

AROUND THE CITY

Door Found Open.
Police Officer Covey yesterday morning found the front door of E. Hoffmann's tailor shop open and secured it with a lock.

Charged With Assault.
Henry Melanson was arrested on Saturday by Officer Gurnett on a warrant issued by his wife, charging him with assault.

Noon-day Services.
A noon-day service, arranged by the Church of England Institute, will be held in Trinity schoolroom at 12.30 daily, except Saturdays, during Lent. The services are open to men and women, and the addresses during this week will be given by Rev. G. F. Scovill.

An Interesting Lecture.
J. E. Cowan addressed the men's Bible class of the Carleton Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon when he gave an interesting lecture on International Treaties, speaking of the treaty of Berlin, the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and others dealing with the Panama Canal question.

Police Reports.
James Richards has been reported by Officer O'Neill for violating the traffic law by standing a vehicle with the right side to the curb on Union street and refusing to move when requested to do so. The police report having been called into Frank Gerawan's home on Gifford street, Saturday night to quell a disturbance he was making.

The New Post Office.
Although the plans for the new post office have not yet been received by the contractors, Rhodes Curry Co., of Amherst, it is expected that they will be here in time to permit an early start on the work. A. Curry who is in the city said last night that his company expect to be ready to start work in about two weeks. There is considerable excavation to be done and soon as it is possible to make a start a large crew will be put to work.

Banker is Transferred.
Harry Parlee, son of Rev. H. T. Parlee, of Aylesford, N. S., who has been for some time in the Bank of New Brunswick at Montreal, has been sent to Regina, Sask., and enters the Bank of Nova Scotia there. At a meeting of the Anglican Cathedral Club of Montreal, of which Mr. Parlee was a member, the Rev. Mr. McGreer expressed regret at his leaving, and spoke of the invaluable work he had done for the club, and on their behalf presented him with a fountain pen as a token of their friendship.

Experimental Farm Appointment.
Walter McMonagle who recently disposed of his farm at Sussex, has been appointed superintendent of an experimental farm which is being established in Fredericton by the federal government. He is one of the best informed breeders in the province, and his herds of purebred Jerseys and Guernseys were for many years unbeaten in the Maritime Provinces. Some time ago Mr. McMonagle commenced to decrease his stock much of which was exported to the United States.

A Slight Fire.
About seven o'clock last evening a fire broke out in the basement of Morrow's book store at the foot of Garden street. Smoke was seen issuing from the building by two passages. No. 4 station was communicated with and a stream of water put on the blaze. The fire, which started among some rubbish in the cellar, was hard to get at, and might have proved serious had it not been checked at an early stage. As it was the damage was slight.

Injured His Ribs.
John Chapple, an Englishman, was arrested on Saturday afternoon by Police Officer Hamm, for being drunk on Mill street. He was taken to central station and some time after being placed in the cell he complained that his ribs were causing him much pain. Dr. D. E. Berryman was called and on making an examination found that the man's ribs had been injured and he had him bandaged. Chapple does not know how he received the injury and thinks that some person kicked him while he was drunk.

The Minstrel Maids.
With a new farce comedy entitled "The Upside Down House" the Minstrel Maids Company opens the second week of its successful engagement at the Opera House. This popular little company will be seen and heard in ten new comedy and musical specialties and in addition Eleanor Louise Schroyer, a talented violinist will be heard in popular and operatic solos at each show. The daily matinee begins at 2 o'clock, and the evening performance is scheduled from 7.45 to 10 p. m.

Seamen's Institute Services.
There was a large attendance at the temperance meeting on Saturday evening. The Rev. L. A. McLean was the speaker, and he gave a fine helpful address to the sailors. An attractive musical programme was provided. Mrs. B. L. Gerow sang delightfully and Mr. Salmon played selections on the piano; Mr. Kilburn and Mr. Davis also sang during the evening. Sunday evening service was conducted by Mr. R. M. Smith, president of the Institute. Mr. Smith's address was greatly enjoyed by the men.

