

AROUND THE CITY

A Presentation.
Last evening the employees of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. presented Arthur E. Ellis, who is leaving the employ of the company, with a gold locket suitably engraved. Thomas Irvin made the presentation.

Tea and Sale.
The ladies of the Victoria True Blue Lodge conducted a tea and sale in their rooms on Colburn street last evening. The proceeds will go to the Protestant Orphan Home. During the evening an interesting musical programme was carried out.

Hand Bag, Purse and Money Found.
A lady's hand bag containing a small purse and a small sum of money was found on Union street yesterday by Mrs. Murphy and handed to Officer Rankine. The owner can receive the same on application to the chief of police at the central station.

John Warwick is Better.
John Warwick who recently underwent an operation at the general public hospital which occasioned a stay of several weeks in that institution, returned to his home yesterday. Mr. Warwick speaks highly of the care and attention shown him both by the officials of the hospital and by his friends during his illness.

Police Want New Blotter.
The big police blotter at central station will have to be renewed the last of the week by a new one, as nearly every page has been filled. The present book was commenced on October 22nd, 1910, and the 316 pages have been filled since that time with a host of arrests and a variety of different charges.

Fined For Assault.
In the police court yesterday afternoon George Marshall was found guilty for assaulting Albert Black on Main street a few days ago, and was fined \$20. Marshall is said to have a previous police record, having been sent to Dolchester penitentiary for two years on the charge of stealing a watch.

Big Lumber Land Deal.
George McKean, of St. John, John L. Peck, of Hillsboro, and J. Nelson Smith, of Coverdale, have bought out the Prescott interests in 26,000 acres of land in Albert county, consisting of 16,000 acres of fresh land and 10,000 acres of old land. The new owners will carry on lumber operations on an extensive scale this winter.

Took One Chance Too Many.
Mounted Officer Pitt reports that there is a dead cat lying on Chubb street and as it is not a very attractive sight it should be immediately removed by the street department. A couple of men and a team of horses will no doubt be sent to Chubb street in a hurry this morning to remove the corpse which took its ninth chance and failed.

Hale and Hearty at Ninety.
Mr. Justice White yesterday entertained at dinner at his home in Sussex, a small number of his immediate relatives, in celebration of the ninetieth birthday of his father, James E. White. Mr. White was very warmly congratulated by those present and his more hearty since besides having reached so advanced an age his general health is good and his intellectual faculties remain practically unimpaired. The Standard wishes Mr. White many happy returns of the day.

Working on Adelaide Road.
The city has started work on the extension of the water and sewer system out Adelaide Road. The work is being done by the employees of the department and will be carried on through the winter. The idea of the commissioner is to keep the employees of the department employed. A certain number of men have to be kept on duty in order to cope with any emergency that may arise, and these men will do the work on Adelaide Road.

Wants to Sell a Mink.
The fame of St. John as a booster of all things provincial is evidently spreading, the winter port season being in full swing with steamers arriving and departing almost every day. Yesterday His Worship received a letter from a man at Fredericton Junction saying that he was going to bring and hoped to get a mink. He desired the mayor to put him in communication with the fur farm at Renforth, as he would like to sell a live mink, if he got one. His Worship supplied him with the information wanted.

A Fire Department Investigation.
Some days ago the chief of the fire department asked four of the call men of the department in the North End to tender their resignations, the reason for his action being, it is understood, that the men were working at employment which made it impossible for them to respond to an alarm at certain times. The men asked for an investigation and this was held at city hall last evening by Commissioner McLellan. After the meeting Commissioner McLellan stated that there was nothing in the enquiry.

Stole Liquor from Sand Point.
Yesterday at noon Sgt. Finley and Patrolman Lee went to Sand Point and placed under arrest Alphonse Savard, aged 23 years, and hailing from Quebec. Savard is charged by the C. P. R. with stealing three bottles of Canadian Club whisky which arrived at the Point as freight. The prisoner was taken before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty. He was remanded to jail for sentence. Savard is certainly in wrong, as he is said to have been brought here by the C. P. R. as a watchman. Instead of keeping a sharp lookout for thieves and other evil doers, he fell and became a crook himself.

