

AROUND THE CITY FIRST FREIGHT OVER THE G. T. P. IS IN ST. JOHN

The R. K. Y. C. Bridge. The third round of the bridge whit tournament will be played in the R. K. Y. C. rooms on Monday evening next.

Freight Handlers Meet. There was a meeting of the Marine Freight Handlers' Union last night in their rooms on Mill street. Regular business matters were dealt with.

Longshoremen Meet. The longshoremen's association held a regular meeting in their rooms on Water street last evening, when nothing more than routine business was transacted.

Anti Tuberculosis Society. The executive committee of the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis met yesterday afternoon, and dealt with the monthly report of the nurse.

St. John Brass Band Concert. In Temple Hall last evening the St. John Brass Band gave an enjoyable concert. There was a good attendance and the colored performers gave an interesting programme.

Good Ice in Vic. We know the boys and girls have been anxious, and they will now enjoy a good skate in the Vic. this afternoon. With good weather there will be a session every afternoon and evening, Band tonight.

Suit Case Found. Yesterday afternoon Detective Killen found a suit case containing clothing on the north side of the King Square and took it to the central station where it was afterwards called for and claimed by the owner.

The Police Relief Association. The regular meeting of the police relief association was held in the central station yesterday afternoon. Other than the ordering of paying a number of claims, only routine business was transacted.

Cinderella Club's Assembly. The Cinderella Club of the A. O. H. held an informal assembly last night in their rooms in Union street. There was a good attendance and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. Dancing was engaged in until shortly after midnight.

Teamster Breaks His Leg. While engaged in loading coal on the steamer Pomeranian of Long Wharf yesterday afternoon, William Cummings, age 44, received serious injuries which resulted in a fracture of his leg. Cummings, who is 44 years old, is employed by the Dominion Coal Company, and was loading coal from a scow into the bunker hole of the steamer. A coal sluice which was being hoisted from the scow to the deck of the Pomeranian slipped, striking him in the lower part of the leg. The ambulance was summoned and removed the man to the hospital where on examination it was found that the lower part of the right leg had sustained a bad break.

Boy Injured His Foot. Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock Ernest Gunn, aged eleven years, had one of his feet badly injured in the alley adjoining the Unique Theatre on Charlotte street. The little fellow was standing in the alley when Jeremiah Donovan, a teamster, was driving a cart loaded with coal in the alley. The boy was caught between the side of the building and the cart, the wheel of the latter badly crushing his foot. His cries attracted a large crowd and the injured boy was carried into Reicker's drug store where Dr. Mary McLeod rendered assistance and found that although no bones were broken the foot was badly bruised. The injured boy was placed in a coach and sent to his home on Blair street.

Annual Meeting of the W. G. T. U. Mrs. R. Morten Smith was Elected President in Succession to late Mrs. C. H. Dearborn.

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held yesterday afternoon in their rooms in the Seaman's Institute, the acting president, Mrs. R. Morten Smith, in the chair. The meeting was devoted to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the reading and passing upon the reports for the past twelve months. In the election of officers Mrs. R. Morten Smith was chosen to succeed Mrs. Dearborn whose death occurred during the year. The other officers chosen for the coming year are: Mrs. David Hipwell, 1st vice president; Mrs. Chas. Clarke, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Hour, recording secretary; Mrs. C. F. Woodman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. H. Hutchings, treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Seymour was chosen superintendent of the evangelistic work of the society, and Mrs. Portier superintendent of the charitable work. The reports submitted from the various departments of the society's activities showed that the past year has been a successful one. By the death of the president, Mrs. Dearborn, the union lost an energetic worker who during her connection with the society did much for the union. The financial report was regarded as very satisfactory. In addition to the other business of the meeting a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the movement which has been launched for securing through the passage of the children's protection act, greater protection for children whose environments are detrimental to their moral as well as their physical welfare. The following was the resolution: "Resolved, that the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union as a body of Christian workers, express sympathy with and hearty endorsement of the object of the children's protection act, and that they submit to provincial, legislative, and the municipal council, and would promote our hearty co-operation."

