

AROUND THE CITY

SHOWERS

Supper given by Wiling Workers of St. Philip's Church, Sept. 28. Tick 25 cts. All are welcome.

SCHOOLS ON OLD TIME. Dr. Bridger states that the schools will open Wednesday on Atlantic standard time.

OPEN A NEW BRANCH. The Bank of Nova Scotia is about to open a new branch at Havelock, N. B. Havelock is the centre of a very prosperous district and a branch there will be appreciated.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. The Standard wishes to acknowledge with thanks the assistance rendered by the local branch of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company on Saturday, the closing day of the contest.

VALGARTIER CHAPTER. A meeting of the Valgarter Chapter, I. O. E., was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Miss Mary White, Mrs. Frederick H. Taylor, first vice-president. The sum of \$10 was raised in the standard chapter and \$10 to the Seaman's Institute. It was decided that the chapter shall do its share in paying the salary of a Victorian Order nurse.

RETURNED MEN ARRIVE. There arrived at Halifax yesterday on the S. S. Royal George and are due here this morning at 10 a. m., Gunner P. E. Meahan, St. Stephen; Pte. H. H. Turner, Prospect Point, St. John; Gnr. T. W. Amburg, St. John; Corp. H. Colwell, Moncton; Pte. W. M. Doucette, Sussex; Gnr. F. C. Horroan, Moncton; Pte. A. R. Mohr, New Hamburg, Ontario; Pte. E. Muzerolle, Pt. St. Pierre, N. B.

PICKING BERRIES. Evidently winter is not yet at the door. On Tuesday last a gentleman picked several boxes of berries, including raspberries, blueberries, cranberries, and blackberries. In addition to this he is expecting a second crop of strawberries, having counted twenty-two strawberry blossoms in one field. However, it will be well for the reader if he continues to lay in his stock of coal for the coming winter.

AWAY TO COLLEGE. F. Gordon Green, son of Fred Green of the Western Union, left by Sunday evening train for McGill University, where he will continue his engineering studies. He was accompanied by Harold Simpson, M. E., of Springhill, N. S., who goes to the same university to study medicine. Both were over-joyed together. J. Ella Taylor, son of E. H. Taylor, St. John West, also returned from overseas, left Saturday evening for McGill, to take a scientific course.

NEW SCHOOLS OPENED. In order to accommodate the overflow of pupils from St. Vincent's and St. Peter's girl schools, a room has been taken over in this district property. Monday afternoon, yesterday morning, a class of forty-two girls assembled at the temporary school for instruction by Sister Agnitas. Another school room will be opened sometime within the next fortnight in St. James' street hall, which is undergoing alterations to make it suitable for the purpose. This new school will accommodate pupils in grade one from St. Malachi's.

RODNEY WHARF WORK. R. H. Lee, contractor, is making fast progress in the work of repairing the timber between North and South Rodney wharves, according to report of the city engineer. The contractor and cleared off the old dock on Friday, and was yesterday putting in Douglas fir stringers. At the present rate of progress the work will be finished in a fortnight. Since the tearing away was begun, it has been ascertained that work not included in the contract price will have to be done. This is provided for in a clause in the contract, as it was recognized that there was a strong probability that some of the timber of the old structure which could not be examined until the deck was removed would have to be replaced.

FORWARD MOVEMENT. The Methodist Ministerial Association met yesterday morning at Central Church, Rev. George Morris in the chair. The chief matter discussed was the methods to be taken to link up the Methodist national campaign with the inter-church forward movement. It was decided to outline to the people on Sunday next the chief features and scope of inter-church forward movement. Also to have all Methodist services here synchronous with the development of the different parts of the national movement. It was also decided to have a united church services during the first two weeks in November, when a special service will be brought from Upper Canada.

MARTHA WASHINGTON HOUSE DRESSES. It is not often that you find such staple goods as these being sold at anything under the most advanced prices, but here's a lot of these excellent Chamberlayne dresses made by the makers of the celebrated "Martha Washington" dresses that are worth \$5.00 each. They are being sold at P. A. Byrnes & Co.'s at \$2.99. Only 120 of them to be distributed during this sale. The colors are Cadet Blue and Pink, made from a good quality of fine Chamberlayne and trimmed with white Pique, sizes 16 to 46. Also a small number of Black and White Shepherd Check Dresses in this special sale at the same prices. They are made from a soft wash material and trimmed with mercerized poplin or collars and cuffs, making an excellent morning dress at a great bargain.

SPECIAL MEETING. Of all War Veterans of the West Side including Fawcett and Milford, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Market Place, West Side, on Thursday evening at eight o'clock on old time for the purpose of filling out forms with reference to Gratuity and Veterans' interests are requested to be present. By order of PRESIDENT, West Side Branch G. W. V. A.

Four Hundred and Forty Men of Atlantic Sugar Refineries Went on Strike Last Midnight

Employees and Company Could Not Come to an Agreement—Men Asked for Forty-Five Cents an Hour and Eight-Hour Day—Company Offered Forty Cents—Statements of Company and Men Given.

