

AROUND THE CITY

Sailed for St. John. The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain and the Allan liner Gramplan sailed from Liverpool yesterday for Halifax and St. John with large general cargoes and passenger lists.

St. David's Sleigh Drive. The boys and girls of St. David's church were given a sleigh drive around the city last evening. About sixty children left the church early in the evening, and after driving for about two hours they returned to the school room, where a supper was held. All present enjoyed themselves keenly.

New Sewer Completed. The sewer, which for the past few months has been under construction on Main and Mill streets, is now completed. The work, which was done by Tobias and George, was started during October and was carried on continuously during the winter, with the exception of a few days, when they were hindered by rainy weather. The sewer replaces an old wooden one and is constructed of brick and concrete. It starts from the corner of Acadia and Main streets, and runs to Paradise Row, and from there to Fort Street and serves smaller streets from Port Howe and Mount Pleasant.

St. John Kennel Club. The annual meeting of the St. John Kennel Club was held last evening when reports on the successful show of last September were held, and officers elected for the ensuing year. The officers are as follows:—G. P. Allen, president; E. Alban Sturdee, secretary-treasurer. Managing committee, the President and Secretary-treasurer, together with H. J. Sheehan, LeBaron Wilson, J. J. LeLacheur, George Connelly and Charles Conway. A vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to Verner McLellan, the retiring secretary-treasurer.

Trades and Labor Council. At its last meeting the Trades and Labor Council passed a resolution protesting against the abolition of the present system of requiring non-taxpayers to take out a license to work in the city. It was also decided to send a communication to both the City Council and Provincial Government requesting them to give public assistance to any industry, they should do so, on the condition that the company receiving the support should guarantee to pay the union rate of wages and observe the hours of labor prevailing in the trade. Some discussion took place on the rent question, but no action was taken.

SHEFFIELD STREET CASES DISPOSED OF

Proprietors and inmates of Disreputable Houses Received Heavy Sentences in Police Court Yesterday.

Proprietors of two Sheffield street bawdy houses and an inmate were given sentences in the police court yesterday afternoon that they will remember for some time to come. Bob Tucker, a Bermuda colored man, proprietor of one of the houses, was fined \$100 or six months in jail, while two women, namely Barrigan and Francis, who were arrested for being inmates of the house, were remanded to jail to await sentence. John O'Brien was found guilty of being the proprietor of another bawdy house, and was sentenced to six months in jail without a fine, and a fine of \$100 or three additional months in jail to go into the bargain. The prisoner has served the six months sentence. Lizzie Norman, a white woman, was found guilty of being an inmate of the O'Brien house. She was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd for a term of nine months. Agnes Cunningham, a Scotch woman, was found guilty of being an inmate of the Tucker house, and was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd for nine months.

PLAYGROUNDS ASSN. EXECUTIVE MEETS

At a meeting of the executive of the Playgrounds Association last evening additional members of the executive were named and will be asked to accept nomination. W. C. Allison presided at the meeting and a general discussion of playground matters was carried on. It was decided to find out how many local teachers desire to take the course of instruction in playground work which will begin March 15 and be carried on for about two months. The chairman, with Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Miss Leavitt, R. B. Emerson and the secretary, were appointed a committee to interview the common council regarding the grant towards the Rockwood Athletic field. The executive decided to ask the school board to fix the exact site of the Bentley street school, so that the association will be able to establish playgrounds accordingly and thereby obviate the necessity of changing the location of the grounds after they have been established. The school board was also asked to express their views regarding the possibility of having supervised play carried on during recess at school grounds where there is already the necessary equipment. Mrs. Bullock reported that she had received a letter from Ottawa indicating as to the success which the playground movement is meeting here, also regarding the support given the scheme. The ladies of the executive were authorized to nominate officers and committees to the women's council. E. B. Jones on behalf of Manchester Robertson & Allison, donated two merry-go-rounds for the younger children. A vote of thanks was passed to the donors. The bills and by-laws committee of the Fairview Board of Trade met last evening and prepared bills and by-laws to be submitted at the meeting of the board on next Friday evening.

CITY ROAD FIRE LAST NIGHT CAUSED LOSS OF ABOUT \$5000

McLean & Holt Foundry Damaged, and Rear of Edgecombe's Carriage Factory Burned—Quick Work by Firemen Alone Prevented More Serious Blaze.