A splendid article for a Christmas gift would be one of the new Patent Underskirts which are being sold at P. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. This skirt is the product of a fertile brain which saw the need of it in connection with the tight fitting skirt of the present day. It fits like a glove round the waist and hip, no fullness whatever yet the patent is so simple you would wonder why it had not been thought of before. These skirts which Messrs. Dykeman are selling are no higher in price because of the patent fastener. They come in the finest qualities of moires and satens and are priced from one dollar to three dollars.

"NOTHING CAN STOP THE EASTERN CANADA NOW"

V. G. R. Vickers, General Manager of Dominion Express Company, Most Optimistic Concerning Future of Maritime Provinces—Will Increase Express Staff Here to Accommodate Growing Business.

"Business is certainly booming in the Maritime Provinces," said V. G. R. Vickers, general manager of the Dominion Express Company, who arrived in the city last evening after a tour of the eastern provinces. "Every body is optimistic and looking forward to continued progress in all lines. The holiday trade is breaking all records, our business at present is at least twenty-five per cent. better than it was at this time last year. The country is prosperous, and business is increasing rapidly every year. All over the country things seem to be booming, and there is bound to be a big increase in business of all lines next year. Developments have reached a stage where progress may be expected at an increasing rate; nothing can hold this country back now." Mr. Vickers has completed arrangements for the extension of the Dominion Express service on the lines of the Maritime Provinces, and it is expected the service will be inaugurated in the latter part of January.

ST. JOHN'S SHOP WINDOWS A CREDIT TO ANY CITY

Local Merchants Able to Hold Their Own with Best in Matter of Artistic and Effective Window Dressing—Window Displays Especially Good Just Now.

With the approach of Christmas the shops of the city have put on a more gala appearance than usual, and along King, Charlotte and other streets in the shopping districts there are many windows calculated to delight the eye and lure the nimble nickels from the purses of pockets of the citizens. St. John's merchants have long had a reputation for the way they keep their windows trimmed, and at present the window displays are much more elaborate and artistic than in any previous Christmas season. Along King street the character of the displays would indicate that in the merchants' views the people of the city had enjoyed an unusually prosperous year, and have lots of money to spend, and in fact most of the merchants who are catering to the Christmas trade not only report that business is better by twenty-five per cent. than last year, but that the people are buying better classes of articles for presents this year than ever before.

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH MAKES SAND POINT SCENE OF ACTIVITY

Large Grain Shipments Feature of Busy Week—Empress of Britain will Have Record Passenger List.

Sand Point now presents a busy appearance, the winter port season being in full swing with steamers arriving and departing almost every day. The grain shipment so far has been large, with numbers of apples and many other commodities are being handled in large quantities. Yesterday morning the C. P. R. steamer, *Montezuma*, Captain Griffith left for the Old Country with a large general cargo besides 205,493 bushels of wheat. This, although not a record shipment is considered by the elevator officials to be a large amount considering that the season is just under way. Two winterport steamers will leave this afternoon both carrying large grain shipments amounting in all to 170,351 bushels. Besides this, large general cargoes are also being taken. The *Donaldson* liner *Saturna*, Captain Taylor, leaves this afternoon at three o'clock for Glasgow direct. Besides 114,354 bushels of grain she will carry 500 passengers consisting of 160 cabin and 340 steerage. The *Lake Erie*, Captain Carey, also leaves this afternoon. The *Lake Erie* is under charter to the Allan line and her grain shipment consists of 56,000 bushels besides which she carries a large cargo of apples and lumber to London and Havre. The Christmas trip of the C. P. R. royal mail liner *Empress of Britain* promises to go on record as being one of the largest in the history of the now famous Christmas boats. It is expected that over 2,000 passengers will return to their native lands for the holiday by this steamer. Although the giant liner does not sail until Friday afternoon already special trains are arriving from the west. Yesterday the Montreal train came in in three sections while the same conditions will prevail today and up till the time the steamer sails.

Officers Elected.
There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of the Royal Arcanum No. 133 in their rooms, Charlotte street, last evening when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Representative to grand council, A. C. Currie; Alternate, A. G. Barbour; Regent, T. Andrew Ramsey; Vice-regent, L. L. Patchell; Orator, T. Albert Linton; Past regent, A. C. Currie; Secretary, D. McNally; Collector, W. S. Clawson; Treasurer, Wm. A. Watmore; Chaplain, H. E. Conroy; Guide, R. E. Strange; Warden, W. F. Rowse; Sentry, H. H. James; Trustees, A. D. Barbour, H. W. Woods and James H. Frink.

