

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

Keys Found.

Two keys found on Charlotte street yesterday by Policeman Goodwin, and the owner at the central police station.

Escaped Lunatic Captured.

Yesterday morning Serg. Caples captured William Lacey, who had escaped from the provincial hospital for nervous diseases, and took him to the central police station, where he was later called for by one of the guards from the hospital and taken back.

Stealing at Sand Point.

Dennis Kennedy, a 51 year old Englishman, was arrested in No. 3 warehouse, West End, yesterday afternoon by Allan Line Detective D. J. Walsh, and is charged with stealing a quantity of canvas from a crate, the property of the Allan Line S.S. Co. The theft is said to have taken place yesterday.

An Interesting Concert.

The Sunday school room of the Portland Street Methodist church was the scene of an entertaining concert last evening, when the large auditorium was crowded to the doors by a thoroughly appreciative audience which listened with pleasure to the following programme: Chorus by the Epworth League; piano duet, Misses Helen Miller and Eva Gallop; vocal solo, A. W. McInnis; reading, Miss Laura Spencer; dialogue, Senior Epworth League; club singing, Harri Hoana; vocal solo, Kathleen Blizard and Granville King; piano duet, Misses Myles and Hersey; reading, Miss Dora Corbett; vocal solo, Miss Lizzie Holder; tumbling exhibition, Y. M. A. team; dialogue, Misses Corbett and Spencer; sketch, James Steen and H. Cunningham.

The River Steamers.

The river steamer Majestic docked at her wharf at Indianton late yesterday afternoon after a successful trip forcing her way through to Fredericton. On the trip down the river the steamer loaded large quantities of freight at each stopping place, with the result when she tied up at her wharf here, she was found to be over her cargo consisting of butter, pork and other farm commodities. The Majestic also had on board 20 head of beef cattle and several calves. D. J. Purdy, of the Crystal Stream S.S. Co., when seen last evening, said that he expected to have the D. J. Purdy on the Washademoak route by Saturday. The river showed a considerable rise in Indianton yesterday and the water is now within a foot of the top of the wharf.

Successful Concert.

A very successful concert was given in the Seamen's Institute last night before a large and appreciative audience. A splendid programme was given by the boys from the Donaldson liner Saturna, Allan liner Victorian and C. P. R. liner Lake Erie. Monte Hugo, an exceptionally clever conjurer, performed quite a number of amazing tricks, his imitation of a child reciting was delightfully funny, and he received many recalls. Mr. Ross, Scotch comedian, proved a great favorite, his Scotch numbers being very quaint. Messrs. Pringle and McNeil sang very sweetly and had to respond to hearty encores. Mr. Drysdale was a clever stentorian and Mr. Lawrie greatly amused the audience with his humorous song and dialogue. Miss Melin played a pianoforte solo very acceptably, and Miss Thomson and Mr. Black were able accompanists. The concert was given in aid of the Titanic disaster fund.

BIG CEMENT PLANT PRACTICALLY SURE

Mr. Guernsey Says His Company will Pay for Greenhead Property as Soon as City Delivers Deed.

H. A. Guernsey stated yesterday that the company which holds an option on the Greenhead property is ready to pay over the purchase price agreed on as soon as the city prepares the deed of transfer. The city agreed to sell the property for \$26,200. One of the conditions of the sale of the property is that it be used to develop a cement plant. Asked about the plans of the company, which will take over the property, Mr. Guernsey said he had nothing to say at the present time, but that they would go on with the work of developing as soon as some preliminary details were settled. His company had an engineer make a survey of the property some time ago and the report was very satisfactory, showing that the property was well supplied with materials for manufacturing cement. It is said the company will erect one of the largest cement plants in Eastern Canada, and give employment to quite a number of men.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Josiah Wood was in the city yesterday and registered at the Royal. W. W. Hubbard was at the Victoria yesterday. O. M. Melanson, of Shediac, arrived in the city last evening and is at the Royal. King Cole, the largest tame Lion on earth, with Barley & Balgum.

NO CHANGE IN SITE OF PROPOSED BREAKWATER

Courtenay Bay Harbor Barrier to be Constructed from Point Originally Planned - Danger to Shipping from Waves Makes Extended Area Impracticable in Opinion of All Engineers - P. R. Warren Gives Details of Contractors Plans.

