

AROUND THE CITY

SHOWERS

MEET THIS MORNING. The city council will meet this morning at noon.

BIG PASSENGER LIST.

The S. & G. Governor Dingley arrived on time at noon yesterday with about 150 passengers and a considerable quantity of freight.

MISS JOSEPHINE ORIGHTON.

A letter from Miss Josephine Orighton, 100 St. John, New Brunswick, was received at this office yesterday.

BAND CONCERT ENJOYED.

The City Concert Band rendered a fine programme of music on the Victoria Square band stand last night, which was enjoyed by a large crowd of people.

ACCIDENTALLY OMITTED.

In the list of names, recently published, of teachers who passed the grammar school license examination, the name of Miss Mary Agnes Gilson, St. John, was accidentally omitted. Miss Gilson was third on the list in order of merit.

POLICE COURT.

The preliminary trial of Stanley Martin, charged with stealing from the store of A. Gibb, Brussels street, was begun yesterday morning. Detective Bladecombe gave evidence after which the case was adjourned. Five trunks were remanded for sentence.

GIVEN A TREAT.

The children who patronize the West End playground were given a much appreciated treat yesterday afternoon through the kindness of Geo. H. Waring and Capt. A. J. Mulcahy, who provided twenty-five pounds of candy for distribution among the four hundred children on the grounds.

A SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Municipal Council will be held next week, Tuesday if the councillors can be notified in time, to deal with the tenders for the erection of the nurses' home at the General Public Hospital, which are considerably in excess of the estimate furnished to the council at its May meeting, when the sum of \$105,000 was voted for this work.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

A little girl by the name of Helen had a narrow escape from drowning in Lower Cove Bay on Monday. The child, who had been playing around the wharf, fell into the water and was sinking for the third time when she was noticed by Albert Longin, who jumped from the top of a board pile and rescued her from a watery grave. It is a short time she was able to proceed to her home, seemingly none the worse for the experience.

BOYS ESCAPED.

Two youths, Raymond Egan, aged 17, and Alvin Vautour, aged 16 years, ran away from the Boys' Industrial Home at East St. John, on August 25th. Egan is five feet, five inches tall, 110 lbs., fair complexion, large red lips, dressed in khaki overalls or a gray suit with long pants. Vautour, who is 5 feet, 5 inches tall, has a complexion, dark brown hair, was wearing a gray Norfolk suit with knickerbockers. It is thought that the boys were planning on going to Nova Scotia.

CONVENTION TO BE HELD.

A meeting of the executive of the Motion Picture League of the Maritime Provinces will be held shortly at which the date of the annual convention will be determined. This convention will this year be held in St. John and President W. C. Mackay of the St. John Opera House states that exhibitors especially in Nova Scotia are eagerly looking forward to the meetings. It is expected that the convention will be arranged or early in October but no definite date can be decided as yet nor is it known who will be the speakers.

PROBATE COURT.

Letters testamentary were granted in the probate court yesterday in the matter of the estate of Rev. Francis J. McMurray, who died on August 11, John McMurray and Rev. A. J. O'Neill were sworn executors. Father McMurray in his will directed that, after payment of just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses, his whole estate be bequeathed to the executors for certain purposes. These bequests to his brothers, John Thomas and St. Vincent de Paul, Society of St. John the Baptist church, St. Joseph's College, Sisters of Charity for use of the Mater Misericordiae Home and the Infirmary, Infants' Home, Coburg street and Monastery of the Good Shepherd. The will was executed on December 15, 1918. W. J. Mahoney is proctor.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMAN N. GREGORY.

Letters of testamentary were granted to H. G. Gregory and Miss M. Gregory being appointed executors. He left real estate valued at \$20 and personal property \$14,533.49. K. J. MacTee is proctor.

CAPT. DAVISON HAS BEEN PROMOTED

Native of Hantsport, N. B., Has Been Appointed Marine Superintendent of Canadian Pacific Ocean Services at Hong Kong.

Capt. A. W. Davison, R. N. R., a native of Hantsport, N. B., has been appointed marine superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services at Hong Kong.

Capt. Davison entered the C. P. R. service in 1905, and has been employed in the Pacific service most of the time. He has been commander of the Empress of China and the Empress of Britain.

Mrs. Arthur Blacker of Gulfport, Me., is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Lyden, 25 Galding street, where she will be pleased to meet her friends.

