

AROUND THE CITY CHRISTMAS RUSH HAS SET IN AT POST OFFICE

Eleven New Settlers. A family of eleven, sent out by the provincial representative in Great Britain, arrived on the Victoria and were looked after by the local immigration office.

Lady's Glove Found. Detective Killen found a lady's glove on Prince William street yesterday afternoon and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

Married in England. Miss Doris Kesteven Balshaw, daughter of Mrs. Kesteven Balshaw, of Toronto, N. S., was married to Thomas H. D. Bell of Dunsmuir, B.C., in St. Mary's church, Wimbledon, Eng., on Dec. 7.

A Donation Party. The friends of Rev. H. E. Cooke, recently pastor of the Coburg street Christiana Church, St. John, now of Burt's Corner, York County, intend giving a donation on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th, at the parsonage, Burt's Corner. All who wish may participate.

The Engineers' Exams. The board of examiners of stationary engineers at their last session here passed 72 candidates for certificates of competency. It is not expected that another examination will be held for some time. Most of the stationery engineers throughout the province have now taken the examination and secured their certificates.

May Be Demented. The Frenchman who was arrested Monday night on the charge of lying and lurking in the grounds of Hon. J. D. Hazen of Hazen avenue, was remanded to jail yesterday afternoon where he will be kept for a short time in a strange manner yesterday, and it is thought by some, that he is of unsound mind.

To Address Officers. Major R. Holman, of the Australian permanent militia, who is at present in Halifax, will arrive in the city today. Major Holman is touring Canada in connection with militia matters, and is looking into the system in vogue here. This evening he will address a meeting of the local militia officers in the rooms of the officers of the 62nd Fusiliers on Germain street.

To Print City By-Laws. Yesterday afternoon the commissioners held a meeting and considered the new by-laws which Com. McLellan is drawing up for the general government of the departments under the Board of Safety. It is said the idea is to bring the various by-laws up to date and get them in shape for printing in one volume. At present the city by-laws are contained in a multitude of small pamphlets.

Drunk and Resisting. About 9:30 o'clock last evening Police Officer Kane arrested Charles McAlindin on Charlotte street for being drunk. The prisoner objected to being placed under arrest and a fight broke out between the officer and the man. The man was placed behind the bars with the result that in addition to being charged with drunkenness he now has to face the charge of violently resisting the police.

Will Finish Today. The work of repairing the Union street sewer will probably be finished today, and the trench will be filled in at once. Most of the sewer though it has been down for forty years was found to be in good condition, and about the only repairs necessary were around the manholes where the wood had decayed. It is the intention to put down permanent pavement on Union street, east of Charlotte next year.

Government to Meet. Hon. J. K. Flemming arrived in the city on the Boston express last evening in company with Hon. J. E. Wilson, to attend the meeting of the cabinet today. Mr. Flemming said that hospital matters would take up a large share of the meeting although other business would be dealt with. With regard to the mission in connection with the investigation into Magistrate Ritchie, Mr. Flemming had nothing to say.

Preparing Christmas Treat. For several weeks past the ladies of the Seaman's Mission have been preparing their annual treat for the winterport sailors, which will be held on Monday evening, December 30th, with the result that an extensive and pleasing programme which includes a Christmas tree, the distribution of five hundred comfort bags, a concert and refreshments, has been prepared. At present the ladies are working hard to secure a sufficient supply of refreshments and they hope that all who intend to contribute will send their donations to the mission on the morning of the entertainment.

Booze Fighter Stole Boots. A young man who had partaken of a little too much big juice yesterday can thank a Hebrew merchant who keeps a store on Union street that he is not now locked behind the bars on the charge of theft. The Hebrew had a pair of boots hanging outside his store door about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the booze fighter came along and picked the boots off the nail started away with them. The thief was noticed in a few minutes by the store keeper, and he gave chase and managed to capture the thief in the old burying ground. The owner of the boots took them away from the thief and allowed him to go after giving him a severe lecture to be more careful in the future.

A Successful Concert. The home of Mrs. L. A. Curry, 25 Fiddlers' street, was the scene of a pleasant entertainment last evening given by the Girls' Glee Club, when a programme consisting of the best songs readings and an interesting play was rendered. A candy table was also in order, proving a great attraction. The success of the evening is attested to by the fact that the children took in the sum of \$12.12 with which they propose to purchase Christmas dinners for the poor. Those taking part were as follows: Misses Edith Esther, Weisford, Marion and Jessa Curry, Jessa Todd, Laura and Nina Thompson, Lucille Green, Edith Edith, Marjorie Peters, Barbara Clark, Garda Holman, Dortha Whitlark, Jennie Tracy and Julia Curry.

