

AROUND THE CITY

Small Purse Found.
A small purse was yesterday found on Douglas Avenue and brought to the North End police station.

Fishery Sale Today.
The fishery privileges controlled by the city will be sold at public auction in the court house at 9:30 this morning.

Only Routine Business.
The regular monthly meeting of the Salvage Corps was held last evening when nothing other than the regular routine business was transacted.

Drunks Were "Dry."
A few drunks were gathered in by the police last evening and were provided with warm, yet very dry, quarters at the central police station.

To Resume Studies.
George Melrose, Jack Hilwell, Chas. Malcolm, Otis Bender, Fred Bowes and Daniel McDonald went to Fredericton last night to resume their studies at the university.

Firemen Grateful.
The members of No. 6 engine company, West Side, wish to thank Ex-Ald. Smith, Wm. Corfield, James Ready and Frank Hart for donations toward their annual New Year's celebration.

Police Quelled Disturbance.
Between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon there was a disturbance in the Burdock house, Bond's alley. A man named Thomas Cunniff was making abusive language and making things unpleasant for those in the house. The police were called in to eject him.

Boy Falls Through Ice.
The Mill Dam, which when frozen solidly affords good skating for the children of the North End, is in an unsafe condition, being open in several places. Yesterday morning while skating on the dam, young Roland McCormick of Harrison street fell through the ice, but was quickly rescued by his companions.

Boat Drifted Away.
On last Saturday morning, a light buoy drifted in to the shores of Courtenay Bay and was discovered by Benjamin Nicholson, a workman employed by the Courtenay Construction Company. The buoy which was driven ashore by the heavy gales will probably be towed back and placed in its proper position as soon as it can be ascertained where it belongs.

Property Sale at Drury Cove.
An important real estate transaction has been completed by the transfer of about 215 acres of land at Drury's Cove from W. R. Tennant to L. Rokes to a syndicate represented by A. E. Massie. The property has about 183 buildings on it, including residences and structures in connection with a number of lime kilns. The property formerly belonged to the Drury Land Company. It has a fine location and it is understood that the syndicate proposes to develop it.

Will Be No Inquest.
Coroner D. E. Berryman has decided that an inquest on the body of J. A. Lister is unnecessary and gave permission for the relatives to remove the body from the General Public Hospital. The deceased who was a conductor on the C. P. R. died in the hospital yesterday morning as the result of injuries received at McAdam early Saturday morning. He leaves a wife and two children. The relatives will be taken to Harvey where the interment will take place.

L. L. & B. Assembly.
On Thursday evening, January 9th, the L. L. & B. Society will hold an informal assembly in their rooms on Union street. Mr. F. Kelly's orchestra will furnish music. The following committee will be in charge: John O'Regan, Walter Harris, John Daley, R. E. Fitzgerald, James McManus, James Barry, Martin O'Leary, Fred Cronin, D. J. Corr, Frank Murphy, F. J. Casey, D. Roy O'Neill and Geo. Stafford. The chaperones are: Mesdames John A. Barry, John Daley, Robert Doherty, Walter Harris, H. J. Sheehan and Philip Fitzpatrick.

A Surprise Party.
A pleasant surprise party took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, 90 Kennedy street, North End, last evening. Shortly after 8 o'clock about 50 friends assembled at the house of F. J. Hamilton on behalf of the gathering presented Mr. and Mrs. Anderson with a silver butter dish. The committee which organized the presentation consisted of Harry Anderson, A. Lemman and Miss Violet Golding. After the presentation the party had an enjoyable social time and partook of refreshments.

Farm Board Meets Today.
A meeting of the Farm Settlement Board will be held today in the government rooms on Church street, to discuss the programme for the year. A. W. Hay, the chairman of the Board has recently been making a trip on the North Shore inspecting lands which various parties have asked the Board to purchase for them, as well as a view to getting information about farm lands which may be available for the several properties near Bathurst and Blackville. One of the farms will be occupied by a family which is returning from the States.

Will Investigate Bone Finding.
Coroner D. E. Berryman will go to Silver Falls this morning to make an investigation regarding the finding of some charred bones in the ruins of the Stephenson barn, which was burned on Saturday morning. A few ribs and some teeth were found in the ruins on Sunday morning by Mr. Stephenson, who at once thought that the bones were those of a human being. He notified Chief of Police Clark and also county policeman Armstrong who, in turn, notified Coroner Berryman. It is the belief of some that a tramp had probably entered the barn for the purpose of spending the night, accidentally set the place on fire and was burned to death. It is more probable that the bones are those of some animal. The matter will be cleared this morning after the Coroner makes the investigation.

