

AROUND THE CITY

Will Hold Banquet.

Clan MacKenzie will celebrate the Robert Burns anniversary on Friday, 24th, by holding a banquet at Bond's restaurant, King street.

Lecture in St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Fredericton, will lecture on "The Social Experiment of a Multi-Millionaire," in St. Andrew's Church lecture room, under the auspices of the Guild, Monday evening, Jan. 13th, at eight o'clock. Silver collection.

The Country Market.

The following are the retail prices quoted in the country market for today: Turkey, 27 to 29c per lb; chickens, \$1 to \$2; fowl, 75c to \$1.50; ducks, \$2; geese, \$1.50 to \$1.75; beef, 12 to 20c; pork, 16 to 24c; ham, 12 to 18c; chops, 16 to 22c; veal, 10 to 16c; pork, 14 to 18c; vegetables remain at the usual prices.

Will Arrive Sunday.

Count de Bury and de Bocarne, brother of Mrs. Daniel Mullin, is expected here on Sunday on the Allan liner Grampian. The count has been spending a three months' vacation travelling through Europe. He is military secretary to the lieutenant governor of Manitoba, and a major of the Canadian ordnance corps, at Winnipeg. It is expected that he will spend some days in St. John before proceeding to the west.

Under Governor's Patronage.

The drama "A Rose Among Thorns," to be given in the Opera House on Jan. 29 and 30 for the benefit of the new St. John's Hospital, will be under the patronage of His Honor Lt. Gov. Wood. A letter to this effect has been received by the directors of the entertainment. The entertainment is now under rehearsal and both the play and the bright specialties give assurance of something exceptionally pleasing in amateur theatricals.

W. C. T. U. Annual Day of Prayer.

The North End W. C. T. U. held their annual day of prayer yesterday. A very impressive program was carried out, prayers being offered for the youth of the land, for the destruction of the liquor traffic and the welfare of the missionaries abroad. A resolution was passed endorsing the work of the Child Protective Society, and pledging the members of the union to do all in their power to assist it in carrying out its objects. The president, Mrs. James McAvity, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members.

Pioneer Lodge Installation.

Last evening in the Oddfellows' Hall Charlotte street, D. D. G. M. Codner installed the following officers of Pioneer Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F.: W. E. Neve, N. G.; W. H. Esty, V. G.; J. A. Murdoch, R. S.; A. D. Smith, F. S.; D. B. Doer, T. W. E. Dickson, W.; R. J. Diblee, Con.; Chas. Fowler Chap.; D. A. Sinclair, R. S. N. G.; P. L. Cunningham, L. S. N. G.; P. L. Jenkins, R. S. V. G.; J. W. Day, L. S. V. G.; H. V. McKinnon, R. S. S.; Chas. Doig, L. S. S.; Thos. McMaster, L. G.; F. H. Sinclair, O. G.

Lecture on Norway.

On Wednesday afternoon next Mrs. John H. Thomson will deliver an illustrated lecture entitled "Some Impressions of a Recent Trip to Scandinavia." Last summer Mrs. Thomson travelled to Norway and Sweden, and in this lecture she will tell of her visit to these interesting countries. This is the first of a course of free lectures to be given in the Natural History museum under the auspices of the ladies' association of the Natural History Society. The public are cordially invited to attend these lectures which will be given on Thursday afternoons at 3.30 during January, February and March.

St. James' S. S. Treat.

The children of the Sunday school of St. James' church held their annual reunion and treat at the school room last evening and the affair proved very pleasant. At six o'clock about 1200 children sat down to a tasty supper and in the evening a concert was held with Miss Ethel Parlee as pianist. The program was as follows: Chorus, "Christmas Tide"; recitation, Gladys Parlee; solo, Roy Parlee; chorus, "Newboys' Parade"; recitations, Elsie Kee, Winnifred Carrick; chorus, "He Loved Us"; recitation, Frank Kee; solo, Edgar Primer; motion song by six girls; recitations, Freda Carless, Frank Kee and Ethel McKinley; address, J. A. Kee; recitation, R. J. Diblee; chorus, "Listen to the Merry Bells."

PLEASED WITH WORK IN PROGRESS HERE

Thomas Robb, of Montreal Shipping Federation, in City Yesterday and Made Tour of Harbor Facilities.

