

AROUND THE CITY

Pleasant Sunday School Gathering.
The officers and teachers of the Waterloo street United Baptist Sabbath school were entertained last evening by the ladies of the Bible class, at a banquet in the vestry of the Waterloo street Baptist church. The evening was spent in a conference in which ways of improving and advancing the interests of the Sabbath school were discussed.

Second Generation on Force.
Among the new police officers who were appointed yesterday was James T. Collins, a son of I. C. R. Officer John Collins, who has served thirty-four years on the force. The new officer is twenty-three years of age and is five feet, eleven and three quarter inches tall. If he works out as good a record as his father the city has secured an able man.

The Retail Fish Market.
The fish markets have not been plentifully supplied during the past few days. The retail prices are as follows: Fresh haddock, 5 cents a pound; fresh cod, 5 cents a pound; fresh herring, per dozen from 12 to 15 cents; smelt, 12 cents a pound; halibut, from 12 to 15 cents a pound; clams, per quart, 25 cents; oysters, per quart from 75 cents to \$1.25. The prices on the different kinds of smoked fish have not changed.

Two New Policemen.
Two new policemen were sworn in yesterday and went on duty last night. The new patrolmen are James T. Collins and Richard Addison. The latter is doing duty on York Point beat, and Collins is on the Red Point section. Before going on duty last evening, and while the men were present at roll call, Chief of Police Clark addressed the men at some length, informing the officers as to what was expected of them, and how to perform their duty.

Fraternal Visit.
Alexandra Temple of Honor No. 6 opened its winter entertainment series last evening with exemplification of the initiatory degree by a special degree team. A fraternal visit from the officers of Riverside Council No. 2, and a programme consisting of a male quartette, a solo and a comedy sketch helped to pass a very pleasant evening. Addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Commissioner Wigmore and John Beamish, and the entertainment was brought to a close with refreshments.

School Principals at Dinner.
The annual dinner of the principals of the public schools of the city was held last evening in Wanmaker's restaurant, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Superintendent Bruders presided, and there was a good attendance. After the dinner an informal discussion took place on the professional problems which confront the teachers. These functions are a feature of school life in St. John, and the principals gain a lot of valuable knowledge by swapping experience in an intimate friendly atmosphere at the institute meetings.

St. Mary's Harvest Supper.
The Thanksgiving supper and entertainment given in the schoolroom of St. Mary's church, yesterday evening, under the auspices of the ladies of the church, proved to be one of the most successful ever held there. Supper was served from 5.30 to 8 o'clock, and there was a very large attendance. The ladies of the church had charge and the young ladies of the church acted as waitresses. During the supper several selections were rendered by the St. Mary's Band under the leadership of Bandmaster Chas. E. Williams. After the supper an excellent musical and literary programme was carried through.

TONIGHT'S FUNCTION AT THE CATHEDRAL

Testimonials to Archbishop Casey will be Presented and His Grace will Say Farewell to His People.

At the ceremonies tonight incident to the presentation of testimonials to His Grace Archbishop Casey will say farewell to the people of St. John. The ceremonies will take place at half past seven, and it is anticipated that the cathedral will be thronged.

There will be two addresses, one on behalf of the clergy which will be read by Rev. Dr. A. W. Meahan, and another from the laity, which is to be read by W. J. Mahony, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. Accompanying the addresses will be a purse of gold from the Catholic people, and one from the clergy of the diocese.

Following the presentations His Grace will address the assembly for the last time.

On Tuesday Bishop-elect LeBlanc will arrive in the city at half past six o'clock. At the depot he will be met by a delegation of clergymen and laymen.

The Catholic societies will be present at the depot and will form in procession after the arrival of his Lordship, and accompany him to the cathedral. The route of procession will be Mill, Dock, King, Charlotte Union and Waterloo. Thomas Kieckhafer will act as marshal.

At the cathedral Rev. J. J. Walsh will present an address and a purse from the clergy, and R. F. Quilley will present the address and purse from the Catholic people of the city.

PERSONAL

Rev. L. A. McLean left on the Montreal train last evening for St. Andrews. He will conduct the services in the Presbyterian church there on Sunday.

Dr. A. Pierce Crockett left for Fredericton last evening.

