

AROUND THE CITY

More Car Trucks.
Two more car trucks for the St. John Railway Company were brought to the city yesterday, and last night hauled to the car sheds.

Called to Sackville by Father's Illness.
Yesterday afternoon Hazen Taylor, of Victoria street, received a telegram telling him that his father who resides at Sackville was critically ill. Mr. Taylor will leave for Sackville today.

Visiting Clergyman.
Rev. E. B. Wylie, B.D., of St. Stephen, N. B., and recently assistant professor of philosophy at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., will preach at both services in St. David's church tomorrow.

The Right to Vote.
In Fairville Methodist church on Sunday afternoon W. F. Hatheway will address a men's public meeting on "The Right to Vote, Its History and Obligations." The chair will be taken at 4 o'clock. There will be special music.

North End Conservative Club Smoker.
The North End Conservative Club will hold a smoker and musical entertainment in the Temple Hall, Main street, on the evening of Wednesday, January 23rd. There will be a good programme and Hon. J. A. Murray will be the speaker of the evening. There will also be other speakers and an enjoyable evening is promised.

A Camp Burned.
An alarm from box 321 last night brought the fire department to R. and R. road. A small camp situated in the Coholan property on the Military road was burning. The camp which was owned by boys, had been set afire by some mischievous lad. As they were unable to get a water supply the department did not fight the fire.

Will Locate in Sydney.
The many friends of Miss Mildred E. Dudley, pianist of the Star Theatre, will regret to hear that she will leave today for Sydney, N. S. Miss Dudley has accepted a position in R. J. McAdams' theatre in that city. During her stay in St. John she has made many warm friends who although regretting her departure, wish her much success in her new field.

City Market.
The retail prices in the city market today are as follows: roast beef, 16 to 20 cents a pound; steak, 16 to 24 cents a pound; lamb, 12 to 16 cents a pound; chops, 16 to 22 cents a pound; veal, 10 to 16 cents a pound; pork, 10 to 18 cents a pound; corn beef, 10 to 12 cents a pound; turkey, 25 to 30 cents a pound; chickens, \$1.23 to \$2.00 a pair; ducks, \$1.50 to \$2 a pair; geese, \$1.50 to \$1.75 a pair; fowl, \$1.00 to \$2.00 a pair; vegetables, as usual.

The Bickmore Lecture.
The lecture of the Bickmore course last evening was delivered by Mrs. James P. Robertson in the High School building. The subject discussed by Mrs. Robertson was "Jamaica and Porto Rico." She told of the products of the countries, the different modes of living, and the existing conditions. The lecture which was interesting and instructive was attended by most of the senior pupils and their friends. During the evening several patriotic songs were nicely sung by the young people present.

Ask Aid from Reunion Fund.
Yesterday the secretary of the Board of Trade received a letter from an old countryman living in the province who wants the administrators of the Imperial Reunion Fund to assist him to bring out his wife and family. This makes four applications which are now awaiting the action of the committee in charge of the fund, though some of the previous applications were not in possession of a permanent job, and therefore not in a position to guarantee repayment of the loan.

The Davis Inquest.
Last evening Coroner Berryman swore in a jury to enquire into the death of Robert Davis who died in the hospital Thursday, as the result of injuries received while at work on board ship at Sand Point. The jury empanelled are: F. A. Esty, P. Bryden, P. F. Lennihan, Thomas Dillon, O. S. Wilder, Oscar Babbirk, and Sidney Gibbs. The jury viewed the remains at O'Neill's undertaking warehouses on Main street and adjourned to meet again at the court house on Wednesday evening next.

Arrested in Depot.
Two men were arrested in the Union depot yesterday afternoon for drunkenness and creating a disturbance. Michael McDonald, a Scotch half-breed was the first to disturb the peace and was promptly arrested by I. C. R. Policemen. Scott Smith, shortly after this I. C. R. Policeman Collins was called into the gentlemen's waiting room to arrest Harry Corrigan who had taken charge of the room and was offering to trim any man in the station. To emphasize this he jumped on one of the seats and broke it. Policeman Collins, however, quickly placed him under arrest. The affair will be aired in the police court in the morning.

