

AROUND THE CITY

Teamster Reported. Thorne Hazen has been reported by the police for driving a double team of horses for hire in the city without a license.

Will Take Continental Trip. D. F. Pidgeon will leave next week for three months vacation, visiting England and European cities. He will be accompanied by his wife and child.

Amherst Engineers Meet. A meeting of the stationary engineers' association was held last evening in their rooms, in the Market building. A report was received stating that the engineers of Amherst had organized under the banner of the association.

Injured While Coasting. While coasting in Fairville yesterday little Margaret Brennan ran into a picket fence and received two severe cuts in the upper part of the leg. She was removed to Dr. Dalleg's office where several stitches were put in the wounds.

Wedding in Zion Church. A pretty ceremony took place in the Zion church yesterday afternoon at 3.30, when George Harold Markham of Sussex, was united in marriage to Lilly Boardly of Morecambe, England. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Lawson, and the bride was attended by the sisters of the groom.

A Kitchen Fire. Yesterday morning a still alarm was sent to No. 2 station for a fire in the kitchen of the Home of the Good Shepherd on Waterloo street. No. 1 chemical and No. 2 hose responded, and the fire which had started in the woodwork over a window, was quickly extinguished with very little damage being done.

More Than 700 Now. While all the committees which have been carrying on the canvass for board of trade memberships have not reported, it is said that about 300 additional memberships have been secured, bringing the total well over 700. A local corporation is reported to have guaranteed to take 200 memberships a year.

Crescent Fair Prize Winners. A large number attended Crescent Fair last evening and spent an enjoyable time. The Artillery band, which was in attendance, furnished an excellent music. The door prize, a picture, ticket No. 298, was won by Mrs. E. S. Roberts. The other prizes were awarded to the following: Hoop la, Edward Carlin; bean hooping, Ralph Coleman; plate game, Ralph Coleman; bowling alley, K. Robertson.

Will Probably Use Single Track. Com. Agar received a letter from the secretary of the street railway yesterday, stating that the company would probably fall back on the old order-in-council providing for the construction of single track to Kane's corner. This question was under discussion long before the old aldermanic system passed to its reward, and it seems that the extension is likely to be carried out on the plans arranged by the old aldermen.

Sub-Dividing Parks Estate. The city commissioners went out to the Parks estate between Rockland Road and the golf links, yesterday afternoon to look into the matter of ratifying the plan of the estate in the matter of new streets. The company has laid out a number of streets upon which it is proposed to make building lots and application was made to have the city recognize the proposed streets. The commissioners looked over the situation, got an idea of what was wanted, and will come to a decision later.

Lectured on His Wedding Day. In Zion church last evening Rev. Mr. Dennison, formerly a priest of the Roman Catholic church, and now a Baptist minister, delivered a lecture dealing with the reasons which caused him to change his faith. Rev. William Lawson occupied the chair and the church was crowded, chairs having to be placed in the aisles to accommodate the people. A note of thanks moved by C. Fraser McTavish and seconded by Rev. Mr. Ellsley, was tendered and read in Monday afternoon to Miss Margaret West, of that city. Rev. G. A. Lawson performing the ceremony, the couple are on their way to Boston on their honeymoon. On their return Mr. Dennison will deliver another lecture here.

WANT LONGER WHARVES AND MORE OF THEM. Delegation from Council will Ask Government for Early Completion of West Side Wharves.

A committee representing the city council will proceed to Ottawa in a short time to urge the government to make provision for hurrying the construction of the new wharf on the West Side to make it available for the winter port traffic next season. The winter port facilities this winter have been taxed to the limit, and it is feared that unless more accommodation is available next year, St. John may lose some of the traffic which belongs to it. In his recent report Com. Schofield referred to the increasing congestion on the West Side and spoke of the advisability of asking the government to let a contract for a second wharf as soon as possible.

