

ST. JOHN'S BUSINESS GROWING FASTER THAN ITS FACILITIES

Congestion of Shipping at Sand Point to be made Subject of Public Meeting—Board of Trade Council Takes it up—What Leading Transportation Men Say of the Situation

The congestion of shipping at Sand Point at various times during the winter, and the need of having the port facilities made greater haste with the construction of the new wharf there, was the principal matter discussed at the meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon, and in view of the importance of the question of having the port facilities kept equal to the demands of traffic, it was decided to call a public meeting to be held in the board rooms on Monday evening to discuss the situation. The Mayor and commissioners and the local officials and marine superintendents of all the lines trading here will be invited to attend and state their opinions. Owing to the growth of the winter port business there has, on different occasions this winter, been considerable difficulty in handling the ships here, and as it is confidently anticipated that the commerce of the port next winter will be even larger than it has been this winter, there is a feeling among shipping men that the government should be urged to make arrangements with the contractors to have the new wharf completed before the opening of the next season of winter navigation, and also to let another contract for the construction of a second wharf as soon as possible, in order to provide for the future.

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ODDFELLOWS HOLD BIG CELEBRATION

Ninety-fourth Anniversary of Founding of Order Celebrated Last Evening—Sister Bodies Present.

In honor of the ninety-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Pioneer and Silem Lodges of this city held an at home in their hall on Charlotte street last evening, which was attended by a large number of members of the order and also by members of the Rebecca Lodges. The celebration was of a social nature and was very much enjoyed. Games of various descriptions were played and refreshments were served.

"The Odd Fellows' Order has upwards of two million members in America. Its membership in the Maritime Provinces is about 11,000. There are five lodges in St. John. The other three will hold meetings next week to celebrate the anniversary.

Especially will the death of Mr. Ready be regretted among the members of the fire department, who have found in him a true and faithful friend and one sincerely interested with the work of the department with which he had been associated until his death.

For the past 20 years Mr. Ready had been enlisted among the fire fighters and the valuable service rendered by him at all times was most commendable.

During his whole life in the department he was connected with No. 5 hose, North End, and up to last December he served as assistant foreman of the hose company. He was then appointed foreman, which position he held until his death.

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An Excellent Concert.

An interesting concert was given by the Mission Band of the Brussels St. Baptist church, last evening, before a large and appreciative audience in the school room. L. A. Belyea presided, and the program was carried out in fine style. After an opening chorus by the young members of the Band, a play called The Sleeping Beauty was produced in a very satisfactory manner. Then there was a piano duet by Alice Neal and Gladys Scribner, a recitation by Fred Wetmore, a piano solo by Wendell Belyea, and a recitation by Laura Blais. A piano solo by Treva Wetmore and a flag exercise by Stanley Belding, Rita Willis and Wendell Belyea. The efficient manner in which the young members of the Mission Band acquitted themselves, reflected great credit upon their leaders, Bella Payson, Harriet Bettel and Mrs. Coburn. The singing of God Save the King concluded the performance.

POPULAR FIREMAN DIED LAST NIGHT

Foreman Michael Ready, of No. 5 Hose Company, Passed Away in Hospital after Brief Illness.

The death of Michael Ready in the General Public Hospital last evening removed one of the most popular men of the North End.

The deceased had been in ill health for about a week but up to last Wednesday his sickness had not assumed a serious nature. Pleuro-pneumonia developed, and he was removed to the hospital, where he passed away at 9:30 o'clock last evening. He was 42 years old, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edward Walsh of this city.

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STATE TELEGRAPH STORY IS UNTRUE

Officers of S.S. Athenia Express Indignation over False Story of Attempted Suicide—Without Foundation.

The officers of the Donaldson line S.S. Athenia, now at Sand Point, are very indignant over the publication of a story in the Telegraph of last Thursday, which in the headline stated that a passenger had attempted to commit suicide, while in the body of the story it was a seaman who is supposed to have made the attempt. Both these stories are untrue.

What the Telegraph characterized as an attempted suicide by cutting the wrist arteries while under the influence of liquor, is stated by a responsible officer of the ship, to be without any foundation. What really occurred, the officer says, was that the man while shaving dropped his razor, sustaining a severely cut wrist.

Dr. Spangler will return to the city today on the Montreal train.

DIED.

McUTCHEON—On April 26, to Mr. Waterloo street, St. John, a daughter.

MURPHY—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Powers, 61 St. James street, Margaret, widow of Stephen B. Murphy, in her 91st year, leaving four daughters.

