

AROUND THE CITY

Bunch of Keys Found. A bunch of keys found on Haymarket Square have been left at the North End police station.

Bachelor Maids' Convention. The Bachelor Maids will hold a convention in the Sunday school room of Portland Methodist church this evening at eight o'clock.

Hand Bag Found. A lady's hand bag found on Mill street yesterday was handed to Detective Killen and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

In a Serious Condition. At the General Public Hospital, last night, George Fullerton, who received painful injuries while working at Rodney Wharf, was reported to be in a serious condition. Besides being frightfully cut about the face, his lower jaw had been broken in three places. Last night he was in a semi-conscious state and too weak to undergo an operation which will be necessary.

St. Stephen's Church Guild. There was a good attendance at the meeting of St. Stephen's church Guild last evening. Mrs. John Seely delivered an interesting lecture on some French Cathedrals she visited. A detailed description of the famous church at Chartres. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. Another interesting feature was a song by Mrs. C. MacNeil.

Mount Temple in Port. The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, Captain Mow, arrived in port about eight o'clock last evening from London and Antwerp and docked at No. 2 berth, Sand Point, at nine o'clock. On board the steamer were 140 steerage passengers. On the journey across the western ocean the Mount Temple encountered unusually rough weather and although no damage was done the ship all were glad when the voyage was completed.

Horse Found and Stabled. A horse that had been standing on Sheffield street for nearly two hours last night in the cold was taken in charge about eleven o'clock by Patrolman Gibbs and placed in a warm stable where the owner can get it today by paying for the animal's keep over night. The officer called at a number of houses along the street in an attempt to find the owner but could locate no person to claim the animal.

A Jacobite Evening. There was a large attendance in the schoolroom of St. David's church last evening when a pleasant program was given by the Y. P. A. of the church was carried through. Solos were rendered by S. J. McGowan, Miss Blenda Thompson, Percy Cruikshank and Mr. Duncan. Bruce Robb read a paper on Clanchouse. Miss Shaw read a paper on The Jacobite Movement, and Mr. McIntyre on the Jacobite Songs. Dr. McAulay, the president of the association presided.

An Involved Report. According to a report on the police blotter yesterday afternoon made by Sgt. George Baxter, two teamsters went right and were wrong. Duncan (George of 149 Brunson street, near the ward Speight, 162 Main street, are the two men reported and they are charged with having their horses and wagons on the wrong side of Prince William street by allowing their teams to stand on the right side of the street while the horses were facing south. All this means that drivers must keep to the left at all times whether driving or having their teams at a standstill.

John McAllister. After an illness of about six weeks, John McAllister died yesterday. The deceased was a well known resident of this city. He was in his 56th year, and has lived here for over 45 years of his life. For many years he kept a grocery store on Duke street, retiring some time ago. He leaves one son, John, with W. Alex. Porter, and two daughters, Miss Minnie, residing at home and Mrs. Wm. Weyman, of Orange street. He was a prominent member of St. John's Presbyterian church. Burial will take place in Fernhill.

Horses Had Hard Time. Yesterday was a rushing business day for the horseholders, who were kept hard at work from early morning until late at night sharpening the caulk on horses' shoes. It would be but a short time after they were sharpened before they would be dull again, and as a result there was many a horse that slipped on the pavement and fell. A horse owned by Charles Todd fell on Mill street during the morning and broke a shaft of the wagon. A horse owned by the Canadian Express Company also fell on Mill street and the animal was quite badly cut before it could be placed on its feet again.

Art Club Lecture. "The influence of character on art" was the subject of last evening's lecture in the St. John Art Club series. The lecturer was W. Frank Hatheway, and a fairly large number of members and friends of the club heard the lecture with deep interest. The subject was handled most ably, and the lecturer in the course of his lecture brought out a wealth of valuable information regarding several of the more familiar masters. The views with which the subject was illustrated were exceptionally fine and added to the pleasure of the evening. The admirable manner in which the subject was dealt with made the evening's lecture one of the most delightful of the series.