Sugar Refinery Workers declared a strike last evening and at midnight many of the employees of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd., stopped work. Union officials stated that about 440 men affiliated with A. and L. Union No. 16,804, Sugar Refinery Workers were affected, and that they would be all out by this morning. Negotiations have been going on for some time between the men and the company, but an agreement could not be reached. The men demanded an eight-hour day and an increase of ten cents per hour over the present rate. The company said they agreed to the eight-hour day, but would only give 40 cents per hour, but the men demanded 45 cents per hour.

The board of conciliation was suggested by the men and both union and company officials affirm that the other party would not agree to abide by the board's decision unless it was in accordance with their own offers. The men engaged to handle the present meet and clean up the machinery before quitting work, but the company officials claim that the men only agreed to do this under the direction of union representatives, and that officials of the company would not have anything to say in regard to the handling of the work. A strike was called and officials of the company said this morning that the men were going out in small groups and at two o'clock some of the departments were greatly thinned out. The company claims that it cannot meet the demands of the men, and an official of the company said last night that the employees here were paid more than in any other refinery east of Winnipeg.

F. A. Campbell, president of the Trades and Labor Council is in charge of the situation for the men. He said last night that the departments at both Ottawa and Washington had been notified of the strike. F. G. O'Grady, general manager of the company, is in town in connection with the negotiations with the men. Lewis J. Sodensteter is refinery manager here.

The statements as given by both parties are given below: Men's Statement. The following statement for the men is issued by F. A. Campbell last night: After a week's negotiations, during which all possible efforts were made to avoid a strike, it was decided by the sugar refinery workers to go out at 12 o'clock midnight. The company are holding out and will not agree to meet the demands of the men, which were an increase of ten cents per hour over and above all scales now being paid and an eight-hour day. The committee of the Union met this morning and the men were offered to leave men employed in the refinery until the men was completed and all the machinery had been cared for. This offer was refused by the men. In case of loss or damage on account of the machinery not being left in the refinery, the men claim that they will not be liable, as they offered every protection and been refused.

The employees suggested a board of conciliation, but it is stated that the company would not agree to stand by the award unless it was in accordance with the company's offer. The company offered an increase of five cents per hour, but the men would not agree to this. The strike is being conducted by F. A. Campbell, who has been duly authorized by the Atlantic Federation of Labor. Both the department at Washington and at Ottawa have been notified of the strike. Officials of the union said last night that 440 workers affiliated with the A. of L. Union No. 16,804, Sugar Refinery Workers, were affected by the strike.

During the past two weeks we have had conferences with our employees regarding the question of hours of labor and rates of wages and upon which up to the present time we have been unable to reach a mutual understanding. The employees have demanded an eight-hour day with a minimum wage rate of forty-five cents per hour for common labor. After giving the most careful consideration to these questions and constantly having in mind its obligations and responsibilities to the public interests, its employees and its investors and shareholders, the company has offered its employees an eight-hour day and a minimum wage rate of forty cents per hour for common labor. The employees have definitely declined to accept the offer of the company, the question of the appointment of a board of conciliation to settle governing industrial disputes was considered and promptly agreed to by the company, but when it developed that the employees refused to be bound by the finding of the conciliation board and at the same time demanded that the company be so bound, it became impossible to continue the negotiations.

The company is still desirous of the appointment of a conciliation board. A few words of explanation are due to the public in order that they may be familiar with the situation. When the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd., commenced business it was the custom in both the United States and Canada to work in sugar refineries ten shifts of eleven and thirteen hours, the men changing shifts each alternate week. This procedure is still carried on, and the Atlantic has been paying thirty-five cents per hour, as against thirty-two and a half cents per hour and thirty-four cents per hour in other Canadian refineries for eleven and thirteen hour shifts. The Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd., has now made a radical step forward in offering its employees an eight-hour day and forty cents per hour, and this action will cost the company approximately one hundred thousand dollars per annum.

The executives of the company, however, desire to do everything possible to better the working conditions of their employees, but if the employees themselves adopt an attitude that will make it impossible to operate the refinery, the plant, if necessary, will be closed down until such time as labor is again available.

There appeared in the juvenile court yesterday afternoon three of the dirtiest, most ragged and unkempt urchins that have yet graced that institution (which is something of a record in itself) charged with taking by force a dollar from another lad at York Point on Saturday afternoon. On question, the boys gave their ages as 10, 13 and 14 years respectively. The younger lad, though of foreign parentage, proved the brightest of the trio, for he was in grade four in the city schools. The boy aged 13 had passed grade one last year, but is not going to school now. The other one, aged 14, had got as far as grade two, but does not attend school now.

The parents of the lads, as far as they were obtainable, appeared and were given a severe reprimand by the magistrate. The mother of one of the boys, according to the police authorities, has a very unfavorable reputation and has been separated from her husband, by mutual consent, for some time. A Syrian woman, mother of the youngest lad, was also given some sound advice by the judge regarding her intimacy with a Russian who also appeared in court. The judge gave the parents to understand that the boys must attend school regularly and that they must also report to him each Saturday, failing to do so he will do more severely with the matter.

