailed from Bristol last night with twenty-eight first class, 208 second class and 789 class passengers, 1,724 bags and 567 packages of mail and 1,100 tons of freight.

New Zealand liner Balford arrived in port last night from Halifax, where she underwent considerable repairs to her propeller and hull. She brought about 550 tons of wire from Louisburg in transit to Australia and will complete cargo here. She is now lying at the Long Wharf.

THE POLICE COURT.

A man who lives in the municipal home, and who had the day off yesterday to come to the city, was arrested last night on a charge of wandering about the streets and not giving a satisfactory account of himself. He pleaded not guilty and the policeman who made the arrest was called. He said the man told him that he was going to an hotel for the night, but when asked if he had any money he said he had none. The magistrate asked the prisoner if he had any questions to ask but he said the only thing he wanted to know was why some of the foreigners who wandered about the streets should not be arrested as well as him. He was remanded and will probably be sent back to the home. Two other prisoners were before the court, charged with drunkenness and were disposed of in the usual manner.

TO HOLD UP THAT PLUMBERS' BILL

Reported That Board of Health Measure is to be Held Over—Some of the Objections to It

Many citizens still believe "there is a nigger in the woodpile" in the bill which the Board of Health sent to the legislature with regard to plumbers and plumbing inspection. It is pointed out by those who understand the question that a thorough inspection of plumbing, by an official appointed by the Board of Health, should be sufficient to insure good work and to protect the health of the household. In addition to the ordinary inspection tests it is a very matter to subject new plumbing to what is called the "smoke test," and if it stands that test it is certain proof against sewer gas or any other harmful gas or odor. On the other hand it is pointed out that the bill as Frederick goes much further than this, and will really result in placing the control of plumbers and the purchase of all plumbing supplies in the hands of the Master Plumbers' Association. In other words, the Plumbers' Association will have two representatives on the examining board, and at short notice this body would be able to prevent any man from installing plumbing in the city or county unless he is the owner of a shop as defined by the Master Plumbers' Association. As the Master Plumbers' Association has no one would be able to install any plumbing unless he had the approval of the association, and all supplies would have to be purchased from firms who had the approval of the master plumbers and who had submitted to their terms.

Citizens are asking why an efficient inspection of plumbing by the authorized board of health officials is not in itself a sufficient safeguard. To go beyond that, it is contended, will mean that the plumbing in the city and county, and the control of all supplies in the city, will be within the hands of a small body of men who are only their members can purchase plumbing necessities, and that these can only be installed by men approved of by the examining board on which the master plumbers are to be strongly represented.

In some other respects the bill is regarded as arbitrary and tending to promote the methods of a close corporation. It is reported from Fredericton that the bill will be put over for a year, and in the interval the whole question can be examined and all interests heard.

NEW SECRETARY TO BE AT DESK ABOUT MIDDLE OF APRIL

Mr. Armstrong Here Today and Meets Members of Board of Trade Council

R. E. Armstrong, of St. Andrews, the new secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, is in the city this morning to confer with the president of the board regarding his acceptance of the offer. Mr. Robinson is out of the city today, but Mr. Armstrong saw other members of the council and talked over the matter.

The only obstacle in the way of his acceptance was the fact that he would require several weeks to arrange his business affairs in St. Andrews. He was assured that this would not be any bar to his appointment and Mr. Armstrong was able to announce that he would be in the city to take hold of the work about the middle of April.

The new secretary is enthusiastic over the possibilities of board of trade work in St. John, and is anxious to get at his desk as soon as possible. (St. Andrews Beacon).

My acceptance of the position of secretary-treasurer of the board of trade of my native city of St. John, necessitates the early severance of my relations with the Beacon as its editor and publisher, and the severance of my very agreeable relations with its many readers and with the people of Charlotte county generally. The task of making this announcement is far from being a pleasant one. When a man creates a paper and gives all that is in him during the best years of his life to its development and maintenance, it becomes a part of himself, and when he has lived with a people for many years, sharing their joys and sorrows and their ambitions, the parting separation in such a case is rendered very acute indeed. The years that I have lived with the people of Charlotte county have not been unimportant ones—quite the reverse. They have brought to my door an abundance of wealth—not the passing wealth of money which today is and tomorrow is not, but the greater wealth that comes from warm hearts and loving friends. I wish to thank the people of Charlotte county (those at home and those abroad) also the summer residents, for their kindly consideration during the years, for their many tokens of good feeling and for the patronage which they have extended the paper. I have done what I could during my residence in Charlotte county to advance its interests, to develop its resources and to encourage its people. More I would have done had I been permitted. It is a satisfaction to me to know that there is a prospect of an early materializing of one of the projects for which I had most strenuously labored. I wish to thank most heartily the patrons of the paper—the advertisers, the subscribers the world over, the correspondents—all who in any way have contributed to its success. I would say to them that I hope before the middle of April to make a positive announcement as to the continuance of the paper. Much will depend upon the encouragement received from the business people of the town. To my brethren of the press throughout Canada and the United States, I will say that their companionship has been very dear to me. I do not intend to bid them farewell, for in the new field which I propose entering I will be brought very close to them, and will have to rely largely upon their kindly support and their brotherly consideration and advice. R. E. ARMSTRONG.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Patchell was held this afternoon from St. George's church. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was in Cedar Hill.

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