

INVESTIGATION INTO SHORTAGE IN CHAMBERLAIN'S DEPARTMENT WAS CONCLUDED LAST EVENING

The taking of evidence in the investigation under oath, conducted by the treasury board, to enquire into the default in the chamberlain's office, was concluded last evening. S. B. Bustin, Recorder Skinner and the remainder of the office staff were examined. The recorder mentioned in his evidence that about eight years ago he had obtained a loan of \$300 or \$500 from Frederick Sandall, the late chamberlain, through David Connell who discounted Mr. Sandall's note. Three of the four employees in the department swore that Mr. Sandall and Mr. O'Connell had never in their presence handed cash or bonds to one another across the counter.

It was mentioned that the security lodged with the Royal Bank of Canada for safe keeping by Mr. O'Connell in connection with his loan to Mr. Sandall was a 6 per cent. City Hall bond. The board decided to draw up a report at a future meeting. Ald. Bullock occupied the chair, and Ald. Baxter, Kelley, Lantulum and McGoldrick were present, with the common clerk, Ald. Sproul and Housie also attended the meeting, and a few citizens listened to the proceedings. Miss Bessie Wetmore, the city hall stenographer, as at the previous sessions took shorthand notes of the evidence.

S. B. Bustin was the first witness called. Before he took the oath he said he wished to point out that if Mr. Sandall asked him to make a loan the state of solicitor and client would have been established, and he would have the right not to answer questions, but as a handling might be made of his refusal, he was willing to be sworn. He was then sworn.

In reply to the chairman, he said as far as he remembered Mr. Sandall asked him to obtain a loan and he asked J. Willard Smith to make the loan. The amount he did not recall, but he said he had seen Mr. O'Connell in the office, and very often had spoken to him regarding his water tax which was always a little behind. He had never seen Mr. Sandall hand Mr. O'Connell a paper. He knew nothing about Mr. O'Connell, but had seen him go into the private office several times.

George McKinney was the next witness. In reply to the chairman he said he had been in the office about a year and a half. He had no knowledge of Mr. Sandall's loans. On one occasion he had seen Mr. O'Connell pass something to Mr. Sandall through the wicket, and afterwards Mr. Sandall had turned around and torn something up throwing it into the waste basket. He made up the deposits sometimes when he took a receipt. He knew nothing of Mr. Sandall having borrowed money, and had never heard any conversation on the subject. He never balanced the cash, and had no knowledge of any I O U's or memoranda.

Frank D. Alward was the last witness. He said his duties consisted in collecting the harbor revenues. He had done this work for seventeen years and had been in the office five years. He made out the bills, paying the money to the chamberlain every day on taking a receipt. He knew nothing of Mr. Sandall having borrowed money, and had never heard any conversation on the subject. He never balanced the cash, and had no knowledge of any I O U's or memoranda.

In reply to Ald. Kelley, Mr. Alward said he had seen Mr. O'Connell go into the chamberlain's private office. This concluded the evidence and the board, after discussing the matter in private, decided to draw up a report at a future meeting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Christmas evergreen, holly and mistletoe at J. E. Quinn's, City Market.

Try Salmon, the photographer, Douglas avenue, for Christmas photos. Satisfaction guaranteed.

The delivery system in connection with Ungar's Laundry is city-wide. No matter where you live call "Phone 58."

See ad. of Hatty, Lahood & Hatty. Shirts, suits, bargains advertised. Also children's bear coats and seasonal Christmas goods.

A LIBERAL OFFER.

The Union Clothing Co., 26-28 Charlotte street, will deliver 100 men's suits between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., at \$4.50. The cloth is given absolutely free.

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The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open in evenings before Xmas, as follows:—Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 10 o'clock; Monday and Tuesday until 11 o'clock.

While waiting at the foot of King street this evening for a north bound car, this pleasing conversation of two ladies caught my ear: "I think the clerks in that store very obliging." "So do I, and the prices so reasonable. I'll always shop at Walter H. Irving's, 55 King street, when in need of anything in the jewelry line, won't you?" Then the car came.

Have a good light on Christmas night. We sell and repair all kinds of lamps. Auer Light Co. Tel. 873.

Dowling Bros. store will be open until ten o'clock every evening from now until Christmas, to accommodate holiday shoppers.

F. S. Thomas' Fur Store will be open till ten o'clock every night till Christmas.

Real Xmas bargains—no better investment for Christmas money than in a stylish Ladies or Misses' Winter Coat, when you can get them at the remarkably low prices of F. W. Daniel & Co.'s are quoted on the best tailored coats to be found in Canada. See special advertisement on page 5, giving sizes, prices, etc.

FAIRY LAND.

A large and enthusiastic audience witnessed the programme at Fairyland last night. The Lost Mine is a picture of an inhabited western mining district and is of strong heart interest, with a vein of pathos running through it. The Floor Polisher was a scream from start to finish.