The Y. M. C. A. ladies' auxiliary tea this afternoon from 4 to 7, in Y. M. C. A. building, tickets, 20 cents. Come and bring a friend.

ST. JOHN MEN ARE LEAVING THEIR MARK IN THE WEST

And St. John's Boom is Attracting Much Attention Clear Out to the Coast—Sam. J. Ritchey, Home, Tells of Some Boys He Met.

Sam J. Ritchey, representing A. and I. Isaacs, arrived home yesterday after an extensive business trip, taking in all of the principal cities in the Pacific coast.

Mr. Ritchey has been about three months on the trip and when seen last evening by a Standard reporter he spoke of the prosperity of the west, and said that in all the western cities he visited he heard much talk about old St. John, and he was deluged with inquiries about the great works being accomplished here. All the people whom he met in the west were speaking about what they termed the great eastern boom, and if ever any city is getting real advertising, it is Canada's winter port.

While on his tour, Mr. Ritchey visited Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Cranbrook, Presham, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Calcutta, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Reveltoke, Kamloops, Port Arthur, Port Williams, Saint Ste. Marie, and on his way east he traveled through the larger cities in Ontario.

Met Many St. John Men.

Mr. Ritchey says that in nearly every city in the west he met men from St. John or other sections of the province of New Brunswick, and all are prosperous, in excellent positions, or doing business for themselves and making plenty of money. While they are quite satisfied with the western country and their great success, they all have a very warm spot in their heart for their old home town, and kept the St. John traveller busy answering questions about St. John and the people in this city.

While in Vancouver Mr. Ritchey met J. N. Harvey who formerly conducted a clothing establishment in the Opera House block on Union street. Mr. Harvey is one of the most prosperous business men in Vancouver at the present time. Another New Brunswick-er whom Mr. Ritchey met was Robert Johnston, of Charlotte county, who is the proprietor of a large wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco establishment in Vancouver. Many of those who follow aquatics will remember Mr.

Johnston as an organ man when some few years ago he defeated Hugh J. McCormick in a goulting race, then stroked the Johnston-McCormick four to victory, and later captured the championship prize money for professional scullers in Halifax harbor.

Another St. John boy in Vancouver is Fred Campbell, son of Charles Campbell, of this city. Others whom Mr. Ritchey was glad to meet in the west and whom he reports are doing well are the following: Joe Bowes, formerly in the employ of M. A. Finn, is in Winnipeg; A. Hanning is in Saskatoon; Harry Lambert is a member of the law firm of Riley and Lanney in Calgary.

Has Contract for Big Chime in Cathedral.

Robert Warner, who will install new bells in Fredericton Cathedral, sails today on the Empress.

The final details in connection with the gift of James Dunn, a former New Brunswick man, now resident in England, Mr. Warner said that when the additional bells shall have been installed, the cathedral will have one of the finest chimes in Canada. It is the intention to have 12 bells altogether, the aggregate weight of the chime being about nine tons, while the largest bell will weigh a ton and a half. The casting of the additional bells will be proceeded with immediately and it is expected to have the chimes ready about the last of next April.

An interesting fact in connection with the work is that the first bells for the cathedral were cast by John Warner and Sons, in 1852. The same firm also cast the bells for Balmoral and Sandringham castles.

During his present visit to Canada Mr. Warner visited Winnipeg, where arrangements were made for the chime for the new Knox Presbyterian church just completed. The chime will comprise fifteen bells weighing about twelve tons.

Other Interesting Passengers.

Among other arrivals in the city to sail today are Capt. and Mrs. Cairns, of Winnipeg.

Capt. Cairns, who is a native of the Old Country, has been in Canada for some years, and while an optimist as regards the west, predicts that St. John is destined to become a thriving city, if the progressive spirit is adopted here, and sufficient publicity is given the claims of the city.

Among others who are leaving today are A. Blodman, who has been for some time engaged in connection with the big irrigation project which the C. F. R. has under way in Alberta.

Scarcity of Woodsmen.

Edward Cassidy, a former resident of Fort Howe, arrived in the city yesterday from the Tobique and is calling on his many friends including Policeman Alex. Crawford. Although the Tobique is practically a short distance from St. John, this is Mr. Cassidy's first visit here for eighteen years. Mr. Cassidy says there is plenty of work for lumbermen in his section of the country, the only trouble being experienced this winter in securing enough men to go in the woods. Never before was there such a scarcity of men, and although the highest wages are being offered, the lumber operators can't induce men to work.

