

AROUND THE CITY

Spectacles Found. A pair of spectacles found on Dock street Saturday by the police can be had by the owner applying at the central police station.

A Glove Found. The person who lost a glove on Mecklenburg street Saturday can receive the property by applying at central police station.

Grand Ship's Concert. Grand concert in the Seaman's Institute tonight at eight. Chairman Dr. H. P. Jamieson of the Dominion liner Letitia. Admission 10 cents.

A Runaway. Saturday morning a horse owned by D. J. Purdy ran away on Smythe street and was not captured until it reached Main street. The wagon was considerably damaged.

Police Officer Found Ring. A lady's ring found in the East Side ferry house on Saturday was handed to Policeman Howard and the owner can receive it on application at the central station.

Quiet in Police Circles. There was a lull in police circles Saturday when excellent work done was gathered in by the officers. The central station blotter was blank yesterday which was also rather unusual.

Police as Bouncers. About 6.30 o'clock Saturday evening Officers Crawford and Powers were called into Mrs. McCormick's boarding house on Princess street to eject a man who was not wanted there.

Goos to Norton-Griffiths Co. E. O. Leahy, who has for some time been superintendent of the Martime Dredging Company, has accepted a similar position with the Norton Griffiths Company.

Weather Interferes With Buoy Work. The steamer Lansdowne has been for some time waiting for a chance to replace the Old Proprietor and South West Ledge off Brier Island buoys, but the bad weather has made it impossible to do the work.

American Steam Laundry. The proprietors of the American Steam Laundry wish to notify their customers that the fire which destroyed their building yesterday will not interfere with their work, and that their drivers will call as usual for parcels.

Found Door Glass Broken. Early yesterday morning the police found the glass broken in the door of Thomas Satt's dry goods store on the corner of Hanover and Brussels streets. The proprietor of the store was notified and the break was repaired.

The Street Railway Extension. The directors of the street railway will hold a meeting today to consider the proposition of the city in reference to the extension of the tracks to Kane's Corner. The city wants the company to place the pavements between the tracks as far as Kane's corner, and also the side next Haymarket Square.

Cinderella Club Assembly. Tomorrow evening the Cinderella Club will hold an assembly in the A. O. H. rooms on Union street. The chaperons are Mesdames Harry Atchison, J. Sheehan, Wm. H. O'Neill, J. Noonan, Chas. Martin. The committee is composed of Harry Atchison, James P. Martin, Wm. H. O'Neill, E. J. Noonan, F. J. Kealey, B. Harrington, T. M. Pope, C. Murphy.

Presentation to Rev. M. F. McCutcheon. The brotherhood of Brussels street church one day last week presented their teacher, Rev. M. F. McCutcheon, with a valuable rocker, showing their esteem towards him. Mr. McCutcheon received the gift with a hearty acknowledgment of thankfulness and was given a most agreeable surprise.

Seaman's Institute. A very successful temperance meeting was held in the Institute on Saturday evening. A large number of sailors attended. Mrs. J. Seymour was in the chair and the Rev. Mr. Ruddle addressed the men. A bright musical programme was given and coffee and cake served at the close. Sunday evening's service was conducted by the Rev. L. A. McLean.

Temporary Change in Management. W. L. Osborne, manager of The Maritime Legal Process Co., has been called to the states on account of the sickness of his wife, who is expected to live. Stanley S. Poole, who has one half interest in the business will carry on the business through his absence, which will be several weeks.

Life Underwriters Meet. The Life Underwriters' Association of New Brunswick held their annual meeting on Saturday in Bond's, when W. B. Scarriff, retiring president, entertained the members at lunch. New officers were elected as follows: President, F. S. Farris, Excelsior Life; vice-president, C. A. Owens, Federal; secretary, R. L. Sipprell, Dominion; treasurer, W. W. Titus, National; executive, W. B. Scarriff, London; G. W. Merritt, Great West; J. W. V. Lawlor, New York; G. C. Jordan, Sun; P. A. Bohan, Metropolitan. The membership was reported to be increasing, and there were good reports from committees.

Typographical Union Officers. At the regular meeting of St. John Typographical Union, No. 85, held on Saturday evening, January 4th, in the union rooms, Opera House building, the following officers were elected and installed: J. C. Merrill, president; James Case, vice-president; F. W. Stanton, rec. and cor. secretary; H. T. Campbell, fin. secretary and treasurer; P. Stubbs, sergeant-at-arms; executive committee, E. L. Sage, Geo. McCafferty, J. Longson, J. Thompson, Geo. L. P. Swick, W. D. Essington; local audit committee, Wm. Coates, W. D. Essington, W. Gorman; I. T. U. audit committee, F. Stubbs, A. Keller, F. Fisher; label committee, W. D. Essington, E. W. McBride, Geo. Maxwell; delegates to trade and labor council, Wm. Coates, J. C. Merrill, A. Barton; trustees, Geo. Maxwell, W. D. Essington, John Longson.

