

AROUND THE CITY

Defective Sidewalk. Sgt. Caples reports a dangerous hole in the Princess street sidewalk between Carmarthen and Wentworth streets.

New Appointees Busy. Three drunks were gathered in by the police last evening and these were all taken in custody by recently appointed policemen. They are getting the habit.

Liquor License Applications. Up to yesterday Inspector Jones had received 21 applications for liquor licenses in the city for next year. All the applications have to be in by the 28th inst.

Keys Found by Police. A bunch of keys found on Union street Wednesday by Officer Lucas and a key found by Sgt. Baxter on Water street yesterday await the owners at the central police station.

U. N. B. Students Home. Fred Hoves and Walter Brown, who are studying engineering at the University of New Brunswick, arrived in the city yesterday. The remainder of the U. N. B. students will come down today.

Drunk and Hilarious. Alex Brayley, who is at most times harmless and full of fun, was arrested on Mill street last evening by Police-man Anderson, charged with shouting on the street as well as being intoxicated.

The Police Magistrate's Case. Premier Fleming stated yesterday that the report of the commissioner who conducted the investigation into the charges against the police magistrate, was not considered at the meeting of the government.

Bad Boys at Work. The panels of the St. Peter's school back door were last night smashed, and the door forced open. It is not known whether the mischief was made to enter the school, or if it was the work of bad boys.

New Doctor at Hospital. Dr. Frank Weidon, of New York, arrived in the city yesterday and will join the staff of the General Public Hospital. Previous to his coming here Dr. Weidon was in the New York State Hospital. He is a graduate of Baltimore University and a former class mate of Dr. Dalton of Fairville.

Will Be Buried Today. The body of the late Roland C. Hagerman arrived yesterday afternoon on the western train and the funeral will take place today from the home of his grandmother, Mrs. G. D. Carter, 211 King street, west at half past two o'clock, interment being at Cedar Hill cemetery.

Schools Close Today. The schools of the city will close today at noon. Closing exercises have been arranged in the different buildings. In the high school a well chosen programme will be carried out including essays, songs, readings and addresses. The medals won by the pupils during the year will also be presented.

Free Lecture Tonight. The Bickmore lecture on Newfoundland and Labrador will be delivered in the Assembly rooms of the High School this evening by Wm. McIntosh, under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club. This will be the last opportunity to see the views which illustrate the lecture, and it is expected that a large crowd of young people will attend. The lecture is free.

Much Excitement Over Nothing. The patrol wagon dashed down Union street about 9:30 o'clock last evening and headed toward Brunel street. In a very few moments there were many people on the run after it, the crowd increasing as they rushed along. Those who did not join in the rush stood amazed on the sidewalk as it was thought that there was a riot or something equally terrible. When the crowd arrived at the place where the hurry-up wagon stopped, they were greeted with the not unusual scene of an unfortunate drunk being assisted in the wagon and driven away by the police station.

Order of Owis. At a largely attended meeting held last night in their rooms the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Past Pres. F. W. D. Campbell; president, Frank L. Potts; vice-president, James Huey; inventor, S. C. Beeman; secretary, Arthur J. Hodges; treasurer, Charles Wamman; warden, Charles Masson; sentinel, W. H. Underhill; picket, Burt Winchester; pianist, professor, Arthur Mills. Trustees, E. J. Healt, James Williams, Charles Hewitt. After the meeting a supper was held at Wamman's restaurant, and an impromptu programme of speeches and songs helped to pass a very pleasant hour or two.

The Fish Market. The intending purchasers of fish for today's consumption will find the prices ranging about the same as last week. The series of storms along the coast has caused the supply to be rather scarce, but there is enough in the markets to satisfy all the demand. A quantity of striped bass was received yesterday, they are selling for 15c each; North Shore smelts are arriving more freely and are selling at 12c. There is plenty of choice haddock and cod, but fish haddies are quite scarce. Smoked salmon is selling at 25c per pound, and frozen mackerel at the usual price. The salt fish quotations remain unchanged.

