

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

The Hesperian Tonight. The steamship Hesperian will dock this morning about 8 o'clock.

Property Exchange. Manning W. Doherty has purchased the beautiful residence at 38 Coburg street from George West Jones.

Thirteen Hours Late. I. C. R. train number 34, bound for Halifax from Montreal was snow-bound yesterday from the north shore and did not arrive at Moncton until 3 o'clock this morning, being 13 hours late.

The "Balm" West. Arthur Dearness, a commercial traveler well known here, is a letter to his father, David Dearness, dated at Quill Lake, Saskatchewan, Jan. 19, says that the thermometer there was 60 degrees below zero.

Pleasant Winter Trip. Mrs. C. H. Dearborn and Miss Elsie Estabrook, daughter of T. H. Estabrook, have a pleasant winter trip in prospect. They will leave in a day or two for New York, leaving there on Friday or Saturday on the steamer Moltke, on a winter's cruise to the West Indies and Panama. They will be absent several weeks visiting places of note in the south.

Annual Business Meetings. The Presbyterian churches of the city will hold their annual business meetings in the churches this evening, when the reports of the work done during the past year will be submitted to the different executives and officers elected for the ensuing year. Additional interest is being taken in the meeting in St. Andrew's church as the matter of extending a call for a new pastor will be taken up.

Arrested in Post Office. There have been a number of complaints made about the disorderly conduct of boys in the entrance to the Post Office during the afternoons and a particularly objectionable feature of their play is pitching cents, which is a form of gambling. Yesterday afternoon about 5.30 o'clock Postmaster Edward Sears captured Bert Ryder, aged 13 years and gave him in charge of Sergeant Baxter. The boy is charged with acting in a disorderly manner, pitching cents and playing against people in the entrance to the Post Office.

Bickmore Lecture. The second lecture of the Bickmore course was read in the Natural History rooms by W. S. Fisher last evening before a large and attentive audience. The subject of the lecture was Lakes Huron and Superior, and it was magnificently illustrated by over seventy slides, which depicted scenes on these great lakes and the surrounding country. In the course of the lecture Mr. Fisher related numerous interesting facts concerning the topography of the country surrounding the lakes, with graphic word pictures of the most striking points. At the close a vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by F. A. Dykeman and seconded by Dr. Matthews.

W. C. T. U. Annual. The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held in their rooms in the Seaman's Institute yesterday afternoon. The reports of the different committees were read and officers elected for the ensuing year. The secretary as well as the treasurer's report showed the union to be in a flourishing condition, and that a successful year had been carried out. The officers elected for the year are: Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, re-elected president; Mrs. R. Morton Smith, 1st vice-president; Mrs. David Hipwell, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. I. M. Hoar, recording secretary; Mrs. C. F. Woodman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. H. Hatches, treasurer; Mrs. Porter, relief treasurer; Mrs. J. Seamore, evangelistic superintendent. Delegates were also elected to represent the union at the local council of women.

SUFFRAGETTES SEEK AID OF WORKING MEN

Inspired by the eloquence of Miss Pankhurst, the local association of women suffragists are making arrangements for an active propaganda among the workmen of the city. The officers of the association will interview the officials of the trades unions and ask permission to send suffragist speakers to some of their meetings and deliver addresses on the cause. The ladies believe they will receive material assistance from the labor men, as the Independent Labor party, recently organized here, has already adopted as a plank in its platform of principles, a clause favoring the extension of the franchise to women, and all trades unions hold that women should get the same pay as men when they do equal work. Miss Pankhurst's address has given a decided impetus to the movement here, and yesterday quite a number of applications for membership in the association were received. The president of the association stated last night that the interest displayed in Miss Pankhurst's visit showed that the time was opportune for starting a strong propaganda. She added that the association had no intention of adopting the militant tactics of sister organizations in England. Miss Pankhurst leaves this morning for Brunswick, Maine. J. D. Phinney, K. C. Perry, A. Guthrie and Peter Hughes, of Fredericton were in the city yesterday.

CARLETON IN RAINS OVER FERRY TOLLS

Humorous and Pathetic Incidents Since Higher Rates Went into Force--A Placard and an Inscription.

There is much indignation in the West End over the action of the city council in advancing the ferry tolls for passengers, and it is likely that there will be strong action taken in opposition. What form this will take will be decided at a meeting which has been called for five o'clock this afternoon in the rooms of the Carleton Cornet band, and at which all residents of the West End are invited to be present. An invitation has been extended to the three West End aldermen to be present at the meeting where the whole matter will be discussed.

