

AROUND THE CITY

Specialists Elect Officers. A meeting of the Socialist party was held last evening and officers for the year were elected.

Drill Pay. No. 4 battery N. B. Artillery will meet tomorrow night at their armory for return of equipment and to receive pay.

Y. M. C. A. Basketball. The meeting of the Y. M. C. A. inside basketball league in the association building last evening was postponed till next Tuesday evening, as the representatives from Millisfield did not put in an appearance.

A Welcome Shower. Many of the young friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McAvoy called at their home in the Chipman department store last evening and gave them a shower. The presents ranged from a diamond necklace to a cake of soap.

Military Association. The members of the N. B. Military Association are requested to assemble at 129 Princess street this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late comrade, George P. Thompson.

The Magee Wharf Property. A meeting of the committee of the city council appointed to consider the proposition to purchase the Magee Wharf property next the East Side ferry flats, was held yesterday afternoon. After the meeting, which was private, the chairman, Ald. Smith said the committee had not come to any decision.

Extent of Damage. In connection with the fire in the McLaughlin building on Sunday, the losses have been appraised as follows: by E. H. Fairweather: Brock & Peterson, about \$5,000; Climo studio, a total loss; Horace Brown, \$750; Sign O' Lantern, \$335; Neilson, \$100, while the building is \$3,245. The damage incurred by the Canadian Rubber Company has not been appraised as yet.

Y. M. C. A. Notes. The cabinet of the boys' department met in the association building last evening and discussed departmental plans for the new year. Among other things it was decided to hold a skating party and a skating carnival during the winter. About 25 members of the boys' department met. J. McKinnon at the Yarmouth landing last evening and accorded him a hearty welcome home.

True Blue L. O. L. True Blue L. O. L. No. 11, of West End, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Wm. Cunningham, W. M.; Thomas Ferguson, D. M.; James Jack, chaplain; Wm. J. Smith, R. S.; R. J. Anderson, F. S.; Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, treasurer; John Maxwell, D. C.; Samuel Ferguson, lecturer; Wm. W. Donohoe, deputy loc.; Alfred Burley, F. of C.; Thomas Maxwell, Isaac McLeod, Fred McLeod, key and chip sweet, committee; David Maxwell, I. T.; Thos. Maxwell, O. T.

I. O. Foresters. Court La Tour, No. 125, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: E. O. Macquid, C. P. J. W.; E. J. Todd, R. S.; G. W. Currie, F. S.; Dr. J. Manning, Treas.; Rev. W. Lawson, Grand W.; J. McKenzie, S. W.; S. L. Andrews, J. W.; L. S. Peters, S. B.; K. O. House, J. B.; J. A. Stephenson, J. P.; C. R.; J. M. Scovell, J. C.; B. C. R.; L. A. McAlpine, Physician; N. J. Thomas, L. S. Peters, trustees; M. E. Grass, A. A. Wilson, Fin. committee.

A New Dramatic Club. The members of the cast of "The Servant in the House," a play which they presented with much success some months ago, met last evening and organized as The Loyalist Dramatic Club. If arrangements can be made, two performances of "The Servant in the House" will be given in the Opera House early in January. It is the intention of the club to enter with this play for the Dominion Dramatic Competition, which is open to all the provinces and will be held at Ottawa next April.

Drawing of Oil Paintings. The 11th annual distribution of oil paintings in P. H. C. Miles' art studio took place in the afternoon and the three principal winners were as follows: The first prize was a View on the Jensen at Noon, and the winner was John McGowan. The second prize, View on Gagetown Intercity at Night, was won by Mrs. John Magee. The third prize was a View of Martello Tower in the Morning, and this was won by F. C. Godsoe. The pictures are valued at \$50 each and are beautiful pieces of art. The names of the other picture drawers, but the above were the principal ones.

Value of Prayer. Rev. Frederick James Patton addressed a meeting in St. Andrew's church last evening on the place of prayer in the life of the church and men. He told a number of stories, showing the power of prayer in building up a church and strengthening the influence of the clergyman, and went on to point out how men like Gladstone and Lincoln, sought guidance to prayer in the great ordeals of their lives. He said the poets testified to the power of prayer, especially Tennyson, whose poems were an outpouring of his soul. Mr. Patton's address given in simple and unaffected language, with a wealth of illustration and quotation, was much appreciated by the audience.