The High Cost of Living And Taxes

Skilled Workman Before Leaving Yesterday for West Gives His Reasons for Not Remaining a St. John Resident.

With an exodus of citizens to the Canadian West and the upper provinces which is already assuming proportions much larger than any other year in the history of Canadian railwaying, the cities and towns of the Maritime Provinces are facing a threatened shortage of tax payers and young working men.

Among many who left this province for the golden west last night was a working man and his family who have lived in St. John for the past ten months. The man is a skilled workman and above the average in intelligence, making a type highly desirable as a citizen.

Questioned by a Standard reporter as to his reasons for leaving the Loyalist City to seek an uncertain living in a distant province, the traveller gave an answer which formed a rather strong arraignment of the way this city is trying to increase its population.

"I don't want to leave St. John," he said, "for I like the town and I like the people, but it is either a case of stars to death or get out to some place where there is better opportunity—and so I am getting out."

"I came to St. John nearly a year ago because I had heard much about it as the great winter port of Canada and was also impressed by the number of prominent manufacturing plants in the city. Its geographical position, practically the heart of the Maritime Provinces and so near the American border, also influenced my decision."

"It was not hard to secure work here. I am a skilled mechanic and as such can get work practically anywhere on the continent, and so I came to the city full of great expectations, ambition and optimism."

"The first big difficulty I faced was that of getting a home. Every place in the town and suburbs that was vacant was either so high priced or so inferior in its location and arrangement that the job of house-hunting certainly took a lot of the heart out of me. At last, after three weeks searching we got a flat, but at nearly eight dollars a month more than I thought it was worth."

"Then came the steady drain of living expenses and I was not long in finding out that the cost of living was higher in St. John than in any other place I had lived before. Such staples as flour, sugar, salt, tea and oil, which one would naturally suppose to be lower in price here than in a smaller town, are higher. The increase ranging all the way from two to ten cents a pound. In most any town of half-a-day's journey from St. John you can buy eggs for 40 cents a dozen—here they are anywhere from 60 cents to 70 cents. It is the same with regard to potatoes, meat, fruit, garden vegetables and practically everything used for food. The provision, meat and grocery bill certainly adds into the average man's pay envelope."

"The clothing bill is also something to conjure with. Of course the cost of clothes has advanced all over the world, but I certainly never did think that I would see the day that ready-made, 'hand-me-downs' would bring all the way from \$10 to \$15 a suit. Of course the fact that St. John is a comparatively large city and without any clothes-making establishments might mean one reason why clothing is high priced here, but if that is taken for a reason, why should sugar and fish and other articles, for which this city is a source of supply, be lower in price, instead of higher here than at inland towns?"

"But the crowning stroke of adversity to me was the tax levied by the noble city fathers. As an expert mechanic my salary here was \$22.50 a week, which is about \$4.25 a week more than I made in the town from which I came. My tax bill duly received is for \$46.85, which merely gives me the right to vote and does not cover any property tax, income tax, animal tax, or anything else of the kind. In fact I have to pay \$46.85 for the privilege of paying high prices for everything and getting very little in return—and I do not think it is worth the money. That is why I am leaving St. John."

"For example I am paying \$6.10 for the city streets. I do not own a horse or car—neither do I here—but still that is my tax and if everyone else paid in proportion and the money was put into the streets I think they should look better than they do."

"I am taxed \$1.95 for the copy hospital, \$3.15 for the General Public Hospital and \$1.75 for the Board of Health, but the only time I was ever ill here I was treated at home and the doctor certainly got his money for treating me. I am taxed for county roads, city sewers, street lights, police protection, fire protection, Children's Aid Society and above all am taxed down for \$1.25 for the ferry which I have never used. In the last town I lived in I had to pay but one tax, a poll tax, and that was but \$3.25 a year. Is it any wonder that I am seeking out for a new field and a chance to live without going into debt?"

PLENTY OF BUILDING OVER IN HALIFAX

"The extent of developments going on in Halifax may be judged from the fact that contracts for new construction are under way at present which, it is estimated, will involve an expenditure of between seven and eight million dollars," said a native of that city, who was in St. John yesterday.

"The price of building materials are high, and some materials are scarce but the new building is going on at a great rate. This year the value of new construction will be nearly one-quarter of the taxable value of all the buildings in the city, which shows that Halifax is making progress."

"Business is good, and the prospect is that the shipping season next winter will be an exceptionally busy one."