The "Twin Brothers' Joke" was another long laugh, while "Oh My! Oh My!" made everybody yawn at the picture of an habitual yawner. Mr. Dykeman was heard to advantage in the new illustrated song, "Just to be With You."

There will be a complete change of pictures tonight. See other ad.

Fred. E. Sharpe, of Midlands, Kings county, was in the city yesterday.

George Nixon is seriously ill at his home.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1907	Sun	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
December	Rises Sets	Rises Sets	Rises Sets	Rises Sets	Rises Sets	Rises Sets
16 Mon	8.04 4.33	8.18 4.34	8.32 4.35	8.46 4.36	8.60 4.37	8.74 4.38
17 Tues	8.05 4.33	8.19 4.34	8.33 4.35	8.47 4.36	8.61 4.37	8.75 4.38
18 Wed	8.06 4.33	8.20 4.34	8.34 4.35	8.48 4.36	8.62 4.37	8.76 4.38
19 Thurs	8.07 4.33	8.21 4.34	8.35 4.35	8.49 4.36	8.63 4.37	8.77 4.38
20 Fri	8.08 4.33	8.22 4.34	8.36 4.35	8.50 4.36	8.64 4.37	8.78 4.38
21 Sat	8.09 4.33	8.23 4.34	8.37 4.35	8.51 4.36	8.65 4.37	8.79 4.38

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

Steamers.	Destination.	Agent.
Bengore Head, 1,615, Port Tibet, Dec. 2.	Concordia, 1,615, Port Tibet, Dec. 2.	Concordia, 1,615, Port Tibet, Dec. 2.
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Empress Ireland, 8,025, sid Liverpool Dec. 13.	Florence, 1,800, sid London, Dec. 1.	Lake Michigan, 880, sid Antwerp Dec. 12.
Lake Champlain, 4,885, sid Liverpool, Dec. 4.	Montclair, 3,508, sid Antwerp, Dec. 7.	Mount Royal, 4,500, sid Antwerp, Dec. 7.
Salacia, 2,435, sid Glasgow, Dec. 7.	Shenandoah, 2,462, sid London, Dec. 11.	

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Yesterday	From	Agent.
Stmr Calvin Austin, 2,853, Pike, from Boston and Maine ports, W. G. Lee, pass and mds.		

DOMINION PORTS

Arrived	From	Agent.
Victoria, B. C. Dec. 14—Sid stmr Montague (B) Robinson (from Vancouver) Yokohama and Hong Kong.		
Kingsport, Dec. 16—Arrd stmr Silver Leaf, Potter, New York.		
Old-Schr Vera B. Roberts, Roberts, New York.		
Parasboro, Dec. 16—Arrd stmr Ring, New York.		
Portland, Dec. 16—Arrd stmr Gates, Providence; Besse A. Lamb, Boston.		
Old-Schr Ring (New) Jensen, Halifax; Schr No. 4, Wood St. John.		
West Bay, Dec. 14—Sid, brig. Iona, Dunbar, Clontarf, New York.		
Lovett, Dec. 14—Sid, brig. Iona, Dunbar, Clontarf, New York.		
Hayman, Dec. 14—Sid, brig. Iona, Dunbar, Clontarf, New York.		
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BRITISH PORTS

Arrived	From	Agent.
Barbados, Dec. 6—Arrd schr Helen E. Kenney, Hindon, St. John, N. B.		
Hong Kong, Dec. 16—Arrd stmr Empress of India (B) Bechtel, Vancouver via Yokohama.		
Fastest, Dec. 17—Passed, stmr Triton, St. John for Glasgow.		
Kinsale, Dec. 17—Passed, stmr Otago, St. John for Glasgow.		
Chatham, Dec. 17—Passed, stmr Otago, St. John for Glasgow.		
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FOREIGN PORTS

Arrived	From	Agent.
Calais, Me. Dec. 15—Sid schr Annie Bliss, St. John, N. B.		
Bahia, Dec. 15—Sid bark Charlotte Young, (B) Hayward, St. John's Nfld.		
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 6—Arrd bark Devereux, (B) Jorgensen, Bridgewater, N. S.		
Philadelphia, Dec. 16—Arrd schr R. D. Spear Belyea, St. John.		
Old-Schr Miedel, St. John; schr Mayflower, Llewellyn, Parasboro.		
Saunderstown, R.I. Dec. 16—Arrd schr Alaska from Parasboro.		
The St. John schooner Helen E. Kenney, Captain Hindon, arrived at Barbados December 17, from this port with a cargo of lumber.		
Boston, Dec. 17—Sid, stmr Prince Arthur, Yarmouth, bark St. John, barkin Mabel I Myers, from New York for Yarmouth (in tow tug Underwriter).		
Old-Schr Grace Darling, Windsor and Kingsport.		
City Island, Dec. 17—Bound south, schr Gypsum Emperor, Hillsboro.		
New York, Dec. 17—Sid, stmr Oceanic, Southampton.		
Portland, Me. Dec. 17—Arrd, stmr Borgestad, Sydney (C. B.), schrs Rebecca M. Walls, St. John; Ravola, do for Yarmouth; Haven, Jeremiah Smith, Shules, for Philadelphia; T. W. Allen, Calais for New York; Seth M. Miller, 117, N. C. Scott.		
Fred C. Holder, do for do; Margaret B. Roper, do for do; Judge, Lowe, Calais for do.		

