

AROUND THE CITY GERMAIN STREET BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

Will Leave Tonight.
Rev. David Lang will leave tonight for Toronto having accepted a call to the pastorate of a large church there.

C. M. B. A. Meeting.
At the weekly meeting of Branch 134 C. M. B. A., a number of new members will be initiated, and the new ritual will be used.

Horse Shot.
On Saturday Policeman Corbett was called to a yard off Beverley street, and at the request of the owner, shot a horse that was unfit for work.

Watch Found.
Policeman Linton reports the finding of a watch and chain in the yard of the York cotton mill, and the owner can receive the same by calling at the North End police station.

Sted Taken by Police.
Saturday afternoon acting Sergeant Ross found a small boy coasting on the Carleton street sidewalk and the officer took the boy's hand from him and placed it in the British street lockup.

Thief At Large.
Sometime Saturday night a thief broke into a section of a warehouse of King street, West End, owned by John Dittell and stole a quantity of paints. There is no clue left as to the guilty person, but an endeavor is being made to locate him.

Santa in Trouble.
The police captured a Santa Claus Saturday night. Santa was intoxicated and when locked up he had a large parcel of toys with him. After he pays a fine in the police court this morning he will receive the toys and make his way home.

Public Works Official Here.
H. M. Davy, of the public works department of Canada, is back in the city. Mr. Davy had charge of the big operations in Courtenay Bay and the West Side for some time, and the object of his present visit is to give information to the contractors for the new wharf at Sand Point.

Strayed From Home.
Saturday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, William Rourke, found a year old Fred Corkery wandering about Charlotte street. The little fellow was astray and was taken to the central police station and later on returned to his home on Main street by Sgt. Caples.

Ceremony Today.
Today at 11 o'clock, Andrew's church, Rev. David Lang assisted by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson will unite in marriage George M. A. and Miss Louise George. Misses Sybil Barnes and Helen Wilson, of Hampton will act as flower girls, and P. A. Thomas and Clifford McAvilly will act as ushers. The couple will be unattended.

Ladies' Auxiliary.
The ladies' auxiliary of the Seaman's Institute met Saturday night and had a discussion regarding the feasibility of holding during the Christmas season for the seamen. Nothing definite was decided on, but the work of filling the comfort bags is about finished. The ladies will meet again some day this week and complete the arrangements.

Fuse Burned Out.
About 4:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon cross wires caused a fire in one of the small alarm boxes at the top of a pole near the head of the street. An alarm was sent in from box 27 and the fire department were called out. There was no work for the department to do and a lineman from the electric light station looked after the wires.

Saturday Evening Temperance Meeting.
A pleasant temperance meeting was held in the Seaman's institute on Saturday night. The Rev. Dr. Helme addressed the men. A number of pledges were signed and coffee and cakes were served at the close of the meeting. On Sunday evening the Rev. F. H. Wentworth conducted the service. Song service was held before the regular evening service.

Bible Society Secretary in Pulpit.
In Brussels street Baptist church last evening the pulpit was occupied by Rev. A. F. Newcombe, secretary of the Canadian Bible Society. In an interesting sermon he dwelt on the characteristics of the Bible, its unity, its inherent power, and outlined the work of the Canadian Bible Society, the parent society, the Foreign Bible Society, Rev. Mr. Newcombe was heard with pleasure by a large congregation.

Mr. Hawkes to Address Ladies' Club.
Arthur Hawkes, special commissioner on immigration, has consented to deliver a lecture before a meeting of the Women's Landings Club which will be held in the girls' assembly room on Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. His subject will be Women's Part in Immigration. Mr. Hawkes is a clever speaker with an extensive knowledge of conditions in Canada, and the club are to be congratulated in securing an address from him.

Heaperian Arrives.
The Alina line steamer, Heaperian, Captain Main, arrived in port about 8:30 o'clock last evening from Liverpool via Halifax, and docked at Nos. 2 and 3 berths Sand Point. The steamer had a very rough passage and brought out 5,000 tons of general cargo. Her total number of passengers was about 900. They were all landed at Halifax with the exception of two sailors, 42 second cabin and 45 steerage, who landed here. The steamer brought out a very large Christmas mail, which amounted to about 5,000 packages and baskets. These were landed at Halifax.

Steep Jack Here.
There is in the city a man of considerable note, he arrived here on Saturday and will remain a couple of days. This person is no other than the famous Steep-Jack Murphy. It is said that he is making arrangements to march steeples in the city, and will return here in the spring and do the work. Murphy is a native of the United States and is about 35 years of age. He is an unassuming young man, with a winning way. He does not care to talk much about his work, which is the most dangerous in the world and the kind of work that can only be accomplished by a man with great nerve and daring. He has travelled all over the world, and has climbed over 500 steeples.

