

AROUND THE CITY

Buried in St. John. The remains of the young child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sheppard of Fredericton who died at the Victoria Hospital in that city on Saturday were brought to St. John yesterday for interment.

James Kennedy's Funeral. The funeral of James Kennedy will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Andrew's church. Rev. MacVicar will conduct the service. There will be a private service at the late residence for the immediate family at 2.30.

No Council Meeting. Owing to the illness of the mayor and the fact that the common clerk was attending a funeral, the regular meeting of the common council which should have been held yesterday was postponed till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Will Entertain at Provincial Hospital. On Thursday evening of the week the members of the St. Peter's Society will entertain the inmates of the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases. The St. Peter's Orchestra will render several selections during the evening, and a varied programme will be carried out.

Fined for Forestalling. In the police court yesterday morning market policeman Dawes charged Allan A. McIntyre with forestalling in the country market by purchasing four pair of fowl on Jan. 22 from James Mallett before they had been exposed for three hours. The case was adjourned until the afternoon, when McIntyre was fined \$20 or 30 days jail.

Buying Timber Lands. W. S. Tompkins has completed arrangements for the purchase of a large tract of timber lands in the parishes of Southampton and Queensbury. The property contains about 2,300 acres and is estimated to have about five million feet of timber upon it. The transfer price is said to be about \$30,000.

More Applications for Farms. Yesterday the secretary of the farm settlement board received a communication from the provincial representative in London enclosing the application of four English farmers for farms in this province. All the applicants have a few hundred pounds, and experience in farming. One of them spent about ten years in Australia, but thinks it better to try his luck in this province than to return to the Antipodes.

A Pleasant Evening. The annual social gathering of the members of the congregation of St. Paul's church was held last evening in the schoolroom of the building. The attendance was the largest in many years, and an interesting and pleasant evening was passed, with a nicely arranged programme of solos, choruses and addresses. Refreshments were served by the ladies. Rev. E. B. Hooper presided, and opened the entertainment with a brief address. Those who contributed to the programme were: Chester Gandy, Dr. Magee and A. C. Ritchie. Several choruses were sung by the choir under the direction of A. C. Ritchie.

Lecture on Stephenson. The meeting of the St. Stephen's Church Guild last evening was in charge of the literary committee under whose arrangement a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Rev. J. J. McLaughlin gave a most interesting lecture on the life and works of Robert Louis Stephenson. E. March by request rendered solos. Miss Knight rendered two solos, one of which was entitled "Bod in Summer" and the other "Dark Brown is the River." A solo entitled "Young Night Thought" was rendered by Mrs. Griffiths. The solos were all poems written by Robert Louis Stephenson which were set to music. Rev. Gordon Dickie presided.

Art Club Lecture. Before the members of the St. John Art Club last evening Mrs. Fluke gave an interesting lecture on Auguste Rodin, the noted French sculptor. The audience was large and the lecture greatly enjoyed. In treating the subject Mrs. Fluke gave her hearers an insight into the chief characteristics which distinguish the production of Rodin and give to his work such a potency and charm. The lecturer quoted from the writings of the sculptor, and showed on the screen photographs of his works, giving as well brief comparisons between his works and those of the Greek sculptors and some of the more modern ones such as Michael Angelo and others. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was rendered the lecturer on motion of W. Frank Hatheway.

PERSONAL

J. A. Kelly and H. S. Estabrooks were in Fredericton yesterday. F. D. Hunter of St. John was in Halifax over Sunday. F. B. Duddy was in Fredericton yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Foster, who have been on a visit to the city, have returned to Fredericton. A. E. Brown and W. L. Howard of St. John were in Halifax yesterday. G. C. McAvity and R. S. Macdunn were registered at the King Edward Hotel, Halifax, on Sunday.

WELL KNOWN MAN IS ARRESTED FOR FRAUD.

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—George H. Gibbs, a well known broker has been arrested, charged with fraud in connection with three notes issued last year and aggregating in value \$6,650. He was released on bail. Gibbs has been prominent throughout the west for years.

WILL ESTABLISH A BIG CHINESE BANK.

Peking, Jan. 27.—A French syndicate has signed an agreement with the minister of finance for the establishment of the Industrial Bank of China, with a capital of \$3,000,000. The syndicate will supply two thirds of the capital and will also provide China's one-third share in the form of a special loan.

WILL ASK FOR AN AMBULANCE AT SAND POINT

Longshoremen's Union Will Ask Council to Take Action.

WILL ALSO ASK 'PHONE TO FERRY

Ambulance Baskets for Raising Injured Men from Vessels, and Hand Stretchers to Carry them are Required.

Owing to the large number of accidents at Sand Point the Longshoremen's Union has decided to petition the city council to provide proper ambulance facilities on the west side. They want ambulance baskets with which to hoist injured men out of the hold of a ship, and stretchers in which an injured man can be placed and which six men can pick up and carry to the hospital ambulance at the head of the docks. At present the only convenience at Sand Point is a two wheeled affair which may have to be brought from a distant shed and which, having no springs, is calculated to jolt the life out of an injured man. When a man is injured in the hold of a ship it often takes considerable time to improvise an arrangement to hoist him on deck. With ambulance baskets such as are available in most other ports there would be no delay getting an injured man out of the hold, and with stretchers in each shed he could be carried to an ambulance without jolting and with much better dispatch than now.