The delegation will also, it is understood, urge the government to provide for the construction of wharves on the West Side, 1,000 or 1,500 feet in length instead of 750 feet, believing that in the near future ships of the largest size will be coming here. The idea of the mayor is to have the docks extend up into the old fort neutral strip granted by the city to the government, as it is feared the building of the new C. F. R. elevator will obliterate the advantages of having a neutral strip for railway tracks way to get access to the strip of land along the head of the pier.

VALLEY RAILWAY PRESIDENT ADVOCATES STEEL PLANT HERE

A. R. Gould Says Demand for Steel Rails Alone Would Keep Such Mill Busy—Is on Inspection Trip of Valley Railway.

A. R. Gould, of Presque Isle, president of the St. John River Valley Railway Company, was in the city yesterday after an extended visit to Western Canada, and will leave this morning on a trip of inspection over the proposed Valley Railway now under construction.

Discussing the progress of the work on the new railway Mr. Gould told The Standard last night that it is well up to schedule, and the exceptionally mild weather during the past summer and fall has been favorable to railway construction. The portion of the new road between Centreville and Gagetown has been well advanced, and under normal conditions Mr. Gould expects that the one hundred and twenty miles of the line will be completed at the specified time, November 1 next. The rails for this section of the line have already been shipped and are on the ground, so that there will be no delay in laying them as early in the summer as possible. For this portion of the road 16,000 tons of steel are required, and we have them ready at hand, there is altogether rails to the value of about \$285,000 on hand, and no time will be lost in finishing up this section.

Permission For Short Line. "On Tuesday," Mr. Gould said, "the necessary legislation was passed by the legislature of Maine for the construction through the State of Maine of the portion of what is called the 'short line' of the Valley Railway between the boundary line and the Province of Quebec. The advantage of the short line can be fully appreciated," Mr. Gould pointed out, "when it is taken into consideration that the distance between St. John and Quebec over the short line from the Province of Quebec to the New Brunswick border, and down the St. John Valley to the winter port will be at least 125 miles less than via the points via the Transcontinental, and about 200 miles less than via the Intercolonial.

"As this means cutting between six and eight hours of the time, there can be no doubt of the immense benefit which will accrue to St. John. An important traffic must be established, and in view of the fact also that this line will be fed by other shorter lines in the route the new Valley Railway will not only open up a magnificent country, but will also be a short route from the west, which will assure St. John's status as the port par excellence on the Atlantic seaboard. As a freight route the railway is an assurance.

GOLD BODIED THIEF STEALS COAT FROM WATER GILBERT

With the mercury below zero there were cold blooded and cold bodied thieves about the streets last night. During the evening one of them entered the vestibule of Walter Gilbert's residence, at 145 Charlotte street, and taking an overcoat of the coatrack in the hall, made good his escape. It was a daring piece of work, for a large number of people pass on that part of Charlotte street during the evening. So far there is no clue to the robbery, and the police will be notified and will make a diligent search for the robber. It is stated that the Gilbert residence is not the only place that was entered last night as a couple of other thieves and articles of value stolen. Several robberies have been reported to the police already this month, by quick work, have rounded up the thieves and taken them to the courts, where they have been found guilty and imposed and allowed to stand on the promise of future good conduct or pledges that the guilty ones would get out of the city within a week's time.

HOW OTHER CITIES PAVE THEIR STREETS

In Toronto the Citizens who Benefit are Assessed—St. John Pays for All Street Improvements.

If there is to be a general improvement of the city streets, it seems likely that the property holders benefited will be called upon to meet the cost. The city commissioners are making a study of the local improvement acts in force in other cities and are discovering the reasons why St. John is behind the times in the matter of paved streets. In other cities it is the property owners benefited who are generally called upon to pay the cost of public improvements. In Toronto, for instance, the whole cost of putting down permanent pavement is assessed against the owners of adjoining property. A petition from a few property owners is sufficient to secure the paving of a street in some cases. If any property owners object, the city council may say to them: "Well go out and get 51 per cent. of the signatures of property owners interested against the project, and we will consider your protest. But even if more than one-half the property owners are opposed to the project to pave a street, the city council may, if it deems it in the public interest to pave the street, go ahead with the work and assess the cost against the property owners benefited more directly.

