

15 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME.—Strong northeasterly and northerly winds, gales off the coast; cold with local snow falls on south coast of Nova Scotia. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 6.—Cold weather has prevailed today throughout Canada. The southwestern disturbance has passed off the Middle Atlantic coast.

AROUND THE CITY

St. Luke's Men's Bible Class. Rev. R. P. McKim will resume his men's Bible class in St. Luke's church. All men are cordially invited Thursday night of this week.

Ambulance Association. A meeting of the Ambulance Association will be held in the afternoon at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when Dr. Walker will deliver a lecture.

Contributions. The following amounts are gratefully acknowledged by the treasurer of the St. John Protestant Orphan's Home: Edmund G. Kaye, \$7; Walter Golding, \$10; A. K. K. \$2; D. McLeod Vince, Woodstock, \$25.

Case Postponed. The case in the police court against the Dufferin Hotel for having more than one entrance to the bar was postponed yesterday as the weather was extremely cold and there was an accident to the steam pipes.

Folklore in Opera. The last lecture given by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Natural History Society in Folklore in Opera, will be delivered this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss M. deSoyes will lecture on Pagan, Mrs. J. M. Barnes, D. Arnold Fox and others will assist in the musical illustrations. Mrs. Matthews' Parsifal will be repeated on Saturday evening.

Dusty Streets. The streets these days are very dusty. The city authorities have apparently decided to give the street sweepers a rest for the winter, and as a result the fine bracing weather has been of no great advantage to the citizens, as the temptation to spend the time out of doors has been made of no effect by the fact that the clouds of dust swirling through the streets have made walking anything but a pleasure.

Salvation Army Sale. The Salvation Army will hold a sale of fancy articles in the citadel this afternoon and evening and also tomorrow. His worship the mayor will open the sale at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. A number of stalls have been erected for the accommodation of the ladies and the hall decorated for the occasion. Refreshments will be served in the afternoon and evening. A number of curios from Japan and Cuba will be offered for sale.

Vernor L. O. L. Officers. Vernor L. O. L. No. 1 last evening installed officers as follows: W. T. D. McArthur, D. W. A. E. Hamilton, Chas. D. C. Fisher, R. S. H. B. Clifford, F. S. H. W. Robertson, C. B. Ward, D. of C. Robert Crawford; Lect., Wm. M. Campbell; D. L. J. Kenney, Jr., Foreman of com., Isaac Carlin; committee men, S. E. Bunin, J. H. Morrow, Wm. J. Tait, Roy P. Pott; I. T. Jas. McDonald. The installation was conducted by Dis. Master Chas. M. Lingley and officers.

Rally on New Year's Day. A meeting of the ministers and superintendents of the Presbyterian and Congregational Sunday schools of the city was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, to consider holding a rally on New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 2nd. An executive committee was appointed composed of the superintendents with Robert Reid as chairman and C. H. Doig secretary. Programs and press committees were also appointed. As a large gathering is looked for, St. David's church was selected as the place for meeting. These rallies are held in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, both by Presbyterian and Methodist schools. In St. John the Methodist schools have held like gatherings for the past two years.

Seamen's Concert. There was a large attendance at the Seamen's Institute last evening when there was an excellent concert given. The entertainment was highly appreciated and consisted of the following programme:—Piano solo, E. Benn; solos by R. Heron, H. Walker, Robt. Jones, A. Godkin and Alfred Oswald. Mr. Badger was heard in a violin solo, and Mr. Mauchline in a recitation. A. Boyle rendered "The Death of Nelson" on a cornet and this was greatly enjoyed. Miss Peggy Stevenson gave some lively Scott's dances. The Irish Harvesters also gave an entertainment. E. Benn and Miss Edith Nilson were accompanists, and with an attendance of about five hundred the concert was a most enjoyable one. J. Charlton was the chairman.

