AMBASSADOR BRYCE ON CHRISTIANITY

British Ambassador At Washington Addresses Convention Of Student Volunteers—Pleads For Clean Living.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Ambassador James Bryce was the chief speaker at the night session of the convention of the Student Volunteers movement, in convention hall. Bishop Hartzell, of the Methodist Church, whose field is Africa, also spoke.

Ambassador Bryce characterized the present time as a critical and also auspicious one for Christianity. There had been such progress in recent years he said, that today nine-tenth of the habitable earth was under the control of the so-called Christian powers.

Attention was called to the breaking up of the old ideas and customs in backward nations and the advance of western civilization and with these changes the necessity that was laid upon Christian nations to "implant a new and better faith."

Ambassador Bryce then spoke of the harm being done among un-Christian nations by members of the Christian nations who disregarded the teachings of their religion and then described the present age among English peoples as unprecedented in its power to draw men to the pursuit of wealth and enjoyment. The address closed with an exhortation to live lives "in the true Gospel spirit, whether at home or in foreign fields."

STATE OWNED ELEVATORS FOR MANITOBA URGED

Grain Growers Of Prairie Province Active In Securing Needed Reforms To Present System—To Meet Jan. 5.

Special to The Standard.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—January 5th has been fixed as the date when the elevator committee appointed by the Grain Growers Association will meet with the local Government to discuss and outline a scheme for providing a system of Government owned storage elevators throughout Manitoba.

The meeting will be held in the legislative buildings.

The grain growers' elevator committee has already met and discussed the principle at some length and will have something definite to present to the Government although no announcement has yet been made as to the details. Feeling of the grain growers as expressed by members of the committee is that of hearty co-operation with the Government in working out a practicable scheme which will place the elevator system of Manitoba on a secure basis where every grain grower will be assured that he will secure just returns for his crop.

TRAGIC END OF NOVA SCOTIAN

Special to The Standard.

Lunenburg, N. S., Dec. 30.—The tragic death of Stanley Zinck of Chester occurred Wednesday evening. Mr. Zinck had been in Halifax and was to have returned to Chester Wednesday night by train. When he failed to arrive at his home his wife thought he would come on the next morning train. She went to the station to meet him but was told by the trainmen that he had been on the train the evening before. A search was begun, resulting in the discovery of Zinck's body under the trestle bridge between the station and the watering tank. The body was entangled in the wire fence.

It is supposed that when the train stopped at the watering tank, Zinck got off and started to walk over the trestle towards the station. The night being dark he lost his footing and fell to his death, the body not being discovered till next morning. The deceased was an industrious, upright and honest man, who was respected by all who knew him. He was a member of the firm of Zinck Brothers, shoe dealers. His early demise, for he was only about twenty-five, will be regretted by a host of friends.

ONTARIO TOWN HAS ANOTHER BAD BLAZE

Essex, Ont., Dec. 30.—Essex was again visited by another disaster at an early hour this morning when fire broke out in the rear of O'Hara's tailor shop and rapidly spread to the adjoining building. The whole business section of the town was threatened for some time and the fire was finally confined after a four hours struggle by the firemen and citizens. The damage is estimated at $50,000 and the insurance placed at $10,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. An entire solid block of buildings in the heart of the business section was wiped out.

SCHOOLS NOT RIVALS OF SHOPS, SAYS SCHURMAN

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30.—"Don't try to make the boy a finished workman," said President Schurman of Cornell in an address today before the members of the State Teachers' Association.

"The schools were not and are not intended to be rivals of the shop. Boys should be taught English, industrial drawing, mathematics and the elements of physics and chemistry, and along with this theoretical work, there should be shops illustrating the industrial processes."

PREMIER'S CRUSHING REPLY TO CRITICISMS OF OPPOSITION

Hon. J. D. Hazen Exposes Baseless Charges Made By Mr. Robinson — Increased Revenue Of Province Due To Honest Methods—Old Government Responsible For Increase In Public Debt—Freshet Damage Paid Out Of Revenue.

(St. John Globe.)

