

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds to moderate southerly to westerly and north-westerly gales, occasional rain turning colder during the night with snow flurries.

AROUND THE CITY

Masonic Reception. Last night the Carleton Masonic Club held a reception and a very enjoyable time was spent by those present.

Corsican Arrives. The steamer Corsican arrived yesterday morning from Liverpool via Halifax with a large freight and 61 passengers.

Mason's Union. A special meeting of the Mason's Union will be held this evening in their hall, Brussels street. All members are requested to attend as business of importance will be discussed.

No Inquest. Coroner Berryman has decided that no inquest is necessary in the death of William McKinley, the young man who dropped dead on Brussels street on Sunday evening.

Assembly Dance. There was a most pleasant assembly in the O'Regan building on Mill street, last night. Allan's orchestra provided the music and a lengthy programme of dances was enjoyed.

Bricklayers and Masons. The Bricklayers and Masons will hold a meeting in their hall, this evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as the mortuary benefit scheme is to be discussed.

Gift Appreciated. Premier Hazen has presented a framed portrait of himself to the St. John Power Boat Club. The portrait now adorns the walls of the club house, and the gift is much appreciated by the members.

Potatoes For Havana. The Sokoto, of the Canada-Cuba Mexico Line, will load about 7,000 barrels of potatoes for Havana. The Cuban market for potatoes has not been very active recently, but it is reported that prices show an upward tendency.

W. C. T. U. Gathering. Rev. L. A. McLean will address a meeting to be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in their rooms on Germain street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. His subject will be the building of Nations. Mrs. Wm. Lawson will also deliver an address on the Healing Spirit. There will be a short service of prayer, violin solos and other musical selections.

Canada's Business Growing. The O. R. Williams Machinery Co. have just placed their order with the Canada Machinery Corporation covering their requirements in wood working machinery and machine tools for 1911. This order, which amounts to \$400,000.00, is believed to be the largest single order ever placed in Canada. The Canada Machinery Corporation includes the machine department of the Sussex Manufacturing Co.

TWO LAND DEALS OF SOME IMPORTANCE

Retired Merchant Pays Good Price for 17 Lots Near Slaughter House—Negotiations for Tisdale Property

Two important real estate transactions in the vicinity of Crouville have been reported during the last few days and although the sales have not been recorded it is stated on excellent authority that they have been made. A retired dry goods merchant, who was formerly engaged in business on Union street near the corner of Sydney, has purchased 17 lots of land near the Slaughter House, and although the presence of the Slaughter House reduces the value of the land for building purposes, it is stated that he paid for his lots just ten times what the same lots sold for a few years ago.

The lots are situated on Mount Pleasant just at the crest of the hill and command a fine view of the city. Residents of Crouville, who are interested in the development there, told a standard man yesterday that steps would be taken to have the Slaughter House removed for the benefit of the owners of property in that vicinity.

Another important real estate transaction is reported as just about completed and when it is registered there will be a change in the ownership of the old Tisdale property which is situated on the northeast side of the road leading from Chas. Ward's property to the Westmorland road and extending out to the Red Head road. It is understood that this property was held for the former owners by H. F. Puddington and that he asked \$20,000 for it. The land on the other side of the road is owned by the Gilbert estate. The location of the property is most desirable as any development which may come in Courtenay Bay must enhance its value very greatly.

Mr. Puddington when seen last evening said the sale had not yet been completed, but admitted that negotiations were pending for the property.

W. W. Hubbard, Secretary of Agriculture, was in town yesterday. Hon. J. K. Flemming, provincial secretary, was in the city yesterday.

MERRITT BROS. LTD. ASSIGNED YESTERDAY

Meeting of Creditors Called for Jan. 12 by H.H. Pickett, the Assignee—Succeeded Old Firm of Turnbull & Co.

There was general regret about the city yesterday when it was learned that the old established firm of Merritt Bros. & Co. Ltd., had made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors to H. H. Pickett. A meeting of the creditors has been called for the 12th inst. in Mr. Pickett's office, and no statement as to the condition of affairs will be made until after the meeting.