GOVERNMENT PRIMARIES

Delegates To City Convention Chosen Last Night, But Convention is Postponed.

The local government primaries for the city proper and North End wards were held last evening. A feature was the decision to postpone the nominating convention which had been arranged for tomorrow evening when the delegates would meet and name the four men to compose the government ticket in the city. The ticket, it was thought last night, will likely be E. Lantulum, M. P. P.; A. O. Skinner, D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., and Mayor Sears.

In Queens ward the following formal resolution was passed on motion of W. J. Mahoney, seconded by George McAvity: "I move that in the opinion of the delegates here assembled it is not advisable to call together the nominating convention until after Christmas on account of the holiday season and many of the delegates being engaged so as to be unable to be present, and the chairman of the executive is requested to confer with the other delegates in the other wards with a view of seeing if this meets their approval, and if so, that he call the nominating convention any day after Christmas to be selected by him."

The announcement was also made in the Dufferin ward and the others will be no exception. While the resolution states the reason for postponement is that the Christmas season is a hard time to secure attendance of delegates, it is also stated that a reason for postponement is that Hon. Mr. Pugsley, whose presence is desired, will not be able to come to St. John this week. The ward meetings were well attended. Carleton wards will choose delegates tonight. Those selected last night are:

Kings—John P. MacIntyre, Dr. T. H. Lunney, Dr. C. F. Gorham, T. O'Brien, John Walsh, Dr. J. M. Knowlton, and Daniel Connolly. Queens—W. J. Mahoney, W. A. Lockhart, Dr. A. F. Emery, George McAvity, F. Green, J. T. Bailey, John Morrissey, Henry Crawford, Dr. J. Brown, E. J. Armstrong; substitutes—John Stanton, James E. Dinmore, A. S. Pattison, A. H. Bullock.

Dukes—Col. Blain, P. W. Thomson, G. Wetmore, Merritt, C. B. Allan, M. B. Edwards, John Spittal, G. A. Troop and W. H. Coates. Sydney—Thomas Gorman, L. Chesley, R. O'Brien, Jr., Wm. Griffiths, Richard Tynes, John Stevens; substitutes—R. O'Brien, Jr., Joseph Breen.

Wellington—T. Collins, A. Adams, G. Colwell, Francis McAvity, E. Connolly, J. Dillon, G. H. Flood, P. L. Jennings, J. Allan, W. J. Thomas; substitutes—Dr. Corbett, T. W. Burns and J. Corr.

Prince—J. M. Scovill, Martin Dolan, Chas. Knodel, F. J. G. Knowlton, John Cousin, James McInch, D. J. Britt, Hugh Beck, Thomas Tracy, James O'Brien, C. J. Enslow, George McSherry; substitutes—Henry Crawford, J. W. Stockton, W. J. Crawford.

Victoria—J. W. Jamieson, J. B. McLean, W. Miles, J. W. Wholly, B. Morrow, James Cullinan, R. T. Hayes, J. L. McAvity and H. R. Coleman; substitutes—James Rogers and Joseph Beville.

Dufferin—H. E. Codner, Chairman; J. Donovan, secretary; John Johnson, J. W. Russell, Thomas J. Morgan, C. H. Ramsay, Hugh Campbell, William Morris, A. P. MacIntyre, C. Hennessy.

Lorne—J. B. Holly, W. M. Rivers, F. C. Beattie, J. S. Gregory, J. W. Lingley, R. Kierlin, A. L. Eagles, George M. McInch, McKelvin, Charles Bradley; substitutes—W. H. Shaw, Rufus Belyea, John F. French, J. F. Gregory.

London—Henry Hilyard, G. R. Craigie, A. M. Rowan, J. E. Moore, Frank Kerr, Wm. Doherty, P. Mahony, J. P. Quinn, D. Haggerty, Wm. Gillen; substitutes—A. McIntyre, Maurice D. Coll.

Stanley—Joseph Kierlin, Ralph McCormick; substitutes—John Lindsay, Oscar Lingley.

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Startling Offer!

\$12.00 to \$18.00 Suits at \$4.50.