In reply to a Globe reporter's inquiries this morning Premier Hazen said that the criticisms of the Auditor General's statement of the provincial finances published in the St. John papers opposed to the Local Government, were largely made up of falsehood and misrepresentation.

It is true, he said, that the province had a larger revenue last year than previously, which was due to the fact that the resources of the province had been carefully husbanded and an honest collection had been made by the Crown Land Department of the territorial revenues. The whole of this amount had been given back to the people in necessary work upon the roads and bridges of the province.

The tremendous freshet that occurred had done an immense amount of destruction, but the Government had been able to meet the emergency without borrowing one dollar of money for the purpose. How great this emergency had been would be realized by the single fact that repairs had been made to over one hundred and fifty bridges in the county of Kings alone.

Repairs Paid Out of Revenue.

A few years ago, 1902, when a freshet occurred in the fall of the year, although it had not done as much damage as the freshet of last January, the old Government had issued bonds to the extent of $150,000 for the purpose of repairing the damage. The present Government had met the emergency this year out of the ordinary revenue of the province.

Under the system of keeping accounts of the province at the present time Mr. Hazen declared that every dollar of receipt appears and also every dollar of expenditure. The result is, by comparison, to make it appear that the province has a much larger income than is really the case. For instance the receipts this year showed liquor licenses over $44,000; under the old system this would have appeared as $23,000, or $21,000 of the amount is paid out to the municipalities.

There were also other special accounts which were dealt with in the same way. Under the system now pursued nothing is kept back and the people of the province are given full information regarding the expenditure and income.

It was most gratifying, he declared, considering the extraordinary expenses that had to be met during the year in consequence of the freshet, to find that there was a balance on the right side of the account with every bill that had been received up to the 31st of October paid in full.

Old Government Responsible.

The opposition press, said Mr. Hazen, is endeavoring to make it appear that the present government had added largely to the public debt during the year. It is claimed that the debt has been increased in round figures by $200,000. The statement published by the Auditor General showed the cause of the increase; $170,422.41 of the amount had been incurred in consequence of legislation passed by the old government.

Another item that added to the debt was $26,583 for repairs to the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. This was incurred under legislation passed at the last session, but was an absolutely necessary expenditure which had to be made in consequence of the wretched conditions in which the railway had been left by the old government, in spite of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of public moneys that had been worse than wasted upon it. Had this expenditure not been made, and it would not have been necessary had it not been for the wasteful and criminal neglect of the old government, the safety of persons travelling upon the road would have been imperiled and its efficiency greatly interfered with.

With the exception of $15,679 spent during the year for permanent bridges it can be truthfully said that the present administration is not responsible for the increase of the debt, and has not been since it came into power two years ago.

School Books an Asset.

Asked with regard to the item of school books showing receipts of $9,528, and expenditures of $14,063, the Premier said that the difference was represented nearly altogether by the value of books now on hand at Fredericton and sums due by the vendors. Under the system that exist books have to be kept on hand for the purpose of meeting the demands of the vendors from time to time and it is absurd to say that the difference between the two amounts represented the cost of selling and distributing school books to the people of the province. No statement more wide of the truth could possibly be made. The books are on hand and are a valuable asset, and are being sold and paid for from time to time.

"I see," continued the Premier, "that one of the morning papers is attempting to make it appear that I have been charging large sums for my services in addition to my salary as Attorney General, and is instituting a comparison between my conduct in that regard and Mr. Pugsley's as Attorney General. I most certainly welcome such a comparison.

Pugsley's Extravagance.

The sums of money received by Mr. Pugsley from the province averaged over $7,000 a year, and in one year were over $10,000. In addition to the sums to which he was entitled by law he charged large sums for services rendered by him as Attorney General, and during some of these years did not conduct a single criminal prosecution in the courts.

During this year outside of my travelling expenses, which I believe will be found to be less than those paid to any premier for many years past, I have received simply my salary as Attorney General, my sessional indemnity and $600, the amount to which I was entitled by law for the collection of succession duties.

