

Around the City

RESIGNED POSITION. R. W. Gould, who has been editor of the Maritime Merchant for the past year, severed his connection with that journal yesterday.

ESCAPED FROM HOME. Three of the inmates in the Boys' Industrial Home made their escape Sunday evening and were still at large last evening.

PATRICK WHELLEY INJURED. While going to his work yesterday morning Patrick Whelley, of Magazine street, slipped on the ice and broke his collar bone. He was attended by Dr. J. T. Dalton.

INSTRUCTIVE ADDRESS. At the regular meeting of the boys' C. S. E. T. Club of St. John's last evening, F. L. Smith of the Y. M. C. A. gave an instructive address on "Sex Education."

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION. The Assessment Commission held a session yesterday afternoon and made considerable progress in the preparation of their report. Adjournment was made to meet at the call of the chair.

NOT YET DECIDED. The name of David Hipwell has been mentioned as one of the probable candidates for commission in the coming election. Mr. Hipwell has been urged to place his name in nomination but has not yet decided.

JUVENILE COURT. Three boys arrested for being on the street late Monday night were before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning. The parents of the youngsters were in court and after a severe reprimand all were allowed to go with a warning.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. At the annual meeting of the Harbour Club last evening the following officers were elected: President, W. H. E. Smith; vice-president, H. J. Sheehan; secretary, H. H. McNeil; assistant secretary, W. Kelley; chaplain, C. W. Bell; treasurer, D. Arnold Fox. The club has had a most successful year and indications point to a prosperous future.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. Following the winter class supper for the girls boys of the Y. M. C. A. last evening, F. L. Smith gave the first of two addresses on "Sex Education."

The monthly meeting of the Boys' Work Committee was held at eight o'clock with W. C. Cross in the chair. The secretary, A. M. Gregg presented his monthly report. Details of the work were made for the Father and Son Banquet to be held next month. Arrangements were made to have Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong give the principal address on that occasion. Other matters in connection with the work of the department were discussed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. A meeting of the officers and teachers of the Portland Methodist Sunday School was held last evening, with the superintendent, Mayor B. T. Hayes presiding. About sixty-five were present. Luncheon was served at six o'clock followed by a short business session. The following were the reports of the delegates to the Provincial Sunday School Convention, held in Woodstock last fall. Matters in general pertaining to the work of the Sunday school were discussed. The school was considered to be in a flourishing condition. Arrangements were made to cooperate in the community teacher training class recently organized in the North End. Plans were also made to organize a teacher training class in the school.

RED TRIANGLE CLUB. The rooms of the Red Triangle Club on the North Side of King Square were crowded last evening with soldiers and sailors. P. C. Reid who is temporarily in charge of the club welcomed the men in an informal address, in which he said that the people of Canada had given generously to the Military Y. M. C. A. to tell them to use the money to provide comfort and entertainment to the soldiers and sailors as they saw fit. This they were doing and the Red Triangle Club is one result of their efforts and he wanted the men to feel at home and make full use of the room. A number gathered around the piano during the evening where they sang popular songs. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the executive of the Soldiers' Club.

BOY'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB. Before the members of the Boy's Friendship Club of West St. John Rev. A. E. Westmorland gave an address upon music last evening. The meeting was held in the boys' club rooms City Hall, West St. John, with nearly forty boys present. The talk was illustrated by many fine selections on the Edison Re-Creation loaned for the occasion by Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co. Mr. Westmorland spoke of the origin of music, its growth and compared various forms of composition, illustrating with Wagner selections. An address on "God in the Intosh of a steamer now in port. R. Chipman Golding spoke to the boys on the subject of interest.

The talk was listened to most attentively, the boys entering into the discussion which followed the addresses.

P. E. I. SERVICE. Temporary change in Prince Edward Island service. Sackville to Prince Edward Island, Monday, Jan. 21st. Commencing Monday, Jan. 21st the train connecting with Ferry will leave Sackville 7:30 a.m. daily except Sunday, arrive Cape Tormentine 9:25 a.m. The Car Ferry will depart Cape Tormentine after arrival of this train connecting at Borden with train due to leave at 1:40 p.m., arriving Charlottetown at 4:45 p.m. There will be no change in the present schedule from Prince Edward Island.

BETTER ROADS AND HOTELS ARE NEEDED IN THE PROVINCE

Meeting of Executives of Provincial Associations Held in Board of Trade Rooms Last Night—An Important Resolution Adopted.

