

AROUND THE CITY

Department Called Out.
About 12:30 o'clock this morning, a slight fire was discovered in a room of David Speight's residence on Main street, and an alarm was sent in from box 145, at the head of Long Wharf. The department quickly put the fire out and the damage done was slight.

Phillip McGowan.
The friends of Phillip McGowan, of 415 Main street, will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred yesterday afternoon at his home, about five o'clock. The deceased was only 23 years of age, and has been ill for some months. James McGowan, of the U. P. R. Passenger Department on King street, is a brother.

Received Bad Cut.
Yesterday afternoon J. W. Haney, an employe of the Maritime Breeding Company, while at his work received a severe cut over the right eye, and was taken to Thomas Durlak's drug store, on Main street, where he was given some restoratives and Dr. Neve, of the West End, was called in. The doctor found it necessary to put four stitches in the wound to close it up.

Will Run Labor Candidates.
At a well attended meeting of the machinists union in their rooms, Opera House building last evening, Messrs. Wilson, Carter and Wilcox were appointed delegates to the trades and labor convention, which will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the civic commission, and the provincial government elections. Several new members were initiated, and plans made for a supper next month.

Temperance Federation Meets.
The executive of the St. John county branch of the N. B. Temperance Federation met last evening in the "Christadelphian" Hall with R. S. Stockford in the chair. Rev. W. R. Robinson submitted a report for the committee for the preparation of a provincial prohibition law. Matters with regard to the enforcement of the laws in the city were thoroughly discussed and plans formulated for a recommendation to be made to the government.

Who Stole the Boots?
One of the pullman conductors on the Halifax train had a rather trying experience yesterday morning. The night before last he slept in one of the pullman cars, in the yard outside the station. When he awoke in the morning he discovered that his shoes were missing. The unfortunate man was compelled to borrow a pair of rubbers from one of the porters, which he tied on with string. He was then forced to walk through the snow to an up town shoe store, where he procured a pair of boots.

The St. John Choral Association.
The St. John Choral Association held an excellent rehearsal in their rooms in Oddfellows' hall last evening. Much interest is being taken in the progress of the association by the members as well as by those who are looking forward to the society's concert. P. S. Peacock, the musical director, stated last evening that under the pressure of the Christmas shopping he did not expect a large attendance, but was gratified to say that all members were present. He also said that the choir was peculiarly in accord as the soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices are well balanced.

Harkins Company Here.
The W. S. Harkins Company that will play a two weeks engagement at the Opera House, commencing Christmas morning, arrived in the city on the Calvin Anstin, coming direct from New York. Mr. Harkins has engaged a company of players new to St. John theatre patrons, and the plays selected for the opening week are two well known successes: "The Girl" by Clyde Fitch, and "The Lottery Man" by Rida Johnson Young. The Christmas matinee will be "The Girl" and Christmas night, "The Lottery Man." The box office is open every day for the sale of reserved seats, and it would be well to secure them in advance.

MR. BARNSTEAD TELLS OF NOVA SCOTIA PLAN

Immigrants to Sister Province Well Satisfied with Conditions—Much Money Spent to Attract New Settlers.

That immigrants brought out to Nova Scotia are well satisfied with the province is shown by the large number of letters, thanking our department for its efforts on their behalf, said Mr. Barnstead, secretary for immigration and industry in Nova Scotia, who was at the Royal yesterday.

"The Nova Scotia government spends about \$25,000 a year on immigration," he added, "and I think we had some assistance from the Federal government in the way of printing pamphlets setting forth the attractions of the province as a place for settlers. We have printed and circulated a good deal of literature on our own account, and we find a growing demand for that sort of thing. Generally speaking our work is conducted on the same lines as that of the New Brunswick department of immigration. We endeavor to find positions for everybody sent out to us. We advise men who have capital to invest in farm or orchard lands to work for a year in the province before taking up a homestead. Some men who have come out as a result of the work of the department have had considerable money. One small party which came out last year had an aggregate capital of \$350,000. Our department issues pamphlets describing the industry, conditions and opportunities in each section of the province.

"Our present agent in Great Britain, Frederick Campbell, is doing excellent work and sending us a very fine class of people."

Speaking of the conference with Mr. Hawkes, Mr. Barnstead said he believed it would result in much good, as there was no doubt something could be done by the Federal authorities to assist immigration to these provinces to a greater extent than is done at present.

SOUGHT FOR HAPPINESS ONE CHRISTMAS EVE

The Story of Maurice Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" Told by Mrs. John McAvity in Interesting Lecture.

