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Evening Telegram

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TUESDAY, Dec. 30th, 1913.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

After the meeting of citizens last night in the Board of Trade Rooms there can be no doubt that the interest in municipal matters is growing. This is a most hopeful sign as it foreshadows the growth of a strong and sound public opinion. Another hearty sign manifested last night was the disposition to move slowly and on sure ground. There was little disposition to advocate panaceas, but there was a disposition to study the situation thoroughly. Mr. Gosling who occupied the chair advocated that the line of action should be one of investigation, and that the general committee formed should be divided up into working committees to pursue definite lines of enquiry.

Mr. W. McNelly also contributed a suggestion on the same lines that citizens who did not become members of committees should be invited to contribute information and suggestions and difficulties they had come across, in order that the organization might become a repository of knowledge of civic matters.

These suggestions seem to us to be based on scientific lines, for the main suggestion in short is to diagnose the evil and then seek the remedy. Another pleasing feature of the meeting was a general disposition to appreciate any attacks on Council's present or past. The line of thought was rather to elicit the sympathy of those experienced in municipal management and to enlist their co-operation. It was therefore a gratifying sight to find that the chief motion, viz., the resolution to form a Citizens' Committee was in the hands of an Ex-Councillor, the Hon. John Harris, and that the committee to nominate a working committee of twenty-five included an Ex-Mayor, Mr. George Shea, and Mr. Harris.

Another encouraging feature of the meeting was the disposition to find money for the improvements that were found to be necessary. There was a feeling that money has not always been spent to advantage and that at times city employees do not sufficiently regard their duty to give a good day's work for a good day's pay, and

that they look on civic employment as a soft job, yet the fault lies at the door of citizens generally and can only be cured by the creation of strong public opinion capable of insisting on duties being adequately performed. The cure for this evil must be effected by banishing the apathy of citizens generally and the substitution for it of a live interest in civic affairs. Under such new conditions, economies could be effected and assurance found for the proper outlay of increased revenues. Mr. C. R. Ayre hit the nail on the head when he declared he did not blame the Council for the present condition of affairs, the reflection was on the citizens. This disposition to shoulder the blame, to sound the evils by investigations, to search for remedies, to rouse public opinion, to cooperate with the powers that be all show the right spirit to approach these civic problems. As to extra taxation, Sir Joseph Outerbridge pointed out the losses which the present cheese-paring policy entails and the menace it involves to the life of the community. Our vital statistics, busy medical men and crowded hospitals bear out Sir Joseph's remarks and raise the question whether or not the present policy is not a very extravagant one after all.

Altogether the meeting was most encouraging.

Christmas at the Asylum.

The annual treat for the inmates of the Poor Asylum was held at the institution yesterday afternoon. An abundance of good things were provided and the inmates thoroughly enjoyed themselves. An excellent musical programme was rendered in which the following took part, Misses, Alex. Diamond and Joyce and Messrs, Halley and Fox. To the many ladies who by their kind words and deeds have brought so much happiness to the inmates, every praise is due. The Christmas Party is an event, that is as heartily welcomed by the inmates as our anticipation of spending Christmas in the family circle.

Steadfast Mission Band of Cochrane St. Church will hold a Concert and Soiree on Tuesday, Dec. 30th, in the Lecture Room of the Church, commencing at 8 p.m. An interesting programme has been prepared. Admission 20c.—dec29,2i

This Date in History.

DECEMBER 30.
New Moon.
Days Past—363 To Come—1
ROGER ASCHAM born 1515. The teacher of writing to Edward VI, Latin Secretary to Queen Mary and instructor in Greek and Secretary to Queen Elizabeth. His "Schoolmaster" by which he is now remembered, was written to show "the right order of teaching and honesty of living, for the good bringing up of children and young men."
SIR SAMUEL BAKER died 1893, aged 72. A traveller and author of special note, whose books are full of charm and whose services as an explorer will long be remembered.
Time wasted is existence; used, is life. —Young.

At the Institute.

A large gathering attended the lecture by Capt. Saunders at the Institute last night. The Premier introduced the speaker who gave an excellent description of "A Voyage to Hudson's Bay."
At the close a vote of thanks was passed to the Premier for presiding. During the evening some beautiful lantern slides were shown by Mr. Ross. The singing of the "Ora Pro Nobis" and "Whisper and I Shall Hear" by Mr. and Miss Jones, was splendid and both selections were very enthusiastically applauded.