The firm of Merritt Bros. succeeded the well known old firm of Turnbull & Co., in the wholesale grocery business. About seven years ago the business was taken over by a limited liability company under the name of Merritt Bros. & Co., Ltd., and it had been conducted under this name and style up to the end of the year when the assignment was made. The authorized capital of the company was \$25,000, and J. F. Merritt is president.

Mr. Merritt when seen last evening confirmed the assignment, but refused to discuss the matter further.

MURRAY KEEFE SHOT BY BOY COMPANION

Dr. McIntyre, in Attendance, Expects Patient to Recover After Bullet is Removed This Morning

There was considerable excitement about the city yesterday afternoon when it was reported that a young fellow had been shot and killed by a companion in the North End. There was a shooting affair but the wounded boy will most likely recover.

It appears that Willie Bacon, aged 15 years; Murray Keefe, aged 15 years; and Ivan Magee about the same age, were in the woods near the northern end of the rifle range, and they had with them a small rifle owned by Roland Leonard, Bacon was handling the rifle when it was accidentally discharged and the shot, which was a .22 calibre bullet, entered the right side of Murray Keefe near the lungs.

Dr. J. A. McIntyre who was summoned on the case, stated that he expects to remove the bullet this morning. The young fellow was conveyed to the home of his sister, Mrs. John Deyell, Millidge Avenue, where he is being treated. It is not expected that his injuries will be fatal.

ONE RELEASED AND ANOTHER ARRESTED

Joseph Weldon Brought Number Held for New Year's Disturbance Up to Twelve—Fred Way Given Liberty

The chief topic of conversation about the city yesterday was the New Year's Eve disturbance that resulted in great damage to property and injury to police and other citizens. At the present time there are no less than twelve young men under arrest. Yesterday afternoon Joseph Weldon, aged 22, was added to the list of the disturbers of the peace and is charged with the same offence as the others who were arrested Sunday night.

With the exception of Fred Way the others have been kept in the Central Police Station cells and if their friends did not send them food they were supplied with the usual food from the jail. Fred Way was liberated yesterday on the advice of Recorder Baxter. The prisoners will be defended when the case starts this morning in the police court.

HARKINS' VERSION OF "HELLO BILL" POPULAR

Society People Enjoy Refined Comedy Presented to Packed House Last Evening—Repeated Tonight.

An audience which filled every seat in the Opera House last evening saw a new and delightful version of Hello Bill, those who had seen the play of the same name were agreeably surprised at the production of the Harkins' Company. The performance given last evening was a refined comedy such as society people could enjoy.

The lines were full of humor with a succession of delicious climaxes following one another so quickly that there was not a dull moment from start to finish of the play. Harry Engle proved himself particularly well fitted to the part of the false General Fuller, and Mignon Oxer gave probably the best presentations of her part since she has been in St. John. The other performers were equally as good in their respective roles.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights John Drew's and Maudie Adams' great success, The Runaways, will be presented, and on Friday and Saturday A. M. 11.30. The Runaways, will be presented by the same company.

A feature of the day's proceedings that was most interesting was the

SUMMER SERVICE TO AID IMMIGRATION

London Booking Agent Says if Steamers Came Direct to St. John More Settlers Would Come Here

J. Scammell, a booking agent who runs a number of offices in London and who has been looking into the immigration situation in Canada, was the city last week on his way home. To the reporter he said there was every indication that the immigration to Canada next year would establish a record.

"Some parties," he added, "estimate that there will be 500,000 come to Canada in 1911, and I don't think the estimate is too high."

"In my office I am making arrangements to direct immigrants to the Maritime Provinces and especially to New Brunswick where, I think, the opportunities for new settlers are as good as anywhere. One thing the New Brunswick people ought to agitate for, is a passenger service to St. John in summer."

"We look quite a number of people for New Brunswick in the summer time, but my information is that they don't very often reach their destination."

