

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

Hereafter the following charges will be made on reading notices inserted in The Standard: Church Notices, Sunday Services, 5c. per line of six words. Church Concerts, Church Festivals, Lodge Concerts and Notices, and all other notices of meetings, 10c. per line of six words. Double rates for back page. NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

British Mails. British mails via steamer New York will be here at noon today.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearing figures for the week ending today \$1,554,478. Corresponding week last year, \$1,444,584.

Owls Installation.

The installation of officers of the Order of Owls took place last night in their room, Union street. The names of the officers elected were published some days ago.

Board of Works.

A meeting of the board of works will be held this afternoon to prepare the estimates for the year, and deal with the question raised by the C. P. R. in protesting that the Empress of Britain was not to blame for running into the wharf at Sand Point, and that the C. P. R. should not be expected to pay for the damages.

N. B. Military Veterans.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Military Veterans' Association was held in their rooms in the market building last evening. During the evening the following officers were elected for the year: Caleb Belyea, president; Walter Knowles, vice-president; George Gorham, treasurer; Jas. Hunter, secretary; managing committee, Messrs. Buchanan, Alexander, Mitchell, Emery, McAfee and Winchester; sick committee, Messrs. Nixon and Adams. After the business was transacted refreshments were served during which the usual toasts were made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Annual Meeting of Brussels Street Baptist Sunday School Held Last Evening—School Active in Work.

The Sunday school of the Brussels street United Baptist church held its annual business meeting last evening. There was a good attendance and reports of the work of the past year were submitted by the various officers of the school. These reports showed the school to be in a prosperous condition. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: E. A. Belyea, superintendent; A. E. Jenner and Cecil Harding, assistant superintendents; Charles McFarlane, secretary; Ralph Fales, treasurer; Miss Maud Stillwell, superintendent of the primary department; Miss Nellie Reith, superintendent of home department; Mrs. J. N. Golding, Sr., superintendent of Chinese department; Mrs. Charles McFarlane, superintendent of temperance work; Miss Beryl Blanch, pianist; J. B. Golding, Jr., and Harold Olmstead, librarians.

In addition to the work already carried on the school voted to support a native worker in India. The work for the new year is being entered on with much enthusiasm.

REV. WILFRED GAETZ AND SCREEN QUESTION

In answer to the remarks from Rev. Mr. Robinson in yesterday's Standard Rev. Mr. Gaetz last night sent the following letter to The Standard: Editor of The Standard.

Sir—Allow me to give your readers what I did say in my address before the W. C. T. U. re unobstructed barrooms. In substance it was that while much could be said in favor of removal of screens and blinds, when I saw children and grown boys looking at a crowd of men lined up before a bar drinking, the question had often come to my mind whether it was not calculated to do them injury and make them more or less tolerant of the liquor traffic when they grew up. This was simply the other side—some people cannot see another side.

In the removal of screens and blinds there are advantages and disadvantages. I was not fully convinced that the former outweighed the latter. I do not find it easy to believe that a public exhibition of vice is the best way to inculcate and protect virtue. Yours sincerely, WILFRED GAETZ.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. J. McSkell arrived in the city last night on the Boston express returning from the country districts where they have been holding the church union elections.

Hon. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., arrived on the Boston express last night from Fredericton.

John Kelly, government inspector of light houses, arrived last night from St. Andrews.

William H. Enis, of Boston, arrived last night on a business trip and is at the Dufferin.

W. F. Carroll, formerly of St. Stephen, but now of Quebec, is in the city on a business trip, and is meeting many of his old friends.

Christmas Treat.

St. Paul's S. S. Christmas treat will be given this evening in the school house, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Prince William Hotel—St. John's New Hotel.

F. G. SPENCER SECURES OPERA HOUSE LEASE

Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Last Evening, was Protracted and Lively One—Three Offers Received.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera Company held last evening was the most largely attended, and by all odds, the most spirited in the history of the theatre. It was decided to lease the house to Fred G. Spencer for a term of five years from February 1st next but the decision was only reached after a meeting which lasted from 8.30 to after eleven o'clock.

There were more than 50 shareholders represented in person or by proxy at the meeting and the proceedings were lively from the start.

