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100 PERMITS WERE ISSUED

Building Inspector Submits Report SHOWS DECREASE 87 Permits for Wooden Buildings and 14 for Brick

Below is the text of the building inspector's report for the year submitted at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Common Council. It shows a slight decrease in building activity of the year as compared with 1907: To His Worship the Mayor and Common Council, City of St. John, N. B.: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the annual report of the transactions of this office being for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1908. One hundred and one permits were issued during the year at a cost of \$73,150. Permits for wooden buildings number 87 at a cost of \$159,900. For brick, 14 permits were issued at a cost of \$10,250. Total, 101 permits. The number of permits for 1907 were three more than 1908. In 1907 the buildings were more expensive—Cold Storage building, Y. M. C. A. building, I. C. E. flour warehouse, military stores addition, which have been completed this year. Buildings are classified as follows: Wood. Number. Value. Dwellings..... 57 \$159,900. Churches..... 2 2,000. Stores and dwellings..... 8 12,500. Warehouses..... 5 28,000. Stores..... 2 2,400. Foundries..... 1 600. Total..... 87 \$159,900. Brick. Number. Value. Banks..... 4 \$34,500. Dwellings..... 4 4,350. Halls..... 2 2,400. Stores..... 2 9,000. Warehouses..... 1 5,000. Schools..... 1 4,000. Total..... 14 \$110,250. Grand total..... 101 \$270,150.

STUDENT NURSES ARE NOT ALIEN CONTRACT LABORERS

Important Case Decided by United States Immigration Department.

A LONDON DOCTOR

Tells How to Cure Stomach and Liver Troubles

A distinguished London physician... The regular monthly meeting of No. 1 salvage corps was held last evening. After the regular business of the meeting had been concluded the gathering was entertained by James McLeod, foreman of No. 1 company, and Harvey Tapley, foreman of No. 2 company. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and a splendid programme was carried out. Byron C. Tapley presided at the piano. A trio composed of Harold and Chas. Williams and Roy Crawford were heard on the trombone, cornet and piano. Their selections were most interesting and heartily applauded. The three Castellucci brothers, who starred last week with the Rev. Mr. Cairns of the Nickel, were also present and delighted the members with a first class musical act. Fred McKean and John Tongue of the salvage corps and another also entertained with songs.

PARSON STARTS MOVEMENT FOR NAVAL RESERVE

Convention Meets in New York to Discuss Plans for Encouraging Merchant Marine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A five day's convention, having for its object, the discussion of the subject of a larger and more efficient American marine, was begun tonight in the Metropolitan Temple with Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hill, pastor of the church as president. The idea of the convention is original with Dr. Hill, who believes that the church has a function to perform in advancing the material welfare of the country as well as the spiritual welfare. The principal speaker at tonight's session was Congressman Wm. E. Humphreys of Washington. He called attention to the Liberal policy pursued by Japan in subsidizing her merchant marine, and pointed out as a natural consequence, the practical control of the commerce of the Pacific by that nation. "I do not believe," said he, "that we are going to have war with Japan, but anyone who thinks that Japan has not the courage to make war on the financial capacity to carry it out, has not read properly the history of this great nation. The speaker declared that it would be a simple matter, in the event of war for Japan to land 50,000 troops in the Philippines and 100,000 in Hawaii before the United States could begin to start out her transports. Where Japan has 500 vessels of her merchant marine on the Pacific, the United States has only twelve. In addition, he said, there are 200,000 Japanese in the fisheries and merchant marine where the United States has hardly 1,000 native-born American sailors. If you would have a faithful servant and one that you like, serve yourself—Benjamin Franklin.

TALISMAN IN HAVANA

PROFESSOR HAD TO RETURN

The St. John-Havana steamer Talisman arrived in port last evening. She made the trip from Havana via Boston, at which port she left a large shipment of sugar. The Talisman brings a general cargo to St. John. Merchants continue to speak favorably of the service and consider that new markets are being opened by the steamer. When the boat leaves here on Wednesday on her return trip to Havana, it will carry a full cargo, including large shipments of hay, potatoes, fish and lumber. She will probably load there on the east side of the harbor. On her March trip to St. John the Talisman will carry a large cargo of steel glass. This will be the first time that a consignment of this material has been brought to this port. This cargo will go to Wolland, Ontario, and will require fifty or sixty cars for conveyance to its destination. That the new line offers splendid advantages to Canadian centres is being shown by the new shipments being made from St. John as well as from Havana. The southern merchants are also aware of the new markets being opened.

