

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

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AROUND THE CITY

Mr. Fairweather Appointed. The Department of Public Works, Ottawa, has notified G. Ernest Fairweather of his appointment as superintending officer of the new post office building to be erected in this city. Mr. Fairweather is advised that the plans and specifications will be forwarded to him in a few days.

Slight Blaze. Shortly after five o'clock yesterday afternoon a short circuit caused the insulation to burn off the electric light wires in Hall's book store on King street and an alarm was sent in from box 23. When the fire department arrived on the scene there was nothing for the damage done being trifling.

Spencer Benefit. That the large audience that will attend the H. L. Spencer benefit in the C. M. B. A. rooms on Union street this evening will be amused by a programme of rare excellence, is assured by the fact that besides the much anticipated lecture on Canadian Heroines by Mrs. E. A. Smith, a very interesting repertoire of musical selections will be given.

Tag Day, April 22nd. The monthly meeting of the Free Kindergarten Association was held yesterday afternoon when the reports of the teachers and the visiting committee were read. It was found that a great deal of good work had been done during the past month and that all the schools were in a flourishing condition. In connection with this work it was decided to hold the annual tag day on April 22nd.

Will Be Ready By May 1st. T. M. Block, who is to erect a block-factory here in the spring said yesterday that as soon as frost is out of the ground work on the eight buildings necessary will be undertaken and by May 1st the factory should be ready for work. Lumber is being hauled already to the site of the new industry which is to be located on five acres of the Stetson and Cutler property at Pokok.

To Consider Charter. A meeting of the citizens' committee will be held in the Board of Trade rooms this evening for the purpose of considering the new civic charter. It is said there is likely to be opposition to the section providing that the appointment of the chief of police shall be vested in the commission instead of in the legislature, but this provision seems to be one of the most popular features of the new charter with the generality of citizens. The appointment of the recorder which formerly rested with the Provincial government is now vested in the city council.

Boys Arrested. Last evening about 7 o'clock two bell boys, Gerald Carter aged 18 and Fred Wilson aged 15 were arrested on Charlotte street by Police Constables Marshall and Shortt and were charged with fighting. The youths were allowed out shortly after midnight and were left with the chief. The boys claim that they were not fighting, but only skylarking. They were on their way to the Opera House to procure tickets for the performance and the chief mistook his companion and fell to the sidewalk, the other falling on top of him. The next thing they knew the policemen had hold of them and locked the two up in a central station cell.

Want More Pay. The local organization of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers held a meeting last evening and decided to ask their employers for an increase of wages on April 1st. The engineers have recently been required to pass a public examination and secure certificates of competency in order to hold a position in charge of stationary engines, and it is felt their wages are not commensurate with the qualifications they are required by law to possess. In recent years rents and the cost of living generally have gone up and in common with other classes the engineers have felt the need of more money. Their organization was formed here some time ago and embraces all the qualified men in the city and county.

Public Utilities Commission. The monthly meeting of the public utilities commission was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Col. D. McLeod, vice, chairman, presided, with F. P. Robinson secretary, G. O. D. Otty and O. M. Melanson present. Routine business was taken up by the commission. The Moncton Tramway and Electricity and Gas Light Company, Ltd., submitted their schedule of rates which was filed by the commission. March 28th was fixed upon by the commission as the date for the hearing which will be held in Moncton. The company is soon to commence operations and before doing so must have their schedule approved by the commission. Those interested will be given an opportunity of presenting their claims when the commission considers the proposed schedule at Moncton.

Just Arrived. A fine assortment of ladies' white lawn dresses have just been received by F. A. Dykeman and Co., and are being placed on sale at very low prices. You may think it rather early to be purchasing your summer dresses, but it is more satisfactory for you to get them now while there is a complete stock to choose from, than to wait till later when the choicest are gone. Even during the early spring you will find many opportunities of wearing one of these dresses for evening wear.

TWO STEAMERS FACED GALE OFF CAPE RACE

Montrose and Montcalm Here After Fair Passage - Addition to Complement of Former During Voyage.

The C. P. R. steamer Montrose, Capt. Webster, arrived in port yesterday morning from Antwerp after passing through the usual winter weather on the voyage. During the first part of the trip across the weather was all that could be expected, but when the ship arrived off Cape Race she ran into a marauding gale that caused her to pitch in a lively manner, greatly to the discomfort of the passengers. During the days succeeding the gale the Montrose was averaging 310 miles a day, but during the blow she only made 84 miles daily.

The Montrose brought over 125 passengers, among whom were 8 second cabin and 117 third. Besides the passengers the steamer had on board a large general cargo and 26 horses bound for Calgary to be used over the ship received an addition to her complement when two foals were born, one of which died at sea. The other, however, survived and caused considerable commotion at Sand Point yesterday, when it refused to be led ashore. Its mother seeing this also refused to go and for a few minutes displayed a classy equine temper. The difficulty was solved, however, when the colt at last made up its mind to become a Canadian.