The War Moncton Makes Trial Trip

Yesterday the New Steamship Lived up to All Expectations—Fifty Mile Trip and Machinery Worked Perfectly.

The trial trip of the War Moncton was held yesterday and she more than lived up to the expectations of her builders and those responsible for her construction. Everything went off without a hitch and W. A. Ray, representative of Hanson Bros., the firm which is to operate her, expressed his satisfaction with her performance and extended his congratulations to Messrs. Grant and Horne, the builders of the ship and the Union Foundry and Machine Works, who installed the machinery.

Leaving port at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning she sailed down the bay as far as Laforeux, then back and up the bay to Cape Spenner, covering a distance of about fifty miles, reaching port again in the afternoon. The steamer gave a splendid account of herself and all on board were delighted with her performance. W. A. Ray, representative of Hanson Bros., when asked how he liked her, said that as she was the last of the wooden steamers and embodied all the improvements suggested in the building of her predecessors, they were expecting something pretty good but she had even surpassed their expectations. He was more than satisfied, and the builders, Messrs. Grant and Horne, had a right to feel proud of their handiwork.

The machinery installed in her has been installed by the Union Foundry and Machine Works, was satisfactory and on the trial trip the engines had worked at an average of 70 revolutions under a steady pressure of 180 pounds of steam from the boilers and the vessel had made 11.3 knots over the measured mile, a very satisfactory performance indeed. During the trip the electrical installation was tested out and proved satisfactory.

G. Elvidge, chief engineer, expressed his satisfaction with the way the engines had behaved on the trial trip. Mr. Elvidge was chief engineer on the War Ontario, the first of the wooden steamers to cross the ocean.

Among those who made the trip were W. Lambert, superintendent of the department; John Livingston, head of the engineering department; G. W. A. Flanagan, local auditor of the board; T. Hope, who superintended the installation of boilers; J. B. Polding, in charge of engine installation; Mr. Duggan, inspector; Robert Chatterton, foreman of carpenters on construction; and Hanson Hamilton, foreman of machinists; Capt. A. J. Mulcahy, naval transport officer at St. John; George Waring, superintendent of ferries; C. C. Steeves, Lloyd's inspector; C. R. Dalton, steamboat inspector of the Marine and Fisheries Department; J. A. Grant, manager of the Union Foundry and Machine Works; Mrs. Polding, Mrs. G. W. Waring, Mrs. Livingston, Capt. Bennett, Dr. Hedden, Stanley Cullow, James Gilmartin, motor mechanic, timekeepers and laborers, fifty cents a day. Perry-Oliver, foreman, deckhands, gunmen, \$15 a month; collectors, \$10 a month; caretakers, 50 cents a day. Public Works—Foremen, carpenters, timekeepers, painters and laborers, 50 cents a day.

DOMINION SCHEME IS UNWORKABLE. On This Ground Three of Original Commissioners on Montreal Housing Commission Have Resigned—Watching How Moncton Proceeds.

Com. Bullock is seeking information as to how the Moncton Housing Commission is proceeding. In Montreal the present scheme is unworkable. Three of the original commissioners appointed by the city have resigned on the ground that the Dominion scheme is unworkable. The present commission is now objecting to being taxed 2 1/2 p. c. on the amount of the loan to meet the expense of the technical committee which the provincial government has appointed to draw up plans and supervise construction work. The general criticism is that the scheme is unworkable. The original commissioners appointed by the city have resigned on the ground that the Dominion scheme is unworkable. The present commission is now objecting to being taxed 2 1/2 p. c. on the amount of the loan to meet the expense of the technical committee which the provincial government has appointed to draw up plans and supervise construction work. The general criticism is that the scheme is unworkable.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND BERT LYTTLE AT IMPERIAL. The Imperial has already shown wonderful pictures of the Prince of Wales in this city—two days after he was here, too—and yesterday His Royal Highness in Quebec was shown. Now today the Imperial gives another series of cinematographs of the prince's welcome here, taken by the Pathoscope Co. of Toronto. These views show the great children's chimes from an adjoining roof vantage point, depicts the Prince shaking hands with people at the Northway reception, and also reproduces more of the splendid features in the parade on Soldiers' Joy Day. Besides these intensely interesting pictures, there will be the best first-class picture of the splendid features in the parade on Soldiers' Joy Day. Besides these intensely interesting pictures, there will be the best first-class picture of the splendid features in the parade on Soldiers' Joy Day.

