

AROUND THE CITY

Free Lectures.

The free lectures at the Natural History rooms this week include an address on "Aerial Navigation and its Possibilities," by W. R. Turnbull on Tuesday evening. On Thursday afternoon Miss Winifred Raymond will speak on the "Good in Magazine Poetry."

A Carleton Fire.

A fire broke out about a quarter to three yesterday afternoon in a large wooden building at the corner of Winslow and Union streets, Carleton. The building was occupied by three stores and several dwellings. The damage was slight and the blaze was soon quenched by the department.

Visiting Relatives Here.

Charles Kelly of Stettin, Alberta, arrived in the city yesterday with his bride, having been married in Glace Bay, C. B., a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are paying a short visit to the groom's sister, Mrs. John H. Lang, Neckenburg street, and will leave for Stettin in a few days.

Inspected Hatches.

Alex. Finlayson, of the marine and fisheries department at Ottawa, will leave this morning for Middleton, N. S., in connection with the inspection of the hatches. Yesterday he inspected the hatches, and earlier in the week visited the hatches on the North Shore.

Crescent Fair.

The City Cornet band rendered an excellent concert at the Crescent Fair last evening. The door prize was won by Miss Nellie Scribner with ticket No. 534. The bean toss prize was won by Wm. Munroe, and the Lovett won the bowling prize. The Temple band is a year old this month and will render a concert tonight.

Old Man Arrested.

John Quinn, aged 71 years, was found wandering about the streets yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the Crawford and placed under arrest. The unfortunate old man is homeless and without money, so the officer laid the charge of vagrancy against him. He will be taken before the Police Magistrate this morning, and will very likely be sent to the Municipal Home.

A Suffragette Debate.

What promises to be an interesting debate will be held tomorrow afternoon in St. Peter's society rooms when the subject, "Resolved that Women Should Vote," will be argued. Messrs. George Cleary, James H. Curdy, Edward McRiverty and Ott Olive will uphold the affirmative and on the negative side will be Arthur Howard, Urban Pierce, Christopher McKenzie and William McGovern.

A Valentine Party.

About 60 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright called at their residence 51 Elmwood street last evening and spent a most enjoyable time at the Valentine party. During the evening Kenneth McDonald, assistant superintendent of the Courtenay Construction Company on behalf of those present presented Mr. and Mrs. Wright with a handsome chair. The committee in charge of the party was Mrs. W. White, Miss Tufts, Miss Maud Delos, Harry Casey, A. E. Laute, Thos. Morrissey, Samuel Shielton and Wm. White. A most pleasant time in games and dancing was had by all.

Are Going Ahead.

At a meeting of the Lancaster Board of Trade last night the by-laws submitted by the committee were adopted. A number of routine matters were cleared off the slate, and preparations for the coming future. The board proposes to inaugurate a membership campaign, and the plans for the campaign are now being considered. From ten, the membership role has now grown to over fifty and it is hoped to bring the number well within the one hundred and fifty mark during the campaign. The board has already begun to play an active part in the parish and as the community is strongly in sympathy with the board and its policy, there is little doubt that the desired number will be reached.

COMMISSIONER AGAR TAKES PRUDENT COURSE

Will Secure Legal Advice Before Watering Bare Spots on Streets—City Might be Liable for Accident.

Referring to his intention to have the bare patches on the streets watered to improve the roadways for traffic, Commissioner Agar informed The Standard that he felt it more prudent to defer any action until he had consulted the recorder.

There was a possibility, Mr. Agar said, that the city might be held responsible for any accident that might happen to a smooth horse, if it slipped on the ice. He proposed to have that point settled without delay.

Mr. Agar added that he was strongly in favor of making the experiment. He believed it would bring great relief to the heavy traffic.

Paillette Silk Underkirts.

Have you seen those beautiful Paillette Silk Underkirts which F. A. Dykeman and Co. are selling at \$3.25? Taking quality and style into consideration they are worth fully five dollars. The silk is extra heavy and the skirt is made in a style that is in keeping with the straight line of the outside skirt. The colors are black, brown, blue, green, and a large range of shot effects. All one price, \$3.25.

Matinee Today.

The Opera House will be taxed to capacity at today's matinee which begins at three o'clock. The Minstrel Maids Co. has played to big business during the week and enters upon the third week of its engagement on Monday afternoon. Several new people have been secured.

