

LOCAL NEWS

The carnival scheduled for the Carleton Place rink last night, had to be postponed on account of the condition of the ice.

A scout troop was organized in the First Presbyterian Church last night, to be known as the Fourth St. John troop. The five patrol members designated as follows: Bulldog, Moose, Bear, Wolf and Kangaroo.

Hon. J. E. Hetherington and G. H. King, M. P. P., of Queens county, and Hon. D. W. Messer and R. B. Smith, M. P. P., of Sunbury county, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of holding a conference with coal operators of the Grand Lake district.

The Business Boys' Club of the Y. M. C. A. had a theatre party at the Imperial last evening, after which they returned to the Y. M. C. A. for refreshments and a social entertainment. H. A. Morton was in charge of the party and Mrs. N. F. McEwen was chaperone.

Rev. Dr. P. Otis Erb, of Philadelphia, editor of publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, is in the city, and is visiting his uncle, Isaac Erb, of King street east. Rev. Dr. Erb was born in St. John and is an occasional visitor here. He will return to the United States tomorrow.

The common clerk has requested that all returning clerks call at City Hall on Saturday morning to procure the ballot boxes and papers for the plebiscite which will be held on Monday. It is also necessary for returns to be made to the City Hall Monday evening after the polls have closed.

In the case against Ernest Dixon, C. N. R. porter, charged with stealing articles from the C. N. R., yesterday afternoon, Sergeant Sullivan, Policeman Garrett and H. Talbot, dining and sleeping car agent for the C. N. R., gave evidence. The case was postponed until Monday.

Miss Florence Holder of Riverside, while on a coasting party at Fair Vale recently was thrown off the toboggan and sustained injuries to her back, as the result of which she is confined to the house.

Rev. G. F. Dawson was the speaker at the Lenten services in St. Luke's church last evening, on the subject of "Values." Willard Smith sang a solo and Frank McEwen was pianist. Frederick Whelpley presided.

The body of a man who was found dead in a rooming house in Argyle street, Halifax, on Monday night has been identified as that of a New Brunswick resident. He was Alfred J. Fraser, son of Alphonse E. Fraser, of Eganville, a village on the Valley Railway in Kings county. The father has gone to Halifax to arrange for the funeral.

There seemed to be some confusion as to where the Commercial Club would meet tonight. The regular fortnightly meeting of the club will be held in the G. W. V. A. hall when matters of interest to tenants will be discussed and the proposed amendments to the constitution of the club will be discussed. At the same time a meeting of those in favor of daylight saving time will be held in the committee room of the club, Prince William street.

H. E. M. Kessitt, of the department of the Interior, Ottawa, who will make a survey of the coast to the New Brunswick Power Company of generating electricity from coal, yesterday was introduced to officials of the company who gave him carte blanche to go ahead with his investigation. He was furnished with papers and a copy of the report submitted by the company's expert at the time the fares were raised on the cars. It is expected that Mr. Kessitt will examine these papers before going further into details.

The masquerade dance held at the Strand Dancing Academy last evening was a great success. There were about 800 dancers present, the majority of whom were in costume and the excellent music, combined with the mysterious fascination always accompanying a masquerade, made the evening's entertainment very enjoyable. The lady's prize was awarded to Miss Julia Yeomans, who portrayed the well known character of "Maggie," while her partner, J. Leo Shaw, in the amusing role of the much henpecked "Jiggs" took the gentleman's prize.

A meeting of the Y. M. C. A. business men's executive was held last evening when routine business was disposed of. Among other business was the appointment of Arthur Carlsson to succeed F. W. Hewitson as chairman of the executive. Mr. Hewitson leaves for upper Canada early in March and his going is greatly regretted by the Y. M. C. A. physical department. He has been prominent in several of the physical activities, notably in volleyball and boxing. He was chairman of the boxing committee and also took an active part in the sport.

The Ecclectic Reading Club held its regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. H. C. Schofield, German street, last evening when the subject for discussion was "Modern Benefactors." The following interesting programme was carried out: Introduction, Mrs. Alward; The Rockefeller Foundation, Alfred Morrissey; The Bernardine Homes, Mrs. Vroom; Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Neales; A great educator, Lord Kelvin, Dr. H. S. Bridges; Sir Joseph Lister, Mrs. Alward. The evening was brought to a close by Dr. Radford, of the Grenfell Mission, who told of some of his experiences while in Labrador.

Reference has been made previously to the depredations of seven men in a certain section of Kings county, notably in Westfield and vicinity, where the store of W. E. Corbett was entered and an attempt made to rob it. After leaving Westfield the alleged thieves made off in the direction of Woodman's Point, where the summer residences of Charles McDonald and Frank McDonald were entered and some things taken. The next object of their attentions was the summer cottage of Mrs. Armstrong at Day's Landing. Two St. John detectives are on the trail of the robbers.