Another C. P. R. boat that arrived yesterday morning was the Montcalm, Captain Hodder, from Liverpool, the two ships having sailed in slight company for the past few days. The Montcalm also experienced fairly moderate weather during the first part of the voyage and on last Tuesday she passed the Empress of Ireland, bound for Liverpool. All were reported well on board. The steamer ran into gales off Cape Race, but as she was pursuing a more northerly course than the Montrose, she was not so heavily buffeted. The ice that caused the captain to turn the vessel's head more to the south, with the result that the steamer avoided it. Those on board, however, saw the French steamer La Touraine crushing her way very slowly through the middle of the floe. The La Touraine is bound for New York.

Last Tuesday the Montcalm experienced the worst storm of the voyage when the steamer ran into a very heavy gale and snow storm off Seal Island. The wind blew at so high a velocity that it was found necessary to slow the vessel down to half speed and point her head to the wind. Later, however, it cleared up and the ship came up the bay and anchored off Partridge Island at three o'clock yesterday morning. The Montcalm had on board sixty horses and a large general cargo.

CORPSE PROVED TO BE A LIVING MAN

John Sullivan Saw "Body" Floating Down Harbor but Rescuers Found Him to be Alive - Will Recover.

One of the most peculiar occurrences about the harbor front recently was that of yesterday afternoon when what was thought to be a corpse floating in the water proved to be a live but unconscious man. It was shortly after five o'clock while John Sullivan, a longshoreman, was standing on the northerly end of the McLeod wharf that he saw what he thought to be the body of a man floating down the harbor in the current. The body was on its back with the arms stretched out and as it floated along an eddy caused it to drift into Lawton's slip. Sullivan quickly secured a line and threw it to the man in the water. The line fell across the arms of the man, and as he did not grasp it Sullivan thought it must surely be a corpse.

As it floated near the steps Sullivan summoned aid from some other laborers who were near, and a man, who proved to be Charles O'Dell, was lifted from the water and carried into the office of George McKean. It was discovered that the man was still alive, and his rescuers commenced to rub his body and try to bring him back to consciousness. Dr. D. E. Berryman was summoned, and while he found that the man was cold as death his pulse was beating feebly, and the physician rendered first aid and had the man conveyed to the General Public Hospital, where he was conveyed in the ambulance for further treatment.

At the hospital the doctors and nurses worked hard with O'Dell and at two o'clock this morning he had regained consciousness and was able to talk. He said he did not remember how he happened to fall into the water. He is very sick, but the doctors from the hospital this morning are to the effect that he will recover. There was no water in the man's lungs.

SOLD FARM IN THE WEST, COMING HERE

One Western Farmer who is Coming East - Factors which Make for Development of Province.

While St. John continues to attract attention as a field for investment, interest in the possibilities of farming in the province is spreading over the whole of Canada and parts of the United States, as well as of Great Britain. Nearly every day brings evidences that one of the possibilities of the near future is a reversal of the usual movement of population from East to West on an extensive scale. Alfred Burley, real estate agent, of Princess street, received a letter yesterday from a man in British Columbia who stated that he had sold his farm there and was coming east with the object of taking up a farm in New Brunswick. Mr. Burley, as well as the superintendent of immigration and the officials of the department of agriculture are frequently in receipt of letters from all parts of Western Canada, Ontario and Quebec, asking for information about farming opportunities in this province.

WANT PRISON FARM AND OTHER TRIFLES

Indignant Socialist Orator Demands Everything He Can Think of, Winding Up with Public Forum.

The Socialist party of Canada held a meeting last evening and discussed the question of petitioning the county authorities to build an addition to the jail or establish a prison farm, as they fear they may have to go to jail in defence of the right of free speech and the present quarters are said to be overcrowded.

The orators of the evening expressed indignation at the statement made by one of the aldermen at the meeting of the Safety Board that the Socialists were rascals, and declared that it was not a good way to encourage respect for the law to prevent the Socialists exercising the right of holding open air meetings enjoyed by the Socialists all over England, and in the big cities of Canada and the States. They took exception to Chief Clark's statement that the Socialists were responsible for the troubles of the Vancouver police with the 8,000 unemployed in the city, declaring that the Vancouver authorities were themselves responsible in that they had been spending \$100,000 a year on advertisements intended to induce people to come there. They also denied that the Socialists were responsible for the flag incident in Vancouver, saying that the fact that the British flag hung in a Socialist hall showed that the Socialists had some respect for the flag, and that the man who pulled it down was a pitiable looking object when he attacked the flag that nobody had the heart to resent his action.

"When we first asked the Chief of Police to allow us to speak on the streets or public squares," said Orator Hyatt, "he told us he knew all about Socialism. Possibly he is a greater authority than the Encyclopedia Britannica, which says that the ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity. But it seems rather curious that the Chief of Police of a city of churches like St. John should want to prohibit the teaching of a gospel whose ethics are identical with the ethics of Christianity. Even Rome had its forum where the people could assemble at any time to orate to their heart's content, and if the civic authorities of St. John don't establish a public forum here, they will have the fun of arresting our speakers. We don't want to interfere with anyone, and we are willing to use any possible forum the authorities select, but we are ready to adopt the passive resistance policy in an effort to secure a right enjoyed by all classes in Great Britain.

