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LOCAL NEWS. The best of good teas is Red Rose. The old building on Brussels street, next to Sinclair's boot and shoe store has been torn down.

Sch. Ann Louise Lockwood, in ballast, from New York for Hillsborough, put in for harbor yesterday. Millinery opening on Monday and Tuesday, 1st and 2nd April, at St. C. Mullin's, Main street, opposite Douglas avenue.

Fishermen report only a fair catch of gaspareaux for last night. They say the fish are not nearly so plentiful as last season. There were nine Saturday night drunks at the police court today. The usual fine of \$5 or twenty days was imposed.

Henry Gloss, Olie Alberts and Hans Eastman have been reported by the police for disorderly conduct on Carmarthen street. There is a dangerous hole on Broad street, between Carmarthen and Wentworth streets, which needs filling in. Sydney Heath has been reported by the police for working in the city as a baker, without a license, he not being a ratepayer.

The door of No. 133 Charlotte street was found open between two and three o'clock on Sunday morning and closed by the police. The key was left at the central station. A very interesting special meeting of Dominion Lodge, L. O. A., will be held in the Orange hall, Simonds street, on Tuesday evening. Members of other lodges will be present.

It now transpires that the man Mackel, who was selling bread at an outrageous price to the immigrants at Sand Point is in the employ of the C. P. N. News Co. The ordinance of baptism was administered to three candidates in the Main Street Baptist church yesterday morning. The special meetings will be continued on Wednesday and Friday evenings of this week.

The work of laying the new floor in No. 1 Hook and Ladder station is about completed. The material used is red pine, 2 by 3 inch, and is laid edgewise, being spiked together and nailed to the floor. In spite of all expectations to the contrary, very little ice is coming down the river. Parties living a distance up are of the opinion that it will be at least two weeks before the steamers can reach Fredericton, as the ice is still quite firm.

The Young People's society of the Leinster Street Baptist church will hold missionary service this evening. Letters will be read from Rev. H. Y. Corey and Miss Newcomb, now in the mission field. A musical programme will also be carried out. The body of the late Capt. Charles W. Starkey arrived today on the noon train, and was taken to his late residence on Main street, where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

The amusing comedy, "The Snowball" will be given at the school room of the Mission church on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, by the talented amateurs who so successfully produced Mr. Bob and Uncle last year. The piece has been in rehearsal for some time. Rev. Geo. Steel, president of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist conference, left this morning for Toronto to attend a meeting of the transfer committee of the general conference. Mr. Steel will be met at Moncton by Rev. Robt. McArthur of Nappan, president of the Nova Scotia conference, who will accompany him.

A meeting of the shareholders and members of the Exhibition Association will be held at the office of the association, Canterbury street, in this city, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 3.30 p. m., to consider a resolution asking the provincial government and city council to jointly pay off the debts and take over the assets of the association. Capt. Mabey has a large number of men employed on the E. S. Hammetts, recently damaged by fire. Most of the flooring of the lower deck has been taken up, but the heavy timbers are not very badly damaged. Work is being hurried forward as rapidly as possible, and Capt. Mabey expects to have the steamer ready for work in about two weeks.

THIS EVENING. Johnston L. O. L. Carleton Lodge, A. O. U. W. Adolphus Lodge, A. O. U. W. Sliam, I. O. O. F. Gordon Division, S. of T. Monthly meeting No. 1 Salvage Corps Frost Stock Co. at the Institute. Chorus rehearsal of Stabat Mater. Weekly meeting of St. Stephen's Church Guild.

MILLINERY OPENING TODAY. The display of millinery shown by Miss B. H. Munn at her shop on Main street, although not so extensive as those shown in some of the larger establishments, compares very favorably with any of them in respect to beauty and variety of effect. The interior of the store is nicely decorated with colored crepe tissue and baskets of artificial flowers. Among the many styles shown, one especially worthy of notice is a large black plume hat, made of horsehair, with tan crown and brim of rose leaves. The hat is trimmed with sequin wings and green tulle, while the brim is covered with sequin lace and rose foliage.