ANTIQUEITY OF PETROLEUM

Though it is only within recent times that petroleum has become an article of commerce, there is abundant proof that it was used in the arts forty century ago. The mortar used in constructing the walls of Nineveh, and Babylon and petroleum mixed with it for the purpose of securing greater cohesion and excluding dampness. Traces of the bituminous matter are very distinct in the ruins, and the existence of petroleum springs at is some 320 miles from old Babylon, indicates one source of the supply. In the ancient history of several eastern countries allusion is made in unmistakable terms to the existence of petroleum springs.

ROMAN CATHOLICS LEAD NUMBER OF FAMILIES

Full tabulation of the results of the religious census of the city was completed last evening, all the supervisors having reported to headquarters. The figures which The Sun today presents to its readers tell in brief the result of the work. It will be seen that the Roman Catholics can claim the greatest number of families in the city, the large number of 2,052 belonging to that faith. The individuals in each Roman Catholic family were not taken. The Church of England domination can claim 2,077 families in the city as belonging to their faith. This total is a surprisingly large number. The total in the families of this belief is 7,208. Though there are 1,578 families of Baptist belief, there are 6,586 believers in that faith. The figures of the other large denominations will be found most interesting. Rev. J. E. Ganong, the supervisor of the work, when seen by a reporter for The Sun last evening stated that the work was now practically completed and the success had surpassed his most sanguine expectations. Mr. Ganong stated that there were some difficulties which the visitors had to meet, and considering the size of the campaign and the fact that the visitors volunteered their services, the census was well carried out. While Mr. Ganong states that he would not be surprised if a few families were unintentionally omitted, the figures presented are quite accurate. He feels that the main object of the campaign has been accomplished. The grand totals of the largest denominations are:

GRAND TOTAL

Name	No. of Families	No. in Family	No. of Members
Methodist	1,109	4,628	14,571
Presbyterian	506	5,431	10,192
Baptist	1,578	6,586	13,162
Salvation Army	147	349	1,957
Disciples	169	619	223
Ch. of England	2,077	7,208	21,133
Christian Scientists	11	41	3
Episcopalians	23	88	28
Plymouth Brethren	59	125	43
Roman Catholics	2,052	...	...

SALVAGE CORPS HAS A DELIGHTFUL TIME

Lots of Talent at Gathering Held Last Evening

LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNIOR MATCH

St. Andrews-Thistle Contest Wednesday Promises to be Lively

The city curlers are looking forward with interest to the Junior St. Andrews-Thistle match at the rink last evening. Seven rinks will be played. Three matches will take place on Thistle ice and four on St. Andrews. At the first meeting of the juniors the Thistle club won out with 50 points to the good. "Curler" the curlers mean a player who has not skipped in any regular St. Andrews-Thistle contest. This does not necessarily mean that the players are new-comers, as some of the oldest members of both clubs have not been favored with the honor of skipping at a regular match. The Thistle club elected skips for the match at a meeting held in the rink last evening. Play in the St. Andrews' newcomers' match took place at the rink last evening. Two matches were played. S. T. McCavarr defeated W. Evans by a score of ten to eight, while P. S. Crosby won from Geo. Dick by a score of eight to four. The result was as follows: ST. ANDREWS' ICE. Newcomers' Match. C. L. Hay, J. H. Bond, Dr. C. A. Falley, J. R. Haycock, H. A. Loran, E. E. Church, S. P. McCavarr, W. Evans, skip..... 10 skip..... 8 P. A. Godice, C. H. Peters, H. G. Smith, H. H. Smith, J. E. Ryder, S. E. Elkin, F. S. Crosby, Geo. Dick, skip..... 8 skip..... 4 On Christian ice last evening play in the Megec cup series was continued with the following result: CARLETON ICE. Megec Cup. M. P. Money, J. H. Dracoll, skip..... 21 skip..... 6 J. M. Edeva, W. O. Dunham, skip..... 8 skip..... 6 On Thistle ice in the Lively trophy contest W. S. Nyles defeated R. S. Crofted by a score of fifteen to twelve.

