

Local News.

Furness line steamer Evangline, left London at 9 a. m. yesterday, for this port.

The advance in the price of bread from seven cents per loaf to eight cents will go into effect on Monday.

C. P. R. steamship Miowera, arrived yesterday at Vancouver at 9 o'clock, from Hong Kong and Yokohama.

The city corner had donated \$50 to the fund for the rebuilding of the church of the Assumption, recently destroyed by fire.

Will the lady who took the fur collar in mistake from 121 Union street, on Thursday afternoon, kindly return it to 223 Duke street, and get her own.

At Chubb's corner today, Auctioneer Lantulum, sold at auction, the residence of the late Charles Doherty, situated on Paddock street. Michael Ryan bought it for \$3,050.

The Hebrew Immigration Society will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The meeting is very important and all members of the Jewish community are requested to attend.

A party of Prince Edward Islanders passed through the city, this morning en route to their home. They went west on the last harvest excursion and say they could find no work there.

St. David's church Sunday school will hold its annual Rally Day services in their own newly renovated school room, tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, an interesting programme has been arranged.

There were nine deaths in the city during the week. Two were due to heart disease, and one each to asthma, diphtheria, consumption, senile decay, heart failure, congestion of the brain and pleuro-pneumonia.

L. Hill, a lad from Fall River, who has been working in the Cornwall cotton mill for about a week, had his hand caught in a carding machine yesterday afternoon, and will probably lose three fingers. He was conveyed to the public hospital.

The regular meeting of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick, will be held on Tuesday evening next, in market building, Professor L. W. Bailey, R. D. of Fredericton, will read a paper on "The Human Telephone." There will be a meeting of council at 7.30 p. m.

Rev. W. N. Keyes will preach in Main St. Baptist church tomorrow both morning and evening. Mr. Keyes is a missionary to Zululand, and is travelling with Spencer Watson the representative of the South African General Mission for Australia and North America.

Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, of Illinois, will address a public meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 8 o'clock this evening, in the interests of the free kindergarten. This is the first annual meeting and the public are cordially invited to attend and hear the report of the year's work.

John Francis Gilder has been engaged to give a piano and vocal recital in the lecture room of St. John Presbyterian church, on Friday evening, Nov. 4th, in addition to Mr. Gilder's disc records of famous singers, he will be assisted by Miss Sarah Manning and Mr. D. Arnold Fox.

A few nights ago, a basket of grapes was stolen from James Ramsay's fruit store, Main St. The thief was caught, but Mr. Ramsay did not prosecute. He says, however, that such thefts are becoming too common and as a salutary measure he will prosecute the next one caught.

The big reduction sale of ladies' and Misses' reasonable ready-to-wear coats and costumes advertised by Belyea Brothers should attract every person who studies economy. Although the prices quoted are far below regular value, no change is made for necessary alterations—A perfect fit is guaranteed.

On page 2 of this issue C. B. Pidgeon of the north end gives unmistakable evidence of the advantage of doing your fall shopping at his store. He carries a most complete line of Boots and Shoes, Rubbers, Men's Furnishings, and Hats and Caps. While his reputation for making up to date clothes is thoroughly established.

Twenty-six births were recorded during the week, seventeen of which are females, and 9 males. Six marriages were recorded. The registrar reports that parents are now paying more attention to reporting the births of their children, since they have learned that the physicians are unwilling to attend to this important duty.

The Altar for the new Chapel on Cliff St. for the sisters of charity is almost completed and will be placed in position as soon as possible, in fact some of the parts have already been taken up. The altar which is very handsome is of the traditional design and reflects great credit on the architect G. Ernest Fairweather and the builders J. & J. D. Howe.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in Germain St. Baptist church, and at 8.30 o'clock in Portland Methodist church, Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, International Sunday school field secretary, will address mass meetings in the interest of Sunday school work. All teachers and officers are invited. Offering will be taken for provincial Sunday work.

A general committee of the common council, met yesterday, in private session, to arrange for a partial payment on the Mispic Pulp mill, recently purchased by the city for \$115,000. Arrangements have been made for the conveyance of the property. At the meeting yesterday, it was also decided to procure an additional engineer, for the Loch Lomond survey.

CUSTOMS RULE CAUSES DELAY.

St. John Merchants Dissatisfied With New Plan For Invoicing Goods.