And the city's power in this respect also applies to sidewalks. In Toronto, the property holder has to pay directly for an improved sidewalk. In St. John the city has paid for all sidewalks and improved streets, except in the case of German street, where the property owners paid one-half the cost. In view of this fact it is not difficult to understand why St. John has not as many paved streets as other places, or why its bonded indebtedness is large. Had the city possessed the power that Toronto does its finances would have been in a better position, and it might have forced the property owners to pay for more first class streets.

TIMES YARN WAS TRUE

Story of Revolt Among York County Members of Legislature Manufactured Out of Whole Cloth.

The Times last evening, published a dispatch from the Fredericton correspondent to the effect that Messrs. Pinder, Young and Moorehouse, members of the legislature for York county, during the session which opens today, occupy seats on the opposition side of the House, and would oppose the government, because they were "at loggerheads with Chief Commissioner Morrissey." The Times goes on to say that the gentlemen named "threaten to make trouble for the government," and the whole interesting budget of "news" is displayed under the head "Trouble in the Flemming ranks."

With the political reputation of The Times what it is, it is hardly necessary to state that the junk from Fredericton is absolutely without foundation, but such is the melancholy fact. Messrs. Pinder, Young and Moorehouse may occupy seats on the left side of the Speaker, but if they do it will be because the party led by Copp (by the way, where is he now?) failed to secure enough members in the last election campaign to fill more than one, (or is it two?) of the seats assigned to the provincial opposition. On the other hand there are not enough seats on the government side to go around. The fact that more opposition seats are provided than there are members to occupy them can hardly be blamed on the architect who designed the legislative chamber. He probably did not count on such a popular government as that led by Hon. J. K. Fleming holding the reins of power in this province, and he also neglected to figure on the fact that with papers of the calibre of The Times supporting the opposition, there would, in course of time, be no opposition to support.

Advices from Fredericton last evening were to the effect that the "Times" story was wholly untrue. The information was not a surprise.

TO EXTEND AREA OF WATER SYSTEM

Application for Extension to South Bay Leads to Conference with Lancaster Councillors.

The city commissioners had a conference yesterday with the councillors of the Parish of Lancaster in reference to the proposal to extend the water system to South Bay, and include the district as far as the property of Squire James Robinson and A. D. Gault in the Lancaster water assessment district.

Com. Wigmore explained that he had an application from John E. Moore and others for a licence, but did not think the extension should be made unless the assessment area for water rates was also extended. The councillors already in this month, have time to take into the matter, but it was laid over for future consideration. It is understood that John E. Moore intends to put up a new lumber mill at South Bay, which will employ about 200 men, and that he also plans on erecting cottages to accommodate the workers at the mill.

BIGAMY CASE AGAIN UP IN POLICE COURT

Joseph Stewart, charged with bigamy, by Bridget Bridges, was before Magistrate Ritchie again yesterday afternoon and E. S. Ritchie, who represented the prosecution, stated that Mrs. Stewart, who was to come to St. John as a witness, was unable to come, owing to the fact that she had undergone an operation, and was in the hospital in Montreal. G. Earle Logan, for the defendant, objected to so much delay, and stated he was led to believe that the woman was not in the hospital. The magistrate granted an adjournment until Saturday next, and is asking the matter up with the adjudge general on the question of allowing the prisoner out on bail.

Three prisoners charged with drunkenness were further remanded to jail, while two others were fined \$5 each or two months in jail. Henry Town and Einar Jakpanon, charged with wandering about the street and not giving a satisfactory account of themselves, were each fined \$5 or two months in jail. A prisoner charged with assaulting his brother, was further remanded to jail.

MEMBERS AND MILITARY MEN FOR FREDERICTON

Number Passed Through City Last Evening en route to Capital for Opening of Legislature Today.

Preparations are going rapidly forward for the opening of the legislature, and last evening several of the members, together with officers and privates of the militia detachments participating in the event, passed through the city.