A SUIT FOR THE COST OF MAKING AND TRIMMING.

Cloth Free! Cloth Free!

The most remarkable offer ever made by a local clothing house. These Suits are actually worth from \$12 to \$18. The sale price \$4.50 establishes a precedent for the most remarkable bargain offer in the clothing history of St. John.

Don't miss this sale; the saving is real, the value is bona fide.

The Conditions Are:

Only one hundred Suits will be delivered each day; only one Suit will be delivered to each person, and that between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.; if the one hundred Suits are delivered before 3 p. m. no more will be delivered that day, but on the following day one hundred more will be delivered under the same circumstances.

We will continue to deliver one hundred Suits a day as long as our Wholesale Department will permit us to do so. This will be the biggest advertisement ever made by a St. John Clothing House, and the people will get the benefit. Persons obtaining one of these Suits may change it if the size is not as required.

Remember the time and place. Sale commenced Wednesday Morning, December 18th, 10 a. m. until 3 p. m., 26 and 28 Charlotte Street.

The Union Clothing Co.

Our guarantee:—Every one of these Suits have been made within the past two months.

ALEX CORBET, Manager.

December 18th, 1907

Best Clothing News Yet!

All Our Stock of Winter Overcoats on Sale at Big Reductions From Regular Prices.

This is a chance that every man who needs an overcoat should hasten to take advantage of. Even at regular prices everyone knows you can get better value here for the money than elsewhere—our policy of buying for cash and selling for cash permits of this—but now you can buy at a big reduction from our regular prices. This is the most important Overcoat opportunity you have been offered this season. Every garment of this season's building—expressing the last note of fashion—mind you not a lot of garments gathered from this maker and that, for the purpose of a sale, but our own regular stock built to our own order.

Men's \$6.00 Overcoats, Reduced to \$4.87

Men's 7.00 Overcoats, Reduced to 5.87

Men's 8.00 Overcoats, Reduced to 6.87

Men's 10.00 Overcoats, Reduced to 8.87

Men's 12.00 Overcoats, Reduced to 10.87

Men's 15.00 Overcoats, Reduced to 12.87

Our entire stock of Men's Trousers also marked at special sale prices.

CHAS. MAGNUSSON & CO.,

The Cash Clothing Store. 73 Dock Street. St. John, N. B.

And a bat and rubber ball.

"I want a sled to coast down hill; (It must be strong and dandy!) I want a pretty walking stick; If you have a nice one handy."

"I want—oh, well, so many things, It makes me tired to write. But you will know what else to bring. So I'll say, dear friend, good night."

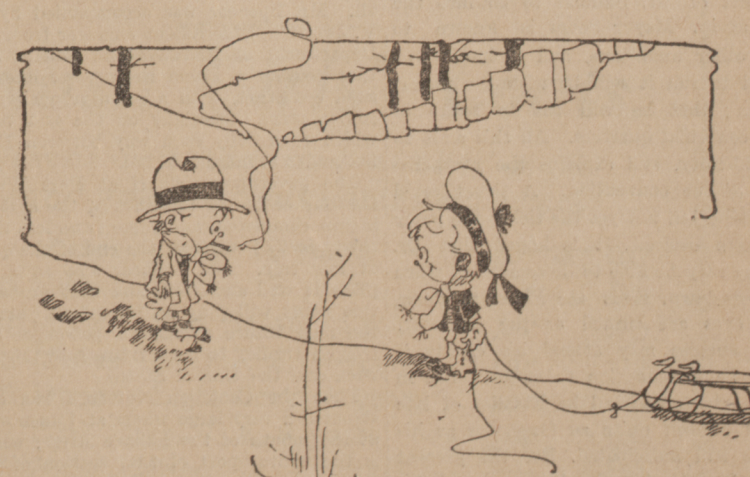
ANNIE JAMES.

At a meeting of the creditors of W. J. Burns, liquor dealer, of Union street, on Monday, it was decided to accept an offer of \$1,250 from Philip O'Neill for the stock of two tenders had previously been received by Sheriff Ritchie, to whom assignment was made, but were not accepted as they did not come up to the required figure.

John L. Gains His Point.

Detroit, Dec. 16.—John L. Sullivan today talked Police Commissioner Smith into permitting the putting on of three-round bouts between himself and Jack Kilrain. The commissioner had refused to allow the daily bout scheduled at a local theatre this week to go on.

Today John L. induced the commissioner to come to the show and look over the pair of old war horses. He went and decided as John L. had urged, that both were too fat and chummy to do each other any damage.



The tough one:—"Hey, gimme a ride on yer sled." The other:—"What do I get?" The tough one (ominously):—"Nuthin' if I gits de ride, see?"

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A delicious drink and a sustaining food. Fragrant, nutritious and economical. This excellent Cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold.

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