Many of the wholesale merchants are complaining about the new customs' law in regard to invoices of goods coming into Canada. The new regulations require that the shipper must make out invoices in triplicate on a certain specified form. This means that the merchants shipping goods here, must have their invoices printed on the forms as required by customs regulations, which will put them to much extra trouble and expense.

The affidavit required on the invoices now is also much more complicated than the one formerly used. A number of the leading wholesale importers who were called on by a Times reporter, expressed the opinion that the new regulations were entirely unnecessary, and caused considerable trouble to them as well as the exporters. Three different forms of affidavit are now required, one for goods coming in from Great Britain under the preferential tariff, one for United States and non-preferential countries, and another for goods on consignment. In many cases where the shippers do not understand the new regulations, it puts the importers here to the trouble of sending back for the proper forms and causes much delay. Although the new law has been in force since October first, it is understood it will not be strictly enforced until the first of December.

ACCIDENT TO RIVER BOAT.

The Majestic Blew a Cylinder Head Out Yesterday and Her Passengers Spent the Night on the River.

The river steamer Majestic, on the trip to Fredericton yesterday, blew out a cylinder head at Scovill's wharf, near Gagetown. She will be out of commission for a week or so. The passengers spent the night on the steamer, and the Springfield, which left Gagetown this morning, took them to their destination, also taking the Majestic's mails and freight. The Champlain commencing Monday, will make the Majestic's regular trips.

POLICE COURT.

Three prisoners adorned the bench at the police court this morning. Rufus Downey, given in charge by Captain J. M. Rice of barque "Edna" lying at Musquash, on a charge of desertion, was sent aboard the vessel Joseph Dixon, drunk, was fined \$8 or two months.

William Brit, charged with drunkenness and using profane language, was sentenced to a fine of \$8, or two months hard labor. The case of Lottie Harned, Catherine Doherty, and John Carlson was resumed to-day. Officer Rolston and Sergt. Baxter were examined and the case was closed. The prisoners were remanded for sentence.

Lottie asked for two weeks in which to dispose of her household effects and leave the city. His honor observed that he had granted permission to do this on several occasions, but conditions were not carried out, and the people were serving sentences in jail.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Dufferin—Will C. Fisher, Quebec; W. A. Bryden, Montreal; P. Hullequin, Chicago.

At the Victoria—F. W. Johnson, Toronto; W. Wiley, Chipman; H. W. Woods, Wolford; Rev. F. M. Webster, Middleton; V. L. Baker, Toronto.

At the Royal—A. C. Miller, New Glasgow; B. H. Blakeslee, Kingston; R. M. Duworth, F. Martindale, F. Picard, Bouchette; J. S. Hunter, Toronto; H. C. Silver, Montreal; John R. Tomkins, East Florenceville.

At the Clifton—D. W. Hamilton, Kingston; N. B. Mrs. Mary Bryce, Peoria, Ill.; J. M. Brayley, Montreal.

A. P. Hazen, manager of the Bank of British North America informed the Times that they would open their bank at the corner of Sydney and Union streets, on Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Although the permanent fittings will not be ready for about a month, arrangements are being made to have temporary counters put in to save delay. A. G. Cowie who has been with the bank for a number of years and is well known, will have charge of the branch, which will be under the supervision of Mr. Hazen himself. Banking in all its branches will be conducted and savings accounts from \$1. upwards can be opened up. To suit the convenience of customers who would prefer to make deposits on Saturday night rather than hold their money over Sunday the branch will be open from 8 to 10.30 o'clock.

C. Lurg street Christian church, J. F. Pilyd, minister. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, Falling from Grace, evening, "Before the Judgement Seat of Christ." Immersions at close of evening service. Sunday school 2.30 p. m., young people's meeting, Monday evening at 8 o'clock, prayer and social meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Wm. McGinnis, of Cape Breton, who has been working in the woods, at Belle Isle, was brought to the city today, suffering from a bad wound in the face, inflicted by a small tree, falling and striking him. He was taken to the hospital.

Christmas goods are now being opened up by the wholesale houses. Some firms already have their goods to the fore, and in two or three weeks the retailers will be displaying their novelties.

The members of the St. John orchestra intend holding a concert in Union hall, north end, Nov. 7th.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress, of China, left Yokohama Friday p. m., Oct. 28, for Vancouver.

A key found on King street can be had by the owner at the central station.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Miss Christina Crawford, of this city, arrived today from Ithica, where she has been visiting for the last four months.

