

AROUND THE CITY

Sails for St. John. The schooner Hazel Trahey sailed from New York yesterday for this port.

Lenten Services.

Every morning during Lent, beginning on next Wednesday, masses will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7 and 10 o'clock and on each evening at half past seven there will be rosary followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, instruction and beads.

Destructive Boys.

Superintendent of Streets Winchester complains that had boys have developed a habit of climbing up on the wire guards around the new trees planted on Waterloo and other streets by the Agricultural Society, and are breaking off the wires. Any boys caught at such work are liable to arrest and punishment.

Today's Council.

Most of the business before the meeting of the Common Council today will be of a routine nature. Com. Wigmore has a new proposition to submit to the commissioners in regard to the Patville water rates, which he believes will be ratified by the commissioners and prove acceptable to the people of Lancaster.

Sisters Are Grateful.

The Sisters of Charity desire to thank all those who took part in the entertainment in aid of the new infirmary, the ladies and gentlemen who directed and prepared the entertainment and those who took part, as well as the general public who by their generous patronage made the affair such a financial success. Also the entire press for the generous notice given the entertainment.

Seamen's Institute Services.

The temperance meeting held on Saturday night was the most successful of the season. A large number of sailors attended and greatly enjoyed the musical programme provided and the excellent address of Rev. M. McTeehan. Fifty-one pledges were taken. On Sunday evening the service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Raymond. There was again a large attendance and the service was greatly enjoyed.

Barbers Organize Union.

At a well attended meeting of the tonorial artists of the city held in the Opera House, last evening, the charter received from the International Brotherhood of Barbers was read and the following officers were elected: President, John Russell; vice-president, Wm. McGormac; corresponding and financial secretary, Bartlett Smith; recording secretary, T. M. Halliday; treasurer, Stanley Spears; guide, Frank McHale; guardian, Wm. Sterling. The new union has about 50 charter members.

Social Christianity.

Following out the programme of social study work the Young Men's Guild of St. John's Presbyterian church has arranged for a series of lectures beginning Tuesday evening, on How the Other Half Lives, The Housing Problem in Big Cities, The Battle Against the White Plague, England's Garden Cities, The City Beautiful, The New Slavery of Women and Children, and a variety of other topics which are now engaging the attention of the young men who are abstaining from the old views of Christianity and are seeking to find in the teachings of Christ a social message applicable to present conditions.

GEORGE WANAMAKER GETS RECORD BOOST

Proprietor of Charlotte Street Restaurant Draws \$2000 Package from the "Higher Rents" Grab Basket.

Notices of advances in rent received on Saturday caused considerable consternation among various classes of tenants, and the advances were so general that it is said there will be an advance in prices of most commodities after the first of May, giving another boost to the already high cost of living. Most of the stalls in the city market have been notified that their rents will be advanced considerably after the first of May, and they are already discussing the necessity of putting up the prices of meats.

One of the prize packages in the way of a rent boost was handed to the proprietor of Wanamaker's restaurant on Charlotte street. In this case the landlord boosted the rent by \$2,000, which is more than one hundred per cent. Mr. Wanamaker said last night that the restaurant would be closed, if he could not find another place at a reasonable rent.

It was reported that the rent of one of the city hotels had been boosted 100 per cent. There has been a pretty general feeling of surprise and disappointment at the way the rents of many buildings have been advanced. While some advances were expected, it is claimed that there is no reason for the rents demanded by some landlords, as there has been no general increase in business permitting the tenants to meet the advances. Instead of making possible a rapid growth of the city, it is said that the boost of rents will tend to keep people from coming here, and that prices of necessities will have to be advanced as soon as the new rentals go in force.

Black Undershirts.

On Monday morning F. A. Dykeman and Co. will place on sale two big lots of black undershirts. The prices are so attractive that they expect to dispose of the whole lot in the first day's selling. The first lot is made from black silk of a lustrous finish with a rustle like silk. They are worth \$1.50 but the firm are going to sell them at 89 cents. They have the Murchie patent close-fitting hip and waist band, no fulness whatever. The other lot is priced one dollar. They are made from fine fast black cotton and a variety of styles of doupces. They also have the close fitting hip and waist band. Come in all sizes.

GRAND SAILORS' CONCERT. Lake Erie Emerald Pierrots at Seamen's Institute, Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at 8. Admission, 50 cents.

IS THERE ANOTHER TAN YARD GANG AT WORK IN NORTH END?

Many Petty Robberies there During Last Week or Ten Days — Three Breaks Friday Night — Plain Clothes Men Needed in that District.

It would almost appear as if a re-incarnated Tan Yard gang was operating in North End judging from the number of petty robberies which have recently been reported there. It is evident that a plain clothes man is still needed in that district. On Saturday night no less than three business houses in that section of the city were entered, supposedly by boys, and some silver was stolen. The places that were broken into are Henry Pitt's barber shop, 31 Main street, Lilly's meat and provision store, also on Main street, and the American Dye Works, on Elm street. Entrance was made to the Pitt and Lilly stores by windows in the rear of the buildings, in both cases the glass was broken and the thief crawled through. The tills, which contained some silver were robbed of their contents. In Pitt's barber store the robber also got away with some razors.

