AROUND THE CITY

Ice Company Reported.

Sgt. Baxter, of the police force, has reported the St. John Ice Company for leaving loose ice on the Princess street sidewalk, causing the walk to become very dangerous to pedestrians.

Longshoremen to Meet.

Full meeting of Local 273, International Longshoremen's Association will be held at 2 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 35 Water street. All members requested to attend. By order of the president.

Almost a Conflict.

A small edition of the Balkan-Turco war was narrowly averted at Courtenay Bay a few days ago when ten Turks attempted to argue with a similar number of Bulgarians. Although the peace was not broken things looked bad for a while.

Apportioning Civic Funds.

The city commissioners spent the most of the afternoon yesterday considering apportionment of the money to be spent by the different departments next year. It is understood that nearly every department wants more money, and it is expected that it will be some time before the estimates are made up.

Committee Elected.

In connection with the smoker which will be given by the Board of Trade to the commercial travellers of the Maritime Provinces shortly after Christmas, the knights of the grip held a meeting yesterday afternoon when a committee was elected to arrange for their end of the programme.

Missionary From Far North.

Rev. C. E. Whittaker, missionary to the far north, will preach at St. John's (stone) church, on Sunday morning, and at St. Luke's church in the evening. On Monday evening at 8 o'clock he will deliver a lecture on his work in the north country, and present an interesting series of views of Arctic scenery and the life of the Esquimaux. Mr. Whittaker is a guest of Rev. G. A. Kuhring and Mrs. Kuhring.

The Country Market.

The country market is looking well today, being largely stocked with meat and produce and the different stalls are beginning to make ready for the Christmas season. Intending purchasers will find the retail quotations for today as follows: Turkey, 26 to 28 cents a pound; chickens, $1 to $1.50; ducks, $1.25 to $1.50. The prices on beef and vegetables remain about the same.

Certified Engineer.

George A. Earle, the caretaker of the police station and court house, successfully passed the examination before the government examiners and has received his certificate as being fully qualified as an engineer for a stationary engine. Mr. Earle was for years a police officer until appointed to the position he now holds, and his friends are congratulating him on his having passed the examination so well

Will Go Back to France.

Henri LeCoent, aged 31, hailing from France, was arrested a couple of days ago for wandering about the streets and not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself. He was in the police court yesterday afternoon, and W. Frank Hatheway, the French consul, had a lengthy interview with the result that the Frenchman was allowed to ship on a steamship and work his way back to his native country.

Fire In Gasoline.

About 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning the fire department were called out to respond to an alarm from box 28, and found the fire to be in some gasoline on Water street to the rear of the Custom house. The fire was quenched by throwing sand on it. The gasoline was owned by the Canadian Sand Blast Company, and it caught fire through being left near an unprotected light. When Chief Kerr arrived on the scene he found that 280 gallons of gasoline were stored near by, and had the fire reached it the damage done would have been more serious. As a result the chief has reported the company to the police court and the case may be taken up this morning.

NAGLE INQUEST STILL DRAGS ON

Another Session Last Night when Five Witnesses were Examined—Inquest will Resume Tuesday Night,

The inquest into the death of John F. Nagle, who died as the result of injuries received while working with the J. S. Metcalf Co., Ltd., on the new C. P. R. grain elevator on Nov. 16th, was last night resumed in the courthouse before Coroner Berryman.

The evidence submitted by witnesses previously examined, was read over, and five witnesses were examined.

John Carr, labor boss, for the company, testified that at 8 o'clock on the morning of the accident he was unloading a car. A little after this time he had loaned a few of his men to Foreman Anderson to assist in another part of the work. When questioned by the coroner Carr said that he could not swear Philip Tubb was one of the men in his gang.

Robert Woodman was called and produced written accounts showing where Philip Tubb was working during the day.

The other witnesses, Harry Stone, Oliver Stephens and John Anderson, could give no information which would add to what was already stated.

Owing to the fact that some very important witnesses had not been summoned, the court was adjourned until next Tuesday, Dec. 17th.

TO BULLETIN DEVELOPMENT OF PROVINCE

A. B. Wilmot has New Plan for Advertising New Brunswick—Will Use Settlers Experiences in Pamphlet.

A. B. Wilmot, Dominion immigration agent for the Province of New Brunswick, has been in the city conferring with James Gilchrist, provincial superintendent of immigration. In an interview Mr. Wilmot said his office intended to issue a monthly bulletin dealing with developments and affairs in the province, copies of which will be forwarded to the immigration offices of the government in Great Britain and the United States, and to the offices of the railways as well as of the booking agents who, to a considerable extent, influence the decisions of the emigrating public. Later it is the intention to have translations of this bulletin mailed to the proper distributing agencies in France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Belgium, or wherever there is a chance of influencing a desirable class of settlers.