Stephen B. Gerow, Sec. Treas. of the Cornwall and York cotton mill, is again confined to the house with an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. H. M. Hopper and son left last evening for Gibson, York Co., where they will visit Mrs. Hopper's father, Thos. Hoben.

F. J. Dailey, manager of the Dailey Stock Co., is at the Dufferin.

Miss Jessie Arnold, of Sussex, is the guest of Mrs. T. Baine, Peters street.

W. F. Rohsorn representing the Robert Co. Ltd., Toronto, arrived in the city last evening in company with Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, one of the company. Mr. Thompson intends leaving for the west in a few days.

Postmaster general Colter, arrived in the city this morning from Fredericton.

L. Higgins, of Moncton, is at the Royal.

Jas. Quigley, of Montreal, who has been attending the funeral of his father, John Quigley, which took place yesterday, will leave tonight on his return home.

Inspector I. J. Olive leaves this afternoon for Quebec on official business.

Dr. L. N. Bourque, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday.

BENEFIT BY JAP SUCCESS.

The Great Struggle in the East Will Mean Much to China.

The annihilation of the Russian war fleet by the Japanese has resulted in the resumption of the Pacific Mail service with Shanghai and the betterment of the cotton goods situation in China. The cotton with which the natives are re-arming their regular armies, and the districts which have been freed by the Japanese speaks volumes for their recuperative ability. In reference to the outlook for cotton goods in the Far East Noel, Murray & Co., of Shanghai, under date of Sept. 1, say:

"During the interval urgent orders have continued to come from Newchwang for piece goods, chiefly American, and it is said that the demand has been reselling freely at handsome profits. The well informed natives here declare there are no 2,000 bales of these makes unsold. The probable shortage of the native cloth this year, owing to the interruption in the junk trade, no doubt accounts largely for the demand; vide our remarks below. Trade with our other dependencies is falling into comparative insignificance. Every satisfactory report comes from Korea, but the scarcity of tonnage is greatly hampering the trade. It is not all creditable to the British flag, the bulk of the foreign trade with that country is in English goods, not a single steamer flying the British flag is engaged in the coast trade, which has to be dependent on occasional visits of steamers belonging to other nations, and no interest in the cargo beyond carrying it."

Continuing our review of the report of the commissioner of customs at Newchwang, we note some interesting remarks and statistics respecting the trade with that port. The direct transit facilities afforded by the railway and under the inland water steam navigation rules which has sprung up since 1902 and further progress, may be confidently looked forward to, especially with the additional rights granted by the treaty which provides for—and yet the man in possession was doing all he could to exclude those who had worked for those rights.

"It is interesting to note that the revenue of the port, which the Chinese government is said to have allocated to Japan for 20 years, amounted to 874,658 taels—the highest ever collected being 928,740 in 1899. The direct import trade shows some startling increases in Japanese goods, plain gray shirtings jumping from 400 pieces in 1902 to 5,290 pieces, sheetings from 11,100 pieces to 70,050 pieces, and drills from 720 pieces to 13,050 pieces. The direct importation of yarn, both Indian and Japanese, exceeded that of 1902.

"The value of foreign goods re-exported from Chinese ports, mostly from Shanghai—was estimated at 14,632,100 HK taels against 12,969,209 HK taels in 1902. The increase in value would appear to be in contradiction to a decline in quantity noticeable under many items, but a careful valuation of cotton piece goods passing through the customs showed that more extensive varieties formed the bulk of imports. Under this head, shirtings and sheetings fell off, but while imports rose from 19,311 pieces in 1902 to 21,055 pieces. American drills advanced from 343,855 pieces to 569,655 pieces, and English drills increased from 1,597 pieces to 480 pieces. American jeans rose from 73,620 to 92,410 pieces, and English jeans from 19,350 to 23,350 pieces. Native cloth brought by junks receded from 172,891 to 146,135 pieces. The value of the native cloth is not given, but even the reduced quantity imported last year was the equivalent of more than 2,000,000 pieces of ten pound shirtings."

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Despite the fact that the coming election has to a very considerable extent, engaged the attention of the public, the Vaudeville performers at the York Theatre drew good houses: the entire week, and this afternoon's performance terminates the engagement of the present company. Many have expressed regret at the departure of the Rice Family, who have proven such a strong attraction. Nothing like this act has ever before been seen in St. John, and all who have seen it, agree that it is the daintiest on the vaudeville stage. Mr. Hyle says that they may possibly be here again before spring. Helene Austin, and Leynch, have also impressed St. John theatre goers most favorably.