Another very beautiful sample shown is a large mauve fancy straw picture hat, trimmed with large poppies and foliage, ebonstone buckles and black velvet ribbon. On a table near the door is a pretty grey chiffon bonnet with steel crown, trimmed with steel wings, fresh roses and black velvet ribbon. These hats are only samples of the many very pretty effects in Miss Mullin's establishment, and a visitor to the store could not fail to be pleased with the display.

PARKS' COTTON MILLS. This afternoon the Common Council will probably have to deal with a petition asking the city to assist the Parks' cotton mill in the purchase of bonds. The Telegraph of this morning says that the six aldermen comprising the by-law committee, discussed the matter Saturday afternoon, on the conclusion of other business, and that the majority favored the idea, and instructed the recorder to prepare a bill. This is not the Star's information. Some members of the committee had left the room before the matter was brought up. Those who remained did not deal with the proposition seriously. They had no authority to instruct the recorder to prepare a bill.

If Mr. Skinner has prepared a draft he has done it on the request of individual aldermen, who desired to have the case presented in that form, in order that it might be dealt with in a more practical way. Members of the council seem by the latter express a strong desire to retain the cotton industry, but do not see their way clear to support the proposition for a civic guarantee.

HAY FOR SOUTH AFRICA. The hay press recently brought down from Louisiana, Que by C. B. Jansen is almost ready for work. The machine is set up on the ballast wharf, and is capable of exerting a pressure of between seventy-five and one hundred tons, and will turn out bundles of hay measuring eighteen inches long, fourteen inches wide and eight inches thick, weighing one hundred pounds, at the rate of three per minute. A small dynamo attached to the engine furnishes electric light for night work. It is expected that about fourteen thousand tons of hay will be pressed by the machine while here. Work will in all probability begin tonight.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES. The services during this week (holy week) at the Mission Church of St. John Baptist will be as follows: The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 7.30 and on Monday, Thursday at 7 a. m.; special evenings and services on the nights of the day every evening at 8; on Good Friday the services will be: Children's service at 9 a. m.; Matins and Ante-Communion at 11 a. m.; the three hours service at 12.30, with addresses by Rev. Mr. Kenrick on the seven last words, hymns, etc.; evensong and sermon by Rev. J. DeW. Cowie at 8. The first evensong of the Easter festival will be on Saturday evening at 8.

COLLINS STILL IN JAIL. The man Collins, who was brought back from Dorchester and at present lodged in the jail, continues to cause a great deal of trouble. He is not in any way violent, but seems determined to burn his clothing. By engaging him in conversation, the jailer has enabled to keep him fairly quiet, but he has to be continually watched. As there is only one attendant in the jail his presence there causes much inconvenience. Nothing in regard to his disposal has yet been done, but the jailer has not given up hope and expects that he will be removed some time this week.

STORE IMPROVED. Morrell & Sutherland, dry goods men, have made certain alterations in their store, Charlotte street, that have greatly improved their building. The cloak department has been shifted from the rear of the store to a room on the second floor, and a handsome stairway has been built, leading to it. The prints and cottons are now in the place formerly taken by the cloak department. New counters have been put in, and the rear of the store is splendidly lighted, and everything is compact. The changes will do much to facilitate business.

AT THE INSTITUTE TONIGHT. Tonight at the Mechanics' Institute the Frost Stock Company open a week's engagement in a strong drama of rural life in the Emerald Isle. The funeral of Queen Victoria in the morning picture machine will be given for the first time in St. John. Also illustrated songs and something novel and new, namely, the performing of trained birds, making a programme sure to please all classes. Mr. Frost has strengthened his company and feels confident of pleasing his patrons.

PERSONAL. S. W. Schurman, of Waterville, is in town. Rev. Dr. Black returned from Sisseton this morning. William J. Weatherhead, who has been spending two weeks vacation in the city, left this morning, accompanied by his sister, Lillie Mae, returning to New York. He is employed in a large business establishment. Miss Weatherhead will visit friends in New York for a few weeks. Walter Manchester, who has been studying veterinary science at McGill, came down and went through to his home in Apohaqui on Saturday.

