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## Music Club

With the News with the far-  
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this paper.

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given absolutely free to any

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ment placed at your disposal  
and tuition in this well-known  
music should take advantage

beginner or an advanced pupil,  
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h I had known of your school  
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ECT TO  
AVENUE, New York, N. Y.

urther information, as I wish  
have marked X.

Cornet  
Sight Singing

NEWSLETS

the club here is very indignant,  
terday wired President Lightham  
M. P. A. A. A. asking to be  
suspended for unbecomingly con-  
it is likely they will be asked to  
the club on their return home.

cial legislature is called to meet  
uary 2nd.

SBURY, Jan. 26.—Mr. and Mrs.  
Wright, celebrated last night  
wedding anniversary  
ed by large number of friends  
Moncton, Salisbury and other  
Mr. and Mrs. Wright were  
congratulated on the impor-  
tant event and were presented with a  
gold. Captain Masters made  
sentation in a suitable address  
of the assembled friends. At  
in stage of the interesting pro-  
gram a bride of fifty years re-  
and reappeared attired in the  
silk gown in which she was  
the gathering was the most  
Salisbury has ever witnessed.

HAM, N. B., Jan. 26.—The  
of Truro curlers arrived last  
day today for the McEllan  
Franklin Dexter, L. W. Cox and  
will skip the visiting rink.  
D. Heckbert, A. Snowball and  
McLachlin will skip for the

night's special meeting of the  
ouncil, J. A. Fowler was  
town treasurer to succeed  
haston who is going west.  
ere five applicants for the po-  
and balloting resulted as fol-  
lows:

Powell, 4; George Stothart, 2;  
McLachlin, 1; Robert Allan and  
H. Pallen received no votes.  
ry is \$800.

HAM, N. B., Jan. 26.—The wed-  
ding place this morning at the  
dral of Miss Annie M. Curran  
F. J. Dearn, lately manager  
for the New Brunswick  
Co. The attendants were  
ephine Curran, sister of the  
A. P. M. Harriman, of Log-  
Both bride and bridesmaid  
harming. The bride has been  
member of Wellington street  
aff, and both young people  
of friends who wish them  
pinness. The couple left this  
for St. John and America  
on their return will reside  
am.

PHEN, N. B., Jan. 26.—Nomi-  
for the town elections closed  
lock last evening and a live-  
is on until the close of the  
Wednesday at four o'clock.  
board candidates are: R. W.  
for mayor, J. W. Scott and  
for aldermen, J. T. King  
and Edward Ward in Kings  
Hugh Love in Dukes ward  
Bors. The new board consists  
Albert A. Laffin for mayor,  
Wolfe in Queens, Geo. H.  
J. P. Wry in Kings, W. A.  
and J. R. Polley in Dukes  
Bors. S. E. Mills plays a  
in Queens. This leaves the  
one man short in Queens  
board one short in Dukes  
for in Dukes ward H. L.  
A. D. Taylor are the candi-  
dates.

SYDNEY, Jan. 26.—The  
ruce, which arrived here this  
in schedule time from Port  
reports an epidemic of  
a place on the west coast  
of Ranney.

is said to be 350 cases and  
e is of a bad type. There  
hes in the hospital at Port  
es.

th authorities of this port  
every precaution against  
in of the infection by  
on the west coast. This  
e Bruce was given a clean  
path before coming into

Mass., Jan. 26.—The ar-  
the estate of the late  
Parkman, who left the bulk  
ity to the city of Boston  
nd grounds, late today in-  
ment in which they declar-  
e to be worth \$5,000,000.  
\$428,271.49 was in personal  
and \$217,300 in real estate.

# GRAHAM ADMITS OFFER HAS BEEN MADE FOR I.C.R.

But States That Letter  
Was Marked  
Private  
Borden Objects to Treaties  
Going to King Before  
Parliament  
Pugsley Announces New  
System for Opening  
of Tenders

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—Why should the  
people of Canada be kept in ignorance  
of the treaties made with the United  
States because of a diplomatic tradi-  
tion which stipulated that they should  
be ratified by His Majesty the  
King? This in effect was the plain  
question addressed by Mr. Borden to  
the prime minister in the House of  
Commons this afternoon. The leader  
of the opposition had already asked  
for information regarding waterways  
and fisheries treaties recently con-  
cluded and apparently was not satisfied  
that the delay in making their terms  
public was altogether justifiable. He  
pointed out that in the United States  
a treaty became public property as  
soon as it came before the senate and  
when it affected Canada, he did not  
see why it should not at the same  
time be placed before the Dominion  
parliament.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained that  
the etiquette of British diplomacy de-  
manded that a treaty should be ratified  
by the King before being laid before  
parliament.

