

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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- Church Notices, Sunday Services, 5c. per line of six words. Church Concerts, Church Festivals, Lodge Concerts and Notices, and all other notices of meetings, 10c. per line of six words. Double rates for back page. NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

Licenses Granted.

The county license commissioners met yesterday and issued liquor licenses to the following parties in the Parish of Lancaster: Sadie McCormick, 3 Mile House; W. E. Newcombe, Claremont House, Torryburn; Chas. M. Mayall, Coronation House, Loch Lomond Road; Mrs. Nellie Barker, New Ben Lomond Hotel, Loch Lomond Road. A delegation of the Citizens League of Fairville, attended the session of the commissioners.

Real Estate Purchase.

A real estate transaction of some magnitude took place yesterday when the firm of Armstrong & Bruce purchased the McDonald property near the One Mile House, at a price which is said to reflect the rapid advance in real estate values which has taken place in the city and suburbs. The property embraces 30 acres. It is said to be the intention of the purchasers to develop the property on their own account, as with the extension of the street railway in that direction the land will become a desirable place for residences.

Law Society Advances Fee.

At a meeting of the St. John Law Society held in the office of Barnhill, Ewins and Sanford, yesterday afternoon, it was decided to make application to the legislature for permission to raise the annual fee for barristers of five years standing or over to \$15. At present all members pay an annual fee of \$10, but as the sum realized from fees does not suffice for all the purposes of the society, it was felt that the men who have been practicing their profession for five years or more should be called upon to make a larger contribution to the expenses. The society decided to purchase a number of new books for the library and to have a number of dilapidated volumes rebound.

Sold Liquor to Minors.

Following the arrest of two youths John Thompson and Harold Morrison, aged 16 and 17 years respectively, for being drunk in Prince William street Wednesday night, Joshua Ward, a liquor dealer on Dock street, was called before the court yesterday afternoon, and charged with selling liquor to minors as the youths stated that they purchased the liquor in a saloon on Dock street. When called on Mr. Ward stated that he did not remember of ever seeing the boys before or of having sold them any liquor. One of the boys gave evidence of purchasing the bottle of gin in the afternoon but not from Mr. Ward. The prosecution then changed the charge from Ward to his bartender James McAndrews, who was called to the court and was identified by the prisoners as the man who sold the gin. He pleaded guilty and was fined ten dollars.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON THE MAJESTIC

About 11.30 o'clock last night fire was discovered on board the steamer Majestic lying at her wharf, Indian-town, and an alarm was sent in from box 122, the fire had spread considerably before it was discovered, and when the firemen arrived the flames were coming from the windows on the main deck and it presented an alarming appearance and a second alarm accordingly was sent in.

The fire had started from a stove that had been used during the day for men making repairs on the steamer and the fire had worked from the main deck through the saloon deck into the saloon. A couple of streams soon had the fire under control, but the firemen had about an hour's work before the fire was completely out. Damage to the extent of about \$500 was caused and the loss is fully covered by insurance.

The steamer is owned by D. J. Purdy and he was called on by the steamer being on fire until called up on the telephone early this morning. Another steamer, the Sincennes, also owned by Mr. Purdy, was destroyed by fire last September while lying at Coles Island.

The fire on the steamer Majestic was discovered in time last night, otherwise the ship would have probably been totally destroyed.

Sale Begins Today.

Messrs. F. W. Dantel & Company's great January clearance sale in which your dollar's buying power will surpass every record, starts today, Friday morning at 9 a. m. Every article in stock has its sale price, no exception. This is a time of the readjusting of all this season's merchandise to make room for spring shipments.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just finished stock taking, and after their best and biggest year's business of their history they purpose putting on their annual After Stock-taking Sale to commence Friday morning. Everything in the store has been reduced, including the new goods which have come in since the first of the year. This is one of the money-saving opportunities of the year, as this firm does not hold many sales. Many lines they have decided to clear out have been reduced less than half price.

Today's special in the very latest Bag Styles—\$2.00 bags for \$1.00. This offer is purely and simply to interest you in the Marr Hand bags, made of excellent quality leather and leather lined, with short and long handles. Each bag has coin purse, some have card case, coin purse, mirror, powder box and perfume bottle. \$2.00 bags today \$1.00. Also velvet bags worth \$1.00 for 50c. each.

COUNCIL'S HASTY ACTION FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL AND NEW FERRY RATES MUST GO

Ferry Tolls Found to be Regulated by a By-Law Adopted in March, 1911, and which is Still Effective — Aldermen Evidently Forgot this Fact in their Desire to Secure Quick Financial Results — Former Rates Looked for Today.

The order of the City Council on Saturday afternoon last authorizing the increase in the rates of ferry tolls from two to three cents and increasing the price of commutation tickets in books from 50 tickets for 50 cents to 40 tickets for 50 cents is not legal.

