

Sir Charles speaks.

The complimentary banquet to Sir Charles Tupper, and to Hon. Duncanson Gillies and Hon. Sir Robert G. W. Herbert, agents respectively for the colonies of Victoria and Tasmania, in London, at St. George's club on the 5th inst. was a most successful affair. The hall was half hung with colonial flags. Major General Sir Owen Burnes presided and 150 guests sat down at table. Lord Amhurst, private secretary to Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the colonies; Sir Charles Rivers, Viscount, the Marquis of Tweedmouth, and all of the colonial agents in London, except that for Cape Colony, were present. The Canadians present included J. G. Colmore, Hon. A. G. Jones, General Laurie, R. H. Pope, Sir Terry O'Brien, Sir Donald Smith and Sandford Fleming. Major General Burnes toasted and eulogized Sir Charles Tupper, and the toast was drunk with all standing, amid great enthusiasm. Sir Charles Tupper replied and in return eulogized Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian high commissioner in London. "I feel a great admiration for the United States, but I do not desire to possess their institutions. I feel that there is a greater security under British institutions for life, property and liberty. Canadians are greatly flattered at the desire of the United States to possess Canada, but so deep is their loyalty and so united are the Canadians that the acquisition is impossible." This expression was greeted with loud cheers. Sir Charles Tupper continuing, said, that they knew Canada would be the battle ground of any struggle between the United States and Great Britain, but there was not a public man or any other in Canada who would not do or die to maintain British unity. On this question all parties were united as men. The speech of the Canadian ex-premier was received with tumultuous applause. Hon. Duncanson Gillies, the agent for Victoria, said that he had never heard a better speech, and he hoped that it would try to build up a united empire like Canada. The colonies and the mother country, he concluded, intend to remain united.

JOHN McLEOD, agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia at St. John's, died on Monday from blood poisoning from a tooth extraction last Thursday.

A Dreadful Accident.

News reached Quebec on Wednesday the 5th of a dreadful occurrence at Roberval, Lake St. John, on Tuesday night the 5th. The tidings were so shocking that the whole community was thrown into consternation. The Ursuline convent at Roberval was burned during the night in question and seven of the nuns in connection with it were burned to death in their beds. The seven nuns who lost their lives were smothered in the smoke. The names of the dead and their religious titles respectively are: Mother St. Francois de Paul, nee Eliza Gosselin, of St. Jean Chrysostome; Mother Providence, nee Emma Leloneau, of Quebec; Mother St. Ursula, nee Corinne, nee Laure Hudon, of St. Corinne; Mother St. Antoine de Padua, nee Catherine Bouille, of Deschambault; Mother St. Dominique, nee Louise Marie Girard of Roberval; Mother St. Louise, nee Rose Gosselin, of St. Jean Chrysostome. Still another nun was badly burned in trying to extinguish the fire. The convent and the school are nothing but a mass of ruins. The buildings on the experimental farm are saved. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, with only about \$12,000 insurance. The convent belonged to the Ursulines and was called Our Lady of Lake St. John. It was founded in 1882. Rev. Mother Elizabeth Gosselin is the superior. In the establishment were 25 nuns and 50 scholars. About one hundred outside scholars attended the school during the day, but these were absent when the fire occurred. The origin of the flames is not yet known, though they are supposed to have originated from a defective heating apparatus. The seven nuns who are missing were more than probably burned to death in their beds. They belonged to the diocese of Bishop Labreque, of Chloctim, Roberval famed as the summer resort on Lake St. John, is about 180 miles north of Quebec.

At the City Council meeting on Monday night the Curfew by-law was advanced to a second reading. By its provisions, children under 16 years of age will not be allowed on the streets after 8.15 from November to May, and not after 9.15 from May to November, unless accompanied by parents or guardians, or being able to give ample reason for not being at home.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Quebec Legislature prorogued on Saturday last. A general election may be held in March.

The Methodist Church at Truro, N. S., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,000 on Sunday last.

The Liberal Peers will meet on the 18th inst. for the purpose of electing a leader of the party in the House of Lords.

London advises say that the Irish coinage is to be reduced by 2,000 men, thereby effecting a saving to Ireland of twenty thousand pounds annually.