A Monster Perker.
The present seems to be the "farm-ers' day" and with an opportunity for many sidelines, New Brunswick farmers should reap a harvest. That there is money in live stock is proved by George Raymond, brother of W. E. Raymond, of the Royal Hotel. George Raymond, of Maple Grove Farm, Hampton, who makes a specialty of raising porters, last week sent to St. John one of the largest hogs shipped here from a New Brunswick farm for several years. In the shipment were four carcasses, the combined weight of the four being 2,542—one carcass weighing seven hundred and ten pounds, a smaller one weighing 155 and the other three totalling 1,988 pounds.

T. E. Powers, of St. John, was in Fredericton on Saturday.

BOARD OF TRADE YOUNG MEN MAY TAKE CENSUS OF CITY

They Believe Count would Show Considerable Advance Over Figures Published Two Years Ago — Have Many Good Reasons to Support Opinion.

Some of the younger members of the board of trade are advocating the taking of a census of the city, as they believe a count of the population would show a considerable advance over the figures given by the census department two years ago. It is said that in western cities a census of the population has frequently been made by volunteer effort, involving little or no expense, and such methods could be adopted here. In English cities a census is sometimes taken by the police, who leave cards at the houses on their beat one day, and collect them with the names of people living in each house when they go their rounds next day.

Crowds on City Streets.
If the number of people on the streets of the city of an evening are any indication, there has certainly been a considerable increase in the population in the last year or so. Nearly every evening the sidewalks of Charlotte and King street this winter have been congested with foot passengers. Many people have remarked the crowds on the streets this winter, and have concluded that the city was growing.

If the city has not attracted a great number from the outside, it seems to have reached a stage of development where it is able to hold its young people. Two or three years ago newspapers

nearly every day contained reports of young men leaving for the west, but for some time past there appears to have been very few notices of St. John departing for other fields of endeavor. Evidently the young men have decided to stop at home and grow up with the city. It is noticeable that there are many young faces in the crowds about the city of an evening.

Possibly the explanation of the big crowds on Charlotte and King streets may be that the people are developing a habit of converging upon the well lighted section of the city, and are spending more of their evenings out of doors than they used to do.

Reasons for the Belief.
The young men of the board of trade who believe that a census would show a gratifying increase in population, point to the fact that practically all the merchants are reporting a very noticeable increase in business this year, and to the fact that the returns of the passengers carried on the ferry show a tremendous increase this winter, even over last winter. In January the number of passengers on the ferry was 45,000 greater than during the same month last year.

Another evidence of the growth of the city is said to be found in the fact that the architects are all busy, and contractors planning for a big increase in building operations this year.

HOUSING PROBLEM ONE TO BE GRAPPLIED WITH AT ONCE

Rev. Dr. Raymond Points to Reforms that Must be Made Before we can have a Bigger and Better St. John.

In the Every Day Club last evening Rev. Archdeacon Raymond was heard in an interesting and timely address on "A Bigger and Better St. John."

The attendance was large and the address was heard with close attention. In dealing with the future of the city the speaker expressed his firm confidence in the outlook for an important metropolis; but in addition to this commercial prominence, Rev. Dr. Raymond also expressed the conviction that St. John would be made a better as well as a bigger city. This can be accomplished by solving some of the problems which are found under present conditions.

The solution of the housing problem, the speaker pointed out is one that should be given careful attention if St. John is to become a better city. The situation today is acute, as may be seen by those who are intimate with conditions among a portion of the working classes and especially among the poor. In the very heart of the city are to be found numbers of poor people crowded into unsanitary homes, in alleys, their habitations almost devoid of sunshine; their surroundings such as breed disease and foster criminal propensities among the young.

St. John must be a restricted area which permits expansion outside but not within the city proper, so that in order to afford suitable housing for those who are at present living in congested localities the expansion must be made in certain directions outside the present limits.

As an example of the growth of population in certain sections the speaker stated that in Lorne ward alone there are 1,900 more people living today than ten years ago. The congestion in this section as in others can be relieved by the extension of the street railway. If the extension were made much of the land on the outskirts of the city could be utilized for the erection of houses suitable for the working classes, and instead of present shoddy comfortable homes in which a moral as well as a physical atmosphere could be found.