Prior to the meeting it had been stated that there would be opposition to all the offers and directors, but this did not materialize. O. G. Skinner presided and the report of the president and directors showed that the operations for the past year had been fairly successful and after all expenses had been paid, there was a small balance on hand.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted in the choice of A. O. Skinner for president; Dr. G. A. B. Aday, for first vice-president, and S. P. Gerow, 2nd vice-president. The following directors were elected: Enoch W. Paul, A. E. McGinley, John Ross, T. A. Linton, John E. Wilson, M. P. P.; D. O'Connell, and H. H. Pickett.

The question as to whether the house should be leased or operated by the directors and a manager appointed by them, was taken up and on motion of S. P. Gerow, seconded by A. E. McGinley, it was decided that the house should be leased. The meeting was then declared open for bids and three were received. These were from W. S. Hartings, F. G. Spencer and Torrey and Winter, who were represented at the meeting by Mr. Frederic Winter. Mr. Spencer was present in his own interests, while W. S. Hartings was represented by Thomas A. Linton.

There was considerable discussion as to the bids and some of it was rather lively. Mr. Hartings' bid was declared out of order, as he applied for the lease of property not owned by the Opera House Company, and the vote narrowed down to Mr. Spencer and Mr. Winter. In this Mr. Spencer was successful, winning out after a ballot had been taken.

The question of revising the by-laws of the company was then taken up and the directors were authorized to amend the by-laws to meet existing conditions and submit them to a meeting of the shareholders to be held on the first Thursday in April.

After the meeting it was stated that the result might involve a very pretentious struggle in St. John. Mr. Winter, in conversation with a Standard representative, said he considered he had not been fairly used and if he could procure the land, he would open a theatre in this city in opposition to the Opera House.

Mr. Spencer, the new lessee of the Opera House, refused to make any statement of policy, when seen last evening. He stated merely that he would run the theatre in the line that seemed most profitable to him; that he was not anxious for a theatrical war, but that if it came, he would take care of himself.

The managing committee and secretary and treasurer were not elected last evening, but a special meeting of the directors of the Opera House Company will be held on Monday afternoon for this purpose.

TRADES AND LABOR MEN ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Walter Allingham Now Heads Trades and Labor Council—Convention to Organize Labor Party January 9th.

The annual meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, was held last night in the Longshoremen's Association Hall, Water street, and the following officers were elected: W. Allingham, president; Thomas Wilcox, vice-president; A. Dever, secretary; H. H. Coates, financial secretary; M. J. Burns, treasurer; G. Redmore, sergeant at arms; J. C. Merrill, C. G. Langbein, W. J. Kyle, labor party committee; W. Allingham, A. Dever, J. C. Merrill, press committee. It was decided that a convention of the delegates from the various unions, interested in forming an independent labor party, be held Tuesday evening, January 9th, at the Typographical hall.

THE COUNTY JAIL IS BECOMING POPULAR

Ninety-two Persons Behind the Bars Last Night—Jail is Well Filled at Present.

The county jail has been almost overcrowded with prisoners for some weeks and some of the cells are jammed full. If the prisoners keep arriving in jail at the same rate as they have been recently, Sheriff deForest and the warden will hardly be able to take care of them all. The jail has probably never been so crowded as it is at the present time.

Yesterday afternoon there were 92 prisoners in the jail and nine of this number were women. Yesterday afternoon and last night ten drunks were gathered in by the police, making a total of 92 persons behind the bars last night.

In the past four days there have been 29 persons arrested, 20 of these being for drunkenness.

D. C. Nixon, representing the Canadian Firm, Toronto, was in the city yesterday.

POMERANIAN'S CAPTAIN DEAD, BURIED AT SEA

Capt. John Henderson of Str Pomeranian, Which Arrived Yesterday, Died at Sea on December 20th.

The Allan line steamship Pomeranian, which left Partridge Island last evening from London and Havre, Captain John Henderson died on the passage, Dec. 30th, death being due to acute pneumonia. He was, at his own request, buried at sea. The captain, on leaving the other side took a heavy cold, which developed into pneumonia. The sad event cast a gloom over the ship and when burial at sea took place, there were few dry eyes aboard.

Captain John Henderson was well known at this port and he had many friends along the harbor front. He was of a jovial nature, and true to a fault. His home is in Scotland, and he was about 45 years old, and leaves a wife and one child.

The Pomeranian brought out about 30 passengers. Captain John Henderson had been with the Pomeranian for some time, trading between Montreal and London in the summer and from St. John in the winter. He always had a good word to say about St. John, and his many friends about the city, send deepest sympathy to the family in Scotland.

