

Around the City  
FAIR AND GOLD.

KINDERGARTEN TAG DAY. Kindergarten tag day was postponed yesterday on account of the weather and will be held today.

MEETING POSTPONED. The annual meeting of the Brotherhood of Retail Merchants' Association which was to have been held last night, was postponed until a later date.

POUNDED AGAINST WHARF. Before a tug could remove a scow from No. 1 berth yesterday it was badly damaged by being pounded against the side of the wharf. Divor Fred Doyle is the owner.

ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. Commissioner R. W. Wigmore, M.P., left last evening for Montreal where he will be joined by other members of the government. Wigmore has been chosen as one of the Canadian representatives to visit several United States cities on government affairs.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE. A splendid illustrated lecture on the St. John River and the country which it drains, both dealing with it from a geographical standpoint and showing its magnificent natural beauties, was given last evening by Wm. McIntosh to the older boys of the Y.M.C.A.

SEX EDUCATION. An address on "Sex Education" was given to the C.S.E.T. class of the Exmouth street Methodist church last evening by F. L. Smith of the Y.M.C.A. The address was much appreciated by the boys, this subject being one of those taken up in connection with the C.S.E.T. programme.

UNITED MISSION. Another large audience gathered last night in the old Brussels street church to listen to the Old Gospel. Rev. F. H. Wentworth presided. After a solo by Miss Edith Morrison, the address of the evening was delivered by Rev. S. B. Cain, who took as his subject "Excuse."

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION. The City Assessment Commission was in session yesterday and considerable progress was made in the preparation of the report for presentation to the City Council. The next session will be held on Friday when it is hoped to complete the report. In the afternoon any persons who may have any suggestions to offer to the commission are asked to come to the sitting in the Dearborn Building, and in the evening a session will be held at City Hall to which the public is invited.

THE POLICE COURT. In the police court yesterday morning, Harry Hayes Sr. and Harry Hayes Jr. appeared on the charge of stealing a quantity of wool from Kimball and Co., Marsh road, and the police are trying to connect the two matters of the sale and theft. The case was adjourned until Friday morning. Two men were charged with drunkenness. Both claimed to have been drinking lemon extract. They were remanded.

IN CIRCUIT COURT. Further evidence was heard yesterday afternoon in the case of John Jones, Jr. vs. the Globe Runners Insurance Company, of New York. This suit arose over the insurance on some goods which were destroyed by fire on Prince William street last spring. It is alleged that the name of the plaintiff was not given to the company, but that of another party. The case will be continued this morning. H. A. Powell, K. C., and George H. V. Belyea, K. C., for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Hanington & Hanington and J. F. H. Teed for the defendant.

STORM YESTERDAY WAS DISAGREEABLE

Eight-Tenths of an Inch of Rain Fell—Miniature Flood Makes Traffic Difficult—Street Cars Have Trouble.

Although the observatory report last evening showed the total rainfall yesterday to have been but eight-tenths of an inch, the strong south east gale which accompanied the rain made the storm a particularly disagreeable one.

Miniature floods were caused at many points in the city by the rapidly melting snow, making both vehicular and pedestrian traffic difficult. A flood of water which swept around the corner of Germain street and down the north side of King during the forenoon made it necessary to place boards opposite the Royal Hotel to divert the water and permit of traffic. Later, however, the gutters were cleared and the water found its way to the catch basins. The water and sewerage department had three crews at work during the day thawing and clearing the catch basins. The condition of the rails greatly hampered the operation of the street cars, but considering the weather a fairly regular service was maintained. The cars experienced much difficulty along Lancaster, and the gravel which had been washed up on the tracks caused them to leave the rails several times. The storm, which was fairly good within a short time.

The temperature varied greatly during the day. It rose from thirty-three above early in the morning to forty-four above at noon, but in the evening began to drop again, registering twenty-seven above at nine o'clock when it was still falling. The wind blew with a velocity of from thirty-six to forty-four miles an hour, working round from southwest to southwest and then west. The indications for today are clear and colder weather.

A NEW RECORD MADE FOR EXPORTS IN PORT OF ST. JOHN

Over \$237,000,000 Worth of Goods Passed Through this Port During 1917—Approximate Values of Imports and Exports \$250,000,000.

A new record for exports was made by the port of St. John for the calendar year, 1917, when over \$237,000,000 worth of goods passed through here on its way to other lands. The approximate value of the imports and exports for the year 1917 was \$250,000,000.

Following are the monthly export figures taken from the government returns for 1917 given in the Board of Trade Journal for February:

January	\$1,034,818
February	\$1,157,770
March	\$2,614,717
April and May	76,638,159
June	21,231,738
July	1,531,183
August	2,358,937
September	497,216
October	1,944,234
November	2,931,210
December	3,078,190
Total	\$237,151,950

RED TRIANGLE CLUB WAS BUSY

Excellent Entertainment by Members of Centenary Choir—Heavy Sea Prevented Show on Partridge Island.

