AN EVENT OF INTEREST TO ALL THE PROVINCE

Mr. T. B. Hanington, ex-postmaster of St. John and Mrs. Hanington, will on next Wednesday, June 23, at their summer home at Ketepec, celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The event will be of deep interest to people throughout the entire province. A large number of friends and relatives will take part in the celebration.

Married in 1859.

The ceremony which the celebration of next week will commemorate took place at the Church of England at Gagetown on June 23rd, 1859, when Miss Frances Phoebe Augusta Tilley was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with her cousin, Mr. Thos. B. Hanington, son of the Honorable Daniel Hanington, of Shediac. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thos. Neales. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hanington are members of families who have made their mark upon the political and social history of the province.

Of Mrs. Hanington's family the history is too widely known to need repetition. Her father, Mr. Thos. Tilley was a general storekeeper at Gagetown. He was of Loyalist stock and known as a man of great stability of character, of means and ability. She is a sister of the late Sir Leonard Tilley, who as Lieutenant Governor of the province was revered and loved by all who knew him either personally or by repute. The living sisters of Mrs. Hanington are Mrs. Alderton, of Jacksonville, N. B., Mrs. Harrison, wife of the Methodist clergyman at Chatham, Miss Augusta, Mrs. T. B. Barker, of St. John, and Mrs. Taylor, of Gagetown are deceased.

An Interesting History.

The history of Mr. T. B. Hanington's family is a more than ordinarily interesting one. Beginning in the days when the greater part of the province was as yet untrodden by the foot of a white man down to the present the family has taken a very prominent part in politics and in the professions. The first appearance of the name of Hanington in the annals of the province is found when in 1779 one Wm. Hanington, a native of England, obtained a large grant of land from the King of England. This grant was supposed to be a suburb of Halifax, but upon landing there Mr. Hanington was unable to locate his grant. With the aid of Indian guides he finally located the land in the vicinity of what is now Shediac, New Brunswick. He was the first Englishman to settle in that section of the country. His son Daniel Hanington, afterwards the Honorable Daniel Hanington, represented his county in the Legislature for forty years and was for many years Speaker of the House. He was also collector of customs for the port of Shediac and occupied many other public positions of trust and responsibility.

Mr. T. B. Hanington was a son of Honorable Daniel Hanington. His brothers and sisters were as follows: Wm. Hanington, now deceased, father of Rev. Canon Hanington, of Norton; Georgina C. Hanington, Judge Daniel L. Hanington, Mrs. E. V. Godfrey, Mrs. (Rev.) W. S. Covert, Rev. Canon Hanington, of Ottawa, Augustus H. Hanington, K. C., of this city, Dr. James P. Hanington, of Montreal, Mr. C. F. Hanington, C. E., who was one of the engineers on the first survey across the continent for the C. P. R., Dr. Ernest B. C. Hanington, of Victoria, B. C. who died in British Columbia a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hanington have lived the greater part of their married life in this city. After a long lifetime they are both enjoying, in good health and spirits, the leisure age (that is age only as numbered in years) to which an active and useful life entitles them. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanington. Of these one died in infancy. Mr. Fred E., I. R. C. ticket agent, of this city, and Dr. Blois Hanington, of Philadelphia, are sons; the daughters are Mrs. Dr. James Manning and Mrs. Horace Wetmore, of this city, Miss Gertrude, of Boston, and Mrs. Geo. Harper, of Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Hanington suffered a great sorrow in the year 1890, when their third son, Percy, was drowned in the Kennebeccasis River while skating.

Mr. Hanington was for many years engaged in business, first as druggist and afterwards as auctioneer. In the year 1890 he was appointed to the position of postmaster, which position he filled most acceptably until April of this year, when he was superannuated.

All the relatives who reside in the city, including the children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, will be present at the gathering on the 23rd, as well as many relatives from other places. Mrs. Blois Hanington and her daughter, of Philadelphia, reached the city some days ago to attend the celebration.

Freedom Did Not Agree With Sullivan

Dennis Sullivan, who was arrested on the 17th inst. for drunkenness and stabbing Officer Perry, fined $8 for being drunk and allowed to go without being molested for the more serious charge as the sheriff had miscalculated the remand days, to be three clear days, when they were not, was unfortunate in not ridding the city of his undesired presence, as it was rumored he had. About nine o'clock last evening, Sullivan was found on North Market street in a complete state of inebriation. Officers Lucas and McCollum escorted him to the Central Police Station, where he was locked up in a cell. It is altogether likely that the hearing of the charge of stabbing will be resumed and the testimony of Dr. G. A. B. Addy, who dressed the officer's injuries will be heard.

Another Baseball Team.

It is understood that another attempt is being made to organize another baseball team to take the place of the Clippers in the Clipper-Marathan series if those teams do not come to some agreement. The new team, it is said, is being organized by a person who has had considerable local experience in managing ball teams.