THREE FIRES YESTERDAY TOTALLED \$25,000 DAMAGE

Early Morning Blaze Guttled American Laundry Building and Damaged Buildings in Rear-- Seven Forest Street Families Burned Out Yesterday Afternoon--Third Fire in Empty Car.

The fire department had their work cut out for them yesterday for, in the morning and afternoon, there were two big fires which resulted in a total loss of about \$25,000. On this there is about \$15,000 insurance, and while the loss as quoted above is only for the direct damage done by fire, water and smoke, the indirect loss to business, etc., will amount to a larger figure. At 3.30 o'clock in the morning fire was discovered in the American Laundry, on Charlotte street, and the blaze had such a start before the alarm was sent in that it was only by the excellent work of Chief Keor and his men that the fire was confined to the laundry building, and the smaller building adjoining, occupied by Walter A. Lordly, upholsterer and furniture repairer, 82 Charlotte; G. Fred Fisher and Co., roofers, 94 Charlotte street, and the Tudhope Motor Co., 86 Charlotte street. The laundry occupied the building 98-102 Charlotte street.

It was after seven o'clock before the firemen were enabled to leave the burned buildings, and the fire has been extinguished. The total loss to these premises is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$18,000 on which there was insurance of about \$15,000. In the afternoon at 3.50 o'clock, fire was discovered in Thomas Dean's residence on Forest street, with the result that the residences of Mr. Dean and John Davis were badly damaged with an estimated loss of about \$5,000 and on the whole there was about \$1,000 insurance. Last evening, about 8 o'clock, the West Side department was called out by an alarm from box 314 for a fire in an armoured refrigerator car, in the C. P. R. yard, on Union street, Sand Point. The car was empty and was damaged to the extent of about \$500, covered by insurance.

A Spectacular Blaze. The fire in the American laundry and adjoining buildings was by far the most spectacular fire of them all. It is not definitely known just how it started. The laundry owners claim that it did not start in their building and it is believed to have started in the Lordly premises, but that is only a matter of opinion.

About 11.30 o'clock Saturday evening the last man in the laundry was about the premises and gates at that time there was no sign of fire. About 1 o'clock yesterday morning the rear of the laundry was awakened and smelled smoke. He looked about his home and could not discover any sign of fire. This man was again awakened about 3.30 o'clock by smoke and, putting his clothing on, he went out to see if there was any fire in the vicinity of his home. About this time a man walking along Charlotte street discovered the fire and sent in an alarm from box 24. As the fire apparatus neared the scene, the flames broke out through the roof and windows of the laundry, and shot high in the air, brightly illuminating the sky.

On the arrival of the firemen it was seen at a glance that the fire was a very bad one, and a second alarm was quickly sent in which brought more apparatus and men. The laundry building was a two story structure in the front, and in the rear, where the machinery was kept, was a long one story building. The Tudhope Motor Co. occupied a one story display shop on Charlotte street, adjoining the laundry, and in the rear of the motor company premises is a long two story structure occupied, on the top floor by the G. Fred Fisher Company, while the upper section is occupied by Walter A. Lordly.

With the fire breaking through the roof, windows and sides of the laundry building, and then working its way into the Lordly and Fisher premises, all three places were on fire when the firemen arrived. Gale Made it More Difficult. A forty mile an hour wind was blowing at the time and this aided the fire in gaining headway and made it more difficult for the firemen to fight. No. 3 engine was placed on Princess street. No. 2 engine on the corner of Charlotte and Princess streets and No. 1 engine on Charlotte street near the laundry corner, while the invincible nozzle, attached to No. 3 hose wagon was stationed in front of the laundry building. In very quick time the firemen had good streams of water pouring on the fire from the front, the rear and both sides. The heat and smoke were very bad for a time and made the work of the firemen all the harder.

While streams were worked from the front on Charlotte street, others were worked on the rear having been taken in the alley south of the laundry and also over the roofs of buildings on Princess street. As the flames shot high in the air, and the sparks and burning embers were carried by the heavy wind, the fire, at the start, looked as if the firemen would be unable to confine it to the premises in which it started. Many thought it would surely sweep through and destroy the residences and barns in the rear of the laundry and then on through to Sydney street and to St. David's church, also to Short's stables and the residence on Princess street. There was plenty of water for the firemen to work with and the members of the department proved their worth in the way they fought the flames.