Although I have done a great deal of special civil business for the province as Attorney General in connection with the settlement of the insurance on the Provincial Hospital, adjustment of the Flewelling estate, and other matters I have not charged anything for so doing.

The manner in which the law officers of the Crown have discharged their duties during the year may be judged from the fact that the amount paid by the province for criminal prosecutions has been less than for several years past, although there has been a very great deal of criminal business transacted during the past year.

Less Paid in Prosecutions.

"In fact, I think it is generally conceded that in no year for many years past have there been so many criminal trials in New Brunswick. This is due to the fact that the Solicitor General and I have attended personally and in a great many cases not only in the Supreme Court and the County courts of St. John and York counties, but in other courts as well. The amounts paid for criminal prosecutions for several years past are as follows:

1907	$3,258.19
1908	2,902.63
1909	1,931.68

"Full opportunity will be afforded when the Legislature meets of discussing the financial position of the province in the Legislature, and I am satisfied that the people of the province generally will be pleased with the careful, prudent and economical manner in which the finances have been managed since the present government came into power.

"While the amount spent for public works this year was necessarily large I hope that we will be able to expend next year for similar services a sum at least equally as large. From the reports that reach me from all parts of the province I have no doubt whatever that New Brunswick in a few years will be supplied with bridges and roads superior to those of any province in Canada.

New Apointment Justified.

"In consequence of the introduction of the new Audit Act and proper system of keeping accounts and efficient collection of the provincial revenues," said Mr. Hazen, "several new officials have had to be appointed in connection with the departments of the Provincial Secretary and Surveyor General, but the increased revenues which have resulted and the improved system of public accounts have justified the increase many times over.

"The only increase in the salaries of the members of the government were made at the last session of the Legislature when the Surveyor General and Chief Commissioner of Public Works were each voted the same salary, namely $2,100 that is paid to the Attorney General and Provincial Secretary. No one who knows the valuable work that has been done for this province by Messrs. Grimmer and Morrissy, and the attention which they give to the duties of their office, will for one moment think that the salary as at present is at all adequate to the services which they render."

In addition to this the cost of executive government is apparently increased by the transfer to that head of the travelling expenses of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, which were previously charged to the miscellaneous expenses of that department. This is done for the sake of clearness in bookkeeping and is no increase in the public expenditure.

Mr. Hazen discussed the situation with great animation with the reporter and that he is well satisfied with the situation is quite evident.

MUCKRAKERS LOSE IN THIS DECISION

New York, Dec. 30.—The argument that a corporation having no soul, cannot commit a crime, was refuted by the appellate division of the supreme court which upheld the action of the lower court in imposing $500 fine against the Star Company, publishers of the New York American, for libelling John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

In defending the suit, Clarence J. Shearn had argued that a corporation "having neither soul, conscience, mind nor feeling, is incapable of entertaining a mischievous and malicious intent, which is an essential element in criminal libel."

The libel re-affirmed today, was published in December, 1908, and stated that Mr. Rockefeller originated a system of peonage in a stockade at the plant of the Corn Products Refining Company at Summit, Ill.

FOUR UNDER ARREST IN PITTSBURG MYSTERY

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—With four persons under arrest and the detectives searching for a waitress, said to have served a meal to little "Jimmy" Friel and a tall man the night that the boy is supposed to have met his fiendish death, it is said that the murder mystery which has stirred greater Pittsburg for the past five days is near a solution tonight.

Captain of Detectives Elmore, said tonight:

"We are on the right trail. Developments will follow fast now."

This is taken to mean that the police have already taken into custody, or will shortly do so, the person responsible for young Friel's death.

Arthur Buzzard, an elevator operator, who was arrested last night, is reported to have made startling disclosures concerning young Friel's disappearance and death.

GRANTS MADE TO SOCIETIES TOTAL $9,000

Deputations Heard By Treasury Board — Proposal To Add Three Cents To General Assessment.