ARBITRATION.

The Editor of the St. John Evening Times: Sir,—If we have been correctly informed, the Canadian Pacific railway and cable companies, on the eighth inst., called England, the United States, America, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, Russia, Japan, and Canada, as follows: "If all the above named powers obligate themselves to substitute arbitration for war, will the said above named powers obligate themselves individually to do so also?" As England has in a most practical way, just answered this question, we at an early date, may expect like responses from all the other powers.

WAITING.

I walk with slow, hushed footsteps thro' the woods. Such bare, brown woods, that only yesterday Thrilled as the south wind stirred her drowsy tresses, now cover in a shroud. When glad-eyed June went singing on her way. Like watchful sentinels the tall trees stand. They know no haste, they fret not at delay. Sure faith is theirs that, some day, Love will come. And while Love is, there abideth Spring away.

What matters, then, gray sky and leafless bough? Some day, her throbbing heart will pulse in tune With springing grasses and wee, downy nests, And early branches toss in winds of June.

With quick, glad steps I walk the leaf-strewn aisles. Where new, warm life shall blossom some sweet day; Lo, I am made a sharer in your faith, O bare, brown woods—and who shall say us nay?

Florence A. Jones in Madams

HOW THEY STAGE A MODERN PLAY.

Many Thousands of Dollars Must be Spent Before the Public Gets a Look at it.

When a play has been accepted for production, it is sent to the scene painter, who goes over it carefully, taking note of all details to be reproduced, says John Corbin in the November Scribner's. Then, if the subject is difficult, he makes a sketch of it in the flat. If this proves satisfactory to the manager, actor and author, he build it up in a miniature model, on the scale of half an inch to the foot, as, perfect in proportion and exquisite in detail as the finished scene. An old gentleman lately, looking over a collection of models in one of the New York studios, remarked that his granddaught would be delighted to have them for wall houses. The proprietor of the studio smiled to himself. The models for a single play cost well up towards a thousand dollars. For an ordinary four-act comedy the models, scenes, properties and costumes cost, let us say, \$5,000 or \$6,000. The cost of the great scenic productions is never as much as the press agents say, but has been known to exceed \$100,000.

When the model is approved the stage carpenter takes measurements for such framework as may be necessary. The clayey construction of the old days has given way to the solid sort of building. Windows slide in their sashes, doors slam, shut and lock. Staircases are solid to the tread. Trees are built up in the round, and columns are turned out of solid wood. But as every show is intended to travel among all the great cities of the continent, the heaviest scene must be made up of pieces short enough to be packed in a freight car.

The scene painter marks out the pieces of his model in tiny squares, and then hangs a huge canvas beside the paint bridge with corresponding squares in scale. The draughtsman stands on the bridge with a piece of charcoal on a stick like a billiard cue, and square by square copies the lines of the model, while an assistant raises and lowers the cloth with tackle. Then the body paint is put on, and the details are added until the cloth is complete.

Monday night, begins a gala week at the York, and the bill is exceptionally strong one. Prof. Meit's troupe of twelve performing dogs forms the head liner. Prof. Meits has just concluded a four weeks engagement at the Mechanical Pavilion, Boston. George and Harrington, comedy bar performers, have been especially engaged for this week, and come direct from Proctor's Theatre, New York. The Tally-ho Duo is regarded as the sweetest singing act in vaudeville, and no comment beyond the fact that they have "run the circuit" a Keith's is necessary. Hoyt and Burke, the sprightly singing and dancing soubrettes are also from Keith's. The balance of the bill is made up of Burden and Refan, comedy contortionists in introducing six styles of dancing. Burto the comedy juggler, and George Kain, the celebrated German mimic and momologist.

A NEW WAY TO BREAK THE NEWS.

An exchange says editorially in a recent issue: "We have seen many a tramp printer, but about the most unique specimen I ever met, came to our house last Sunday evening. He was dead broke; hadn't a sou, and not a stitch of clothes to his back. He called for a drink, and after getting it, lay down to sleep it off. Our wife seems completely 'gone' on him, and he is still in the house drinking and sleeping, but as soon as he gets strong enough he will be given a job in the office. He weighs 84 pounds."

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