Nothing daunted, Mr. Borden sug-  
gested that it was time for a change.  
Where treaties affecting the Dominion  
were not binding upon the United  
States until ratified by their senate he  
did not see why they should become  
binding upon the King until they had  
been ratified by the Canadian parlia-  
ment.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed him-  
self as being quite in accord with the  
views of the leader of the opposition  
and even went further. "I am in ac-  
cord," he declared, "why a treaty  
should not be given to the public be-  
fore it is ratified by the King."

Mr. Borden asked for information  
touching the waterways and fisheries  
treaties between the United States and  
Canada. Why, he asked, should a  
treaty be made public as it came be-  
fore Congress and be withheld from  
parliament and the people of Canada?

"That may be diplomatic reasons for  
it that I do not know," he said, "but  
an important matter is placed before  
the United States Congress and made  
public, it should at the same time be  
placed before the Canadian parlia-  
ment."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he was not  
prepared to controvert the statement  
of the leader of the opposition. His im-  
pression was that when a treaty was  
communicated to the United States  
senate it was not communicated to  
the house of representatives. On that  
point, however, he was subject to cor-  
rection.

LAYS WITH KING.  
According to British traditions treaty  
making involves laying with the King, and  
a treaty was not communicated to par-  
liament till it has been ratified by the  
King. That was the etiquette of the  
British system, and that was the only  
reason for not regularly and openly  
venience to which the leader of the op-  
position had referred. In Canada, of  
course, they followed traditions of Brit-  
tany, and a treaty had been ratified  
by the King it could not be laid  
before parliament.

He noted that in the present case the  
treaty has been signed, but we have  
not yet got the official copy of it.  
The remainder of the session in this  
city. However, it was decided to hold  
a "tag day" on February 13. A num-  
ber of young ladies will visit the dif-  
ferent parts of the city and deliver lec-  
tures in an effort to raise funds for the  
kindergarten work. This system has  
worked with good results in outside  
places and as February 14th is Valen-  
tine's Day, a large amount should be  
secured.

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Answering Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Gra-  
ham stated that the earnings on the  
Intercolonial Railway from April to  
December, 1907, were \$5,975,625.  
From April to December 1908, \$5,975,  
625.

The expenditure for the same periods  
was in 1907, \$5,000,000, and in 1908,  
\$4,872,000. On the Prince Edward Island  
Railway the earnings were from April

to December, 1907, \$245,104 and from  
April to December, 1908, \$253,829. Ex-  
penditure for same periods was \$206,210  
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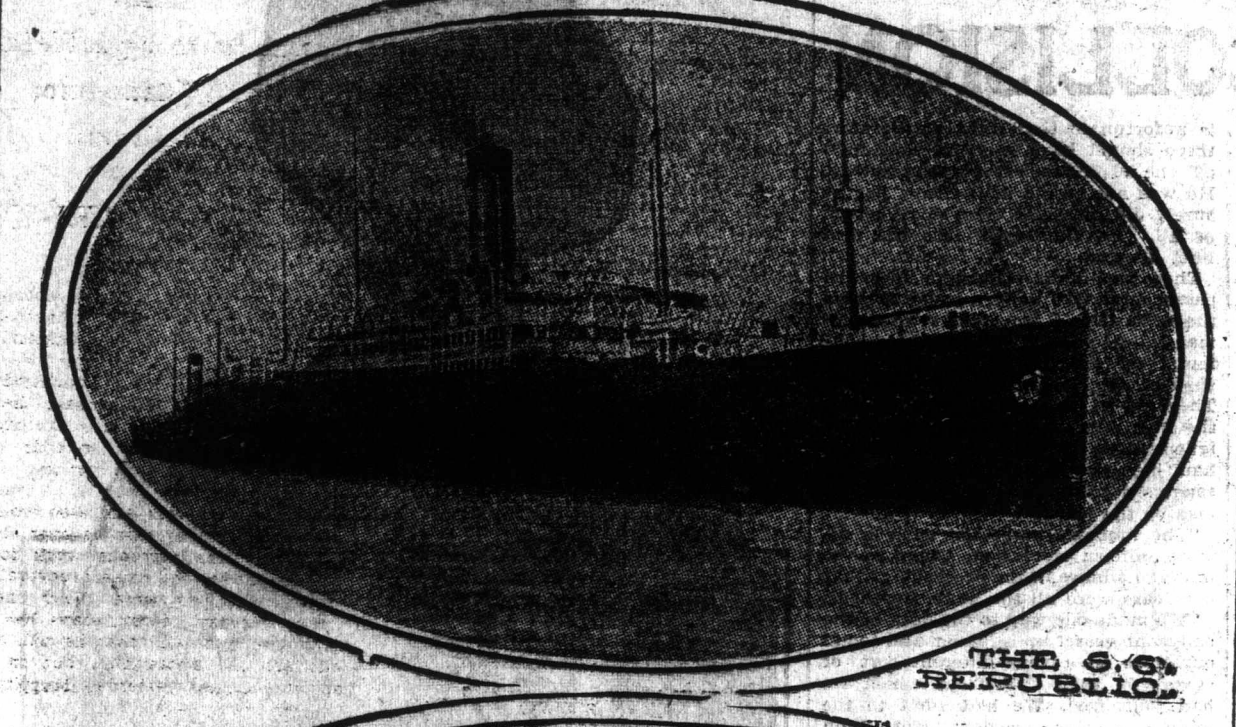
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# DECLARE THE REPUBLIC WAS TRAVELLING AT FULL SPEED