"It has been said with much truth," added Mr. Wilmot, "that the letters of successful immigrants comprise the best kind of literature which can be sent out, and we propose to publish from time to time extracts from letters received from people who have located here in the last year or so and are doing well. In brief our aim will be to bring to the attention of those whom we wish to interest the most, reliable information, fortified by facts and figures, about the developments which are taking place and the conditions of life which the country offers to those seeking a home.

"When I took up the work of the new office I had instructions to help in every way possible the work of the Farm Settlement Board, recently established by the provincial government. Personally I do all the work incidental to the legal transfer of the land, signing agreements, etc., which enables the Board to close a transaction, charging against the purchaser in addition to the cash loan, nothing more than the fee paid the registrar of deeds for the recording of the necessary documents. This only amounts to two or three dollars.

"In addition to the families from the old country, and the sons of native farmers, whom the Board has placed on farms, we have located a family from the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia. Quite a number of enquiries are coming to my office from people in the west who wish to learn more about New Brunswick. The other day I received the following curious epistle from John Duncan, of Washada post office, Manitoba:

"I have heard a good bit of talk about New Brunswick, and I heard that you are an agent. I also heard that farmers listed their farms with you for sale or exchange. Now, if you know of any farmer who wishes to come west to Manitoba and has a good big farm with good buildings to trade, we have a good section of land here in the Washada district for which we will take $28 an acre cash, or $30 on trade. We would like to know more particulars about New Brunswick. Would you please send us up some. We have a gentleman staying with us who is interested in your country, and he also would like to know something more about it."

MISS SINCLAIR IS NEW PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY WORKER

Installed in Office by Officials of Presbytery Last Evening — Will Care for the Poor.

The designation of Miss Sinclair as deaconess of the Presbyterian community in this city was held last evening in the Calvin Presbyterian church, Rev. Gordon Dickie represented the Presbytery and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson explained the duties of the new deaconess. Miss Sinclair will have under her supervision the care of the poor belonging to the church, and will see that the money to be used for charitable purposes is properly dispensed. Miss Sinclair replied with a few well chosen words, assuring the Presbytery that she would do her best in all cases.

Rev. W. F. Townsend, of the Fairville Presbyterian church of which Miss Sinclair is a member, then addressed the gathering, telling of the good work already done by the deaconess, and expressing the opinion that all possible success would attend her efforts toward the uplift of the Presbyterian poor of the city. Rev. Dr. Morison, of Carleton, then read from the Scripture and led in prayer for the success of the work.

In the musical part of the programme Rev. L. A. McLean was heard in an excellent solo, while Professor Harrison rendered a sacred violin solo. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of an anthem by the choir.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are advertising a lot of silk underskirts at a price that almost constitutes a gift. They have procured an immense lot of these just in time for the Christmas trade and are going to put them on sale at once at the extremely low price of $2.49. They are made from a fine quality of pure taffeta silk with a nice wide shirred and tucked flounce. They come in black and a large variety of shot shades such as the popular colors of magentas, blues, etc. This is without doubt the greatest skirt bargain ever offered in St. John.

A. J. Sollows will leave this evening for New York on a business trip.

CLUB SMOKER WAS ENJOYED

Members of St. John Conservative Club Proved High Class Hosts.

RESOLUTION PASSED ENDORSING NAVAL BILL

Timely Topics Discussed by Prominent Citizens — Excellent Entertainment and General Good Time.

The St. John Consrevative Club held another of their smokers last night in their rooms in the Market building. Not only in point of attendance but by the general good time provided the club surpassed past efforts, and the evening was voted an unqualified success. Nearly two hundred members of the club with a number of their friends enjoyed the excellent programme provided. The President, R. W. Wigmore, acted as chairman during the evening, and was also heard in a brief address of welcome.

The evening's entertainment included songs, sketches, music and addresses. Among the speakers were the local representatives, L. P. D. Tilley, M. P. P., and C. B. Lockhart, M. P. P.; W. H. Harrison, F. L. Potts and Mr. Gunn.

The musical and literary portion of the proceedings included readings by Mr. Spencer, E. R. W. Ingraham, Roy Harding, Mr. Robilliard; sketches by Frank Hamm, Mr. Devenney, Capt. Withers and songs by Robert Carson and Fred Ramsay.

As the programme was lengthy the addresses were brief, but to the point. All the speakers congratulated the club on the efficient work rendered the cause in the past, and in their address appealed to the club to continue their good work, and to keep up the policy of organized effort so that the cause may be furthered.