PROF. A. W. GRANNER. Did not appear and the Crowd Remembered the Day. A three line load in the papers and a forgetfulness all around as to the day of the calendar, brought a crowd of people this morning to witness Prof. A. W. Granner, en route to Buffalo, do his wonderful acrobatic climbing act on the spire of St. Andrew's church. Prof. Granner was billed for one engagement only, the show was free to the public, and the public came to see it. About half an hour before the time when the climber was to do his acrobatic work, the crowd began to collect on Germain street, and by ten o'clock there were groups of people from Prince and Duke streets, with their eyes fixed expectantly upon St. Andrew's church. Mist and drizzling rain failed to dampen their ardor, and they stood and watched. Here and there in the crowd were numbers of small boys, children of this world, wiser in their day and generation than their elders, and from their mouths came words of wisdom, "April Fool." But their admonitions were not heeded, and the people still stayed, and from window doors and roofs of houses in the vicinity the people still kept looking, while at the corners somewhat removed from the main body of sight-seers, stood small groups, not wishing to be present, if it were a joke, or absent if the climbing really should take place. Ten minutes, fifteen, half an hour passed, and Prof. A. W. Granner, the acrobatic climber, en route to Buffalo, billed for one day in St. John, failed to appear. The loose slates on the spire of St. Andrew's church began to rattle, and the people grew appreciatively, and the people began to saunter away in a careless manner. By eleven o'clock Germain street had recovered its wonted appearance, which was the only wanted appearance that had showed up.

An inspection of the hotel registers of the hotel registers of the gentleman who had sent in the item to the papers was then found. He said that he had taken in the local as a bona fide affair, and was as badly deceived as any one else. The fact that St. Andrew's church is undergoing repairs made the story appear somewhat plausible, but the authorities of the church knew of no attempt on the part of any one to do a steep climbing act on the spire of their church.

RECENT DEATHS. Mrs. T. G. Barnes of Hampton died yesterday, aged 76 years. Her daughter, R. B. Tweed, and her son, T. W. Barnes, with his wife and family, were with her at the end. The late T. G. Barnes died in 1885, since which time Mrs. Barnes and her son had carried on the commercial business. Besides her children, one brother, Wm. Fowler of Lakeside, aged 87 years, survives her. The death occurred yesterday at Bay View, Manawagonish road, of Mrs. Richard Thompson, aged 81 years. She was a native of Sheffield, Eng. She is survived by her husband, but left no issue. Mr. Thompson, at the same age as his wife, is lying critically ill at his home, and little hope is entertained for his recovery. In his business life Mr. Thompson was the proprietor of the famous Sheffield house on the Market square, conducting the largest jewelry and cutlery establishment in the city. He retired from business about six years ago. Rev. John Jasper, the famous colored advocate of the "sun do move" theory, died at his home, Richmond, Va., on Saturday, aged 90 years. Col. John Paton, formerly of Kingston, Ont., and late of Montreal, died Saturday in London, Eng. Yesterday afternoon the death occurred at Halifax of John Patton. He was 86 years of age, and leaves a widow and several children. Mrs. Eliza McGowan was buried yesterday afternoon, the funeral being held from her late residence, 367 Chesley street. Services were conducted at St. Peter's church, with Rev. F. A. H. P. officiating, and interment took place at the new Catholic cemetery.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH. During this week a programme of special services will be held in St. Mary's church. This evening at 8 p. m. Rev. John de Soyres will conduct the services; Tuesday, 8 p. m. Rev. J. A. Richardson; Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Rev. W. O. Raymond; Thursday, 8 p. m. Rev. J. H. deV. Cowie; Good Friday, 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Sampson; Good Friday, 8 p. m. Rev. W. O. Raymond; Easter Day, 8 a. m. holy communion; Easter Day, 11 a. m., the recitation of the Lord's prayer. During the past year the congregation of St. Mary's has made a splendid effort to complete the improvements in the church and its surroundings, but a balance remains, and the special Easter offerings will be devoted to the payment of this debt.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE. At the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance this morning, there were present Revs. Dr. Read, J. Shenton, D. Long, R. Morson, J. de Soyres, H. Haslam, M. Treston, Dr. Wilson, B. N. Nobles, C. B. Appell, I. A. Smith, Geo. Beller, J. O. Morley, E. A. Geo. Steel, R. W. Weddall, H. F. Waring, C. Clements, of Springfield, and G. E. Williams. Rev. Messrs. Haslam and Williams were introduced and made members of the alliance. A discussion then took place on the twentieth century gospel campaign. At the next meeting of the alliance Rev. R. W. Weddall will deliver an address on prayer.