PLAN BIG PROGRAMME OF PERMANENT PAVING

Commissioner Agar has Preliminary Plans for Expenditure of About \$150,000 -- Property Owners on Improved Streets may be Asked to Bear Part Cost.

Evidently determined to do their part to make St. John a bigger and better city, the civic commissioners are taking up the problem of providing better streets in a way that at least shows faith in the future ability of the citizens to pay for improvements. At the committee meeting yesterday Com. Agar submitted for the consideration of his conferees a preliminary programme of permanent pavement, which if put into effect will entail an expenditure of about \$150,000. While the whole programme which Com. Agar has mapped out may not be carried out this year, he hopes to get authority to do a large amount of permanent paving this summer, and is anxious to have a definite programme agreed to, so that he can call for tenders and have the work started as soon as possible in the spring.

The commissioner of the programme has gone thoroughly into the matter of street paving with Road Engineer Haffield, and has worked out a policy of roadmaking which should hold good for some years. The more immediate programme provides for the paving of Charlotte street from the Dufferin Hotel to Queen street; of Union street from Brussels (St. Chasman Hill) to German street from Princess to Union; of the east side of Main street from Foundry Lane to Acadia street; of the north side of King square from Charlotte to Sydney streets; and of Brittain street from Charlotte street to Reeds Point to Water street.

It is proposed to place a granite paving on Main and Brittain streets, and asphalt or bitulithic pavement on the other streets.

Will Need to Watch Pipes.
Under an order-in-council adopted

some time ago the city can only lay permanent pavement in streets where all the water, sewer and other pipes are in good condition. In some of the streets mentioned, conditions are such that work can be started on the new pavement this year, but it is probable a report will have to be made by the city engineer in regard to the pipes in some of the other streets before the work of putting down the permanent pavement is authorized.

At the meeting yesterday the question of how to raise the money for the permanent paving work was discussed at some length. An act of legislature adopted about three years ago, makes it possible for about 75 per cent. of the property holders along a street to make application to the city to have their street paved, and when such application is made, the city pays half the cost of the work and the residents the other half. As yet only the residents of a portion of German street have taken advantage of this act to have their street improved. It is not expected that the necessary percentage of the property holders on the streets it is proposed to pave will agree to bear half the cost. But the commissioners are of the opinion that as an improved street increases the value of adjoining property, the owners should pay a goodly proportion of the increased cost and it is not unlikely they will adopt the policy of raising the assessment of property on improved streets, in order to oblige the immediate beneficiaries to pay a large share of the interest on the bond issues which will be necessary, than the citizens living on unimproved streets.

A VISITING JOURNALIST FROM PARIS

M. Gresse will Tour Canada in Interests of His Paper - Coming Later on Hunting Trip.

Among the visitors to the city yesterday was Mons. A. Gresse, a newspaper proprietor of Paris, who has a national reputation in his own country. M. Gresse arrived on the Empress of Britain, and is registered at the Victoria.

He intends to make a tour of Canada visiting all the principal cities and points of interest. It is understood that he is making the trip with the idea of writing up Canada for his papers, and that he expects to return here next fall with a party of wealthy Frenchmen for the purpose of hunting moose, caribou and deer either in New Brunswick or Quebec.

GREAT DEMAND FOR OUR TREES IN CONNECTICUT

Twenty-two Thousand New Brunswick Christmas Trees Disposed of in Meriden, by Former Provincialist.

A story comes from Meriden, Connecticut, which illustrates some of the possibilities of reciprocity overlooked by Mr. Fugatey and the other Liberal prophets of the province. A certain party in that place, who assists Santa Claus in making Christmas a merry time for the little Yanks and Wops, arranged for the importation from Fredericton, N. B., of 22,000 Christmas trees. The trees were shipped on ten cars in good time, but near Boston they were held up, because the Massachusetts bus authorities thought the trees might be the home of the brown tail or gypsy moth. The assistant of Santa Claus was naturally disappointed, but the bus men unloaded the cars, and carefully inspected the trees. Finding them clean and wholesome they permitted the trees to proceed. The assistant Santa Claus only received them the day before Christmas, but they were such an improvement on Connecticut Christmas trees that he disposed of practically the 22,000 before 5 o'clock of Christmas eve. Whether Santa's assistant made any money out of the venture is not known, but the action of the bus men suggests a difficulty and a danger to the province of reciprocity never thought of. Many farm products would probably be held up for similar reasons until they deteriorated.