THE ALLAN LINER AT KILIA STOOD BY HELPLESS SHIP

For Thirty-six Hours She Attempted to Assist S. S. Nevada, Disabled off Cape Race in Terrible Gale—High Sea Hindered Work.

While steaming into port yesterday afternoon after one of the roughest voyages of the year, the Donaldson Liner Athena, Captain Black, from Glasgow direct, with a large cargo and 244 passengers aboard, ran ashore on the foul grounds, outside the harbor. Luckily the bottom at this point was composed of soft mud, and as the liner was steaming slowly, little difficulty was experienced in getting her afloat. Although several tugs went to her assistance, their power was not brought into use, as at half past two she backed off under her own steam.

The accident occurred when those in charge were forced to slow the steamer down while preventing a collision with the dredge and several mudscows working in the channel. In this way she was carried sideways by the strong wind, grounding on the shoals at the harbor mouth. Luckily, however, she escaped without damage and as she succeeded in getting off the mud under her own power, will not have to pay salvage as in the case of the Uranium, which grounded at the entrance of Halifax harbor a few weeks ago.

The voyage across the western ocean was marked by a succession of terrific gales, accompanied by huge seas which continually swept over the vessel. At times the gales rose to hurricane velocity, forcing those in charge to slow down. On one such day, the vessel, which is equipped with all necessary steaming devices, made but 48 miles, while the longest run, that of yesterday, was 257 miles. During the gales the passengers were at times very anxious as to the safety of the ship, but owing to the excellent seamanship of the officers and crew, no damage was sustained.

On Thursday the Athena exchanged wireless messages with the C. P. R. steamer Montreal, which left this port a few days ago, bound for London. The Montreal reported all well and spoke of having passed safely through a terrific snow blizzard.

Stand by Disabled Ship.

While off Cape Race, on the last trip which the Athena made between this

port and Glasgow, she sighted the Dominion Coal Co.'s steamer Nevada flying signals of distress. The Athena was at once brought up to the disabled ship, when it was found that during a heavy gale the steering gear had been carried away. When sighted the Nevada was riding at a sea anchor. The Athena stood by for 36 hours during which time she made many attempts to get a hawser aboard. The sea, however, was too rough and on being assured that the Nevada was capable of looking after herself, the Athena steamed away. Shortly afterward the S. S. Solway reached the Nevada and succeeded in getting a line aboard and towed her to safety.

"When the Athena reached Glasgow her steamer accommodation was given a thorough overhauling, its comfort being attested to by the following testimonial presented to the chief steward by the steamer passengers yesterday afternoon:

"We, the steamer passengers on the S. S. Athena wish to express our appreciation toward the stewards, for the manner in which they attended to our comfort during our voyage to St. John, N. B. We feel sure they have done all they possibly could to make the voyage pleasant, in spite of the difficulties with which they had to contend, on account of the rough weather. The cleanliness of the ship and the attention with which the stewards have satisfied our wants, leave nothing to be desired. The quality and quantity of the food has also given complete satisfaction and we have every confidence in recommending the Donaldson Line to intending emigrants."

There has been great alterations made in the steamer accommodations and so far as these have been completed they are a great improvement over the old.

The Athena brought out 120 cabin and 144 steerage passengers. Of the latter the majority were skilled mechanics and undoubtedly will be in demand in the western world. She also brought over 3000 tons of cargo and 1200 tons of coal.

AGREES TO RISK \$35,000 IN SEARCH FOR PRATE'S GOLD

Wisconsin College Professor Has Plan by Which He Hopes to "Freeze" Captain Kidd's Treasure Out of Oak Island Money Pit.

A. Williams of Wisconsin has entered into an agreement with J. W. Welling of St. John, and P. H. Blair, of Amherst, holders of the lease of the famous Oak Island, by which Mr. Williams agrees to raise \$35,000 and undertake the job of solving the mystery of the Money Pit on Oak Island, where Captain Kidd, or some other pirate, is supposed to have buried a large amount of treasure.

Various attempts have been made to get to the bottom of the Money Pit, but the influx of water from a subterranean shaft has always balked the efforts of the treasure seekers.

Dr. G. U. Hay delivers an interesting lecture.