The Standard Fashion Book for Spring has been received at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. From this book you can choose any dress and choose Spring designs to your heart's content. The assortment is absolutely a complete one and the variety displayed is almost bewildering. Every article for every woman's wardrobe is illustrated. You can select any Standard Pattern Free with every copy purchased. Two for 25 cents at the counter (by mail 10 cents extra).

Real Bargains in Overcoats.
Here are some if you ever saw any! A few wistlers and raglans remain—Survivors of an army! The prices have been mercifully cut. Come and see what \$2.50, \$3.50 or \$10 will purchase. Buying now will save you \$5, \$10, \$12.50, compared with former prices. Gilmore's, 65 King street.

SALE OF OSTRICH FEATHERS AT M. R. A.
Every woman in St. John should be interested in this offering of ostrich and willow ostrich feathers which are to be placed on clearance sale at such low prices as to make the bargain practically irresistible. Only a limited number to be offered, so be on the spot early to make your selections and avoid disappointment. Sale will start this morning at 8.30 in millinery salon.

STARTED FOR SHELburne BUT BROUGHT UP IN WEST INDIES

Remarkable Voyage of One of J. Willard Smith's Schooners—Heavy Gale Caught Captain Mosher in Bay and Blew Him Clear to Hayti.

Capt. Mosher, of the schooner Harry Miller, has had an experience that he will never forget, and which perhaps was never before equalled by any sailing master out of this port. On the afternoon of Wednesday, January 23rd, the schooner Harry Miller, in ballast, sailed from this port bound for Shelburne, N. S., where she was to have taken on a cargo of lumber for Havana, Cuba. A few hours after the vessel sailed from Partridge Island, a snowstorm set in accompanied by a gale of wind, and the staunch schooner was well clear of the coast, but was out in the heaviest part of the storm. Day after day, J. Willard Smith, the owner of the vessel waited anxiously for word of the vessel arriving at Shelburne, and although he was aware of the heavy storm that his vessel had been out in on the night of the 23rd and for some days following, he did not think she had been lost as she is a strong craft, but he expected she had been blown out to sea and would soon be heard from. Mr. Smith was given the surprise of his life on Thursday night when he received a cable gram from the island of Hayti, in the West Indies, to the effect that the schooner had arrived at Monte Christi.

BIG SUMMER FOR BUILDERS

Really Movement Strong for Time of Year—Many New Buildings to go up in Summer months.

According to the real estate agencies, the movement in realty is rather strong for this season of the year, with prospects of a stimulated market in the early spring, owing to the probable demand for lots for putting up dwelling houses. Architects are busy getting up plans for new buildings, and contractors are expecting a great deal of work. Prince William street this summer will be a scene of great activity in the building line. In addition to the new post office, on which work will be started this spring, the new bank of British North America building on Market Square, and the remodeling of the building at the corner of Church street by the Merchants Bank, it is understood that the Vase company will start the construction of a large building on the site recently acquired south of the customs house, and the McClary company and Patrie company will put up large buildings of seven or eight stories, also south of the customs house. Quite a number of the purchasers of lots in East St. John are said to be making arrangements to put up dwelling houses and stores, and in Carleton the indications are that there will be a larger amount of new building. The demand for land in the Fairville section continues to increase, and with the certainty of a new bridge a building boom is confidently predicted by the real estate men interested in that district. Office room in the business section of the city is in good demand and in quite a number of cases there have been advances in rent. A number of tenants of a building on Princess street were asked to pay an increase of anywhere from 50 to 100 per cent, and they held an indignation meeting.

WORK ON NEW ARMORY IS NEARLY FINISHED

The Exterior of the Building has been Completed—Carpenters are now Working on the Interior.

The work on the new armory is progressing rapidly, and it is expected that the building shall have reached completion by the autumn as was hoped. The weather has been very suitable for the work on the exterior of the building and this has been practically completed. There remains the grading about the building to be finished when the spring arrives, and some minor work in connection with the exterior, but the building is now enclosed, the extensive copper roofing having been put on. The work on the interior of the armory will be in itself a big undertaking. This has already been started and is well under way. During the present week the three large boilers for the heating apparatus arrived and have been installed. The installation of the heating apparatus will be carried on as rapidly as possible, and carpenters are busy at work about the interior.

