

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 15.—James Kirkpatrick's house and barn, located on the Baswood Ridge road, three miles from town, was destroyed by fire this morning, together with a quantity of farming implements and household furniture. There was no insurance.

MONCTON, Oct. 15.—Shortly after midnight this morning a fire was discovered in the Record Foundry and Machine Company's bridge shop, which was completely destroyed, and contents, including machinery and large bridge for Kingston, Kent Co., more or less damaged. The total loss is about three thousand dollars. Insurance: five hundred on buildings and one thousand on contents.

There will be no interference with the company's business.

In consequence of Mayor Ayers' reply to the Montreal Star depreciating the sending of a Canadian contingent to the Transvaal, which has caused much indignation here, a largely signed petition has been presented to the mayor asking him to call a meeting of citizens to take up the matter in consideration and remove all the stigma that has been cast upon the town by the imputation of disloyalty.

FREDERICTON, Oct. 15.—No orders have been received as yet by Capt. Carpenter of the R. E. F. here for enrollment of troops for the Transvaal. Orders, however, are expected at any time.

Two houses at Morrison's Mills, owned and occupied by George Peters and Robert Griffin, and a third, owned by Judge Wilson and occupied by John Cunningham, were destroyed by fire at one o'clock this morning. The city fire protection does not extend to the Mills, and water carried in buckets from the river was the only means available to check the flames. A strong wind would undoubtedly have meant the destruction of the entire district. The houses owned by Griffin and Judge Wilson were insured, but Peters carried no insurance. Most of the furniture was saved.

The University difficulty is assuming a more serious phase. Fourteen students, one of whom is a senior, notified the faculty Saturday that they were engaged in the Wednesday night racket with the five seniors whom the faculty have decided to expel, and that they would not accept the penalty. It is understood that the fourteen have agreed to withdraw from the University in the event of the faculty adhering to their determination to expel the five seniors and of their not acting upon the notification conveyed to them Saturday morning. It is announced that the faculty have decided to adhere to their decision, and that an order has actually been made expelling the five students, who are Sweeney of Fredericton, Estabrook of Maryville, Burden of Southampton, McKenna of Campbellton, and Green of Vancouver. Friends of students have already interviewed Fredericton members of the senate, and it is stated have obtained from them promises to intercede in their behalf. However this may be, it is said the fourteen students who notified the faculty of their complicity in the matter, will go out, and if they do this will no doubt create a situation which will necessitate calling a meeting of the senate. It is understood that the faculty was divided in the matter, Chancellor Harrison with a double vote and Professors Stockley and Dixon favoring expulsion, and Professors Davidson, Raymond and Scott opposing.

While Mrs. F. B. Coleman and daughter were driving down Kennedy Hill on their return to Fredericton, Friday evening, the kingbolt dropped out of the carriage. The horse became frightened, and Mrs. Coleman was thrown violently into the gutter. Miss Coleman, who was driving, held on to the reins, but was thrown out a little later on the opposite side of the road and dragged a considerable distance. Both were badly cut and bruised, and were conveyed to town in an exhausted condition. It was thought Friday night that Mrs. Coleman was internally injured, but further examination on Saturday was more favorable.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas of Woodland got hold of some poisonous powders in a bureau drawer in her mother's bedroom Friday afternoon, and swallowed a quantity of them. She soon went into convulsions and died before medical aid could be obtained. Mrs. Thomas was sick in bed at the time of the discovery and was not able to do anything for the relief of the child.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Oct. 14.—The

annual meeting of the ratepayers of Hampton school district was held today. The attendance was very small. James W. Smith, secretary to trustees, called the meeting to order and John March was elected chairman. The report of the trustees for the past year was submitted, showing receipts \$318.69 and expenditures \$763, leaving a balance of \$55.69. The uncollected rates for 1899 amount to \$187.78, and for 1898 to \$38.99, making a total of \$226.77, of which not more than \$300 was considered collectable. The trustees have erected a new outhouse, which is to be protected by a close board fence and shut in from the play ground by wings. It is contemplated to do some necessary repairs and improvements both inside and outside the building, including new hardwood floors and cleaning of the grounds. They ask for an assessment of \$600 for the ensuing school year. The auditor's report showed the books and accounts to be all right and vouchers produced for all expenditures, except one item of \$5. This matter was satisfactorily explained by the secretary. The report was adopted. The report of the trustees was taken from the table, and after a free discussion \$600 ordered to be assessed for 1900. On motion all taxes against John Elkins were ordered to be remitted, and the auditor was instructed to collect the taxes standing against the property of Jos. A. McAfee. The secretary was also instructed to ask the board of education for a continuance of the privilege of extending the midsummer vacation from six to eight weeks. James W. Smith, the retiring trustee, was re-elected.

Dr. Wetmore has returned from the United States, where he has passed a short vacation. Mrs. John Flewelling has gone to St. John on a short visit to her sons, Charles and Frederick. Mrs. C. S. March, nee Flewelling, has gone to Southwest Harbor, Maine, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Dr. Lemont.

Building operations still continue active, some half dozen new houses being in course of erection here and on the village road.

The Reading Room association are indebted to P. A. Waleling for a handsome new cover for their piano. The ladies' committee is arranging for another concert in aid of the piano fund. ANDOVER, N. B., Oct. 14.—On Thursday night the store of M. S. Sutton, hardware merchant, was broken into and some small change, amounting to about \$3, taken from the till; also small articles of cutlery and several plates, worth about \$20, were stolen. At the annual school meeting J. A. Perley was re-elected trustee and secretary. The other trustees are Wm. Curry and A. E. Kuyper. These three have held the position of school trustees for a number of years. Their reelection shows the confidence placed in them by the people. S. P. Waite was elected auditor. The sum of \$150 was voted for school purposes. It was also decided to grant eight weeks' summer vacation.

MILLFORD, Nov. 14.—The annual school meeting of the Millford school was held this morning. Everything passed off quietly till just at the close when the chairman, Richard Stuart, jumped to his feet and with drawn fist threatened to punch the secretary, John Irvine, who had just been re-elected trustee. Mr. Stuart last year created a sensation by upsetting the ballot box, and this year in breaking up the meeting. The interest taken in the election was very keen. For the first time a lady took a hand in the contest. One hundred and twenty-four votes were polled, of which 68 were for John Irvine and 56 for Alonzo Doherty. The newly-elected trustee has been connected with the board of trustees for about 22 years.

HAVELOCK, Kings Co., Oct. 12.—The Havelock and Pettiboe exhibition will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, and will bring out the best horses in the vicinity. The track is in excellent condition, and new sheds have just been built for the accommodation of horses. The entries are as follows:

Free-for-all—Bijou, Jesse Prescott, Sussex; Fleet Step, G. H. Barnes, Sussex; Flori, H. Arnold, Sussex; Harry A. Chas. Chapman, Pollet River. 250 class—Maggie, Geo. McAnn, Pettiboe; Beat, N. Stevens, Pettiboe; Maud, James Chapman, Manherot; Melbourn, J. R. Price, Havelock; Lucky Strike, Joe Louis, Havelock.

Colt race—Lona, N. Chapman, Kinnle Settlement; Queen, D. S. Mann, Pettiboe; Jessie King, Fred Keith, Salisbury; Lady Clay, A. Ogilvie, Pettiboe; Sunlight, W. C. McKnight, Havelock.

The Rev. W. R. Robinson and Rev. R. Barry Smith held a meeting in the public hall here on Tuesday evening in the interest of the temperance orders. The hall was crowded. Rev. Mr. Baker of the Methodist church presided. The councilors election does not promise to be very exciting. There are now three candidates in the field.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Sunbury Co., Oct. 16.—The annual school meeting was held on Saturday as by law provided. The sum of \$382 was voted for the ensuing year. An exceedingly nasty feature of the meeting was the introduction of party politics. For the sake of peace among neighbors the conservative party permitted the municipal elections to go by default. Emboldened by this recent bloodless success it was sought by a coup d'etat to elect a grit trustee. The coup proved abortive.

MARYVILLE, York Co., Oct. 12.—Charles W. Pond, a highly respected citizen, passed away last evening, at the age of eighty years. Mr. Pond had been a resident of Maryville for a long time. He leaves five sons and five daughters, all in Maryville. Harry Capen a few days ago returned from the lumber woods, where he was working in the employ of J. R. McConnell, stricken with typhoid fever. He was taken to Victoria Hospital. Moses White, who has been confined to the house for a long time with la grippe, is now able to get around again.

The marriage of Miss Davenport, daughter of William Davenport of this place, and Skiff Day of Caribou, was celebrated on Wednesday at her father's residence, in the presence of a

number of relatives and friends of both parties. They left on the 5 o'clock train for their future home in Caribou, followed by the best wishes of many friends.

James Inch left this afternoon for Boston for a short vacation. Mrs. Jonathan Bridges and her daughter, Mrs. Cowan, are spending a few days here. Miss Louis Gilmore, daughter of Alonzo Gilmore, left on the 11th inst. for Washington to spend the winter with her brother and his family.

SHEFFIELD, Sunbury Co., Oct. 12.—Miss Brown, teacher at Maquapit Lake, Sheffield, superintended a successful basket social and concert in her school house on Tuesday evening. The proceeds are for repairs on her school house.

Thomas Bridges of Tilley's Landing, sold a large number of young oxen yesterday to parties in York county, to feed through the winter for the Easter market.

Quite a sensation was created in Sheffield and Canning, Queens county, on Wednesday last, when it became known that a number of horses from those parts were taken to Jenness, Queens Co., and impounded, for some real or imaginary violation of the law or regulations of turning on the lawless collector, and under the corporation of such intervals.

HOPEWELL HILL, Oct. 14.—At the annual school meeting in this district today, the sum of \$380 was voted for running expenses and \$200 for repairs on the school house. W. J. McAlmon, a retiring trustee, was re-elected, and M. Peck re-elected auditor. The financial affairs are in a satisfactory condition.

A harvest festival service was held in St. John's Church of England this morning. A large congregation being present. The chancel of the church was very tastefully adorned with flowers, fruits and grain, and presented a handsome appearance. The sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, and special music was furnished by the choir.

Mrs. W. J. McAlmon, organizer for the W. M. Society of the Methodist church, organized a Band of Hope at the Hill.

The annual roll call service of the Hopewell Baptist church was held at Albert today, and was very largely attended. At the morning service the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, preached, and in the afternoon the roll was called. Other ministers present were Pastor Davidson, Rev. M. Addison, Rev. T. Bishop, Rev. Mr. Miles, and Rev. Mr. C. W. Manning. The A. O. C. P. presided at the organ.

HOPEWELL HILL, Oct. 16.—Last evening a recognition service was held in the Baptist church at Albert, when Rev. P. Davidson was formally welcomed to the pastorate. The addresses were delivered by the pastor, Rev. T. Bishop of the Harvey Baptist church; Rev. Mr. Boyd, Presbyterian minister; and Rev. Charles Comben, pastor of the Methodist church. The sermon was by the Rev. J. W. Manning of St. John. A large attendance was present.

SUSSEX, Oct. 17.—At the school meeting on Saturday J. R. McLean was re-elected trustee. The sum voted to be assessed for next year included \$200 to be paid on the bonded debt. The delinquent list of 1898 has all been collected except about \$20. The rate of interest on the bonded debt is 4 per cent. The overcrowded condition of the primary departments calls for increased school accommodation.

Captain Fred Morrison, Sergeant W. D. J. King, Sergeant George Chapman and Corporal C. C. Ovington, members of the 7th Battalion of Sussex, have volunteered for active service in the Transvaal.

RICHBURTON, Oct. 14.—The Kent County Teachers' Institute, which met in the Kingston school building on Thursday morning, was largely attended, not only by the teachers from all parts of the county, but also by large numbers from Kingston and Richibucto. After enrollment and reading of the minutes the English Inspector Smith, delivered the opening address. This was followed by a lesson in primary reading by Miss Christy.

At the afternoon session a paper on arithmetic was read by Miss Fraser of Kingston, followed by a paper from C. H. Cowperthwaite, principal of the Richibucto school, on the Influence of Home in the School, and another from C. C. Ovington, principal of the Literature in the Early Grades.

His stage Dr. Inch arrived and received a hearty welcome from the institute. After an interesting lesson on the subject of the session was given by Dr. U. Hay the session adjourned. In the evening a public meeting was held in the hall. G. U. Hay and Revs. H. A. Meek and D. Fraser. A short musical programme was also rendered during the evening.

