

AROUND THE CITY

Motor Boat Purchased. J. H. Donovan, the speed skater of the West Side, has purchased from E. R. W. Ingraham the fast motor boat "Freak".

The Spencer Benefit. The executive of the Women's Canadian Club desire those who have tickets for the Spencer benefit in the Opera House Thursday evening to make their returns to Miss Clara O. McEwen, not later than Wednesday, 26th inst.

Injured in Runaway. On Saturday a team owned by the city ran away on Mill street and Geo. Akerley, the driver, had one of his legs badly injured by the vehicle running over him.

New Rink in West End. It is stated that parties are contemplating the building of a new skating rink on the West Side of the harbor. It is expected that the site where the rink will be erected will be near the city line on Prince street.

Sidelights on Irish History. "Sidelights on Irish History" was the subject of an interesting discourse delivered before the members of the St. Peter's Society yesterday afternoon by John McGowan.

A RESTED LAD WHO ENTERED THE STAR

Sergeant Kilpatrick Captured Frederick Creary Early Yesterday Morning-Boy Caught with the Goods on Him.

Yesterday morning, about 7.30 o'clock, Police Sergt. Harry Kilpatrick, of the northern division, called at the home of Frederick Creary, Main street, and placed him under arrest on suspicion of having broken into and entered the Star Theatre on the night of the 20th and stolen six admission tickets, and a quantity of sleeve links.

The prisoner is also suspected of having broken into and entered Harry Pitt's barber shop on Main street, and stolen two razors on the night of January 21st. When arrested there was found in Creary's pockets four tickets, a pocketbook, 67 cents, a razor and a case, six pairs of sleeve links, and a pack of cards. The sleeve links and the tickets have been identified as similar to those stolen from the Star Theatre, while the razor is said to be similar to one of those stolen from Harry Pitt's.

The tickets stolen from the theatre are of the new American check system and when the theatre was found to have been broken into, the management informed Sergt. Kilpatrick and the matter was kept quiet. Saturday afternoon when a small boy entered the theatre he presented one of the stolen tickets and when questioned as to where he got it, said he purchased it from young Creary for two cents.

Yesterday morning when the sergeant called for Creary, who is 17 years of age, and asked him where he got the tickets, he stated that he got them from a fellow who resides on Fort Howe. The sergeant took the youth with him to the place where he said he had obtained the tickets, and when on Metcalfe street Creary tried to run away from the officer, but after quite a tussle he was taken to the North End police station and locked up.

When the Star theatre was broken into a rear exit door had been smashed. Then the office door on the balcony of the theatre was smashed, as was also a new cabinet containing photographs. The operator's tool box which was left open was tampered with and some of the tools stolen. Much credit is given to Sergt. Kilpatrick for the manner in which he worked on the case.

The charges officially laid against the prisoner in the North End police station are: Breaking into and entering the Star Theatre, Main street, and stealing six admission tickets, one screw driver, a pair of gas pliers and a quantity of cuff links; stealing from Harry Pitt's barber shop in January 21st, two razors; of breaking into the American Dye Works, Elm street on January 31 and stealing one fountain pen, two diamond glass cutters, one pair of boots and skates, and about \$3.00 in money.

When the theatre was found broken into a part of a glass cutter was found at the door, and when Creary was arrested yesterday the other part of the broken cutter was found in his pocket. The cutter is similar to one stolen from the dye works.

Wool Demonstration at M. R. A.'s. Commencing Tuesday morning and during the two following days a specialist from England will be present in the millinery salon, second floor, to demonstrate the possibilities of wool in knitting and crochet work.

VALLEY ROAD DELEGATIONS IN FREDERICTON ADVOCATES OF RAILWAY CROSSING HARBOR BY BRIDGE OVER NAVY ISLAND WILL HAVE STRONG CASE TO PUT BEFORE GOVERNMENT

Board of Trade Representatives will go to Listen and Learn.