Thomas Robb, of the Montreal Shipping Federation, was in the city yesterday, and made a tour of inspection of the harbor facilities on the West side, and also went out to Courtenay Bay to look over the work in progress there. On the tour of inspection he was accompanied by H. C. Schfield, of the Robert Reford Company, and the shore captain of the company. Mr. Robb also called at City Hall and had a chat with the mayor about the developments in progress here.

After docking over the situation here Mr. Robb said he was much impressed with the extent and character of the port facilities already available, and was surprised at the magnitude of the plans for the further development of facilities on the West Side and the conversion of Courtenay Bay into a shipping port.

Mr. Robb also remarked upon the many evidences of progress and prosperity about the city, and predicted great things for the port in future. He left for Montreal last evening.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. JOHN BIBLE SOCIETY

Reports Submitted Show Work of Circulating Scriptures has been Vigorously Carried on During the Year--Eloquent Addresses Marked Anniversary Meeting.

Judge McKeown presided at the exercises, last evening, in Leinster street Baptist church to mark the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the St. John Bible Society branch. The attendance at the anniversary meeting was very large, and representative of the various Protestant denominations. The speakers of the evening included besides the chairman, Rev. Dr. MacVicar, of St. Andrew's church; Rev. Dr. Raymond, Rev. A. P. Newcomb, district secretary of the Canadian Bible Society. The devotional portion of the meeting was conducted by Rev. Wellington Camp, and Rev. Wilfred Gault.

The meeting was principally retrospective in tone, the work of the past year being prominently put forth by the different speakers, and the aims of the organization explained with an urgent appeal for a continuance of the support given the society in the past. The report of the secretary, A. A. Wilson, K. C., showed that a considerable amount of work had been accomplished. The feature of the St. John branch's activities was the work among the immigrants arriving at West St. John and passing through this port to other points. Over 25,000 copies of the Bible were distributed during the year among the newcomers. Over 3,000 families were visited in the interest of the work. The financial statement had not been received from all the sources, but many of the churches had increased their contributions to the Bible work. The booth which the society had at the exhibition, realized about \$100 from the sale of books. A large amount of literature was also distributed from the book.

The report was adopted on motion of Judge Forbes, who also moved that last year's executive be re-elected, which recommendation was also adopted. The president of the society, Hon. H. A. McKeown, in his address, dwelt upon the work which had been carried on during the past year. The society, he said, had a great history behind it. The branch had existed in this city nearly 100 years, and is only 15 years younger than the parent society, the British and Foreign Bible Society. In the ninety odd years the St. John branch has been active and has done much work.

FOUR SHIPS LEFT FOR OLD COUNTRY WITH BIG CARGOES

Sand Point Presented Busy Scene Yesterday--Empress of Britain will go in Dry Dock--Wheat Shipments.

Business was rushing at Sand Point yesterday when four steamers, the C. P. R. boats Empress of Britain and Lake Champlain, the Allan liner Pomeranian, and the Head liner Inishowen Head cleared with goodly cargoes and passenger lists for the Old Country. Between them the four steamers took away 263,385 bushels of wheat. The big passenger ship Empress of Britain, sailed from Sand Point at a quarter to four yesterday afternoon and on her arrival in Liverpool will go on the dry dock to be overhauled. Her sister ship, the Empress of Ireland, is already undergoing her annual repairs and the Allan liner Tunisian has been chartered to take her place until she is ready for service.

The passenger list of the outgoing Empress was made up of 64 saloon, 140 second and 425 steerage, a total of 629. Besides the passengers she carried a large general cargo of merchandise, including 25,971 bushels of wheat.

Miss Ella Smith, of this city, was among the passengers, en route to Oxford to resume her studies. The C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain also cleared at a quarter to four yesterday afternoon with a large cargo of flour, meal and general merchandise. Thirty-five passengers left on this steamer.

The Inishowen Head ranked next to the Lake Champlain in the amount of wheat carried, with 95,000 bushels, 15,000 of which came from the C. P. R. elevator while 80,000 came from the I. C. R. elevator. The Inishowen Head also carried a good cargo.

The Allan liner Pomeranian was the fourth boat to leave yesterday, and took away 24,000 bushels of wheat. Twenty-five passengers left on this steamer.