All the staff of the Canadian Supt. canal, including the mechanical superintendent, have been discharged with the exception of superintending Boyd.

The steamship Durham City, from St. John for Liverpool was sighted off Whitehead, N. S., on Sunday last, flying signals of distress. When reached it was found that her shaft was broken.

The Post Office Department has issued a notification that parcels for Queensland, Victoria and Australia may hereafter be forwarded via Vancouver at the same rates as to Sydney—24 cents per pound.

It is as good as settled that the command of this year's Blaisy team will fall to Major John Macdonald, of the Hamilton. The adjutant will fall either on Major Dunbar, of the 8th Rifle, or Lieutenant Page, of the Royal Artillery, Quebec.

The annual statement of the Charlotte-Town Savings Bank has been made public. The balance due depositors January 1st, 1895, was \$1,826,782.66; added during the year \$342,979.44, withdrawn, \$384,509.47, balance due depositors \$1,785,252.63; balance due depositors at Summerside agency \$315,954.71.

The Postmaster-General has in contemplation a radical change affecting the rate of mail clerks. It is proposed to constitute them members of the inside service of the Post office Department, with a permanent head at Ottawa, B. M. Armstrong, of the Toronto Division, is spoken of as the head of the new branch.

A CORNISH M.R., despatch to the Gardiner says: P. E. Gallant, aged 23, a brakeman on the Maine Central Railway, and a native of P. E. Island, fell from the train and was run over. Both feet were crushed so that amputation was necessary below the knee. One arm was also broken. He is here in the Maine General Hospital.

The successful candidates in the qualifying civil service examinations recently held at Charlottetown are: Rob Angus, Wallace Coffin, Frederick H. Heaz, Wm. A. Martin, Arthur Wm. Pigott, John David Subeulski, Frederick A. Brown, Wm. A. Foad, Frederick C. McLean, Ellis F. Moye, R. Reer Ramsey, J. Harry Williams.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. officials say it will take them until next March to fill all the orders they have already got for flour from Australia. They have been shipping to that continent since last summer, and in addition to the large quantity forwarded they have also sent about 1,000 tons of wheat to be turned into flour when it reaches there.

ACCORDING to the Sun word has been received in St. John that Capt. Allan Campbell of the big four-masted ship Andorinha was swept overboard and drowned while on the passage from Philadelphia to Calcutta. The ship arrived at the latter port on December 24th. Captain Campbell was a native of Prince Edward Island, and an uncle of Mrs. Walter Hazard, of St. John's. He leaves a widow who resides in Liverpool.

A MONTREAL despatch says that the Superior Court Judges, twenty-six in number, are almost on a strike. The city judges get \$5,000 a year, and those in the country \$4,000. They ask for higher salaries, or it is said that there are ten ready to retire if the pension be increased from two-thirds to three-quarters of the present salary. Some think that the Government will accede to the latter, the change will give Mr. Laurier an opportunity of providing for ten Grit lawyers.

The steamer Stanley came to port direct from Picton on Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday forenoon, it was out of this harbor the barkentine "Kathleen," owned by John Yeo, M. P., laden with oats for the English market, which had been frozen in here. After towing the vessel to open water, the Stanley returned to Georgetown and made the last trip on Monday, the mails reaching here as usual in the evening. Likely this is the first time that a vessel has left this port on the 10th of January.

CAPTAIN DELANE, of the steamer Tiber, who was supposed to be in command of the steamer at the present, is in reality living quietly at his home in Quebec. Captain Delane, chief officer, took the Tiber across to Great Britain, the Captain Delane remained behind at the advice of his counsel, as it was thought the Newfoundland authorities might attempt to arrest him in Great Britain. The discovery that Captain Delane was not on board the Tiber was made after the steamer's arrival at Queenstown.

AN extraordinary celestial phenomenon was visible at New Orleans about 7 o'clock a few mornings ago. The sky was overcast with a peculiar pinkness, and the rays reflected gave the earth the appearance of being on fire. The remarkable display lasted perhaps ten minutes, but it was startling during its brief existence. It was followed by a dense fog along the lake front. Persons residing at the west end were much frightened. The waters of Lake Pontchartrain were driven in and overflowed Spanish Fort and all the roads leading from the city to Lake, in some places reaching a depth of three feet.

