

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

A Runaway.

A horse attached to a sleigh and owned by Dr. Curran ran away from the I. C. R. depot Saturday afternoon and was caught on the Market square. The sleigh was slightly damaged.

Pipe Case and Key.

The police found a pipe case on King square on Saturday and a key on Waterloo street Saturday. The articles can be obtained by the owners on application at the central station.

A Temperance Talk.

E. N. Stockford delivered a very interesting lecture in the Fairville Temperance Hall yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stockford chose for his subject "Prohibition," and his address was listened to with great attention by those present.

New Indian School.

The Asst. Deputy and Sec. of Indian Affairs has notified the postmaster his department is forwarding plans and specifications for a school building on the St. Mary's Indian reserve, so that any one desiring to tender may have an opportunity before the 4th of April to see the same by calling at the Post Office.

Hackmen Reported.

Coachmen Arthur Love, Charles Gamble, Wm. Gibson, John Glynn, King Parks, and Charles Edmunds, have been reported by I. C. R. Police man Smith for going beyond the stand at the I. C. R. Depot allotted for hackmen on the arrival of the Boston express at 11.15 o'clock Friday night last.

Slight Blaze.

About four o'clock yesterday afternoon children playing with matches were responsible for a curtain being set on fire in the residence of Mrs. M. Cody, 43 St. James street. An alarm was sent from Box 41 and when the department arrived on the scene the fire had been extinguished the damage done being slight.

Evil of Intemperance.

Rev. Mr. Cook addressed the weekly temperance meeting of Thorne Lodge I. O. G. T. in their rooms on City Road yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cook chose for his subject "The Evil of Intemperance," and delivered a powerful address. There was a large audience present and Thomas Mullin presided.

Applications For City Lands.

A large number of applications to purchase city lands will be submitted to the meeting of the safety board, this evening. For some time past Director Wisely's office has been besieged by parties making inquiries about the city lands and the director says life isn't worth living because he is pestered so much. The director believes that it would be poor policy for the city to start to sell its lands now, as the probability is they will become very valuable in a few years.

History of Ireland.

Before a large and appreciative audience in the C. M. B. A. rooms last evening Dr. E. J. Broderick lectured on "The Early and Romantic History of Ireland." The lecture proved both entertaining and instructive to the audience, as the lecturer brought out many interesting points not frequently referred to. Deep research on the part of the lecturer was manifested and both in treatment of matter and in delivery, the lecture was one of the most enjoyable of the series. At the close a hearty vote of thanks moved by Dr. Thomas Lumney and seconded by L. J. McDonald, was tendered the speaker by the chairman, Richard J. Walsh.

Returned From England.

Staff Captain Jennings has just returned to Halifax after spending three months in the Old Land, during which time he travelled extensively through Scotland, England and Ireland, lecturing on Nova Scotia, its resources and opportunities. These lectures were largely attended and created considerable interest in this province. The staff captain succeeded (through the lectures and personal interviews) in interesting large numbers of farmers and farm laborers, who will come to Nova Scotia this spring. Some of these men have a small capital ranging from 150 to 500 pounds. The men will arrive a few at a time on the various boats, during March and April and will be given situations on arrival. A number of applications have already been received, but Mr. Jennings says any others who will need help this spring, they should write at once to Staff Captain A. Jennings, Box 477, Halifax, N. S.

Enjoyable Choral Service.

After the regular service in Centenary Methodist church last evening, there was held a choral service, at which there was a large attendance. The programme was opened with an anthem by the choir, entitled "Seek Ye the Lord." Miss Holder and Mr. Bittlock were then heard in solos, rendered with fine effect, followed by an organ selection by Miss Hea. Then D. B. Pidgeon, Mr. Bittlock and Miss Hales sang solos, followed by another anthem by the choir. After the singing of the doxology the pastor pronounced the benediction, followed by a choral benediction. The collection taken up in connection with the choral service amounted to \$40 and will be devoted to the China famine relief fund. At the regular evening service the pastor, Dr. Flanders, preached an interesting sermon dealing with the significance of Lent. The choral service was organized on account of the presence in the city of Mr. Bittlock, who was first tenor of St. Paul's church, Montreal. Mr. Bittlock has a splendid voice and his selections were much enjoyed.

TRADE POSSIBILITIES WITH THE WEST INDIES

Fred P. Fisher, After Month's Visit to Islands, Returns with Favorable Impression of Commercial Possibilities for Canada—Task of Raising the Maine Proves Gigantic Undertaking—Trip to Panama in Party's Itinerary.

