

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Work of Prayer meetings in St. Andrew's... Bible Society meets in west end Free Baptist church.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Several Matters Discussed at Yesterday Afternoon's Meeting.

A meeting of the board of works was held yesterday. Ald. Christie presided and those present were McGoldrick, Lewis, Hamm, Daley, Hold-

Local News.

The water and sewerage board meets this afternoon.

The county court opens on the fourth Tuesday in February.

The Ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphan Asylum will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Harry Needham of the north end, offers to challenge Walter Winters, to skate at the police sports on the 13th of the month.

Dr. Berryman will not hold an inquest into the death of James Wier, who died suddenly at his home Dorchester St., last night.

A meeting of the Women's Art Association, which was to have been held this morning, has been postponed till to-morrow morning on account of bad weather.

The special week of prayer services were held last night in Calvin Presbyterian church, Leinster St. Baptist, and Victoria St. Free Baptist church. All were well attended.

To-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at Breeze's Corner, King Square, the regular monthly meeting of R. L. Borden club will be held. O. S. Crockett M. P. will address the club.

The Times has received a pretty full calendar from the Union Assurance Company. The calendar is of a convenient size and bears a representation of Jacques Cartier landing at Montreal in October 1535.

Unusual interest is being manifested in the police sports. Tickets are selling rapidly and those desirous of attending will do well to secure them at once as the number is limited.

Arthur Hoyt, the well known aviator, met with a painful accident while at work yesterday. He was superintending the work under his charge when he slipped injuring his ankle severely. Mr. Hoyt expects to be at work to-morrow.

The Union Lumber Co., of Newfoundland which has in course of erection a large new mill at the 217th mile post, near Glenwood, has 40,000 logs cut to date and will continue work till April. In the four places—North Harbor, Come by Chance, Grand Lake and the Post—they will have an estimated output the coming year of 4 million feet of lumber.—(Halifax Chronicle).

NO MORE SHORT CUTS.

A man driving out Little River way the other night took the short cut, that leads past the old Church of England cemetery and across the creek running into Courtenay Bay. The tide was out, there was no bridge, and the horse and sleigh were soon foundering in the bed of the creek. The bank opposite was too steep to climb, and the horse turned up the creek. The driver got him turned in some way, although the creek is very narrow, and the next move was toward Courtenay Bay. After wading into the water some distance a place was found where the horse could get ashore on the farther side of the creek. In the meantime some persons living near were attracted, and told the bewildered driver where he was. A fence was lowered, the team was got out on the road leading to Courtenay, and the adventure closed. It was a hot time on a cold night.

SUPREME COURT.

The supreme court met in the court house this morning at 11 o'clock. In the case of McKinnon vs. The McLaughlin carriage company, L. A. Curry announced that proposals had been made for settlement and that negotiations for terms were now being carried on. Mr. Curry asked for adjournment until terms of agreement had been arranged.

THE FERRY TRAFFIC.

According to the report of Superintendent H. A. Glasgow of the ferry service, the number of persons crossing the ferry last year was considerably in excess of the previous year. The figures of the ferry collectors show that 5,228 more persons crossed on the ferry steamers in 1904 than in 1903. The total for the year was 1,575,891, and for 1903, 1,570,663. In 1904 there were 787,776 passengers from Carleton to the city and 788,115 from the city to Carleton. In 1903 the heaviest travel was from Carleton, 786,898 coming to the East side and 783,765 going to the West side.

THE NEW PAPER.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was in the city yesterday and met a number of the local supporters of the government. It is understood that his visit was in connection with the founding of the new liberal organ which has been decided to establish. Dr. Hannay was also in the city yesterday and it is reported that he is to occupy the editorial chair of the new journal. It is stated by some of those interested that the first issue of the new paper will appear very soon.

THE NEW CRANE IS NOW AT WORK.

An Acquisition to the I. C. R. Freight Plant Here Now in Full Operation.

The new I. C. R. transfer crane, reference to which was made in the Times some weeks ago is now in operation. It has been constructed at the freight shed and is certainly one of the most important acquisitions to terminal facilities of the winter port, not only for local purposes, but for general export and import business through St. John. This crane will facilitate business well in every way. It forms what might be termed a semi-arch over the main freight line and freight up to 30,000 tons can be lifted from the cars and despatched on the freight trucks or on team trucks, whichever is desired. The truckmen regard the crane as a boon as it relieves them of a great amount of toil and hard labor in unloading cars filled with heavy freight.

POLICE REPORTS.

The following persons have been reported for driving vehicles in the city without licenses. Martin Burns, Bernard Clarke, Jacob Spragg, John Donovan, Harry O'Leary, Andrew McLehlan, Timothy O'Leary, A. W. Goding, Nicholas, Larriesey, Frederick Fullerton, Wm. Burley and Robert Austin. The four last belong to the West end. A letter found on King street yesterday, was delivered to the owner John E. Moore. A cart owned by M. F. Mooney and Sons, broke down yesterday at the corner of Prince William and Church streets.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Royal—Frank S. West, Fredericton; J. J. Mortimore, Toronto. At the Dufferin—C. L. Merritt, Woodstock, H. B. Potter, Montreal. At the Victoria—E. W. Sealey, Woodstock. At the New Victoria—Gertrude L. Murphy, Calais, N. S.; Wm. Binn, New Glasgow, J. Chisholm, Boston.

PROBATE COURT.