Fire, which started in McLean and Holt's foundry off City Road, and then worked its way into the rear of the A. G. Edgecombe carriage factory, last evening, caused damage of about a thousand dollars to the foundry, and about \$2,500 to the factory. It was about 8 o'clock when the fire was first discovered in the foundry and an alarm was sent in from box 241. When the department arrived the fire had a good start and it soon worked into the rear of the carriage factory which adjoins. Foam streams of water were soon pouring on the flames and it was not until after the firemen had worked about an hour that the blaze was extinguished. The damage to the foundry is estimated at about \$1,000 and is covered by insurance. In the rear of the carriage factory where most damage was done, the building is three stories high. On the ground floor there was a large stock of dry lumber stored while on the two upper floors a number of carriages were stored. This section of the building and the contents were badly damaged.

Port Goes Up in Theft Case. Man Charged with Stealing \$55 from S. Kandris Committed for Trial—Denies Knowledge of Crime.

In the police court yesterday afternoon the preliminary hearing was concluded in the case of Howard Dort, alias Howard Armstrong, who is charged with entering the house of S. Kandris at 192 1/2 Union street, and robbing him of \$54. Dort was committed for trial. Policeman Henry gave evidence when the defendant was taken into the central station he pulled out a roll of bills amounting to \$54. The bills were of the same denomination as those to which Kandris testified he had lost. Deputy Chief Jenkins told of interviewing the defendant in the jail and of taking the money from him and charging him with the theft. Detective Killen told about Kandris reporting his loss at central station and said Kandris identified the prisoner as a man whom he saw in the alley near his house at eleven o'clock on the night of the robbery. When asked if he had anything to say the defendant declared he did not remember anything of what transpired here when the time he was thrown out of a bar room about ten o'clock on the night of the robbery. He did not remember saying anything to the policeman or of having been near Kandris' house. He remembered waking up under some trees just before he was arrested, but staggered away and did not know where he was going, as he had been drinking heavily during the early part of the night. As to having the roll of money with him he said he had been working on the Dominion Coal Company's pocket since last May, and boarded at John C. Laughey's on the King Square. All the money he had over his board he saved and hid in his bed. On the night he got into trouble he left the boarding house with about \$70. He had purchased a number of drinks and became intoxicated. He remembered being dragged about the streets by two men whom he did not know, and in fact the greater part of the night was a blank to him. He was sent up for trial as stated.

COMMISSIONERS HEAR OBJECTIONS TO NEW CITY TRAFFIC BYELAW

Delegation from Different Associations Present Arguments—Nothing Definite Arrived at. The city commissioners had a conference yesterday, with a delegation representing the Board of Trade, the Automobile Association, and drivers of horses in reference to the new traffic by-law. The conference lasted about three hours, and as by that time there was still a large portion of the act which the delegation wanted to discuss, it was decided to hold another meeting on Monday evening. It was said that the conference was fairly harmonious, and that it was likely there would be a certain amount of give and take, resulting in a compromise by-law, which would be tried out for a year. The principal objections of the automobile people were directed against the sections requiring them to sound their horns and slow down at every corner, no matter whether any pedestrians were crossing or not, while the drivers of carriages objected most strongly to the regulations requiring them to always turn to the right and negotiate a corner in a certain way. It was pointed out that St. John was a very hilly city and that traffic adapted to a flat city would be a great hardship here. The commissioners explained their views of the regulations and pointed out that people on foot were entitled to some rights, and that in view of the rapid growth of the city, it was desirable to provide regulations that would facilitate the movements of traffic in the bigger and better St. John of the future.

TRINIDAD EXPECTS BIG BENEFIT FROM NEW STEAMER LINE

D. McLean, West Indian Merchant, May Open Branch Offices Here—Much Trade will be done. D. McLean, a merchant of Trinidad, is in the city looking into trade conditions with the idea of establishing an office here. He believes that if an improved steamship service is provided, and the reciprocity arrangement put into effect a good business will be developed from this port with the prosperous island of Trinidad. He informed a reporter that there were many articles manufactured here which Trinidad merchants had no idea they could get here, and consequently ordered from the United States, England or Germany. "The great need is an improved steamship service," he added. "With our larger and faster boats there is not much chance of developing the trade between Canada and the West Indies. In one case I know of a Trinidad merchant who ordered by cable, on the 3rd of March, 2,000 bags of flour from Canada. The consignment was forwarded by the Canadian miller to St. John in good time, but the steamship company did not deliver it in Trinidad till June. The steamship people said they had no room for it. When a merchant orders flour by cable he does not like to wait four months for it to be delivered. "There are a large number of agricultural products and manufactures which the West Indies would take from Canada if the steamship service was satisfactory, and doubtless Canada would take more products from the West Indies."

