

AROUND THE CITY

The Island Boat.
The Earl Grey crossed to Charlotte town and the Minie came to Pictou yesterday.

Bouquet for Miss Tonge.
About 25 members of No. 1 Salvage Corps attended the Nickel theatre in a body last night in honor of Miss Lucy Tonge, the soloist who is a daughter of John Tonge, a member of the corps. The fire boys presented the talented singer with a handsome bouquet of flowers.

Corset Sale.
The most extraordinary corset sale now going on at Dykeman's offers an opportunity to corset yourself in the latest idea in corsets at the least possible price. The corset now on sale is worth a whole dollar, but you only have to pay seventy-nine cents for it. It is the celebrated D. and A. make, of a superior finish, with long hip and feet. Made from strong cotton, non-rustible, steels and has all the other good features found in an A1 corset.

Lecture on Mendelssohn.
In the Natural History Rooms yesterday afternoon Mrs. Moritz H. Emery gave an interesting lecture on Mendelssohn. A large number of members attended and heard the lecture with interest. Preceding the lecture Prof. Emery and Mrs. S. Kent Sevil played the composer's Ruy Blas. In the course of her lecture Mrs. Emery gave her hearers an interesting sketch of the life of Mendelssohn, and related a number of anecdotes of the famous composer's life. A number of his works were reviewed by the lecturer, and an interesting account of his visit to England was given.

"Hours and Wages."
In Brussels street Baptist church last evening, Rev. Miles McCutcheon read an interesting lecture on "Hours and Wages." The attendance was large and heard the lecture with close attention. Horrible conditions under which a large part of the working class live and labor were described in the text and revealed by the illustrated views thrown on the screen during the evening. In regard to wages it was shown that a large percentage of workers receive a wage that would not permit of decent living conditions. While this state of affairs is so common, there is a brighter side to the trouble, however, inasmuch as there are some employers who are alive to the interests of their employees and have done much to make conditions and surroundings, both in factory and home as agreeable as possible.

GOLD SNAP WELCOME TO RIVER RESIDENTS

Bayswater People Can Now Come to City for Supplies—Ice Men and Livory Proprietors Rejoice.

The cold weather was yesterday welcomed by many who rejoiced at the appearance of real winter. The streets about the city were covered with a fairly good quality of snow and many availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a sleigh drive. It was really the first time this winter that the sleighs could be put to use. The cold snap enabled the residents of Bayswater and all along that side of the river to come over to the city with horse and sled to dispose of their produce and also to purchase provisions, and a goodly number came across. It was welcomed by the ice dealers of the city who were yesterday able to store away their first supply. Lily Lake, as well as Spruce Lake cutting was carried on. The proprietors of livory stables, who have been complaining about the unreasonable weather, will look with favor on the cold spell, as will also many who have been longing for an opportunity to participate in their favorite winter sport.

AMUSEMENT CAUSED BY A BALKY HORSE

There was considerable amusement on Water street yesterday afternoon as a colored teamster with half a skin full of liquor was having his own troubles with a horse with a skin full of stubbornness. The teamster was loaded with hides which had been hauled from Reed's Point and when the horse reached a point near McAvity's it refused to proceed further. Another team was hitched to the harness of the balking horse and as it would move the load the colored man's horse stuck its fore feet out and backed.

PERSONAL.

Henry Holgate, construction engineer of the Atlantic Sugar Refinery Ltd., and P. J. Jarrett, vice-president of the Foundation Co., of New York, left last evening for Montreal on business connected with the refinery. When seen at the station they both expressed themselves as pleased with work as done and stated that the work of building the foundation would be commenced at once.

A. M. Bouillon, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, left last evening for Quebec. He will be gone about ten days and intends to return to Fredericton.

J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., who has been confined to his home through illness, has so far improved in health that he will probably be out today.

The many friends of John A. Rows will regret to learn that he is seriously ill in his home Canterbury street.

ST. JOHN RENTS HIGHER THAN IN OTHER CITIES

All Things Considered Montreal Landlord's Offer Better Value than Many in this City—What "To Let" Ads. in Montreal Star Show—Portland, Maine, also More Reasonable.

