

AROUND THE CITY

Six Saturday Night Drunks. The police managed to arrest no less than a half-dozen drunks on Saturday night.

Arrested for Fighting. Yesterday afternoon Sgts. Scott and Baxter arrested Barthly McDermodt and William Roach for fighting together on Prince William street in view of the police.

Charged with Assault. On Saturday afternoon William Lavigne was given in charge of the police by Samuel Boon on the charge of being drunk and assaulting him on Smythe street.

Violating Traffic Regulations. Policeman Linton has reported John Coyte for driving a horse and cart on the right hand side of Main street Saturday night and obstructing the traffic.

Police Found Window Broken. About 11:30 o'clock Saturday night a large pane of glass was broken in the window of Dearborn & Co.'s spice factory on Water street. It is not known by the police who caused the break and the officers boarded up the broken pane.

Lying and Lurking. About 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning while going his rounds Patrolman O'Leary found William Holly in a shed off Smythe street owned by the Dominion Coal Company. Holly was arrested and is charged with lying and lurking.

A Christmas Cantata. A pretty Christmas cantata entitled "A Night in the Orient" was rendered by the choir of the Carleton Methodist church last evening under the leadership of their leader Murray Long. The cantata was well attended all present being loud in their praise of the fine singing which was a Christmas story in a pretty manner.

New Lights in St. Mary's Church. At the evening service in St. Mary's church last evening the electric lighting system which had recently been installed in the church, was in operation for the first time and gave general satisfaction. On Christmas Day there will be special services in the church, with a choral programme which it is expected will prove a very interesting feature.

New Lodge Instituted. On Saturday evening last Grand Master H. Sellen and Grand Chaplain H. F. Goodrich, of the Prentice Boys, together with many of the members of the Fairville and St. John lodges went to Grand Bay and instituted a lodge of the organization there. The new lodge is known as Grand Bay No. 51, with F. Hamm as worthy master.

Christmas Treat for Sailors. Monday evening, Dec. 23rd, most of the night of the season, nearly 500 sailors to be entertained and presented with well-filled comfort bags. Musical programmes were given by Mrs. H. Black, Miss Beth Smith, Mrs. Horton, Mr. J. Griffiths and others. The Rev. R. A. Armstrong, the speaker of the evening, the members will be provided, two large Christmas trees.

Fire in Junk Warehouse. Saturday night at 10:25 o'clock fire was discovered in the junk warehouse owned by Nathan Jacobson on Pond street, and an alarm was sent in from box 52. When the firemen arrived they found that the fire had started among some old rubbers and other junk and had quite a start. It took about an hour before the fire was all put out, and considerable damage was done to the building.

Sand Point Theft Case. Saturday afternoon Officers Scott and Robe arrested an employe in the C. P. R. sheds at Sand Point on the charge of theft. The man is charged with stealing some cut glass, and the goods were found in his possession. The prisoner has retained E. S. Ritchie to defend him and will plead not guilty in the police court this morning. He denies having stolen the articles.

Barbers Will Form Union. At a meeting of barbers held in the Opera House yesterday afternoon, it was decided to form a branch of the International Barbers' Union and officers were elected provisionally. The new union will take in journeymen barbers and barbers who conduct their shop without help. Its object is to improve the condition of the working barbers, and establish conditions in the shops assuring a sanitary shave. There was a good attendance at the meeting and it is said that all the barbers in the city are eligible to membership are likely to join.

PERSONAL

Arthur McGuire, of the Canada Cement Company, arrived yesterday on the Montreal train to spend Christmas with his parents on Dorchester street. Edmond Linnay, John O'Regan and Frank Scully who have been studying at McGill University, arrived home last Saturday.

Waists

It is folly to pass by those lovely waists which P. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing when you are looking for a Christmas present for a lady. They are their 1912 waists, exclusive styles, and sold at prices never equalled before. Lawn waists from 75 cents to \$4.00; lace waists from \$1.50 to \$6.50; and silk waists from \$1.50 to \$7.50. They have a special lot on sale at \$2.75 that are made from a fine quality of messaline silk and trimmed with lace net. These come in all sizes and in a very large variety of colors. These waists sell ordinarily for \$4.00, but our Christmas price is \$2.75.

