

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

A Wanderer.

Thomas Gillespie was arrested early yesterday morning on Union street for wandering about and giving a satisfactory account of himself.

North End Conservative Club.

The North End Conservative Club will hold a meeting in their rooms on Elmwood street this evening. A full attendance is requested as an important business will be transacted.

Steamer Overdue.

The coal steamer Ligan, Capt. Patterson, which left Sydney last Thursday for St. John had not arrived up till last night and is overdue. She has on board about 7,000 tons of coal.

Covenant Services.

There were large attendances at the covenant services held in the Centenary Methodist church yesterday. At the morning service Rev. G. A. Ross, of Fairville, delivered the sermon, and at the evening service the preacher was Rev. Harold E. Rowe.

Dilatory Citizens.

Sergt. Baxter has reported William Lockhart, Prince William street; Bliss Harney, Duke street, and Charles M. Boatwick, German street, for not having the snow removed from the sidewalks bordering their property on Saturday.

A New Year's Sermon.

At St. Matthew's church last evening Rev. J. J. McCaskill, the pastor, preached a special New Year's sermon, giving an interesting retrospect of the year from a religious and church standpoint, and suggesting methods of making the present year a memorable one.

The Servant in the House.

"There's a lot o' brothers knockin' about as people don't know of, eh what? See what I mean?" The Loyalist Dramatic Club will present the celebrated play, "The Servant in the House," at the Opera House, on Thursday and Friday of this week. Don't miss it, it's worth seeing. The box office is now open. Reserved seats 35 and 50 cents.

Empress of Ireland Pierrots.

This well known troupe of artists will give their second grand concert in the Seaman's Institute on Tuesday evening commencing at 8 o'clock. A delightful programme has been arranged, and the Empress male voice choir of twenty voices will sing several numbers. The first concert given by the Empress of Ireland Pierrot troupe was held in the Opera House, and the excellent programme was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

Dominion Wreck Commissioner Here. Capt. L. A. Demers, of Ottawa, wreck commissioner for the Dominion was in the city on Saturday and went on to Halifax. It is understood that he will return to St. John in a few days for the purpose of conducting an investigation into the stranding of the government tug Canso, which went ashore near Yarmouth some time ago and lost her propeller. The Canso is now in this port, attending the dredge W. S. Fielding.

Railway Men in Town.

Three very interesting visitors to the city Saturday were E. Tiffin of the I.C.R., Board of Control, Moncton; F. C. Salter, manager of the Grand Trunk Railway office, London, Eng.; and S. A. Clewa, general agent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Antwerp. Traffic, both freight and passenger, has increased to such an extent between the I.C.R. and the Grand Trunk Railway that these two officials are trying to see what is the best arrangement that can be made about it. While in the city Mr. Tiffin took the visiting railway men over the I.C.R. terminals.

Printers Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of St. John Typographical Union No. 85, held in their rooms, Opera House building on Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: J. C. Merrill, president; S. Fry, vice-president; F. W. Stanton, rec. and cor. secretary; H. T. Campbell, secretary-treasurer; J. Lang, sergt.-at-arms; executive committee, Ed. McSweeney, Geo. McCafferty, J. Lonson, Geo. Swetka, J. Thompson, B. Stillwell; trustees, Geo. Maxwell, W. D. Essington, J. Longson; L. E. U. audit committee, F. Fisher, A. Keller, LeB. B. W. Stubbs; label committee, W. D. Essington, A. McGontry, John Lang.

To Form Labor Party.

A meeting of representatives of all the labor unions in the city will be held in the Opera House tomorrow evening with the object of forming the nucleus of a labor party. It is understood a constitution and platform of principles will be brought up for consideration, and the matter of organizing labor clubs in various parts of the city discussed. In some circles it is held that the labor party should nominate a full ticket for the city commission, but it is said the party when organized will probably be content with a more moderate programme. A good deal of interest is being manifested in the effort to get the workings of the city into politics on independent lines.

Whitewear Sale.

The sale of ladies' and children's whitewear at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s has had a tendency to check that prevalent impression that the cost of living is increasing. Never before has such durability and well made underwear been sold at such attractive prices. If one would accustom themselves to taking advantage of such sales as this, they would find that the cost of living is not increasing, or at least that by close buying they could keep it from increasing.