Sample Dresses. You are unfortunate if you have not a girl that will fit any of those sample dresses which F. A. Dykeman and Co. have procured. In this instance the girl will have to fit the dress, or in other words, she will have to be the right size for these dresses to fit, because they are a manufacturer's set of samples, beautiful designs, not mended or soiled but perfectly fresh and the sizes run 4, 6 and 8 years and 12, 14 and 16 years. The prices are from 75 cents to \$5.00 and this is little more than half what they are worth.

CANADA COMPARED WITH PLATO'S IDEAL COUNTRY

Dr. Hutton, of Toronto University, Tells Canadian Club Dominion has Combination of Virtues which Make for Greatness—Our Destiny Must Lie within British Empire.

A comparison of Canada with Plato's ideal country was the theme of an interesting lecture delivered by Dr. Hutton, of Toronto University, before a meeting of the Canadian Club, held in Keith's Assembly Rooms, last evening. While there were frequent outcroppings of satire, and fanciful references in the lecture, it was full of much scholarly wisdom, one of those lectures which provoke thought, rather than attempts to convey a definite message. It was much appreciated by the audience, which was by no means as large as it should have been.

After luncheon the president of the club, T. H. Bullock, briefly introduced the lecturer. In opening, Dr. Hutton spoke of Plato's speculations regarding the characteristics and qualities essential to the development of an ideal community. According to Plato, the first virtue was composed of self-reliance, aggression, manliness, while the second essential virtue was made up of intelligence, gentleness, patience, forbearance. The Greek philosopher felt that these virtues were incompatible.

The speaker went on to describe the growth of an ideal state, and claimed that in Canada the conditions required by Plato had been met, by the fact that the nation was made up of Britons who possessed the qualities of manliness, aggression and governing ability, of French, who possessed the qualities of intelligence, and the other feminine virtues, and of the United Empire Loyalists, who gave to the national character, the qualities of fidelity, and a blend of the qualities of the American spirit and the British genius.

Where Our Virtues Come From. According to Plato, independent states and colonies have opposite virtues. But it was the mission of Canada to show the possibility of blending the three virtues of self-reliance, intelligence and loyalty. In Canada we have all the conditions which made America great, all but the unhappy quarrel with the Mother Country. From the British stock and the climate we got the primary virtue of self-reliance; from the Empire Loyalists, the virtues of gentleness, fidelity, and loyalty; and from the French, we got the other complementary virtues. In Canada we have a blending of the trinity of virtues.

Continuing, the speaker said that the surprising result of the last election illustrated the sagacity and acumen of the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, who declared that people were generally agreed on the major premises, but were usually fighting about details. At the last election every one was agreed about the major premises, that would make for the unity of the Empire was desirable. But there were two minor views of the matter. One was that the increasing prosperity of Canada would make for the good of the Empire; the other that the Empire would be injured by increasing the Americanization of the country.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN SESSION

Encouragement of Oyster Culture in New Brunswick Considered at Length Yesterday Afternoon.

The local government was in session yesterday afternoon and considered the proposition made by Mr. Mosely, of the Canada Oyster Company, to cultivate oysters in Bay Verte. While no definite decision was announced, it is understood that the members of the government regarded the proposition with favor, and that in all probability a bill will be introduced at the next session of the legislature providing for the encouragement of oyster culture on the shores of the province.

Mr. Mosely, when seen yesterday said he felt satisfied with the attitude of the government towards his application for a lease of barren areas in Bay Verte, but expressed great surprise in the ignorance of the reporter in regard to oysters. In fact he intimated that anybody but a lobster ought to know that oysters preferred to live on hard bottom. The method of cultivating oysters which his company will employ, is to prepare beds on which spawn oysters will be located, and to prepare other beds to catch the spat and allow them an opportunity to grow up and eventually attend an oyster supper.

The Canada Oyster Company plans on developing an extensive industry at Bay Verte. At the meeting of the government the first quarterly report of the Farm Settlement Board was presented, and was favorably commented on. It showed that the Board had done a great deal of good work in locating people on the land.

