

AROUND THE CITY

Secured Thirty New Members. Mr. Benson, the assistant of Mr. Chase, the organizing expert of the Board of Trade, who was left here to close up the campaign, informed The Standard yesterday that the committee had secured about 30 members since the reports made public on Friday. Mr. Benson expects to leave the city on Friday and before doing so will prepare a list of the new members for publication.

Crescent Fair. Despite the disagreeable weather, a large number attended Crescent Fair last evening and participated in the various amusements. The St. John Brass Band was present and rendered several musical numbers. The prize winners were as follows: door prize, ticket No. 150, won by Mrs. Bradshaw; bowling alley, K. Robertson; hoopla, Milford Dalzell; bean board, Dr. Nase; plate game, Ralph Coleman.

The Ludlow Laid Off. The ferry boat Ludlow which was slightly injured by the steamer Knutsford on Monday evening, was laid off yesterday for examination and the Governor Carleton was placed in commission. The Ludlow which was struck by the boat while trying to cross the river, apparently suffered no serious damage, but the steam boiler inspector ordered that she be laid off until she had a chance to examine her and determine the extent of her injuries.

Board of Health. The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon. The board occupied themselves chiefly with routine matters. A number of reports for violation of regulations were submitted. It was decided to take up the question of the annual inspection of cattle with the department of agriculture and to ascertain what assistance the department proposes giving the board in the matter this year. It was also decided by the board to ask that a man be appointed to look after plumbing inspection in Fairville.

Policeman Teaches Timely Lesson. About ten o'clock last night a young man who was walking along the north side of King Square performed a rather fresh stunt when he threw and broke an empty gin bottle on the sidewalk near Breese's corner. He felt very humble a few moments afterwards when Policeman O'Leary escorted him out of North Market street to the corner and forced him to pick up the broken glass and deposit the pieces in the garbage barrel. The lesson will no doubt be effective on the sport who was humbled.

An Enjoyable Lecture. Oberammergau, the scene of the remarkable Passion Play, was delightfully described by Mrs. F. B. Ellis last evening in Queen Square Methodist church. The audience was large and the lecture thoroughly enjoyed. The story of the production of the Passion Play was quite familiar to most of those present, but the description by one who has witnessed the performance makes a charming story, and as narrated by the lecturer of the evening, proved most interesting. The lecture was illustrated by lantern views.

The Douglas Ave. Paving. The residents of Douglas Avenue who have been opposed to the property owners paying for the paving of that street, are not at all inactive, and still hold fast to their argument that as the street is a public thoroughfare the burden of cost of laying the pavement ought not to rest upon the residents, but on the city. A meeting was held Monday evening at which Fred Tapley presided. Those who are opposing the scheme claim that they still have two thirds of the property holders on their side, and they are of the belief that the proposition will be dropped.

N. B. LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Evidence of the increasing interest in the opportunities of the province pronounced every day. Yesterday the Superintendent of Immigration received letters from parties in Ontario, asking for information about farm lands available in this province; the day before he received letters from Austria and other European countries, some of which will have to be translated before he knows what they are about. The letter received from the Quebec man yesterday stated that he intended to sell his farm and would like to locate in New Brunswick which, he believed, was a land of opportunity. The Ontario man said he was dissatisfied with the outlook in that province and was ready to make a change.

Although it is winter the Superintendent of Immigration does not find it difficult to place newcomers, and in response to some thousand of letters sent out the farmers of the province have sent in orders for quite a number of men, which have yet to be filled. This is one of the most encouraging phases of the government's efforts to induce immigration to the province. As an illustration of the care of the Provincial Government's representative on the other side in the selection of immigrants it may be mentioned that in a number of cases farmers of the province have been supplied with housekeepers whom they have afterwards married.

Lecture Tonight. Rev. J. G. Dunnison, ex-Roman Catholic priest, will deliver a lecture in Zion church tonight.

Nickel Claims Ideal Bill. The new programme at the Nickel for today and Thursday about reaching the top-notch of clean family entertainment. It is a sort of challenge bill of fare. A most spirited historical incident on real Irish soil, St. John's own Larry Thomas in songs, concert, and culture and refinement, a spellbinding episode of the world's greatest views in Father's animated Weekly, a clear Vitaphone comedy, an episode of the care of elephants, and then, bringing the motion picture camera to our very doors, a 100-foot view of Mount Allison University, closed at Mackville, N. B., last term. Can you beat it?

NEW TRAFFIC BY-LAW WILL BE CHANGED TO MEET CONDITIONS

Teamsters and Automobilists Have Interview with Commissioners and Succeed in Amending Regulation—Boys Under 16 Cannot Drive Teams.

As a result of the conference held last evening by representatives of the Automobile Association and the Teamsters' Union with the city commissioners, an agreement was arrived at by which the new traffic by-law introduced by Com. McLellan, will be modified to meet conditions prevailing in St. John.

The conference, which was a continuation of a meeting held last week, lasted from 7.30 to 10.30 and was fairly harmonious, and the understanding arrived at, generally speaking, was in a nature of a compromise between the positions taken by both parties. It was recognized the clause of the by-law prohibiting motor cars standing on the street unless their motors were stopped, would be a hardship in this climate in winter, and that the enforcement of it in summer would not be worth while, since in the case of modern cars there was no danger that a running motor would set the car in motion.

The regulation requiring motor cars to sound three blasts at every corner whether there were any pedestrians around or not, was discussed, and it was agreed to change the requirement to one blast. It was also agreed to change the speed limit for automobiles from four to six miles an hour when approaching a street crossing or corner.