Authorities Preparing to Handle Record Mail this Year--Recent English Mail Much Heavier than Usual--Money Order Business Growing.

The local post office authorities are preparing to handle a record Christmas mail this year. Already the rush has commenced, and the amount of English and Western mail matter handed at the post office here up to the present has been much greater than in previous years. The ships arriving here are bringing in a very large quantity of Christmas mail for all parts of Canada, and the increase in the English mail for the province would indicate that a good many old country people have located here during the year. One of the last mail steamers brought 25 baskets of mail for the local post office.

The express companies also report a great increase in Christmas traffic as compared with last year. All are busy getting away parcels for the west and for the old country. Mr. G. H. Cook, manager of the Dominion Express Company, said their Christmas business so far this season was considerably in excess of last year, and that the indications were that the local business would be way ahead of previous years.

Mr. Potter, the assistant postmaster, said there was a big increase of business in the money order and registration departments of the local post office as well as in the volume of letters, cards, and packages of all sorts. The business of the post office and the express companies is a good barometer of business conditions generally, and the increase in the amount of matter handled by them is proof that the country, as a whole, has enjoyed a year of progress and prosperity.

Breaches of Rules. The post office authorities say that despite the frequent publication of the regulations of the department, the public persist in mailing matter often called upon to pay postage, hardly a way to send a Christmas present. Christmas cards and photographs are frequently mailed in sealed envelopes, with only enough stamps to carry an open package. In all such cases the post office people collect postage from the parties to whom the matter is addressed. In order to pass at the parcels rate all envelopes must be open to inspection. People sending out cards, etc., in envelopes should remember that if they seal the envelope full letter rates are charged, and that their friends as well as the postmen will be put to some trouble.

Another thing that should be remembered is that the regulations of the postal union prohibit the use of commemorative stamps of any kind on the address side of an envelope or package. Other countries that handle mail in this way are not permitted to put such stamps on the back of an envelope.

From now till after the New Year the post office employees and letter carriers will be busy night and day and will have to put in a deal of overtime to keep up with the work, and as they are paid by the month, they will not see much overtime pay.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM FATAL HURT

James Anthony Fell Into Hold of Steamer Manchester

SUSTAINED SERIOUS INTERNAL INJURY His First Day at Work as Longshoreman--Two Broken Ribs and Punctured Lung Result of Fall.

While working on the steamer Manchester Commerce at Sand Point, yesterday afternoon, putting in his first day as a longshoreman, James Anthony had the misfortune to fall down one of the hatches into the hold below, a distance of about 30 feet, sustaining a fracture of the fourth and fifth ribs, one of which punctured his left lung. The accident occurred about dusk when Anthony had reason to cross the deck and thinking the hatch closed, attempted to walk across, with the result that he fell into the hole below, lighting on a heap of railroad iron. At first the horrified onlookers thought the accident fatally had been added to the list of kindred accidents, and at once rushed to the injured man's assistance, carrying him up on a deck and into three sheds on the wharf. Dr. F. H. Neve was then summoned and on examination found two of the ribs on the left side to be broken, one of which punctured the lung. Dr. Neve said he was rendered, Dr. Neve took Anthony to the latter's home on Market Square, where everything possible was done. Dr. Neve said last evening that while the unfortunate man had sustained serious injuries, his life was not in danger, unless internal injuries developed.

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All M. R. A. Stores Will Be Closed Every Evening This Week With the Exception of Saturday--Christmas Week Opening Monday and Tuesday Nights

Gifts in Men's Section Neckwear--The prettiest array of varieties we have ever displayed. All in gift boxes. THE CRESCENT... THE HERO... THE CAESAR... THE BEAUTY... Handkerchiefs--Plain linen, hemstitched, 14, 1/2 and 1 inch hems, in boxes of half dozen. Per box \$1.00 to \$2.75. Special prices by the half dozen. Initial Linen Handkerchiefs--Hemstitched, each 25, 35c, 45c. Special prices by the half dozen. Silk Handkerchiefs--Plain, hemstitched. Each 35c. to \$1. Initial Silk Handkerchiefs--Hemstitched. Each 35c., 50c., 75c. Fancy Bordered Silk Handkerchiefs--Each 50c., 75c., 90c. Gloves--Fined in Kid, Cape and Suede, Pair \$1.00 to \$2.25. Kid, Cape, Mocha, Reindeer and Buck Gloves--Fleecy wool and knitted lined. Pair 90c. to \$4.00. Mocha, Reindeer and Buck Gloves--Fur-lined, fleecy wool and knitted lined. Pair \$2.50 to \$5.75.