At a meeting in Moncton, attended by representatives of the Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations, it was decided to found a reformatory home for women over sixteen years of age on the 200-acre property of John W. Gasslin at Coverdale, near Moncton. Rev. H. A. Goodwin presided at the meeting. Legislation will be secured to this end and the method will be the same as that employed in connection with the Maritime Home for Girls at Truro. This takes in girls from eight to sixteen years of age, the two homes to work inconjunction.

YEAR'S RECORD OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Summary of Annual Report by Dr. H. Hedden

There Were 2,293 Patients at Average Cost of \$3.05 a Day Each — Statement as to Various Diseases, Operations, Etc.

To the Editor of the Times—As required by Section V of the Hospital Act, Chapter LXI, 23 Victoria, A. D. 1860, I am forwarding you herewith a brief abstract of our annual report, trusting that it will be of some interest to your readers.

During the year 2,293 patients were admitted to the wards and rooms of the General Public Hospital. The total number of days these patients were in hospital was 47,505, being an average of twenty-one days per patient, which is considered a very fair record for a general hospital. The average number of patients per day was 181. The net cost of maintenance for the year was \$145,482, giving an average cost per patient per day of \$3.05.

Of the above number of patients there were 1,282 surgical patients and forty-nine deaths, an average of 4 per cent. There were 729 medical patients, with seventy-seven deaths, an average of about 9 per cent. There were 228 patients in the eye, ear, nose and throat department, with two deaths; and thirty-four obstetrical cases, with three deaths. The average death rate was 5.7 per cent. When it is considered that a large number of patients are moribund on admission, this low death rate is considered a splendid index of the efficiency of the medical and surgical staff.

No uncomplicated obstetrical cases are admitted, so that the death rate of three out of thirty-four of these cases is a splendid showing for the type of cases admitted. Some few figures on different types of cases may be of interest. There were 184 cases of appendicitis, with ten deaths, practically all due to the fact that these cases were in a very advanced stage on admission to hospital. There were sixteen deaths of hernia, with no deaths. There were seventy-two cases of syphilis treated in the hospital, with four deaths; and 107 cases in the out-patients' department. Four hundred and eighty injections of neosalvarsan were administered in this department. There were 128 cases of diphtheria; ninety-eight cases of scarlet fever, and twenty-three cases of measles, treated in the epidemic hospital. There were twenty-one cases of a mild type of influenza during the year with no deaths. There were ninety-one cases of pneumonia, with sixteen deaths. There were only thirty cases of typhoid during the year and only five deaths.

There were 670 operations performed in the main operating room, and 648 in the out-patients' department, 438 of which were for tonsils and adenoids, most of these cases being referred to the hospital clinic by the medical inspector of schools. Of all the patients treated during the year, 883 were born in St. John, 579 in New Brunswick outside of St. John, 291 in Great Britain, 578 elsewhere in Canada, fifty-seven foreign, one born at sea, and 184 born in the United States. Of the total number, 2,028 claim St. John county as their residence, 160 Kings county, thirty Queens county, and the balance a few from each of the other counties, and seven from the United States. There were 512 Baptists, 677 Episcopalians, 215 Methodists, five Mohammedans, 210 Presbyterians, 620 Roman Catholics, and the balance miscellaneous. There were 1102 male patients and 1191 female; 790 patients were married, 1367 single and 145 widowed. The bureau of laboratories examined 2098 specimens, of which 1287 were throat cultures, fifty-two Widal tests for typhoid, and 289 Wassermann tests for syphilis. Only one autopsy was performed.

The department of roentgenology examined 574 patients; used 516 plates, and made sixty-one fluoroscopic examinations, at a cost of \$584.

Yours truly,
HENRY HEDDEN, M. D., C. M.
Medical Superintendent.
St. John, Feb. 24.

TWENTY-SEVEN BUILDINGS GO IN TEXAS FIRE

Breckenridge, Texas, Feb. 25.—Fire yesterday destroyed twenty-seven business houses, hotels and apartments in the business section and caused an estimated loss of \$500,000.

ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Canadian Artillery Association in Ottawa the Governor-General, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia, and Major Sir Edward Morrison, the retiring president. The following were elected: President, Colonel J. J. Greelman, Montreal; vice-presidents, Brigadier General C. H. McLaren, Lieut. Colonel J. Denham, D. St. John, and Brigadier General J. S. Stewart, Colonel C. H. D. Shannon was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Lieut. Colonel J. F. Cunningham, auditor.

The ice carnival which was to have been held at Rothery last evening was postponed on account of the mild weather.