What is Religion?
Will be the subject of Rev. J. A. Morrison, D.D., Ph.D. Sermon in Centenary Methodist church Sunday evening, Jan. 26th. Friends will be gladly welcomed to hear Dr. Morrison whose intellectual and social qualities have endeared him to many of our people. The offering will be for the supernumerary fund.

Last Performance at Today's Matinee.
"My Friend from India," the splendid comedy presented under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, will be given its final performance in the Opera House at the matinee this afternoon. Last night the performance went considerably smoother and the specialties were particularly good.

WILL ELECTROCUTE MURDERS.
Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 24.—Electrocution was substituted for hanging as the official form of capital punishment in Vermont, when Governor Fletcher signed a bill to this effect today. Both branches of the legislature voted last Tuesday in favor of the measure.

WHY CANADA WON HER CASE

U. S. Secretary of War writes to Daniel Mullin; K. C. on Judgement in the Chicago Drainage Matter.

Daniel Mullin, K. C., who successfully represented Canada before the United States secretary of war, in the matter of the position of the application of the sanitation commission for the district of Chicago to drain 10,000 cubic feet of water per second from Lake Michigan, received last evening a letter from Henry L. Stimson, the secretary of war, giving him reasons for deciding in favor of Canada. These are, as follows: First—That the diversion of 10,000 cubic feet of water per second from Lake Michigan as applied for in this petition, would substantially interfere with the navigable capacity of the navigable capacity of the great lakes and their connecting rivers. Second—That that being so it would not be appropriate for me without express congressional sanction, to permit such a diversion, however clearly demanded by the local interests of the sanitation of Chicago. Third—That in the facts here presented no such case of local permanent necessity is made evident. Fourth—That the provision of the Canadian treaty for a settlement by joint commission on questions of navigation of difference between the United States and Canada, offer a further reason why no administrative officer should authorize a further diversion of the waters manifestly so injurious to Canada and against Canadian protest. The prayer of this petition is therefore denied. (Signed) HENRY L. STIMSON, Secretary of War.

PLUMBERS WILL ASK FOR EIGHT HOUR DAY

Organizer will Spend Some Days Here in Interest of Local Union—Will Hold Open Meeting.

T. W. Bruce, Canadian vice-president and organizer of the plumbers and steamfitters' international union, arrived in the city yesterday, and will remain here some days in the interests of the local union. A movement is being started by the plumbers of the Maritime Provinces for an eight hour day, and it is expected an important announcement will be made by Mr. Bruce at the open meeting of plumbers and steamfitters to be held in the Opera House on Monday evening next. Officers of the building trades section have been invited to be present and confer with the general organizer and address the mass meeting of members of the craft. Mr. Bruce was candidate on the labor ticket at the recent municipal elections in Toronto, and polled a good vote, though he was not elected.

A FRENCH AVIATOR FLIES ACROSS THE PYRENEE MOUNTAINS

Madrid, Jan. 24.—M. Bider, a French aviator, who left Pau, France, at dawn today in an attempt to fly by aeroplane across the Pyrenees from France to Spain, accomplished the perilous flight of about 512 kilometers, about 317 miles, in five hours and thirty-five minutes. The weather throughout was very bad, rain falling heavily. The people here believed that on account of the bad conditions Bider would abandon his flight and the aeroplane was deserted when he arrived. The aviator ascended to what was estimated to be about 9,000 feet, then descended, then rose in a straight line over the peaks. He descended once at Guadalupe, Spain, to fill his tanks with gasoline.

VERY NEAR TO DROWNING IN THE HARBOR

Joseph Abbott and Other Members of Stanley's Crew had Close Call—Their Boat Upset and Filled

Joseph Abbott and three members of the crew of the government steamer Stanley had a narrow escape from drowning in the harbor late Thursday afternoon. The steamer had been down to one of the gas buoys near the harbor entrance placing a light on the buoy for one that was out of commission and were returning to the government wharf when the accident happened. The schooner Harry W. Lewis was coming up the harbor in harbor and Pilot John Miller and the pilot's boat was towing astern. Abbott and his companions also tied to the vessel and was towed into port. When off Reed's Point wharf they cast off the tow line but being unable to get clear in time, their boat drifted across the bows of the pilot's motor boat which was towing astern, with the result that the Abbott boat was partly upset and filled with water. The four men by quick work managed to scramble on board the pilot's boat and saved their lives. Their boat, full of water, drifted down the harbor for some distance when the dredging steamer Denver, which was steaming down the harbor over the boat and turned it over. The gas lamp which was in the boat, was lost.