St. Andrew's Cadets.

St. Andrew's cadets marched out last night and attracted considerable attention in their kilts and white shell jackets. Major Magee is instructing the corps, which will go inspected by Col. White, D. O. C., next week.

REPORT ON WATER RATES AND GERMAIN STREET PAVEMENT PETITION GO TO THE BOARDS

Yesterday the Common Council, at a special meeting referred the matter of water assessment back to the Water and Sewerage Board and the matter of the permanent pavement for which residents of Germain street have petitioned, to the Board of Public Works.

Neither action s was performed without strenuous opposition. Ald. Keiley backed by a majority had the report of the Water and Sewerage Board regarding water rates referred back on the ground that manufacturers were taxed excessively. Ald. Frink and a strong minority desired that the report be adopted.

The matter of the permanent pavement brought on considerable discussion and a motion to ask the Board of Public Works to call for tenders for the paving of Germain street by the Hassam process was defeated.

Those Present.

Those present were Mayor Bullock, Ald. Elkin, Kelley, Codner, Frink, Hayes, McGoldrick, Sproul, Wilson, Potts and Likely.

Ald. Frink moved that the report of the Water and Sewerage Board be adopted. He said it was the opinion of the Recorder that the Council could not amend the report of the Water and Sewerage Board with reference to rates but must accept or reject it.

Ald. McGoldrick seconded the motion.

Ald. Kelley's Amendment.

Ald. Kelley said there was a manifest disposition among the members to give some concessions to the manufacturers and he thought it would be better to refer the matter back to the Water and Sewerage Board. He moved an amendment to that effect seconded by Ald. Codner.

The amendment was carried and the matter now goes back to the Water and Sewerage Board to go over the rates again.

Germain Street Petition.

Ald. McGoldrick read a petition from residents of Germain street for the paving of a portion of Germain street with Hassam cement, agreeing to pay their share under the law, their payments not to exceed $2.50 per lineal foot of frontage. He moved that the petition be referred to the Recorder to say if the petition is legal, and then it then go to the Board of Works to call for tenders.

Ald. Kelley Opposed.

Ald. Kelley was not in favor of tying the city up to the Hassam company or any other company. He had no objection to dealing with the paving proposition, but he believed the contract should be open to all makers of pavements. He did not feel that the city should be committed to the Hassam pavement.

He moved in amendment that the petition be laid on the table.

Discussion followed.

The Vote.

Ald. Kelley, Sproul, Potts and Wilson voted to refer the matter to the next Council.

Ald. Scully, Codner, Elkin, McGoldrick, Likely, Frink and Hayes voted nay, and so the proposal as presented goes to the Board of Works.

During the discussion of the street paving contract, Ald. Kelley raised an objection that the petition could not be dealt with as it had not been before the Council twenty-four hours, but declined to press this although Ald. McGoldrick sought to have him do so. There were one or two lively passages between Ald. Potts, Kelley and McGoldrick in which the two former intimated that aldermen should not have accepted a free trip and Ald. McGoldrick denied that the aldermen had been in any way influenced by the attentions the paving company had paid them.

Afternoon Meetings.

Ald. Elkin suggested that for the next three months the board meetings be held in the afternoons.

Ald. Kelley favored evening meetings, as at present. The motion for day meetings was adopted, 6 to 5.

AHMED RIZA'S SISTER WRITES CHEERING LETTER FROM TURKEY TO NATIONAL COUN. OF WOMEN

Special to The Standard.

Toronto, Ont., June 17.—The executive committee of the National Council of Women, at their meeting today spent a long session clearing the way for the business of the council which will meet for the first time tomorrow morning at the University.

During the meeting of the committee Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, honorary corresponding secretary, gave her report in which she gave with more detail the story of the expansion of the movement upon which Lady Aberdeen touched briefly last night.

Letter From Ahmed Riza's Sister.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mrs. Bowen, of Constantinople, a sister of Ahmed Riza, the president of the new Turkish parliament.

Mrs. Bowen wrote saying that she was hopeful of forming a National Council for the women of Turkey before very long and the executive elected Mrs. Sila Hunun as honorary vice-president, with power to carry on Mrs. Bowen's desires into effect.

From Finland Baroness Gripenburg wrote saying that a council was about to be formed there while from ancient Egypt the same news came.

The Couness DePhilosohof reported that the Minister of the Interior had consented to allow the formation of a council in Russia.

These cheering tidings were received with enthusiasm by the council.

Elected Life Patrons.

The following were elected life patrons of the council: Mrs. Marie Ekman, Sweden; Froken Lavonius, a daughter of the late Governor of Finland, Stockholm; Mrs. Henry Bovey, chairman of the Montreal council; Fraulein Helen Lange, Germany.