"We send them to Halifax and there they are told New Brunswick is a desolate wilderness and are persuaded to locate in Nova Scotia or go on to the west. Yet through the rivalry between the provinces and the fact that the people of Halifax are always ready to run down St. John and this province, if you have a passenger line running to St. John in the summer I'm sure New Brunswick would get many more new settlers than it does."

"And you ought to have this service this summer. Everything is conspiring to direct attention to the colonies, and it is going to be a banner year for immigration. We will have the Coronation with troops from all parts of the Empire, the Imperial Conference, and other functions which will focus attention upon the outlying parts of Greater Britain."

"The Maritime Provinces ought to get a goodly proportion of the stream of immigrants. And once the people begin to understand what the east can offer they will come here. They can find conditions more nearly approximating what they have at home, and many conveniences that they can not find on the open prairies."

CELEBRATION OF NEW YEAR'S DAY

Continued from page 2. The Master Painters' Association were at home to their friends yesterday in their rooms in the Market Building, and President Joseph Stentford and his reception committee extended the glad hand to many friends during the course of the afternoon.

The evening's entertainment, the question of organizing a Builders' Exchange in St. John was discussed. There were formal greetings from representatives of the other building trades' organizations, John E. Wilson, M. P. P., presented the association with a fine portrait of the King, and had his character painted in rosy colors by the master painters.

In making the presentation Mr. Wilson referred to the happy relations that had always existed between him and the association, and said he thought the most fitting way in which he could show his appreciation of the association and its members was to present them with a picture of their King, whom he felt had no more loyal or devoted subjects than the master painters and the people of St. John generally.

Much Cheering. At the close of Mr. Wilson's remarks the master painters gave three cheers for the King, sang the National Anthem, and then gave Mr. Wilson a round of cheers and joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

President Stentford, on behalf of the association, acknowledged the presentation in a happy little speech, in which he referred to the high place occupied by Mr. Wilson, not only in the hearts of the master painters, but in those of the citizens of St. John generally.

John Johnson, the oldest member of the association also spoke, stating that Mr. Wilson's popularity among the workers was the strongest proof that he possessed the right kind of qualities, because it was well said that the only way to really know a man was to work for him.

Joseph Edgecombe made a short address, paying his respects to Mr. Wilson and also to the association.

Ex-silverman H. L. McGowan in the course of an interesting address advocated the formation of a Builders' Exchange, and thought the members of the building trades present should resolve themselves into a committee to proceed with the matter at once.

John E. Wilson approved of the idea but thought a public committee should be called, so that all the organizations could send regularly accredited delegates. John Edgecombe also thought it would be a good thing for the different trades to get together, but did not feel that the painters should assume the whole burden of organizing the exchange. Mr. Williams spoke along the same lines.

John Fong referring to the picture of the King, said he had had the privilege of serving as a member of the guards of honor to Queen Victoria, King Edward and King George, and delivered an eloquent address on the subject of patriotism and the old flag. John H. Leah made one of his characteristic speeches.

John Tonge, Jr., and others contributed to the enjoyment of the evening with songs and recitations.

The New Year's gathering of the St. John Order of Elks was held in their lodge rooms on Charlotte street last evening and the principal event of the occasion was a presentation to the secretary, W. S. Jewett. The presentation was made by the exalted ruler, L. H. Ross, the present being a chain consisting of an elk's tooth mounted in gold. Mr. Jewett received the gift with a brief address of thanks. The janitors of the building was presented with a money token.

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St. Joseph Society Sports Tomorrow Evening. The first sports of the season will be those of the St. Joseph Society tomorrow evening at the Victoria Rink. All the fast skaters have been preparing for this series of big events for some weeks past and are expected to give a great account of themselves. There will be 17 races in all, and each and every one will doubtless provide lots of good excitement and plenty of fun. The entries are being made with Manager Whitehouse at the rink office, and those who have not already signified their intention of entering should do so today, as the entries close this evening.

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