DELEGATES OFF TO OTTAWA TO URGE WEST INDIAN LINE

Representatives of Board of Trade Left Last Evening in Response to Invitation from Hon. George E. Foster — Tenders for Better Service to be Called Soon.

In response to an invitation from Hon. George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, a delegation of the Board of Trade left for Ottawa last evening to discuss with the Minister the matter of an improved steamship service with the West Indies, and lay before him the views of the Board of Trade in regard to the best way of serving the interests of St. John. The delegation was composed of W. H. Thorne, Frank L. Clements and F. E. Williams. It is understood that the government proposes to call for tenders for a greatly improved steamship service with the British West Indies in a short time, and that the Minister asked the Board of Trade to send a delegation to Ottawa to consult with him in regard to the conditions of the service which would be likely to serve the interests of the port of St. John and the merchants engaged in the West Indian trade. Asked last evening whether he had anything to say about the mission of the Board's representatives to Ottawa, President J. M. Robinson said the Minister had requested a conference with a delegation from the Board. The delegates' instructions were to urge the government to put on the best possible steamship service with the West Indies, thus placing St. John on as favorable a footing as other Canadian ports. Some years ago the Pickford & Black line, which has its headquarters at Halifax, decided to reduce the number of sailings from St. John, as compared with the sailings from Halifax, and since that time the St. John Board of Trade has been urging the government to take measures to provide for a service which would not discriminate against this port. Some time ago Hon. Mr. Foster addressed a meeting of the Board of Trade stating that the government was giving careful consideration to the matter of securing an improved service with the British West Indies, and the matter has since been taken up with the government of the various islands interested. The Canadian trade with the West Indies has shown steady growth, and it is claimed that with faster and bigger boats there would be a greater development.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT ANNOUNCED

Candlemas Day Observed in Catholic Churches Yesterday — Ceremony of Blessing Threats Today.

Sunday, Candlemas Day, was observed in the Catholic churches throughout the city. The candles were blessed at masses yesterday morning. In the cathedral Rev. Dr. A. W. Meahan blessed the candles after the half past 7 o'clock mass. The lenten regulations were announced in the churches also yesterday morning, and will be the same as last year. Another important feast will be observed today, the feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will take place during the day. The hours for the ceremony in the cathedral were announced yesterday as follows: immediately after the 7 o'clock mass; 11:30 to 12:30, 2:30 to 4, and 5 to 6. Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, the Lenten season will be open. The usual services will be held during the season. In the cathedral an innovation is to be made this year, the hour for the evening service being changed from 5 o'clock to 7 o'clock. At the 9 o'clock mass yesterday, Rev. D. S. O'Keefe officiated in the absence of Bishop LeBlanc, who is in Halifax and conducted service yesterday at a special celebration which was held in Holy Heart Seminary, of which his lordship is an alumnus. In the cathedral last evening the regular meeting of the Holy Name Society was held. A large gathering of men from the different parishes attended and took part in the service. Rev. Dr. A. W. Meahan continued his series of discourses on the history of the church. Following the sermon there was benediction of the blessed sacrament.

BURIED YESTERDAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth McNeill took place yesterday afternoon from her residence 152 Duke street. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. W. Meahan and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Yesterday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. G. F. Worden took place from her residence 35 Carmarthen street and was largely attended. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral where Rev. A. W. Meahan conducted the service. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

Get Out on Deposit. Nathan Pittman was arrested on Charlotte street Saturday for being drunk and with using profane language. He was allowed his liberty yesterday by leaving a deposit of \$10 for his appearance in court this morning.

Badly Injured. Fred Pike, a longshoreman, received a very bad cut on one of his wrists while at work discharging the steamer Empress of Ireland yesterday morning. A hook slipped and caused Pike's wrist to be drawn across some sharp tin. First aid was rendered by the ship's doctor and the injured man was then obliged to go to Dr. Neve who found it necessary to put five stitches to close the wound.

DELIVERS ELOQUENT ADDRESS ON WOMEN SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Rev. Gordon Dickie in Strong Sermon, Last Evening — Not in Favor of Militant Tactics.