Commissioners had Test of Water Supply for Fire Protection, at Point Yesterday, and were Satisfied.

The City Commissioners in company with Peter Clinch, secretary of the Fire Underwriters' Association of New Brunswick; Mr. Mitchell, of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, and others went over to Sand Point yesterday afternoon to make an inspection of the facilities for preventing the spread of fires there. While the party was at Sand Point the water was turned on, and all the lines of hose were set in operation, and a demonstration was given of the carrying power of all the available streams. Members of the party seen on their return to the city said that the test was fairly satisfactory, as after the signal was given, the water was turned on very promptly, and the pressure was good. A new main was recently laid in Watson street for the purpose of giving a more direct service to Sand Point, and to this is attributed the strength of the pressure shown yesterday. The party also inspected the new shutters provided for longshoremen, and conditions at Sand Point generally.

After the tests at Sand Point the commissioners had a look at the site of the new C. F. R. elevator, and talked over the problem of providing access to the 400 feet neutral strip in front of the wharves to be built by the government. They did not do anything in the matter, however, as they are waiting for information in regard to the amount of land transferred by the government to the C. F. R., and the arrangements, if any made to assure to other railways access to the neutral strip.

Mr. Ritchey says that all of the former St. John boys are very much pleased to hear of the boom that St. John is having and they are boosting their old home town on every chance that they get.

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Going Back to the Land.

Man for Some Years Resident of St. John Applies to Settlement Board for Ready Made Farm.

A man who has lived in St. John for some years but who was brought up on a farm made application yesterday to Secretary Gilchrist for a ready-made farm under the provisions of the farm settlement act.

Applications have been coming in to the board faster than they could provide farms to fill them. So far the board has purchased about 25 farms and has options on a number of others but it has not yet located sufficient desirable farms to fill all the applications.

The board is very particular in its selection of farms to offer new settlers, and wishes to feel assured that every condition essential to success is met before taking over a farm to be offered to intending settlers. The members of the board are experienced farmers with a good knowledge of business, and they have every qualification for deciding what are the conditions necessary to make investment in farm property profitable.

Empress Sails Today.

Judging from Demand for Accommodation, Christmas Passenger Rush will be Heavier than Ever Before.

With the sailing of the C. F. R. Empress tomorrow the winter port season may be said to be started in earnest, and incidentally the big rush in the Christmas traffic will begin. The Empress will probably get away about three o'clock, and will carry about 1700 passengers. The bookings for this, the first sailing, are very heavy, many of those going today had intended leaving on the Royal George, which, owing to the accident which befell her in the St. Lawrence, had to cancel her trip.

The indications are that the Christmas travel this season will surpass all previous records. The wheat season has been exceptionally good in the western provinces, and as many of those leaving at this season of the year are engaged in wheat raising, a greater number had a trip to the Old Country possible.

For the past few days the leading hotels have done a big business, the list of arrivals including many from western points going back for the holiday season. A large number of commercial men are also leaving to spend Christmas at home. The different stores in the city are beginning to reap the benefits of the winter port trade, and business is beginning to show great activity.

Among the arrivals nearly every section of the west is represented, and without exception all speak of the exceptional wheat crop this season, and the development which is going on.

Most of those who are leaving today are going over for the holiday season, and propose to return early in the next year.

MEMOIRS OF LI HUNG CHANG IN STANDARD ON SATURDAY

The Standard has pleasure in announcing that it has secured for publication the "Memoirs of Li Hung Chang." This feature consists of a translation of the diary of the eminent Chinese Viceroy, dated a series of articles of a nature that is of great interest to the affairs of the nations visited. The articles as a group are to the Canadian mind a really wonderful revelation, and are perhaps better than any man even though he was undoubtedly one of the greatest statesmen of the century.

The New York Standard secured the copyright for America, and from that company The Standard has purchased at a very considerable cost the rights for New Brunswick. Feature services are common in newspaper work, but very rare occasions in anything offered which can approach in merit the Memoirs of Li Hung Chang, and The Standard is fortunate in having secured what will undoubtedly prove a treat to all readers.

The articles will start on Saturday next, and will be continued on each Saturday until all have been published.

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