AROUND THE CITY

NO STANDARD TOMORROW.

The Standard will not be published on Christmas morning.

Drunk and Resisting.

Norman McDonald was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk and violently resisting the police, on Water street.

Broke Large Window.

Yesterday afternoon Edward McDonald accidentally fell on the ice while passing William McIntyre's premises on Water street, and broke one of the windows.

Condition Serious.

The condition of Mr. Bosford, who was injured yesterday by falling from the Empress, was last night reported to be unchanged. He was still unconscious.

Charged With Desertion.

About 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Ole Olsen, a Norwegian, was given in charge of Sergt. Baxter by Capt. A. C. Hardin, of the schooner Wm. C. Dunn, and is charged with desertion from the schooner, he being an articled seaman.

The Cannon Were Returned.

John McKelvey, of Paradise Row, who had two model cannon from the old warship Alert stolen from him sometime ago, was pleasantly surprised last evening when on returning home he found the missing articles in a box in his porch.

An Accident in Church.

The Carmarthen street church was the scene of a curious accident on Sunday evening. While the preacher was delivering his sermon the boiler of the heating apparatus blew up with a bang. But nobody was hurt, and the damage was of such a nature that it will not take much to repair it.

Quiet on The North Shore.

"Things are quiet on the North Shore," said James Robinson, who was at the Royal yesterday. "The lumber companies are not carrying on operations on a very large scale this winter. As to the weather, well, we have had some cold weather, but there is no more snow than you have in St. John."

Heavy Travel.

All trains coming to the city yesterday were late, due to the heavy rush of passengers journeying to their homes to spend Christmas. The Montreal train was two hours late, the Boston an hour and twenty minutes and the Maritime an hour and a quarter, while the Pacific express from Halifax was one hour and forty minutes late. Owing to the extraordinary rush of passengers going to the upper provinces this train was sent out in two sections.

The End of the Book.

About half a dozen arrests were made by the police yesterday afternoon and night, and their names and charges pretty well fill up the last page on the police blotter and a new book will have to be placed on the desk this morning. The present book was started on Oct. 22nd, 1910, and since that time a great number of men and women have had their names registered there. The charges have been widely diversified, but the greater number were for drunkenness.

King Edward Lodge Officers.

Officers of King Edward Lodge No. 30, 'Prentice Boys, organization, were elected at last evening's meeting as follows: W. M., L. E. Rolston; D. M., Samuel Ferguson; chaplain, Walter Spencer; treasurer, A. L. Belyea; fin. secy., Alphonse C. Smith; rec. secy., W. Roy Spencer; director of ceremonies, Wm. Belyea; I. T., Geo. Carven; O. T., Robert D. Jones; foreman of committee, Daniel Gills; trustees, Clifford Prime and John Carleson; investigating committee, Morley Tapley, Chas. Cobden and Fred Dills.

Keep the Pot Boiling.

Major Taylor of the Salvation Army begs to acknowledge the following contributions towards their Christmas cheer fund, received since the previous acknowledgment: T. H. Bullock, $10; S. A. Thomas, $10; F. W. Wedderburn, $5; F. W. Cole, $5; Marine and Fisheries Dept., $5; A friend, $5; John McIntyre, $5; friend, $15; friend, $5; C. F. Brown, $2; Howe and Emery, $2; Frank Fairweather, $1; H. G. Black, $1; Frank Peters, $5; Royal Bakery, $5; L. P. D. Tilley, $1; W. G. Smith, $5; Joseph Allison, $10; J. S. Harding, $5; friend, $1; J. F. Williamson, $1; Baird and Peters, $10; friend, $2; G. H. Weeks, $2.

The P. E. Island Service.