C. B. Lockhart thanked the club for the assistance it had rendered him in the past election, and congratulated the members on the good work accomplished by them. He referred to the naval bill brought down by Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden and commented on the efficiency of the bill.

W. H. Harrison, President of the Borden Club, conveyed the greetings of the latter organization, and spoke at length on the Borden naval policy, pointing out wherein it is superior to the amendment introduced by the leader of the opposition.

L. P. D. Tilley gave an interesting address, in course of which he referred to the Farm Settlement policy introduced by the provincial government, and which is proving effectual in placing settlers in places which were becoming depopulated.

During the evening refreshments were served by a committee of the club. Before closing the programme the following resolution expressing the club's endorsation of the Borden naval policy was unanimously adopted and a copy forwarded to Premier Borden:

"Resolved, That the St. John Conservative Club place itself on record as being proud of their leader, Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden and his new naval bill as at present before the House of Commons. For far sighted statesmanship, and as an aid to the Mother Country at the earliest possible moment the plans cannot be beaten, and have fired the imagination of the Empire; and we desire to extend our congratulations to our minister, Hon. J. D. Hazen, for his share in this latest and greatest step towards true Imperialism."

The resolution was moved by Dr. Jas. Manning, and seconded by E. N. Jones.

C. P. R. Would Connect Elevators.

Yesterday the city commissioners received an application from the C. P. R. for permission to run a grain conveyor from the new elevator across Protection street, to connect with the present elevator. The commissioners decided not to grant the request until they receive a reply from the government to their request for information as to the conditions under which the C. P. R. was granted the site for the elevator. It is said the new elevator will cut off access from the north to the neutral strip in front of the piers to be built by the government, and the commissioners think they should have some assurance that the C. P. R. will not be able to keep out other roads before they grant permission to run the conveyor across Protection street.

Rev. Mr. Brewer's Subject.

Christ's Hospital Practice will be Rev. W. W. Brewer's subject on Sunday evening. The seating capacity of the Exmouth street Methodist church is limited to 1,000.

Englishmen May Start Fox Farms.

It is said that Englishmen have been writing to parties in the city asking for information about the opportunities for starting fox ranches in New Brunswick.

Carpenters Make Protest.

At the last meeting of the carpenters and joiners union a resolution was adopted protesting against the action of the city commissioners in lowering the labor license fee from $7.50 to $5.00.

FIRST FREE LECTURE IS SUCCESSFUL

Women's Canadian Club Present Bickmore Lecture Course for School Children and Adults in Centennial School.

One of the features of the work of the Women's Canadian Club which proved of so much interest last winter was resumed last evening when a free lecture on Newfoundland and Labrador, illustrated by a large number of fine views, was given in the assembly hall of the Centennial School. The opening meeting of the course for this winter was of a most auspicious character, there being a very large attendance of the larger children and their parents, who listened with great interest and attention to the lecturer, and showed marked appreciation of the views.

Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, convenor of the educational committee of the club, presided, and in opening the meeting, spoke of the good fortune of the club in being able to procure the Bickmore lectures and the views illustrating them. She then briefly introduced William McIntosh, who had been selected to deliver the lecture, because he had spent some time in Newfoundland and was familiar with the scenes it described. The lecturer gave a brief history of Newfoundland from the time of the Cabots, and described the industries of the island, and the methods of carrying on the fishing industry. The slides showed views of picturesque harbors, and interesting little towns, and various phases of the fishing industry, enabling the audience to get a very graphic idea of the country and the life of its people.

After roaming around Newfoundland, the audience was taken to Labrador, a land that has on first sight the appearance of desolation, but is possessed of many scenes of grandeur and even of beauty in the summer time.

Views were shown of the outports, and of the Esquimaux in their villages.

In the intermission while the lecture was crossing the Straits of Belleisle, the children sang with great feeling Our Own Canadian Home. At the close of the lecture Mrs. E. A. Smith, as president of the club, spoke of the delight and pleasure it afforded her to see so many present and expressed her appreciation of the interest taken by the ladies of the educational committee in making the lecture course a success.

This lecture will be repeated in the assembly hall of the High School next Friday evening, and the second lecture of the course will be delivered on the 17th of January in the Centennial School, the subject being Jamaica and Porto Rico.

The Women's Canadian Club have been loaned the Bickmore lectures, but they pay all the other expenses incidental to placing the lectures before the public. The club is to be congratulated on the excellence of the entertainment provided by the lectures and views, and the interest they have aroused among school children and their parents shows that the movement to utilize the school buildings for community work is likely to make a strong appeal to the public.

JOHN ERIKSON WAS VERY NEAR DEATH

Norton-Griffiths Employe Fell Over Ballast Wharf and Broke His Thigh — Now in Hospital.