The breakwater in connection with the development of Courtenay Bay will be built as originally planned at the foot of the rock adjacent to the Alms House, and as shown in the plan already published in The Standard. The proposal to enlarge the harbor by constructing the breakwater at McNamara Point, one and a half miles down the coast line will not be carried out. The engineers having thoroughly studied the situation are opposed to it. This information was given to The Standard yesterday by P. R. Warren, chief engineer for Norton Griffiths and Co., Ltd., who arrived from Ottawa. Mr. Warren had been in conference with Eugene Lafleur, chief engineer of the Public Works Department, and this was the decision.

Discussing the reasons which had led the engineers to adhere to the original plan, Mr. Warren said while it was recognized that it would be to the advantage of the city to increase the harbor area, the changes would endanger vessels navigating the channel in and out of Courtenay Bay.

"Under the plan for the breakwater as now decided," he continued, "the waves coming in from the southeast will hit the structure at an oblique angle and spend themselves in Little River Bay."

"If the breakwater were built at McNamara Point, the waves would hit it at right angles, causing cross currents into Courtenay Bay thereby making navigation dangerous. For this reason, and it is a sound reason," added Mr. Warren, "the breakwater will be built as originally proposed. All the engineers are agreed that it would not be advisable, or in the interests of St. John, to increase the area of the harbor and sacrifice the safety of the port."

Now that this question is finally settled, the contractors will at once begin letting sub-contracts for rock excavation and for a supply of stone for the breakwater. This section of the work will take precedence, Mr. Warren stated that no dredging would be undertaken until next year. The first and most important proposition is to build the breakwater to protect the harbor area.

Norton Griffiths Co., Ltd., will have their offices in a building situated at the corner of Park Avenue and the Red Head Road, close to the works. The contract for the construction of the building, which will be two stories high, will be let this week. Mr. Warren will remain in St. John until the end of this week.

Owing to the large number of applications for work constantly received by the contractors, G. F. Palmer, their chief agent, has requested The Standard to state that the staff is now made up for the current year. He regrets that he cannot answer personally all the applications.

The present administration enjoys the confidence of the people," he added. "It has looked after the affairs of the province in a manner satisfactory to all independent minded people. It has effected great improvements in the condition of the roads and bridges, done much to advance the interests of the farmers, negotiated a contract for the construction of the Valley Railway, and promoted many other important projects for the development of the province. A government that does things in what the people want, and they will undoubtedly give it another lease of power. So far as I can see the opposition do not have a single safe seat in the province."

"When will the supporters of the government open their campaign for the next election?" Mr. Dickson was asked.

"I suppose, now that the session is over, the members will begin organizing in their constituencies and start giving an account of their stewardship. In Gloucester and Westmorland counties, conventions to choose government candidates will be held in a short time, and I suppose the fight will be started in the other constituencies before long. All the present members supporting the government are ready to run again, except Mr. Sprout of Kings county, who has announced his intention of retiring."

Speaking of affairs in Albert, Mr. Dickson said the county was on the eve of important developments. "The Maritime Oil Fields company is," he said, "steadily extending the scope of its operations, and the supply of cheap gas which it is developing is bound to give a great impetus to industries in Albert county. The gas people are now running a pipe line to Hillsboro and expect to deliver gas for manufacturing and lighting purposes in the town some time in May. I understand that they sell gas fairly large quantities for manufacturing purposes for as low as 15 cents, though small consumers naturally have to pay more. Some of the manufacturers in the neighborhood of the wells who are now using gas for power purposes are delighted, the gas being not only much cheaper but more convenient for use than coal."

"The Mackenzie interests are making active preparations for the development of the oil shale deposits on the properties which they have acquired. Mr. Mackenzie expects to have the development work well under way this summer. The plant which he intends to construct for the reduction of oil from the shale deposits will cover about 50 acres of land and will provide employment for about 2,000 men. That will mean the growth of another town in Albert county nearly as large as Hillsboro. In addition to the gas and oil deposits Albert county is well supplied with minerals and the raw materials of a number of industries, and it is expected that now these big companies are coming into the county, attention will be directed to the possibilities and opportunities in other lines, and that with the cheap gas for power and other purposes there will be a great development of industries in the county."

Public Utilities Today. O. M. Melanson of Shediac arrived in the city yesterday to attend the monthly meeting of the Public Utility Commission today. Speaking of the complaint made by the city of Moncton in regard to the prices of gas charged by the Maritime Oil Fields company, Mr. Melanson said he understood that the company and the citizens had come to an agreement in regard to prices to be charged in the future and that he did not think the complaint would be pressed before the commission. It is understood that only routine business will come before the meeting today.

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