At the monthly meeting of the treasury board last evening, grants to charitable organizations and societies including the Horticultural Society, amounting in all to $9,000, were recommended. The grants were made after the various delegations had been heard and in the majority of cases the full amount asked for was recommended. The grants are as follows:—Horticultural Soty, $5,000; Victorian Order of Nurses $1,500; Salvation Army Metropole, $500; Tourist Association $375; Playgrounds Committee $300; S.P.C.A., $300; Riverview Memorial Park $250; Every Day Club $200; Associated Charities $200; Free Kindergarten $375. Of this total the sum of $1,500 is for defraying expenditure during 1909 and $7,500 for next year. Ald. Baxter presided and Ald. Sproul, Vanwart, Potts, Frink and McGoldrick were present with the chamberlain, comptroller and common clerk.

A refund of taxes collected under execution from David Sheppard was recommended.

The city engineer reported that he was unaware of the length of the tubing supplied by Messrs. Fleming and apologized for observations which he had made.

It was ordered that the explanation should be sent to Mr. Fleming.

Public Play Grounds.

Miss Peters was heard on behalf of the public playgrounds committee. She would like to see the playgrounds carried on as a municipal undertaking. They had received no grant in 1909, but the council had not taken up the work and it would be necessary to have an appropriation for 1910. It would require at least $1,000 to open up playgrounds in different parts of the city.

Mrs. McLellan added that there was great need for a playground in the North End.

Mr. F. B. Francis spoke on behalf of the Victorian Order of Nurses. Last year, he said, was the only year in which a grant of $1,000 had not been received since 1904. The work was increasing as three nurses were now engaged. It would be necessary to get $500 to balance out the present year and the full grant was required for 1910. Five years ago 2,212 cases were attended to, while last year the number increased to 4,703.

Mrs. McLellan said it was understood when a third nurse was employed that the $1,000 would be forthcoming.

The Salvation Army.

Adjt. Carter spoke for the Salvation Army. The letters sent the aldermen contained all the particulars he said. They were asking for $300 for the Metropole and $200 for the Evangeline Home.

Judge Armstrong and Mr. G. S. Fisher appeared on behalf of the Horticultural Society. Mr. Fisher said that the money was all spent. It took $600 to feed the creatures. The horse had died and could not be replaced.

Judge Armstrong spoke of the financial condition of the society. Over $3,000 had been spent during the past year and they wanted $1,000 to make up for this year and $4,000 in addition.

Ald. Frink said it could be easily arranged to have old horses from the Water and Sewerage Departments used at the park.

Mr. Fisher said the work had been restricted for want of money.

Judge Armstrong said they would like to have $1,000 right away. Before the remainder was granted the comptroller could examine the books and see what was required.

Ald. Baxter figured up that the total amount asked by the different associations was $7,525. This would amount to about three per cent on the tax rate. He suggested that this portion of the general assessment be put aside each year for this purpose.

Ald. Baxter asked Miss Peters if it was not possible to cut down the $1,000 asked for the playgrounds.

Miss Peters replied that the expenditure of $1,000 in this way would mean a great saving in the up-keep of jails, reformatories and hospitals.

Ald. Baxter drew a comparison between the total amount asked for and the assessment for the various departments. It was one-ninth of the expenditure on streets, one-sixth on fire, one-third on lighting and more than was expended on libraries.

The application of the White Candy Co., Ltd., for exemption from taxation and a bonus or guarantee of bonds was filed, on motion of Ald. Potts.

The comptroller was given authority to make provision for payments during January until the appropriations were settled.

The Grants Considered.

The grants were next considered.

Ald. McGoldrick—"What is this playground business anyhow?"

Ald. Baxter—"It is a highly reforming agency consisting of a few heaps of sand and some discarded paving blocks."

Ald. Frink said playgrounds were really a part of the school system. He moved that the grant be $500.

Ald. Potts moved the grant be $300.

The amendment carried.

Ald. Potts moved that the Victorian Order of Nurses receive $250 for $1909 and $750 for $1910.

Ald. Frink moved that the full amount asked for in each case be granted.

The chairman supported this motion.

Ald. Potts said he would be willing to split the difference, but this was not acceptable to Ald. Frink.

Ald. Frink's amendment carried.

Ald. McGoldrick moved the S. P. C. A. get $300. This was carried.