Sunday Afternoon Blaze in McLaughlin Building, Germain Street, Resulted in Building and Stock Loss of Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 -- Harold Climo Probably Heaviest Loser -- Fire Started in Closet -- Firemen Hurt.

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock fire was discovered in the building at 35 Germain street, owned by the McLaughlin estate, and before the fire was extinguished about \$20,000 damage had been done by fire and water.

The fire was first noticed by a man named Allen, who telephoned to Harold Climo's house that he thought there was a fire in Mr. Climo's studio. Climo rushed to the building to investigate, and, going down the rear stairs of the building, he found there was a bad fire. He sent an alarm from Box 23 on the corner of King and Germain streets, and in a very few minutes the fire department were on the scene. As quickly as possible the firemen rushed lines of hose in the building and for over three hours had hard work fighting the flames.

The fire was first seen in a closet on the second floor and it worked from there up a light shaft. When the firemen arrived the flames had worked through between the upper ceiling and the roof and into two or three rooms. It had a big start and had spread through the building so that the firemen had a very hard time.

Two streams were taken through the Germain street entrance and a couple of other streams were taken to the roof, one of them taken up from the alley off Church street and the fire was fought in this manner from an adjoining building.

The smoke at times was almost stifling and seemed to settle in the building, but the firemen stuck to their task, which was no easy one. While the men on the roof fought from the top the other men came down and worked from the second floor to the roof.

The fire had such a head when discovered, and the smoke was so dense, that the men could not get into the studio to save any of the Climo goods. Mr. Climo will be the heaviest loser and his loss will be total as his apartments were thoroughly gutted. Not only will his loss of stock and furniture be heavy, but a great number of photographs, ordered for the holiday season as well as the large business done at this time of the year will prove a great loss. His loss will be much greater than his insurance.

Before the firemen could beat out the fire, nearly half of the roof of the building had fallen in and the building was deluged with water. Outside of the fire damage to Climo's parlor, studio, and stock rooms, the other tenants will suffer mostly from water damage.

Fred Dole, the printer, was on the upper floor. The western end of his printing establishment was burned through and there was considerable water in the room.

Across the hall from this place were the apartments of T. Nilsson, a fur manufacturer. In here there was no fire, but some water damage.

On the second floor is a work room and stock room of Brock and Paterson, where there was considerable water damage also some fire damage.

Timothy said, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of themselves and money, boastful, haughty, railers and disobedient to their parents, unthankful, unholily, lovers of pleasure instead of lovers of God."

"Jesus at the request of His disciples gave them signs that should mark His coming, and on another occasion He reproved men for not discerning the signs of the times. Must we not wish that we might know and understand these signs, and seeing them lift up our heads in expectation that our redemption draws nigh?"

Protestant Orphans' Home.
The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home will gratefully accept any donations for the girls and boys' Christmas trees, also for the Christmas dinner. Contributions may be sent to the home or to the street or to any of the following committees: Mrs. David McEwan, Mrs. H. A. Austin, Mrs. Thomas A. Rankine, Mrs. Charles Johnston, Mrs. A. Macdonald, Mrs. J. W. Murray, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. T. H. Estabrook, Mrs. D. Hutchinson, Mrs. H. F. McLean, Miss Grace Leavitt, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren.

To Elect Officers Tonight.
The Christian Endeavor Society of Tabernacle church will elect officers for the incoming year at the meeting tonight.

The Mexico for the Thrifty Shopper is the two stores of F. A. Dykeman & Co., one at 59 Charlotte St., the other the jewelry stand, 55 King St. At the latter place all the jewelry in stock must be cleared out by the end of the month as this store has to be vacated. The jewelry on sale is not cheap jewelry, but good jewelry sold at cheap prices; while at the Dry Goods Store, they have made a special display of all lines in connection with the trade done up in an attractive Christmas way.

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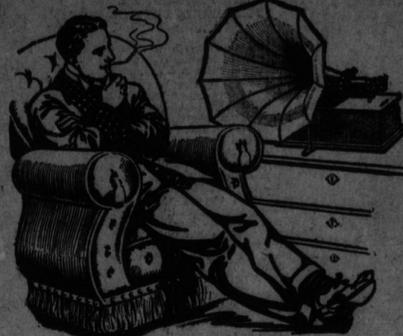
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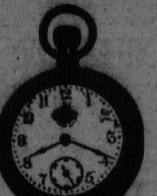
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