STABBED HER FATHER FOR CHOKING MOTHER

Charge of Murder Lodged Against Fifteen-Year-Old Girl by Philadelphia Police.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 25.—Elizabeth Mabel Lance, fifteen years old, stabbed her father, Edgar M. Lance, to death early on Wednesday. A charge of murder was lodged against the girl and the mother was held as a witness. "Mother was being choked and I was frightened and I ran down stairs got a knife and came back to the room," the girl said, according to the police. "I threatened father with the knife to save mother and he let her go and ran at me and I held the knife up and stabbed him."

THRONE SPEECH PASSES SENATE

Crerar for the King Amendment—Yesterday in Both Houses.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Canadian Press).—Yesterday, in the commons, Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressive party, said that he had no faith in the proposed tariff revision. He would vote for the King amendment, he added.

R. C. Henders, MacDonald, Man, who replied, paid a great deal of attention to the speakers. J. F. Fafard, L'Eslet, challenged G. B. Nicholson, East Algoma, "to come outside" and then left the house. D. A. Lafontaine, Jacques Cartier, spoke in French. Dr. M. R. Blake moved the adjournment. G. E. Gordon, recently elected member for West Peterboro, was introduced and took his seat in the house. The first reading was given to Mr. MacMaster's bill requiring cabinet ministers to resign any directorship they may hold on being appointed. The leaders paid warm tributes to the late Thomas F. Owens, editor of Hansard debates.

Progress was reported in committee on amendments to the elections act with reference to Ontario prohibition vote. The house rose at 11:15 p. m.

Speech Adopted in Senate. In the senate the speech from the throne was adopted without division. The speakers were Senators Beique, Belmont, Robertson, Webster (Brookville) and Lynch Stantoun. Senator Robertson, minister of labor, said that western farmers' organizations were importing and selling farm machinery. They had, he said, sent seven million dollars out of the country in one year. Senator Lynch Stantoun's bill amending the law and silver marking act was read a second time. The senate adjourned until Tuesday at 8 p. m.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, FEB. 25.
High Tide... 1.39 Low Tide... 8.14
Sun Rises... 7.06 Sun Sets... 6.08

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Yesterday.
Str. Abitibi, 2389, from Italy.
Cleared Yesterday.
Str. Canadian Raider, 3032, Foy, for Halifax.

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, Feb. 24.—Arld. str. Zealand, Antwerp.
Trieste, Feb. 15.—Arld. str. Belvedere, New York.
St. Nazaire, Feb. 24.—Arld. str. Somme, New York.

MARINE NOTES.

The Italian steamer Abitibi arrived here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock to load grain for the Italian government. J. T. Knight & Co. are the local agents.

FOUR TO PRISON AS RESULT OF THE BUILDING PROBE

New York, Feb. 25.—John T. Hettick, a lawyer, alleged author of the "Code of Practice" in the plumbing trade here, and three co-defendants were found guilty of coercion and conspiracy last night. The defendants were indicted as a result of the legislative investigation into the building trades were sentenced to the state prison by Judge A. McAvoy, from six months to three years.

LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLODES; 3 DIE

Jersey City, Feb. 25.—Three men were killed and several others badly injured last night when a boiler of a Lehigh Valley railroad locomotive exploded in the yards here. The dead are: George Arnold, a fireman; Wm. McCanley, trainman, and John McGee, conductor. John McDonald, a fireman, and John Ward, a conductor, are in a hospital where it is said McDonald will die. Arnold, who was thrown a score of feet from the locomotive by the explosion, died in the ambulance.

THIEF RETURNS BIG BOND.

Says \$25,000 Is Too Much — Keeps Smaller Bonds.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 25.—A regretful note accompanied a \$25,000 Liberty bond returned through the mail to the Clement D. Cates Company, stock brokers, from which it had been stolen. "It's too big to handle safely," the robber said, but he kept two smaller bonds.

JUBILEE CONCERT.

The Willing Workers of St. Philip's church gave a jubilee concert last evening which was largely attended. The programme, which consisted of jubilee choruses, solos, readings, duets and a quartette, was listened to with much interest and pleasure and much credit is due the active auxiliary of the church, Rev. C. A. Stewart, pastor of the church, was in the chair and Brigadier Moore, of the Salvation Army, gave a speech in which he complimented the workers on the excellent programme they had arranged. Those taking part in the concert were James Sadler, Mrs. A. Morris and Mrs. Ritchie, who sang solos; Mrs. Frank McAleer, who gave a reading; Mrs. A. Williams and Mrs. F. Leslie, in a duet, and Mrs. Margaret Lee, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Treadwell and J. Berkeley, in a quartette. The accompanist was Mrs. Lucas. Alfred Dixon arranged the programme and Frank McAleer was leader of the choruses.

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