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CHURCH NOTICES.

St. Andrew's Church.

Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject, "Christ Pre-eminent." Evening service, at 7 o'clock, subject, "The Song of Redemption." Rev. C. P. Goodson, recenly of Chicago, will preach at both services. Special Christmas music. All are welcome.

Exmouth St. Methodist Church.

Sunday services 11 a. m., Rev. Geo. A. Ross will preach, and at 7 p. m. the pastor, Rev. W. W. Brewer. Sunday school at 2.30, when the annual Christmas offering for the poor will be taken. All men are cordially invited to the Men's Bible Class led by the pastor, which meets at 2.30. Subject for discussion, "The Virgin Birth." Special Christmas music at both morning and evening services.

Mission Church, St. John Baptist, Paradise Row.

On Sunday: Holy Eucharist, (plain) 8 a. m. Matins and Litany, 10.15 a. m. Rev. H. A. Collins, 11 a. m. Festal evensong, with singing of Christmas carols at 7 p. m.

On Christmas day—Holy Eucharist, (plain), 6, 7, and 8 a. m. Matins, 10.15 a. m. High Celebration with sermon by Rev. Father Convers, 11 a. m. Evening prayer, 5.30.

Every Day Club.

Rev. Dr. Raymond will speak at the Every Day Club tomorrow evening at half past eight. The orchestra will play, the girls' quartette of Brussels street church will sing, and there will be solos by Miss Blanche and Alex. Simmons.

"Jack" Robinson in Town.

With a happy smile and a warm hand shake, John I. Robinson, the manager of the Sydney Hotel arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Christmas season with his relatives. Mr. Robinson for many years was a valued employe of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company in this city and now he is one of the most prominent hotel men in the Eastern Provinces.

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ANDERSON—On Dec. 22, 1911, to Rev. and Mrs. J. H. A. Anderson, 389 Union street, St. John, N. B., a daughter.

DIED.

DOHERTY—Suddenly in this city on December 21st, 1911, Henry A. Doherty, aged 57 years. Funeral from his late residence 96 Wentworth street, on Saturday at 3 p. m. Service at 2.30.

JOHNSTON—At the residence of his father, 205 St. James St., West End, Walter Kenneth Turner, only and beloved son of George H. C. and G. M. Johnston, aged 2 years and 2 months. Funeral Saturday at 2.30 p.m. to Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Funeral Notice

THE MEMBERS OF ALBION LODGE, No. 1, F. & A. M., are requested to meet This (Saturday) afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock at 96 Wentworth street, to attend the funeral of their late brother,

HENRY A. DOGHERTY.

Members of Sister Lodges are respectfully invited to attend.

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Washington Star:—I guess I'll have Josh go in fur literature," said Farmer Corntossel.

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CHRISTMAS NO SNAP IN THE POST OFFICE

Men who Convey Yule Tide Greetings to Others Have to Work Overtime in Doing it.

There is one class of men to whom Christmas does not bring unalloyed pleasure, and that class plays a most important part in bringing Christmas cheer to others. The men who bear Christmas greetings and gifts about the city, or around the earth, are now working night and day, and not getting an extra dollar for the extra loads they bear, or the overtime they work. And the post office employes of St. John are no exception to the rule. All hands, office men and carriers, are working sixteen or more hours a day, and will have to work on Christmas Day in order to keep up with the rush.

Yesterday the carriers made four or more deliveries, and were at work up to midnight last night sorting out the mail; and they will be to work again at half past six this morning.

Yesterday the mail arriving from England for the city and province was the heaviest ever handled by the local post office containing 31 customs baskets of parcels. And to make matters worse the C. P. R. mail train from the west was four hours late, causing a regular blockade for a time.

The post office, which was large enough in 1882 when it was first used is now altogether too small for its purpose. Every part of the building is overcrowded, and a great deal of time and labor has to be expended dragging the mail matter from one story to another. The only place available for the carriers to sort the mail is the upper story, and they have to take the mail up by an elevator as slow and antiquated as the ark. When the letter carriers start out with a pack of usually more than one hundred and fifty pounds they have to tramp down three flights of stairs.