After a month's trip in the course of which he visited the principal islands of the West Indies, as well as the Panama, Fred P. Fisher, son of W. S. Fisher and manager of the Enterprise Foundry, Sackville, returned to the city on Saturday. In company with a party of about 20 other Canadians and several Americans, Mr. Fisher left New York on Jan. 20th. The trip proved a most enjoyable one. Mr. Fisher said in conversation with The Standard, and the party had an opportunity of seeing the chief attractions afforded by the different islands. Among other interesting sights witnessed by the party was the work of raising the battleship Maine. The work is progressing favorably although the task is a gigantic one. The purpose is when the work has sufficiently progressed to break the huge hull in two, towing the bow outside the harbor to be sunk, while the stern half will be broken up and towed out. Speaking of trade conditions in the West Indies, Mr. Fisher said that there is evidenced a strong sentiment in favor of greater commerce with Canada and the opportunities for trade between New Brunswick and the West Indies are immense. In Nassau Mr. Fisher said, one gentleman said that they are most anxious for closer relations with Canada. "The opportunities which the West India Islands afford for a thriving trade with Canada and with New Brunswick are great, and have been too long neglected. We have not been aggressive enough in our policy. The Americans have gone right to the islands and sought out the trade. "What we want to do is to follow their example and go after the trade. A number of merchants expressed the desire to trade with us, but if we want to get the trade we must go after it for the people are conservative. I had a number of requests for information regarding certain manufactures which we have here and in which an excellent trade with the islands could be worked up. "The products which we have here are just the ones which they do not produce, and an excellent market could be found in the islands. Fish, food products and cheap furniture are among the things in demand and these we can supply, and if we go right after the trade we can soon make the islands one of our best markets, and the merchants there are besides, most desirous of establishing larger commerce with us." Speaking of the work on the Panama canal, Mr. Fisher stated that over 40,000 men are now employed there and that the work is being rushed along so as to be completed in 1915, the specified time. Mr. Fisher reached St. John on Saturday and left for Sackville Saturday night.

WAS STOPPED BY AN ITALIAN WARSHIP

Melville, However, was Not Delayed Long—Manchester Exchange also Docked Yesterday—Rough Passage.

The steamer Manchester Exchange, Captain Adamson, arrived in port yesterday afternoon and docked at the I. C. R. pier at 3.30 o'clock. The vessel left Manchester on February 19th, and during the first part of the voyage the weather was all that could be desired, but the weather prevailing during the latter part of last week kept mariners busy. The Elder Dempster steamer Melville, Captain Keene, of the African service, also arrived yesterday afternoon from Liverpool and docked at the I. C. R. pier at 3.30 o'clock. Captain Keene reported that the steamer encountered heavy weather all the way across the Atlantic causing her to arrive four days late. The steamer also came in for her share of the heavy gale of Thursday and Friday, but as she was on the high seas at the time, she weathered them without difficulty. The Melville when on her way from Karachi, East India, to Liverpool, had considerable difficulty in navigating the Red Sea and the Gulf of Suez, as the lighthouses are neglected on account of the Turkish-Italian war. Although the lights are not burning and the steamers have to pick their way through in the dark, nevertheless all ships are required to pay light dues. The Melville encountered another adventure while in the Red Sea, when she was overtaken by an Italian war ship, whose officers fearing that the steamer might be carrying munitions of war to the Turkish army, sailed around her and halted to find out what she was. On receiving the reply that the Melville was a British ship bound for Liverpool she sheered off in search of other vessels. The Melville will leave here in cargo for South Africa in about a week's time whence she will continue her trip around the world via Madagascari, India and Havre. From Havre she will come back to Canada and will probably go to Montreal.

NECESSITY FOR MORE PUBLICITY FOR N. B.

Other Subjects for Discussion by Immigration Congress include Railway Expansion from Upper Canada.

Among the subjects which have been suggested for discussion at the immigration congress to be held in Fredericton are: The necessity of greater publicity for the province. The desirability of running excursions from Ontario and Quebec to the Maritime Provinces. The establishment of a state bank to assist agricultural development. A protest against the harvest excursions with a view to making it as easy to get back east as to go west. The replies to invitations indicate that about 700 people will attend the congress.

West Hears of Boom.

Thomas Malcolm of the International Railway arrived in the city yesterday on a trip to the west. He reports the traffic on the International as being very good, and the railway's first season is a most encouraging one. No new development is planned for the present. The lumber cut around the North Shore, Mr. Malcolm said, has been very considerable this season, and operations are being conducted on a large scale. While in the west, he said, he heard much about St. John. The echo of the boom is resounding through the western provinces and New Brunswick and St. John are being mentioned as places of growing importance. Mr. Malcolm will leave for Campbellton tomorrow.

H. J. Smith left for Montreal last evening on a business trip.

CITY CHURCHES NOTE ON UNION

Calvin Church Favored Plan While St. Martin's Decided Against the Proposal by a Heavy Majority.