The final lecture of the fall course, before the Natural History Society, was delivered yesterday afternoon by Mrs. John McAvity, who spoke on the "Blue Bird."

This popular children's play was written by Maurice Maeterlinck, winner of this year's Nobel prize for literature, and was an especially appropriate subject for the holiday season.

Maeterlinck, in Maurice Maeterlinck, this play, tells the story of the two peasant children who, on a certain Christmas eve, were awakened by sounds of revelry that came from the house of their sick neighbor.

On setting up and looking out of the window they gazed with delight on the scene before them. The Christmas trees are interrupted in their amusement by the appearance of an old fairy who presents them with a diamond hat, by turning the jewel they bring the souls out of all the objects in the room. The assembled company straight out on the hunt for the blue bird which typifies happiness. The play then deals with their adventures in the quest of the blue bird, which they do not succeed in finding, but return home much wiser and happier for their experience.

The lecture was most interesting and was greatly enjoyed by the large number in attendance.

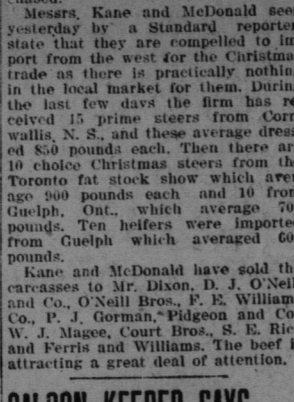
NO LOCAL BEEF IN THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Beef Shown this Year is all Imported from the West—Provincial Beef not Ready to Kill.

The country market is already presenting a good appearance for the Christmas season and some excellent beef is being shown. There is however a great change in the exhibits of beef now compared with some few years ago, and the reason is that the beef now shown is imported from western Canada where in years gone by such a thing as importing western beef was not thought of, but that put on exhibition was local provincial beef. At the present time the farmers who raise cattle do not get their cattle into shape for the Christmas killing but keep them until the spring and then they are sold to the local dealers. This is the reason that there has been practically no local beef purchased.

Messrs. Kane and McDonald seen yesterday by a Standard reporter, state that they are compelled to import from the west for the Christmas trade as there is practically nothing in the local market for them. During the last few days the firm has received 15 prime steers from Cornwall, N. S., and these average dressed 550 pounds each. Then there are 10 choice Christmas steers from the Toronto fat stock show which average 600 pounds each and 10 from Guelph, Ont., which average 700 pounds. Ten heifers were imported from Guelph, which averaged 600 pounds.

Kane and McDonald have sold the carcasses to Mr. Dixon, D. J. O'Neill and Co., P. J. Gorman, Pigeon and Co., W. J. Masce, Curran Bros., S. E. Riley and Ferris and Williams. The beef is attracting a great deal of attention.



SALOON KEEPER SAYS STEWART WAS SOBER

Case Against Man Charged with Non-support Assumes New Aspect—Denis O'Neill Before the Court.

On Monday afternoon Fred Stewart was arrested on Main street by Policeman Hamm, and charged with being drunk and non-support of wife. The case assumed another phase yesterday afternoon when D. O'Neill, a Main street saloon keeper was before the court charged with allowing a drunken man on his premises. Stewart testified that he had been in O'Neill's bar about three o'clock and had several drinks. Stewart's wife gave evidence that her husband had been drinking for the past four weeks, but that he always supported her. On Monday afternoon he came into the house intoxicated, and after having a sleep he left the house and went to O'Neill's saloon. She followed him and went in to the bar where she found him resting his arms on the counter with a glass of beer in front of him. She told the bar tender, and the proprietor not to give her husband anything more to drink. She would not get anything that her husband was drunk, and still she would not say that he was sober.

Policeman Hamm and Sergeant Kirkpatrick testified that when arrested Stewart was drunk.

Mr. O'Neill gave evidence that Stewart was not drunk when he was in the saloon, and did not get anything to drink after Mrs. Stewart requested that he should not be served. He further stated that he had never seen Stewart under the influence of liquor, and that he had requested the man to stay away from the saloon.

George Henderson was the prosecutor, and the Magistrate said that it was a case where the saloon keeper should be seen and see that the man who entered the bar was sober. He adjudged O'Neill guilty and fined him \$20 or one month in jail. Stewart was remanded to jail.

WESTBOUND STEAMERS MET HEAVY WEATHER

Donaldson Liner Salacea which Arrived Yesterday Afternoon Had Very Rough Passage Across.