That better roads should prevail throughout the province, especially between St. John and the Maine border, and that better hotel accommodations should be had in order to take care of the thousands of tourists that will come here in the future, was the consensus of opinion expressed at the meeting last night in the Board of Trade building. The occasion was a joint meeting of the executives of the Retail Merchants' Association of New Brunswick, the N. B. Tourist Association, New Brunswick Automobile Association and the council of the Board of Trade, and an optimistic keynote on the future of the province in relation to better roads was struck by practically all the speakers.

After the meeting had been called to order A. H. Wetmore, secretary, chairman, in his opening address he stated that good roads to the Maine border were an actual necessity in order to give encouragement to the tourists coming here from the States. He pointed out that the war prevented pleasure trips to the continent and he also referred to the large sums of money they would bring into the community.

W. E. Golding here introduced the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Skinner and adopted: "The assembled bodies are of the opinion that the most vital thing for the Province of New Brunswick today is the establishing of a Patrol System on the trunk roads of the province, to make these roads smooth and that such work should be carried on no matter what the expense is. Any other plan will see a further diminution of our already shrinking tourist trade, which will be accentuated this year by the shortage of coasting steamers and the withdrawal of passenger trains. Maine has 450 patrolmen and is adding more. Other states in the U. S. have adopted the same plan with great success, and the province of New Brunswick is entitled from its scenic and climatic advantages to a considerable portion of the ten million dollars that Maine gets every year from the visiting motorists, and which province of New Brunswick has not availed itself of."

To the administration at Fredericton, the association heretofore assembled wish to convey most earnest interest that the only way out of our present stagnation in tourist trade is by the establishment of properly controlled trunk roads, more particularly roads leading from Maine to the centres of population in New Brunswick.

It is further recommended to the administration at Fredericton, that the organizing of a patrol service be proceeded with almost immediately under the head of competent supervisors or inspectors appointed for their ability, not for their political coloring, and that one hundred miles or so of road be placed under the authority of an inspector who shall have authority to engage, dismiss or discharge without reference to the central authority at Fredericton, all the patrolmen.

Furthermore, for the purpose of locating bad spots on the roads, that every fourth telephone or telegraph post be numbered that distinctive signs be placed at the commencement and in the centre of each community of one hundred miles, giving the name of the supervisor and his address, to whom complaints may be sent.

It is further the opinion of the meeting that the construction of permanent trunk roads is not practical in these sparsely settled communities, owing to their enormous cost and to the climatic conditions, and that a patrol system properly administered will give us smooth highways, which will gradually become better year after year, all tending to the advancement and progress of our province, and at less expense than any permanent road would cost.

The association desire to repeat that their opinion is that the most important thing for the province of New Brunswick today is the establishing of a business basis of a properly administered patrol service, which is stated to be advocated throughout the United States and Canada.

Percy Thompson, chairman of the Automobile Association good roads committee; F. A. Dykeman, N. B. DesBrisay, passenger agent for the C. P. R.; C. B. Allan, secretary of the N. B. Tourist Association; and others discussed the resolution, all pointing out the necessity of good roads to bring tourist travel into the province.

On motion of Mr. Golding a committee composed of the presidents of the associations present at the meeting were appointed to wait on the newspapers with a request that the papers use a more optimistic tone in regard to provincial affairs. The committee chosen consists of A. H. Wetmore, A. O. Skinner, T. P. Regan and J. E. Record.

TRAINS CANCELLED ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS SUNDAY, JANUARY 27. Until further notice the night trains between St. John and Halifax will be cancelled. The last trip of No. 10 from St. John will be Saturday, January 26. The last trip of No. 9 from Halifax for St. John will be Friday, January 25. Commencing Monday, January 28th, numbers seven and eight will run between Halifax and Sydney. Number seven will leave Halifax 7:10 p. m. daily except Sunday, arriving Sydney 8 a. m. No. 8 will leave Sydney 10:30 p. m. daily except Saturday, arriving Halifax 11:50 a. m. Trains numbers 11 and 12 between Halifax and New Glasgow are also cancelled.

Tickets for Mary Boyle O'Reilly's lecture January 31st, Imperial Theatre, for sale at Gray & Ritchie's book store.

QUEEN SQUARE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING

The 108th Annual Session Held Last Night—Favorable Reports Received—Officers Elected for 1918.