The Teamsters' Complaints. In regard to the teamsters' complaints, it was pointed out that it would be impossible to carry out the letter of the law in some of the narrow streets. The regulation in regard to placing skids across the sidewalk will be changed so as to apply only to the loading or unloading of heavy articles, such as machinery and safes.

"THE IRON INDUSTRY" TOLD OF BY MAN ENGAGED IN IT

Charles McDonald, Manager of St. John Iron Works, Delivers Interesting and Instructive Lecture Before the Natural History Society.

The lecture in the Natural History course last evening was given by Charles McDonald, manager of the St. John Iron Works, his subject being "The Iron Industry." Dr. G. U. Hay, in the absence of the president, acted as chairman.

The attendance was very small owing to weather conditions, but those who braved the elements were treated to a most entertaining hour. The lecture was replete with interesting facts regarding the iron industry since it originated here, and many names familiar through their activities both in building up this particular industry, and in the commercial life of the community, were brought to the attention of the audience.

A history of the industry in St. John taken from an address delivered by George McAuliffe before the representatives of the Hardware Trade, at a banquet held in 1882, was read by the lecturer, and recalled many interesting items of local history.

In the retrospect is told the difficulty in the early life of the industry the export of machinery for manufacturing being prohibited in Great Britain, and in consequence of this the first steam engine supposed to have come to this country, was brought here by C. T. Everett, being shipped in 1836. This same engine did service for many years at Mr. Everett's saw and sawmill and hat factory.

Another noted foundry and machine shop which flourished at the time was one owned by George Craig, who is said to have built the first iron steam engine constructed in America, the vessel being destined for the St. John and Digby route.

Forty Years of Progress. Mr. McDonald after reading the resume of the early history of the industry gave his own account of the progress of the iron industry as reported by the delegation.

DELEGATION SATISFIED WITH PROPOSED WEST INDIAN LINE

Men who Visited Ottawa Reported to Board of Trade Council, Yesterday, that Service with Fast Boats would be Best.

While nothing definite was given out in regard to the report submitted to the Board of Trade council yesterday by the delegation which went to Ottawa to interview Hon. George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce in respect to the West Indian service, it is generally understood that the delegation, after discussing the matter with Mr. Foster, came to the conclusion that the tender of the company offering to put on a fast service with large boats if permitted to call at Boston to receive and discharge passengers, and land provisions for three months of the year, would serve the interests of the port of St. John much better than the service offered by the other company.

NOT MUCH CHANGE IN DEMAND FOR UNSKILLED LABOR

Trades Union Official Says there is Not Enough Work for All—Good Demand for Skilled Workmen.

A prominent trades union official stated last evening that owing to the influx of unskilled labor there were a larger number of members of the trade union laboring class out of work this winter than for years past. Skilled labor this winter has had more than the usual employment, because of the mild winter weather. "But there are," said the laborer, "a great many of the unskilled workers out of employment, and this is especially true of the working men who belong to the city as too often business men give the preference in the matter of employment to outsiders. The Board of Council would be a great thing for the city if the business men would practice it in their relations to the workers out of this town."

Street cars on Mill street instead of stopping at the corner of Pond will be allowed to stop close to the gates at the L. C. R. crossing, so as not to block the traffic which flows out of Pond street from the freight sheds. Going up hills teams will be allowed to cross from one side to another, so as to give the horses a rest.

GOLD SNAP MAKES RIVER TRAVEL SAFE

In Spite of Storm Many Farmers Visited City Yesterday with Goodly Supply of Produce—Roads Located.

The river is now, for the first time since the beginning of winter, in a safe condition for sleighing. The cold weather of the last few days has frozen the ice solid.

Despite the disagreeable weather of yesterday many of the farmers availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the city and a number crossed over from Baywater, Chapel Grove, White Head and other points along that side of the river, bringing with them a good supply of butter, eggs, meat and other provisions.

On the return trip the majority of the farmers, guarding against a repetition of the predicament in which they found themselves during the first of the winter, loaded their sleds with an extra large supply of food.

The work of marking the road from Millidgeville to Baywater by placing trees in the ice was completed yesterday morning. There has been no difficulty of river travel as during yesterday's storm many would have gone astray.

Special Flower Sale. Special flower sale today and Thursday at Walter Pedersen's floral store, corner Charlotte and Princess streets. Carnations, roses and violets, bear in mind the opportunity to get at cut prices. Carnations, 40 cents a dozen; Daffodils, 40 cents a dozen; Roses, 75 cents a dozen; Violets, 50 cents a dozen. Don't miss this magnificent display.

Another sale of those beautiful Silf-tuff Underkirts is to be held at Dykes man. They have the staple of silk and give the greatest of wear, have a neat straight sounce, in keeping with the style of outside skirts of the present day. They have the prettiest little close fitting hip and waistband. This lot they are going to sell at 79 cents each. They are worth \$1.50. Bear in mind they are made from real Silf-tuff. Sizes 38, 40 and 42.

M. R. A's Corset Sale Again Today. The stormy weather yesterday prevented so many from taking advantage of this important event that the very best of the offerings are still available, and the sale will be in full swing again this morning. These are manufacturers' samples and odd and broken lines from regular stock placed at such low figures that there is an unusual chance to save money. Sale in Corset Department, second floor.

Pickford & Black. Another aspect of the question is that if a fast service is established between Canada and the West Indies the class of the reciprocity agreement limiting the preference to goods shipped or discharged at Canadian ports will probably be put into effect. This would mean a great deal for St. John, as the preference clause would apply to West Indian products entering Canada, as well as to Canadian products bound to the West Indies.

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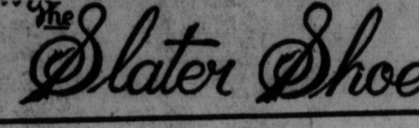
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