

AROUND THE CITY METCALF COMPANY BLAMED FOR DEATH OF JOHN NAGLE

The King's Daughters.
The King's Daughters acknowledged with thanks a generous Christmas gift of \$10 from M. R. A. Ltd.

Drunks Arrested.
Policeman Gardner arrested two men who were drunk together on Union street yesterday afternoon.

St. Vincent de Paul.
The rooms of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be open Monday afternoon and evening for those who wish to send contributions.

Venturesome Lads.
Mounted Policeman Pitt had a rather busy time of it yesterday in keeping the small boys off the ice on Lily Lake. The ice is not yet safe for skaters to attempt on it.

Used Bad Language.
Harry McDonald was arrested yesterday afternoon on North Market street by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Officer Dawes charged with using profane and obscene language.

Fuel Saving Device.
A fuel saving device has been installed in the ferryboat "Ludlow" where it is being demonstrated. Those interested would do well to call and see it.

A Small Craft Adrift.
A small boy named Ots Craft was reported to the central police station last night as having not returned home, and the police were required if they heard anything about him to notify the Brunswick House.

Body Will Arrive Today.
The body of John Gallagher, who died in Brooklyn, New York, will arrive in the city on the Boston train Saturday evening. The funeral will be held from the residence of D. J. Gallagher, 94 St. James street, on Sunday afternoon at 2.30.

Will Remove Machinery.
The commissioner of the water and sewerage department will call for tenders at once for the removal of the machinery owned by the city at the demolition of the building. Some of the machinery in the building is owned by the Stetson-Cutler Company.

A Slight Fire.
About 11 o'clock last evening an alarm was rung in from box 145. A fire had broken out in a house on Long Wharf owned by Miss O'Neill. The blaze started among some hay in the barn downstairs, occupied by A. Seile. The chemical engine extinguished the blaze before any great damage was done.

Engine Strikes Car.
When responding to an alarm from box 145 last night, No. 5 engine collided with an electric car, and was slightly damaged. The engine was just coming out of the station, when a Main street car was going towards downtown. The pole of the engine struck the car and was broken. An accident was prevented by the alertness of the driver, who immediately turned the horses about and drove back into the station.

Case Fizzled Out.
In the police court yesterday afternoon Dennis Murphy, a huckman, was present, having been charged by Mrs. Martin Brown and her son John, with having taken a ten dollar bill from her when she thought she had given him a one dollar bill. A Mrs. Belyea appeared for the defendant, and gave evidence that Mrs. Brown's son had told a different story on Thursday to that which he told the court in the afternoon. Mrs. Brown and her son did not appear in the court yesterday afternoon, and after waiting for some time Magistrate Ritchie told Murphy that he need not wait any longer and could go.

Arrested for Stealing.
Chief of Police Clark received a telegram yesterday from Commissioner W. D. Smith, of Massachusetts, requesting him to locate and arrest Fred Goodine, a youth, who was wanted for breaking into S. D. Smith's store at Frederick Junction and stealing a watch. Goodine, who is a bright looking youth 19 years of age, had a wallet containing \$32.47. A warrant had been issued for his arrest and he will be held here awaiting the arrival of an officer to take him back to Frederick Junction for trial.

The Country Market.
The farmers are looking for snow to make the going good along the roads so they can bring their produce into market more easily. At present the prices for all kinds of poultry are quite high. The following are the retail quotations in the country market for today: Turkey, 27 to 28 cents per pound; ducks, \$1 to \$2.25 a pair; geese, \$1.50 to \$2.25 each; chickens, 70 cents to \$2 a pair, there being a large variety; fowl 75 cents to \$1.25 a pair; beef, 12 to 15 cents a pound; lamb, 12 to 15 cents a pound; pork, 14 to 15 cents per pound; veal, 10 to 15 cents; beets, carrots and parsnips, 30 cents per peck; potatoes, 25 cents per peck; turnips, 20 cents per peck; squash, 4 cents per pound; celery, 10 to 15 cents a bunch.

Walked Into Arms of Trouble.
In again, out again, and in again was the experience that George Binn, a 45 year old Scotchman had yesterday afternoon. The native from the land of the Scotch had a fairly good cargo of Scotch aboard when he hove into the central police station about five o'clock yesterday afternoon and started in to tell a few things to Policeman Crawford. He became noisy, and created such a disturbance that the officer ejected him from the police station. When he reached the street Binn still continued his objectionable action, and the officer again ejected him to the alley and lodged him in a cell and charged him with drunkenness. When searched Binn had in his pockets a pair of scissors and two bottles of medicine. The medicine had not caused his intoxication, as the bottles were full.