Donaldson Line steamer Salacea in command of Capt. James Black, arrived in port yesterday from Glasgow after a very rough passage. The steamer left Glasgow Dec. 5, and had continuous gales and storms during the voyage.

The heavy sea washed away one of the ship's boats, and smashed a section of the cattle deck and at times the ship was tossed to her utmost with the gales and storms, but she came through it all with no damage to her cargo. Even the 24 horses stood the hard voyage without a mishap.

The Salacea brought out six Scotch passengers who said although the trip was a rough one they thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it.

The steamer had some of the cargo of the steamer Almorah which put back some time ago disabled while on the voyage to this port. The general cargo on board the Salacea is a large one including a large consignment of Scotch coal.

Allan Line steamship Hungarian, Capt. Hamilton, arrived yesterday from London and Havre, after a very tedious voyage, which was before reported. The ship put into St. John's, Nfld., with her steam pipe burst. The Hungarian has a good freight for this port and the west.

Steamship Caravan which left this port on Dec. 14 for Liverpool took away a cargo valued as follows: Canadian goods \$162,490; foreign goods \$231,635. Among her freight was 67,500 bushels of wheat and 279,262 feet of spruce deals, etc.

Agent Flood of the marine department said yesterday that it had been reported to him that the Honda Rock buoy was out of place at the mouth of the bay. It would be looked after at once.

C. P. R. steamer Montfort will leave this port this afternoon for London and Antwerp via Halifax, with a full cargo including 600 cattle and 600 sheep.

New Brunswick Apples Sold Well.
That New Brunswick produces apples of a fine quality is shown by the fact that boxes of Fameuse exhibited by the Provincial Department of Agriculture in Toronto were sold there for as high as \$2.00 and \$2.25 a box. In view of the fact that these apples were also exhibited in St. John and had a good demand, such prices are considered exceptionally good, being equivalent to \$1.00 and \$1.50 a barrel. The whole exhibit sent to Toronto was sold in that city for over \$100.00. Other varieties also brought good prices, showing that there should be a good market for New Brunswick apples in the Ontario market.

The New Prince William Street.
It is surprising what a change has taken place on Prince William street within the last few years. With the Prince William Apartments in full swing and the erection of the new Post Office in the near future, this street bids fair to resume its old position as one of the most busy thoroughfares in the city.

A notable improvement has been made in Messrs. McMillan's store, a new burlap ceiling having been put up, and the paneled and painted in delicate shades of green and white. The massive columns in the store have also been painted white and the effect is at once artistic and imposing and serves to set off the really beautiful and attractive Holiday Stock that is displayed. It is conceded that this store ranks with the best Stationery Establishments in the Dominion.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.
This evening the Gulls and the Maple Leaves will clash in the intermediate bowling league. The Sunday morning meeting in the association will be addressed by Rev. Gordon Dickie. Special music is being prepared. The Stone Church boys will attend this service in a body.



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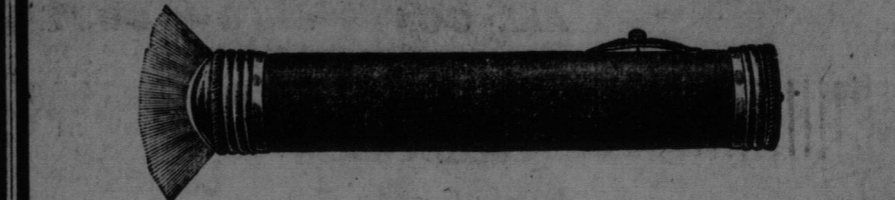
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To those who have not yet purchased dolls this announcement will be good news because it will mean a saving of nearly one half and at Christmas time when money must be made to go as far as possible such an event will be most welcome.

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Steelecoats, quilted . . . 1.50
Wool Shawls, white and colored . . . 75c to 1.75
Jaeger Scarfs . . . \$1.00 to 1.50
Motor Scarfs 35c to 1.50
Moirette Underskirts, white and colored . . . \$6.00 to 7.50

Evening Dresses, white and colored . . . \$7.50 to \$27.50
Girls' Storm Capes, navy blue . . . 4.50
Girls' Novelty Sailor Suits . . . \$2.75 to 12.00
Girls' Wool Coats . . . 25c to .50
Girls' Sweater Coats . . . \$1.10 to 1.50
Silk Umbrellas . . . \$1.00 to 12.00
Black Silk Waists . . . \$2.25 to 6.00
Net Waists . . . \$3.75 to \$12.00
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