ENTERTAINMENT AT INDUSTRIAL HOME

Excellent Programme and Presentations Last Evening - Boys Acquitted Themselves Creditably.

At the Boys' Industrial Home last evening a pleasant evening was spent when the boys of the school gave an enjoyable Christmas entertainment. The programme was excellent and those taking part acquitted themselves most capably.

The following programme was carried out:

Chorus—O Canada.
Recitation, "Christmas Eve," ..... H. Lockhart.
Recitation ..... A. Emery.
Christmas carol ..... Boys.
Recitation ..... W. Cobham.
Christmas song ..... Boys.
Recitation ..... John Stanley.
Solo "Holy Night" ..... J. Gibb.
Christmas Bells by 9 boys.

Following the programme the presentation of prizes for the term took place. Two prizes donated by Lady Tilley for general proficiency in the school, were awarded to Gordon Kay and Walter Cobham. The prizes presented by His Worship Mayor Frink, for proficiency in arithmetic, were won by John Stanley and George Axtell. The winners of the prizes offered by Mrs. E. A. Smith, for proficiency in grades 6 and 2, were awarded to H. Lockhart for grade six, and to Gurney Grey, for grade two.

Prizes donated by W. S. Fisher, for good conduct and trustworthiness, were won by W. Tufts and P. Short.

During the evening Supt. Fred E. McDonald presided. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation made by the boys to the superintendent and Mrs. McDonald. To Mr. McDonld they presented a fountain pen, while Mrs. McDonald was remembered with a set of handsome collar pins.

Mrs. Land, teacher at the school, who has been obliged to resign, owing to poor health, addressed the boys, congratulating them on the success they have had in their classes, and counselling them regarding their future conduct and work. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Land by Supt. McDonald on behalf of the boys.

The usual Christmas dinner and tree will be provided for the boys on Monday, but on account of the death of Mrs. McDonald's brother, the treat will not be public. The candy bags are being made and filled for the tree by the ladies of the Carmarthen street church, and the boys are anticipating a merry Christmas.

An Incipient Riot.

There was enough noise at the end of the South Market wharf last night after eleven o'clock to have made a great disturbance, if it had happened in a central part of the city. There was a disturbance among a crowd of sailors, and it is stated that there was almost a riot. One of the number was a foreigner, and it is said, he thought that because he was an Italian the others in the party were going to do him injury. The policemen who were on that beat heard the disturbance and hastened to the end of the wharf, at the Dominion Coal Company's pockets, and the man who had the idea he was going to be beaten was locked up in a central police station cell. Up to an early hour this morning no charge had been entered on the police books.

Not the Same Man.

A Boston despatch in yesterday morning's Standard chronicled the arrest in the Hub of H. Percy Mills, of Annapolis on a charge of theft. A gentleman called at The Standard office last evening and said that the name and address mentioned in the Boston item were his but denied that he had been arrested. He is of the opinion that the man to whom the Boston item refers gave the name of H. Percy Mills for the purpose of deceiving the Boston Police.

Stanley Bridges, who has been attending Harvard Medical College, returned home on the Boston train last night to spend the vacation with his parens, Dr. and Mrs. Bridges.

HOW OTHER TOWNS CAN HELP IN FAMILY REUNION PLAN

Secretary of St. John Board of Trade Thinks Boards in Other Towns Might Take Control of Work in their Immediate Vicinity.

That a great development of interest in the immigration question could be effected by having the boards of trade throughout the province follow the example of the St. John board, in endorsing the suggestion of Premier Flemming and establishing family reunion funds on their own account, is the opinion of Secretary Anderson of the St. John Board of Trade.

"There are about 28 active boards of trade in New Brunswick," he said. "If each board subscribed $1,000, you would have a fund of $28,000, from which loans could be made to immigrants to enable them to bring out their families. Each board could utilize its funds to assist immigrants located in the immediate neighborhood. By engaging in this work, the members of the boards would necessarily develop a personal interest in immigration matters generally, as well as in the immigrant himself.

"The local Board of Trade at Chatham, for instance, could investigate the circumstances of an immigrant located in that district, and find out whether he was deserving of a loan to enable him to bring out his family, much better than we could from St. John. Also the business men of that district would be more interested in having the new settler bring out his family as soon as possible, because they would get the custom of the family.