As quinquennial patrons the following were also elected: Countess Ruuth Stockholm; Miss Paludan Muller, president of the Danish council; Miss Krijner, proxy for the president of Hungary; Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells, editor of the Women's Exponent, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Young Gates, founder of the Young Women's Journal, Salt Lake City, and the Hon. Mrs. Ed. Franklin, Mrs. Symes Thomson, Mrs. Veiti, Mrs. B. Laikie, Mrs. Muff and Dr. Mary Madder, for Great Britain and Ireland.

Invitations for the holding of the executive meeting and the quinquennial council for 1914 were received from France, Norway, Australia and Italy and these will be considered in due course by the council.

Contest for President.

There will be a contest for the office of president. Lady Aberdeen has been renominated and Madame Jules Siegfried, France, is also a candidate.

PULP WOOD AND PRINT PAPER ON THE FREE LIST?

Washington, D. C., June 17.—The battle to place woodpulp and print paper upon the free list was opened in the senate today under the leadership of Senator Brown of Nebraska. Going over to that portion of the chamber in which Senators Aldrich, Hale, Frye, Lodge, Gallinger, Smoot and other leaders have their seats, the Nebraskan stood in the middle of the opposing force, and with good-natured bandied thrusts which came from all quarters as he delivered telling speech in behalf of the cause he has espoused.

Showing familiarity with all available information on the woodpulp and paper schedule, Mr. Brown frequently quoted authorities to sustain his contention that wood pulp and print paper are both produced in the United States with cheaper labor and cheaper materials, resulting in a cheaper product than can be obtained in the Dominion of Canada. Citing rates of wages in this country and in Canada, he undertook to show that the United States has an advantage in that respect. Turning to his Republican colleagues, he asked them how, in view of that fact, they could justify a duty on these products "for the protection of labor."

Without divulging the source of their information in any definite manner, Senators Aldrich and Hale flatly contradicted these statements with reference to wages and cost of production. They insisted that the Mann committee of the House of Representatives, from which Mr. Brown quoted was lacking in accurate testimony and contended that, even accepting that report, it could not be maintained that the United States had an advantage in the production. This dispute ran along for two hours.

Humbugs, He Says.

There was a large attendance of Democrats, which for the most part remained silent throughout the debate. Senator Tillman was an exception. With characteristic brusqueness he asked how it was that newspapers advocating a protective tariff desired free trade in the materials they use. Then, looking over the senate with a frown, and stamping his foot upon the silken carpet, the South Carolinian declared:

"They are humbugs!"

STEWART CASE ON THE WHOLE DAY

Special to The Standard.

Hopewell Cape, N. B., June 17.—Before Judge Wedderburn here today the hearing of the Stuart case was resumed and occupied the whole day. Mariner Downing, witness for the crown concluded his evidence at noon. Mr. Downing, who is an expert builder of aboideaux, testified that the estimate cost of the work was between $80 and $90. Witness did not see defendant on the work until the day before it was completed.

Mr. Chandler, for the defence, moved for a withdrawal from the jury on the grounds that there was no proof of defendant receiving money, or proof of false pretences. Mr. Chandler argued at length citing anthorities. Mr. Jonah, in reply, contended that there was substantial evidence to support the indictment..

His Honor ruled that while the Crown had not made a strong case, yet he would not feel justified in withdrawing the case from the jury; and witnesses were called as follows: Bayard Steeves, John M. Kiever. Andrew O. Barber and William E. Stiles.

All testified to the damage done to the highway by the flooding of the marsh, through the breaks in the railroad. Edmund Kinnie testified to acting for the defendant in overseeing the work and hiring the men and teams.

Mr. Kinnie admitted in cross-examination that he charged $10 for the use of a few deals, and received them back after the work had been done. Kinnie was still on the stand when the court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

JOURNALIST ARRIVES FROM MOOSE JAW

W. J. Cates, of the Moosejaw News, dropped into The Standard office yesterday. Mr. Cotes is a Toronto product, but a few years ago he went to the west, or rather, as he says to the central part of Canada.

It was only after three or four years at Moosejaw that Mr. Cates went west. Then he crossed to the Pacific and sailed to Prince Rupert. Having seen one ocean front of the Dominion he thought he should see the other. So he came east on his first trip to the Maritime Provinces.

"The crop prospect is really good," says Mr. Cates, "Don't think this is the usual claim. The season is late, but not like 1907. We are really not so late as Ontario.

Saskatchewan has 12 per cent. more wheat sown than last year. We look for a good crop."

Moosejaw fought hard for the provincial university. So did Regina, the capital. But Saskatoon gets it.

Prince Rupert has its own points. It is built by white labor. There are hardly a dozen Orientals in the whole town. A man who employs Asiatics cannot get admitted to the Board of Trade. It is surprising how well they get along without them.