CONSERVE INTERESTS OF CHINESE REPUBLIC.
London, Jan. 6.—A "China group" is to be formed in London consisting of members of parliament, writers, scientists and other distinguished people, whose object will be to watch and conserve the interests of the new Republic of China. The foundation of the group was decided on at a meeting of members of the House of Commons this evening.

FIFTEEN NEW SETTLERS GOT JOBS AT ONCE

No Difficulty in Placing Men Who Arrived on the Empress

THE RESULT OF ADVERTISING

Provincial Government's Campaign to Place Advantages of New Brunswick Before Intending Immigrants is Bearing Fruit.

That the efforts of the local government to advertise the advantages offered by the province are beginning to bear good fruit is shown by the fact that immigrants have been coming here during the winter in considerable numbers. A party of fifteen people arrived on the Empress Sunday and no difficulty was experienced in the work of placing immigrants in the province. When Mr. Wilnot took up the work of placing immigrants in the province about three years ago he found the chief difficulty he had to contend with was his inability to guarantee immigrants employment with farmers in the winter.

At that time the New Brunswick farmers as a rule were unwilling to keep a hired man during the winter, though ready enough to avail themselves of the service of the immigrants for a few months in the summer. Instead of making an effort to bring as many people here in summer as possible without considering what would be their winter arrangements, the superintendent of immigration made it a point to assure the men brought out employment the year round. This involved the breaking down of the farmer's prejudice against keeping a hired man in the winter, and also prevented the department from making a big showing in the way of people placed in the province.

The policy has evidently justified itself, as the experience of the farmers who have taken up the plan of employing men throughout the winter has apparently impressed their neighbors. At any rate more and more farmers are showing a disposition to employ men in the winter, and a large number of immigrants who came out in December were provided with jobs in the winter. Those who arrived on the Empress were very glad to get here, though the weather was not of the kind to impress them with the advantages of life in the province.

PREPARING FOR BRYCE LECTURE

Winnipeg Educationalist Will Address Meeting of Women's Canadian Club January 16 on Lord Selkirk.

The executive of the Women's Canadian Club met yesterday at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Smith to prepare for the general meeting of the club on January 16, when the members are to be favored with an address by Dr. Bryce who was the founder of the Manitoba College, is a well known Canadian writer and lecturer. He has been identified with any public movements and was a member of the Royal Commission on Technical Education. He will address the Women's Canadian Club at 8:30 on the 16th inst. at Keith's assembly room on Lord Selkirk as a Canadian pioneer. His address will be illustrated by views specially selected by the speaker. On the evening of the same day the doctor will speak before the Archaeological Society of St. John on the Early Days of the Hudson Bay Company.

The executive of the Women's Canadian Club decided to invite all the clergymen of the city to attend the lecture of Dr. Bryce on the 16th inst. All ladies purposing joining the club are requested to send in their names to the secretary, Mrs. M. J. 32 Wellington Row, so that they can be sent invitations to the lecture.

The item of interest advertised by F. A. Dykeman & Co. for Wednesday morning is the selling of ladies' cloth skirts. These goods are of the most serviceable materials and made in very attractive styles, and will be sold at the extraordinary price of \$1.75 each, when offered at ordinary selling the price would be \$3.00. They come in navy blue and black, and a large variety of sizes in each style.

SIXTEEN ALARMS SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.
In view of the large number of fires which have occurred the matter of fire insurance naturally occurs to everybody.

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NEW WASH COTTON DRESSES

PRINT DRESSES, square and high necks, short sleeves, light blue with white dots, dark blue with white dots. Each... \$1.25
PRINT DRESSES, high neck, long sleeves, white collar and cuffs, blue and white and black and white stripes. Each... \$1.45
PRINT DRESSES, Dutch neck, long sleeves, grey and black stripes, dark grey trimmed, also black and white stripes, light blue trimmed. Each... \$1.50
GINGHAM DRESSES, round low neck, long sleeves, plaid and light blue, medium and fine check effects, piped with white. Each... \$1.60

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