"Of course, I don't mean that the St. John Board of Trade should only take an interest in immigrants locating in this vicinity or in this county. St. John is by long odds the biggest and wealthiest city in the province, and may be expected to take an interest in the question of promoting immigration to all parts of the province. But it can readily be understood that the St. John Board could never do as good work if it has to carry on the whole thing, as 28 or more boards scattered through the province could do. Personal interest, local effort, co-operation, and friendly rivalry, these are the factors needed to stimulate immigration.

"The more centers or sources of encouragement for the new comer the better. One of the great troubles we have to contend with is the pessimistic attitude of the native farmer. When a new-comer enters a district, all the farmers gather round him, and spin blue-ruin yarns, and declare it is impossible for a man to make a respectable livelihood out of the soil. If the new-comer talks of buying a homestead, they tell him that he has selected the worst piece of land in the country, that the previous owner killed himself in a struggle with the stubborn soil, and that the next ones can look for no better fate. I have heard of scores of instances of that sort of thing. We need in the rural districts the spirit of optimism, the local patriotism which has begun to manifest itself in the towns of the province. Since the meeting of New Brunswick newspaper men in St. John nearly two years ago, a great change has taken place. All the newspapers are encouraging local pride, and the outlook of the people in towns is becoming more optimistic. The spirit of the boosters is spreading to the country, and that is a great thing.

THE KINDERGARTENS' CHRISTMAS CLOSING

Pleasing Exercises Marked Completion of Successful Term in Different Departments Yesterday Afternoon

After a most successful term the Kindergarten schools in the city held their Christmas closing exercises yesterday morning. Christmas trees displayed the work which the pupils have done during the past months.

In the Portland street department appropriate rural decorations were in evidence, and under the direction of the teacher, Miss Edith Stevens, a tree was prettily trimmed for the occasion.

In Miss H. R. Seeley's school on Waterloo street a pretty winter scene was one of the features, and as in the Portland street school Christmas songs were sung and stories told.

In the Brussels street department, which is in charge of Miss Lou Estey, enjoyable exercises were carried out in pleasing manner by the pupils. There were games, and gifts were presented to the children. Miss Estey was capably assisted in the closing exercises by Miss Janie Stone, Miss Dorothy Robinson, Miss Bessie Allingham, Miss Lily Raymond, Miss Marjarie Barnaby, Miss Eunice Macauley, Miss Grace Fisher, Miss Ethel Estey, Miss Daphne Crosby, and Miss Jean White. Miss Janet Freeze kindly acted as pianist, the regular assistant, Miss Edith Emerson being absent owing to illness.

The closing of the private kindergarten conducted by Mrs. W. C. Matthews, was attended by a large number of parents of the children. The work of the children was displayed, gifts presented and a programme carried out. Mrs. Matthews was assisted by Miss Ruth Flanders and Miss Mabel Sandall.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM IS PRACTISING

The High School hockey team, under Capt. Walter Smith, is practising every morning during the holidays on Lily Lake, and the team is rapidly rounding into shape. Only two of last winter's players are available, these are Smith and Lovitt. The boys will find it hard to fill the places of McGowan and Teed, the latter is playing for Rothesay this winter. Among the boys who are turning out to practice are Capt. Smith, Hamm, McKee, Hunter, Milledge, Lovitt, Machum, R. Foley and F. Foley. A team picked from these players should win a place for itself in the interscholastic league.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WESTERN UNION

The Western Union Telegraph Company is furnishing this season again their very attractive form of "Holiday Greetings" sending blanks. The form bears a handsome border of holly and mistletoe printed in colors. Messages written on these sending forms will be delivered at destination on the same style of blank. The new feature of trans-Atlantic night letters, inaugurated by the Western Union, is proving a very cheap and efficient means of conveying the season's greetings to friends across the pond.

Presentations.