It is expected there will be an interesting time in Fredericton tomorrow when the delegation from the St. John Board of Trade interviews the government in reference to the route of the Valley Railway. Other delegations from places interested will probably also go to Fredericton to present their views.

Advantages of Harbor Bridge. One of the members of the delegation when interviewed by The Standard last evening said:

The great benefits of the bridge across the harbor would be in that it would place the producers, manufacturers and shippers on the Grand Trunk, I. C. R. and Valley Railroad on an equal footing with those on the C. P. R. For by bringing the Valley Railroad or L. C. R. in on the West Side and across the harbor, we would unite the two harbors of St. John by a government railway.

At present we pay, and for the future will pay, on the present contract, on all import traffic destined to or from European steamers originating on the I. C. R. to West St. John 50 cents per ton, or \$15 per car. For Cuba 60 cents per ton or \$18 per car. In other words connecting the harbor with a government bridge benefits the producers, manufacturers and shippers on the I. C. R. from Montreal to Halifax and St. John and on the Grand Trunk and Valley Railroad far more than it benefits the City of St. John.

The expense of the right of way to and from the Navy Island bridge should be discounted 50 per cent, when compared with the cost of the bridge over the river at Mistake and Kennebecasis. The first is a clear purchase for all time, while the bridges over the river entail continuing expenditure for upkeep.

Divided Opinions. Opinion as to which is the better of the proposed routes seems to be divided.

PREMIER FLEMMING FAVORS FAIR WAGE LAW

Writes to Trades and Labor Council in Regard to Fair Wage Clause in all Government Contracts.

The St. John Trades and Labor Council has received a communication from Premier Flemming in reference to the request that the local government adopt the policy of inserting a fair wage clause in all contracts for public works done under its jurisdiction. In his letter Mr. Flemming says he sees no reason why the local government should not provide that its contractors should pay the rate of wages current in any community, and added that the matter would probably be dealt with during the present session of the legislature.

Victor Dubreuil of Ottawa, Dominion fair wage officer, was in the city last week looking into the matter of wages paid by the contractor for the army. It is said a dispute has arisen between the Dominion Department of Justice, and the Department of Labor, as to the jurisdiction of the fair wage officer. It is claimed that the Department of Justice has ruled that the fair wage legislation of the old Liberal government was in such a state as to require a resolution by parliament every year in order to make it operative.

Mr. Crothers, the Minister of Labor, has sent a communication to the Trades and Labor Council here stating that he had taken up the matter with his colleagues and that the difficulty would be remedied as soon as the navy bill was disposed of.

DOCTORS AMAZED AT HUMAN RATTLE BOX

Ellis Whitman's Demonstration in Hospital Saturday, Proved Startlingly Interesting to Medical Men.

"The most interesting case ever seen here from a medical standpoint" was the opinion of the St. John physicians who, at the General Public Hospital Saturday afternoon, witnessed the demonstrations of Ellis Whitman, the "human rattle box," who has set doctors all over the world guessing.

Whitman is not a mere contortionist, he can dislocate any portion of his body desired, and at a moment's notice replace it in position. He has already twice sold his body to medical men, but as both are dead he is again in the market.

When in the operating room of the hospital Saturday, Whitman acquired the attention of the physicians by one of his demonstrations of his body, but his question was only answered with a smile.

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MX. OUT FROM ST. JOHN

Report that Elder-Dempster Company will Abandon Service from Canada

EXPORT TRADE HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING

J. T. Knight Says Whether Service is Discontinued Will Depend on Circumstances - Mexican Government Cuts Subsidy.

A report has gained currency in shipping circles to the effect that the Elder Dempster Company contemplate discontinuing their service between Canada and Cuba and Mexico. For some years this company has been running a monthly service to Mexico and Cuba, and during the past few winters they have made St. John a regular port. One of the boats of this service is now in port, and it is said she will make only one more trip to Mexico.