Opera House Tonight. Sidney Toler, Miss McHenry and associate players presenting "The Thief" at the Opera House tonight and Tuesday. See ads in announcement columns concerning Christmas day.

Special Turkey Supper at Wynn's maker's tonight from 5 to 8.

DR. CURREY PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Well Known Lawyer Found Dead in Bed Sunday Morning.

TALEN SUDDENLY ILL ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Illness not Expected to Prove Fatal and Death Came as Great Shock to Family and Friends.

The community was shocked yesterday on learning of the death of Dr. L. A. Currey, M.A., K.C., one of the best known members of the legal profession, which occurred suddenly Sunday morning, shortly after 5 o'clock, at his home 138 Charlotte street.

His death came as a surprise to the members of his household as well as to his friends and acquaintances, for although he had been a victim of heart trouble for several months, the illness which overtook him late on Saturday was not considered fatal at the time.

Returning home Saturday night Dr. Currey complained of feeling ill, and after he had retired, medical help was summoned. The illness was diagnosed as heart weakness, but as he had been subject to similar attacks in the past it was thought that of Saturday would be no thought of the attack terminating as it did. During the night he appeared to be resting comfortably, and on going to his room early yesterday morning his sister, Miss Eliza Currey found him sleeping and apparently all right. Returning about half past eight o'clock she found him dead.

Lemuel Allen Currey, M. A., D.C.L., K. C., had for many years been among the leading barristers of this city, and was a man of brilliant attainments. Born in Gagetown, Queens county on July 11, 1856, he was a son of James Currey who for many years practiced law in that place. His early education was received in the grammar school at Gagetown, and in which school he afterwards became principal, previous to taking up the study of law. In 1874 he took a course in military training at Fredericton, receiving his certificate.

Afterwards, going to the University of New Brunswick he distinguished himself. In 1878 he graduated from the university, winning honors in the first division of his class, and received the special prize awarded for general proficiency. Leaving his alma mater he entered his father's office as a student-at-law. In 1880 he entered Harvard law college where he followed a special course during the ensuing year. Completing his studies at Harvard he came to this city and entered the office of Dr. Silas Alward. The following year, 1882, he was admitted as an attorney and the next year as barrister-at-law. Upon being admitted as a barrister Dr. Currey began a career which soon brought him into prominence among the members of his profession. Being all times a painstaking and industrious student he forged rapidly into the front ranks of his profession, and received the degree of D.C.L. (in course) from the University of New Brunswick.

Since embarking upon his profession he has practiced constantly in this city having a large clientele. During the past few years, however, he has devoted himself to business interests to a great extent, being interested in the river steamship service, being manager of the St. John River Steamship Company.

The late Dr. Currey married Miss Childs, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who with five children survives him. He also leaves his mother, and three sisters. The children are William Childs, the oldest, aged seventeen; Julia Catherine, Allen Robert, Marian Elizabeth and June Louise. The sisters are Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. Thomas Gilbert, and Miss Eliza Currey.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at half past two o'clock.

DR. COX ADDRESSED ST. PETER'S Y.M.A. ON AN INTERESTING TOPIC

Eminent Scientist Delivered Excellent Lecture on the Movements on Our Celestial Neighbors, to good audience

Before a large audience in the rooms of the St. Peter's Y. M. A., yesterday afternoon Dr. Cox of the teaching staff of the University of New Brunswick, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on "Our Celestial Neighbors."

The speaker explained thoroughly the composition of the solar system, and the motions of the various planets. The exact location of each star and group of stars, and their position relative to the other members of the solar system was clearly pointed out by means of charts and drawings.

MANY BASKETS FOR THE POOR

Provisions Collected by Sunday School Children to be Distributed to those in Want.