Smoke and Water Damage. While the front office of the laundry was not burned, it was badly damaged by smoke and water. The linen room on the ground floor, facing on Charlotte street was saved from fire, but, like the office, was badly flooded with water, the contents soaked, and, in many cases, destroyed. The flames gutted the upper section of the laundry and swept through the long machinery building in the rear. In fact,

EMPERESS OF BRITAIN HAD ROUGH TRIP

Terrific Westerly Gales and High Seas Made Voyage Long to be Remembered--Passengers for States.

The R. M. S. Empress of Britain, Commander J. A. Murray, arrived in port about half past eight last evening from Liverpool via Halifax and docked at Sand Point. Those on board report the voyage one long to be remembered, a succession of terrific westerly gales at times practically amounting to hurricanes accompanied by enormous seas making it very exciting and at times dangerous. At different periods during the trip it required all the knowledge and able seamanship of the officers to keep the giant liner on her course. One of the officers in conversation with a Standard reporter said that during his career as a sailor he had never passed through such a voyage, the high wind and sea causing many moments of anxiety, especially among the passengers, all of whom were glad to reach port safe and sound.

One passenger when speaking to a Standard reporter said that he wasn't ashamed to say he was scared more than once and that on several occasions he thought he would never see land again. From Liverpool to Halifax and again from Halifax to this port the journey was but a succession of gales which at times succeeded the storm to roll and plunge in such a terrifying manner that we all thought the ship was about to sink. On New Year's Day and indeed on several other occasions, said this gentleman, the sea rose to such a height that it became necessary for the officers to order the hatches closed and battened down, the sensation of being locked in a tomb adding greatly to the general fright. New Year's Day, however, was the worst of the trip and until noon we were sure that all on board would never see the blue sky again, and at one time the stern of the ship, was under water for three minutes.

Besides a good cargo the Empress of Britain brought over 600 passengers, divided as follows: 47 saloon, 181 second cabin and 368 third class. Of these 28 first, 4 second and 20 third class were landed at Halifax, as were the 2,300 sacks of mail and 760 parcels post. Of the passengers landed here two saloon, five second and 82 third class will go to the United States.

Despite the rough weather the ship's doctor, W. P. Gale, M. D., C. M., performed a successful operation on one of the passengers during the voyage.

Loss and Insurance. The loss on the three storey house owned by Thomas Dean is estimated at about \$2,500, which is only partially covered by insurance. The three occupants of the house, George Gaillon, Robert Tennant and Mrs. Walker had no insurance, as far as could be learned.

The adjoining house on Forest street which was owned by John Davis, was insured for about four hundred dollars. While both houses were badly gutted by fire and damaged by smoke and water, neither was totally destroyed. The tenants in the Davis house were J. Kimball, William J. Ingraham and John G. Parlee, also uninsured.

The fire is supposed to have originated in the rear of the corner house. The Kimball family, who occupied the top floor of the adjoining house on Forest street, received the first intimation of the fire by the crackling noise from the rear of the kitchen. On investigation they found the hallway filled with smoke, and at the rear of the house smoke was pouring between the partition which separated the two houses.

In the meantime the fire had been noticed in the Dean house, and an alarm sent in from box 412. When the firemen had arrived they found what appeared to be a blaze of ordinary proportions. Fed on the frame work of the houses and fanned by the brisk wind the fire soon spread, and a second alarm was sent in after the firemen had been working for nearly half an hour. Meantime the fire had gained dangerous headway and a third alarm brought additional equipment.

Starting on the top floor the fire spread rapidly and in a short time had worked a way through to the roof also penetrating the adjoining house on Forest street and also a large frame-ell which was under construction as an addition to the Dean house. The strong wind helped the blaze and required about eight streams of water to quench it.

Fire Zone Restricted. The firemen succeeded, however, in restricting the fire to the upper portion of both houses. The water and smoke, however, poured down through the floors and prevented the tenants from saving much of their effects. After an hour and a half of work the fire had been extinguished. The water pressure in the locality was excellent and this contributed to keep the damage down. A high wind was blowing and the buildings in the neighborhood, being nearly all wooden, everything looked favorable for a while for a disastrous fire.

The year of 1913 certainly started in as a lively one for the fire department on the East Side of the harbor has been called out on no less than twelve occasions in the past few days. A fire in the warehouse of J. H. Poole, off Nelson street, necessitated three alarms, the fire yesterday morning two alarms, and the fire yesterday afternoon three alarms. These, with other calls made a total of 16 alarms during the five days.

In addition to these the West Side department was called out by two or three alarms.

The number of alarms for the past five days on the East Side of the harbor is greatly in excess of the whole month of January of last year when there were only nine alarms.

Notice to Laundry Workers. The employees of the American Steam Laundry are requested to report for work at the company's office, 98 Charlotte street, as usual this morning.

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