NO CLUE YET TO BONES AT SILVER FALLS

Victim of Stephenson Barn Fire Remains a Mystery—Coroner Investigates but Makes no Statement.

The burning of the Stephenson barn at Silver Falls on Saturday morning last still remains a mystery, and it has not been made known yet whether the bones found in the ruins are those of a human being or of some animal.

The case has caused considerable comment in the city and county and there have been many rumors regarding the fire. Some have declared that the bones are certainly those of a human and probably of some tramp who had been sleeping in the barn and accidentally set the place on fire and lost his life. Others claim that the bones are nothing more than those of some animal which had been caught in the barn.

Yesterday there was another rumor, that James Harris, a farm hand, who has worked on several farms along the Loch Lomond Road, was missing for some days and it was quite possible that the charred bones found in the ruins of the barn were his remains. In fact this rumor went the rounds so often yesterday that it was circulated freely that poor James Harris had been burned to death. The most agreeably surprised person in the community, however, will be James Harris who has no doubt learned by this time that he is dead, as he is very much alive and was seen yesterday here and there.

Coroner D. E. Berryman paid a visit to the ruins yesterday morning and he is not giving anything definite regarding the case as yet. When this official arrives at the scene he found the place had been visited by a great number of people before him and that what bones were left in the ruins had been kicked about. He said he could not tell the public last evening the result of his investigation. The coroner may be able to determine today the result of his findings.

Coroner Berryman will make some further enquiry before he will decide whether an inquest in the case is necessary or not.

Mr. Stephenson, the owner of the barn that was destroyed is still at a loss to know how the place caught fire.

Four Fires on Monday None Were Serious, However, and all were Extinguished without Calling on Members of Fire Department.

Notwithstanding the fact that the fire department were called out on five occasions during the first five days of the month, they narrowly escaped being called out four times on Monday night. On these occasions one was a trifling chimney fire, which the other three were real fires, and had they not been discovered quickly at the start there is no doubt that serious damage would have resulted.

During the evening Charlotte street was filled with smoke coming from about the Magee building on that street, and it was in the minds of some persons to send in an alarm for a fire. A member of the fire department happened along about that time, and while an officer guarded the box the fireman investigated and found that it was nothing more or less than persons burning out a chimney it being a wet night. About nine o'clock some gentlemen who were attending a lodge meeting in the "Fellow's hall" on Charlotte street, smelled smoke and on investigation found a brick fire on the second floor near George Salmon's tailoring establishment. The fire had started in a package box of wood and rubbish and had gained such headway that it caught on the side of the wall. The burning case was removed to the street and the fire on the wall was quickly put out.

While the hundreds of people were enjoying the performance in the Opera House Monday evening they were not aware that there was a fire in the Dockrill building, which adjoins the Typographical Union were busy in their room on the second floor of the Dockrill building auditing the books when they heard a cracking sound, and on going out in the hallway they smelled smoke. Going to the upper floor which is occupied by a Hebrew, who conducts an overall factory, they found a fire burning among some rubbish. They summoned aid from the refreshment room on the first floor and in a short time the fire was quenched with little or no damage done.

The fourth fire was discovered in the first floor, or in the hallway of the Masonic building on Germain street. Some members of the Royal Kenebecas Yacht Club discovered a slight fire burning among some rubbish near the foot of the stairs leading up to the Masonic Hall, and this fire was quickly extinguished.

In all cases had these fires not been discovered as quickly as they were there is little doubt but that there would have been a serious loss of property.

Boys' Industrial Home. The governors of the Boys' Industrial Home met yesterday and transacted considerable routine business.

STRUCTURAL LIEN ON NEW PLAYHOUSE

Owing to Conditions the Firm of McKinnon & Holmes of Sherbrooke Places Lien on Building for Protection.