J. T. Knight, St. John agent of the line, when asked about the report, said he preferred not to discuss it "Whether the service is continued or not depends on circumstances," he said. "The cargo trade to both Cuba and Mexico this winter has been very disappointing. We have not been able to get cargoes for the boats, and if present conditions continue the company will be obliged to take the boats out of the route."

As was pointed out in the Standard some time ago, there have been few potatoes shipped from New Brunswick to Cuba this winter, mainly, it is said, because the produce dealers have been able to find a good market in Ontario. This has meant a greatly decreased demand for space on the boats running to Cuba.

When the service was started the Mexican government, as well as that of Canada, paid the company a subsidy, but it is understood that of late the various Mexican governments have been too busy fighting for existence to arrange for the payment of a subsidy to a steamship company.

Previous to the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz there was a fairly rapid development of the trade between Canada and Mexico, and it was confidently hoped the service would grow in importance every year. One thing the service demonstrated was the practicability of handling a considerable amount of the traffic originating in eastern Canada and destined for British Columbia by sending it to Mexico, across the isthmus of Tehantepec, and thence up the Pacific to Vancouver. Considerable quantities of goods have been shipped from Vancouver to St. John via this route.

In reference to the foregoing a Montreal despatch says: "A. E. Cook, passenger and freight service for some years between Canada and Mexico by the Elder-Dempster line, employing the steamers Borna and Sokoto, in this service, is to be discontinued in April next so that there will no longer be direct steamship communication during the coming season between Mexico and St. Lawrence ports."

The news of the discontinuance of Mexican service was announced in the Maritime Provinces on Saturday and is generally attributed in shipping circles there to the outbreak of the revolution in Mexico. This, however, is not the reason.

"A. E. Cook," said Montreal office of the line communicated with last night, stated that the mail contract with the Mexican government had terminated on January 2 last and had not been renewed, and the contract with the Dominion government would terminate in April. The Elder-Dempster line is not applying for the renewal of the latter contract as the service has unfortunately not proved sufficiently remunerative in the past to induce them to tender again. Asked as to the destination of the Borna and Sokoto after the termination of the contract with the Canadian government in April, Mr. Cook said they would be sent to Europe, where other employment would be found for them by the head office of the line."

Cushion Covers. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just received a lot of Cushion Covers at very special prices. One lot they are selling at 20 cents. There are two styles in this lot. One is made of natural linen with very attractive stenciled patterns with nice deep frill and back all ready for the filling. The other style is a covered design with corded edges and a sateen back ready for the filling. A big lot of cushion covers, no two alike, are also being shown. These are all of pretty designs and of good material. Those are also ready for the filling. Prices from 25 cents to \$1.50.

Tonight's Concert. The Hollingshead concert at the Opera House tonight is expected to be the musical event of the season. Good seats remain for late comers. Prices are \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, and 50c.

Property Purchased. J. Walter Holly has purchased from 2. Royden Thomson the large and beautiful residence on the corner of Duke and Germain streets.

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New Black Materials for Ladies' Tailored Suits For Spring

Milady should make up her mind early regarding the material for the spring costume, as the order for the making ought to be placed now to ensure reasonably prompt service from the busy faller. We offer a large and complete stock of the new season's choicest wovens in black - materials upon which Dame Fashion has placed her stamp of approval for spring wear. From the immense assortments we show, a satisfactory choice will be the matter of only a few minutes. Following are some of the leading fabrics: WHIPCORDS, 50 to 54 inches wide... per yard \$1.10 to \$2.10. BEDFORD CORDS, 50 inches wide... per yard \$1.50 to \$1.85. RATINE, 50 to 52 inches wide... per yard \$1.45 to \$1.90. ENGLISH WORSTED SERGES, 50 to 58 inches wide... per yard 80c. to \$2.25. THIBET SERGES, 50 inches wide... per yard \$1.25 to \$1.50. BROADCLOTHS, 50 to 56 inches wide... per yard \$1.10 to \$2.75. VENETIAN CLOTHS, 50 to 54 inches wide... per yard 75c. to \$1.75.

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