It was announced last evening that the congregation of Calvin Presbyterian church had voted in favor of church union. Although all the members of the church have not voted it was decided to open the ballot boxes and count the vote, when it was found that there were 45 votes for church union and 26 votes against. The complete returns of the vote in St. Martin's church were made up yesterday when 26 votes were recorded against union and only 11 votes for union. It was stated that about half the congregation of the Calvin Presbyterian church had voted on the question, and that the vote so far was about equally divided. St. Stephen's and St. John churches have polled large majorities against the union. The Methodist church corporations will vote on the question at their quarterly meetings this month, and the congregations will vote before April 1st. The Centenary church corporation will vote on Thursday.

LILY AFOAT AFTER LONG IMMERSION

Lifted to Surface by Means of Steam Scows and Derricks—Open Seams the Chief Damage.

Contractor Roberts, who was in charge of the work of raising the tug Lily, was successful on Saturday morning in bringing her to the surface and floating her. Diver Howard has in the past few days succeeded in putting the required timbers and slings under her with the result that last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the steam scows and derricks lifted her to the surface. The task of raising the tug was finished at seven o'clock in the evening and two large pumps were at once put to work with the result that at 10 o'clock the boat was floating. The tug James Holly was on hand to supply the necessary steam for the pumps, and after the Lily was clear of water it was found that her sinking was due to ice removing a quantity of oakum from the seams in the hull. After the workmen had stopped up these seams it was found that the water only gained one inch and a half in an hour. The inside of the house and hull of the Lily was thickly covered with mud, but beyond this the only damage done to the boat by her long immersion is that the top of the deck house has been smashed off. This was probably done when the tug rolled down the incline at the foot of which she was found. Speaking of the work last evening Contractor Roberts stated that he was greatly pleased with the work of Diver Howard, who, he thought, could have had the slings under the tug in four days if he had been on the work when it started. That Contractor Roberts is competent to speak on such matters is proved by the fact that the successful raising of the Lily makes the eighth job of this kind that he has brought to a successful conclusion. These are the days when there is not very much to engage the minds of the fairer sex, and when they should be looking after their future needs and attend to their spring and summer sewing. The opportunity afforded to buy materials at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s is worth taking advantage of. They are selling prints, white longcloths, sheetings, pillow cases, etc., at very attractive prices and it is a real money saving chance.

At Portland Y. M. A.

Before the Y. M. A. of Portland Street Methodist church yesterday afternoon Rev. H. E. Thomas gave an address on "The Soul Life of the Nation." The lecture was heard with appreciation by a large audience.

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THE "STERLING" RANGE. The "Sterling" Range, made by the Enterprise Foundry, has been on the market too long to need any introduction. If you don't use one yourself one of your friends or neighbors does—they must as there are some three or four hundred in use in this city alone. When we sell one we say, "If not satisfactory, send it back"—but they don't seem to want to. A salesman is at your disposal whenever you have time to look the "Sterling" over and see for yourself what this range really is. EMERSON & FISHER, LTD., 25 GERMAIN ST.

SALE OF Bungalow, Casement and Novelty Nets. The Latest Styles, Patterns and Weaves Offered at Prices Never Before Equalled in This City. For the Spring curtaining of apartments in town house, and for brightening up the suburban cottage, these rich appearing fabrics will be very popular. They will be wanted when Spring cleaning begins, so why not secure them now, while they are effected by the sweeping price reductions of this sale? It will not profit you to delay. A limited quantity only will be offered at sale figures. COMMENCING THIS MORNING. Macrame Nets, in cream and ecru, diamond and stripe patterns, good firm edges, double width. Sale price, yard 23c and 28c. Bungalow Nets, cream and ivory, diamond, stripe, honeycomb and other new patterns, double width. Sale price, yard 22c, 27c, 28c, 36c. Novelty Nets, in white, cream, ecru and Arabian shades, all new designs. Sale price, yard 30c to 45c. CURTAIN DEPT.—SECOND FLOOR.

Dress Skirts for Spring in Tweeds, Panamas, Serges and Black Voile. Fashion's dictates for the new season are amply demonstrated in this showing of new Spring Skirts. The handiwork of the expert tailor is evident in every garment, and variety is great enough to afford wide scope for choosing. TWEED SKIRTS, made in the newest designs, with high or regulation waist line; panel back. Some have separate pockets made of cloth to match skirt and attached to waist band by cord, furnishing a very smart appearance. The colors are dark and light greys, fawn mixtures, "stripes" and checks. Prices range from \$3.75 to \$7.50. SKIRTS IN PANAMA AND SERGE, navy, green, and black. Some are made in the new one sided effects, trimmed with silk fringe or buttons. A full range of ladies' sizes. Priced from \$6.25 to \$11.25. SKIRTS IN BLACK VOILE, plain, braided or trimmed with silk fringe. Some have fancy braided belts attached. Prices range from \$5.65 to \$13.50. Also some pretty new styles in Cream Serge, plain or button trimmed. COSTUME DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR. Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd.