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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

GAGETOWN.

Gagetown, Dec. 4—The funeral of Albert Allingham was largely attended Saturday afternoon. Service was conducted at the house and grave by Rev. Mr. Kirby. Mr. Allingham was unmarried and had been engaged in lumbering business, principally about the north shore, for some time. He came here about a year ago practically an invalid from Bright's disease. His sufferings were intense for months but under the kind and attentive care received at his brother's home he improved so much that he was able to get about some during the summer with comparative comfort. The disease, however, took a more acute form lat erly and it was deemed advisable to try treatment at St. John hospital, hoping for greater benefit. The case was hopeless, however, and the patient gradually declined until death relieved the patient of his sufferings on Thursday, the 30 h ult.

The surviving members of the family are a sister, Mrs. Knox, of Oregon, and six brothers—William, James and Thomas, living here; Harry, of the customs, St. John; Frank, of Fairville, and Joseph, of Kings county—all of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Knox, were present at the funeral.

Rev. Mr. Parker and wife came in from Welsford Saturday afternoon and proceeded to Upper Gagetown, where Mr. Parker takes charge of the Baptist church. B. S. Babbitt, Capt. H. Weston and Fred Corey were also passengers by the train.

It rained all day yesterday followed in the evening by snow and hail.

MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 5—Moncton wants a cheaper rate of insurance on the city property. The city fathers think the rate now being paid is altogether too high and propose making an effort to effect a saving in this respect. The movement may lead to the city carrying its own risks.

The agitation was started in consequence of the companies charging the city five per cent on the isolation hospital. This race, in view of the fact that the building is occupied and isolated, it is claimed is excessive. The matter of city insurance has been referred to a committee to gather information in reference to the systems of insurance in vogue in other towns and cities in the maritime provinces.

Wm. Yould, mechanical superintendent of the D. A. R., and James Belton, mechanical foreman, are in the city today interviewing G. R. Joughins, I. C. R. superintendent of motive power, in reference to repairs to a D. A. R. engine wrecked some time ago by being run into by an I. C. R. train. The disabled engine is being repaired in the Moncton shops.

There is friction between a certain well known newspaper publisher and the city council over the price of fuel gas. Some four or five years ago the price of gas was fixed at $1 per thousand feet to large consumers, but it was found that the city was supplying the commodity cheaper than they could manufacture it. A short time ago the price of fuel gas was increased to $1.35 per thousand feet. This was claimed to be excessive by the newspapers who consumed quite a quantity of gas and an effort was made to have the price reduced. The city council refused to lower the rate and now it turns out that one of the newspaper offices has only been paying the old rate, the proprietor of the establishment refusing to pay the extra thirty-five cents. The matter was recently taken up by Mayor Ryan with the result that a resolution has been passed to the effect that delinquent consumers of fuel gas must pay arrears within ten days or the service will be discontinued.

In view of the not any too friendly feeling that exists between the city council and the newspaper publisher in question, there is some speculation as to what will be the outcome of the mandate issued by the city council.

Mayor Ryan has taken the stand that one consumer of fuel gas will not be allowed to pay what he likes while other consumers pay the full rate charged by the city.

Senator Geo. F. Baird, of Andover (N. B.), was in the city today on his return from Buctouche.

Rev. John Hughes, the well known Baptist divine, has been spending a day or two in the city and will go on to St. John today.

The city has ordered 1,500 feet of new hose for the fire department. The new hose will be divided among the different companies.

MILLTOWN

Milltown, Dec. 5—A large delegation from Milltown attended the supper at St. Stephen given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

The executive of the Charlotte County Sunday School Association met in the office of J. D. Chipman Tuesday evening.

The many friends here of Charleton Berry are delighted to hear of his recovery and dismissal from hospital.

A singing class in connection with the Congregational church will be organized in their vestry next Wednesday evening, Dec. 7. All interested are invited to attend.

The funeral of Robert Bell, an old resident, took place from his late home this afternoon, Mr. Crisp, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Interment at St. Stephen rural cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donohue are being congratulated on the arrival of a stranger at their home.

Fred S. Butler, of Milltown, has been appointed traveling salesman for the B. B. Fainsworth Shoe Company, Portland, in eastern Maine.

A large and delighted audience at the Congregational church listened to the sermon preached by the Rev. W. Williams, former pastor of that church, from Gen. 42.21.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a supper and sale at their church next Saturday evening, Dec. 9.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 5.—The friends of Miss Bertha L. West are glad to know she is considered out of danger after a severe attack of pneumonia.

The Baptist young ladies of Lower Cape held a well gotten up goose supper this evening in the church there. The proceeds are to go toward the preacher's salary.

H. S. Wright is able to be about after an attack of measles.

The rain storm ended in a snow and sleet storm, which has made good sleighing, the first of the season.

SUSSEX

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 6—(Special)—Although nominations do not close until the 27th inst., civic politics is in a decidedly interesting situation. At present the indications point to a council being chosen without a contest but no definite statement on this point can be made. Mayor McKay, who has had two terms, retired, and Alderman James A. Murray is in the field as yet without opposition. Ward one is likely to return its old members, Messrs. McArthur and Cripps, as is also ward three, represented by W. J. Mills and H. H. Dryden. In ward two Ald. Miller and McAlister have retired and cards are out from H. R. Ross and Chas. H. Perry. H. W. Folkins has also been mentioned but it is stated tonight that his name is withdrawn and a contest is not now deemed likely.

J. R. McLean is out for Mr. Murray's old chair as alderman-at-large and may be returned by acclamation.

Polling, if any, will take place on 2. The whole field fairly represents younger business men and should make a strong board.

The Literary Club met last evening at the home of Mrs. Charles T. White. The attendance was the largest in its history, showing that considerable interest is being taken both by old and young. The subject of the evening was the finishing of Tennyson's In Memoriam.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their annual supper and sale in the vestry of the church tomorrow evening.

The members of the Presbyterian church are making great preparations for the Sunday school Christmas treat and tree, to be held in their hall Friday, Dec. 22, when more than 200 children are expected.

The many friends of Mark Teakles will regret to hear that he is seriously ill of pneumonia.

Mrs. James A. Murray is quite ill of pneumonia.

Mrs. W. B. McKay, Mrs. White and C. T. White went to St. John this morning.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 5.—(Special)—The city council at its monthly meeting this evening adopted by a vote of seven to three Engineer Barbour's plans and specifications for a sewerage system and decided to immediately call for tenders for the work of construction. It was decided to have the tenders close at 8 o'clock on the evening of December 21.

The Aldermen who voted against the resolution were McGinn, Stockford and Hanlon, and they gave as their reason for doing so that the council was acting with too much haste. All three expressed themselves as being favorably disposed towards a system of sewerage.

The aldermen who voted in the majority contended that a modern system of sewerage was necessary to promote the welfare and development of the city and nothing was to be gained by any further delay.

Each tender for the work must be accompanied by a check of $2,500 and the successful tenderer will be required to give bonds for $20,000 for the proper performance of contract.

There is considerable opposition to sewerage here but heavy ratepayers and leading business men are a unit in its favor.

A meeting of the local government to have taken place this evening has been postponed until tomorrow. The lieutenant governor, Premier Tweedie and Hon. Messrs. Pugsey, Jones and Sweeney arrived in the city this evening. Hon. Geo. F. Hill, of St. Stephen, is at the Queen.

The city is asked to pay bills of $125 board for seven persons who are at the Provincial Hospital for the treatment of Nervous Diseases. The city council recently objected to paying for one Harvey Strickland, who was employed as coachman at the institution and his name was withdrawn from the list. The city is now objecting to paying for a man named Simms, who is said to be employed as the gardener at the institution.

The Sunbury county authorities have made an offer to the city to board one Alonzo Yerxa at the alms house in consideration of a payment of $3 per week. Yerxa lived on the city hall dump here for some time until driven away by the police.

F. E. Squires, E. H. Cochrane, M. A. Orchard, F. L. Orchard, P. R. Hayward and H. P. Dole are the U. N. B. team for the intercollegiate debate.

In the police court this morning, before Judge Marsh, J. Wellington Gerow, livery stable keeper, was convicted of the charge of giving and supplying liquor to Indians. The sentence was deferred until this afternoon to give the police magistrate time to consult with Indian Agent Farrell. The minimum penalty is fifty dollars fine or one month's imprisonment.

Mrs. Margaret Douglas, widow of the late Thomas Douglas, of Stanley, died this morning, aged eighty-three.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 6.—Dr. Peake, of Oromocto, has been appointed chairman of the Sunbury county board of health.

Revs. E. J. Grant, of Petitcodiac; Geo. Howard, of Foreston; F. A. McInnis, of DeWolfe, Charlotte, and Joseph McNeill, of Three Brooks, Victoria, have been registered to solemnize marriage.

Tenders for building a new bridge at Palmer's Pond, Dorchester, will be received by the department of public works up to January 15.

Charles H. Peters, Harold L. McLean, A. P. Patterson, George J. McQuarrie, George Dishart, and W. E. O. Jones, of St. John are applying for incorporation as "Vim Tea Company, Limited." The proposed capital stock is $50,000.

The board of education was in session from 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon with the lieutenant governor in the chair. A large amount of business, principally of routine nature, was disposed of. A letter was read from the Canadian Forestry Association requesting the board to arrange to have the various educational institutions represented at the Forestry Convention which meets in Ottawa January 11. Dr. Inch was appointed to represent the board of education and the University of New Brunswick. It is likely that Premier Tweedie and Surveyor-General Sweeney will also attend.

The local government held a short session morning and transacted routine business. Another meeting will be held here tomorrow.

Alfred Wilkins, of Stanley, and Miss Marie Grandame, of Douglas, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Rogers at the Methodist parsonage this afternoon.

T. A. Sullivan, of Bonny River, purchased at auction at the crown land office yesterday eighty acres of land on McDougall's Lake, Charlotte county. It is his intention to utilize a portion of the land by erecting a number of camps for American sportsmen. Mr. Sullivan already owns a number of sporting camps at Bonny River, and accommodates a great many American parties during the summer and fall. He says that the $50 license on deer interfered somewhat with his trade during the past season, and compelled him to close a number of his camps.

The annual meeting of the senate of the University was held in the education office this morning. Those present were: Dr. Inch, Chancellor Harrison, Premier Tweedie, Judge Barker, Judge McLeod, Hon G. F. Hill, W. A. Park, Inspector Bridges and Registrar Coy.

Chancellor Harrison submitted his annual report on the university, which was adopted and ordered to be sent to the legislature. The financial statement of Registrar Coy, duly audited, was also presented and adopted. The gymnasium committee made a report and recommended among other things that a dressing room be fitted up in the gymnasium building. No action was taken. The annual conference between the senate and faculty of the university is being held this afternoon.

AMHERST.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 6—(Special)—A serious accident occurred on the road to Amherst Head last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Atkinson and family, of Warren, were driving home from the fair in a double-seated sleigh when it slewed into the ditch and upset. All were thrown out and Mrs. Atkinson had the misfortune to have both bones of her ankle broken above the joint.

The marriage took place this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, of Miss Annie Joudrey, one of Amherst's most popular young ladies, to R. B. H. Davison, barrister. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Harris, of Sackville (N. B.) The bride was the recipient of a large number of beautiful and costly presents. After the ceremony a tempting repast was served and the newly married couple left on the C. P. R. for Halifax. They will reside in Amherst.

AMHERST WINTER FAIR ATTRACTS LARGE CROWDS

Notable Addresses at Public Meeting Wednesday Night--Beekeepers and Poultrymen Hold Annual Meetings.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 6—(Special)—Another immense crowd attended the Winter Fair today. The weather continued fair, and success attended every department. Among the most interesting features was the opening of the dairy stable to the public and the awarding of the Shorthorns sweepstakes for the best animal of any age and for the first time in the history of the fair the award goes to Kings county (N.B.), R. S. Starr, of Port Williams, having won against keen competition. The winner was a handsome white one-year-old heifer. This same animal won in Halifax at the last Provincial Exhibition.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Beekeepers Association was held, when the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Father Burke, Alberton (P.E.I.); vice-president, I. C. Craig, Amherst; directors (P. E. Island), A. E. Dewar; (New Brunswick), C. A. Fawcett; (Nova Scotia), W. B. Wallace; secretary-treasurer, B. W. Baker, Amherst; auditor, Robert Donaldson.

The meeting of Maritime Poultry Association was held and was largely attended. The officers elected were F. B. Hamm, St. John, president; vice-president (New Brunswick), Seth Jones, Sussex; (Nova Scotia), Jos. P. Landry, Truro; (P. E. Island), Rev. Father Burke; directors—H. L. Fenerty, Halifax; Seth Jones, Sussex; W. O. Wetmore, Clifton (N.B.); L. A. Hazard and I. C. Ready (P.E.I.); auditor, I. C. Craig, Amherst.

The attendance at the public meeting in the evening was fully up to last evening. C. A. Archibald presided. The speakers were Dr. Henry Read, of Georgetown (Ont.). Subject: "Draft Horses, Their Care and Management;" Prof. Cumming, president of the Agricultural College, Truro (N.S.), subject: "English Livestock and English Methods;" F. C. Elford, chief of the poultry division, Ottawa, subject: "Poultry as a Revenue Producer on the Farm;" C. M. McRae, department of agriculture, Ottawa, subject: "The Importance of Swine on the farm and how to feed them."

All the addresses were most interesting and practical and cannot fail to be of great educational advantage to those who listened to them.

Prof. Cummings, while present during most of the judging, has not participated in it, as he felt that it was better for outsiders who did not know the exhibitors and consequently could not be accused of favoritism. Prof. Cummings leaves on Friday for Ontario, where he is one of the judges and speakers at the Guelph Fair.

The speakers for tomorrow night will be Prof. Andrews, Dr. Henry Read, and Prof. G. H. Grisdale.

One of the most interesting features as well as important exhibits at the fair is that of poultry, no branch has grown with such rapid strides and men from Upper Canada where this important branch of agriculture has attained such growth, state that both in quantity and quality the exhibit here this year is at least equal to any of the poultry shows in the upper provinces.

The poultry exhibit from the Poultry Division, Ottawa, had a number of features that were of much interst to the visitors and should be of practical benefit to the poultry men of the Maritime Provinces.

A model of a good practical poultry house is shown. Some of the special features of the house were the arrangements for the windows, whereby by the sash could be replaced by a cotton screen, which materially assisted in the regulating of the temperature of the room. A burlop curtain is also hung from the ceiling immediately in front of the roosts to assist in making the roosting quarters more comfortable during cold nights. The house is 20 feet by 12 feet and would accommodate 30 hens having two cockrels, one of which is confined in a coop in alternate days.

The trap nest was shown with charts, etc. In a pen of 12 pure barred rocks pullets, it showed that two of them laid as low as two each in one month and one laid 27 in the same month. There were two baskets of eggs representing the lay of the six best pullets of the pen, and that of the remaining six, one basket contained 114 eggs, the other 31.

Many hens on the farm are kept at a loss, some such system as the trap nest would show which were doing the work and consequently which to breed from.

Six feeding crates were shown with cockrels, suitable for breeding, and some unsuitable, a number of eggs also shown assorted as to color and size and the marked difference in the appearance of the graded baskets and the ungraded illustrated plainly why dealers prefer, and will pay several cents more for the graded eggs.

Baskets of eggs showing suitable and unsuitable eggs for hatching were shown also a small colony house and brooder. Illustrated literature and bulletins of instruction were delivered free.

F.C.Elford, chief of poultry division, Ottawa, was in charge of this exhibit and his courtesy and painstaking in demonstrating were highly appreciated by the many poultry breeders.

Kings County Deanery.

A meeting of the Kings county deanery was held in St. Paul's church, Rothesay, Tuesday. Those present were Rev. Scovil Neales, of Sussex; Rev. A. W. Daniel, Rothesay; Rev. H. S. Wainwright, Kingston; Rev. C.S. Warneford, Johnson; Rev. G. L. Freeburn, Waterford, and Rev. M. Shewen, Greenwich. On the conclusion of the business, which was mostly routine, those attending the meeting were entertained by Rev. Mr. Daniel.

The first immigrants to be deported this season are now at Sand Point to be sent back to the old country. They number two—Mrs. Josephine, or Louisa Headley, and John Cox. The former came out on the Parisian in November 1904, and is being sent back from Winnipeg. Cox came out later and is also being returned from Winnipeg. They came under the general heading "undesirable." They will likely be sent to Halifax and sail on the Virginian.

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ELEVEN SOULS PERISH IN LUNENBURG WRECK

R. J. Leslie, One of the Owners, and Ten Men Drowned

Steamer Went Ashore in Blinding Snowstorm at Magdalen Islands -- Fishermen Rescued Five Sailors, the Others Refusing to Leave the Ship, but Later All But the Captain Were Lost in Effort to Reach Shore--Mr. Leslie's Death is a Great Loss to Halifax.

Etang du Nord, Magdalen Islands, Dec. 5—Full particulars of the loss of the Lunenburg with one of the officers and ten of the crew at Outer Sand Beach, opposite Amherst harbor, ten miles south of this port, were received here today. The steamer struck the beach during a thick snow storm at 3 o'clock yesterday morning and is a total wreck.

The Dead.

A list of those who lost their lives is as follows:—

R. J. Leslie, M. P. P., Grindstone Island, one of the owners of the steamer.
J. M. Connell, purser.
H. Mersard, steward.
R. McDonald, chief engineer.
J. J. Josie, cook.
B. H. Hamm, cabin boy.
—. Chaissen, deck hand.
Victale Doucette, deck hand.
Adolphus Vigneault, deck hand.
Samuel Vigneault, deck hand.
Joseph Bourgers, deck hand.

The Lunenburg was bound from Pictou (N. S.) for Magdalen Island ports, with mails and freight. Besides Captain Pride, who was saved, and his crew, the only person on board was Mr. Leslie, who was on his way home from Nova Scotia.

The steamer was attempting to enter Amherst harbor at the time of the disaster. A thick northeast snow storm prevailed, and a heavy sea constantly swept the vessel's decks. The lighthouse at Amherst could be seen at times, however, and the captain supposed he had cleared the beach. Suddenly a great wave literally picked up the small steamer and left her stranded on the beach directly opposite the entrance of the harbor. Attempts to float the craft proved useless, but all hands were able to keep themselves from being washed overboard, although the seas continually swept the vessel's decks.

Victims Refused to Leave Ship.

It was two hours after daylight before the wreck was sighted from shore. A number of fishermen put off in a boat and took off five of the crew. At this time the steamer was apparently little damaged and the others refused to abandon her. The storm increased in violence, and those on shore saw that she was doomed to destruction. Gradually the waves smashed the woodwork and the upper works of the craft began to yield before the attack of the elements. Mr. Leslie, Captain Pride and the other men on the ship lowered a boat and attempted to reach the land, not a great distance away, but in the furious seas the crew could make little headway. Fishermen on the island saw the boat launched, but the storm shut off the view. Again the fishermen started for the wreck, but when they reached the scene they found that the steamer's boat had been overturned, and that of the dozen who were in her only one remained. The survivor was Captain Pride. He was able to cling to the overturned boat until rescued by the fishermen. The life-savers had a severe battle in the gale, but they were able to keep on an even keel and reached land after some difficulty.

The Lunenburg is a total wreck. The bodies of the unfortunate men are coming ashore at various points, although all have not yet been found.

Mr. Leslie's Death a Blow to Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 5—(Special)—The news that Robert J. Leslie, of the firm of Leslie, Hart & Co., of this city, was among those lost on the ill-fated Lunenburg, was a shock to his numerous friends. He came to Halifax from Spry Bay, his native place, fourteen years ago, and started business under the firm name of Leslie, Hart & Co. He was a member of the board of trade and a Liberal in politics. In the last general election in Quebec he was nominated as the candidate for the county of Gaspe, which included the Magdalen Islands. He was in England at the time, and his election was hotly contested, his opponent being a French-Canadian, but notwithstanding this, Mr. Leslie was returned by a handsome majority.

By his untimely death Halifax loses one of its best and most prominent citizens. He leaves a wife and four children, who reside here.

The Lunenburg's Crew.

Pictou, N. S., Dec. 5.—(Special)—The shipping master's register shows the following as the crew of the Lunenburg:

Captain, Pride, Sherbrooke; Wm. Smith, Chezzetcook, and Edward Silver, Lunenburg, mates; Ronald McDonald, Pictou, chief engineer; J. W. McConnell, Port Hilford, second engineer; J. McCarvill, Kinkore, (P. E. I.); Peter Poster, Yarmouth; John McLean, Conore Cormier and Damas Cormier, of Magdalen Islands, seamen; Warren Jack, Sonora, Eugene Bourgeois and Wm. Thorne, Magdalen Islands, firemen; H. M. Gerhardt, Lunenburg, steward; George Reney, Liscombe, cook; Beverley Hamm, Lunenburg, second steward.

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SOME ANXIETY DECLARED FELT

Shareholders York County Loan and Savings Company Asking Questions

Would Like to Know Where They Stand in Reference to Proposed Amalgamation -- Ottawa Paper Refers to Matter in Which St. John People Are Interested.

The following is from the Ottawa Citizen:

Editor Citizen:—In regard to the York Loan and Savings Company discontinuing business, and as it is rumored around that they are to sell out or amalgamate with another loan company in January next, I would like to ask other shareholders of the said York Loan and Savings Company to express their opinion on the following:

The company is asking the shareholders to continue the payment of shares until such time as they see fit to quit business or whatever else they may do.

In my opinion I think we are entitled to a more definite report of the standing of the company before we continue paying any more money to said company without knowing if we'll ever see one cent of the money.

If any of the many shareholders would kindly express their opinion in the matter they would greatly oblige—A SHAREHOLDER.

The above letter represents the feelings of a great many people in Ottawa. The York County Loan has hundreds of shareholders in this city and the feeling of unrest caused by recent publicity is growing. This feeling is enhanced by the activity of the company's agents in canvassing shareholders to secure proxy votes for the meeting on January 11 at which the proposed amalgamation with J. R. Straton's company will be voted on. At the same time the expectation is that all shareholders will continue paying monthly calls until the company's future is determined. What the average member objects to is investing further money without some definite assurance that his money is absolutely safe. There may be an order asked for at any time by shareholders to wind up the business and if such should happen the best investors could realize would be a proportionate share of the assets. No matter how valuable the assets may be the forced sale of real estate could not prove as profitable as under an ordinary deal.

According to the latest financial report of the York County Loan and Savings company in the thirteen years since organization $4,555,775 have been paid to the members in cash. All withdrawals have been paid promptly.

At the 13th annual meeting in March the company's president, Joseph Phillips, reported: "The balance sheet shows loans on real estate to the extent of $1,001,125.81, and real estate valued at $910,909.78, cash in Molson's bank $75,415.93, and cash on hand $1,703.36. The nominal assets and liabilities balanced at $2,237,960.13."

The company with which it is proposed to amalgamate is the Dominion Permanent Loan company of Toronto.

Some Adverse Criticism.

In an editorial on the proposed amalgamation The Monetary Times says, in part:

"We have made some enquiry into the nature of this indenture of agreement, and find that the purchasing company does not purpose saddling itself with any of the patent attachments or entanglements of the York County Loan with its shareholders. Nor will it go into the piano business, or the insurance business, nor will it continue the commercial college. First, it will have a valuation made of the assets of the selling company, and, if its offer is accepted, will pay for them in debentures of the Dominion Loan company maturing in five or ten years. In the case of shares of the York County not matured deposit receipts will be given for amounts under $10, to mature in say three years. One paragraph of the conditional agreement runs as follows:

"The purchasing company shall only assume and pay the trade or business debts and obligations of the vendor company and shall not be liable to the shareholders of he vendor company in respect of any terminating or withdrawable stock or otherwise whatsoever save and except only to apportion the consideration under this agreement for the net assets among the shareholders of the vendor company, as aforesaid; and it shall not be obligatory on the purchasing company to make such appointment until all questions as to the right (if any) to withdraw on the part of the shareholders of the vendor company, or any of them has been settled, and until complete schedule of debts and shareholders shall have been prepared and completed as aforesaid.

"The question is a natural one: What are the assets of the York County Loan company. The most tangible, or at least the easiest recognizable, is the real estate, standing on the books of the company at $991,000, and consisting in the main of land and houses in a large block between Roncesvalles avenue and High Park at the western fringe of the city of Toronto. The figure mentioned, however, is stated to be the actual cost of the land and houses, together, we presume, with the scores of thousands of dollars expended in levelling sand-hills and filling up ravines to make streets for the houses. The value of this $991,000 asset is given by Joseph Phillips, the talented and versatile president of the company, at anywhere from four millions at the present time to ten millions at future date within the rosy circle of his mind's eye. Asked by The Monetary Times what he thought of such values, Mr. Stratton intimated that he was not paying out any millions at present, and could only say what figure would be paid when his valuators had completed their task and the shareholders of the respective companies had consented to the deal."

SETBACK FOR SCHEME TO UNITE BAPTIST CHURCHES

Waterloo and Brussels Street Baptist Congregations Against Project as Outlined, Leinster Street People Favor It—The Proceedings at the Three Meetings.

The proposed union of Waterloo street, Brussels street and Leinster street Baptist churches, the united congregations to use Leinster street plant, was given a set back, if not killed, by the vote of Waterloo and Brussels street congregations Wednesday night. Leinster voted unanimously for union, Brussels street was favorable along other lines than those proposed and the Waterloo street people voted to remain as they are.

Brussels Street Against Scheme As at Present.

After nearly two hours debate the congregation of Brussels street church voted down the proposal. A resolution was passed to the effect that it was desirable that the congregations now worshipping in Brussels, Waterloo and Leinster street churches should unite in some way or other.

The following resolution from the committee was first discussed:

"Resolved, that it is desirable that the congregations now worshipping in Brussels, Waterloo and Leinster street churches should unite, using the Leinster street plant."

After a good deal of argument this was lost, the following being passed in its place:

"Resolved, that we do not accept this resolution, because,

"Resolved, that in our opinion it is not desirable to move two churches from this locality, and, because the financial burden would be too great."

In explanation of the last clause of the resolution it was stated that there is a mortgage of only $3,000 on the Brussels street plant whereas on the Leinster street church is $9,000. It was said that this burden would not be too great if the whole strength of the three congregations could be counted on. It was feared, however, that in the event of the proposed scheme being carried out there would be more or less serious defections to other churches.

The following committee was appointed to meet tonight with the committees from the other churches in Brussels street school room to receive the reports of the voting: Deacons Wm. Alwood, J. B. Keinstead, C .E. Vail, A. H. Chipman and G. W. Morrell.

Leinster Street Favorable.

Leinster street church voted unanimously for the union. The meeting was largely attended and there was no adverse sentiment expressed by any of the speakers. W. V. Barbour presided and Amos A. Wilson was secretary. The report of the committee of five churches in the district in favor of the union of Waterloo, Brussels and Leinster street churches and the using of the plant of the Leinster street edifice was read by Mr. Wilson.

Speeches were made by E. L. Rising, John Burnett, Geo. Mitchell, T. L. Hay, A. A. Wilson, J. E. Vincent and Mrs. J. E. Dean, who spoke on behalf of Mr. Dean, who was absent. With the exception of Mr. Mitchell, who favored taking more time for consideration, the speakers were all in favor of immediate action for union. On the motion for union being put it was carried unanimously. The following committee was then appointed to meet similar committees from the other churches should their views also favor union: A. A. Wilson, E. L. Rising, R. G. Haley, Geo. Mitchell and Nevin Cameron.

It was proposed to hold joint meetings of the committees to settle the details in connection with amalgamation.

Waterloo Street Against It.

By a vote of 49 to 13 the Waterloo street church decided not to take up the amalgamation project. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Proeser, presided. Rev. Mr. Prosser brought in a report dealing with the question of union. He urged the advantages of such a step. The union, he thought, would give greater strength both spiritually and financially. He hoped they would consider it in this light.

A general discussion followed, but the feeling of the meeting seemed decidedly adverse to union in any form. Those in favor of the union idea argued along the lines of Mr. Prosser and those opposing did so first because in the large district there would be two churches in one half and but one in the other, and that, not a family church; secondly because the Waterloo street church was free from debt and it was not therefore wise to take up new burdens.

It was argued further that the members of the Waterloo street church in a body would not attend Leinster street church but would scatter about. The discussion at times was quite brisk but the decision was to continue as at present.

McADAM SMALL POX CASE A MILD ONE

Harris, Who Has the Disease, is a C. P. R. Fireman Running to St. John --Schools Open Today.

McAdam Junction, N. B., Dec. 5—(Special)—Dr. Fisher, chairman of the Provincial Board of Health, and Dr. McNeill, of the county board, visited the Harris house this morning, accompanied by Dr. Young, of Vanceboro (Me.) Board of Health, and Dr. Butler, the attending physician. All agreed that Harris is suffering from varioloid, or smallpox of a mild type.

Harris, who is twenty-two years old, and unmarried, is a C. P. R. fireman running to St. John. His case is not considered serious. The schools will open again tomorrow.

The Maine authorities may establish at Vanceboro a vaccinating station.

A CHRISTMAS GLEE

The following is a Glee in the Reader Magazine by James Whitcomb Riley. It is called "From Feigned Elizabethan Comedy," and Mr. Riley furnishes the music as well as the words:

I.

