

AROUND THE CITY FAIR, TURNING COLDER

FROM A FRIEND.
The mayor has acknowledged receipt of \$2.00 from "a friend" for Belgian relief.

THE HALIFAX TRAINS.
The Board of Trade have been notified that the Halifax trains Nos. 9 and 10 would not be taken off at the present time.

GIVEN A BONUS.
The Bank of Nova Scotia has given to each of its employees as a Christmas gift a bonus of fifteen per cent. on the salary received.

LOTTERY POSTPONED.
The lottery for the "Maritime Express," which was to have been drawn in St. Peter's Parish on Christmas Eve, was postponed and will take place at the High Town on the first of next month.

SIGNED COPIES RECEIVED.
Mayor Hayes has received from Sir Arthur Harris, signed copies of the agreements with the Longshoremen and Coal Handlers, and will submit them to the unions for their signatures.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS.
In the Cathedral on Christmas morning the collection for the Catholic orphans amounted to \$891.65. In St. John the Baptist church, \$334 was collected and in Holy Trinity church \$252.25.

ROWBOAT STOLEN.
Thomas J. Wilson, of Chesley Street, met with a severe loss on Christmas Eve, when a rowboat containing a lot of valuable gear was taken from its mooring place and has not since been seen.

ONE OF NINE LIVES.
That a cat is possessed of nine lives was evidenced yesterday morning when one in the establishment of H. H. Hutton and Sons, Market Square, fell sixty feet down an elevator shaft, and gathering itself together again left the floor from which it fell.

WILL BE READY MONDAY.
John A. Sullivan has notified the city that the report of Engineer C. W. Whiting, in the New Brunswick Power Co. investigation would be ready on Monday, and that probably the hearing would be resumed about the middle of January.

A FRACTURED ANKLE.
Mrs. D. O. C. O'Leary, of 30 Peter Street, has been advised that her son, Private Gerard, has been admitted to a hospital in England suffering from a fractured ankle. Private O'Leary is attached to the 13th Reserve Battalion, Whitley Camp.

HERE FOR BURIAL.
The body of Rev. George M. Campbell, who died in Hornell, N.Y., Christmas Day, will be brought to St. John for interment. Chief Justice McKeown left last evening for Boston, and will accompany the remains here. The funeral will probably be held on Sunday.

QUALIFIED VOTERS.
More voters will be qualified to cast a ballot at the election on next Monday than had the privilege last April, as during the intervening period a number have paid their taxes. Of the total of 12,880 on the 1917 list it is estimated that 1,363 were qualified themselves to cast a ballot on the 30th.

LEFT FOR TORONTO.
Miss Marion Curran, of Cobling street, left on the Montreal express last evening for Toronto, where she is accepting a lucrative position in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Her friends were at the depot to wish her a pleasant trip and wish her a renewed success in her new field of endeavor.

THE GOVERNMENT ELEVATOR.
The Canadian Government elevator at the foot of Prince William street, with normal capacity of 510,000 bushels of grain, has been depleted by recent shipments until at the present time there is only about 50,000 bushels of grain left, all of that oats. The S. S. West Hamble made a hole in the stock of wheat yesterday when she loaded nearly 150,000 bushels for an Old Country port.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM.
The first numbers on the special holiday program at the Y. M. C. A. will be pulled off today when the High School athletic meet will be held in the gym at 8.30 this morning. To-night a special Camp Night entertainment will be held in the assembly room at 7.30. The holiday program, extending to Saturday, January 4, is quite varied and covers every branch of "Y" activities.

RETAIL FISH MARKET.
The retail fish market is only fairly well supplied for today, and prices remain firm. Haddock and cod, 15 cents; mackerel, 20 cents; shad, 20 cents; halibut, 30 cents; smelts, 25 cents; salmon, 30 to 45 cents; herring, 12 cents; smoked salmon, 25 cents; white fish, 25 cents; salt cod, 17 cents; boneless cod, 23 cents per lb.; kippers, 7 cents each; oysters, \$1; clams, 30 cents per quart.

HORSE WAS INJURED.
A valuable horse owned by F. E. Williams Company, grocers at the corner of Prince and Charlotte streets, was quite badly injured on Christmas Eve when it was hit by an automobile. The horse being put out of commission for the day, many patrons of the store were compelled to carry their purchases home, and the proprietor complained to re-open the store on Christmas morning in order to see that all orders were filled promptly.