Ald. Frink moved that the Every Day Club get $100.

Ald. Potts said this was one of the good things, and moved the grant be $200.

The amendment carried.

At the suggestion of the chairman the Salvation Army was given $500 for the Metropole, instead of dividing the grants between the Metropole and the Evangeline Home.

Ald. McGoldrick moved that the Horticultural Society receive the $5000 asked for. He thought they were doing good work, much better than could be done by the city.

The motion was adopted.

The usual grants to Riverview Memorial Park and to the Tourist Association were passed.

The application of Mrs. Hall for a grant of $250 to the Associated Charities was considered and on motion of Ald. Sproul the grant was made $200.

The request for a grant to the Natural History Society was laid on the table.

Ald. Vanwart moved that the grant to the Free Kindergarten be $375. This was carried.

After some further discussion the board adjourned.

ECHOS OF CHRISTMAS SEASON IN CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS

Many Pleasant Gatherings For Boys and Girls Held Last Evening—Entertainment In Trinity—Wiggins Orphanage Has Visit From Santa Claus—Presentation At St. Mary's And Fairville Methodist Churches.

Although December 25 is past, Christmas festivities are not yet over as is evident from the many entertainments that have been given during the week in connection with Sunday schools in the city. The Christmas treat would appear to be coming as popular as the annual picnic. Yesterday there was a large number of such entertainments, trees and presents were provided, and a general good time provided for the young people.

The pupils of Trinity church Sunday school enjoyed their Christmas treat yesterday. In the afternoon the younger pupils to the number of about sixty were present. Each received a bag of candy and other good things from a large tree provided and afterwards a good time was spent playing games, etc.

Entertainment in Trinity.

In the evening the older pupils were present and an interesting programme was carried out and prizes presented to the leaders in the Sunday school classes. Rev. R. A. Armstrong, the rector, presided, and in the course of his address congratulated the members of the Sunday school choir on the great improvement in the singing.

The following programme was carried out:

Carol—Oh Little Town of Bethelem, Sunday school choir.

Recitation—Merriest Christmas to You, Gordon Smith.

Chorus—Christian Secrets, eight little girls.

Solo—Land of Roses, Miss Jessie Knight.

Recitation—Slightly Mixed, Lidy Lobb.

Solo—Wonderland, Daphne Fairweather.

Recitation—Just Before Christmas, James Hoyt.

Chorus—Ring Ye Bells, Sunday school choir.

Recitation—Little Christmas Tree, Daisy Saunders.

Violin Solo—Old Oaken Bucket, James Hoyt.

Piano Solo—Robert Dobson.

Dialogue—Why Santa Claus Comes in December, with closing chorus, Christmas Bells.

The dialogue which brought the programme to a close was much enjoyed and showed the result of careful rehearsal. Sixteen girls and boys took part, twelve of them being dressed to represent the months of the year.

Those who took part follow:

Miss Kathleen Walker, January; Miss Helen Gibbard, February; Miss Alice Smith, March; Master George Kinnear, April; Miss Gertrude Betts, May; Miss Evelyn Frisby, June; Master Gordon Smith, July; Miss Margaret Teed, August; Master Fraser Ellis, September; Miss Josephine Humphrey, October; Master Wilfred Cox, November; Master Ralph Markham, December; Master Robert Dobson was Santa Claus, and Miss Mary Dobson, Miss Georgian Whepley and Miss Elsie Millidge also assisted.

Prizes were awarded the pupils who made the highest marks in their classes and before the meeting broke up refreshments were served.

Presentations at St. Marys.

As a reward for attending Sunday school for twelve years withing being absent once, Miss Ida Sproul, daughter of Ald. Sproul, was last night presented with a gold piece at the Christmas festival held for the pupils of St. Marys church Sunday school. A gold piece was also presented to Mr. Andrew W. Chamberlain the secretary of the school. During the evening a musical and literary programme was carried out and there was a splendid Christmas tree loaded with presents for the pupils and teachers.

