

AROUND THE CITY

Repairing Leak in Conduit. Yesterday the water works department finished making repairs to a leak in the concrete conduit. It was not a large leak, and it was not necessary to shut off the water. The city engineer hopes there will be no more leaks this season.

Manchester Merchant Arrives. Steamship "Manchester" Master, Captain Payne, arrived in port last night from Manchester, Eng., with a large general cargo. The "Manchester" left the other side on Dec. 2nd, and met with heavy weather on the passage.

U. S. Products for Shipment. Manifests for 36 cars of United States products, consisting of lumber, meats, flour, cotton, etc., for shipment to the United Kingdom, were received yesterday. Up to date 533 cars of U. S. goods have been manifested in St. John.

C. M. B. A. Fixtures. The C. M. B. A. No. 452, held a meeting in their rooms last evening. It was decided to hold the installation of officers on Monday, January 23rd. Branch No. 132 will install their officers on the second Tuesday in January. Branch No. 412 will hold a smoker in St. Peter's hall on January 31st.

Officers Elected. Last night the Young People's Society of the Tabernacle Baptist church held their annual meeting and the following officers were elected: President, W. Edgar Campbell; Vice-president, Mrs. O. J. Black; Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Goggin; Treasurer, Miss Ruth Gilchrist; Organist, Miss Dora Beyer; Assistant organist, Miss Ruth Gilchrist.

Investigation Resumed Tonight. The committee which was instructed to continue the investigation into the charges against Ald. Kierstead will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at City Hall. Among the witnesses who will be examined are George Kierstead, Gray Murray and a representative of the insurance firm of Lockhart & Ritchie. It was at first intended to have the meeting open at 7:30.

Arrested for Profanity. Yesterday afternoon Leonard Cameron, 18 years of age, used profane language on Charlotte street. He did not realize that he was doing wrong until grabbed by the collar by Deputy Chief of Police, Frederick Jenkins, who marched the offender up to the police station and placed him in one of the cells. Cameron will have a chance to explain his conduct to the Police Magistrate this morning.

Fear Reed Has Been Drowned. It is feared that T. Hanford Reed, of Fairville, has been drowned in the harbor. He left his home on Prospect street, on last Tuesday afternoon after giving his mother \$17.50 and when he left he had but \$2.80. He was last seen by a man named White on the corner of Water and Princess streets, about 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The missing man was about 27 years of age and was not in the habit of staying away from home.

A Lively Runaway. There was a lively runaway on Union street yesterday afternoon, but, fortunately, no one was injured. A horse, owned by Dr. Addy and attached to a sleigh, ran out of the yard adjoining Dr. Addy's residence and down Union street in the direction of Sydney street. In the course of the trip the sleigh collided with a wood vendor's team and some damage resulted. The horse being freed from the shafts, the horse was caught on Sydney street before further damage was done.

Missionary to Speak Tonight. Rev. Frederick James Paton, who for twenty years was a missionary in the New Hebrides, will address a union meeting of the Presbyterian congregations of the city, which will be held in the school room of St. Andrew's church this evening. Mr. Paton is a son of the late John P. Paton, who spent practically all of his life in mission work in the New Hebrides. He has addressed meetings in various parts of Canada on life in the New Hebrides, and it is expected his lecture this evening will draw a large audience.

Engineers Examinations. The examining board for stationary engineers will meet today at 2:30 p.m. in the Barker House, Fredericton, and will also hold an evening session there for the benefit of candidates seeking to secure certificates. On the 21st the board will meet in the Hotel St. Stephen. Since the examination held here last week, John Kenny, Jr., the secretary of the board, has received quite a number of applications from stationary engineers in the city and county of St. John. Arrangements will be made for holding examinations here after the holidays.

Painters Elect Officers. Local union No. 784 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers, held a meeting last evening in their hall on Charlotte street, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Fred Kennedy; vice-president, Wm. Burrell; recording secretary, Thos. Palmer; financial secretary, Fred Kinsman; treasurer, Geo. T. Hay; conductor, Kenneth Forbes; warden, B. A. Turner; trustee, J. E. Beck. The annual report of the financial secretary showed that the union had enjoyed a substantial increase in membership during the past year, as well as an encouraging increase of its funds.

Rev. David Lang Believes in St. John. Rev. David Lang, who a short time ago resigned his charge in St. Andrew's church, left last evening for Toronto to take up his duties in the "Blue street" church in that city. A large representation of his former parishioners of St. Andrew's church, assembled at the depot to take leave of him. Rev. Mr. Lang expressed his pleasure at his friendly relations with the people of this city, and of the hearty cooperation which he feels in bound to come to this city. Rev. Mr. Lang during his connection with St. Andrew's church proved a popular and energetic member of the clergy, and his congregation while rejoicing in his call to a larger field, regret his departure from their midst.