Excellent Work Done by Three Churches Yesterday—Over 125 Baskets will be Given Out by Centenary.

Following the custom of the past six years the Centenary Methodist church Sunday school held their annual mission offering when the sum of \$63.34 was collected to forward the work in foreign lands while for the home missions a vast pile of food of all kinds assures a hearty Christmas dinner for the poor of the church.

Each class also presented different articles for the baskets and the platform grocers had a wide variety of work almost two hundred families will receive a Christmas dinner which they otherwise would have had to go without.

F. R. Murray, who for several years past has acted as superintendent of the school, was on the platform and in a short address made farewell to the children. Mr. Murray leaves on Tuesday for Vancouver, J. E. Arthur, the new superintendent of the school, presided.

In the Brussels street Baptist church the lady workers under the supervision of Miss Stella Payson did sterling work toward helping the poor to spend a cheerful Christmas. During the past week these ladies have been busy collecting the names and addresses of those in want and instructed to spend a cheerful Christmas. During the past week these ladies have been busy collecting the names and addresses of those in want and instructed to spend a cheerful Christmas.

The city council will meet today, and it is expected some of the commissioners will give an account of their stewardship as a Christmas present to the citizens. It is understood that Com. McLellan will present the estimates for the fire department for next year, and that they will be about the same as last year. It is probable, too, he will ask the council to ratify the resolution passed at a committee meeting, to reduce the police force to one man on December 31st. There is some curiosity to know what will follow the reduction of the force to one man, as it is not generally believed that the commission form of government has produced conditions so ideal that the policeman is sufficient.

RAISED \$800 FOR ORPHANS

Annual Statement Presented in Cathedral Yesterday Morning—Bishop LeBlanc Headed for First Time.

In the cathedral yesterday morning the 9 o'clock service His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc officiated for the first time since his elevation to the episcopacy, celebrating the mass and also preaching an eloquent sermon.

His Lordship made a favorable impression on his first appearance. In a short address prior to the sermon of the day he thanked the members of the congregation for the sentiments of loyalty and the cordiality they had shown to him on his arrival as bishop of St. John. He extended his thanks to Monsignor Chapman, Dr. A. W. Meahan and all the priests of the city who had assisted in the arrangements in connection with the reception and consecration.

In taking up his duties as their bishop, he said it afforded him great joy to see the loyalty to the doctrine of the head of the church evidenced by the Catholics of the city and their faith in their submission to the choice of the Holy Father.

The annual statement of the revenues received during the year of the orphan's home was submitted at the masses yesterday. The statement showed that nearly one hundred and seventy orphans were cared for by the different institutions last year. The revenues from all sources were in excess of any previous year, totalling \$4,000. Of this amount a large portion was received from the Sunday school picnics and St. Patrick Day entertainments, the former being made up from different sources.

CHRISTMAS TRADE BEST ON RECORD

Already Some Merchants Report it Ahead of Last Year's Total.

TWO MORE DAYS AND THEN SANTA CLAUS

Feature of Christmas Business this Year has been Large Increase in Cash Sales—Sign of Prosperity.

Although weather conditions have been very unsatisfactory for Christmas shopping, what with heavy rains, high winds, and dusty streets, local merchants report that their Christmas business has been ahead of any previous year, and the heaviest buying days are yet to come.

Many merchants express surprise at the amount of money the people seem to have to spend. There has been a big demand for expensive articles, and in general the quality of articles purchased by the Christmas shoppers is better than in past years. That the exceptionally good Christmas business is a reflection of the improvement in conditions during the year and the general feeling of optimism in regard to the outlook for the future, is the opinion of the merchants, who look for a steady expansion of business during the coming year.

Grocers, butchers and confectioners say that the demand for commodities for the Christmas table this year, is much better than last year when it broke all previous records. At the country market on Saturday there was a fine demand for all sorts of turkeys, geese and poultry of all sorts and prices were strong, ranging from 25 to 28 cents. What the next day or two will bring forth in the way of prices for the main features of the Christmas dinners of the multitude, nobody seemed willing to prophesy, but they are not likely to be less than last year's. Grocers do not seem to be able to raise enough turkeys for local consumption, and considerable quantities of turkeys as well as geese have been imported from Prince Edward Island and from Nova Scotia.