I. C. R. Ticket Agent Geo. Carvell has received a telegram from John M. Lyons, general passenger agent, announcing that the Charlottetown Navigation Company's service between Point du Chene and Summerside is closed. The company's steamer Northumberland made her last trip between Pictou and Charlottetown yesterday, and the Earl Grey will leave Picton today. Beginning today also the winter service steamer Minto will run between Cape Tormentine and Summerside, leaving the Cape after the arrival of the special train which starts from Sackville over the N. B. and P. E. I. Railway at seven o'clock. Trains will leave Sackville daily, except Sunday, at 7 o'clock, arriving at Cape Tormentine at 9 o'clock. The steamer will leave the Cape daily, except Sunday, at 12 o'clock reaching Summerside at 2.30, weather permitting. The steamers leave Summerside for the mainland at 8 o'clock each day, arriving at Cape Tormentine at 10. Trains leave the Cape at 10.30 a. m., reaching Sackville at 12.30 o'clock, daily, except Sunday.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. R. Dreer, formerly of Charleston, Virginia, arrived last night from Brooklyn to make her home in St. John.

J. P. Gilliland, superintendent of terminals for the C. P. R., left last evening for Montreal.

M. J. Butler passed through the city yesterday on his way to Halifax where he will take ship for England.

H. A. Powell and Mrs. Powell will leave today for Montreal to spend Christmas with their son, Ernest.

SPECIAL TURKEY AND FISH SUPPER AT WANNAMAKER'S, TONIGHT, FROM 5 to 8.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND PROUD OF BORDEN NAVAL POLICY SAYS R. B. BENNETT

Calgary M. P. Says Canada's Willingness to Aid Mother Country Should Put Damper on German Enthusiasm for Big Navy.

"A Canadian in England after Mr. Borden announced his naval policy had good reason to be proud," said R. B. Bennett, M. P., of Calgary, who was at the Royal yesterday on his way to spend Christmas in his old home in Albert County.

"I have just returned from a visit to the old country," said Mr. Bennett, when he was hunted up by a reporter. "I have not been in parliament this session and cannot tell you much about affairs in Canada. I was in England the day Mr. Borden delivered his speech on the naval policy, and I was pleased to note the enthusiastic way that policy was received in the mother country. What struck England was not the possible value of three Dreadnoughts in event of a battle on the sea. The thing that impressed the Englishmen most was the probable effect of the Canadian contribution upon the Germans; the possibility that the determination of the colonies to come to the help of the Motherland would have the effect of reducing the German enthusiasm for a greater navy, and show to other nations the folly of trying to rival England in naval armaments. This was the master stroke about the Borden naval policy, the thing that will do more for the peace of the world than anything else he could have brought before parliament.

"Mind you, I am not discussing what should be the permanent naval policy of Canada. That is a matter which should be decided by parliament and the people.

"But, as a matter of policy the emergency contribution is what appeals to the imagination of the English people. Laurier's speech has given the British people a chance to realize where he stands and to the Canadian born it is a matter of surprise that the Laurier attitude should be regarded with such tolerance. England has spent millions to protect the flag and safeguard our rights in this hemisphere and Mr. Borden's policy is, at best, only a tardy recognition of what we owe to the Mother Country."

Mr. Bennett said he always planned on spending his Christmas at his old home in New Brunswick.

"Would you advise the young people to stop at home or go west?" the reporter asked.

"As to that I have no real message," said Mr. Bennett. "Some people go west and do well; others go west and don't do as well as they might have if they had stopped at home."

CHRISTMAS RUSH ON IN FULL BLAST

Shops Crowded with Customers Yesterday -- One Shopkeeper Kept Out by Bargain Hunting Crowds.

All day yesterday the shops of the city were crowded with customers, and last evening the situation in the vicinity of the bargain counters of the popular stores was simply astonishing. Men who have been in the business all their lives in St. John, say they never saw anything like it, and the ordinary citizen who started out to do his Christmas shopping last evening, found that he needed all his wit and patience to get near the counters heaped with Christmas gifts.

One shopkeeper in King street, had a rather amusing experience, at least from the point of view of the bystanders. He came out of the door to expostulate with the crowd of people who were trying to get in, while the clerks were overworked, and the store filled up with people. His address was not received with any particular enthusiasm, and when he turned about to enter the store, he found he had been pushed away from the door by the crowd.

Of course he made strenuous efforts to get back in his domain, but so great was the pressure of the crowd that he was twenty minutes getting into his own doorway, and as he had no overcoat on him, he was feeling pretty cool when he got back into the shop where he was master.