While working in the C. P. R. steamer Montfort yesterday John McKinnon, aged 26, had his leg broken. The accident occurred about 7:15 last evening. Mr. McKinnon, who is employed as a fireman, was engaged in unloading the steamer. Men were moving a large iron rail and McKinnon, who was standing near by, was not noticed by the workmen. In swinging the rail he was struck in the lower part of the leg. The man was carried into one of the sheds where everything possible was done to alleviate his pain. The ambulance was summoned and McKinnon removed to the General Public Hospital where it was found that the leg was broken. Last night the man was reported to be resting as well as could be expected.

THE WINTER PORT GRAIN SHIPMENTS BECOMING HEAVY

Steamer Montreal had Large Quantities for London and Antwerp—Cassandra Away Today with Large Cargo.

The winterport season is now in full swing and almost every day steamers arrive and depart from Sand Point. Today the Donaldson liner Cassandra, Capt. John Mitchell, will leave port with a large cargo of grain and flour besides 65 cabin and 350 third class passengers.

The C. P. R. steamer Montreal, Capt. McNeil, which sailed for London and Antwerp on Wednesday evening, carried away an exceptional cargo of wheat having on board 36,000 bushels of wheat and 15,000 sacks of flour for London and 152,000 bushels of wheat for Antwerp.

The Donaldson liner Athenia, Capt. James Black, is expected in port Saturday. She has on board a large general cargo besides 45 cabin passengers and 99 steerage. The Allan liner Virginian will sail this evening for Liverpool with a large passenger list.

GOOD SEASON FOR FARM MACHINERY

Despite Unfavorable Weather Conditions During Past There was Good Demand for Agricultural Plant

Although weather conditions last season were rather unfavorable to the employment of machinery in farming operations, the demand for farm machinery throughout the province was good and the dealers report a successful year. Speaking to a reporter, W. F. Burditt, of Frost and Wood, said his company had had an excellent year of business. "In view of the wet season," he added, "the demand for farm machinery was exceptionally good and shows that the farmers are exhibiting more and more interest in improved appliances. It was a very unfavorable year for farmers using machinery. In some cases the grain was beaten down so that it was almost impossible to cut it with a hand scythe, much less by machinery. But for all that the farmers are showing more enterprise every year."

TOWN PLANNING IS DISCUSSED BY COMMISSIONERS

Government will be Asked to Ratify Appointment of Town Planning Commission Early in New Year.

The city commissioners met yesterday afternoon and discussed at some length the question of town planning. They decided to ask the government to ratify the appointment of a town planning commission as soon as possible after the first of the year. At the last session of the legislature the government introduced an act which was adopted, providing for the creation of a town planning commission, and vesting it with powers which would enable it to regulate the growth of the city.

W. F. Burditt who has taken a keen interest in the question of town planning, was present at the meeting of the commissioners. It was said the commissioners did not take up the matter of selecting the personnel of the commission as soon as possible after the first of the year. It is felt that regulations may be adopted which will make it possible to have the new streets and subdivisions laid out on the most approved principles without entailing much expense on the city or the landowners.

Salvation Army Plans. The Salvation Army will begin the celebration of Christmas season on Sunday when a special service will be held in the citadel, on Charlotte street. The exercises will be conducted by Major and Mrs. Taylor and Captain and Mrs. Coombs. On Monday evening there will be a special service at the barracks in Indian town. On the 28th and 27th, there will be special services in the Charlotte street citadel, and on the 30th there will be a demonstration in Charlton. Major Taylor and Captain Coombs will leave for Bermuda at the end of the month to conduct services there. They will sail from Halifax.

AERIAL VISITOR PROMPTLY PINCHED.

Gray, Department of Hautes-Seines, France, Dec. 19.—A biplane piloted by a German, believed to be a military pilot, landed at Marry today. It had come from Mulhausen, Alsace-Lorraine, and was immediately seized by gendarmes on instructions from the sub-prefect.

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Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd. A. F. Macleod, of Halifax, is in the city on a business trip. William D. Rolston, of Yarmouth, N. S., formerly purser of the Prince Rupert, is in the city on a visit.