In view of the contention that the increase in rent is due to the greater demand for houses, a rent payer of the city who thinks that pressure on housing accommodation in Montreal is greater than here has sent in a number of clippings, taken at random from the house to let ads in the Montreal Star of recent date.

In view of the fact that salaries and wages are higher in Montreal than in St. John he thinks that rents are considerably more satisfactory in the metropolis, where the buildings are nearly all constructed of brick and stone, and are more easily kept warm in winter.

One advertisement offers middle and lower flats on Selby street, Westmont, a high class residential suburb, of five and six rooms with hot water heating, electric fixtures, latest improvements, for \$25.

What the Advs. Show.

The following ads from the Star show rents on Hutchison street, a good residential section:

Hutchison, 1776, near Boulevard St. Joseph, upper flat, eight rooms, electric light, gas, furnace; rent \$30 per month.

Hutchison street, 1596, near Villeneuve, Beautiful middle flat; nicely decorated; hardwood floors; modern finish; furnace, etc.; rent \$30 per month.

Hutchison street, 1598, near Villeneuve—Beautiful 3 room flat, cemented cellar, with furnace; hardwood floor; modern finish; rent \$30 per month.

The following flats are advertised on St. Urban street in a very good residential district, close to a car line:

Lower flat on Marie Anne st., west, No. 45, five rooms, furnished, bath, electric; price \$19 per month; also a lower flat on St. Urban St., six rooms, furnace, electric, price \$22 per month; also a middle flat on St. Urban St., five beautiful rooms, furnace, all modern; very warm flat; price \$23 per month.

Here is another ad from the Star:

Beautiful flat, six large rooms, bath, w.c., large sheds, modern, at 2456, 2458 Waverley St.; rent \$18.

Rents in Portland.

As indicating rents in Portland, Me., a city about the size of St. John, but with higher rates of pay, the following adds taken from the Portland Argus may be of interest:

New 3 room and bath, heat, light, etc., \$13; 6 rooms and bath, \$15; 10 rooms and bath, \$25; 4 rooms, \$10. Ideal location. Owner will make special terms to right parties.

Pearl St.—Cosy \$10 rent; separate entrance; small family only. Also near Congress and Munjoy, 2 room apartment; separate toilet, etc., \$4 per month.

THE OWLS HAD A GRAND NIGHT

Birds in Local Nest Flew to Billy Newcombe's where they Celebrated Arrival of First Snow.

The Owls took advantage of the fine weather and snow last night, and flew out to Billy Newcombe, roosted under his roof tree, and ate of his fattened calf and stuffed turkey. Having dined wisely and well they proceeded to make merry with song, music and swapping of wise saws.

Not a sound was heard, not a mournful note, as their course through the program, they hurried, for some sang tea-what and some sang oo-whoo, and only the center looked worried.

After a toast to the King and a speech by the president, Frank L. Potts, due libations were made to the exalted Order of the Owls, and vice-president James Huey and S. C. Beauman responded in speeches that delighted the Owls as the salt of the earth and the prince of good fellowship, whereupon Robert Quinn sang a song which nearly tumbled the roof on their heads, so great was the applause.

When equilibrium had been restored the president proposed another toast, to wit, To the Ladies, and this provoked a most eloquent harangue on women's suffrage by Chas. Wannamaker. Bill Newcombe then took the floor with his famous Jew's harp and played the tune the old cow died on.

Next, singing Chas. Harpur, recited the Sorrows of Satan, and the Owls quartette consisting of Billy Newcombe, Jas. Huey, Chas. Wannamaker and Arthur Hodges and several more leaped into the breach and saved the situation; E. J. Hieatt, Prof. Arthur Mills, Chas. Masson, with musical instruments, and Chas. Hewitt, Bert Winchester, Andy Busby and others with their vocal apparatus gave the distinguished audience of Owls all that was coming to them.

In the morning early residents along the road to Billy Newcombe's were awakened by the hooting of Owls feeding home to their haunts in the city before the daylight.

TELL YOUR AGE BY THE LUMPS ON YOUR NECK

This is How Mrs. Livingston Discovered Her Horse was Old Enough to Vote—Law-suit Follows.