BILLS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE. H. W. Woods of Welsford appeared before the corporations committee at Fredericton this morning in reference to the St. John Valley railway bill. The bill made Westfield the terminus. He asked that this be changed to Welsford. The committee decided to make it optional with the builders to select either Welsford or Westfield. Mr. Haslam added a clause compelling the company to run the line through the villages of Gagetown and Oromocto. The Grand Falls Power Co. bill was amended making it imperative for them to spend \$20,000 in one year and \$250,000 within three years. In this form the bill was agreed to.

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DOING A GOOD WORK. Happy Time at the Glad Tidings Mission Saturday Night. Rescue the perishing. Care for the dying. Jesus is merciful. Jesus will save. Never were the above lines sung with greater fervor than by the motley assembly in the Glad Tidings Hall on Saturday evening. A great number of the singers were young, some of them not over ten years of age, and the whole-souled manner in which these little people, many of whom had, perhaps, very seldom seen the inside of a Sabbath school or church, until the Glad Tidings Mission was started, sang the words of this beautiful hymn would immediately assure a listener of the value of the work being done. The occasion was the regular free Saturday night concert, and the capacity of the hall was taxed to the utmost to find room for the representatives of the varied classes of residents in that section of the city. But Rev. T. J. Deines and his capable assistants were fully equal to the task. The concert opened with the singing by all present of the hymn from which the above lines are taken, after which Mr. Gardner, the superintendent, led in an appeal to the Almighty for guidance in their work, concluding with the Lord's prayer, in which all joined. These concerts are thoroughly enjoyed by both young and old, and are fully proven by the manner in which they are given. The programme on Saturday evening was a good one, as are all the programmes given at these concerts, and the attention accorded to the different performers shows both the respect commanded and freely given to the gentlemen in charge, and the desire of the audience to enjoy the various solos and readings as much as possible. No stamping of feet is allowed in the hall, nor, in fact, any method of applauding, except by the clapping of hands. And how those children did clap when any piece particularly pleased them. The performers, too, showed a willingness to oblige the audience, and often were compelled to respond to encores. Any one who does not comprehend the good work that is being done by the Glad Tidings Mission need only attend one of these Saturday night concerts or the special evangelistic meetings held on

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS. In the course of his sermon in the Mission church last evening Rev. C. B. Kenrick said that to make the sign of the cross with recollection and devotion was to compress into one brief action many prayers and readings on the passion. The speaker concluded by pointing out its significance and helpfulness, as used on the forehead, the lips or the breast. He spoke also of the sign of the cross being made when saying the creed and receiving absolution and at other times. It was a holy and a blessed sign. Men might tell story in it and fix their eyes upon it in prayer and make it upon their persons, for it brought them near to Jesus and reminded them of His saving passion. He was their salvation and their only hope, and to His cross they must cling if they would be saved.

HOME FROM CHICAGO. W. A. Erb and Mrs. Erb, formerly of Apohaqui, but who have been living in Chicago for the last ten years, arrived in St. John on Saturday and are spending a few days with relatives at 229 Duke street. It is their intention to remain in New Brunswick, and they will probably settle near Belleisle. Mr. Erb will go to Hampton on Wednesday and go through to Belleisle. Both Mr. and Mrs. Erb have many friends in St. John and Kings county, who are glad to welcome them home again from the west.

AFTERNOON SERVICES. The young men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday was addressed by Chas. Macdonald, J. Hunter White and others. Rev. R. R. Morson will conduct the services during the remainder of the month. His subjects are: April 7, Friendship; April 14, Pleasure; April 21, Pain; April 28, Work.