Recognized by French Govt.

Mr. Tasker Cook, Norwegian and Danish Consul, one of our most prominent and popular business men, and a native of this city, has had an honor conferred on him by the French Government as an expression of their appreciation towards him for his services rendered to French shipping people that came into this port within the past twenty-five years. Yesterday he received a decoration from the French Republic, signed by Louis Barthou, Minister of Public Instruction and of the Fine Arts. Mr. Cook has been made Officier d'Academie (Officer of the Academy), which is a high honor as it is one of the oldest orders in France, being established on March 17th, 1808. Mr. Cook appreciates the recognition very much and to-day is receiving the congratulations of his friends in which the Telegram unites. Yesterday Monsieur Paul-Suzor, the French Consul here at St. John's, at the present time received a similar decoration from the French Government for his fourteen years of good services at Siam, Colombia and Ecuador.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, Dec. 30th, 1913.
Here are a couple of new Toilet Preparations just on the market: Frozen Brillantine, a cooling and refreshing Dressing, highly beneficial to the hair, sold in neat glass boxes at 30 cents a box, and Gilasene, a non-greasy, non-stick light, white cream for feeding, softening and whitening the skin, and sold in tubes at 20 cents, and in handsome crocks at 50 cents each.
Figen is a gentle laxative lozenge that does its work in a pleasant, thorough, yet unobtrusive manner. Many sufferers from constipation, habitual or occasional, have good real and permanent relief by their use. Palatable, small in dose, and cheap they are an ideal stimulant to the liver and bowels, and as they have no inconvenient after-effects, we can fully recommend them. Price 10 and 25 cents a package.

LOCAL ARRIVES.—The local arrived to the city at 12:25 p.m. to-day with about 80 passengers.



AT HOME.

The Governor and Mrs. Davidson will be "At Home" on New Year's Day from 3 to 6 p.m.

Government House, St. John's. dec27,31,s,m,w

SELLING OUT

Bargains
in
Crockeryware.

JOHN B. AYRE.

Here and There.

CALENDARS.—We thank the Northern Assurance Company, Ltd., for a copy of their Calendar for 1914.

Wood's West End Store and Restaurant will be open New Year's Day till 11.30. Special Menu in Restaurant.—dec30,2i

WILL LOAD FISH.—The schr. Besie A. Crooks, 8 days from Liverpool, N.S., reached port this morning in ballast to Bowring Bros. The vessel will load fish.

Special reduction on Calendars this week—5c. for 4, 10c. for 8, 15c. for 12, 25c. for 20, 40c. for 32, 50c. for 40. Only a few of each price left at GARLAND'S.—dec27,3i

ENQUIRY INTO DEATH.—An enquiry into the death of the late Stephen White, who was killed on the Reid Co.'s railway on Christmas Eve, commences this afternoon in Judge King's office.

One bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts. Sold at the two Drug Stores, Duckworth Street and Theatre Hill, for only 10 cents a bottle.—dec27,1f

SCHOONER'S ROUGH TRIP.—The schr. Effie M., arrived in port this morning from St. Pierre. The vessel encountered head winds all the way and was knocked about badly. She brought a cargo of fish to Harvey & Co.

Secure Your Tickets for the Operetta Tyrolien Queen, Casino Theatre, Friday, Jan. 2nd. Tickets now on sale at Dicks & Co.—dec27,1f

BUSY SEASON OVER.—Trade is comparatively slow along the Water St. stores the past few days, and in consequence many of the clerks are rejoicing over the lull that will permit them to get through a considerable amount of stock-taking.

J. A. Wheeler, the Ventriloquist, with his funny little talking figure, will be at the Gaiety Theatre, Mechanics' Hall, tonight. Come and hear him. Admission 5 and 10 cents.—d30,1i

CAPT. DELANEY ILL.—The many friends of Capt. P. Delaney, Ships' Husband with the Reid Nfld. Co., will regret to learn that he is now in a critical condition, and the end is expected at any moment. His friends spent an anxious time watching him last night, and today his condition shows no improvement. He is now unconscious.

NOTICE.—His Grace the Archbishop will be "At Home" on New Year's Day to receive visitors from 12 (noon, after last Mass) to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 5 p.m.—dec30,2i

PATIENT FOR HOSPITAL.—A man named William Griffin, of Curling arrived by yesterday's express to enter the Hospital. He is suffering from a severe cold, and has received about a month ago, when putting up a sail on a small boat, the spar falling on him and throwing him across the anchor. He was scarcely able to walk, and needed the assistance of two men to board the cab that conveyed him to the hospital.