The union also wants a telephone placed in the west side toll house, so that the toll keeper might be asked to hold the ferry boat for a few minutes when an ambulance was coming from Sand Point with a badly injured man. The union officials claim that members of their union injured at Sand Point have had their sufferings prolonged unnecessarily and that in some cases very serious consequences have followed because the ambulance reached the west side docks a few minutes after the boat had departed and thus made it necessary to

UNION MAN URGES LOCAL PLUMBERS TO GET TOGETHER

J. W. Bruce, Canadian Vice-President, Says Union Must Strengthen to Meet Competition which will Come.

In the course of an interesting address by J. W. Bruce, Canadian vice-president of the International Plumber's Union, before a well attended meeting of local plumbers in the Opera House last night, he urged the men to follow the example of the business men and get together not only for the purpose of bettering themselves, but to effect improvement in the sanitary conditions of the city. Mr. Bruce said it was common knowledge that a great deal of plumbing being done in the city would not be tolerated in other communities, and he said there was great need of a practical plumber to inspect plumbing; a need which was recently urged by the master plumbers. The speaker dealt with the advantages of organization, and gave many examples of the way the members of the craft in other cities had improved their conditions. He said the eight hour day had been won by the plumbers in most other parts of the continent, and that it was time St. John was getting in line. He declared that the campaign of the Board of Trade would bring more workers into the city, and that as there was already enough competition for jobs among the workers it was necessary for the men to strengthen their union if they did not want the competition of the new comers to force down their wages. He advised the workers here not to take any stock in the doctrine that they did not need as much wages here as in the west, because according to his observation the cost of living here except in the matters of rents was very little lower than in the west. He thought one reason why the young men left St. John was because the conditions surrounding their social life were depressing for too many workers the limit of social enjoyment was the five cent show. President Burgess of the Trade Council, T. E. Tigho of the Longshoremen and others made brief addresses and coffee and sandwiches were served.

A Rose Among Thorns.

Rehearsals for "A Rose Among Thorns" are going on with an encouraging swing and there is every reason to expect that the play will be a distinct success. It will be given in the Opera House the latter part of this week, on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday matinee. The play tells of a story of heart interest, has several beautiful and appealing situations, and besides a tender vein of pathos, has touches of comedy which are delightfully refreshing. The characters are in capable hands and a finished performance is looked forward to, while the specialties are expected to prove most pleasing and entertaining, fully fifty people being named in the choruses. The exchange of seats begins this morning at ten o'clock in the Opera House.

THE HOUSING QUESTION IS NOW SERIOUS

Probability of Increase in Rents After May 1st.

Houses Scarce while Demand for them Continues to Increase - Is the Boom Responsible?

To the householder who lives in a rented house, the approach of Feb. 1 is fraught with anxiety over the probability of advance in rent. The situation this year is even more interesting than in years past owing to the boom which has struck St. John and given real estate an advance as many fear that the boom will have the effect of boosting rents. As it is the number of suitable tenements in the city is inadequate, and if the advance feared is carried the situation promises to become acute. A prominent real estate dealer said yesterday that the opinion of many seemed to be that the real estate people are responsible for increasing rents out of proportion with the value of the tenements. This is not the case, however, he contended, as the supply and demand should be taken into consideration, and there is, this year, an increased demand for flats. During the past year there has been an influx of new residents, the result of the advertising which the city has received from the projected development. Every day inquiries are coming in from outside places concerning opportunities to purchase property in the city or in the vicinity, the indications being that the spring will find a marked increase in the population. The housing problem is one which is not easy to adjust under present conditions. There is even now a certain amount of congestion, and very little vacant land in the city on which to build. In the immediate vicinity what little property there is cannot be purchased as most of it is held by estates. The suburban districts such as East St. John and the Manawagonish Road would open up new sections for residences, but the chief obstacle which confronts those who look in these directions to build is the communication problem. The extension of the street railway to these sections would prove a solution to the difficulty, and he contended that an extension in these directions will soon solve the whole question.

PETTY THEF MAKES HAUL

Feed Store on Pond Street, Owned by John Sims, Entered Last Evening and Till Robbed.

About ten o'clock last evening, the hay and feed store of John Sims, on Pond street was broken into, and the till which contained a small amount of silver, forced open and robbed of its contents. Entrance to the store was made through the front door, a large staple was torn from the wood and a padlock which fastened the door removed. The thief then made his way into the office and after searching about, succeeded in finding the till which he ransacked. Police Officer Collins in going his rounds noticed the door open, and on investigation discovered that a burglar had taken place. After satisfying himself that nothing else had been taken, he made the door secure. A short while before the door was forced open a young man was seen lurking in the vicinity and it is thought that he committed the robbery. The feed store of Jeremiah Harrison was broken into Saturday night and several other establishments have recently been entered and the till robbed in a similar manner. The police are of the opinion that many of these petty robberies have been committed by the same man.