Rev. Gordon Dickie delivered a strong and forcible sermon on the women suffrage question in St. Stephen's church last evening. Rev. Mr. Dickie took his text from Proverbs 31 and 31: "Let her own work praise her in the gates." Rev. Mr. Dickie said in part: In discussing the question we must remember that different conditions exist in different countries. Conditions that suit one country may not suit another. In this country women have liberty of thought and action, almost every calling in life is open to them if they desire to enter. In France these blessings are not yet granted. Frenchmen treat their women with gallantry rather than respect. Accordingly the campaign in that country is for individual liberty rather than general privilege. Without doubt the real problem for most people today is to justify the methods rather than the aims of the suffrage movement. The cause has suffered most at the hands of those who are the more enthusiastic in its support. Breaking of windows and destroying property has hindered rather than helped the movement in the minds of all sober minded people. The real secret of the issue does not lie in the giving of the vote but in the character and quality of women's life. No legislation can possibly put women in the natural place of man. To force that does not mean emancipation but the dislocation of society. Life is a battle and men and women should fight it hand in hand, not one against the other. Each have qualities which contribute to the broad field of service and on their united efforts depends the prosperity of a large community. A few years ago no public man in England would have expressed his view upon this question upon the party platform. The members of the cabinet are divided and probably a majority of the members of the House are in favor of a more liberal franchise act.

It is only a question of time and right will prevail but as is the coming of the Kingdom itself so will it be with the rights of women. It will not be ushered in by violence but by the spirit of a sinner's life. While boarding her husband's coal vessel, which is docked off Indiantown wharf, on Saturday evening, Mrs. Johnston, wife of Capt. Johnston, fell into the water below and was with great difficulty rescued from drowning. The accident happened about eleven o'clock. In order to board Captain Johnston's vessel it was necessary to first pass over the Sallie B. Ludlum, lying close to the wharf, and it was while doing this that Mrs. Johnston was plunged into the river. James Peters and Jarvis Purdy, who were on board the Sallie Ludlum at the time had assisted a girl and the mate, who were in company with the unfortunate woman, from the wharf to the boat. But the high wind at the time kept continually moving the Sallie Ludlum out from the wharf and the plank by which the others had passed around her waist and she was pulled from the ladder at the wharf and was now resting on the edge of the rung. Mr. Purdy who noticed this shouted around her waist until he shifted the plank, but Mrs. Johnston did not hear him and as soon as she stepped on the plank it gave way and she dropped twenty-five feet into the river. Mr. Peters and Mr. Purdy rushing to the assistance of the woman thrust out a long pole which she grasped and held until a rope was thrown around her waist and she was pulled from the water in an exhausted condition. Her position while in the water was very precarious, as besides being rough the river was filled with floating ice and it was owing to the efforts of Mr. Purdy and Mr. Peters that she was safely brought to shore.

WOMAN HAS A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Insecure Plank Plunged Mrs. Johnston into Indiantown Harbor — Rescued with Difficulty by North End Men.

SOCIALISTS MET, BUT RED FLAG WAS ABSENT

Sacred Symbol of Socialism Displaced by Frivolous Decorations for Fair — Collection \$2.10.

Last evening the red flag was conspicuous by its absence in the hall of the comrades of the Red International over the Unique Theatre, and the walls were hung with Union Jacks and patriotic bunting. The chairman explained the disappearance of the sacred symbol of the socialist party by saying that some parties had put the red flag in cold storage and decorated the hall for a fair and entertainment on Monday evening. The question of whether it was proper for people to enjoy themselves in a Socialist hall in this miserable world caused some discussion, and it was finally decided that the fair would be a unique event. Comrade Eastwood held forth on things in general, and put forward the doctrine that what woke up St. John and effected great improvements here was the Socialist agitation. A member of the audience arose to say that he would like to know what improvements in conditions the orator was talking about. Did he mean the improvements in the size of the rents? Rev. William Lawson, who was present, said that long before the Socialists had begun their agitation here, the ministers' union and other organized bodies had set their hands to the work of improving housing and child labor conditions in this city. He thought the spirit of Christianity had done much to uplift the masses, and had given the Jews their freedom. It was England, a Christian nation, that had first given the Jews freedom. Com. Anson said that it was capitalism the Jews had to thank for freedom. Capitalism developed first in England, and since commerce demanded freedom it was in England that the rights of the Jews were first recognized. Moreover, Cromwell, who said trust God but keep your powder dry was a hardheaded business man, and he knew that it would help England to expand her commerce if the Jews who had long been great traders, were treated decently. The collection was \$2.10.

WINTER PORT NOTES

The Allan liner Heperian, Captain Main, sailed on Saturday for Liverpool via Halifax, with a full cargo and 370 passengers. The Donaldson Line steamship Athena, Captain Black, sailed from Glasgow, on Saturday for this port with general cargo, 120 saloon and 149 steerage passengers. The Athena has a large consignment of Scotch anthracite coal for St. John dealers. The C. P. R. steamer Monmouth, Captain Murray, sailed on Saturday for Liverpool with a large general cargo. The Manchester Line steamship Manchester Corporation, Captain Pottle finished loading early this morning, and will sail today for Manchester. The Head Line steamer Bengore Head, Capt. Murphy, finished loading yesterday for Dublin. During last week both inward and outward shipments in connection with the winter port trade were very large. Up to Saturday there had been filed at the custom house cargoes for 39 steamships. These steamships took over 2,535,449 bushels. During the month of January the C. P. R. elevator handled 1,724,852 bushels of grain for shipment.

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