Third Address to in Bickmore Course was Much Appreciated by all Present—Will be Repeated.

The third lecture in the free course being held under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club, was held last night in the assembly hall of the Central school. The attendance was large and the interest in the lecture was keen throughout.

That the efforts of the club are meeting with success, the remarks ever evident last evening. The audience included not only the scholars, but many of the parents, and the interest with which the lecture was followed was significant of the appreciation. The subject of the lecture, "The River and Gulf of St. Lawrence," proved a happy choice, and was ably handled by Dr. G. U. Hay. Apart from the merits of the lecture, the magnificent views portraying charming bits of landscape and river, busy townscapes and prosperous agricultural areas scattered along the St. Lawrence, afforded those hitherto not privileged to visit the scenes depicted, an opportunity to gain an insight into the wealth and beauty of that portion of country through which they were carried in fancy by the lecturer.

The lecture, which was another of the Bickmore course, dealt comprehensively with the characteristics of the different places shown on the screen, the natural history, the vegetation, the flora and fauna, and the industrial life of the different places along the route were touched upon.

During the evening two patriotic songs were sung in unison by the audience, and at the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. G. U. Hay. For the benefit of the general public the lecture will be repeated next Friday evening in the assembly hall of the High School.

New Bank Branches.

The Bank of Nova Scotia are opening branches at Minto, Queens County, N. B., and Centerville, Carleton County, N. B.

PAVING PROGRAMME OUTLINED FOR YEAR

Commissioners will Make Street Improvements if Property Owners Interested Will Bear Half Expense Entailed.

The city authorities have determined upon an extensive programme of permanent paving this year. If the property owners directly interested will pay half the cost. The following are the streets which they propose to pave, with the kind of pavement, the total cost, and the cost per lineal foot to be charged against abutting property:

Brittain street, Charlotte street to Red Bank street, granite block paving; estimated total cost, \$23,656; cost per lineal foot to abutters, \$5.83.

Union street, Chipman Hill to Waterloo street, asphalt; total cost, \$455; cost per lineal foot to abutters, \$3.27.

Union street, Waterloo to Brussels street, granite block paving, estimated cost, \$5,691; cost per lineal foot to abutters, \$4.65.

North Side King Square, bituminous, Macadam, vitrified brick and concrete; estimated cost, \$9,635; cost per lineal foot to abutters, \$5.90.

Charlotte street, Dufferin Hotel to Queen street, bituminous, Macadam, and vitrified brick; estimated cost, per lineal foot to abutters, \$3.60.

Princess street, Germain to Charlotte street, asphalt; estimated cost, \$41,757; per lineal foot to abutters, \$22.90.

Germain street, Princess to King Street, bituminous, concrete; estimated cost, \$8,029; cost per lineal foot to abutters, \$5.70.

Germain street, King to Union, granite block paving; total cost, \$9,922; cost per lineal foot to abutters, \$4.81.

Chipman Hill, Waterloo to total cost, \$2,407; per lineal foot, \$1.00.

Garden street, roanock; total cost, \$7,500; per lineal foot, \$2.35.

Dorchester street, roanock; total cost, \$7,535; per lineal foot, \$2.00.

Horsfield street, concrete pavement; total cost, \$3,690; per lineal foot, \$2.20.

Dufferin street, Germain to Charlotte, bituminous, Macadam; total cost, \$3,057; per lineal foot, \$2.05.

Queen street, Germain to Charlotte, bituminous, Macadam; total cost, \$3,557; per lineal foot, \$1.95.

South side of King Square, asphalt; total cost, \$6,000; cost per lineal foot, \$2.30.

Sidney street, north side of King Square to Union street, street asphalt and granite blocks; total cost, \$18,700; per lineal foot, \$6.05.

In the case of the granite paving on Union street at a cost of \$4.65 per lineal foot to abutters, a man with a 40 foot property on either side of the street would have to pay \$186, which would mean that for ten years a special assessment of \$18.60, plus interest at 4 p.c., would be levied against him.

The city will have to bear more than half the cost of the paving around public squares. If the property holders object to paying the programme will probably be dropped.

On Inspection Tour.

Joseph Partridge, Canadian general manager of the General Paving Company, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Partridge, who is making a general inspection tour of the company's branches, will spend a short time in St. John.