In the St. John Business College yesterday afternoon, the students in the business department took occasion to show their appreciation of the services of their teachers. On behalf of the students of this department, W. J. Scribner, W. C. Howatt and E. A. Adams presented an address expressing all their sentiments and at the same time handed to Mr. Kerr a very fine gold mounted fountain pen, and to Miss Brown and Miss Murphy serviceable portfolios. The members of the staff were naturally greatly pleased with this evidence of appreciation, and suitably responded to the good wishes expressed.

MERCHANTS BANK IS STRONGER THAN EVER

Annual Report of the Directors Shows the Institution to be in a Flourishing Condition —Dividend Shows Increase.

The annual report of the directors of the Merchants Bank of Canada, submitted to the shareholders on the 20th inst. shows the bank to be in a very sound position. The capital stock is $6,000,000, and the rest at the close of the year's operations amounted to $5,400,000, or 90 per cent. of the capital.

The total earnings for the year were $1,179,581, of which $570,000 were distributed among the shareholders, $500,000 transferred to the reserve fund, $100,000 written off from bank premises account, and $50,000 contributed to the officers' pension fund. The balance to the credit of profit and loss after making these payments is $58,878.

The dividend was increased during the year from 9 to 10 per cent. The total assets of the bank are $81,928,961, which include gold and silver coin $2,149,007; Dominion notes, $5,659,100; government, municipal and other bonds, $6,076,969. The bank has call loans secured by bonds and stocks in Canada amounting to $3,854,845, and elsewhere than in Canada, $9,091,612. The current loans and discounts amount to $47,411,049. The total deposits are $63,494,580, of which $36,239,678 are subject to notice.

These figures show the bank to be in an exceptionally good position. Nine new branches were opened during the year and none closed. Sir H. Montagu Allan is president, and E. F. Hebden general manager.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE WORKING ON NEW LINE

Proposal Now is for Provincial Board of License Commissioners and One Inspector with County Deputies.

A proposal which, if adopted, may revolutionize the whole scheme of administration of the liquor license laws as well as the observance of prohibition in constituencies under local option, is to be submitted to the next meeting of the St. John Branch of the Temperance Federation according to the statements made to the Standard by a prominent temperance worker yesterday.

The plan is, broadly, to abolish the board of liquor license commissioners, as well as the offices of license inspectors as at present understood, and administer the license law for the whole province by a provincial board of commissioners and one provincial chief inspector with deputies in the different counties.

In counties where license obtains this board would perform the duties of the present local license boards, while in local option constituencies it would have supervision over the enforcement of the prohibitory laws. It is claimed that in this way the responsibility for license law enforcement can be centralized instead of divided as at present and that a better enforcement would be the result. The plan has been spoken of to several temperance workers and received with general approval. If the temperance federation decides to adopt the principle it is probable that a delegation representing the province will be appointed to bring the plan to the attention of the provincial government for their consideration.

It Worked Both Ways.

The condition of the streets during the past few days has caused a great deal of annoyance to housekeepers. The soft snow and mud formed a combination which adhered to the feet like a mustard plaster, and followed the wayfarer over the house, spoiling the carpets and the tempers of the house wives. Many married men have been afraid to go home in the dark, but hall, and crawl upstairs without making others, no doubt, were glad of a good excuse to take their boots off in the ing trouble.

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JUDGMENT REVERSED IN ROYAL HOTEL CASE

Judge Forbes Yesterday Decided that Liquor License Law Had Not Been Violated Charge Dismissed with Costs

His Honor Judge Forbes reversed the judgment of the Police Magistrate in the liquor law case against the Royal Hotel on appeal yesterday morning, giving costs against the informant, Rev. W. R. Robinson. Rev. Mr. Robinson claims that the law requiring a full view of the bar, unobstructed from the street, has been violated.

The defence maintained that as the interior of the bar was visible from the hotel office, the requirements of the law were satisfied; Police Magistrate Ritchie, however, decided in favor of the informant.

Judge Forbes, in reversing the decision, delivered the following judgment:

"I can find not a tittle of evidence that the bar or bar-room has been, or is, obscured or concealed by a screen or any other device, and is in exactly the same condition it was when the commissioners examined it prior to issuing the license.

"There being no evidence to sustain the information, or the lengthy judgment of the Police Magistrate, I allow the appeal and reverse the judgment of the Police Magistrate, and dismiss the charge with costs."

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