SCHOONER CAPTAIN CHARGED WITH THEFT

Capt. Funk, of Schooner Salie E. Ludlam, in Police Court—Claims Money is Owed to Him.

Captain Stanley Funk, of the tern Salie E. Ludlam, was yesterday afternoon about 10 o'clock by Deputy Chief Jenkins and was charged by D. J. Purdy with stealing \$108 which had been given to him to pay the crew of the vessel and which he converted to his own use. The prisoner was taken before Magistrate Ritchie and Mr. Purdy gave evidence. He stated that he was the managing agent of the vessel in St. John and that he had engaged the defendant as captain of the schooner. The defendant called on him last Tuesday and was given \$20 and on the following day was given \$88 to pay the crew. The crew had called on witness on Thursday and stated that they did not receive any money from the captain and witness was forced to pay them. Witness stated that the defendant did not look after the vessel as he should and when it was found necessary to shift the vessel from the stream to a berth the captain did not put in an appearance and other men had to be engaged to do his work. The defendant stated to the court that Mr. Purdy owed him in salary more money than he had received from him. He stated that he would return the money that he got from Mr. Purdy and then would go after what he claimed was owing to him for over two months' work. He gave as a reason for not staying on board the vessel that she was nearly full of water she was leaking so badly. Mr. Purdy claimed that the vessel was loaded at Apple River a couple of months ago with a cargo of lumber and that instead of continuing on the voyage with a favorable wind Funk put into the port and has been here ever since and this delay has caused a loss to the owners of the vessel of between \$500 and \$900. The captain was remanded to jail for the present and the magistrate stated that if he returned the money to the complainant and the latter was agreeable the defendant would be released.

OIL TANK STEAMER MAY HAVE FOUNDERED DURING HURRICANE

New York, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Hint of a possible sea tragedy is contained in the report of the German tank steamer Energie, which arrived late today from Turpan, Mexico, to the effect that on January 17, in latitude 27.10, longitude 91.26 in the Gulf of Mexico, she passed through an oil field on the ocean's surface. Capt. Rees expressed the opinion that the phenomenon had probably been caused by the sinking of a big barge or tank steamer in the vicinity.

COCAINE FIEND COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Throwing himself over the starboard while going to his cell at the central prison, Dew Lavery, who was serving a nine months' term today, committed suicide. Lavery had been sentenced on June 16th, for selling cocaine around the city and was arrested by the officers of the morality department. He was a cocaine fiend and had been the hands of the police frequently.

SUFFRAGE PASSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 24.—Woman suffrage passed the general assembly here today with but three dissenting votes. The measure will go to the senate on Monday and should it pass, as is generally expected, will be submitted to popular vote at the next general election.

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This Afternoon M. R. A. Stores Will Close at 6 o'clock

Bargain Clearance Sale of Ostrich and Willow Ostrich Feathers

Commencing this Morning

This sale is intended to close out those remaining feathers to provide needed room for Spring stock and the very nominal prices will bring a rush demand for them.

Be on the scene early for such exceptional bargains in fashionable feathers cannot last long.

Black Ostrich Feathers, sale prices each \$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.50, \$4.50
White Ostrich Feathers, sale prices each \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$4.50
Willow Feathers, black, sale prices each \$1.50, \$3.50
Willow Feathers, white, sale prices each \$1.50, \$3.50, \$4.50
Willow Feathers, sage green, bronze green, Alice blue, navy blue, sky blue, reseda, purple, sale price, each \$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.00, \$3.50
Willowette Plumes, plain black and plain white only, sale prices, each 50c. and 75c
No Appropriation. Sale Will Start Promptly at 8.30 in Millinery Salon. No Exchange



Sale of Cloth Dresses for Ladies, Misses and Juniors Continued This Morning in Costume Section

These stylish and serviceable garments represent splendid values and are suitable for afternoon and school wear. Come and choose.

Saving Opportunities for This Morning in Men's Furnishings

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