Patrons of the ferry are under no obligation to pay the increased rates, and increased fares collected since the advance went into effect Monday morning last are illegal and ferry collectors have no authority to continue to collect that increase.

There is already a civic law fixing the single cash fares at two cents each and the number and rate of commutation tickets at 50 tickets for 50 cents.

This by-law was adopted on the 8th day of March, 1911 and was signed by James H. Frink, as mayor and Herbert E. Wardroper as common clerk. It cannot be superseded by a resolution of council or without the proper form of procedure.

Mayor and Aldermen Forgot.

Although Mayor Frink signed the by-law he evidently was ignorant of its existence when he presided at the meeting of the council on Saturday last and allowed the motion to go through unopposed.

Ald. Hayes as chairman of the treasury board which recommended the increase, was equally ignorant when he advocated it. So were the other members of the council when they supported it.

The people of the West Side have protested and a committee from them was appointed to meet the council in special session and file their protest. This meeting was called by Mayor Frink for Monday afternoon; in the light of the illegality of the whole action of the council such a meeting will not be necessary.

The ferry tolls will probably go back at once to the former rate as the board of aldermen have no power to increase them by the procedure they adopted.

Here is the Document.

Let there be any misapprehension about the matter here are the most important sections of the by-law in question:

The by-law is entitled "A law relating to the steam ferry in the harbor of St. John, and the waiting room, toll houses, floats and approaches connected therewith, and for the regulation of ferrage in the said harbor."

The first section of the by-law provides that the ferry shall be a public ferry, and the second section provides the rates of fares. In this section the rate for foot passengers is plainly stated as "two cents, or on presenta-

tion of commutation ticket as herein after provided."

The section providing for the commutation tickets reads as follows: "Commutation tickets for foot passengers may be issued in books containing fifty single tickets, good for one fare each by the person presenting the same for fifty cents."

The remaining sections of the by-law contain provisions for the regulation of ferry traffic, which have no bearing on the council's most recent action.

The last section of the by-law, however, is important, as showing that the by-law makes the only legal change in the ferry regulations since the year 1884. For the benefit of the mayor and aldermen who were forgetful, this is printed as follows:

"A by-law of the Mayor, Aldermen and commonalty of the City of St. John, made and passed in common council, on the sixteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, intitled "A law relating to the steam ferry in the harbor of St. John, and the waiting rooms, toll houses, floats and approaches connected therewith; and for the regulation of ferrage in the said harbor is hereby repealed."

The by-law is duly sealed, and as stated is signed by Mayor Frink and the Common Clerk.

Unwarranted and Illegal.

In the light of the above it is quite clear that the action of the council in forcing the increase was not only unwarranted but also illegal.

With the information herewith supplied, and the further information that a copy of the whole by-law is or should be in the custody of the City Clerk, the increased rate should be at once abrogated and the legal rate restored. Patrons of the ferry are under no obligation to pay any other than the legal rate. Whether it will be increased at a future time remains to be seen, but it is not likely that another attempt of a similar nature will emanate from city hall.

In discussing the matter with a Standard representative on Monday, Ald. N. P. McLeod expressed the opinion that the increase was illegal, and yesterday he secured legal advice which verified this view. In consequence of this he, as chairman of the bills and by-laws committee of the council notified the Chamberlain and the Comptroller that he believed the city was guilty of an illegal act, and might be found liable in law if action was taken. The placards advertising the increased rate, which have been posted in the ferry offices and the cabins of the steamers will probably be recalled today and the old rate again put into force.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE WILL KEEP AFTER IT

Rev. H. E. Thomas Tells License Commissioners They will Press for Strict View of Hotel Bars.

That the temperance people are still determined to continue their efforts to compel the hotels to establish their bars in direct view of the street was the statement made by Rev. Mr. Thomas at the meeting of the License Commissioners for the city, held in Inspector Jones' office yesterday.

The meeting was held for the purpose of hearing objections or complaints in regard to the granting of liquor licenses. Mr. Thomas, who was present on behalf of the temperance people, said the ruling of the court in the case of Rev. W. R. Robinson vs. the Royal Hotel, was not satisfactory to the temperance people, and he intimated that the case would be appealed to a higher court. He expressed the opinion that the law required that a full view of all bars should be obtainable from the street, and that the license commissioners ought to accept the temperance people's interpretation of the law. He also asked the commissioners to prohibit saloon keepers using blinds or screens that might obstruct the view of the bars, complaining that in some cases passersby on the street were not able to obtain a full view of the bar. He made another complaint to the effect that a liquor dealer on Prince William street, holding a retail and wholesale licenses had three doors connecting his wholesale and retail premises.

In regard to this complaint, the commissioners said that the law permitted one door between the retail and wholesale department, and that in the case complained of the proprietor had made a test case of his right to have more than one door connecting the departments. While the case was before the courts, the commissioners could not very well attempt to place an interpretation upon the act. Only that morning the courts had decided against the liquor dealer, and he would be obliged to close up two of the doors.