Gifts in Silk and Fur Departments Black Silk Dress Lengths. Colored Silk Dress Lengths. Fancy Silk Dress Lengths. Black Silk Waist Lengths. Colored Silk Waist Lengths. Fancy Silk Waist Lengths. Corduroys for Dresses. Velvetines for Dresses. Ladies' White Tailored Houses. Ladies' White Lingerie Houses. Ladies' Net Houses. Colored Silk Houses. Black Silk Houses. Black Net Houses. Ladies' Umbrellas. Children's Umbrellas. Ladies' Feather Hats. Mink Stoles, Mink Muffs. Beaded Rabbit Stoles. Beaded Zibule Muffs. Persian Lamb Stoles. Persian Lamb Ties. Persian Lamb Muffs. Pile Persian Ties, Stoles and Muffs. Persian Paw Ties, Stoles and Muffs. Grey Squirrel Throws and Muffs. Dress Goods Dept.--Ground Floor.

Gifts in Annex, Front and Back Stores Children's Gaiters and Overstockings. Ladies' and Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens. Ladies' and Children's Kid Gloves. Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs. All kinds of Ribbons. Ladies' Collars, Scarfs, Jabots, Ruchings and Pleatings. Needlework Novelties in Tea Caddies. Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes. Satchets, Sofa Cushions, etc. Ladies' Hand Bags, Purses and Card Cases. Children's Purses and Hand Bags. Ladies' Leather and Elastic Belts, Apron Lengths. Fancy Hair Combs. Bandeaux and Hat Pins. Needle Cases, Silver Thimbles. Waist Lengths in Novelty Wash Fabrics. Lace Hoses and Tunic. Bedroom Slippers and Moccasins. Slipper Soles. Lengths of Black and Colored Dress Goods. Blankets for Bath and Dressing Gowns. Embroidered Waist Patterns. Gilt, Silver and Beaded Bags. Ladies' Fitted Cases, Fans. Linen Centre Pieces. Lace Centre Pieces. Battenburg Centre Pieces. Children's Bibs and Feeders. Crib Baskets, Cutlery Baskets. Music Baskets. Sewed Linen Baskets. Candy Baskets.

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OIL REFINERY WORKING AT FULL ST. JOHN SOWER PAGE

German Business Men in City Enquiring for Site for Prospective Big Industry--Interviewed Mayor Frink.

There seems to be some prospect that St. John will have a new industry in the shape of an oil refinery. Two German business men, Messrs. R. V. Osten and G. Von Bendor, have been in the city making inquiries for a site for a prospective oil refinery. In company with J. Simeon Armstrong, the engineer, they waited on the mayor and discussed the possibility of securing a site at the south end of the city, on the area it is proposed to reclaim for industrial sites. They also visited some of the real estate offices, and made inquiries about sites available for the establishment of an oil refinery.

While they made no definite proposition to the city authorities, they said that in event of the city proceeding with the work of reclaiming the area south of the barrack ground, they would like to make arrangements to have a portion of the reclaimed ground reserved for them. It is understood that they represent a German corporation which has acquired mineral rights to a tract of about 40 square miles of land in the oil bearing district of the province, and it is reported that the German government behind it in some way. The imperial government of Germany decided some time ago to prohibit the Standard Oil Company operating in the Fatherland, and it is said the Germans are engaged in organizing a supply of oil under their own control. The idea of the men who are looking over the situation here, is to put up a factory capable of refining any oil they may find on the tract they have leased for mining purposes, or any raw oil they may be able to get from the companies in Albert county. Most of the refined product would be shipped to Germany.

Mr. Armstrong is engaged in making a report on the feasibility of reclaiming a site suitable for the purposes of the McAvity's, and it is expected he will have his report ready in a short time. The mayor stated yesterday that the city was ready to reclaim the land if the McAvity's were satisfied with the site, and that at the same time they would reclaim at the same place land for some other industries.

Longshoremen Taking Fewer Chances this Year than Formerly--Will Get More Hours of Work.

Having failed to secure an increase of wages the longshoremen of the port decided to try a leaf out of the book of the syndicalists, and make rules which will enable them to get in more hours of work. They are not this winter handling as many articles in a sling, or on a truck as in the past few years. For instance instead of handling six boxes, they are this season only handling five.