Late Comers. The last ocean steamers have brought P. A. Dykeman & Co. some tardy Christmas goods, and in order to rush them off before Christmas, the goods have been priced most attractively. Among those to arrive are Christmas Cushion Covers, All-over Lace Waists, Silk Collars, and Belts, any of which would make suitable gifts, and can be had at a great saving.

A Valuable Present. An accident and sickness policy makes one of the best Christmas presents to give any one; it will last a whole year, and may prove of the greatest benefit. The latest sickness and accident policies are issued at the office of Frank R. Fairweather, 12 Sutherland street.

Prince William Hotel, St. John's new hotel.

PROVIDING CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR ST. JOHN'S POOR

What Various Organizations Throughout the City are Doing to Spread the Gospel of Good Will Towards Men - Keeping the Pot Boiling - The Work of the Associated Charities.

Christmas is coming and Santa Claus who does not always wear the glib he affects when he appears in the windows along King street, is as busy as a swarm of bees in a clover field in bloom. The genial old gentleman with whiskers is no respecter of persons. Here in St. John he is buying automobiles and tin whistles, diamond necklaces and woolen mitts, and at the same time he is arranging to bring cheer into the homes of the poor and provide free dinners for the homeless. Into his service he has enlisted the churches, the Sunday school children, the Salvation Army, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and many other organizations, stimulating the generous impulses of the people, impelling them to give of their abundance to wards the entertainment of the poor of the city on Christmas Day.

The people of St. John are very generous at this season of the year, said the lady in charge of the bureau of Associated Charities. "They give very freely when they know there is need for giving, but many good people do not know that there are poor in the city suffering grievously for the necessities of life. Nevertheless, we have the poor with us always, and it is well that Christmas with its outpouring of gifts comes at this time of the year, for this is the hardest time of the year for the poor. Industrial operations are usually restricted; employment is scarce in these lines; and though the winter provides considerable employment for the men, enough work to go round. Even the men in the union don't begin to get full time, and lots of men do not have enough money to join the union. This winter there seems to be a dearth of work for women, though at this season the stores take on extra hands. "One thing can be said of the poor of St. John, and that is that they are very proud. Only those familiar with charity work have any idea what the poor will suffer, rather than humiliate themselves by asking for relief. Now and then a few get hardened and try to systematically exploit the charitable impulses of the people, but such efforts are unusual. The number of direct applications for relief are limited. Most of the cases with which we have to do are brought to our attention by neighbors who ask us to visit families whom they know are in need. "Then there seems to be a great deal of sickness among the poor of the city this winter. The cause of this, well, there are many people who have to live in very unhealthy dwellings, and then there is the lack of nutrition. People who do not get enough to eat of the right kind of food are very susceptible to disease. Anybody would be, I think. They may get along in summer, but when the cold weather arrives, with its extra strain on their vitalities, they sicken. Some of the dwellings in which the poor of the city live are merely underground cellars. It is a shame that there are so many places where the poor exist which you can not by any stretch of imagination call homes. "There are a good many vacant homes in the city. But with the cost of living so high the poor cannot afford decent lodgings, and have to put

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For Balance of the Week, All M. R. A. Stores Will be Open Evenings Until Ten o'clock.

The Great Sale of Dressed Dolls Will Be Continued This Morning

These dolls must all be disposed of before Christmas and to accomplish this, they have been reduced to almost half the former prices. These are certainly the most remarkable doll bargains you have ever had an opportunity to select, but quick acceptance will be desirable to secure the best of them. Comical Character Dolls. Dolls of all Nations. Beautiful Lifelike Dolls. Sale Prices:--25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 up. In the Millinery Room—Second floor.