ARTHUR HAWKES WILL VISIT IN CITY TODAY

Government Commissioner on Immigration will Meet Members of Board of Trade and Local Government.

Arthur Hawkes, the special commissioner on immigration recently appointed by the Borden government, who was invited to come to St. John by Premier Fleming, and discuss immigration matters with members of the local government, will arrive in the city on the noon train. At 3 o'clock he will hold a conference with Premier Fleming and members of the local government, as well as representatives of the local governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who are expected here in response to the invitation of Mr. Fleming.

At four o'clock Mr. Hawkes, Premier Fleming and other members of the government, will meet the council of the board of trade in their rooms on Prince William street and hear the views of that body in regard to the problem of promoting immigration to this province.

At 5 o'clock Mr. Hawkes will address a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club in Keith's assembly rooms on Women's Part in immigration. In the evening the council of the board of trade will entertain the immigration commissioner and representatives of the three local governments at a dinner to be given in the Union Club. H. B. Schofield, president of the board of trade, will preside at this function which will be an informal nature.

At the conference and dinner, the New Brunswick government will be represented by Premier Fleming, Hon. John Morrissey, commissioner of public works; Hon. Robert Maxwell, and possibly by Hon. Dr. Landry, minister of agriculture. It is understood that Premier Murray is sending Ald. Kierstead, secretary for agriculture, to represent Nova Scotia.

Mr. Hawkes was appointed to make a study of the immigration question in the school room of the local post office, and in order to handle it the staff is being increased. Four additional night men went to work in the office last evening, and seven more men will go to work this evening. In addition to these nine new men will be placed on duty this morning to assist the letter carriers.

The new night men in the office are Messrs. Boyce, Olive, Coleman and McLellan, and the new day men are Messrs. Dean, Barton, Whelpley, Hughes, Sullivan, Wilson and Emerson.

The largest English mail ever handled by the local office was sent out by the Empress of Ireland last Saturday.

MUST RETRACT OR DEFEND LAW SUIT

G. Gray Murdoch Wants Retraction from Ald. Kierstead - Threatens Libel Suit as an Alternative.

In consequence of a statement made by Ald. J. W. Kierstead at the last meeting of the Common Council, which cast a rather serious reflection upon the character of Gilbert Gray Murdoch, the representative of Prince Edward Island, the defendant in a libel suit, may be made the defendant in a libel suit.

Dr. L. A. Curry stated last evening that he had been retained by Mr. Murdoch to take legal proceedings, if a public retraction was not forthcoming. Dr. Curry, however, was confined to his home by illness yesterday, and unable to proceed with the case.

At the last meeting of the council Ald. Kierstead stated that he had been informed that Gray Murdoch, who was in charge of the sewerage work in Lancaster, had obtained the Corey affidavit by threatening that he would not pass the contractor's work unless he made the affidavit. Mr. Murdoch is indignant at the charge that he used intimidation to obtain the affidavit, and is after satisfaction.

During the past few days there has been a rush of Christmas mail at the local post office, and in order to handle it the staff is being increased.

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THE CHRISTMAS RUSH AT THE POST OFFICE

Working Night and Day Now to Handle Heavy Christmas Mails - Temporary Additions Made to Staff.

A very enjoyable instrumental programme was carried out last evening in the school room of Portland Methodist church under the auspices of the orchestra, in connection with the church and Sunday school. Ald. R. T. Hayes presided and there was a large attendance. The programme was as follows:

Selection—(Sounds from England)... By Orchestra  
Piano Solo—(Whirlwind)... Mr. Roberts  
Violin Solo... Bruce Halder  
Selection—(H. King street)... Orchestra  
Instrumental Quartet...  
Musical Selections... Messrs. Punter and Wilson  
Cornet Solo—(Columbia)... Mr. Wiley  
Selection—(Martha)... Orchestra  
Saxophone Solo—(German Song)...  
March Two Step—(Arawanna)...  
Selection—(Queen's Lace Handkerchief)... Orchestra  
God Save The King.

Michigan Had Large Cargo. C. P. R. steamer Lake Michigan, which left this port last Wednesday for London and Antwerp, took away in her large general cargo, 472 cattle, 600 sheep, 17,858 bushels of wheat, 1,310 boxes of cheese, 362,424 feet deals, etc., and \$13,380 worth of Canadian furs, as well as a lot of U. S. meats, etc. The following is the valuation: Canadian goods, \$211,731; Foreign goods, \$140,561; total value of cargo, \$352,292, the largest value so far this season.