During the past year the Allan Line have been increasing their business as the following figures with regard to the passenger traffic show: The figures for the eastbound traffic, including sailings from the St. Lawrence, St. John, Halifax, Portland and Boston, are, 2,041 first, 10,507 second, and 31,184 third class passengers, a total of 43,732, which is an increase of 6,480 over the previous year. Westbound passengers numbered 4,733 first, 32,384 second and 64,731 third class passengers a total of 101,848, an excess of 2,665 over last year. The total number of eastbound passengers was 126,580, as compared with 128,075 during 1911, an increase of 8,565. The South African boat, Kwana now loading at No. 7 berth, will leave for Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, and Port Natal, at the first of next week with a very valuable cargo, including 65,000 bags of flour, and between 75 and 100 automobiles. She is also loading lumber and other commodities.

St. Andrew's Curling Club. There will be a special meeting of the St. Andrew's Curling Club at the Club Rooms, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The central aim of the society has been, and is, the distribution of the Bible. Today the book has been distributed in 440 different languages and dialects through the Bible societies. The vitality of the Bible was the subject of the address delivered by Rev. Dr. MacVicar. In dealing with the subject he showed the vitality of the Bible is demonstrated by the light of certain tests. Among these is the depth and continuous circulation which it has enjoyed. While the circulation of the works of Dickens has reached between twenty-five and thirty million, the Bible has reached in the last year alone, seven and one-half millions. A more subtle test of the vitality is that of translation. Homer is thought to have been translated into about 100 tongues; Shakespeare into 33, John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress into 31, while the Bible has gone into over 400.

The district secretary, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, reviewed at length the work which has been accomplished during the year. Through the influence of the work which the society is doing he has come appeals for legislation from as far as the Balkan regions which today are the cynosure of the eyes of the world.

He referred to the opportunities which lie before the society at this port, and the influence which, he said, the work could have on the future life of the country. The character of the nation twenty years from today will depend upon how it is moulded now when the country is passing through a period of transition. He made an appeal for his hearers to continue the contributions which have been made in the past. The first contribution which St. John made to the Bible Society was in 1821, the sum being \$210. Last year the contribution was about \$1,200. He asked that the work be carried on in the future as well as it had been in the past.

The last speaker of the meeting was Rev. Dr. Raymond who first gave an interesting account of the work and start of the organization, after which he dealt with the subjects as regards foreign fields. The choir of Leinster street church assisted in the musical service of the evening.

SMALL INCREASE IN COUNTY ESTIMATES

Municipal Finance Committee Made them up Yesterday--County May Establish Detention Home for Children.

A lengthy session of the finance committee of the county council with Coun. Wm. Smith in the chair, was held yesterday afternoon when the estimates for the year 1913 were made up, and a delegation was heard in connection with the Child's Protective Act. As passed by the committee, the estimates for the current year are a balance on hand of \$2,900, and it was decided to cut their appropriation to \$4,000. The Alms House commission asked for a small increase over the appropriation of last year, and it was decided to recommend the granting of their estimate.

A committee appointed by churches and other organizations and consisting of W. Frank Hatheway, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Rev. H. E. Thomas, Adm. Cunningham of the Salvation Army; A. M. Belding, Mrs. T. H. Bullock and Mrs. H. Lawrence appeared before the committee and urged that the provision be made for giving effective aid to the Child Protective Act. It was said that the operation of the act and the maintenance of a detention home would entail an expenditure of about \$4,000 a year. The committee referred the matter to a sub-committee for further consideration. The sub-committee will make its report direct to the county council and it is expected that the report will be of a favorable nature.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. A. J. Trueman and daughter, Miss Kathleen, left last evening for Montreal and Toronto where they will spend the winter.

W. H. Thorne returned yesterday from Montreal.

Maning W. Doherty returned from Toronto yesterday.

A. W. Covay was a passenger on the Inishowen Head yesterday.

A. Gordon McIntyre, of Toronto, arrived in the city yesterday on the Montreal train.

John McLean, of Fredericton, is on a visit to the city.

Mothers, what is the use of worrying over making children's dresses when you can buy them at F. A. Dryden & Co.'s at one-third less than what they were originally to be sold for. They have a lot of manufacturer's sample dresses in 4, 5, 6, 12, 14 and 16 years which they will now offer to you at just the bare cost of the materials in them without anything added for the making. The dresses are made in the best styles that were produced by one of the big manufacturers and certainly display entire and good taste in their design.