A very pleasant entertainment was given at the Red Triangle Club by the members of Centenary church choir. The musical programme was arranged by Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett and the refreshments served at the close of the programme were looked after by Mrs. Calkin, Mrs. Frank Skinner, Mrs. Sinclair, and others. Mrs. Barraclough, wife of the former pastor of Centenary, was a welcome visitor who assisted in serving. Several rousing choruses were sung and the evening was declared to be very bright and enjoyable by the soldiers and sailors present.

Rev. H. A. Goodwin gave a brief address to the men. The programme was as follows: Solo—Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett. Readings—Miss Vera Maxwell. Vocal solo—Miss Rita Brennan. Piano duet—Miss Alice Hea, Miss Waterbury.

The canteen at the Red Triangle is in charge of the Young Women's Guild of Trinity church for this week. A. M. McLeod started for Partridge Island with a moving picture machine to give the boys on the island an entertainment but the sea was so rough that the party was unable to land. The usual Tuesday evening picture show was held at the Armories last evening and the Red Triangle room in the exhibition building was visited by many of the soldiers there.

AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR SAILS

Revival of Wooden Shipbuilding Gives Sail Lofts New Lease of Life—George E. Holder and Men Very Busy.

The revival of wooden shipbuilding has created an increased demand for sails and that once thriving industry is coming into its own again in this city. This trade, which has been looked upon as dead for some years past, has taken on a new lease of life and the sail loft of George E. Holder is a busy spot these days as it is the only sail loft in New Brunswick. A standard representative called at the premises of Mr. Holder yesterday afternoon and found it a veritable hive of industry. Like all other industries sail making has advanced with the times and where formerly all the sewing was done by hand it is now done by motor driven sewing machines and one man with a machine is able to do as much work as six men could do by hand. Mr. Holder has been in business over forty years and well remembers the time when sail making was one of the important industries of this city.

At the present time he is engaged in making a set of square sails for a steel barque which is lying at Liverpool, N. S., and this is the first time in twenty-five years that such a job has been undertaken here. This suit of sails represents an approximate value of \$4,000. Mr. Holder has orders for suits of sails for C. T. White and Son, for the two schooners they are building at Alma, for schooners being built for Mr. Gaskill and for the Saker schooner under construction at their yards, Straight Shore. Each suit of schooner sails represents a value of about \$5,000 so it will be seen that this industry is a thriving one.

HER ARM AMPUTATED. While working in the American-Globe Laundry yesterday morning, Miss Mary McCord, an employe, had her left arm badly crushed in the mangle. She remained conscious for fifteen minutes while her arm was being released. Dr. Bishop dressed the injured arm previous to sending the unfortunate young woman to the General Public Hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the arm between the wrist and elbow. Miss McCord resides on the Folsom Road and has been employed in the laundry about a year.

ST. JOHN METHODIST THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING YESTERDAY

St. John Methodist District Convened—Two Sessions Held in Exmouth Street Church—Important Business Transacted.

The third quarterly meeting for the conference year of the St. John Methodist district convened yesterday at the Exmouth street Methodist church. Two sessions were held, the morning at 9:30 o'clock and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The morning session was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. L. H. Jewett. Those who were present, T. Marshall, chairman; Rev. H. Johnston, financial secretary, and Revs. H. A. Goodwin, N. McLaughlin, George Steel, D. D., J. C. Berrie, G. F. Dawson, B. A. Westwood, H. Penna, J. M. Rice, J. S. Crisp, L. H. Jewett, J. F. Rowley, M. Linton, A. E. Chapman, Messrs. A. Rowley, Judge Foltins and J. B. Arthur. Revs. R. S. Crisp, F. B. Boyd and George Elliot were excused.

Communications were read from Rev. J. M. Rice in connection with funds for the general Sunday school secretary and from the school secretary, J. systematic board. Rev. Grigoire Steel, superintendent of missions, reported on the adjustments in connection with the Newtown and Springfield missions, and the following resolution was adopted: "That Clover Hill appointment be taken from the Newtown mission and attached to the Springfield mission."

In connection with the report of Dr. Steel on the suggested plan of union for the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in the St. John district the following resolution was adopted: "That this district meeting would really agree to a well considered plan of co-operation with Presbyterians as outlined by the superintendent of missions, and that the suggested plans be referred back to the superintendent with a request that further work be done and more detailed plans prepared."

Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. H. Johnston, Rev. N. McLaughlin, and Rev. H. A. Goodwin were appointed a committee to prepare programs for the annual district meetings. The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. J. M. Rice. An address was given by Rev. H. Johnston on "Consecration," and one by Rev. J. C. Berrie on "The Spiritual Significance of the Lord's Supper," after which the sacrament was administered by Rev. Thomas Marshall.