In the civil court yesterday afternoon Mrs. Livingston, a country woman, sued James Ritchie for \$25. The woman claimed that one day last summer she purchased a horse, wagon and harness from Ritchie for \$25, and when she got the animal to her home she found it was not worth the money.

She claimed to have discovered by the lumps on the horse's neck, that the horse was 25 years old; and when she put her hand into its mouth and found it had few or no teeth, she lost no time in returning the animal to Ritchie's barn.

Now she sues to recover the \$25 she had paid Ritchie, Judge Ritchie said he would give judgment on Thursday next.

May Expect Sky-scrapers.
"St. John is bound to be a city of skyscrapers," said R. H. Bruce, of the real estate firm of Armstrong and Bruce. "The financial district is confined to one short street, and to provide office room, the people will have to go up in the air. Before long Prince William street will be revolutionized, and you will see 20 story buildings being erected. St. John will have more skyscrapers in the financial district than any other city in Canada. It is not like western cities which can expand in any direction."

RUSHING WORK ON THE NEW THEATRE

Work of Installing Twenty Ton Boiler will be Commenced Today—Men now Engaged on Interior.

Work on the new Keith theatre being erected on King Square, is progressing rapidly and the roof is now practically finished.

The cold weather will not interfere with any part of the work as the building is now enclosed temporarily, and the workmen are engaged on the interior. The front of the building which in order to meet the requirements of the law must be altered, yet remains to be remodelled.

Today a large 20 ton boiler will be hauled from Sullivan's siding on City Road extension, and placed in the modern boiler room of the theatre, which is 10 feet below the level of the street, and constructed of brick and concrete.

About 17 horses will be required to move the boiler.

DAIRY INSPECTOR ON TRIP IN PROVINCE

L. C. Daigle Expresses Himself as well Pleased with Quantity of Butter Being Made at Present.

L. C. Daigle, dairy inspector, arrived in the city last evening from Moncton, after a tour of inspection through the province. During his trip he found conditions very satisfactory. A pleasing feature this year is that the quantity of butter being manufactured is considerably greater than usual for this period of the year. The manufacture of butter is not being carried on as extensively in New Brunswick as is possible, and while a small export business is being carried on, the home market consumes practically the whole supply. The fact that the consumption about equals the supply, and also that in recent years the price of feed has gone up about \$45 per ton, and that the scarcity of farm labor have helped to bring the price of the commodity almost up to the prohibitive mark. Mr. Daigle leaves this morning for Fredericton.

REAL ESTATE.

The large three story brick warehouse on South Wharf, formerly known as the Robertson building, but lately owned by Messrs. Gandy and Allison, has been purchased by John P. Gleason, at a substantial figure. It is understood that the purchase is for outside interests, whose intention is to occupy the building as a warehouse. It is splendidly adapted for this purpose, being one of the most solid brick structures in the city. In addition to Messrs. Gandy and Allison, the building is occupied in part by the Mianus Motor Co.

W. Henry Harrison, of Powell and Harrison, has purchased from Mrs. Jane Puddington the handsome three story brick residence with freehold lot No. 2, Chipman place, which he is already occupying.

A block of land 100 by 200 feet, containing four building lots, situated on the corner of St. John and Dominion streets, Moncton, was sold at auction at Chubb's corner by T. T. Lantam at noon yesterday. The property was owned by Francis W. Stevens and was sold to satisfy a mortgage held by H. H. Pickett. It was purchased by J. J. Stothard for \$950.

May Attend Washington Banquet.
H. A. Powell has received an invitation to the banquet which will be given by "Uncle Joe Cannon," former speaker of the United States legislature, in Washington on February 12th. Mr. Powell said yesterday that it was probable he would attend.

JURY SAYS HIGH WAS TO BLAME

Coroner's Inquest into Death of Robert Davies Ended Last Evening—Men Exonerated and Machine at Fault.

The coroner's enquiry into the death of Robert Davies who died as the result of injuries received while working on board ship at Sand Point, was concluded by Coroner D. B. Berryman last evening. Daniel Mullin, K. C., was present representing the relatives of the deceased and the jury brought in the following verdict:

We, the jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Robert Davies, who died in the General Public Hospital on the 23rd day of January as a result of injuries received by a case of goods being lowered into the hold of the S. S. Mount Temple, striking him, on January 20, 1912, find that his death was caused through a lack of steam supplied to the winch in question on the day in question.