Letters of administration in the estate of Edward J. Walsh were granted to his widow Augusta Walsh. The estate is valued at \$1,000 personal. Hanington, Teed & Hanington proctors.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

An interesting paper on Birds that Hunt and are Hunted was read last night at the meeting of the Natural History Society by A. Gordon Leavitt. Among those referred to as hunting and being hunted were geese, loons, ducks, bitterns, reeds, coots, woodcock, snipe, grouse, eagles, pigeons, hawks, owls, kingfishers, woodpeckers, crows, jays, strikes, wrens, creepers, nut hatches, tits and warblers. It is believed by many that birds of prey live high; but this is a mistake, as post mortem examinations have proved the opposite. Birds that hunt and are hunted have to work hard for their living.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Northeast to northwest gales; snow today, Thursday decreasing winds, fair and very cold. Synopsis—The severe storm spoken of yesterday is now situated off the New England coast, causing gales and snow in the Maritime Provinces. To Banks, northeast to north gales and to American ports, north to northwest gales. Local Weather Report at Noon. Jan. 4, 1905. Highest temperature during past 24 hours 20. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours 8. Temperature at noon 18. Humidity at noon 86. Barometer readings at noon sea level and 22 deg. fah 29.32 ins. Wind at noon. Direction N. E. Velocity 28 miles per hour.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McKenzie, who have been paying a holiday visit to Mr. McKenzie's parents at Fredericton, left St. John yesterday morning for their home in West Boylston (Mass.) Mr. McKenzie, who is an old U. N. B. man, is engaged in engineering work in Massachusetts. His friends will learn with pleasure of his continued success. F. A. McDonald, who has been home for the Christmas holidays, returned to Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday. F. R. Perry, of the C. P. R., returned to the city last night. School Inspector Carter returned to the city last night. Mrs. C. Stackhouse went to Sydney yesterday. Prof. Titus returned to the city last evening. Harry Frink, son of R. W. Frink, left last evening for Toronto to resume his duties. He had been visiting his parents here. Miss Laura Poole and her brother, Stanley, spent New Year's with their parents at Westfield. Miss Maggie Hunter and Roy Smith spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Poole, Westfield.

GOES IN FOR SIX MONTHS.

Dan McPherson Finds It Does Not Pay to Visit the Police Court Often.

There was trouble in Hunter's drug store on Prince William street last night. Daniel McPherson—who figured in the police court yesterday—entered the store and asked for the price of a bed for the night. Mr. McCavour, who tends the furnace, happened to be in the store, and remarked that McPherson was a strong healthy looking man, and should seek employment. McPherson, who had been drinking, did not take the suggestion kindly and manifested his disapproval by striking McCavour. He was before the magistrate this morning, charged with drunkenness and assault, and was sentenced to six months hard labor without a fine. "You were here yesterday" observed his honor, "and you are here again today. If you won't work for yourself you will work for the city."

ST. JOHN'S BANK BUSINESS GROWS.

Clearing House Transactions Increased Two and a Half Millions in 1904.

The following is a comparative statement of the bank clearings each year from 1899 to 1904 inclusive:— 1899 ..... \$32,932,509. 1900 ..... 36,608,681. 1901 ..... 40,415,895. 1902 ..... 41,924,176. 1903 ..... 49,013,467. 1904 ..... 51,422,858. Increase last year over 1903—\$2,409,391. A. P. Hazen, Manager of the Bank of B. N. A., who furnished the above report, said that the increase (over the clearings of last year) did not mean necessarily that the business had increased that much, as the opening of new banks would probably be accountable for part of it at least. However the fact that the clearings had increased from \$32,932,509 to \$51,422,858 in six years was evidence that there was a considerable increase in the business done.

MR. CONNOLLEY IN SACKVILLE.

The Story That He Had Left Suddenly Was Not True.

The statement copied in last evening's Times about George Connolley of Sackville, and formerly of St. John, was wholly incorrect. The Times learns that, instead of leaving Sackville creditors to mourn Mr. Connolley came to St. John to see his sister, who was ill. Before coming down he arranged with another man to run his barber shop in Sackville, but the latter failed to appear. In the meantime busy tongues got wagging about Mr. Connolley, who as soon as he heard of it went back to Sackville and re-opened his shop. The Times regrets having copied an article which was not only untrue but which has caused Mr. Connolley's friends much pain.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Such a night as last night, it would seem that few people would brave the weather to see a show, and yet a good audience was in attendance at the York but when the merit of the show is taken into consideration, it is no great surprise. The many acts are teeming with good wholesome comedy, and were heartily enjoyed. The laughing hit of the bill would be hard to pick as each act, scored heavily.

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A light purse will do heavy work during our Clearance Sale. The goods are marked to go, and a very small amount of cash will be accepted in their place. You will be astonished at the moving effect a little cash will have. Remember our lowest regular price for ready-to-wear Suits or Overcoat is \$10, and there are no better made in Canada, and then judge the reductions:

SUITS, badly broken lots, were \$10 to \$15, NOW \$3.95, \$5, \$7.50, \$10. Other Lines of Suits, 20 per cent. discount. OVERCOATS, medium and long. Regular \$10 to \$18, NOW \$6.90, \$7.50, \$7.90, \$8.90, \$9.90, \$12, Etc. STOUT MEN'S SUITS, from 36 to 44---not many---bunched in two lots, \$4.90 and \$7.50.

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While these prices may appear the same as others advertise, you must remember that IT'S VALUE NOT PRICES THAT MAKE A BARGAIN HERE. You'll realize these Values when you see the garments. \$5.00 Overcoats Now \$3.95 | \$7.50 Overcoats Now \$4.95 \$6.00 Overcoats Now \$3.95 | \$7.00 Overcoats Now \$4.95 \$10.00 Ove.coats Now \$6.98 | \$12.00 Overcoats Now \$8.75 \$9.50 Overcoats Now \$6.98 | \$10.00 Overcoats Now \$8.75

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