OLD YET HEALTHY.
J. K. Hayes, of Hampton, in a business letter to The Standard, mentions the fact that he is 97 years of age, and has just passed his sixty-second marriage anniversary. He says that he and his good wife are fairly smart and were both born on the same day in 1822. The Standard joins in congratulations, and wishes them a Happy New Year.

THREE PRISONERS ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Connolly, Kelly and Cain in Police Court Charged With Breaking and Entering—Joseph Miller Said to Have Threatened His Wife's Life.

Yesterday afternoon the police court resumed its sessions on arrival of the magistrate from St. Stephen. Two first on the docket was a woman charged with being drunk. She pleaded guilty and was remanded. Joseph Miller, a colored man, residing at No. 3 Union Alley, appeared on the charge of abusing his wife and threatening to shoot her. His wife stated that on Wednesday evening her husband told her to get out of the house or he would shoot her. She went to the police station, procured an officer and on returning her husband threatened her with a revolver and was remanded for further hearing. The husband denied the charge, and was remanded for further hearing. Joseph L. Cain appeared charged with breaking and entering. All pleaded not guilty, and were remanded after evidence had been given.

John O'Leary, Sandy Cove Road, stated that on arising from his bed last Sunday morning he noticed the door open of the shed where his geese were kept. Going to the shed the geese were gone, witness then went up the road leading into the city and found a pool of blood on the ice in the ditch. Witness' son found some feathers on the road. Witness valued the geese at \$7 each.

James H. Peacock, another resident of Sandy Point Road, testified that on last Saturday evening he visited the city market and sold coleslaw. Completing his business he started for his home. On the way he heard a wagon approaching from behind, about fifty feet in the rear of witness as he walked along the road, three revolver shots rent the air. The wagon approached rapidly, the driver drew up and asked witness to take a drive home. Witness with his two sons got in the wagon. Witness recognized Connolly as the driver of the horse but could not swear that the other two boys in the court room were his companions, adding that Kelly appeared to be one of them and it had on a lighter colored coat than he wore in the court room.

After witness got into the wagon, (a sort of wagonette with a front seat and two side seats in the rear) Connolly asked witness if he wished to buy the white horse which was hauling the wagon. Witness replied that he was well fixed for horses, and then asked Connolly where they were going. Connolly replied out to Crowley's. While proceeding along Connolly dropped the whip on the road and told one of his companions, who looked like Cain, to get out and get the whip. The companion asked for a light as he could not find the whip in the car, Connolly then produced a flashlight, and the lad went back and found the whip. They proceeded along and on reaching the residence of witness' brother, where witness had left his horse, witness with his two sons alighted from the wagon and the other three proceeded along.

Witness procured his horse and went home. After doing some chores around the farm he went to five the house at 11.45. The family sat around the fire for a time and soon after the little ones were put to bed. Witness retired at 12.40 o'clock, soon after his two dogs commenced to bark and made such a noise that it was remarkable by witness to his wife that someone must be around. Witness did not go outdoors to investigate but his wife looked through a window. Witness stated that he lived a very short distance from the former witness. Here the case was postponed until next Monday morning at eleven o'clock when the elder Peacock boy who went home in the wagon with the three defendants and his father, will be called.

William M. Ryan is appearing for Kelly and Connolly. His Honor addressing the boys commented on the grave charge on which they were arrested, breaking and entering, a charge calling for serious consequences even fourteen years in Dorchester, and referred to the same offences seventy years ago when a poor unfortunate man was found guilty by a jury of breaking and entering a store on Union street for which he paid the penalty of giving his life, being hanged.

Further evidence and hearing in these cases may produce evidence which may lift the curtain of mystery on many recent break-ins into summer cottages in the suburban districts near the city.

CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR THE INMATES

Those in the Home for Incapacitated Made Happy Yesterday Afternoon—Presents Given Every Patient.

The annual Christmas treat to the inmates of the Home for Incapacitated was given yesterday afternoon, and proved as usual a great success. A number of visitors were present and assisted in the exercises. A large tree had been placed in the hall, and on this was placed something for each patient in the institution. At half past three a committee of ladies distributed these. The patients well enough to be around gathered in the hall and received their gifts there. In the case of those confined to their beds the gifts were carried to them. After the distribution of good things came a number of songs were sung, all hands taking part in this feature of the afternoon's entertainment.