The housing problem is one that needs immediate and serious attention, Rev. Dr. Raymond pointed out, and he expressed the hope that both the city council and the new Board of Trade would give the matter their earnest consideration.

Referring to the proposed legislation for child protection, the speaker pointed out that it might seem hard to step in and remove the child from the home, but if it is seen that the children either through their environment or lack of moral education on the part of parents are being led into a life of crime it is time for society to step in and save the child from such a future.

In conclusion, Rev. Dr. Raymond expressed his pleasure that there is being evidenced an increasing interest on the part of citizens generally regarding the problems which confront St. John, and when the proper solving of which will depend the future of the bigger and better St. John.

RIVER COMMISSION TO MEET MARCH 13

Brief Session Saturday when Hearing was Adjourned Until Date Stated to Hear Additional Witnesses.

The International St. John River Commission which was in session here on Friday and Saturday to hear the Hydro-Electric matter has adjourned until March 13th at ten o'clock. The commission met in the equity court room on Saturday afternoon for a short session, but as all who are to be heard in the case could not reach the city, no evidence was taken and the above date was fixed upon for the next hearing.

At the morning session Thos. F. Allen continued his evidence regarding the probable effect of the erection of the proposed dam on the salmon fishing. He described various types of fishways, and said that in general he had found these unsatisfactory, but could not swear that no fishways were practicable.

John Kilburn of Fredericton, president of the St. John River Log Driving Company, was recalled. If a dam twenty to twenty-five feet were built at Meductic falls with proper sluiceways for logs, sheer booms, etc., alone it would be of less damage than the present natural obstructions. It would not create a dead water as long as the water ran over the top of the dam and he thought there would always be a flow of water over the dam. He admitted a difference in the effect of the dams erected for driving purposes and a power dam. He said he did not think the dam would operate to the detriment of anyone now using the river.

The counsel for the objectors had no more witnesses to call except J. Fraser Gregory who is in the West Indies. Hon. W. P. Jones, entered in evidence letters exchanged between the British Ambassador at Washington and the secretary of state of the United States. On motion of Mr. Sturtevant it was decided to authorize the department of public works to sell the engineers' outfit now at Van Buren.

BURGULARS VISITED SEWELL ST. HOUSE

Daniel O'Connell's Home Broken Into, but Burglars Got Little for their Trouble — Another Reported Break.

One night last week the home of Daniel O'Connell was broken into at the foot of Sewell street. Mr. O'Connell is in the employ of E. Lantam and it was while he was visiting the Lantam warehouse that the break took place. He locked his door when he left, and when he returned he found the house had been visited by thieves. He could not state that anything of much value had been stolen although the house had been ransacked.

Another break is reported to have been made last week in the office of a Hebrew junk dealer in York Point and the till was rifled of a small sum of money.

The Late Rev. Dr. Evans.
In the course of his sermon last evening Rev. H. E. Thomas, of Carleton Methodist church, paid an eloquent tribute to the late Dr. Evans, whose death has been a distinct loss to the Methodist church.

Furs.
The season for selling furs has been a remarkably poor one owing to the mild weather and this leaves merchants who carry furs with a very large stock on hand. F. A. Dykeman and Co. are offering their stock at tremendous reductions. This would be a most opportune time to buy furs for the present; as well as for next year while the chance is on, because all lines of furs will be at least one-quarter more this coming year owing to the continual advance in the price of all furs. The assortment of neck furs and muffs are all this season's designs and can be had in the popular furs at prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$10.00 for muffs and from \$4.00 to \$12.50 for collars.

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DELIVERS STRONG SERMON ON PERIL OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Rev. J. A. Morrison Heard in Interesting and Instructive Address on Meaning of Lenten Season.

Rev. J. A. Morrison delivered an interesting and forcible sermon on the "Peril of the Righteous," in the Carleton Presbyterian church last evening. Taking his text from Matthew 19: 21: "If thou wouldst be perfect, sell what thou hast and give to the poor and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come follow me." Rev. Mr. Morrison said in part:

Holman's celebrated painting of Christ and the rich young ruler, from which interview the words of the text are taken, shows that the interview caught the imagination of the world's literature, Dante, Bacon, Ruskin, John Bunyan, and Trench, all referred to it, while Strauss criticized it.