The First "Tech" School. St. John can at last boast technical education, at least in the embryonic stage in the assembly room of the Centennial school last evening the first class of the evening technical school was held with about 20 pupils enrolled. Mechanical drawing was taught for the first subject and three evenings a week will be devoted to this. There will probably be another subject added to the curriculum this week or next. Efforts are being made to organize a class in house construction and Frank Morrison has agreed to teach the subject. The equipment necessary for the classes has been put in place, and it is expected that the classes will prove successful and meet with a long-felt need.

THE FREIGHT CHECKERS STRUCK LAST MIDNIGHT

Demanded More Money from Employers and Failing to Receive Satisfactory Reply Union Decided on General Strike—About 250 Men Affected—How Difficulty May Spread

As a result of last evening's meeting of the Marine and Railway Checkers' Union, a strike was inaugurated at one o'clock this morning and, it is said, there is some possibility of a general tie-up of the business of the port, as it is claimed by the checkers that if the difficulty is not adjusted in a reasonable time the members of the Truckers' Union, as well as various branches of the International Longshoremen's Union will refuse to handle freight tallied by non-union men.

After the meeting last evening the officers declared that the reason the members of the union decided to go on strike was that the employers seemed unwilling to treat with them and that it was up to them to show that they were organized and meant business. They claim that they showed some consideration for the interests of the port in deciding to strike at the present time when there are not many ships in port. The boats in port are the Donaldson liner Saturnia, the Furness liner Rappahannock, the Allan liner Grampania, and the C. P. R. liner Mount Temple. After the meeting, which was attended by nearly two hundred men, decided to strike, officials of the union were sent to these boats to notify the men at work of the decision and the strike was put into effect.

Some time ago the union notified the Shipping Federation, and individual shipping companies and railway companies that they wanted an increase in wages and certain changes in working conditions. Getting no satisfaction the union on January 8 sent out telegrams to the shipping federation and others interested that the union would take action on January 12 if its request was not granted.

Mr. Robb, of Montreal, manager of the Shipping Federation, offered to meet the officers of the union on the 17th inst. and discuss the matter. Supt. Downie of the C. P. R. ignored the communication till last Saturday when he offered to meet a delegation of the company's regular checkers, but this was not considered satisfactory to the men who say that the checkers work by the hour and are continually changing their employers.

So when the situation was discussed at the general meeting of the

union last evening it was resolved to stop work until a joint conference between representatives of the union and of the shipping and railway companies was arranged.

President Siguere of the Trade and Labor Council and Business Agent Tighe of the International Longshoremen's Union, attended the meeting by request to assure the checkers of the support of the organized labor forces of the city.

What They Ask. The checkers, who are now getting from 20 to 22 cents an hour, have asked for 25 cents an hour for day work and 30 cents an hour for night, with a guarantee of payment for 8 hours work every time they are called out. There are about 250 men employed as checkers by the shipping and railway companies, and it is said that practically all have joined the union.

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ESTIMATES IN SCHOOLS ARE HIGHER

Additional Classes Cause Board to Ask for More Money for 1913

INCREASE OF \$10,000 OVER THE LAST GRANT

Board also Decides to Abolish Partridge Island School—Only Three Pupils and Teacher wants to go West.

The estimates for the work in the schools of St. John for the coming year will amount to about \$160,000, which is an increase of \$10,000 over the estimates of last year. The estimates were made up at a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees held last evening after the regular meeting. Among other things which necessitated the increased appropriation is the establishment of extra classes in the King Edward, St. Thomas and La Tour schools, and in consequence of the additional classes provision will have to be made for the supplying of teachers for these departments. A number of other important features which are to be carried out in connection with the school work necessitate the remainder of the increase.

A committee from the board will wait on the commissioners today to present the estimates. R. B. Emerson, chairman of the board, presided, and the following trustees were present:—M. Coll, J. V. Russell, Dr. Bridges, M. E. Agar, G. E. Day, T. H. Lockhart, G. B. Lockhart, D. Nase and Gordon Leavitt, secretary.

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