"TEXAS BILL" BACK IN CITY

Former North End Man Well Known as Circus Performer and Rider.

His Career, as He Tells It, Reads Like Life Story of Popular Priced Fiction Hero.

After travelling for twenty years, visiting all parts of Europe and the American continent, and even penetrating into the wilds of Africa, during which time he encountered many dangers, and made many daring and famous rides, William Baird, better known as "Texas Bill," who claims to be a famous circus cowboy rider, has arrived in St. John and is renewing old acquaintances in his native city.

"Bill" was formerly a resident of Adelaide street, but in 1893 he left to seek his fortune in the United States. He went to Boston, later joining the Buffalo Bill show, and then began his interesting and notable career. He travelled for three years with the circus and became one of the main attractions in the arena with his thrilling cowboy act. He then went ranching in Texas, and then located in San Antonio. He travelled for a number of years with his own act, working his way from Trenton to Texas. He was later featured with such shows as Jones Brothers' Ranch One Hundred and One, and was also associated with Colin Cummings in the Kennedy and Cummings circus. He then joined the Two Bill show with which he remained until last year.

"Texas" claims the distinction of riding to Chicago on a Chicago horse. Starting from Frisco without a "red copper," he travelled the whole distance on a saddle. When about half way his horse became exhausted and he says he was obliged to shoot it and proceed with another. He crossed the great Pecos and San Joaquin trails and claims to be familiar with every mark and trail across the Rockies.

Accompanying "Texas Bill" is his wife who has travelled with him in many shows. Bill will leave this morning on the Boston train. He was looking over the opportunity for opening a novelty house in this city and if necessary arrangements can be made he will return in a week. "If not," said "Texas," "we will in two weeks time leave for Savannah."

WAS AMONG FIRST WINTERPORT MEN

F. W. Bowden Left Last Evening for Montreal to Accept Higher Position - Was Highly Esteemed.

With the departure yesterday afternoon of F. W. Bowden, who was superintendent of the Laurentide Paper Co. here, for Montreal where he has accepted a higher position with the company, the West Side loses one of its most highly respected and esteemed citizens, who during his career has made a large circle of friends and while all congratulate him on his promotion, his loss will be keenly felt.

Mr. Bowden has the honor of being one of the pioneer winterport men and was working at Sand Point when the first winter port steamer, the Lake Superior, of the old Beaver Line, steamed up the harbor. Since that time, he has been steadily engaged in forwarding the business of his company and has met with marked success, resulting in his receiving promotion to a position of higher responsibility in the service of his company.

With the departure of Mr. Bowden for Montreal, the number of men now living in St. John who were employed in the winter port service at the time of the formation of the association was reduced to four. These are Police Officer Wm. Lee of the West Side division; William Doherty and Charles Doherty, of the St. John division in the custom service, and John Duffie, wharfinger for the C. P. R.

Mrs. Seely. Word was received in the city last evening of the death of Mrs. Seely, at the Central Hotel, Sussex, yesterday, after undergoing a minor operation. The late Mrs. Seely was a daughter of John Scott and lived at Markhamville, Kings county. She is survived by a husband and several children.

U. N. S. Alumni.

A meeting of the Alumni Association of the U. N. B. was held here yesterday at which the finances of the university were discussed and it was decided to ask the local government for greater financial support. The other matters dealt with were of a routine nature. Last evening the members of the association were entertained by Dr. Walker at his residence on Princess street.

Canned Salmon Made Them Ill.

While eating their lunches yesterday, the girls of the St. John's High School suddenly became seriously ill. One of the girls had procured a can of salmon in a nearby store, and what they were originally to be sold for. They had eaten but a small quantity when they became weak and fell unconscious to the floor. Dr. Pratt was summoned and after rendering medical aid, ordered the girls to be removed to their homes.

Today's Matinee at 2.30.

The Nellie Gill Players will present "Paid in Full" at the Opera House this afternoon and also this evening. The matinee prices are 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

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Embroidered Flouncings, 6 designs --- 59c. yd	Bordered Blankets for making Bath Robes; former prices \$2.50 to \$3.25 each. Sale prices, --- \$1.50 and \$2 each	Chest Mufflers for ladies, men or boys; white, grey, navy, brown. Special --- 20c. each
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