Confectioners report an advance of at least 25 per cent on their trade last year. The countrymen are selling a large number of Christmas trees, and the toy shops are supplying Santa Claus with a big and splendid assortment of novelties with which to stock the stockings of the kids. Wise youngsters are examining the chimneys to see that there are no obstructions to the descent of the funny old gent with the whiskers, and the reindeer.

POLICE RIDDLE MAY BE SOLVED THIS AFTERNOON

Commissioner of Public Safety May Tell Council How He Will Get Along with One Police Officer.

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TUNGSTEN LIGHTS IN TWO CHURCHES

An interesting feature of the Christmas services in St. Mary's church, Waterloo street, and St. John's church, King street east, was the use for the first time of their tungsten lights. The work in both instances was done by Hiram Webb & Son, 91 Germain street, and the commission of each church had expressed their interest in the new lighting, and the results.

SLEDS

The famous Flexible Flyers and Fire Fly self-steering sleds pay for themselves in footwear saved.

Flexible Flyers - Prices \$3.00 to \$5.35
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The true Xmas gift will be a Piano from the WILLIS HOUSE. A KNABE "The World's Best Piano." A WILLIS, Canada's Best. Or, An AUTOPIANO of New York.

These stand in friendly rivalry in our several parlors; which of them will you have for Xmas?

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Local Representatives: WILLIS PIANO & ORGAN CO.

Boker Hockey Skates

The name BOKER on a skate means you are getting the BEST, and is your GUARANTEE.

Table listing various skate models and prices: THE VIKING, THE ROVER, THE CHARM, THE CAESAR, THE BEAUTY, MEN'S AND BOYS' LONG REACH SKATES, TUBULAR HOCKEYS, HOCKEY PUCKS, SKATE STRAPS.

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A Breezy News Item From Our Costume Section

And Just in Time for Xmas Buying Gifts to Please the Misses and Women Folk

What could be more pleasing to the school girl than a nice new dress to start with after the holidays? What would be a more appropriate time to give such than now, the Christmas time?

We have a nice assortment of Children's and Misses' School Dresses, the kind that wear well. Shown in a variety of styles, including the popular Middy, Sailor and Norfolk Suits in navy and brown, trimmed with contrasting shades. Sizes from 5 to 18 years. Also a nice assortment of Dresses suitable for girls 14 to 18 years in tan, grey, Copenhagen, brown and navy, very smart, simply made, these suits are decidedly girlish.

Satin Underskirts Here is a Gift that will look well, wear well, made of soft satin they are just the thing for the narrow skirts, now worn, the shades are tan, black, cerise and Paddy green. The price is \$4.25. Added to this we show an assortment of Plain Taffeta Underskirts in plain colors from \$4.15 to \$8.25, also shot effects at \$5.25.

BATH ROBES in padded silk, plain or embroidered sizes from 2 to 18 years, or 34 to 42 bust measure. The colors are pink, sky, red, black and navy. Prices are Misses \$3.75 to \$4.50, in Ladies \$7.25 to \$14.75. These items may assist YOU in deciding on the remaining gifts to buy, all are in the Costume Section—2nd Floor.

Cluny Lace Sets for Gifts

Rich Xmas Suggestions from This Department

Table listing lace sets and prices: d'Oyseye, 6 to 12 inches, each 25c to 75c; Covers, round and square, each \$2.50 to \$9.00; Mureau Scarfs, each \$1.50 to \$5.00; Trays, oval and oblong, each \$1.50 to \$4.50; Buffet Scarfs, each \$1.75 to \$6.00.

These are genuine French hand made, they wash and wear well and make useful Christmas gifts. See them at front counter, Main Store.

Children's Furniture Display is Bigger and Better Than Ever Children's Furniture Showing in Carpet Dept.—Germain St.

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