At the close of the afternoon session supper was served by the ladies of the Exmouth street church. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the pastor and ladies of Exmouth street church was passed.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE GIVEN

The Forests of Canada Was Subject in Natural History Rooms Last Night—Rev. Dr. Hutchinson the Lecturer.

"The Forests of Canada" was the subject of a highly interesting and instructive lecture given in the Natural History rooms last evening. This lecture, which has been prepared by the Forestry Association of Canada deals largely with forest conservation. It was read by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson and was illustrated by a series of slides many showing the natural colors. The great value of the forest resources of Canada was first emphasized, it being shown how essential the forest productions were to every community and industry. It was pointed out that a great wastage has been going on in our forests during past years, and the continuance of which will be disastrous to the future of the country. The methods of forest preservation for the preservation of the forests were dealt with at some length.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mrs. W. E. Raymond gave a splendid rendition of "Songs on Labor." The lecture was discussed with animation by the gathering and a hearty vote of thanks moved by R. B. Emerson and seconded by W. L. Lamont, was tendered to Dr. Hutchinson and Mrs. Raymond. James A. Estey presided during the evening.

DEATHS.

GALLAN—At his residence, 238 City Road, on the 25th inst., after a long illness, William Gallan, leaving two sons, three daughters and one brother to mourn.

FURNER—At her residence, 238 City Road, on the 25th inst., after a long illness, Mrs. Rebecca Furner, leaving two sons, three daughters and one brother to mourn.

WILSON—At his residence, Harding street, Partridge on February 25th, Andrew Wilson, aged 74 years, a native of Port Stewart, Coleraine, Ire., leaving his wife, four sons and five daughters, one brother and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral at his late residence Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, interment at Lorneville.

Funeral at his late residence, 238 City Road, on the 25th inst., Mrs. Rebecca Owens, widow of Capt. Thomas Owens, aged 72 years, leaving two sons and five daughters to mourn.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS WAS PRESENTED

Commissioner Fisher Gives Review of Work Accomplished Last Year—Makes Suggestions as to Future Policy of Department.

Commissioner Fisher yesterday presented to the council his second report as commissioner of public works. The commissioner gives a short review of the work accomplished during the year and makes some suggestions as to the future policy of the department.

The report follows: To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Common Council of the City of St. John: Gentlemen,—In presenting my report for the year 1917 it gives me much pleasure to be able to state that the work of the department which is much heavier this winter than usual, is proceeding in a smooth and effective manner, largely owing to the capable and energetic management of the street superintendent, Clifford G. Price. At the same time credit should be given to all the employes for their hearty co-operation. I wish also to express appreciation of the work during the year of the road engineer (now city engineer) G. N. Hatfield, and of the staff in the office and draughting room.

Paving, Etc. A reference to the report of the engineer and street superintendent will show that a large amount of work was accomplished during the year, changing about six miles of new paving, although no bonds were issued for any street work. The total length of paved streets in St. John is now about six and one-half miles, a small amount as compared with other cities of similar size, and I hope as soon as the war is over conditions will be such that we can enter upon a large street paving programme, including on Marsh Road, Douglas avenue and City road, payment for the work to be made from the proceeds of bond issues.

Street Railway. It is important that the Street Railway Company should contribute to the cost of pavements to the extent provided for in its charter, and this is not covered in the existing agreement between the city and company which expires in 1923.

Recommendations By Officials. The several recommendations made by the engineer and the street superintendent in their reports are good, some of the subject has received consideration and action is to be taken when the right time comes.

Superannuation Allowances. Regarding the recommendation to provide a superannuation fund for old employes, it is a matter for all of the departments of the city, and, perhaps, should be referred to the Mayor as commissioner of finance.

To provide adequate superannuation allowances it would appear that a fund provided by the city would have to be supplemented by regular payments or deposits from the employes, but I am not in possession of any information on the subject from other cities.

Garbage. I very much regret that conditions created by the war have so far prevented my recommending the inauguration of a system of free collection of ashes and garbage. When this service is undertaken sanitary conditions in the tenement districts will be much improved.

Ways and Means. By careful management during the year appropriations for the various branches of the service were made to suffice and an overdraft avoided, but in 1918, with the same appropriation as in 1917, (and I did not think it right to ask for more), this will be more difficult of accomplishment because of higher cost of materials and labor, and an extra large expenditure this winter for snow removal on the streets on which the cars operate.

SPECIAL NOTICE RE "WITHIN THE LAW" ENGAGEMENT AT IMPERIAL. This is a nine reel production containing nearly two whole hours. It is veritably a complete play—better than the stage version in fact. Therefore it will not be possible to use any miscellaneous pictures in this programme. Miss Gately and Signor Guarino will be heard at the conclusion of each programme. Show starts sharply at 7:30, 7 and 8:45. No advance in prices. You may phone for your box seats as usual. The big production shown today and Thursday only.

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