Clan MacKenzie Officers. At the monthly meeting of the Clan MacKenzie held in their rooms in the Oddfellows' Building, Union St., last evening officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—Chief, Dr. G. G. Corbet; Taniat, E. B. Mc Donald; Chaplain, James L. Carmichael; Secretary, Wm. Cameron; Financial Secretary, Roy H. Cameron; Treasurer, John White; Physician, Dr. Joseph Christie; Senior Warden, Joseph A. Murdoch; Seneschal, John Reoch; Warden, R. A. C. Brown; Sentinel, George S. Shaw; Piper, H. S. Cruikshank; Trustee for three years, C. K. Cameron; two years, F. Neil Brodie; and for one year, Wm. P. Grant. The officers will be installed at the first meeting in January when the annual reports will be presented.

NOT PREPARED FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Torrey Committee Unable to Settle Up Accounts Until Bills are Presented—1,002 Signed Pledge.

A meeting of the general committee of the Torrey campaign was held at the Y. M. C. A. building last evening and though it lasted about two hours and a half, no definite announcement in regard to the financial results of the campaign was made public. At the close of the meeting Rev. R. P. McKim, the chairman, stated that a number of bills had not been presented and that it was found impossible to make a correct estimate of the expenses incurred. In regard to the collection Rev. Mr. McKim said the accounts had not been audited and it was not thought advisable to make a statement in regard to them at the present time.

Another meeting will be held next Tuesday when it is hoped that the outstanding bills will be in, and it will be possible to prepare a detailed financial statement. W. S. Fisher will audit the accounts.

The question of forming a permanent evangelical organization was discussed at the meeting, but it was stated that the matter was not in the power of the general committee and would be left to the personal workers to work out on their own account.

Collections Unsatisfactory. A member of the general committee told The Standard that the collections were not at all satisfactory. On one evening, he said, when there were about 3,000 people in the Pink, the collection consisted of 1,200 coppers. Many who attended the meetings did not give a cent.

Rev. Wellington Camp, chairman of the devotional committee, stated last evening that as a result of the campaign 1,002 persons had signed their intention of accepting Christ. All these signed cards pledging themselves to try to lead a better life. These cards were sent to the ministers of the churches with which the convert was connected or desired to join.

MEN OF ST. JOHN'S IN HAPPY REUNION

Interesting Programme at Annual Meeting of L. P. D. Tilley Re-elected President.

The annual reunion of the Men's Association of St. John's (Stones) church which was held last evening, was heartily enjoyed by a large number of the men of the congregation. About seventy sat down at 6:30 o'clock to a high tea served in the school room of the church by the Young Ladies' Association. After the dainty supper had been disposed of an informal programme of addresses and songs was carried out. The rector, Rev. Gustave A. Kuhring, gave a short speech and was followed by the president, L. P. D. Tilley, who outlined the programme for the coming season as follows:—

January 10.—Debate by two teams of four members on the subject, "Should the House of Lords be Abolished?"

February 7.—Musical evening under the direction of D. Arnold Fox, with old time choruses.

March 7.—Address by His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton, subject, "Men's duties toward the church."

April 4.—Illustrated Lecture.

May 2.—Illustrated Lecture.

June 3.—Members will be the guests of Arthur Thorne at his camp. Short speeches were then given by W. E. Anderson on behalf of the Sunday School; Col. J. R. Armstrong on behalf of the vestry and Patrick Cathels on behalf of the Boys' Brigade. Vocal solos were rendered by Messrs. Metro and Cannell.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers and the following were chosen for the coming year:— President—L. P. D. Tilley. First Vice President—Dr. James Manning. Second Vice President—John H. McKeen. Secretary—Harold Stetson. Treasurer—O. A. Burnham.

The executive will consist of the officers and S. H. Wallace, R. B. Price, Patrick Cathels, and Paul Longley.

His Lordship Bishop Richardson will hold an ordination service at Sussex, on Dec. 18th. There will be five candidates.

Percy Colthurst, who is now on his way from England on the steamer Lake Manitoba, will, after his ordination make his headquarters at Moncton and will be engaged in home mission work.

David Jenkins will also engage in mission work with headquarters in Woodstock.

A. L. L. Sherry, who will be ordained a deacon, has been in charge of the Parish of Stanley for some months and will continue there.

Rev. G. E. Tobin, in charge of Cambridge and Waterford, and Rev. F. J. LeRoy of Waterford, Kings Co., will be raised to the priesthood.