WE CAN PLAY BALL AS WELL AS PREACH

Rev. H. S. Mahood, of Congregational Church, Preached First Sermons Yesterday - Star Baseball Pitcher.

In the Congregational church yesterday morning Rev. H. S. Mahood, the new pastor, preached his first sermon since his arrival here last Wednesday from Paris, Ontario, where he was formerly stationed. His morning address consisted of a heart to heart talk in which he told his hearers of the good work he expects to do with their assistance.

At the evening service Rev. Mr. Mahood took his text from 1st Kings the twentieth chapter and the 40th verse, "And they went and were busy here and there." On this subject he gave a very able address. Rev. Mr. Mahood comes to this city with a reputation of being a good baseball pitcher as well as a good preacher and it is understood that he was the star twirler for Paris in the Ontario Five Club League last season.

NEW BUILDING BY-LAWS NOW BEING PREPARED

Architect Mott Doing Work for City and Expects to Complete it in Three Weeks Time.

The preparation of the new building by-laws for the city is now well advanced, and it is expected a complete draft will be ready for the common council within three weeks. Last winter the council appointed a special committee to revise the building by-laws and the committee after holding a number of meetings with the chief of the fire department and other officials and deciding on the adoption of a number of new principles in building construction, appointed Architect H. H. Mott to draw up a new set of by-laws.

Mr. Mott found the job a much bigger one than he anticipated and owing to pressure of other business during the summer has taken a good time to get his draft in shape. "St. John's topography is so peculiar that it is a very big problem to draw up building by-laws likely to prove satisfactory," he said to The Standard. "By-laws that would be workable on one side of the street would in many districts absolutely prohibit building on the other side. This has complicated the work of drawing up a new set of regulations. We have had to divide the city into a multitude of zones whose boundaries would make you dizzy trying to follow them." The city's building by-laws have not been revised since shortly after the big fire, and are said to be hopelessly out of date.

THE NEW KING EDWARD SCHOOL OPENS TODAY

Six Rooms of South End Building will be Occupied - City Schools Open Today After Christmas Vacation.

The city schools reopen today. A few changes have been made in the teaching staffs, and the new school building on Wentworth street, known as the King Edward school, will be occupied by the teachers and scholars of the Leinster street school, which will be abandoned. Mr. Cormier, who has been principal of the Leinster street school, will be principal of the new King Edward school. There are ten class rooms in the new school of which six have been fitted up for occupancy. It is understood that a recommendation has been made to the Board of Trustees to remove two classes from the Victoria school to the new building, and the recommendation will probably be dealt with at the regular meeting of the board this evening.

The changes made in the teaching staffs of the other schools have not been made public, as it is the custom to have them first ratified by the full board. The King Edward building is said to be the best school now owned by the board. The contract price was in the neighborhood of \$50,000. While the building is not exactly beautiful from an architectural standpoint, it is a credit to the city, and its interior arrangements are the latest word in school construction. The basement where the furnaces are located is built entirely of concrete and brick, and there is no woodwork of any kind to give a fire a start. Now that the board has abandoned the rooms in the Leinster Baptist church, it owns all the school buildings in the city with the exception of the Catholic schools.

NEWS OF DEATH OF G. W. COOKE REACHES HERE

Miss Hazel of the Dunlap, Cook Company, Ltd., receiving a telegram last evening conveying the sad news that Geo. W. Cooke, president of the company had died suddenly in Montreal Sunday morning. Mr. Cooke, who moved to Montreal about a year ago, was well known here, and his many friends will be grieved to hear of his untimely death. Mr. Cooke spent a good deal of his time in St. John, having a summer residence at Ingleside on the St. John River. Besides his wife he leaves six children, all of whom have many friends in St. John. Mr. Cooke was a first class business man, and under his presidency the Dunlap, Cook Company greatly extended its business in the Maritime Provinces.

ONE TOUCH OF REALLY COOL WEATHER CAME YESTERDAY - TEN BELOW IN MORNING WAS LOWEST POINT.

The first touch of really wintry weather which the citizens have been called upon to experience this season came yesterday, and it was good and cold at that. On Saturday morning a snow fall set in and about three inches of the beautiful put in an appearance. Then the mercury worked its way down until Sunday morning, it registered 10 below zero. This was between 8 and 9 o'clock. There was a fairly keen wind and this made the cold intense. Fortunately like most cold spells which St. John experiences this one was of short duration as the temperature rose quickly, as if ashamed of its lapse, and at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon was 3.1 above the mark. To-morrow evening it again descended and at 10 o'clock last night the glass showed 2.5 below zero. It is not thought that it will be much colder today than zero and the worst of the cold snap is regarded as over.