A HALIFAX despatch says: The schooner Sarah L. Ogner, Capt. Edward Hayes, of Herring Cove, was fishing off Chelmsford Head, twenty miles from Halifax, when the vessel fouled a sunken wreck in forty fathoms of water. In hauling the trawl's backstay with deadweight attached was brought to the surface. It is believed to be that of the brig. Brazil that was coming here from the West Indies some years ago. She took a pilot off the harbor, was blown off and never heard from. She belonged to R. L. Hart, and it was one of the most remarkable marine mysteries ever heard of here, in sight of her wharf and never seen more and no trace of her pilot crew ever found.

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List of Ratepayers for the City of Charlottetown

In default for Assessment due on Real Property for the year ending 31st Decem-

ber, 1896, containing names of all such defaulters, and the amount due from them, respectively, with a statement of the Number of the Town Lot, Water Lot, and Common Lot upon which or any part thereof, such Assessment is in default.

Name of Ratepayer in Default.	Statement or Description of Property upon which such Assessment is made.	Amount of Assessment in default & unpaid.
Angus, Rob.	House, Brick, and Land on Town Lot No. 42, 1st hundred	\$33.75
Birch, John	House and Land on Town Lot No. 72, 3rd hundred	3.37
Carmichael, James	House and Land on Town Lot No. 32, 2nd hundred	6.75
McDonald, J. S.	House and Land on Town Lot No. 73, 3rd hundred	10.12
Dockendorf, Jas. & Chas	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 20, 4th hundred	1.08
Eskelund, John G.	House and Land on Town Lot No. 11, 1st hundred	30.94
Gedkin, Flora	House and Land on Town Lot No. 50, 52 and 53, 4th hundred	10.69
Godfrey, Frank	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 50, 52 and 53, 4th hundred	6.19
Hughes, Peter	House and Land on Common Lot 22	6.75
Hooper, Elias	House and Land on Town Lot No. 78, 5th hundred	9.00
Irving, William H.	House and Land on Town Lot No. 8, 3rd hundred	6.75
Kelly, Patrick	House and Land on Town Lot No. 33, 34 and 35, hundred	5.06
Melkie, Mary Theresa	House and Land on Town Lot No. 93, 4th hundred	4.50
Mugford, William G.	House and Land on Common Lot 22	5.06
McNeill, Duncan	House and Land on Common Lot 22	8.44
McNeill, Duncan	Vacant Land on Common Lot 22	1.97
Ford, Jane (W.A.O.)	House and Land on Town Lot No. 97 and 98, 1st hundred	33.75
S. McNutt, Trust-	House and Land on Common Lot No. 11 and 12	1.50
Pineo, Martin	House and Land on Town Lot No. 80 and 81, 4th hundred	30.00
Ryan, Deborah	House and Land on Common Lot No. 22	19.12
Rackham, Henry	House and Land on Town Lot No. 20, 3rd hundred	11.25
Steele, Robert	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 53, 3rd hundred	2.19
Stewart, George	House and Land on Town Lot No. 83, 2nd hundred	6.75
Trainor, Patrick	House and Land on Common Lot 23	2.25
Thorne, Richard	House and Land on Common Lot 23	31.50
Thorne, Richard	Vacant Land on Common Lot 23	4.50
Vickerson, Maria A.	House and Land on Town Lot No. 93, 2nd hundred	8.50
Wangman, George	House and Land on Town Lot No. 83, 5th hundred	2.19
Willson, Mark	House and Land on Common Lot 22	2.00
Williams, John	Vacant Land on Common Lot 27	4.00
Williams, John	House and Land on Common Lot 24	11.25
Ward, Robert	House and Land on Common Lot 25	5.62

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute 51 Victoria, Cap. 12, Section 91, after 30 days publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment severally levied upon their Real Property in said City, I will make an application to His Honor, the Deputy Magistrate of said City, for judgment against each and all of the lands above described for the respective amounts so levied against them, and then unpaid, and that upon such judgment being duly entered I will further apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands.

Dated this 21st day of December, A. D. 1896.

Dec. 22, '96—41

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