At the session of the evening Miss Fraser of Kingston gave a number lesson to some of her pupils. Papers were read by Miss McLean on Geography and by Geo. A. Coates of Bass River on the Pleasures of Teaching. At the afternoon session Miss Daly gave a lesson on numeration. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Inch and G. U. Hay for their attendance. After some routine business the institute adjourned to meet next year in Richibucto.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Oct. 17.—A rousing liberal conservative meeting was held in the Curling rink tonight, with Charles Murray, J. P. in the chair. From the point of view of attendance, in fact, in every way the meeting was the most successful political demonstration ever held in Restigouche county, and was thoroughly representative of the whole constituency. John McAllister, M. P., was the first speaker, and sharply criticized the government, with local references. Hon. Geo. E. Foster followed, and in a masterly manner showed the failure of the government, and in a statesmanlike manner vindicated the cause of the conservative party. J. G. H. Bergeson, M. P., was the last speaker, and in behalf of the French-Canadian people repudiated Hon. Messrs. Laurier and Tarte in a patriotic manner, and maintained the righteousness of the conservative cause.

RICHBURTON, N. B., Oct. 17.—Fred S. Peters and Robert W. Beers were elected councillors for Richibucto parish today. The vote stood: Fred S. Peters, 263; Robert W. Beers, 179; Jo-

seph P. Richard, 161; Fred H. Frichard, 106.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Oct. 17.—The annual exhibition of the Dorchester Agricultural Society was held today in the park at Memramcook, and early surpassed the fair of any previous year both as regards the exhibits themselves and the number in attendance.

This fair is open only to exhibitors of Dorchester parish, and can be safely said that the country exhibits could boast of no finer display in any of the various departments than was seen at Memramcook today.

The live stock exhibit reflects great credit on the farmers of the parish. At two o'clock a programme of sports, consisting of one mile trotting and half mile running horse races, bicycle race, hundred yard dash, potato and barrel race, was called on.

The trotting race was won by Berth, owned by John W. McManus; 2nd, George A., owned by Wm. Alexander; 3rd, Ginger B., owned by Fred Bowes. Time, 3 minutes.

The running race was taken by Greyhound, owned by Fred McGowan; 2nd, Starlight, owned by Dan McGowan. Time, 1 minute.

The foot races were hotly contested, and were all won by students of St. Joseph's College. The 100 yard race was won by George Wright and Willard Lawrence.

MONCTON, Oct. 17.—One of the hottest public meetings ever held in this town took place in the Opera house tonight. The citizens had called a meeting to consider the question of Mayor Ayers' telegram to the Montreal Star some time ago, approving of Premier Laurier's alleged policy of delaying the consideration of the question of sending a Transvaal contingent until a meeting of parliament.

The liberals alleged a political motive, and issued a flaming call to the party to assemble and endorse the Laurier government's policy.

A leading barrister and law partner of C. W. Robinson, liberal M. P. P., was in the chair, and acted in a most impartial manner. The liberals submitted an ingeniously worded amendment in which they did not attempt to excuse Mayor Ayers, but simply asked for the approval of the Laurier government's policy in sending a contingent. The chairman declared the amendment lost and the main resolution carried.

The meeting broke up with patriotic songs, Rule Britannia and God Save the Queen, and cheers and counter cheers for Sir Charles Tupper, Premier Laurier, etc. There were many exciting scenes. The liberals hoped to intimidate a large body of government employees, were simply beaten at their own game, and Mayor Ayers' sneering telegram which smacked so much of disloyalty, was thoroughly repudiated.

MONCTON, Oct. 17.—A young man named McKee, a brakeman on the Moncton & Buctouche railway, received fatal injuries this morning while coupling cars at Buctouche.

Gilbert Chapman, a man slightly over three years of age, had a paralytic stroke at Salisbury today and died in a short time.

MAUGERVILLE, Sunbury Co., Oct. 16.—A letter from Rupert P. Donkin of Rat Portage, Ont., to Sheriff Stewart, conveys the sad intelligence of the drowning of T. Arthur Magee and David Wise in the Lake of the Woods on Friday, 29th ult. The former is supposed to be the youngest son, of William Magee of this place, who left here for Manitoba in October, 1893, accompanied by Walter M. Sterling and William McLean. He followed farming awhile in Virden, Man., and when last heard from by his friends, was working on lumber about the Lake of the Woods. It appears that he and his comrade started across an arm of the lake from a lumber camp. A violent storm came up, and the next day the bodies were found bottom up on the shore. Although constant search had been made, their bodies had not been recovered on the 8th instant, when the letter was written. The deceased was about 38 years of age, and was a favorite when he left here. The aged parents, a brother, two sisters and many friends lament his untimely death, and fuller news of which is anxiously awaited.

Rafting at the Mitchell boom was completed on Friday about 10:00. The rafts were floated down the river, and the season, which is much less usual. The water is unusually low and rafting has been tedious. It will take another week to fix up the rafts and get them away.