The 108th annual meeting of the Queen Square Methodist Sunday school was held last evening at the residence of the superintendent, R. Duncan Smith, King St. East. Rev. Hammond Johnson presided. There were twenty-one teachers and officers present. Yearly reports from the various departments were received. The superintendent's report showed the school to be in a flourishing condition. The report of the secretary, R. B. Stephenson, showed the total membership to be 348 and the average attendance during the last year 129, being a gain of five over the previous year. The total receipts during the year were \$369, the expenditures, \$311, leaving a balance on hand of \$58. Reports from the home and elementary departments were read. The present enrollment in the elementary department is 132. The librarian reported that the Sunday school library was opened last Sunday after having been closed for six months, during which time it had been thoroughly renovated and many new books added.

The following officers were elected for the present year: R. Duncan Smith—Superintendent. L. V. Lingley and R. S. Stephenson, assistant superintendents during the year. W. A. Walston—Secretary. Basil Robertson and Harry Dunlop—Assistant secretaries. A. B. Gilmore—Treasurer. A. T. B. Howard—Assistant Sec. Arthur Robertson, C. N. Lingley—Librarians. Miss J. Batts—Supt. of Home Dept. Miss M. Thompson—Asst. Supt. of Home Dept. Mrs. E. L. Smith—Supt. of Elementary Dept. Mrs. Arthur Robertson—Pianist. Standing committees were elected for the year on temperance and missions.

The following annual grants were made: N. B. Sunday School Association, \$15; Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, \$15; Free Kindergarten, \$2; library, \$20. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. R. D. Smith.

THE UNIONISTS MET LAST NIGHT

Organization of a Unionist Club Postponed Until Later Date—Addresses by Prominent Citizens.

Between forty and fifty former Liberals and Conservatives, new Unionists, met last night in the rooms of the defunct St. John Conservative Club for the purpose of forming a Unionist Club to club up the St. John representatives in the Dominion parliament. After some discussion it was decided to postpone the organization until a later date when a meeting will be called by the Unionist executive and held in some other hall.

P. J. Potts called the meeting to order and acted as chairman for the evening. He said a difference of opinion as to the best method of launching the club had arisen at the meeting held a week ago and a committee had been appointed to interview the members elect. He as one of the committee had seen Mr. Wignome but had not been able to get in touch with Mr. Erwin. He assured the gathering that so far as he was concerned there was no local politics in the proposed organization and the article which appeared in the daily newspapers to that effect was absolutely false. He suggested that the organization be deferred until a later date when the meeting might be called by the Unionist executive.

C. M. Lingley nominated Chris. Egan as secretary of the meeting. E. J. Hilyard said there seemed to be an impression in some quarters that an ulterior motive for the formation of the club existed and suggested that the organization be deferred until a meeting called by Messrs. Tilley and Stinchell.

W. H. Underhill moved that the meeting proceed to the formation of the Union Club. This was seconded by Isaac Mercer. A. McKinnon moved that the organization of the club be postponed to a future meeting to be called by the executive of the Unionist party and due notice of same be given through the press. This was seconded by G. L. Ingraham.

J. Starr Tait asked if there was any executive in existence and L. P. D. Tilley said his understanding of the matter was that the executive held office during the electoral term. Mr. Tait expressed the opinion that if the meeting were called by the executive the club would start with a better foundation.

L. P. D. Tilley said he thought the meeting should have been called by the executive in the first place. If a Union Club were formed it should be a real one not composed of perhaps three-curtis Conservatives. On the motion being put the amendment carried and organization was deferred until a later date.

The following were appointed a committee to take up the matter of calling the meeting for organization purposes: Tilley, E. J. Hilyard, James Huey and F. W. Noble.

VICTORIA RINK. Carnival Tuesday, Jan. 29th. A number of people in St. John have never been inside of the Victoria Rink. Why not attend the Grand Carnival and see the famous rink in all its splendor.