Nothing but good fortune last night saved the life of John Erickson, who now lies in the general public hospital suffering from a fracture of the left thigh.

About 8.30 last evening Fred Lahey was walking in the vicinity of ballast wharf, when he heard some one moaning.

He summoned Police Officer Ross, who was near by. On arriving at the spot where the sound was heard, they discovered a man, lying on his back, his face smeared with mud. Although he was conscious, the man appeared to be suffering great pain.

Officer Ross procured a stretcher from the South End lockup, and the body was carried to Lover Cove slip. The ambulance was summoned, and the unfortunate man was removed to the hospital.

Mr. Erickson, who is a Finn, was employed by the Norton Griffiths Dredging Co., as assistant on one of the scows. On last night he was stepping from the wharf to the scow which is tied to the ballast wharf, when he missed his foot and fell, dropping 22 feet into the mud below, striking against the wharf on the way down.

The tide was rising at the time, and if the accident had occurred a half-hour later, a drowning fatality would probably have occurred.

A Serviceable Calendar.

The Standard has received a serviceable calendar from the Montreal Shirt and Overall Co. of Montreal. The Calendar is neatly gotten up in maroon and red.

THE STANDARD CHRISTMAS NUMBER

It is the intention of The Standard to issue on Thursday of next week its annual Christmas Number. This has become a recognized feature in the newspaper life of St. John and it is the desire of the management and staff to make the present season's issue better than ever. Members of the writing staff have for some weeks been visiting different parts of the province securing material for special stories which will no doubt prove of more than passing interest.

The size of the paper will depend to a very large extent on the advertising patronage with which it is favored, and as in the past the circulation of this Christmas Number has always been very large it will be to the advantage of advertisers to secure their space early. The paper will be printed in sections, the first section going to press on Monday night.

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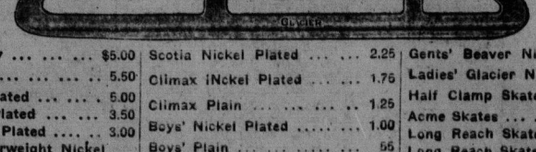

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Regal Nickel Plated	3.50	Boys' Nickel Plated	1.00
Mic-Mac Nickel Plated	3.00	Boys' Plain	55
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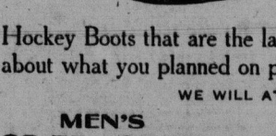

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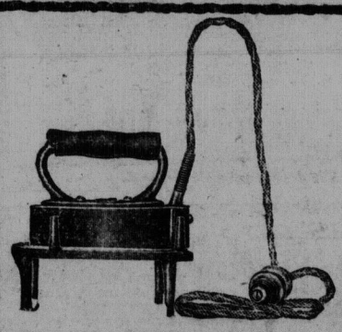

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CHILDREN'S BERLIN BONNETS, all white, white and pale blue, ribbon, rosettes and ties. Each ..... $1.00.
LADIES' TRIMMED HATS from ..... $1.50 to $7.00.

MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR.

Men Will Appreciate These Xmas Gifts

UMBRELLAS—Exceptionally good values at moderate prices and a much larger variety than we have ever had at a previous holiday season. The assortment comprises the most recent efforts in handle designing and the creations are so odd and varied that choosing will be a pleasing, rather than a difficult task. Handles of ebony, with plain silver or gold mountings and inlaid designs. Boxwood plain, or with silver or gold mountings. Rattan Partridge, with horn or ivory. All umbrellas have good wearing coverings and reliable frames. Prices, each $1.00 to $10.00.

Particular attention is called to the values at from $2.00 to $6.00.

WALKING STICKS are much more in demand than they have been for many years. We are showing a good variety, plain or with silver or gold mountings. Also Ice Sticks, the strong dependable kind. Prices from 50c. to $5.00.

COMBINATION SETS, consisting of braces, garters and armlets. The most reliable makes on the market. Prices 65c. to $1.75.

GOOD PRACTICAL BRACES, in gift boxes. Prices 50c. to $1.00

HALF-HOSE AND GARTERS to match, in gift boxes. 85c. and $1.25.

SILK HALF-HOSE, GARTERS AND TIE, to match, in pretty boxes. $1.25 and $1.50.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' Umbrellas For Christmas

Our Christmas stock of Umbrellas affords larger and better assortments than ever before. Handles in gold, silver, pearl, natural wood, mission wood, fancy horn, etc. Coverings of all silk, and silk and wool mixed.

We are also showing a large range of suit case umbrellas, which are very convenient for travellers.

Our Umbrella prices are varied enough to meet the needs of practically every gift seeker.

Each $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $2.60, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $6.75, $7.00, $9.50, $9.75, $13.00, $15.50.

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