SCOTCH NIGHT GIVEN IN CALVIN CHURCH

Large Audience Appreciated the Excellent Programme by well known Local Talent - Had Good Time.

The Scotch concert given by the guild of Calvin church in the schoolroom of the church last evening, proved a very enjoyable event, and reflected great credit upon those who organized it and those who took part in the programme. Joseph Simple presided and there was a large attendance. The concert took the form of a Scotch night, and the various features of the programme were a treat to appear to a Scotch audience. Piper Ross was present and played the pipes to perfection. A. D. Dunlop, Rev. I. A. McLean, Mrs. James Dennis and Mr. Kilburn sang solos, and were accorded generous applause. Scotch readings were given by Mrs. Robert Jamieson and Miss Anderson. Another feature of the entertainment which met with a good reception was the duet sung

LICENSE OF UNION CLUB CANCELLED

Liquor Commissioners Cut Two Licenses Out of Queen's Ward

MRS. JULIA HOGAN THE OTHER TO LOSE

Commissioners, Last Evening, Adopted Stringent Regulations to Govern Lighting of Saloons, and Other Matters

At the meeting of the city license commission held last evening it was decided not to renew the licenses of the Union Club on Germain street, and of Mrs. Julia Hogan on Water street. Andrew J. McIntosh was granted a license for the One Mile House in Stanley ward. An application for a wholesale license from William G. McIntyre was refused, but William B. McIntyre was granted a wholesale license. All the other applications were granted, except that of Michael Harley in Dufferin ward, who learned after sending in his application that his landlord would not renew his lease for another year. Mr. Harley sent in another application for a license at 573 Main street, but as all applications have to be advertised in the Royal Gazette before being dealt with by the board it was laid over for future consideration. The reason the commissioners cut out the license of the Union Club and of Mrs. Hogan was that the census returns showed that the population of Queen's ward had decreased, and that it had two more licenses than the law allowed.

New Regulations.

The commissioners under the authority vested in them by the license act adopted several new regulations of a stringent character to govern bar rooms. They are as follows: "The licensed premises shall at all times be kept clean and lighted to the satisfaction of the board and inspected with a view to insure a proper understanding of this order it is incumbent upon the licensee to see that the windows are washed both inside and out at least twice a week, whenever it is practical to do so, and the floors of the barroom scrubbed as often as may be necessary to insure cleanliness. Each bar room shall be provided with at least three spittoons which shall be thoroughly washed each morning before the premises are opened for business. The walls of each barroom shall be painted or papered, and the ceiling painted, papered or whitewashed, whenever in the opinion of the board or inspector such work is required to be done. "No licensee shall permit or allow any person or persons of known loose, idle or drunken habits to loiter or lounge in or upon his premises. "Every licensee who wilfully neglects or refuses to comply with these regulations shall be subject to a fine of \$5 for each and every offence. "What the Club Will Do. "The Union Club will make an effort to secure special legislation to permit it to provide its members with refreshments," said an officer of the Union Club last evening, when his attention was called to the action of the license commissioners in cutting out the club license. "The club has always been given an ordinary tavern license, but I understand there is a clause in the act providing for the granting of a special club license to the Union Club. However, in other cities club licenses are granted under special legislation. We will move for the same thing here, and will probably get a special license direct from the city."

A chance of a lifetime to buy children's dresses now being offered by F. A. Dykeman and Co. They bought too many of them and have about one hundred and fifty that they are determined to get rid of regardless of the cost. There are flannellette dresses on sale at 25 cents; white cashmere dresses, some were only \$3.50 on sale at \$1.00; Shepherd plaid dresses on sale at 89 cents; serge dresses on sale at \$1.50 and \$1.89; all wool serge sailor dresses, beautifully trimmed with silk-brad worth \$4.50 on sale at \$2.98. All through the lines you will find such savings as these. Then for young ladies there are about twenty-five of these that are marked nearly half their usual prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$8.50, the former prices being from \$8.50 to \$16.50.

Silver is Scarce.

J. W. Bomber, of Yorkshire, England, who has recently returned from the Porcupine mining district, arrived in the city last Thursday from Toronto, and will sail for Australia on the steamer Whakatane. When speaking of the mining conditions in the Porcupine, Mr. Bomber said that silver is now scarce and but few of the miners are accumulating any great fortune. The district is not what it is described to be, and many of those who have been induced to seek their fortune in the silver mines have met with little success. He has been in the mining district for four years, and is a skilled engineer.

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Will Be at Home. Mrs. Fenwick C. Bonnell will be at home to her friends on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at her residence 15 Faddock street.

By Rev. Mr. McLean and Miss McLean. Mrs. Thomson and Mr. Retallick played the accompaniments very acceptably. The entertainment was evidently much appreciated by the large audience.

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Continued This Morning -- The Sale of Slightly Defective Bleached Table Damask by the Yard A good chance to save money and at the same time have your purchase hemmed free of charge. 67 in. Bleached Table Damask, yard 78c. 69 in. Bleached Table Damask, yard 80c. 71 in. Bleached Table Damask, yard 82c. This is in connection with THE FREE HEMMING LINEN AND COTTON SALE now on in Linen Room.

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