The law firm of Barnhill Sandford and Ewing acting for the structural iron manufacturing firm of McKinnon and Holmes of Sherbrooke, Quebec, placed a lien yesterday upon the new Keith Theatre which is in the course of construction in Imperial Place, in connection with the payment for the structural iron work.

The placing of the lien on the new theatre is purely a protective measure on the part of the firm of McKinnon and Holmes, who accepted the tender from the original contractors in Philadelphia, the people who essayed to do the work for the general contractor, George R. Brown, but who failed to do the work.

The great delay in connection with the erection of the theatre has been due to the lack of structural iron, and the present action on the part of McKinnon and Holmes is the outgrowth of a dispute between Contractor Brown and the original Philadelphia subcontractors, but in no wise do these complications involve the Keith people for whom the theatre is being built.

Contractor Brown let the contract to the Philadelphia firm for stock delivery, but they not being steel manufacturers, subcontracted the contract to McKinnon and Holmes for mill delivery which caused a delay of from six to eight weeks. Contractor Brown then asked the Philadelphia people that the dispute arose and McKinnon and Holmes to protect their firm placed a lien on the building.

Natural History Society Meeting Regular Session Last Evening—Paper Read, New Members Elected and Donations Received.

The regular meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening in the rooms of the society, which were occupied by the members present. The chair was occupied by the president, Senator J. V. Ellis, who in the course of the evening presented many papers and greetings to the members, and expressed the hope that the present year would be as successful as the past one had been. He referred to approaching meetings of the Geological Congress of the World which are to take place in the coming summer in the province of Ontario, and many of the representatives' names among the gathering being many whose names are in the foremost among the scientists of the present age. The principal meetings will be held in Toronto which is to be in addition to the geological congress in Toronto, and in the province of Ontario, one group of the congress will visit the Maritime Provinces before returning to their respective homes. As the lower provinces and especially New Brunswick, offer much that should prove of interest to the scientists, efforts will be made by the Natural History Society to make their visit profitable as well as enjoyable. The party will probably be here some time in August.

Besides the routine business dealt with at the meeting an interesting paper prepared by Dr. Geo. P. Mathew was read by W. F. Burt. The paper, "Fifty Years of Geological Progress in New Brunswick" contained much that was of local interest and brought out many interesting facts concerning our mineral resources hitherto unknown by the audience. The paper referred to the beginning of geological work in this province and to the researches prosecuted by those investigators who were prominent in geological history of New Brunswick, such as General R. B. Hart, Prof. Bailey, Dr. G. F. Mathew, Sir William Dawson and others. The paper was carefully prepared and traced the conclusion and results achieved during the fifty years.

The paper was referred to the publication committee to be published in the next year's bulletin of the society.

Present at the meeting was Rev. Dr. Bryce of Winnipeg who is visiting in the city. During the evening Dr. Bryce was called upon by the president and gave an interesting address. He expressed his pleasure at being present to hear a paper prepared by one of his co-workers in the Royal Geological Society, Dr. Mathew, and referred to the excellent results which had been accomplished through the geological investigations made in this province.

The new members elected at the meeting were: Regular, W. Rupert Barnhill; Associate, Mrs. Edward J. Fleetwood, Mrs. John A. Bator, Miss J. C. Sterling; Junior associate, Miss Julia C. Curvey.

The donations received for the museum during the meeting included a magnificent mounted specimen of fossil bones, the gift of Mrs. A. A. Stockton; specimens of dolomite, and other examples of magnesia and building lime from Randolph & Baker; specimens of New Brunswick plants (nearby new to the province), from Dr. G. U. Hay.

Mrs. Brittain's Funeral. The remains of Mrs. Char. Brittain arrived yesterday at noon from Montreal and the funeral took place from the Fairville station. The remains were interred in Cape Hill cemetery, and the services at the grave were conducted by Rev. H. E. Thomas, of the Carleton Methodist church. A large number of sorrowing friends attended the funeral, and the body was brought from Montreal by the deceased's husband.

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