Fairville Methodist church also entertained their Sunday school pupils last evening. Mr. W. Golding acted the part of Santa Claus and distributed presents to the children. A pleasant feature in connection with the gathering was the presentation of a purse of gold to Mr. Stanley Stout the organist of the church in recognition of his able and effective services. The presentation was made by the pastor Rev. George A. Ross on behalf of the official board of the congregation. The gathering came to an end about ten o'clock after an enjoyable evening had been spent.

At The Wiggins Orphanage.

A merry time was spent at the Wiggins Male Orphan institution last evening. It was the occasion of the annual Christmas tree and entertainment for the boys of the home, and a large number of citizens were present.

Mr. Geo. E. Fairweather opened the proceedings in a short speech in which he dwelt upon the grand work being accomplished by the home, and complimented the boys upon their neat and tidy appearance. He said that the general behavior and appearance of the boys was far more satisfactory than on any previous attendance by the present examiners. He then addressed a few plain, kindly words to the boys, encouraging them to be of good conduct, and assuring them that they were being moulded into useful citizens.

The musical entertainment which was carried out in the spacious school room of the institution was then opened by the 24 boys joining lustily in the chorus of My Own Canadian Home.

After a pleasing programme had been rendered all present proceeded to one of the large dormitories of the building where a large Christmas tree laden with gifts was stripped, and the many handsome presents were distributed among the boys. For nearly half an hour Superintendent Pearce and his staff were kept busy distributing the gifts.

Then all present repaired to the large dining room where an excellent repast was served.

At St. Luke's.

The teachers and officers of St. Luke's Sunday school were entertained at a delightful Christmas supper in the schoolroom of the church last evening by the pastor, Rev. R. P. McKim and Mrs. McKim. About fifteen sat down to supper, and after the good things had been disposed of, those present spent a pleasant social hour. Before dispersing three hearty cheers were given for their host and hostess.

The annual Christmas Sunday school entertainment was held last evening in Main street Baptist church. At 5 o'clock the primary class were entertained and presented with a well filled bag of candy by a real live Santa Claus and at 7.30 o'clock the older members were similarly entertained. Nearly 500 children were present at both gatherings and had an enjoyable time.

Germain street Baptist church Sunday school rooms were crowded last evening by members of the Sunday school and their friends, the occasion being the annual social and tea of the school. About 250 members of the class were present at the supper which was served from 6 to 7. At 8 o'clock a special musical entertainment by members of the Sunday school was given at the close of which Santa Claus distributed gifts.

At the St. Paul's church Sunday school last evening the Christmas treat for the pupils was held. About 190 children were present to whom Mr. Walter Peters, representing Santa Claus, gave presents from a large Christmas tree. During the evening games were played and there was a short musical programme. Rev. E. B. Hooper, the rector of the church briefly addressed the children present.

CASH FLAX TOUCHES NEW HIGH WATER MARK

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Cash flax today touched the highest point ever known on the floor of the Chamber of Commerce when it went up to $2.09 1-2. This is three and one half cents higher than May flax in Duluth, which is quoted there at $2.06.

The high price is due to the shortage of flax all over the world and particularly in the northwest. Very little was offered at the price bid.

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE NOT ILL AS REPORTED

Paris, Dec, 30.—The reports that M. Fallieres, president of France, was ill and that a specialist had been called in consultation, were officially declared tonight to be absolutely false. The president spent the day in hunting with friends at Rambouillet.

FOUR LEADERS FOR COMING CAMPAIGN HAVE BEEN SECURED

Executive In Simultaneous Movement Making Good Progress — Opening Date February 8.

At a meeting of the executive of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign movement last night it was announced that Rev. Messrs. Cameron, Gray, Sykes and a Presbyterian minister from New York had been secured as leaders in the campaign. As they could not arrive in the city on Monday, February 7 it was decided to open the campaign on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Each group however, will hold a preparatory service on the Monday.

The Salvation Army placed the use of the Citidal at the disposal of the executive for the three weeks of the campaign and it was decided to obtain an evangelist especially suited for this class of work.

The nominating committee were asked to provide speakers for the Seamens' Mission during the campaign.