Yesterday was the first time this winter that the mercury has gone below zero. Last year on the 17th of January the thermometer registered 14 below, which was the coldest of the whole winter. Too Cold For Shooting. The intense cold and high winds prevented any accurate shooting on the part of the members of the St. John Gun Club, who gathered on their grounds on the Marsh last Saturday afternoon. About thirteen of the members were present and before a large open air audience and a massive bonfire they each endeavored to break clay pigeons to the extent of twenty rounds per man. John Gillis, Dr. Langstroth and Percy Holman, led the field with seven others very close. The most broke up early as the marksmen were unable to withstand the zero weather.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER WILL OPEN TONIGHT

Special References to Services of the Week Made in City Pulpits Yesterday - Group Services Tonight.

United services in connection with the opening of the week of prayer will be held in five of the churches this evening commencing at 8 o'clock. In all the Protestant churches yesterday the pastors made announcements regarding the special services of the week. Some of them preached based on texts from the Bible, pointing out the importance of prayer. The theme of the addresses to be delivered at the meetings this evening will be thanksgiving and humiliation; thanksgiving for the unshakable certainty of the fundamentals of the gospel of Christ; humiliation in view of man's pride and self-sufficiency.

The meetings will be continued every evening through the week and different topics will be dealt with by the speakers each evening. This evening the service of group No. 1, consisting of the congregations of Brussels street, Exmouth street, St. Mary's, Tabernacle and Waterloo street, will be held in the Brussels street church. Rev. F. H. Wentworth will lead in prayer and Rev. J. D. Wetmore will be the speaker. Group No. 2, consisting of Calvin, Coburg street, Congregational, Reformed Baptist, St. Stephen's and Zion will meet in Zion church. Rev. Gordon Dickie will be the leader and Rev. L. A. McLean will be the speaker.

Group No. 3, consisting of Centenary, Leinster street, St. David's and St. John Presbyterian will meet in the Leinster street church. Rev. J. B. Flanders will be the leader and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson the speaker. Group No. 4, consisting of Carmarthen street, German street, St. Andrew's and Queen's Square will meet in the Carmarthen street church. Rev. F. S. Porter will lead in prayer and Rev. Wilfred Gaetz will deliver the address. Group No. 5, consisting of Douglas Avenue, Main street, Portland, St. Luke's, St. Matthew's and Victoria street will meet in the Douglas Avenue church. Rev. H. D. Marr being the leader and Rev. J. J. McCaskill the speaker.

Group No. 6, consisting of St. Andrew's and Queen's Square will meet in the Carmarthen street church. Rev. F. S. Porter will lead in prayer and Rev. Wilfred Gaetz will deliver the address. Group No. 7, consisting of Douglas Avenue, Main street, Portland, St. Luke's, St. Matthew's and Victoria street will meet in the Douglas Avenue church. Rev. H. D. Marr being the leader and Rev. J. J. McCaskill the speaker.

ADVOCATES FARM FOR CARE OF INEBRIATES

In the Every Day Club last evening Rev. Gordon Dickie delivered an address and a short musical programme was enjoyed. During the course of his remarks Rev. Mr. Dickie pointed out that with the greater prosperity and efficiency of the present day as compared with the past there was also by contrast a greater poverty and suffering. To illustrate this he took the case of the consumptive and stated that formerly consumption was not regarded as contagious, but that now the unfortunate victim was often neglected for fear of the disease. Therefore, said the speaker, we ought to provide homes and sanitariums for such cases. When speaking of the drink habit Rev. Mr. Dickie said that there should be a farm school for the one in Ontario where men who become demoralized by drink could be sent to recover. During the evening the orchestra gave several selections. The remainder of the musical programme consisted of clarinet solo, W. G. Stratton; vocal duet, Misses Lane; vocal solo, Miss Bessie Hill, accompanied by her brother on the violin. Prince William Hotel - St. John's New Hotel. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Opera House, Monday 15, "Woman Suffrage," Tickets, 25c, 50c.

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