C. Aikley Harrison will go to Wolfville shortly, where he will be the principal for the second time in an interesting event to take place near there on the 25th instant.

Mrs. Richards, Miss Ritchie and Miss Violet Lamb of St. John are visiting friends here.

The ladies of Christ church give a social in the lower hall on Tuesday. At the school meeting in building No. 2, on Saturday, \$175 was voted for school purposes.

BOILESTOWN, Northumberland Co., Oct. 14.—The annual school meeting was held today. H. H. Gunter was chairman, and W. R. McCloskey secretary. The trustees report showed that about \$1,000 had been expended during the year. W. R. McCloskey was unanimously elected trustee, and \$383 was voted for school support, etc.

Miss Beckwith, E. A. of the Ladies' school, spent Saturday in this place. Alister MacMillan of this place is now at Lake Bennett, N. W. T. He reports large numbers returning from Dawson and that several New Brunswickers are doing well in the far northern gold regions.

P. W. McCloskey is again in temporary charge of the C. E. R. station. The Wm. Richards Co. have stopped at the station for the season in the mill here, but very large quantities of shingles are being sawn, and the new flour mill is a scene of great activity.

Large numbers of men are daily going up river to the lumber woods. Good money is being made, and are somewhat in the minority.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foster are receiving congratulations from their numerous friends. They returned from their wedding tour on Thursday last.

The old schooner owned by Capt. Henry Stinson, named the Mystic, tied up at the Market wharf, filled and sank at high water Monday owing to heavy weather being left open.

Orwell Fuller left on Monday evening's train for Boston; William Topp for Montreal, where he has obtained a position through Sir William Van-Horne, and Bryden Mowatt for the same city to find employment in the C. P. R. machine shops. His mechanical genius will bring him to the front in time.

CENTREVILLE, Carleton Co., Oct. 17.—Allan McLean died on the 11th inst. His place in Wicklow was burned, after which he made his home with James Curran, where he died. His wife died some years ago, after which for some years he lived alone, supporting himself by making wheels and sleds. His mental and physical strength failing he had to be cared for by his friends the last two years. Hector McLean, his father, with his family moved from Queens Co. 40 years ago and settled near Woodstock.

At Royalton on the same day Mrs. Nathaniel Wiggin exchanged time for eternity. Her health had practically failed, but still she attended to household duties. Against the wishes of her daughter-in-law she went to put out a washing, and in a few minutes she was dead. Heart failure was the cause. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Scribner, and leaves two brothers, her husband, one daughter and three sons. She was buried at Royalton. Elder Orser of the Primitive Baptist officiated at the house and grave. She was 65 years of age.

On the 12th inst. Ethel Beckwith departed this life, aged 22 years. She was the eldest daughter of Andrew Beckwith of Royalton, and had been in the work of a cotton factory. Her health failing, she returned home, and soon after exhibited signs of mental depression. In this way she continued for a few weeks, refused food, and would not answer when spoken to, gradually growing weaker until death came to her relief. Her parents, one sister and three brothers are living.

A meeting of the ratepayers of Wilmette was held at Centreville to decide upon a candidate to contest the parish at the coming election. E. L. West was chosen by a committee. There is talk that the ratepayers will also nominate G. W. White.

The late rains swelled the streams, springs and wells, and was a benefit to ploughing, but the land at present is as dry and hard now as previous to the rains.

Crops are all gathered, showing an average yield in all except buckwheat. Early dry frost and heavy wind reduced the yield one-third at least. Hay is worth \$5.50, oats 25 cents, buckwheat meal \$1 per hundred pounds.

A brother of Dr. Peppers, who resides in Mauderville, is in the village visiting friends.

ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 18.—Will Lafin left on Saturday for Portland, where he has secured a good position with Messrs. Tomlinson & Co.

Thos. A. Irvin, a native of this town, who is now practising law and interested in the mining business in Colorado, was recently thrown from a broncho near Idaho Springs, Colorado, and received injuries to his head which confined him to a miner's cabin for several weeks. He has now recovered and has resumed his business occupation.

Brother P. W. Robertson, rector of Trinity church, has received a unanimous call to return to his pastorate at Carleton Place, where he spent over three years. Since he left it has been his own growth and the parish is now a large and important one. Rev. Mr. Robertson feels greatly flattered by the call, but has decided to remain with his present charge, much to the pleasure of his parishioners and the community generally.

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