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The total value of the products of the farm was \$12,561.85, and the cost

MOUNT ALLISON TO START CAMPAIGN FOR MORE FUNDS

Appeal will be Made to Students all over the World for Assistance to Increase Endowment.

Graduates of Mount Allison University in this city and elsewhere will be interested in the announcement that the Sackville institution is shortly to inaugurate a campaign with a view to very largely increasing the endowment.

This college, established in 1858, has come to be regarded as one of the most valuable assets of the Maritime Provinces, and an institution of very considerable importance in the national life of Canada. Statistics show that in proportion to the total number obtaining its degrees Mount Allison men stand at the head of the list of those securing honors in the larger universities, and making success in Canadian public life.

It has been the practice in the Sackville institutions to fix the tuition fees so low that one dollar's worth of instruction has been given for every forty cents of revenue from students, but unfortunately the endowment has not been sufficient to make up the remaining sixty cents. The result has been shown in the way of an annual deficit and in rendering it possible such improvement, such extensions in the work, as have from time to time been considered necessary and advisable.

For the purpose of enabling the university to meet the requirements of the present day, it has been decided to seek an additional endowment of one-quarter of a million dollars. A campaign is now being arranged, during which it is hoped all former students and other friends throughout Canada will come to the assistance of the college in this noble holding it, not only to maintain its present high standard, but to establish new branches, provide new buildings, grant suitable bursaries to the poor, and generally to advance along such lines and in such manner as is demanded by modern methods of education.

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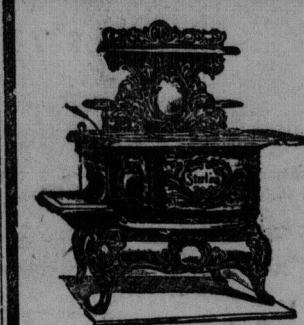
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Sale of Infants' and Children's Coats Continued Today in Whitewear Department

An Attractive Exhibit of New Black Silks

Black Silks are popular and this season especially soft finished effects are to be much in demand for dresses and blouse waists and the heavier corded weaves for costumes and coats. We have a large new assortment ready for inspection comprising the most attractive of the market offerings for spring.

BLACK PEAU DE SOIE , finished on both sides, a fabric always in demand for dresses, blouses, waists, coats, etc. Prices range from 70c to \$2.	BLACK FAILLE FRANCAIS , a corded silk for dresses, blouse waists, costumes and coats, 20 to 22 inches wide. Prices from \$1.10 to \$2.00.	wide, \$1.40, \$1.65, \$2.00, 36 in. wide, \$1.15 yard, 45 in. wide, \$2.90 yard.
BLACK PALETTE , a soft finished silk much used for dresses, blouse waists, etc. 36 inches wide, \$5c, \$1.00, \$1.25, 30 inches wide, \$1.00 and \$1.10 yard.	BLACK MOIRE VELOUR , a rich corded silk with moire effect for dresses, costumes and coats, 45 in. wide, \$3.60 yard.	BLACK CHARMEUSE SATIN , a soft dull finished satin and doublets—the most favored material for the coming season. 42 inches wide, \$2.35, \$2.50, \$2.85 yard.
BLACK BENGALINE , a corded silk very suitable for dresses, costumes and coats. 32 inches wide, \$3.15 yard, 40 inches wide, \$3.30 and \$4.00 yard, 42 in. wide, \$2.75 yard, 48 inches wide, \$3.00 yard.	BLACK COTELE SILK , a very heavy corded silk for costumes and coats, 35 in. wide, \$1.75 yard.	FLEUR DE VELOUR , a soft dull finished satin for dresses, costumes and blouses, 40 in. wide, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.15, \$3.85 yard.
BLACK DUCHESE MOUSSELINE , a soft finished satin for dresses and blouses, 39 inches wide, \$3.00 yard.	BLACK MAXIM SATIN , for lining guaranteed for two seasons, \$1.10 yard.	

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RATINE SUITINGS , this will be one of the most popular fabrics for the coming season and we offer a fine assortment in white and colors.	STRIPE GINGHAMS , yard 12c, 18c, 20c, 25c.	RAMIE LINEN SUITINGS in white, pink, sky, champagne, brown, navy, 36 in. wide yard 30c.
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