Only one witness was examined last evening. He was Charles Newell, a longshoreman who gave evidence that he was working on the deck of the Mount Temple on the morning when Davies was injured. A box weighing between 400 and 500 pounds went down in the hold of the ship at a rapid rate. The winchman was working satisfactorily as far as witness knew.

Witness could not say what caused the box to drop so quickly, but it went down quicker than any other freight hauled on the ship before or after the accident.

To Mr. Mullin witness said Stephen Burns, the winchman, endeavored to control the winch but apparently was unable to do so. Witness concluded there was something wrong with the winch.

Witness said he had been put on as hatchman by Foreman McDermott although he had never before had any experience and had not been instructed as to his duties other than to look out for the men in the hold. Witness called to the men in the hold to look out and at that time Davies was standing near the hatch comb and could not see the other men. Witness said he did not look particularly at the men.

Mr. Mullin who represented the relatives of the deceased addressed the jury. He said that Stephen Burns the hatchman Newell was not instructed in his work by McDermott, the foreman, came and gave evidence that he was responsible for putting an inexperienced hatchman there.

McDermott said he was not present on the day of the accident. The weight of evidence was that the accident was caused by the winch not being supplied with sufficient steam. The blame must be fastened to the C. P. R. for not having steam supplied to the winch. This condition was due to the negligence of their servants.

Coroner Berryman reviewed the evidence and said the case should be ventilated on account of the good name of St. John.

There have been many accidents at Sand Point and investigations in such cases are necessary.

COMMITTEE TO SELECT A SECRETARY

Board of Trade Council Names President and Two Members to Find Man—G.T.P. Engineer Heard.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon with President Robinson in the chair, and a committee consisting of the president, A. E. Masson and Percy W. Thomson was appointed to consider the applications for the position of secretary of the board, set in communication with the applicants, and make a recommendation to the council regarding the applicant most suitable for the job and likely to obtain the best results for the board and city in the way of getting new industries, and promoting the welfare of the community.

Some of the members of the delegation which went to Ottawa to interview Hon. George E. Foster in reference to the West Indies service, were present, and made an informal report on their interview, but as the delegation intend to make a written report on the matter, it was laid over for future consideration.

Grand Trunk Pacific, was present at the meeting and took up with the board the matter of arranging for the terminals of the railway here, speaking in a general way of the plans the company had in view, and suggesting that the board have a study made by those of its members more directly interested with a view to giving their views on the matter.

Several other matters were discussed. Owing to the work the board and council has not yet fixed the date for a full meeting of the reconstituted board.

Movies and Licenses.
About all the moving pictures in the province have taken out licenses, and all but five of the moving pictures, showing that they are competent to handle the machines. Some of the houses have not yet complied with the law regarding the provision of exits, and fireproofing of the cabinets containing the moving picture apparatus.

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Quilt Bargains for This Morning from 8.30 to 12
Single Bed size, ready hemmed Crochet Quilts, each - 85c
Double Bed size, ready hemmed Crochet Quilts, each - \$1.25

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Read the List and observe that the bargains are truly without precedent and to obtain them prompt acceptance will be necessary.

COMMENCING THIS MORNING

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| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$1.50 yard... | Sale price, per yard 75c. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$2.10 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.00. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$2.00 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.25. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$3.10 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.50. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$3.15 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$2.25. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$4.50 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$2.00. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$4.25 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$2.25. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$5.00 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$2.50. |
| SILK COVERINGS, Regular price \$5.75 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$3.00. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$1.20 yard... | Sale price, per yard 85c. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$1.15 yard... | Sale price, per yard 60c. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$1.30 yard... | Sale price, per yard 60c. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$1.50 yard... | Sale price, per yard 75c. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$1.55 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.00. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$1.75 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.25. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$2.00 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.00. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$2.25 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.50. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$2.85 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.75. |
| TAPESTRY COVERINGS, Regular price \$2.65 yard... | Sale price, per yard \$1.50. |
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