HYDRANTS CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE

That the type of hydrants installed on King street was the cause for the inefficient working of the water system in the initial stages of Sunday morning's fire is the reason given out by Chief Kerr and accepted by the chairman of the Water and Sewerage Board, was made known at yesterday's meeting of the Common Council. The matter was brought before the council at the instance of the Board of Trade, which at a meeting held yesterday morning decided to ask for an investigation into the charges of inefficient protection that have developed since Sunday. Ald. Frink stated at the meeting that he had been informed by the chief that the policemen who were first on the scene were unfamiliar with the working of the hydrants and were therefore unable to obtain the desired results. The firemen, he stated, on coming up succeeded at once in getting all the water needed. Ald. Frink repudiates the suggestion of the Board of Trade's council as to the inefficiency of the Loch Lomond supply and stated that it measures up to the required standard at all times. The communication of the Board of Trade was referred to the Water and Sewerage Board.

KNOW WHERE IT WENT.

"Are you one of those mean spirited men who ask their wife what they do with the money they receive?" "Certainly not," answered Mr. Meskin. "I don't have to ask my wife. She plays bridge with me."

OSWING, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Salvator

in New York city in 1907, was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison, today. He was pronounced dead after three contacts had been given.

AMUSEMENTS

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Opera House, Thursday, Feb. 4, 1909. Under the patronage of Colonel Geo. Rolt White, Officer Commanding military District No. 8. Officers, Non-Com. Officers, and Men of the Active Militia are cordially requested to attend in uniform. Prices—50c, 25c, 10c.

PRINCESS LAUVEA a decided hit last night — AND — The Pictures were never better

"STAR'S" "Married the Second Time" A strong Society Drama. "The Bewildered Professor." "The Vale's Misfortune." MISS VON BRANDERS in Songs.

AT THE Cameraphone You hear the latest in Popular and Comic Song hits. At the Music room of the : : : : DOMINION SPECIALTY COMPANY, Limited you can purchase these Songs at very low prices. 105 CHARLOTTE ST., Opposite Hotel Dufferin.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN QUEEN SQUARE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Flanders was the speaker at the meeting in Queen Square church last evening in the absence of J. Ritchie Bell, of Montreal, who is unavoidably detained for a few days. His address was based on Faith, Self-Consistency, Obedience, and the Rewards that accompany them. He prefaced his address with remarks on the work of Mr. Bell, and expressed his earnest hope that his services would be as successful here as they had been elsewhere. The musical part of these services is led by a choir and orchestra, and gives evidence that it will prove a very effective aid to their success. The meeting this evening will be addressed by Rev. S. W. Anthony, of the Congregational church, and will begin at 7:45 with a service of song.

THE PRENTICE BOYS' FAIR Guilford St., West End will be open all this week, closing Saturday the 6th. GOOD PRIZES for a few events.

FREDERICTON TEAM WILL PLAY HERE

Arrangements have been made to have the Fredericton High School basketball team play the St. Andrews Church team, on Friday evening, in St. Andrews church school rooms. This will be the first Fredericton basketball team to visit St. John this season, and a large crowd of fans is expected to witness the game which no doubt will be a good one as both teams have an excellent record. St. Andrew won the Church League, not losing a game, while the Fredericton team have been playing excellent basketball. St. Andrews teams are now considered to be the best in the city, the lights being hoisted to the ceiling and the baskets placed in the middle of the room.

BRIBERY—AND CORRUPTION. James—"I get a penny every time I take my cod liver oil." Thomas—"What do you do with them?" James—"Mother puts 'em in a money-box till there's enough, and then buys another bottle of cod-liver oil."

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