The shipping companies have been somewhat annoyed by the determination of the men to follow what they consider to be the tactics of the syndicalists of older countries, as it means that more time will be consumed loading and unloading the ships, and that more money will have to be paid out than formerly for handling a given amount of cargo. On the other hand the men claim their decision to adopt new working rules was not intended as a means of retaliation for the refusal of the companies to grant the increase they asked for, but as a means of self-defence. They say that while there were three unions in the port, past work has been carried on at a pace that greatly increased the risks of life and limb always incidental to the work of longshoremen. They say that it has been generally admitted by the company's officers the longshoremen of St. John handled cargo considerably faster than in other ports.

Received Premier's Thanks. R. W. Wigmore, president of the St. John Conservative Club has received a letter from Premier Borden, expressing thanks for the action of the club in passing a resolution endorsing the naval policy of the government.

May Join the Herd. The Loyal Order of Moose held a meeting in the Assembly rooms of Keith's theatre last evening. The attendance was large, and during the evening nearly a hundred new members were initiated. The membership of the order has reached nearly five hundred already, and the organization is planning for an interesting year.

Good Work on Adelaide Road. Com. Wigmore and the city engineers were out to Adelaide Road yesterday inspecting the work in connection with the extension of the water and sewer services. This work is being done by day's labor, and the commissioner is of the opinion that the men are making as good progress as if it were left out to contract.

Skating on Lily Lake. About two hundred young people walked out to Rockwood Park last evening and spent a pleasant night skating on Lily Lake. The ice is in fine condition.

Main Street Sidewalk Defective. The police report a dangerous hole in the sidewalk in front of Murphy's dry goods store, Main street.

PERSONAL. John Kenny, factor inspector, has returned from an inspection trip to Westralia County.

TO SALVE HYDRO-AEROPLANE. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.--A party left Santa Monica late today to drag ashore the wreckage of Kearney's hydro-aeroplane reported lodged in the mouth of Topanga canyon, a few miles north of Port Los Angeles. The find was made by Bruce Millard, who reported it to Santa Monica.

ANOTHER SESSION OF NAGLE INQUEST HELD LAST NIGHT

Little New Evidence Brought Out--Enquiry Adjourned Until Next Friday, when it will Probably Finish.

The enquiry into the death of John Nagle, who died on November 16th as the result of injuries received while working for the John S. Metcalf Company at Sand Point, was resumed, in the court house, last evening, before Coroner D. E. Berryman. Owing to the illness of Daniel Mullin, K. C., who is representing the relatives of the deceased, L. A. Curry appeared in his place. After hearing the evidence of the witnesses and the reading over of the depositions of a number of persons who had previously given evidence, the inquest was adjourned until next Friday evening, when it is expected it will be concluded.

The first witness called last evening was Dr. F. H. Neve, superintendent of the General Public Hospital, who testified that Nagle was admitted to the hospital about 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The patient was suffering from a severe shock and ribs were broken from the third to the sixth ribs. From examination he was satisfied that the fractured ribs had punctured his left lung and the injuries he had received were sufficient to cause his death. The man died two hours after he was admitted to the hospital.

The deposition of R. J. Woodman was read, and found correct, and signed by the witness who gave the evidence at a previous hearing. Daniel Gillespie, a former employee of the Metcalf Co., was called and stated that on the day of the accident, November 16th, he was employed getting steam up on a boiler about the middle of the treatise. Witness heard a lot of shouting as if to warn the men to get out of the way. Before the accident witness saw Mr. Richard McCusland on the treatise. Witness saw the car coming on the men and Mr. Nagle, who was the oldest man, appeared to try and catch the car, but he was knocked down by the car and crushed. There were other men near the car at the time of the accident.

Richard McCusland was the next witness and testified that at the time of the accident he was working in a blacksmith shop 250 feet away. He did not see the accident. Mr. White, the next witness, gave evidence that he had been in the Metcalf employ and saw a man named Tubbs on the treatise about ten minutes before the accident, but witness did not see the accident.

Court La Tour Esquires Officers. Court La Tour Esquires Officers, met in their rooms in the market building, last evening, with a large attendance. The election of officers for the year was held, and the following chosen: court clerk, secretary, E. J. Todd; financial secretary, G. W. Currie; treasurer, Dr. J. W. Manning; orator, C. McN. Stevens; senior warden, W. E. Brown; junior warden, W. E. Miller; recorder, J. B. R. Andrews. The financial committee are A. A. Wilson and M. E. Grass; trustees, J. A. Biers, will be installed early in January. A number of new members were initiated at last night's meeting.