W. C. T. U. MEETING HELD YESTERDAY. Plans for the Coming Convention Were Discussed and Delegates Elected—Report on Temperance Question Read—Other Business Transacted.

A meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday, with the president, Mrs. David Hipwell, in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. B. Taylor, and Mrs. H. Lawson. A collection was taken up for the Flower mission, and it was decided to send flowers to two members who are sick and to hospitalize the committee was read from the provincial treasurer acknowledging receipt of money received, and the work of Miss Morrison of the city committee was highly commended. Plans for the coming convention were discussed, and the following delegates were elected: Mrs. David Hipwell, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Elvidge and Mrs. H. Lawson as substitutes. Mrs. R. C. Christie and Mrs. Seymour are now members of the Provincial Executive. The president read the report on the Temperance question. It is expected that at the convention which will be held in the Methodist hall, Fort-Liberty street, Sept. 24, 25 and 26, there will be fifty or sixty delegates, who will be entertained while here by local members.

CITY EMPLOYEES WANT MORE MONEY. Revised Schedule of Wages Asked for Will be Taken up at the Next Meeting of the Council.

The city employees have sent in a revised schedule of wages which they ask to be put in operation, and the matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the council. Following is the new scale: Water and sewerage—Foremen, assistants, blacksmiths and helpers, carpenters, motor mechanics, timekeepers and laborers, fifty cents a day. Ferry—Oilers, foremen, deckhands, gunmen, \$15 a month; collectors, \$10 a month; caretakers, 50 cents a day. Public Works—Foremen, carpenters, timekeepers, painters and laborers, 50 cents a day.

Crops On Island Are Well Advanced

Visitor from Prince Edward Island Says Farmers There Are Nearly a Month Farther Advanced Than in New Brunswick.

The progressive New Brunswick farmers will have to scratch gravel if they expect to equal the work of their neighbors on Prince Edward Island, according to statements made by recent visitors to the island province.

The island, famous for its potatoes, is expected to have an unusually large crop of the tubers this year, an average estimate putting this year's expected crop at about 140 per cent normal. The hay-making is all finished and a splendid crop was saved, and of the flax measuring as much as four feet high, standing. An exceptionally large crop of timothy seed may be being saved and this should mean a much lower price for seed next spring.

According to the experienced farmers who have returned from a visit to Prince Edward Island, it is thought that "cropping" is nearly a month further advanced there than in this province. The farmers of New Brunswick are in the middle of their hay-making now, while the Islanders have been finished for two weeks. The grain crops in this province are not yet ready for harvest, while on the island it is expected that the harvest will start early next week, one of the earliest seasons the province has known.

The wheat and oat crops on the island are excellent this year, it is stated. Some of the farmers in the western districts are boasting of yields five feet high and others are claiming even greater growth. But and stut are both remarkably scarce, for a wonder, and if a good yield has anything to do with prices, next year and this fall should see a lowering of the charges on island hay, oats and wheat, as the crops are expected to be bumper ones.

Advertisement for W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. featuring concrete tools and masons' tools. Includes an image of a trowel and text describing the quality and variety of their products.

Advertisement for Marr Millinery Co., Limited. Promoting various styles of hats including tailored hats, hand blocked untrimmed hats, and imported trimmed hats. Includes the slogan 'Where Quality Reigns.'

Advertisement for Emerson & Fisher Ltd. Promoting wood mantels and fireplaces. Includes text: 'MAKES WARM FRIENDS' and 'Wood Mantels (Latest Designs) Open Fireplaces, Monarch Grates, Andirons, Fenders, (Black or Brass) Fire Irons, Spark Guards, Gas Log, etc.'

Large advertisement for Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. Promoting 'Nail School Days' and a 'Big Clean-Up Sale of Children's Tubable Dresses'. Includes images of children in dresses and text: 'Bringing with them the need of many smart, serviceable garments for the children, so at this opportune time we are offering a Big Clean-Up Sale of Children's Tubable Dresses'.

Advertisement for D. Magee's Sons, Ltd. Promoting a '60th Anniversary Sale'. Includes text: 'In addition to the fact that you can secure a substantial reduction on any fur garment or article that you may select at our Anniversary Sale, you have the advantages of having the goods reserved and taken care of for you without responsibility on your part until required and making settlement at practically your own convenience. A \$20.00 saving on a \$200.00 purchase is worth considering. Catalogue for the asking. D. MAGEE'S SONS, LTD. 63 King Street'.