Residents of the West End take the ground that the advance in ferry rates is decidedly unjust to that section of the city, and in a measure might be construed as a direct violation of the spirit of the act of union under which Carleton became a part of the City of St. John.

Aside from the serious aspect of the increase in rates, it also has shown a humorous and a pathetic side. When the advance went into effect on Monday placards containing a copy of the order-in-council authorizing the increased fares were posted in the toll houses and in the cabins of the Ludlow. Yesterday underneath the printed notice in the men's cabin of the Ludlow some wag had pasted a small sheet of paper on which was printed in large letters, "R. T. Hayes, the man who made the council famous." Ald. Kierstead passed through the cabin last evening, glanced at the notice, and then read it smilingly. Some of the passengers were heard to express the opinion that it was a shame to give all the credit for the increase to Ald. Hayes, as he merely introduced the measure, and it would not have passed if other aldermen, some of whom are said to have aspirations in the direction of commissionships, had not supported it.

A pathetic incident is reported to have taken place yesterday morning at the noon hour in the east side toll house. Two little girls with a dinner-pail, evidently bound for Sand Point, appeared and tendered the former fare of two cents. Bound by the order of the board the collector was, of course, forced to refuse this. They had no more money, and father was in a fair way to go without his dinner when a bystander stepped up and paid the additional cents, at the same time expressing his opinion in no uncertain terms of the men who made it necessary.

THE HESPERIAN HAD VERY ROUGH PASSAGE

Allan Liner Arrived off Island After Tempestuous Voyage Across the Atlantic--Has Heavy Cargo.

Royal Mail Allan-Line steamer Hesperian, Capt. Main arrived at the island last night about ten o'clock from Liverpool via Halifax and will dock at about eight o'clock this morning. She has 3 saloon, 25 second-cabin and 53 steerage passengers; the rest of her 377 passengers having landed at Halifax. The following is an account of the Hesperian's rough trip across the Atlantic. Capt. Main and the officers declare that the passage from Liverpool to Halifax was one of the worst, if not the worst, they have ever experienced. Liverpool she left on Saturday, Jan. 5. From that day until Halifax was reached all kinds of weather was encountered. So heavily was the big ship pounded by the seas that she is said to be badly strained. On Monday, the 8th, the storm was at its worst. On that day there were strong gales, the wind reaching a velocity of 80 miles an hour. The storm on that day was accompanied by a lightning storm of some violence. The gale continued throughout Tuesday, Hall, rain and snow made the remaining days of the passage very disagreeable for the officers and passengers. The steamer Trancunia was sighted off Cape Race. The daily runs were as follows: Saturday, Jan. 6, 208 miles; 280, 205, 265, 285, 245, 160, 235, 263, 230; total 2476 to Halifax.

ST. JOHN WON'T GET "IT" HALIFAX MAY

Captain Montague Yeats, who has been in the city for the past few days left last night for Halifax. During his stay he held conferences with members of the Board of Trade at which he submitted a scheme for their consideration, but inasmuch as his proposal did not meet with the encouragement which he anticipated, he will go to Halifax where he is assured of co-operation of a number of enterprising business men of that city. The scheme which Capt. Yeats proposed could not be learned from him, but "it," meaning the scheme, Capt. Yeats admitted would have meant the introduction and circulation of a large amount of British capital in this city, and for every dollar of local investment the concern which he represents was prepared to put in two dollars. To carry out the plan the support of a number of citizens is required, and in other Canadian cities Capt. Yeats said he had found no difficulty in securing this co-operation available. However, he is not without hope that the scheme will commend itself to those with whom he has been in touch during his stay. In the meantime, however, the Captain is the custodian of the secret of the nature of the scheme, which he proposed to carry through in the city, so that St. John does not really know what it lost.

"THE MESSIAH" PROVES PLEASING SUCCESS

St. John Choral Society Scores Triumph in Handel's Masterpiece - Large Audience Enjoys the Production.

The St. John Choral Society made a most successful debut last evening at the Opera House under the most auspicious conditions of enthusiasm both on the part of the crowded audience and of themselves. They had the able instructor, Ernest T. Peacock, to be congratulated on the successful issue of their efforts in the field of oratorio and specially in giving so fine an account of themselves in such an exacting work as Handel's masterpiece, "The Messiah," which taxes the powers of the finest choruses in the demands that it makes on their vocal ability.