SOCIALISTS ANGRY AT FLAG DESECRATION

Union Jacks Hung Over Doorway of Hall Torn Down by Unknown Person—Will Take Matter Up. The Socialists of St. John have a grievance. While the fair was in progress they had their hall festooned with Union Jacks, and over the entrance to the hall they had hung other Union Jacks. But there are evidently some persons in St. John who have no use for the British flag, for on going to their hall last night the Socialists found that the flags, which had been hung outside the doorway, had been torn down and thrown into a corner of the hall. In view of the fact that a year or so ago an official of the city tried to make it appear that the Socialists were in the habit of trampling on the British flag, the officers of the Socialist local will probably ask the chief of police to get detectives on the trail of the culprit who desecrated the Union Jacks. They have a suspicion who the party was and also that he would not like the public to know who he was.

A Chimney Fire. About 9:30 o'clock last night No. 1 chemical and No. 2 hose were called out by a still alarm for a chimney fire in the house of William Petrie on Erin street, near the corner of Brunswick. When the firemen arrived they found they could not reach the roof with the ladder on the chemical engine, and it was found necessary to call the ladder truck to the scene. When one of the long ladders was extended to the roof stalk was thrown down the burning chimney and the fire soon extinguished.

MOTORISTS DEVELOPING

Aid. Tingley Tells of Progress in Railway City—Natural Gas Proving Great Boon to Industries.

It is probable that a new system of assessment will be introduced into Moncton in the near future. Steps are now being taken in that direction. Ald. A. J. Tingley, of Moncton, who is in the city so told The Standard last evening. "The new civic government elected a short time ago is getting down to business," Mr. Tingley said, "and has a number of important questions to deal with. "The Trades and Labor Council," he said, "presented an application to the city council for a reform in the tax system. The demand made by the trades and labor people, while not directly for the abolition of the income tax, seems to tend to get as near to the single tax idea as is workable." The committee on legislation is preparing a bill to be presented to the legislature whereby the council may be authorized to change the assessment law. "Moncton is quite a busy place this year," Mr. Tingley said, "and we are looking to see considerable progress. The introduction of natural gas is doing a great deal to stimulate industrial development. With gas available for power it is hoped to secure more industries for the town. Already great satisfaction is felt with the gas. The cost is low, both for industrial purposes and domestic use, and there is less complaint about the cost of heating with gas than there was some time ago. For power purposes Moncton has natural gas for 15 cents a thousand feet, and the cost for domestic use is 40 cents a thousand with a reduction of 5 per cent for prompt payment. The park association's property will soon be the property of the city, a plebiscite having been taken some time ago on the matter. The property is to be used for public purposes and not for division into industrial sites. The street railway, Mr. Tingley said, propose to continue their extensions within the city proper in the spring. It is the intention to run another line to the I. C. R. shops by carrying the tracks through Union street.

BOARD OF TRADE MEN GET A SERIOUS SHOCK IN IMMIGRATION SHED

Delegation Greatly Surprised at Bright Aspect of Formerly Gloomy Building—Needs a Coat of Paint. Some of the members of the board of trade went over to the West Side yesterday and got a serious shock. What caused their shock was the revolution which has taken place in the appearance of the immigration shed. When the immigration department of the local government and the board of trade joined hands to open a booth in the shed for the purpose of advertising the province, it was discovered that the immigration shed was a very gloomy looking place, of a barn-like aspect, and not exactly the sort of spot to cheer up a stranger, far from here. Mr. Tingley thinks he was well come to this country. So the committee in charge of the booth got Thomas Mantle to brighten things up there and by hanging up some bunting and flags. The result of his efforts gave such a new appearance to a portion of the building that by contrast the gloominess of other parts was greatly emphasized and began to get on the nerves of the people. So the immigration officials of the province and the board of trade decided it was time that something was done to make the immigrants feel they had not landed in a barn, and orders were given to brighten up the place. Mr. Mantle accordingly bought a lot of bunting and hung the walls with color; also he put up nearly as many British flags as there are stars and bars in the department of the immigration. In order to make the place look even more homelike, a lot of ferns and flowers were procured to decorate the tables. The decorations have made a great change in the appearance of the place prepared for the reception of immigrants, and it is hoped that some day the place will be painted with bright and cheerful colors. Meantime many of the flags are the property of a private citizen on King street east.

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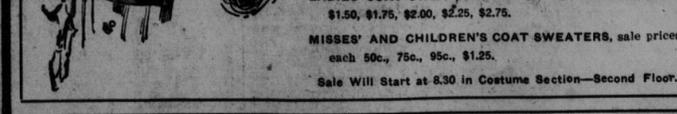
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