Among the ladies who assisted in the distribution of the presents were Mrs. John McEvity, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. E. C. McKinn, Mrs. Siles Alward and Mrs. W. H. C. Grimmer.

ONE SHOW IMPERIAL TONIGHT.
Because of the platform meeting in connection with the civic recall campaign at the Imperial tonight there will be but one programme of the regular show, namely, from 7 to 8.30.

INMATES OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME WERE MADE HAPPY

Many Citizens Visited the Institution Yesterday—Christmas Tree, Gifts for All, and Pleasing Programme Carried Through.

That those in the Municipal Home are not forgotten during the Christmas season, was evidenced yesterday when a number of prominent citizens went out to the home and remembered the inmates with gifts which were most useful, and creative of good cheer and joy. All the inmates of the home, numbering about one hundred and sixty-four, were remembered in a hearty manner.

The day was delightful, and by the aid of street cars, automobiles and a large number of automobiles, the inmates were visited by a large number of citizens. Among those present were His Worship Mayor R. T. Hayes, and the Commissioners; Rev. H. A. Ody, Rev. Mr. Pinkett, Rev. R. T. McKinn, Rev. Mr. MacKinnon, Rev. Mr. McLaughlin and the former Chaplain of the home, Rev. Father J. O'Neill, as well as a host of others. George A. Knodel, chairman of the Home Committee, acted as the chairman of the proceedings. On a arrival the guests were escorted through the building by officials of the institution and all remarked on the cleanliness and spirit of comfort which was rampant throughout the entire edifice. They then adjourned to the large class room, where addresses were given by His Worship the mayor, and commissioners, also by many of the visiting clergy.

Mayor Hayes gave a very pleasing address relative to the home and the duty of all those citizens of the city who possessed the worthy goods that they aid their more unfortunate brethren. His address called for no small amount of applause. Mayor Hayes himself has set the example, as he has always been an ardent friend of the institution, and is always ready to give that helping hand so often needed.

Rev. Father A. J. O'Neill, who formerly held the post for the space of sixteen years as Catholic Chaplain of the home, gave a pleasing address, touching on the great work of the home and the duty of the more fortunate citizens towards the institution. Needless to relate, the reverend priest was warmly received.

The little children under the able direction of their teacher, Miss McGuire, then went through a pleasing program of songs and readings, which reflected much credit upon themselves and their popular instructor. At the conclusion of this number the large Christmas tree which was placed in the hall of the institution, was stripped in the presence of all, and each inmate given that which they indeed seem to him or her that their dear friends, and many new ones, had not forgotten them in the world's daily turmoil. All the visitors congratulated the management, cleanliness, and good order, and further that the three inmates there by them were indeed those of extreme pleasure.

At five p.m. the visitors set out for home again, leaving behind them those whom they had gladdened, and followed by the wishes of these for their success in the future, and they might possess more of the worldly material goods in 1919 so as to be better able next Christmas to answer the growing call of the members of the Municipal Home.

McKIM'S WINDOWS BROKEN AGAIN

South End Grocer Victim of Damage and Theft—Youths in Vicinity Are Annoyance to the Residents.

Some time early Christmas morning the grocery store of H. R. McKim, corner of Sydney and Britain streets was broken into, a pane of glass being smashed in the front window. This is the second break within a short time. While there was a crowd of young fellows standing in front of the shop about two o'clock Wednesday morning singing and shouting in a disorderly manner, it is not even hinted that they are responsible. Early last Sunday morning a similar break was made in the McKim store and about twelve dollars worth of goods stolen out of the window. About one o'clock that morning there was a trio of singers at the place causing annoyance to the residents in that vicinity. Several of those who congregated on the corner have been previously warned by the police and it would not be surprising if some action is taken providing the crowd is not broken up immediately, for the first time they make a move to other quarters is when a policeman makes his appearance in the distance.

SOUTH END RINK

The wires have been run for the electric lights for the South End skating rink, and it is expected the lights will be in operation tonight. Already the youngsters have been having good time, although only about half the lot is flooded yet. With a little cold weather in charge hope to complete the flooding of the whole area and add to the enjoyment of the boys and girls in that end of the city.

MADE A RECORD.

A new record in the forwarding of the passengers was made Wednesday by the military, immigration and railway staffs. The Corcoran docked at four o'clock with about eight hundred and twenty passengers, and at fifteen minutes after eleven last night every one had been examined, given the necessary discharge and, through papers and transportation, and the last train had started carrying them to their homes.