The Pomeranian's trip across the Atlantic was uneventful, which probably caused the captain to be on the bridge most of his time, where he caught cold and, it might be said, died at his post.

The Pomeranian will come up her berth this morning at the West Side.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON S.S. MT. TEMPLE

Thomas Fitzgerald of North End Had Both Legs Broken and Other Men Sustained Slighter Injuries.

There was a serious accident on board the C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple at No. 1 berth, Sand Point about 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and while four men were injured, it is a wonderful thing they were not all killed. As it is, Thomas Fitzgerald is in the general public hospital with both legs broken, Arthur J. Martin, of High street, North End, is suffering from a badly sprained ankle and a lame back, Jeremiah Sullivan, of Dock street, and Fred Morton, of the North End are suffering from injuries to the legs and back.

The Mount Temple arrived yesterday morning from Antwerp with 6900 tons of cargo, the largest general cargo to arrive this season, and as soon as she was docked at No. 1 berth a large gang of laborers were put to work discharging.

Working below in No. 7 hatch were James Fitzgerald, A. J. Martin, Edward Morton and Jeremiah Sullivan, while on the landing stage were Thomas Fitzgerald and William Nelson. Between the hatch combing and the landing stage were piled a number of Irish covers to make it level. The ship was off from the wharf some distance to the east of the wharf. A sling of cargo had been landed and Thomas Fitzgerald and William Nelson were standing on the hatches at the end of the stage waiting to receive and land another sling. Below in the hatch James Fitzgerald, Morton, Sullivan and Martin were engaged in placing a strap about a large case of goods when the ship was caught by the current and surged in against the wharf. This caused the slings to push the hatch covers over the combing with Thomas Fitzgerald and Nelson with them. Nelson jumped and caught the hoisting fall and saved himself from falling into the hatch. Thomas Fitzgerald was not so fortunate, nor were the men below, as the hatches fell on them.

James Fitzgerald was the first to get on his feet and he saw his nephew Thomas, lying unconscious and badly injured. It was first thought that Thomas Fitzgerald had been killed. He was carried to the deck and then to one of the cabins and the other injured men were also assisted to the cabin where they were attended by the ship's surgeon.

There was a hurry call for the ambulance and Thomas Fitzgerald was taken to the general public hospital where the two broken legs were set. Arthur Martin and Jeremiah Sullivan were conveyed to their homes in a coach, while Fred Morton was able to walk home.

The two Fitzgeralds reside on Main street, North End. Sullivan will be about again in a few days, as will James Fitzgerald, but it will be some time before the general public will be well enough for him to leave his home. Inquiry at the hospital was made last night and the doctor in charge stated that Thomas Fitzgerald's injuries were only the broken legs and would not prove fatal.

Attractions At Dykeman's.

F. A. Dykeman and Co. have decided to close out the balance of their children's coats at prices that will permit any to supply their child with a warm comfortable coat for the balance of the winter, prices reduced about half. They also announce a special purchase of silk undershirts which they will be able to sell at \$3.99 and which are worth \$6.00. These are in colors and black and are made from the best weaving silk. This offer provides you with a silk undershirt which will give grace to the wearer that cannot be attained in any other way. This particular skirt is made to give service and please the owner.

Sackville Fire Department.

Frank R. Fairweather, agent, for the well known American La France Fire Engine Company has an order to supply the Sackville fire department with a large hand-chemical fire engine. The utility of chemical engines for prompt fire extinguishment is becoming better known every year.

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Sale of Boys' School Suits. A Sharply Marked Down Offering of Nobbiest Two and Three-Piece Styles—An Exceptional Chance to Return Boys to Studies Newly Outfitted. Vacation time is always rough on clothes and there are many lively chaps now that need new suits before returning to school. This sale will be welcome news to mothers of these little men, because it means just as good, serviceable and as stylish suits as we always sell—only offered at a great deal less than regular prices. Commencing This Morning. TWO-PIECE SUITS, the neatest of Tweeds and Worsteds in new fawns, greys and brown. Coats double breasted and with plain back and vent; others made straight with belt and yoke; to be worn with either straight or bloomer pants. Sale prices from \$3.30 to \$6.00. THREE-PIECE SUITS, decidedly fashionable appearing models. Double breasted styles in durable Worsteds and Tweeds, shades of brown, grey and fawn, plain and in stripe and check patterns. Sale prices \$3.50 to \$10.80. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

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