Jewelry for Christmas. An opportunity to buy first-class jewelry at about half its regular price at this time of year, is a great boon to shoppers. At the bankrupt sale of jewelry at 55 King street, one will find an assortment of reliable and good jewelry at very low prices. For instance, you can buy Men's Solid Gold Cuff Links, that are worth \$6.00 a pair, for \$3.50. Ladies' Diamond Rings, worth \$15.00, for \$7.50. Ladies' Gold Watches, worth \$15.00, for \$7.50, and so on through the whole stock.

Silver is Suitable. There is nothing that would please mother better than a fancy piece of silverware. You can get these pieces engraved and plated to order at J. J. Groulx's, 24 Waterloo St. Phone 1986-21.

Always in Season. The compliments of the season to our patrons and Remember the People's Dairy Ice cream and frozen pudding when planning your Christmas dessert, 180 Union street.

Nickel's Santa Claus Playlet. This is a great hit with the kiddies and the attendance in the afternoon is abnormally large. Pretty little music-play with electrical novelties and funny dialogues.

The Genuine Firefly Shipper at McCoolough's Slater Shoe Shop, 51 King St. Get her a pair for Christmas.

Wanamaker's special turkey supper served every evening this week from 5 to 7 o'clock, 25 cents.

Painless Dentistry. Teeth filled or extracted free of pain by the celebrated "HALE METHOD." All branches of dental work done in the most skillful manner. BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS 527 Main Street. Tel. 653 DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S GREATEST SHOE HOUSE. Please Try Morning Shopping During the Coming Week.

Hockey Boots. Skates attached to all boots bought at our Stores free of charge.

Men's \$2.00 to \$3.50. Boy's 1.50 to 2.50. Women's 1.50 to 2.50.

Overshoes. The weather man says we are going to have snow and Overshoes will be necessary.

Waterbury & Rising, Ltd. King St. Union St. Mill St.

Jewelry for Christmas Gifts. The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price.

L. L. Sharpe & Son. Jewelers and Opticians. 21 KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Christmas Greeting Cards. A CHOICE ASSORTMENT. Calendars for Advertising Good for any Business.

C. H. Flewelling. Engraver-Printer. 25 1/2 Prince William St. See us or phone for Samples.

Electric Flash Lights

We have received a new line of these goods which are giving satisfaction. Certainly nothing could be handier. Price \$1.50. Vest Pocket, Leather Cover \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Vest Pocket, Nickel Case \$1.65 and \$2.00. Extra Batteries 40 cents.

Tool Boxes. Good for Old and Young. Ours are filled with good serviceable tools. Prices 75c to \$13.50. Jig Saws, \$5.75 to \$16.25.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. Market Square and King Street.

Sleds and Toboggans. We have a line to select from that is second to none in the city.

EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain Street. Phone 2520.

Commencing Wednesday, and for Balance of the Week, All M.R.A. Stores Will be Open Evenings Until Ten o'clock.

Ever-Acceptable Christmas Gifts For Men

HANDKERCHIEFS—Our special pure linen hemstitched, 1-2 inch hem, in pretty picture box of 1-2 dozen, for \$1.00. Other qualities in 1-4, 1-2 and 1 inch hems, all boxed in half dozens, making 5 very practical gift. Priced per half dozen: \$1.38, \$1.65, \$1.88, \$2.20, \$2.58, \$2.90, \$3.25, \$3.60, \$4.00. INITIAL LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, offered in pretty gift boxes of half dozen. Prices: \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00. SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, each: 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. INITIALED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, each: 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. FANCY BORDERED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, each: 50c, 75c, \$1.00. BRACES are always needed and make a very appropriate gift. Our Fancy Braces are all good common sense styles. Pretty but strong webs and ends. The favorite "President" Braces in all special Christmas webs, new designs, in handsome gift boxes, 50c. Other styles in neat webs, all in gift boxes. Prices: 75c to \$1.50. COMBINATION SETS—BRACES, ARMLETS and GARTERS. Pretty designs and all useful styles. In Christmas boxes. Prices: 75c to \$2.25. FANCY ARMLETS in gift boxes: 25c to 75c. FANCY GARTERS in gift boxes: 25c to 50c.

You Will Avoid the Big Crowds, If You Shop in the Morning

Gifts in Christmas Showroom. Presenters for Men and Boys. Boys' Mitts, Scarf and Cap, in the new color combinations. Boy Scout Suits and Outfits, Boys' Reefers, Overcoats, 2 and 3 Piece Suits, All these or any make ideal Christmas Gifts. Men's Fur Collars, Caps, and Gloves, Fur-lined Coats, Fur Coats, Overcoats, the best line showing in the city, all up-to-date in every detail. Men's Suits, those having all the marks of the best makers. Quality counts in M. R. A. Clothing. Men's Knitted and Fancy Vests, Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets.

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