It had so favorably impressed St. Francis that in the 13th century he founded the great order of the Franciscans who did so much to spiritualize the arts of the middle ages and who had rendered such devoted service to humanity.

The rich young ruler was pre-eminently a type of many good people today. They are found in the church and out of the church. They are honorable in business, their lives are pure, and they are considerate of other people and diligent in good work. You find them in the pulpit, amongst the church officials and in the pews. They are good people, but not perfect as Christians because like the young ruler there is no reservation in their lives. It may be money or it may be some thing else. The church has had to produce them. What is the church going to do about it?

This is the problem, not so much those of the submerged tenth as of the upper ten. So is the problem not so much of the slums as of the tenements. What is the cure? Just what Christ demanded of this young man, complete self-renunciation. This is the message of the Lenten season which insists that we must all deny ourselves something for Jesus Christ's sake.

REV. FR. HOWLAND IN LECTURE TO C.M.B.A.
The Influence of Music on Man, Theme of Interesting Discourse Delivered Before Appreciative Audience.

In the rooms of the C. M. B. A., 134, last evening, a large and appreciative audience heard Rev. Miles Howland, of Fredericton, deliver an interesting and well-prepared lecture on "The Influence of Music on Man." Although a stranger to many of his hearers his oratorical ability was familiar to all, at least by hearsay; and in a theme so congenial, Father Howland verified all that had been claimed for him as a lecturer of exceptional eloquence.

The subject was one which appealed to the lecturer as well as to the audience. In his treatment of the subject he showed the importance of music-plays in waking a sense of the finer sensibilities of man, increasing his joy, soothing his sorrows. He then spoke briefly of some of the most noteworthy Catholic composers and their masterpieces.

Among the senses of the body, the speaker said, the sensations received through the sense of hearing are the most spiritual. The evidence of the eye seems to appeal more directly to the intelligence, the ear, however, seems to take its testimony more directly to the spirit.

The lecturer then gave his hearers interesting sketches of some of the more noteworthy Catholic composers. Among those he referred to Franz Joseph Haydn, who of humble origin rose to the pinnacle of fame. At the age of 13 he sang in the great cathedral choir at Vienna. At 20 he composed his first mass, a remarkable work of a self-taught genius. The story of the close friendship between Haydn and Beethoven formed an interesting portion of the lecture. His oratorio, "The Creation," brought him to the zenith of his greatness; it is most spiritual, and through the years has lost none of its popularity.

Another eminent composer referred to during his lecture was Mozart, whose career was most remarkable and whose contributions to the music of the world contain many treasures which will live. Forty-nine symphonies, his celebrated "Requiem" and several other efforts remain as evidence of the wonderful genius of the composer. The record of no death-bed scene, the speaker said, leaves so deep an impression as the poverty and neglect which marked his closing hours of a brilliant career.

Closing his lecture Rev. Father Howland urged his hearers to cultivate a love for good music. "Unfortunately in our day," he said, the popular music is morbidly sentimental and short lived; but the sublime and stirring classics and oratorios lift us from earth and refine and ennoble."

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for the interesting lecture. Although ordained but a few years, Rev. Father Howland has already earned an enviable reputation as a pulpit and platform orator of exceptional ability.

Gypsy Simon Smith Coming.

A cable message from Gypsy Simon Smith contains word that he will sail from Liverpool for St. John on 14th March by the Virginia. The Gypsy is visiting Canada for the purpose of holding evangelistic meetings throughout the Maritime Provinces, and will open the campaign with a mass meeting in this city on Sunday, 23rd March.

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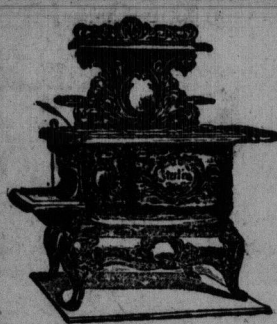
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