Mill Inspection. John Kenney, Jr., factory inspector, will leave this morning to inspect the portable mills in Kings County.

WANDALS RANSACK SUMMER COTTAGES

Several Suburban Residences Entered and Through Examination of Contents Made—Very Little Stolen.

Tramps or other mischievous persons have again commenced the usual series of depredations at the various summer resorts in the vicinity of the city. This time they have been reported along the line of the C.P.R. and cottages at Grand Bay, Pampdenac and Marlinton have been entered and ransacked. As far as could be seen nothing had been stolen and there was no indication that anyone had been sleeping in the cottages. From these circumstances it would hardly seem that it had been tramps who had visited the houses, but the owners are at a loss to understand why anyone else should go to the trouble of breaking in without committing any robberies. They are anxious to prevent any similar occurrences, however, and there is some talk of their taking active measures to protect their property.

The breaks were discovered by residents of Grand Bay, who notified the owners and James Barnes and Joseph Irvine went out to Grand Bay yesterday morning to visit their places. They found that not only their cottages, but also that of H. M. Dunlop had been entered. Irvine's house had been gained to Mr. Irvine's house by prying a shutter open and cutting out the putty around one of the windows. The glass had then been removed and an entrance made.

House in Disorder. The contents of the house were found intact, but drawers and everything strewn around the floors. As far as could be seen, however, nothing had been taken except an axe. This had been taken for the purpose of effecting an entry into the other cottages, and was found by Mr. Barnes in front of his house. In Mr. Dunlop's cottage the conditions were found to be about the same as in Mr. Irvine's, while that of Mr. Barnes appeared to be untouched.

The St. John men were informed by residents at Grand Bay that the summer residences of A. C. Snalley, John Willet, J. H. McRobbie and Mr. Hanington at Pampdenac had also been broken into and the unwanted guests had departed leaving the doors open behind them. Besides these three they heard that Geo. H. Evans' cottage at Marlinton had been entered in a similar manner. How much farther up the line the breaks had occurred they were unable to learn.

CONFIRMATION AT MISSION CHURCH

Thirty Candidates Confirmed by Bishop Richardson at Full Choral Service—Father Converts Back in January.

A confirmation was held at the Mission Church last evening by Right Rev. Bishop Richardson, when 32 were confirmed: 29 women and girls and 12 men and boys. The church was crowded to overflowing, many having to take seats in the school room. The service was fully choral, being intoned by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Mr. Collins, assistant priest, who acted as bishop's chaplain. The Bishop preached an eloquent sermon to the candidates from the text, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit." Suitable hymns were sung, some of them while the congregation knelt.

It having been announced by Rev. Mr. Collins that Father Converts would be able to resume his duties about the middle of January, the Lord Bishop at the end of the sermon added a few words, saying how pleased he was to hear that the church would again have its priest with them, and expressed to hope that he would again minister at a similar service.

The offertory was in aid of the fund for the education of the clergy.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

C. P. R. steamship Monmouth left Avonmouth for St. John last Monday with a general cargo.

Allan Line steamship Pomeranian now on her way to London and Havre, took away a cargo valued at \$129,288. On board were 56,000 bushels of wheat, 1,863 bales of hops and 256 boxes of cheese.

Donaldson Line steamship Cassandra moved over from No. 5 berth yesterday to the new city wharf to finish discharging her inward cargo.

Manifests for 14 cars of United States flour, lard, meats, etc., were received at the customs house yesterday from frontier points for shipment to United Kingdom.

C. P. R. steamship Mount Temple, Capt. Moore, will go to sea today from this port bound to London and Antwerp via Halifax. She will have a large passenger list also 673 head of cattle.

C. P. R. steamship Lake Manitoba from Liverpool will be expected at the east of Cape Race at 11:25 a. m. Monday and is due here early Friday morning.

Seamen's Concert. A grand concert will be held at the Seamen's Institute this evening at 8 o'clock. Special talent will be engaged.

The Globe Laundry. The management of the Globe Laundry wish to announce that they have established a temporary office in the building occupied by the Myers and have secured the use of the plant of Ungar's Laundry for their washing. The same help will be employed as in the past. The telephone number is Main 623 as formerly.

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