COUNTY TAX RATE MAY BE REDUCED

Boom in Land Values May be Big Boon to Rate-payers in Parishes - Readjustment Expected Next Year.

As a result of the adjustment of valuations for assessment purposes which the county authorities expect to make this year, it is believed that there will be a big reduction in the tax rate in the county—as much as 50 cents on the \$100 according to some estimates. The parishes will have every reason to hail the boom in land values, as the people living in the outlying sections will be able to obtain a substantial reduction in their taxes unless the city authorities make a move to oblige the parishes to pay a large share of the taxes for county purposes, as in some quarters it is believed, they are well able to do. The increase in land values in the city will not affect the tax rate this year. The city assessors make up their assessment on valuations prevailing at the first of the year, and the rise in valuations which has taken place in certain sections of the city since then will not be taken into consideration.

The assessors expect to make a general readjustment of values next year in view of the coming in force of the new assessment act which will be submitted to the legislature this session, and it is believed that the rise in land values will give the commission a chance to cut the tax rate very considerably or to raise a very much larger sum of money on the present rate, if they think they need it for public purposes. Many things are conspiring to give the commission a chance to make a good record, though doubtless with similar opportunities the old type of council would also make a good showing.

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One thing that is likely to operate to the advantage of this province is that conditions in Vancouver and British Columbia this winter have been very bad, and the brutal methods adopted by the Vancouver authorities in dealing with the 8,000 unemployed in that city has given that section of the country a lot of undesirable publicity. Indignant Englishmen lurid out there by the city's glowing advertisements are writing to their home papers, and as a result, immigrants coming out this spring will be likely to give more consideration to the claims of the east as a place to settle and found a home. Mr. Bowder, the provincial representative in Great Britain, is at present on a lecture tour through the rural districts of England, and the latest reports received from him say that interest in New Brunswick is increasing rapidly, and that the prospects are bright for getting out a good number of first class settlers this year.

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We have 90 pairs of Women's BUTTON and LACED BOOTS in Patent, Calf and Kid, made by J. & T. Bell, who are admitted the best makers of fine shoes in Canada. The sizes are not complete and we are anxious to clear our shelves before arrival of new goods. These goods are made on sensible shaped lasts that will appeal to ladies who combine comfort with good looks. The sale will be at our

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THE "STERLING" RANGE. The "Sterling" Range, made by the Enterprise Foundry, has been on the market too long to need any introduction. If you don't use one yourself one of your friends or neighbors does—they must as there are some three or four hundred in use in this city alone. When we sell one we say, "If not satisfactory, send it back"—but they don't seem to want to. A salesman is at your disposal whenever you have time to look the "Sterling" over and see for yourself what this range really is. EMERSON & FISHER, LTD., 25 GERMAIN ST.

BLACK AND COLORED SILKS. A Fine New Assortment of Favored Weaves for Spring and Summer. In this comprehensive showing of all that's new and best for the coming season, the ladies will find much to appeal to them in the way of better values. An early glance through our extensive exhibit is urged while the lines are most complete. BLACK PEAU DE BOIE, sat. in finished, both sides alike; for coats, costumes, dresses, blouse waists, etc., 20 to 22 inches wide. Yard 70c. to \$1.75. BLACK PALETTE, soft rich silk, with satin finish, for dresses, blouse waists, costumes, etc., 20 to 21 inches wide. Yard 55c. to \$1.20. Ask to see our Special BLACK PALETTE SILK 36 inches wide. Per yard 95c. BLACK BENGALINE, a corded silk for coats, costumes 48 inches wide. Yard \$3.25. BLACK FAILE FRANCAIS, a corded silk for coats, costumes, dresses, K. C. Gowns, trimmings, etc., 20 to 22 inches wide. Yard \$1.25 to \$2.10. BLACK GROS GRAIN, a fine corded silk, used especially for trimmings or millinery. 20 inches wide. Yard \$1.10. BLACK MESSALINE, a soft rich finished satin of good wearing quality, suitable for dresses and blouse waists. Width 20 to 22 inches. Yard 70c. to \$1.55. BLACK MESSALINE, 40 inches wide. Yard \$1.85. mid. brown, light grey, mid. grey, dark grey, Copenhagen, seal, catabala, purple, light reeds, mid. resea, dark resea, wisteria. 20 inches wide. Yard 95c. MAXIM SATIN we are introducing this satin to the ladies of St. John as a reliable material, guaranteed to wear two seasons or the goods replaced. We have the following shades in stock, but intend to carry a full line of all shades—light grey, mid. grey, mid. brown, light navy, tan, ivory mid. navy and black. 27 in. wide. Yard \$1.10. TAMALINE SILK a soft all-uses for dresses, blouse waists, linings, etc., in the following shades: White, cream, light blue, pink, old rose, cardinal, dark cardinal, mid. brown, light brown, seal, Copenhagen, mid. grey, light navy, mid. navy, dark navy, resea, brown, maize and black. 20 in. wide. Yard 95c. TAMALINE SILK a soft all-uses for dresses, blouse waists, linings, etc., in the following colors: white, cream, light blue, pink, navy, light, mid. and dark navy, light brown, SILK DEPARTMENT.

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