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OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH PROSPECTS OF EFFECTIVE SYSTEM

Frederick, Dec. 20.—W. W. Hubbard, secretary for agriculture, who attended the conference on immigration at St. John, yesterday, made the following statement today: "The officials of the department of agriculture are very much pleased with the prospects for the establishment of a systematic and effective policy of immigration for New Brunswick. Arthur Hawkes showed a thorough grasp of the situation, and contributed valuable suggestions to the conference. "Briefly, it may be stated, that the policy advised upon by the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia representatives, with Mr. Hawkes, was that the provinces would undertake to look after the immigrants when they arrived, and the Dominion government to do all necessary work to attract desirable settlers from countries of origin. "It was understood that both provinces would be represented on the staff of the Dominion office in London, and it was suggested that all the provinces should have offices in one large building in London. "Mr. Hawkes will embody the information he received in a report to the minister of Interior, after visiting the Old Country."

PERSONAL.

Miss Myrtle Vanwart returned yesterday from Acadia to spend the holidays with her family. Miss Rae Wilson returned from Acadia college yesterday and will spend her vacation at her home here. Miss Blanche Coes, arrived home from Acadia, Wolfville, yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays with her parents on the West Side. Mrs. J. W. Vanwart returned by the C. P. R. yesterday from Lafayette, Indiana, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Bell. Miss Marion Palmer, daughter of Rev. Lee A. Palmer, of Kamloops, B. C., came over from Wolfville last evening and will spend the holidays with her uncle, A. U. Sully, 234 Duke street.

ECHO OF WAR ON SAN FRANCISCO WHARF

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—A movement has been started here by the Chinese Kung Tong, the Chinese freemasons, to aid the revolution by a sacrifice of personal property. A despatch from Canton received here today tells of a clash between imperialist sympathizers and republicans on the water front of that city. The imperialists lost twenty men, drowned or captured, while six of the republicans were wounded, it was stated.

WINNERS OF PRIZES.

In the rooms of St. Vincent de Paul Society, last evening, the drawing of the prizes in connection with the cathedral high tea was held. The gold watch offered to the lady disposing of the largest number of tickets was won by Mrs. John Holland, St. Patrick street, who sold 582 tickets. Two valuable paintings were drawn; one was won by Miss Mamie Harrington, 15 Long Wharf, while the other "A Scene in Normandy" was won by J. P. Barrett, East St. John. The other prizes and winners were: Fancy Table—1st prize, pair of blankets, Mrs. D. Boyce, Daugesset avenue, (No. 96); 2nd prize, steamer trunk, Mrs. P. J. O'Keefe, Waterloo street, (No. 42); 3rd prize, sofa cushion, K. C. Maher, 17 Golding street, (No. 193); 4th prize, coffee set, T. P. Regan, Orange street; 5th prize, lady's hat, J. O. Hanlon, Fairville, (Chance lottery); set of meat carvers, Margaret Carroll, Waterloo street; amethyst rosary, D. O'Neil, St. David street; brass vase, Miss Maher, 31 Waterloo street; books, W. Hayes, 227 Thorne avenue; set of fish carvers, Mrs. Louis McDonald, 271 Rockland road; prayer book, Miss Mary Powers, 510 Princess street; brass jardiniere, Peter Frink, 100 St. John street; 6th prize, 1st, sideboard, J. McNeill, 28 Cliff street; 2nd, china tea set, C. W. Anderson, 30 St. Andrew's street; 3rd, bronze statue, Miss M. Doherty, 23 St. Patrick street; 4th, gent's slippers, Francis Barry, Park hotel. The prizes on the candy table were won by Harry McNulty, Mill St., and B. McCarthy, Bond street. The former won the toll and the latter a pair of skates.

The Marr Millinery Co. received a shipment of Handkerchiefs yesterday that should have arrived a month ago. In order to sell them by Saturday night, they have marked them at 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, and 10c each. There are \$40 in all, and at these low prices should go quickly.

Could you find a lady who does not want a Hand Bag. The Marr Millinery Co. are showing a large and beautiful assortment in velvet, plush and satin, in black and colors, also solid leather and leather lined from \$1.50 to \$6.00 each, with long or short handles.

Carleton Open Air Rink will open Thursday, and Friday night and Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 15 cents. Ask for Frank White's own make hard mixture. "Don't" ice cream soda is good.