Funeral from 61 St. James street Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

POPE PIUS X., HIS FAMILY AND OTHER SCENES IN DAILY LIFE OF THE HEAD OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH!



THE LATEST MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

COOLING UP AT SEA WHILE UNDER WAY.

Harbor Front Notes—Winter-port Season Closing—Killed on Steamer—Stranded Ships Floated—Dangers to Navigation.

HARBOR FRONT NOTES.

Head Line steamer Bray Head, for Dublin, took away Canadian goods valued at \$57,336. Her wheat shipments are 28,912 bushels.

The Australian and New Zealand Line steamer Kumara, Captain Lewis, sailed last evening for New Zealand and Australian ports with a large general cargo.

The Allan Line steamer Virginius, Captain Gambell, sailed last evening for Liverpool via Halifax.

There is now only one boat the steamer Kanawha, to arrive at St. John in connection with the winter port trade this season.

SCHOONER ASHORE.

Burnt Island, Me., April 21.—Sch Helena, from Perth Amboy for Swans Island, Me., coal laden, went ashore at noon today on Old Woman ledge, two miles WSW of this station, and will probably be a total loss.

STEAMER ODLAND ARRIVES.

The Norwegian steamer Odland, Captain Carlsen, reached port yesterday from Halifax to load potatoes for Havana, etc.

KANAWHA DUE.

The Kanawha is due this morning at Halifax from London via Newfoundland for St. John.

STEAMER PURCHASED.

The steamer Eskason, formerly the Wilhelm, an recently purchased by Messrs. Lowry, of Sydney, C. B., is at present in Cienfuegos and scheduled to sail shortly westward with a cargo of sugar for Boston.

SAILED FOR PUERTO RICO.

On Tuesday the tern schooner Waegwoic sailed from Meteghan with lumber for Puerto Rico.

STEAMER NORTH STAR.

The steamer North Star, which arrived at Portland Wednesday afternoon from New York, has just been supplied with four new lifeboats, making sixteen all told now carried, in addition to six large rafts. One more raft and two collapsibles will shortly be taken on, and she will then be equipped for 600 passengers besides her crew. The appearance of her rigging has been greatly improved of late, the metal work for one item having been all nickled. The saloons and staterooms will all be repainted and put in first class shape this spring, so that when the steamer goes on her new run between Boston and Yarmouth, N. S., in June, she will be in the pink of condition.

EMRESS ARRIVES.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland arrived in port about noon yesterday and docked at Sand Point. The Empress left Liverpool last Friday and arriving in port yesterday succeeded in making her last trip of this season to this port a record one. She will sail from here next Thursday instead of Friday and go direct to Liverpool.

KILLED ON STEAMER.

Hamburg, Germany, April 25.—Two men are dead and three are dying out of eight workmen who were injured in an explosion of benzine last evening on board the new Hamburg American liner Imperator at Cuxhaven. The accident was caused by a workman filling his pocket cigar lighter from a benzine tank. About 2000 workmen were on board completing the furnishing of the cabins, etc., in readiness for the trial trip in which the Crown Prince is to take part.

STEAMER FLOATED.

London, April 24.—Stmr Trident, Rees, from Gulfport for Buenos Ayres previously reported ashore at Point Salut, has been assisted off and proceeded to St. Lucia April 20.

MANCHESTER LINER'S CARGO

Philadelphia, April 24.—The cotton which was damaged by fire has been discharged from stmr Manchester Importer and loading of outward cargo has been resumed; vessel expects to steam tomorrow.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

New York, April 25.—Stmr Dagsel (Norr), from Sanpaujar, reports April 22, lat 50 N, lon 74 05 W, passed a black can spar buoy with square top marked 35.

A barge was passed April 21 about 4 miles S of Fowey Rocks light.

Stmr Advance reports April 14, lat 26 38 N, lon 74 16 W, passed a spar apparently attached to submerged wreckage.

Stmr Bockenheim reports April 11, lat 49 21, lon 46 05, passed an iceberg about 30 feet high and 100 feet long; also several pieces of ice: lat 49 20, lon 46 30, a berg about 100 feet high and 500 feet long; lat 49 05, lon 47, a berg about 120 feet high and 300 feet long.

Stmr Megantic reports April 18, lat 47 46, lon 47 35, lon 46 25, saw eight icebergs and six growlers, all long lying and dangerous.

On April 19, lat 45 35 N, lon 124 18 W, a large log standing upright and projecting about 5 feet out of the water was sighted.

Stmr Bear reports April 18, lat 42 23

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