NEW YEAR CARDS.—We have reserved a lovely lot of New Year Cards, Floral, Landscape, Sepia, &c., from 2c. to 35c. Call early before they become soiled by handling. GARLAND'S Bookstores.—dec27,3i



AYRE & SONS, Limited,

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Your Christmas Banquet Selection:

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| HEINZ'S SOUPS.
Celery, Green Pea, Tomato,
Turkeys, Chicken,
Geese, Ducks,
Partridge, Hares,
Curried Prawns,
Halibut, Lobster,
Pate De Foie Gras Truffled,
English Bacon,
English Ham,
Tomatoes, Celery, | Plum Pudding,
Custard Powder,
Fruitella,
Olives—Stuffed, Plain and Mixed.
FRUIT.
Grape Fruit, Grapes,
Maraschino Figs, Pears,
Apples, Bananas,
California, Florida,
Jaffa, Valencia and
Jamaica Oranges. | NUTS.
Walnuts, Almonds,
Hazel, Brazil, Chestnuts,
Filled Dates, Table Figs,
Table Raisins,
Christmas Stockings &
Bon-Bons in great variety.
CIGARS.
Bock, Avec V., etc.
CIGARETTES.
Albany, Westminster. |
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At THE NICKEL, Wednesday & Thursday.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.

3 Reels—"THE SHAUGRAUN"—3 Reels.

Written by the world-renowned Author-Actor, Dion Boucicault. Produced in Ireland by the famous Kalem players, introducing many of the old and several new favorites.

Also TWO COMEDY SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

MUSICAL—Arthur Priestman Cameron in "Peculiar" Songs. Prof. P. J. McCarthy at the Piano.

AN EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG ENTERTAINMENT.

Newfoundland Views

beautifully coloured, make a very pleasing Xmas or New Year's Gift. A selection can now be seen in the windows of

PARSONS' ART STORE.

THE VIEWS OF BOWRING PARK, SUNSET ON LABRADOR,
SUNSET IN ST. JOHN'S HARBOR,
are gems of Artistic Photography.

Don't forget your friends abroad. You can get a book containing 67 Views in Newfoundland for only 40 cents.

Our New Year Gifts for the Home.

GENTLEMEN! START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

By giving your family all the comforts possible. We appeal to you as never before, as we were never in such a position to cater to your wants as now. We hold to-day the king position in the furniture business. Having a factory in our building, we can build and repair anything from the kitchen to the bedroom.

Having the Ideal Beds and Springs, the great rest givers, you do yourself and family an injustice if you do not at once order one of our Ideal Springs and Crescent Felt Mattresses—absolutely the best that can be produced, sanitary and lasting. Remember we are the only concern in the country that have our Mattresses made by machinery in our own building; only concern that have the Oxford and Woven Wire Springs made in the building, thus saving in cost.

Our Newly Made Surface Oak Sideboard is a dandy for \$15.00, worth \$20.00 or more. Only plant in the country producing this finish; so you will readily see how it will be to your advantage to trade with us; and in order to encourage your trading we will give for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 per cent. off all Furniture bought at our store.

Why not have one of our Easy Chairs to recline in. Our Morris Chairs and Rockers cannot be beaten. Our Quartered Oak Dining Suites would make a splendid gift for the home and add to its beauty. Our beautiful Carpet Squares would add to its beauty also. And last but not least, one of our newly made Bureaus will help to grace any bedroom, especially if accompanied by one of our artistic Toilet Sets. So don't fail to call and give us a chance to demonstrate the money-saving qualities of this store.

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THE POPULAR FURNITURE STORE.

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ROBERT TEMPLETON

JUST ARRIVED!

A nice assortment of

NEW TIES

For New Year. Prices:

75c. and \$1.00.



THE YOUNG MAN'S STORE.

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Capt.
Francis
by the

Captain Ernest Carroll, Cook, able seaman William Lockwood, of the schooner Francis, which was in mid-ocean when it was wrecked yesterday. It will be recalled that the schooner Francis, which was in mid-ocean when it was wrecked yesterday, was in mid-ocean when it was wrecked yesterday. It will be recalled that the schooner Francis, which was in mid-ocean when it was wrecked yesterday, was in mid-ocean when it was wrecked yesterday.

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