The following musical committee was appointed: Rev. L. A. McLean, convener; Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. C. W. Townsend, Rev. H. D. Marr and Mr. R. A. Sinclair. Representatives from the Brussels street and West End groups have yet to be appointed. It was recommended that the Alexander hymn book be used.

A committee on entertainment consisting of Judge J. G. Forbes, Mr. W. C. Cross and Mr. Duncan Smith was appointed.

Mr. Walter H. Golding's offer of the use of the Nickel Theatre to hold midday services was accepted with thanks.

The finance committee was asked to arrange a guarantee fund for the expenses of the campaign.

The executive adjourned for two weeks.

GRAFT AND CRUELTY IN ATLANTA PRISON

Startling Evidence Of Barbarous Practices Brought Out In Evidence Before Commission In Georgia City.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—That white women were hung up on the wall of a cell room as though crucified with extended arms, that at least one attempt was made to whip a woman, and that prisoners were used to do work for private citizens, were some of the things testified today in the city council's investigation of the city prison, known as the "stockade."

Charges have been made that the city prison, to which men and women convicted of misdemeanors and unable to pay a money figure are committed, is a filthy place, unworthy of holding even animals, that there has been graft, and that barbarous cruelties are practised there.

The grand jurors recently indicted Superintendent Vining and two guards for cruelty, and made public a report which resulted in this investigation.

Ruby Gaither, a country girl, who said she was 19 years old, told how she was hung up by the wrists until she fainted. She saw other women similarly punished. One girl, Pearl Ryan, was put into the whipping machine for the application of the lash. The lash is a heavy leather strap with large rivets studded in its surface. The Ryan girl was so small that she slipped through the chair and guards gave up the attempt to beat her. The investigation will continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that the Fishery Lots along the East side of the Bay, River and Harbor, and of the Fisheries heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East Side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, and also the Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1910.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1909.

JAMES H. FRINK,
JOSEPH A. LIKELY,
EDWARD C. ELKIN,
FRANK L. POTTS,
JOHN McGOLDRICK,
JOHN B. M. BAXTER,
JAMES F. BELYEA,
A. O. HAVELOCK WILSON.

31-22-28-1

Probate Court,

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN

To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, or any Constable of the said City and County—Greeting:—

WHEREAS the Executor of the Estate of MARY JANE PRICE, late of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, widow, deceased, has filed in this court an account of his Administration of the said deceased's estate and has prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of law, and distribution of the said Estate directed according to the terms of the last will and Testament of the said MARY JANE PRICE deceased;

You are therefore required to cite to the Devisees and Legatees of the deceased and all of the creditors and other persons interested in her personal estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of Saint John, in the Probate Court room in the Pugsley Building, in the City of Saint John, on Monday the seventeenth day of January next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to attend at the passing and allowing of the said accounts and at the making of the order for the distribution of the said estate as prayed for and as by law directed.

(L.S.) Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court, this thirteenth day of December, A. D., 1909.

(Signed) J. R. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.
(Signed) H. O. McINERNEY, Registrar of Probate.
(Signed) AMON A. WILSON, Proctor.

31-20-27-3

Liquor License Act 1896

THE LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS for the district of the City of Saint John will meet in the Office of the Inspector, Jardine's Building, Prince William street, on Thursday, the 13th day of January next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering all applications for licenses to sell liquor in the City of St. John, under the aforesaid act, during the ensuing year, commencing on the 1st day of May, 1910, and also for the purpose of hearing any objections that may be taken to granting said licenses.

H. B. EAGLES,
THOS. A. LINTON,
FLORENCE McCARTHY.

Dated at the City of Saint John, N. B., this 28th day of December, 1909.
By order of the Commissioners.

JOHN B. JONES, Secretary.

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An Opportunity.

A desirable office to rent. See advertisement. Frank E. Fairweather.

A watch night service will be held in St. Luke's church this evening at 11 o'clock.

Opera House Tonight

The ROBINSON OPERA COMPANY
In Popular Operas
PRESENTING
BOCCACCIO
TOMORROW AFTERNOON
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