The oratorio was previously given last April in St. Luke's church, with very great success by the nucleus of the present St. John Choral Society, but numbers omitted on that occasion were rendered last evening. It was hard indeed to realize, as one listened to the singing of the chorus characterized by precision and fullness of tone that the organization has been in existence but a few months. "The Messiah" is undoubtedly an ambitious undertaking for so young an organization, but Mr. Peacock must have felt more than rewarded by their success last evening.

It is saying much for the native musical talent of St. John that two of the soloists were local men. Chas. A. Munro won a very high place in the esteem of music lovers as a tenor of a high order, whilst the society were very fortunate in being able to have the services of G. S. Mayes in the bass role. Mr. Mayes proved himself admirably equipped for the rendering of the oratorio solos, especially such as he sang so splendidly last night. Endeavored to express the profoundest of the soloists, the basso profundo voice, remarkable for its resonant and vibrant quality, and possessed of a love for oratorio and an experienced knowledge of its traditional rendering, his work always makes an impressive and this was especially the case last evening. The music of the bass role is extremely trying, but Mr. Mayes' rendering of the "Trumpet Shall Sound," so solemnly performed, with trumpet obbligato, was a regular tour de force. It was the first time that this great aria had been given in this city with trumpet obbligato and the difficulties of the piece are great, but the effect was most impressive. Mr. Munro's singing was also a feature of last evening. The rich, almost golden, quality of his voice was never more brought out than in his renditions, particularly in "Comfort Ye," "Thy Rebuke," and "Behold and See," also in the more dramatic "Thou Shalt Break Them." His work was that of the finished artist, and will greatly enhance the prestige already won by the popular young tenor.

The Choral Society were lucky in being able to secure such a particularly fine artist so admirably fitted for oratorio as Mrs. Annie Estelle Hollis of Boston. It was a practical example of the best kind of reciprocity in obtaining such a gifted exponent of the art of sympathetic song. With gracious presence, her renderings throughout displayed her sweet flexible voice, and sympathetic style of delivery and exceptional articulation. In "Rejoice Greatly" she showed extreme flexibility.

Not in many years has there been heard in St. John a contralto of the same excellence as Miss Ella Courtney. She made an instant hit with the audience, alike in the difficult solo, "O Thou that Tearest," and in "He Shall Feed His Flock," which latter she had to repeat as an undeniable encore. She gave a pathetic rendering of "He Was Despaired," and her rich vibrant and sympathetic voice was a pleasure to listen to and blended well with that of Mr. Munro in the duet "O Death."

The accompanist of the society, Miss Bertha Worden, presided ably at the piano and the greater part of the accompaniment fell to her, which she sustained most admirably and efficiently. The body of accompaniment was swelled and supplemented by an organ consisting of two banks of keys and foot pedals in the experienced hands of D. Arnold Fox, who with Miss Worden at the piano played the Overture to the oratorio. Everybody concerned, from the president, A. G. Burnham, the grand old chorister, downwards are to be congratulated, and an especial meed of praise is due, as previously noted, to the painstaking and tactful conductor, Mr. Peacock.

Prize Winners at Bridge. At the Westfield Outing Association bridge and dance last evening, in Ketch assembly rooms, the following ladies and gentlemen were the prize winners: Mrs. C. S. Hannington, 1st prize, a handbag; Miss G. A. Estey, 2nd prize, a piece of cut glass; Miss J. R. Ketchum, 3rd prize, a brass tray; Gray Burnham won the first gentlemen's prize, a travelling handbag; L. W. Lehlle, 2nd prize, a folding whist table; S. Gregory, 3rd prize, a paper knife. W. H. C. McKay made the presentation.

All-Feature Bill at Nickel. The Nickel has an Edison, Vitagraph and Biograph for its mid-week programme; an unusually strong combination, and every one a feature. Read the advertisement, it is very interesting.

Store Closed Thursday. F. W. Daniel & Co.'s store will be closed all day Thursday to remark stock and prepare for the "Annual January Clearance Sale," which is to commence on Friday morning at 9 a. m. Great bargains may be looked for in all kinds of dry goods and house furnishings as the entire stock will come under reduction prices to clear.

Sale of Prints. During the winter months many women make it a point to do their sewing for the coming summer. It is a thoughtful and industrious housewife that looks to the future, and this is the class of people, no doubt, who will patronize the big sale of prints advertised by F. A. Dykeman & Co. As these prints are of the finest quality, and are 1912 patterns, and are sold at about one-quarter less than the regular price, they will be bought up quickly in large quantities.

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