In regard to the other complaints, it was pointed out that the commissioners had ruled against window screens the height of the bars, and that it was the intention to see that even small boys on the street could have a full view of the bar.

The commissioners considered a number of the applications, but at the close of the meeting said they had not definitely decided to pass any of the applications. However, no applications were rejected.

The rapidly growing demand for Humphrey's Solid Footwear tells its own story. Are you among the wise ones?

DAMAGE TO TUG LILY LIKELY TO BE SMALL

R. C. Elkin Announces as Result of Survey that the Tug will Not be Badly Damaged.

A survey of the position of the tug Lily, which sunk at her winter quarters at the Stetson Stevedore & Company wharf, Indian-town, the night before last, revealed the fact that the tug is lying in her bilge on a mud bottom in 18 feet of water, with just the rim of her smokestack above the surface. R. C. Elkin personally conducted the survey and he stated last evening that since the Lily is practically lying on an even keel, the chance of damage being done to her hull by the machinery shifting is very small. He also stated that preparations for the work of raising the tug are going forward rapidly and operations will be commenced as soon as the necessary gear can be obtained.

It is probable that divers will be needed to assist in the work of salving the vessel as she is entirely submerged. When the Lily is brought to the surface, she will be towed through the falls, placed on the docks had not yet been released.

KNIGHTS CELEBRATE 14TH ANNIVERSARY

The Hibernian Knights celebrated their 14th anniversary by holding a smoking concert in the hall of the Ancient Order of Hibernians last evening. Major Thomas Kichham presided and there was a large attendance. John C. Ferguson delivered an interesting address, dealing with the history of the organization generally, and its development in this community. Rev. Martin Maloney, Capt. E. J. McLanahan, Frank Curran and William H. O'Neill, vice-president of Division No. 1, A. O. H. also delivered interesting addresses.

The following programme of musical and vocal selections, etc., was carried out in fine style: Piano selection, Harry McQuade; solo, Sergeant John Daley; reading, Thomas Pope; solo, David Higgins; solo, George Fritz; reading, Lieut. James Murphy; solo, John O'Brien; solo, J. George McDermott; piano selection, William McQuade; solo, Joseph P. Doody; solo, James McAndrew.

The many people passing the store of W. & K. Pedersen, Charlotte street, are certainly enjoying the first look of spring, as their window exhibits such a handsome assortment of all kinds of spring flowers. Mr. Pedersen claims that these flowers are for sale at exactly the same price now as they would be during the summer months.

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Are they worth paying the price for the best work? Or are the cheap glasses made to fit the seemingly low price, good enough for them? We want to fit glasses to eyes that the owner thinks are worth being fitted with the best. If your eyes are not worth the best quality of work in fitting and making glasses, better take them to the optician who is looking for the cheap work. He is prepared to give it to you.

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

The Best Everyday SHOE. The real test of shoe quality is to wear them every day, and if they give long service, look well and feel comfortable all the time then they are good shoes. Take no chances, buy the shoes that have stood the test of time—The Slater Shoe—They are sold at Popular prices. For Men \$4.00 to \$6.50 For Women \$3.50 to \$5.00. E. G. McCollough, Limited, The Slater Shoe Shop 81 King Street

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Sale of Ladies' and Children's Knitted Underwear and Flannelette Wear, Continued TODAY

Remnant Sale of Curtain Nets and Drapery Materials

There is many a place in the house where these fabric ends will be useful. Odd windows, doors, corners, etc., will look fine after being improved with these handsome remnants representative of the choicest effects from our immense stock. These remnants ranging in lengths from one and half to six yards will be offered at low enough prices to make bargains of the most satisfactory kind.

COMMENCING THIS MORNING

Curtain Muslins, Sash Muslins, White, Cream and Linen Colored Scrim, White or Cream Ground Scrim with Colored Designs, White, Cream and Colored Madras Muslins, White, Cream and Ecu Novelty Nets, White, Cream and Ecu Casement Nets. A Big Assortment to Select From. Sale Promptly at 8.30 in CURTAIN DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

Sale of English Down Quilts Again This Morning

Early Sale of Slightly Defective DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS

Commencing This Morning

Having secured a special lot of these slightly defective cloths, they will be offered at great bargain prices. Size about 2 yards square. Sale prices... \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.65, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$2.25, \$2.40. Size about 2 by 2 1/2 yards. Sale prices... \$2.05, \$1.10, \$2.45, \$2.80, \$2.90, \$3.25. Size about 2 by 3 yards. Sale prices... \$2.85, \$2.95, \$3.35, \$3.55, \$3.95. Size about 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 yards. Sale price... \$2.90, \$2.95, \$3.35, \$3.70. In addition to the reduction in prices these Table Cloths will all be hemmed free of charge. SALE IN THE LINEN ROOM.

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