THE S.S. FLORIDA

Provincial News

CHATHAM, N. B., Jan. 26.—Miramichi Lodge, No. 13, P. M. and A. M., which yesterday celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, has in its half century of existence contained among its roll of members some of the most noteworthy names associated with the rise and development of that great district of land from which the lodge takes its name. Miramichi. Men who have been foremost in activity, who have helped make this country what it is, and have been repaid, with historical relations from a local point of view.

Most of the men whose names are inseparably connected with the Miramichi and who were members of the lodge have passed away, but their work lives after them. Of the nearly three hundred members who have entered as apprentices during the lodge's lifetime, nearly three-quarters have been removed by death or have passed beyond this lodge's jurisdiction.

A glance at the roll-book shows such names as Russell, Gillespie, Hutchison, Fraser, Benson, Johnson, Letson, Davidson, Bain, Ritchie, Matheson, Hocken, Vondy, Sinclair, Muirhead, Pierce, Gough, and others. Many of these obtained prominence not only in their home district but in provincial affairs as well.

Miramichi Lodge entered the Masonic arena by virtue of a dispensation granted by the right worshipful deputy provincial grand master, Alexander Balloch, and countersigned by Robert Stubbs, provincial grand secretary, sub-

stantiating Rev. George H. Russell to assemble a sufficient number of Masons at Chatham to form a lodge and add to their number. The first regular meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18, 1859. The following were elected as officers for the first year:

George H. Russell, W. master; R. B. Hadow, senior warden; Wm. A. Letson, junior warden; W. E. Samuels, secretary; Solomon Samuels, senior deacon; Wm. Seaton, junior deacon; Charles Cameron, Tyler.

The lodge worked under this dispensation until July 4, 1859, when it was duly constituted Miramichi Lodge, No. 1077, on the registry of England. The lodge room at that time was in the Temperance Hall on Capt. Brown's hill, so-called, but this proved unsatisfactory, and on April 15, 1863, a committee was appointed to secure a suitable place for meeting. The result was that on June 3, 1863, the corner stone of the present Masonic hall was laid with full Masonic honors. Deputy Provincial Grand Master R. T. Clinch officiated and was assisted by Rev. Chas. S. Biles as grand chaplain. In the same year the lodge's number was changed from 1077 to 775. In 1864 the lodge was dedicated to Freemasonry in ample form and a banquet was held.

When the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick came into existence in 1867, Miramichi Lodge, No. 775, on the registry of England ceased to exist and Miramichi Lodge, No. 13, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick soon after came into existence.

The lodge has at present a membership of over sixty and the officers for 1909 are: Robert Dunbar, W. Master; H. H. Pallen, Sr. Warden; Dr. H. G. Vaughan, Jr. Warden; P. E. Danville (P. M.); Treasurer; Robert Murray (P. M.); Secretary; Rev. J. M. MacLean, Chaplain; W. R. Gould (P. M.); Sr. Deacon; Dr. W. S. Locke, Jr. Deacon; I. Hoffman, Sr. Steward; J. R. Knight, Jr. Steward; W. Bernard, I. Guard; J. Sinclair, D. of C.; James Anderson, Tyler.