The members who passed through were: Dr. D. B. Price, P. G. Mahoney, W. B. Dickson, Colonel Sheridan, H. V. Dickson, G. E. Jones and Dr. F. J. Bourke, O. M. Melanson and W. F. Humphrey.

On the same train was a battery of the 19th Field Artillery, stationed at Moncton. This battery was under command of Major Anderson, Captain McKee and Lt. Evans, and will fire the customary salute when the house opens.

A large number of the officers of 62 St. John Fusiliers also went to Fredericton last evening and will constitute the personal staff of the Lieutenant Governor. The officers were Colonel James McAuliffe, Captain Peters, Captain Miller, Captain McMillan, Captain R. A. McAuliffe, Lt. Dawson, Lt. Keeffe, Major Anglin and Major Armstrong.

Quiet Now in North End. No more petty robberies have recently been reported in the North End. The gangs about the street corners have been broken up to some extent, and the pedestrians are no longer annoyed by the mischievous acts of bad boys. The police have broken up two clubs houses in that district where the boys were accustomed to congregate.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Institute will be held in the Reading Room this evening at 8 o'clock. Ladies' Auxiliary Y. M. C. A. Valentine Tea, Friday. Tea served from 4 to 7.

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February Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing ENDS SATURDAY

Take Advantage of the Final Offerings of Men's Fur and Fur-Lined Coats, Men's Suits and Overcoats, Boys' Two and Three-Piece Suits and Overcoats. The man in need of a Fur or Fur-Lined Coat will find the following values attractive. The coats are the balance of our regular stock and at sale figures are exceptionally desirable bargains. PIECED COON LINED COATS, Beaver Shell, Marmot Collar, Sale price, each \$18.00. PIECED COON LINED COATS, Beaver Shell, Persian Lamb Collar, Sale price, each \$21.70. MANCHURIAN LAMB LINED COATS, Beaver Shell, Marmot Collar, Sale price, each \$45.00. MARMOT LINED COATS, Beaver Shell, Persian Lamb Collar, Sale price, each \$42.50, \$45.00, \$57.00, \$78.00. MUSKRAT LINED COATS, Beaver Shell, Persian Lamb Collar, Sale price, each \$54.00, \$66.00. SPECIAL REDUCTIONS ON ALL OF OUR FUR CAPS, COLLARS AND GLOVES. CHINA DOG COATS, Sale price, each \$17.40. COON COATS, Sale price, each \$65.00, \$78.00.

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It will be decidedly to your advantage to consider those Suits and Overcoats for in addition to the usual M. R. A. style and good wearing qualities, they represent the best values we have ever offered at a previous February Sale. The garments are all desirable models from our regular stock and going at real bargain figures. Come early and try them on. SUITS in a variety of nobby grey and brown Tweeds and Worsted, also all of our Navy Blue and OVERCOATS, Convertible and Prussian collar styles in heather mixtures, stripes and fancy checks, most of them in neat appearing greys and browns. Sale prices, \$9.00 to \$21.00. REGULAR OVERCOATS, some with velvet collars, in Sayona, Chevots, Tweeds, fancy stripes, mixtures and checks in olive, greys and browns; also Overcoats in black and grey Meltons. Sale prices, \$10.00 to \$17.40.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats

Mother's will feel grateful for having their attention called to these garments for in order to close them out entirely prices have been reduced so low that the opportunity becomes of much importance to the average parent. Call with the boy and have him fitted while his size remains. OVERCOATS in Tweeds, Chevots and Meltons, plain effects and whole stripes and checks. Garments made of exceptionally fine fabrics and excellently tailored and trimmed. Former prices \$7.00 to \$12.00. Sale price, \$5.95. TWO and THREE-PIECE SUITS, the usual stylish and dependable kind peculiar to this store, built to resist the boy's activities at play and school. Tweeds and Worsted in nobby stripes, checks and mixed effects in shades of brown and grey. Sizes 24 to 30. Sale prices, \$3.50 to \$6.00. Suits for larger boys in sizes 31 to 35. Sale prices, \$3.50 to \$10.00. MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

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