Not only the big stores, but the small shops had about all the business they could handle last evening. One small merchant informed The Standard that he had been obliged to shut up his shop because his cash register contained all the money it would hold.

The people are mighty flush with money, or they are possessed with a new feeling entirely, was the general verdict.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS BURNED IN A CAR

Webster Mill Employes Came Very Near to Not Receiving Mrs. Slater's Christmas Presents.

Webster, Mass., Dec. 23.—Flames threatened to lessen the joy of the Christmas in Webster, when an express car from Boston, heavily laden with gifts, including Mrs. Mabel Hunt Slater's present to the 2500 children of the mill operatives, caught fire en route. Some of the packages were destroyed and others damaged.

Mrs. Slater's gifts to the mill children here included twenty-five hundred one-dollar bills which are not burned. John Daniels, the express messenger, was badly burned fighting the fire.

THE TURKISH FLEET COULD NOT REMAIN OUT TO FINISH IT

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—The commander of the fleet reports that his squadron during a reconnaisance Sunday encountered six Greek torpedo boat destroyers between Imbros and Lemnos Islands, in the Aegean Sea, and repulsed them. The Turks then bombarded the Greek position at Tenedos. However, in view of the lateness of the hour the Turkish fleet returned to its rendezvous.

WORK ON THE VALLEY ROAD

Provincial Engineering Says Good Progress has been Made During Summer -- Will Continue Work in Winte

"The St. John Valley Railway Company has a number of gangs at work but the company which is building the line from Fredericton to Minto is not doing much at the present time," said D. F. Maxwell, provincial engineer, in charge of railway construction in the province, who was in the city yesterday.

"Good work was done this summer on the extension from Minto to Fredericton," he added. "In fact the line would, no doubt, have been completed if it had not been for the bad weather. At certain points work will be carried on during the winter and the line will be completed early in the spring."

Mr. Maxwell said that the company which had taken over the Central Railway had done considerable development work in connection with the coal mines in Queen's County.

The first shipment of rails for the St. John Valley Railway has arrived at Fredericton from Sydney, C. B., consigned to the St. John & Quebec Railway Company.

The rails will be unloaded in the vicinity of Victoria Mills and will be used on the Fredericton-Gagetown section of the line which is under construction by J. H. Corbett & Sons Company. The laying of rails on that section of the road will be commenced early in the spring when the snow is off the ground.

Ross Thompson, chief engineer of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, said yesterday morning that the demand for rails was so strong that they had to be ordered six and seven months ahead. Sixty miles of rails were ordered last June, and the car load now in Fredericton is the first shipment received. Shipments for delivery next June are already on order. Part of the shipment for delivery during the present winter will go to Woodstock so that track-laying operations will be general along the line in the spring.

THE OBLIGING DRUGGIST HAS A CHRISTMAS WAIL

Stamp Vending Takes Up Time which Should Otherwise be Devoted to More Profitable Business.

During the great rush of the Christmas trade there is no one whose patience is tried so much as the obliging drug clerk, who must stand behind the counter and sell and lick postage stamps for fully half the day. He must take the greatest care in weighing the parcels for delivery, and after a hundred stamps have been sold, the druggist has made the enormous profit of one cent.

"Business is very good," said a prominent North End druggist, "as far as selling stamps are concerned."

In conversation with a reporter last night the druggist said he had sold over thirty-five hundred during the day. He had weighed fully three-quarters of the parcels, licked half the stamps, causing the skin to be pealed off his tongue, and in many cases he was even asked to deposit the parcels in the box. And he was obliged to wait on, talk and agree with these customers in making such a profitable sale, while other purchasers who patronized him more frequently were obliged to stand back and wait.

Mr. Druggist told of one case when, after weighing a parcel for a lady, he informed her that it would take eight cents. But the economical lady thought that six would be sufficient, and it took all of five minutes to explain that eight cents would be necessary for proper delivery.

"I tell you my boy," said he, "this stamp business must be stamped out."