Edna Goodrich will be of the Nickel, Queen Square, tonight in the American Maid. Five cents to all.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. DAVID'S SABBATH SCHOOL

Reports Received and Officers Elected for Ensuing Term—Two Teachers Who Have Enlisted for Overseas Were Presented with Signet Rings

The annual meeting of St. David's Sabbath school was held last evening at the residence of the superintendent, Mr. Robt. Reid, Rev. J. A. MacKegon presided. Reports were read from the various departments showing an enrollment of 339 in 29 classes. Home Dept., 10; Bible reading department, 10; Sec. Home Dept.—Ronald W. Shaw, Sec. Home Dept.—Ronald W. Shaw, officers were appointed: Hon. Supt.—Alex. Watson. Supt.—Robert Reid. Associate Supt.—D. W. H. Magee. Gen. Sec.—J. F. Archibald. Associate Sec.—J. C. Henderson. Enrollment Sec.—To be appointed by superintendent. Fin. Sec.—F. Punter. Rec. Sec.—Miss Helen A. MacMur-ray. Librarian—C. Leonard Hay. Supt. Primary Dept. and Cradle Roll—Mrs. Robt. Reid. Sec. Prim. Dept.—Miss Helen Jack. Supt. Home Dept.—Mrs. G. S. Shaw. Sec. Home Dept.—Ronald W. Shaw. Sec. Pocket Test League—Kenneth Nelson. Sec. I.B.R.A.—Miss P. McDonald. Precator—P. J. Punter. Pianists—Miss G. Fowler, Miss L. Cairns.

Executive committee—Robert Reid, D. W. Magee, Chas. Robinson, I. F. Archibald, Miss Milligan, Miss McDougall, Mrs. A. W. Petch. Before the meeting adjourned the superintendent on behalf of the teachers and officers presented to P. Arthur Willet and Percy H. Long, each a signet ring, suitably engraved. Both of the young men have been teachers in the Sabbath school up to their enlistment in the 9th Siege Battery. The Rev. J. A. MacKegon added a few final remarks to what Mr. Reid said. Both Mr. Long and Mr. Willet responded in returning their thanks.

COUNTY CONSTABLE ARRESTS VIOLATORS

Who Have Two Dozen Bottles of Essence of Lemon in Possession.

An act placing essence of lemon within the prohibitory degree will likely receive the consideration of the Legislature at the coming session of the assembly, unless the use of this flavor, as an intoxicant, dies a natural death, and present indications are far from favorable. Yesterday's capture at East St. John by County Constable Saunders, when two men were found to have no less than two dozen bottles in their possession, shows how popular "lemon cocktail" are becoming. In addition to the amount found upon one of the party Constable Peterson, two bottles had been opened and the furniture was marked the organs of respiration were strongly "lemony." Both gentlemen were in possession of a laughing "jag" and were taken into custody without much difficulty. Bedford Mason was lucky enough to have none upon his person and was arrested. The amount found upon Peterson is probably the largest taken from any one individual in the maritime provinces, as he had twenty-four bottles which cost twenty-five cents per bottle.

Although other favoring extracts, such as essence of ginger, etc., have figured in police court before, the arrangement this morning will mark the first essence of lemon case. The men will be taken before Magistrate Allingham to answer to the charge.

TODAY'S WONDER PRODUCTION. Tonight at 8 and 8:30 Imperial theatre will have complete showings of its marvelous mid-week programme, embracing the stupendous Artistic dramatic spectacle "The Woman God Forgot," and the first of its two-act Mack Bennett comedies. In "The Woman God Forgot" the finest picture yet presented on the Imperial stage is honestly promised. It is an historical story dealing with the role of the Mexican monarch's beautiful daughter who becomes enamored of the white messenger Capt. Alvarado (Wallace Reid), sent by Cortez to demand the surrender of the haughty native monarch. It is when Alvarado is severely wounded by treacherous courtiers that the Princess shields him secretly in the palace, nurses him back to strength, and in the great final battle scenes their romance culminates with great dramatic effect in a marvelous stagecraft, wondrous settings, picturesque out-of-doors in the Yosemite Valley, and ensembles containing thousands of people. This picture play has no superior in existence. It would be unfair to one's self to allow this remarkable production to leave town without seeing it, no matter how infrequently one has been doing without pictures of late, or how seriously one has made up his or her mind to economize in this direction.

While in transit to St. John a shipment of Linters famous Black Seal Silk Finest was damaged in the Halifax disaster. This shipment was received at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s and they have been allowed a very liberal discount, and in regardance with their policy to give their customers the advantage of any price concessions, instead of asking \$9.00 per yard for the Finest, which is actually worth that amount, the special price quoted today is \$4.00. Only a very small portion was damaged, and therefore you can select your length from the portion that is not damaged.

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