The celebration which has just come to a close was a successful one in every way and a great deal of the success is due to the committees which had the work in hand and which executed their duties with a commendable degree of efficiency.

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On Finance—A. H. Marquis, chairman; W. S. Locke, Jr. D. of C. In commemoration of its public the lodge has had printed a very attractive booklet containing a brief history of the lodge, the names of all members past and present, together with a full list of officers for the fifty years. The booklet is printed on high quality paper and the cover is of heavy fine linen. The booklet is bound in gold with the G in Masonic blue. The booklet is tied with ribbon and bow of the same hue. The whole is the work of Jordan & Brown, and shows what creditable work a Chatham printing office can turn out. The menu for the banquet and the invitations issued by the lodge were in keeping with the booklet and were all issued by the same firm.

HOPEWELL HILL, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Smithers, wife of the late John Smithers, and Bette daughter, Mary, left on Friday morning for Fredericton, to take up their residence. A number of Mrs. Smithers' friends saw her off at the station, with feelings of the deepest regret at her departure from Miramichi, where she has resided since her marriage nine years ago. During her stay here Mrs. Smithers won the highest respect and esteem of all with whom she came in contact, and she will be followed to her home by the kindest wishes of very many friends, by whom she will be greatly missed. Some time before their departure Mr. and Mrs. Smithers were presented by the congregation at Riverside with

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The lodge has at present a membership of over sixty and the officers for 1909 are: Robert Dunbar, W. Master; H. H. Pallen, Sr. Warden; Dr. H. G. Vaughan, Jr. Warden; P. E. Danville (P. M.); Treasurer; Robert Murray (P. M.); Secretary; Rev. J. M. MacLean, Chaplain; W. R. Gould (P. M.); Sr. Deacon; Dr. W. S. Locke, Jr. Deacon; I. Hoffman, Sr. Steward; J. R. Knight, Jr. Steward; W. Bernard, I. Guard; J. Sinclair, D. of C.; James Anderson, Tyler.

The celebration which has just come to a close was a successful one in every way and a great deal of the success is due to the committees which had the work in hand and which executed their duties with a commendable degree of efficiency.

The committee were: George Vaughan (chairman); J. H. Pallen, secretary; S. D. Heckbert, P. E. Danville.

On Finance—A. H. Marquis, chairman; W. S. Locke, Jr. D. of C. In commemoration of its public the lodge has had printed a very attractive booklet containing a brief history of the lodge, the names of all members past and present, together with a full list of officers for the fifty years. The booklet is printed on high quality paper and the cover is of heavy fine linen. The booklet is bound in gold with the G in Masonic blue. The booklet is tied with ribbon and bow of the same hue. The whole is the work of Jordan & Brown, and shows what creditable work a Chatham printing office can turn out. The menu for the banquet and the invitations issued by the lodge were in keeping with the booklet and were all issued by the same firm.

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On motion of Councillor Murphy it was resolved that above petition be taken into consideration at 8 p. m. Thursday.

Councillor Murphy submitted report of wharf committee. The committee met at Richmond on the 15th of June last and leased the wharf to the Kent Northern Railway Company at the yearly rental of \$50. The committee also met at the call of the chairman on the 15th of September, and at that meeting the wharf was sold to the crown for \$1,000, for which the treasurer had received a check. There is still due to the wharf \$5,000. The committee recommended that the wharf be sold to the crown for \$1,000, for which the treasurer had received a check. There is still due to the wharf \$5,000. The committee recommended that the wharf be sold to the crown for \$1,000, for which the treasurer had received a check. There is still due to the wharf \$5,000.

On motion of Councillor Morton it was resolved that A. T. LeBlanc and D. H. Leger be appointed members of the local Board of Health.

One of the oldest residents of Little River, Buctouche, passed away on the 14th inst. in the person of James Hicks, aged 70 years. He leaves two brothers, Joseph of Moncton and William S. of Portland, Maine.

Gilbert S. Richard, a respected resident of Buctouche Bay, died at his home there on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at the age of 81 years. For many years deceased carried on a large mercantile business at Buctouche Bay. He is survived by a widow, five sons and four daughters. The sons are: James, Fernand, Patrick and Michael at home, Councillor Francois G. Richard of St. Amé. The daughters are Mrs. Miller, O. J. LeBlanc, Buctouche; Misses Olive and Margaret at home, and Miss Abens, teacher at Cape Bauld.

At the crown land office at Fredericton a time berth containing 223 square miles on the north side of the Cogan River