GLAD HAND IS HELD OUT TO SAILORS

Christmas Entertainment in Seamen's Mission Last Evening.

470 COMFORT BAGS WERE DISTRIBUTED

Two Christmas Trees Stripped and Enjoyable Entertainment Furnished with Bountiful Refreshments.

"And though far frae hame he wanders;
Yet still his thoughts return
To his ain folk over yonder
In the shelling by the burn."

To the sailor forced to spend the joyous Yuletide at a foreign port, with the broad expanse of ocean between him and those who are dear to him, Christmas brings but little gladness, yet, although the hard nature of his life at sea, in almost perpetual combat with the elements, has dulled the sentimental phase of his character to some extent, the significance of the occasion is not entirely lost, and his thoughts go across the water to the folks at home.

To help bring a ray of gladness to the sailors in port, the Seamen's Mission Society last night held a Christmas treat in the institute, Prince William street, when song, music and good cheer were dispensed. The sailors' treat has become an institution here, and is always anticipated with pleasure by the seamen.

The affair last evening was by far the most successful yet attempted. Nearly five hundred attended, and the sailors, types of several nations, thoroughly enjoyed themselves in a most orderly manner.

The large hall where the entertainment was held had been decorated to accord with the spirit of the season. At each side of the stage a large Christmas tree tastefully trimmed and laden with gifts had been placed. A profusion of potted plants lent further beauty to the general appearance, while mistletoe, holly, flags and bunting added to the attractiveness of the hall.

The entertainment was divided into three parts, beginning with a musical programme. R. Morton Smith, president of the Seamen's Mission Society acted as chairman, and on the platform with him was Rev. R. A. Armstrong, of Trinity church, who also delivered an address during the evening.

The musical portion consisted of a piano duet by Mrs. Black and Mrs. Smith, vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, solos by Hew Walker and Mr. Armitage. Mrs. Black and Miss Thompson acted as accompanists.

Following the musical numbers Rev. R. A. Armstrong gave a short address to the sailors. Briefly he recalled the religious significance of Christmas, and brought before them a few of the lessons the day offers. L. P. D. Tilley, M. P.P., also gave a short address.

The ladies of the auxiliary then served refreshments consisting of cake and coffee.

The distribution of the comfort bags was the closing feature of the entertainment. Over 470 of these were presented to the sailors. The work of preparing these has been in progress for several weeks, and the task of making the bags and filling them with articles of use to the seamen was looked after by the ladies' auxiliary.

Following the distribution of the bags, the evening was brought to a close with rousing cheers given by the sailors in appreciation of the efforts of the ladies and others who managed the affair.

DIGGS PAID UP AND DEPARTED IN PEACE

In the police court yesterday afternoon Charlie Diggs who was arrested on the charge of drunkenness pleaded with the court that he was not drunk but that he had only slipped on a little bit of ice. His story did not work with the magistrate this time, however, and Diggs was fined eight dollars or two months in jail. Diggs did not show the class of a vagrant as he left court for a short time and returned and paid his fine.

William Lavigne charged with drunkenness and assaulting Samuel Boone was before the court and remanded to jail.

John Mahoney, charged with indecent conduct was remanded to jail.

Bart McDiarmid and William Roach two young men off one of the steamers lying at Sand Point, were charged with fighting together on Prince William street Sunday. They were fined $20, which was allowed ot stand.

Jewellery.

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We have just received, too late for Christmas trade, a few Sterling Silver Toilet Sets, which we offer today at 20 per cent. less than regular prices. L. L. Sharpe and Sons, Jewelers, King street.

The City Market will be kept open on Christmas eve until 11 p. m.

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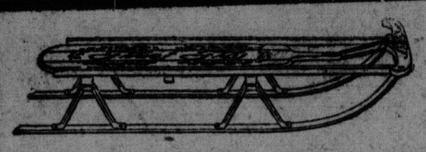

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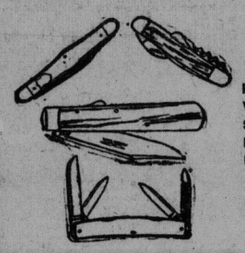

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