Though there are some 50 members of the Children's Aid Society, there has been only one member of the organization present in court at the last several sessions. The Rev. W. R. Robinson gave helpful service yesterday in adjusting this particular case. A special meeting of the King's daughters will be held tonight at the Orlin Rooms at 7.30. Important notices. Capable Accountant desires Position. Accountancy, care Standard.

Fifteen Cent Milk Wednesday Morning

Farmers Decided to Advance the Price and Dealers Place the Retail Price at Fifteen Cents a Quart.

The milk dealers of St. John and delegates from the Kings County Milk Producers Association met last evening here. The farmers' representatives announced that they would advance the price of milk on Wednesday. The milk dealers decided that they would have to advance the price to the consumer two cents per quart, making the retail price on Wednesday 15 cents a quart.

At the meeting last evening the dealers pointed out that the advance in cost would have the effect of reducing the sales and consequently there would not be such a good market for the milk. The farmers, however, felt that the increase in costs of production necessitated the advance and they assured the dealers that they must have more money for the milk. The dealers felt that they were powerless in the matter and would have to advance the retail price. The new wholesale price is what the farmer will receive for milk on his own railway platform. The dealer will have to meet the expense of transportation to the city besides supplying the cans and washing them. The cleaning of the cans alone is said to cost the dealers a cent and a half each. The opinion of the dealers expressed the opinion last evening that the advance in price would have the effect of reducing the amount of sales.

The Municipal Chapter I. O. D. E.

At Meeting Yesterday Afternoon Members Decide to Assist in Registration of Women and Navy League Appeal.

To assist the Navy League in their Nelson Day appeal and to send fifty dollars to a house to be occupied by women for the purpose of assisting in their registration were two important items of the business transacted at the regular meeting of the Municipal Chapter I. O. D. E., held in the government rooms, Prince William street, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Hugh Mackay presided and Mrs. W. I. Fenton acted as secretary in the absence of Miss Gertrude Lawson.

In reply to the Navy League it was voted that the I. O. D. E. will assist them in any way desired. Another important matter which was decided yesterday was that the order will support a nurse from the Victorian Order in St. John. The order of Mother's Chapter will assist in this.

In answer to communications from Toronto and Fredericton regarding educational matters it was decided to leave these questions until the next quarterly meeting of the provincial chapter which will be held in Moncton in October. The programme for the presentation of the monument to the departed soldiers and sailors in Farnhill cemetery which is to be unveiled today was discussed and all arrangements made. This presentation is the first concerted effort of all the various chapters in St. John.

FREE NIGHT SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND MEN. Seventy-Four Students Enrolled Last Evening for Night Classes—Teachers Well Pleased With the Attendance.

The free evening schools for boys and men which are being conducted by the School Board, were opened last evening at the King Edward school in the corner of St. George and Waterworth streets, and in the Centennial school on Brussels street. There was a total enrollment of seventy-four (74) and several others have signified their intention of joining the various classes. The subjects taught are: Reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic and mechanical drawing. Pupils may enter these schools at any time, but it is greatly to their advantage to enroll at an early date so that all may start together. Mechanical drawing is taught in the Centennial school, and reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic in the King Edward building. The instructors, Rev. R. Cormier and A. G. Gunter, are well pleased with the attendance, which is the largest they have ever had on the opening night.

All members of the I. O. D. E. are requested to attend the formal unveiling of Soldiers' Monument, Farnhill, at 7 o'clock today. The public is invited.

ENGAGEMENTS. Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Godson, of Annapolis, Kings County, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen M., to Mr. Charles Adams, of St. John. St. John Business College Evening Classes. The opening of these classes for the winter term is always earnestly watched for, many capable bookkeepers and stenographers get their training at these classes. Opening night Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at 7.30.

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SPECIAL NOTICE Our Westfield suburban delivery service will be discontinued October first. Fairvale and Rothesay routes continued as usual until further notice. PRETTY GARMENTS FOR LITTLE GIRLS Our Children's Corner has just received a new line of Fall models in splendid styles for little tots and girls as large as fourteen years. Velvet Corduroy Kimonos in sky, rose, Copen and pink. Sizes range from 8 to 14 years, \$7.75. Quilted Jap Silk Kimonos in sky, rose and navy, prettily embroidered, silk cord to match, sizes 8 to 14 years, \$4.00 to \$4.75. Heavy Velour Kimonos in pink, blue, tan, navy and green \$5.85 to \$7.60. New Colored Dresses suitable for all year around school wear. Exceptionally smart models in plaid, striped and plainingham. Sizes 2 to 13 years, \$2.85 to \$4.50. Regulation Peter Thompson Dresses in serge or fine white drill, made in straight pleated style with collar. Sizes 6 to 13 years. Latest Style Frocks for school and dress wear, in velveteen, serge, poplins and other fashionable fabrics. Second Floor.

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