Coroner's Jury, Last Evening, Brought in Verdict of Gross Negligence on Part of Nagle's Employers—This Caused His Death.

Coroner D. E. Berryman was in good humor last night although he had every reason to feel otherwise on account of the difficulties he experienced in closing up the inquest into the death of John F. Nagle. When the coroner and jury arrived at the coroner's court room they found the place very cold, a fire had been started in the stove, but had died out long before the court was opened. The jury and others present kept their overcoats on while the evidence of the two witnesses had been read over and then owing to the chilly atmosphere of the room the coroner announced that they would adjourn to the police court where it would be more comfortable.

When all had been seated in the police court and Daniel Mullin, K. C., who was present in the interests of the deceased, commenced to address the jury the city coroner band, whose rooms are above the court room, started in playing that beautiful selection, "I dreamt that I dwell in marble halls." Despite the loud music which nearly drowned the voices, Mr. Mullin and the coroner with much effort finished their addresses to the jury.

The jury after about half an hour's deliberation, brought in a verdict that John F. Nagle died in the General Public Hospital on November 16th and that death was due to injuries received while in the employ of the J. S. Metcalf Company, Ltd., and that the injuries were received through the gross negligence of the John S. Metcalf Company, Ltd.

In his address to the jury Mr. Mullin summed up the evidence at some length. He stated that at the first hearing a Mr. Wyman, who is the chief manager here for the Metcalf Company, gave evidence that was immaterial to the case as far as throwing any light on the deplorable accident. Then there was Mr. Anderson, who had charge of the car on the day of the accident and he attempted to show that it was the deceased who was wholly to blame and nobody else. He not only contradicted himself, but was impertinent. He stated that the deceased had gone in front of the car deliberately and when pressed closely he said that it looked very much like a case of suicide.

A man named Albertson, who is engaged as a signalman for the company, would lead all to believe, said Mr. Mullin, that the deceased was wholly to blame and had no business in front of the car which caused the injuries. Mr. Woodman, the chief clerk of the company, knew nothing about the accident and gave unimportant evidence.

Mr. Mullin said he had suggested a witness, Parker Clark, whose evidence was not important as far as throwing light on the accident; it showed negligence on the part of the signalling. This witness, Mr. Mullin said, had been so confused while he was an engineer working for the company that he threw up the position. Thomas Cunningham had given evidence that it was his duty to unhook the cable from the car, but on the morning of the accident he saw the car stop before it reached the usual stopping place, and saw Nagle attempting to unhook the cable when the car started and knocked the unfortunate man down. He further said that Nagle did not have time to get out of the way and the man was dragged for some distance. The witness expressed surprise that it was not stopped sooner.

It was further shown that Steve Flynn, who was the engineer, was without a license and utterly inexperienced and that Nagle's life might have been spared if there had been a capable man as engineer.

A man named Tubb had given evidence that Foreman Anderson had sent him and Nagle to unhook the cable when the car stopped, and it was while they were at this work the car was unexpectedly started.

Mr. Mullin said that some witnesses had been simply present to try and throw dust in the eyes of an intelligent St. John jury and that the case reeked with negligence.

Coroner Berryman summed up the evidence at some length, stating that Mr. Mullin had gone over it quite rightly. The coroner said that the jury were safe to believe that the man Tubb was working for the Metcalf Company at the time of the accident although there had been some evidence given to substantiate him that he was present with Nagle at the time of the accident. The coroner left the case with the jury, charging them to bring in a verdict according to the evidence presented.

McAVITY SITE AT SOUTH END OF ALPHABET FOUNDATION OF ALPHABET

Commissioners will Confer Today in Connection with Proposal to Reclaim Area Below Ballast Wharf.

The mayor and commissioners will have a conference with George McAvity today in regard to the proposition to reclaim the area southeast of the ballast wharf for a site for the new plant which the McAvity company propose to establish. J. Simeon Armstrong has been making an examination of the proposed site for some time. His report has not been submitted to the city commissioners, but it is presumed that the fact that the McAvity report is favorable to the idea of the McAvity establishing their new plant on the proposed site.

In company with Mr. McAvity, the commissioners will inspect the proposed site today, and discuss the reclamation project. The commissioners decided some weeks ago to reclaim a considerable area southeast of the ballast wharf if the McAvity were satisfied that the proposed reclamation would provide them with a suitable site, and there is no doubt that public opinion will justify their action in this connection, as it has been well understood for some time that this important local industry was likely to go to Montreal unless the company could secure a site which would enable them to enlarge their plant and take care of their rapidly increasing business.

GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM STREET

When this paper about two years ago predicted that Prince William street was coming into its own, and would again resume its old time importance as a business thoroughfare, some of our friends were inclined to be sceptical. Results have amply verified our judgment, and today with the new post office virtually under way, and plans for our magnificent million dollar hotel rapidly nearing completion, this splendid street bids fair to rank with the finest in the Dominion. Retailers who have faith in this locality have been rewarded by the developments which have taken place, and anyone dropping into McMillan's beautiful store would imagine they were in one of the large "uptown" establishments judging by the throngs of customers inspecting their artistic exhibit of Christmas Art. Calendars and "Novels" of displaying Art Goods is unique and original, and lovers of the beautiful will be amply repaid by a visit to this establishment.

This level, well paved thoroughfare flanked by magnificent buildings, can not fail to go ahead.

Sidewalk Obstruction.
Officer Rankine has reported Emery Brothers for obstructing the German street sidewalk yesterday with a number of boxes.

BABY GIRL DIED FROM HER BURNS

Shocking Tragedy in Rock Street Home Yesterday

SAD CHRISTMAS FOR MRS. HERBERT LOGAN

Left Her Children Alone for Few Minutes—Baby Viola "Played with Fire" and was Fatally Burned.

Badly burned during the few minutes her mother was absent from home yesterday morning, Viola, a year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Logan, of 27 Rock street, succumbed to her injuries between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Coming, as it does, in the festive season, the death of the little one, who was a bright child, is a great blow to the parents, but the terrible circumstances surrounding her death add to the sorrow, and the sympathy of their friends will go out to the bereaved parents.

Mrs. Logan left the house shortly after nine o'clock leaving the two children, Viola and her two year old brother, while she went to make some purchases at a store nearby. She was absent not more than five minutes or so, but when she returned a horrible sight greeted her. The little girl she found horribly burned, while the brother was severely burned in his childish efforts in endeavoring to help his sister. On the bed into which she had crawled, the girl's hair, her arms and her clothing, her garments were consumed by the flames.

When the mother left the house she left the children in apparent safety, and just how the fatality occurred is unknown as the brother is too young to relate the facts. The theory is, however, that after the departure of the mother, the little girl climbed from her chair and began playing with the fire in the stove. The stick or straw became ignited, in turn setting fire to the child's clothing, and with no one to render assistance, the little one was soon a prey to the flames. That the little brother made a childish effort to help, is borne out by severe burns found on his hands.

Medical aid was summoned as quickly as possible, but it was too late. The injuries would prove fatal and the little one passed away between two and three o'clock in the afternoon.

F. B. McCURDY M. P. TELLS OF SESSION

Says Messrs. Borden, Hazen and Foster, all Maritime Province Men, Came First in Naval Debate.

"A very interesting session with the Maritime Province men in the hall of the Maritime Museum, Mr. F. B. McCurdy, M. P., for Shelburne-Queens, who was at the Royal yesterday on his way to Nova Scotia.

"How went the navy bill?"

"Our Maritime men, Messrs. Borden, Hazen and Foster seemed to me to be the big guns of the debate."

"How has our esteemed sister province of Nova Scotia been doing during the past year?"

"It has been a year of general progress for us," said Mr. McCurdy. "I don't know that there have been any developments of unusual interest, but in practically all lines business has been very good. All the established industries have been kept busy, and in many cases they have had to enlarge their plants to take care of the increasing business."

"How is Halifax coming on?"

"From a business point of view Halifax has enjoyed a good year, and the people are very optimistic about the future. The government's determination to develop the harbor of Halifax has had a great effect upon the spirits of the people. The present government has been generous to wards St. John, but over in Halifax there is a feeling that with the development of Canada there will be plenty of business for Halifax as well as for St. John. The Canadian Northern railway is a winter terminus on the Atlantic and the traffic of the other roads is increasing rapidly."

Mr. McCurdy has great faith in the future of industrial enterprises of all kinds in the Maritime Provinces.

PERSONAL.

H. Percy Everett who last year completed his arts course at Acadia, is home for the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Everett. This year he is studying for his M. A.

Miss Henneberry, who has been teaching school at Port Elgin, is in the city on her way to Fredericton. While here she is the guest of Mrs. James Howard, Elm street.

M. R. A.'S SPECIAL NOTICE.

A sale of serge dress goods damaged by water aboard the steamer Virginian, from 7 to 10 p. m. in our dress goods department on Saturday night. The goods will be offered at prices low enough to interest every woman in St. John. Being fast colors, the wetting does not hurt them in the least. Your time now to secure a bargain that when made up will be worth many times what you paid for it.

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