St. John Business College Classes to open Thursday, Jan. 2nd. Classes will be open every morning from 10 to 12, till New Year, to meet inquiries.

SANTA CLAUS LED PARADE

Seamen Marched to Institute Last Evening, Where They Were Entertained and Presented With Comfort Bags.

Santa Claus, equipped with twin whiskers and a baton that was more edged than fairy wand, headed the parade of seamen last night, which turned toward the Seamen's Institute on Prince William street, where the annual Christmas entertainment was held. Last night's parade was about 100 strong and with music furnished by a pipe and two tin can drummers, created quite a bit of interest along the route of march.

About 600 seamen attended the entertainment in the institute and very number on the programme was applauded repeatedly, encore after encore being the order of the evening. The chairman of the social was H. C. Schofield, manager of the Bedford and Donaldson steamship agency, with him on the platform were Lieut. Commander A. J. Mulcahy, of the British admiral, Col. Edward Sturges and C. B. Allan.

The opening number of the programme was a piano solo by Miss Lolo Anderson, which was followed by a solo by Master Isaac, a character song in costume by Mrs. Coleman, several selections from Harry Lauder's repertoire by Thomas Guy, a sailor's hornpipe by Miss Dorothy Ellsard, a baritone solo by Mr. Chadwick, and a song by Miss Anderson. Miss Anderson furnished the piano accompaniment for the entire programme.

At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served consisting of coffee, cake, fruits and confections. The serving committee being selected from the ladies of the Seamen's Institute and of the Seven Seas Chapter. They afterwards the six hundred seamen in the audience, each presented with a large comfort bag containing pairs of socks, handkerchiefs, a pipe, a cigarette, a pen, a chocolate, buttons (plain and fancy), needles and thread. These comfort bags are the gift of the Navy League, being represented by M. B. Edwards, and the committee from the institute being composed of Mrs. Joseph Seymour, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. McKelvie.

The hall was beautifully decorated with flags of the allies and appropriate holiday trimmings. Last night's programme will be duplicated tonight, with the exception that of local and instrumental numbers will be changed.

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The linings are deserving of a paragraph to themselves. The market value of our stock of Hudson Seal, Muskrat, Mink Marmot Coats, etc., has advanced 25 p. c. to 35 p. c. since our orders were placed—you get the advantage of reduced prices and more—the sharp reduction prices will be an added attraction which will prove most tempting to those who have far to purchase. See fur display in window. —DYKEMAN.

The new Opera House vaudeville programme opening tonight includes the Hawaiian Trio instrumentalists and dancers; Mildred Grover, comedienne and story teller; Diana and Wright, physical culture artists; Walker and Archie Jones, exponents of black-face minstrel comedy; Johnstone, novelty jumper and acrobat, and the sixth chapter of the serial, The Woman in the Web. This evening at 7.30 and 9. Popular prices.

GREAT RUSH FOR LAUDER SEATS.

Great swarms of seats were gobbled up on the Imperial Theatre plans yesterday for the three performances of Harry Lauder and Company. New Year's Day and Thursday, the 2nd of January. As the capacity of the Imperial is about twice the average of the ordinary amuse city theatre there are of course very many choice locations. A large telephone list is to be filled this forenoon as it was not possible to attend to all the calls yesterday because of the line-up of personal buyers. This should advise personal buyers to prevent disappointments. Box office opened at 10 a.m.

AUTO OWNERS.


Owners of motor vehicles are reminded that it will be necessary to secure licences for 1919 in order to legally operate automobiles or motor trucks or other motor vehicles after Tuesday, December 31st, 1918. In order to avoid the delay which a rush of last minute applications would result in, owners who are using their cars and trucks should fill out the necessary forms and remit the fees at once. W. H. McQUADE, Provincial Tax Inspector. St. John, N. B., Dec. 26th, 1918.

COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD MEETING.

Commissioners McLehlan and Hillyard will hold a public meeting in the Imperial Theatre on Friday evening, Dec. 27th, at 8.30, immediately after first show. This will be the only public meeting held by the commissioners, as it has been found impossible to arrange meetings for North and South Ends.

If in the market for a good used car, or wish to sell, consult with J. A. Pughley & Company, Used Car Department. Used car exhibition now being held at showrooms, 45 Franklin street, Open day and evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

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