With a hey! and a hi! and a hey-ho glee!
O a Christmas glass for a sweet-lipped lass
To kiss and pass, in her coquetry—
So rare
And the lads all flush save the right one there—
So rare—so rare!
With a hey! and a hi! and a ho—oh!
The Christmas holly and the mistletoe.

II.

With a hey! and a hi! and a hey-ho wile!
As he lifts the cup and his wan face up
Her eyes touch his with a tender smile—
So rare!
Then his hands grasp out and her own are there—
So rare—so rare!
With a hey! and a hi! and a ho—oh!
The Christmas holly and the mistletoe.

CHORUS.

With a hey! and a hi! and a hey-ho-ho!
The wind, the winter and the drifting snow!
With a hey! and a hi! and a ho—oh!
The Christmas holly and the mistletoe.

BURNT LANDS

(Charles G. D. Roberts.)

On other fields and other scenes the morn
Laughs from her blue,—but not such scenes are these.
Where comes no summer cheer of leaves and bees,
And no shade mitigates the day's white scorn.
These serious acres vast no groves adorn;
But giant trunks, bleak shapes that once were trees,
Tower naked, unassuaged of rain or breeze,
Their stern grey isolation grimly borne.

The months roll over them, and mark no change;
But when spring stirs, or autumn stills, the years,
Surely some phantom leafage rustles faint
Thro' their parched dreams—some old-time notes ring strange,
When in his slender treble, far and clear,
Reiterates the rain-bird his complaint.

DECEMBER

Ding! Dong! Ding! Dong!
Hear the joy-bells ring!
One and thirty little men
To make them chime and sing.
Holly-berries gleam and glow;
Beneath their glossy leaves
Icicles hang glittering down
And sparkle from the eaves;
Happy voices shout good-will
To dear ones near and far;
And over all the earth shines fair
The light of Bethlehem's star.
—December St. Nicholas.

Talking Spanish.

(New York Mail).

Princess Ena Mina Mo,
Is it yes or is it no?
Answer little Al-fon-so,
Princess Ena Mina Mo!

The British empire numbers 400,543,712 citizens. The recent completion of the Cape census enables the total to be made up. The 11,876,745 square miles of which the empire consists contains about 36 inhabitants per square mile.

PATRICK, IN COURT, PLEADS IN VAIN FOR NEW TRIAL

Judge Sentences New York Lawyer to Die First Week in January—Will Appeal to U. S. Supreme Court.

New York, Dec. 6—After making a final personal plea to the court in his own behalf, Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer, convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice tonight was sentenced to be electrocuted during the week beginning January 22 next. Sentence was pronounced by Justice Rogers in the criminal branch of the state Supreme Court.

Notice was at once given that an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States on a writ of error will be taken. The application for the writ, it is said, will act as a stay of execution. Patrick was taken to the death house at Sing Sing tonight.

Patrick listened twice this afternoon to a rehearsal of all the details of his case by the district attorney. Once during the proceeding he had been asked by Justice Rogers if he had anything to say before sentence should be passed upon him, and had remained silent, under the direction of his lawyers. As the case neared a close, Patrick arose unexpectedly in his place and pleaded to be heard.

His action caused a stir in the crowded court room, and the lawyers held a hurried consultation, while Patrick stood patient, and anxiously awaiting the court's permission to proceed. This permission was finally granted, and Patrick spoke for nearly fifteen minutes. His voice at first seemed husky, but grew clearer as he proceeded and all in the court listened attentively.

Earlier in the afternoon Patrick had been called before Justice Stover, in the Supreme Court, but after hearing the records of the case the Judge ordered that the proceedings be transferred to the criminal branch. Patrick, accompanied by the guards from Sing Sing and his attorneys, walked from the civil courts building to the criminal courts, apparently enjoying the exercise. A crowd of several hundred followed at a respectable distance. The crush to secure admittance to Justice Rogers' branch of the criminal division was so great that police reserves from several stations were summoned to preserve order in the corridors of the court building.

When Patrick had been allowed to proceed on his own behalf he urged that there was no direct evidence that Rice had been killed, and stated his claim that he had been convicted on manufactured evidence. Justice Rogers then ordered Patrick to stand up and sentence was pronounced.

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