SLEUTH HERE AFTER CROOK

Pinkerton Man on Trail of New York Bookkeeper who Stole \$11,000 and Fled this Way.

A Pinkerton detective from New York was in the city yesterday on the trail of a bookkeeper of a big New York piano company who left the American metropolis a few days ago, taking \$11,000 with him. The detective, by watching a brother of the refugee, learned that he had fled to Montreal and then came to St. John. The Pinkerton man made enquiries at the local hotels and learned that a man answering to the description of the missing bookkeeper was in the city on Friday. The man had registered at a hotel on King street, and George Fox, after comparing samples of the missing man's writing with the signature the detective carried, was likely that the man he was searching for. The detective did not disclose the name of the firm he was working for, but he cut out the signature of George Fox from the hotel register and took it away with him.

MONSIGNOR STAGNI HOLDS RECEPTION

Apostolic Delegate Met Many Men of Local Parishes Last Night—Will Go to Halifax Today.

His Excellency Monsignor Stagni, apostolic delegate, who leaves St. John this morning, held a reception for the men of the Roman Catholic parishes in the Bishop's palace last evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. The opportunity of meeting the apostolic delegate was taken advantage of by nearly a thousand men during the hour. Receiving the visitors with His Excellency were Rt. Rev. Bishop LeBlanc and members of the clergy. The delegate received the visitors in the drawing room of the palace. On entering, the visitor was presented by Rev. Dr. Meahan. Although the number presented was large, Monsignor Stagni took time for each word with all, and the warmth of his reception and his pleasing manner impressed all who were fortunate enough to meet him. During the evening the City Cornet band visited the palace, and after being presented individually assembled on the lawn in front of the building and serenaded the distinguished visitor.

ARCHBISHOP CASEY ENJOYING PLEASANT HOLIDAY IN BOSTON

His Grace Welcomed by Hundreds of Former Friends—Is Presented with Copy of Raphael's Madonna.

In last Sunday's issue of the Boston Post, there appeared the following concerning His Grace Archbishop Casey: "Coming here from his old diocese of St. John, N. B., Archbishop Timothy Casey who has been elevated to the Archdiocese of Vancouver, B. C., has been a visitor in Boston, and is now on his way to take up his new duties in the western province. While here he was the guest of the Right Rev. Mr. Denis O'Connell, D. D. He also visited relatives in the South Boston district. Archbishop Casey is one of the latest appointees of Pope Pius to the position of archbishop, and is one of the best known prelates in Canada. As an art collector he takes first rank in the Dominion. It is said his collection is worth in the vicinity of \$1,000,000. While in Boston Archbishop Casey visited the Art Museum and some of the private galleries. At the studio of Mr. P. E. Duffee at 500 Boylston street, His Grace was presented with a beautiful copy of the recently discovered Raphael's painting of 'Mary and the Infant Christ.' In this particular picture of Raphael's Archbishop Casey has manifested considerable interest and owing to this fact Mr. Duffee has had a beautiful imported copy of it turned over to him to place in his collection. Archbishop Casey is well known in Boston by hundreds of people who at some time in their lives have been in his old diocese of St. John, which extended over a wide area in New Brunswick. He has been in that diocese 28 years, 12 as bishop. On Nov. 30 last, he was tendered a great reception in the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. John. Thousands turned out to do him honor. Last week he started on his journey, coming to Boston to visit relatives and incidentally to stay over night with his old friend, Mr. O'Connell. With this article there appeared a picture of His Grace and also one of the painting presented to him.

Sudden Death of Negro.
Thomas Johnston, a colored man, who has been the proprietor of a Sheffield street house for many years, died rather suddenly last evening. The man had been sick a few days, but his friends did not anticipate that he was seriously ill and last evening he suddenly passed away. Sergt. Scott of the police force, notified Coroner Berryman of the death and that official will view the remains to determine if an inquest is necessary.

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Rowing Wagons.	Kindergarten Chairs, to match tables.	Child's Nursery Chair.
Dolls' Brass Beds.	Children's Desks, blackboard inside.	Dolls' Inrickchaws.
Children's Rockers.	Children's Secretaries, with drop front.	Manual Training Work Benches.
Dolls' White Enamel Beds.	Children's Swinging Horses.	Child's Table and 2 Chairs in Japanese Copper Finished Steel.
Insour Merry-go-Rounds.	Baby's Sleighs, \$3.25 up.	Boys' Automobiles.
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