There is talk, Mr. Cates says, of a new Conservative paper at Regina, or perhaps the purchase of the Standard, or some arrangement to make it a morning paper.

Mr. Cates will perhaps go to Boston. He has never been in New England and thinks he should not miss the chance.

MARYSVILLE WON FROM THE VICTORIAS

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, June 17.—The Marysville baseball team won another game by defeating the Victorias at Scully's Grove, tonight, by a score of 7 to 1.

Marysville's victory was due to the grand box work of George Brogan and the weird work in the field by the Victorias who played the dopiest variety of ball when a little inside work would have meant a lot. Charlie McKinnon was on the mound for the Vics and pitched good enough ball to win.

Rev. J. H. McDonald, pastor of Brunswick street Baptist church, received word yesterday of the death of his father, Donald McDonald, at Margaree, Cape Breton. He was eighty-six years of age and leaves a widow, six daughters and four sons.

An assault case, in which information was laid by Daniel O'Brien, caretaker of the Parliament buildings, was settled and withdrawn at the police court this morning.

WILL VISIT FOR TWO MONTHS IN IRELAND

Mr. Andrew Leach and Mr. Thomas Cogger left by last evening's Montreal train to take the Empress of Britain Raimouski. They will spend about two months in Ireland.

Mr. Leach has been for a year and a half on the superanuation list of the I. R. C. his destination in Ireland is an unspellable village on the river Boyne. In speaking of the locality last evening, Mr. Leach was referred very disparagingly to the river which was, he said, no more than ankle deep at that point.

Mr. Leach is one of St. John's veteran seafaring men. He has sailed in many ships out of this port. His residence in St. John has been of forty years' duration, commenced when he arrived here as a lad of twelve. Since then he has spent two years in Australia.

Mr. Cogger goes to Ireland to revisit the birthplace of his parents. He himself was born in St. John.

FOREST FIRES IN MAINE ARE SPRINGING UP

Presque Isle, Me., June 17.—Embers of the recent forest fires which devasted great areas of forest land in this vicinity were fanned into new life today by a southerly gale with much resultant damage. Near Echo lake, 5 miles south of here, nine sets of buildings were levelled by the resistless sweep of the flames. At Fort Fairfield Junction, in the southern part of this town, sparks from a swamp fire caused the burning of a potato warehouse.

Among the losers of property by the Echo lake fire were John Shorey, Joseph Lee, Melville Ricker, Michael Cashman, F. Henderson and W. English. Very little insurance was carried on any of the burned structures which were mostly farm buildings and the loss to the owners is nearly total, probably amounting in all to $20,000.

The forest fires hereabouts were subdued by heavy showers a few days ago, and no apprehension of further danger was felt until this morning when the south wind assumed the velocity of a real gale, stirring up the smouldering remnants of the old fires and sending sparks among the trees near the Echo Lake Settlement. In a very short time after the danger was discovered the flames had advanced upon the village, destroying structure after structure in the outskirts. It was not until a path had been swept through the settlement clear to the shore of the lake that the blaze was stopped.

REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE N. B. AND P. E. I. METHODIST CONFERENCE ARE ENCOURAGING

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, N. B., June 17.—In the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist conference today after the usual devotional exercises a call was made for reports of committees when the following on nominations was handed in:

Nominating committee met and organized, Rev. R. Crisp, chairman; Rev. A. D. McLeod, secretary.

Parsonage Aid Committee—Ministers: H. D. Marr, S. Howard, J. A. Ives, G. F. Dawson, B. O. Hartman, Edward Bell.

Laymen—Henry Smith, H. W. Turner, A. B. Christie, J. A. Humphreys, J. W. Robertson, T. A. Clark.

Visitors to Mt. Allison—Ministers: J. W. McConnell, Thos. Stebbings, C. W. Squires, J. S. Gregg, W. B. Thomas, E. C. Turner, H. E. Thomas, A. D. McCully, Thos. Hicks.

Laymen—E. R. Machum, H. Rogers, J. A. Lindsay, A. C. Powers, C. R. Dove, J. D. Chipman, J. A. Brace, Henry Smith, W. C. Turner.

Board of Trusts—Ministers, Thos. Marshall, Geo. M. Campbell J. W. McConnell.

Laymen—J. Hunter White, W. D. Baskin, J. A. Likely.

Enrollment Committee—Ministers, R. G. Fulton, J. J. Pinkerton.

Laymen—B. A. Lindsay, R. Duncan Smith.

Letter Writers—Rev. Chas. R. Flanders, Rev. Richard W. Weddall.

Missionary Committee—Ministers: Thos. Marshall, J. A. Rodgers, W. Rogers, Pepper, Thos. Pierce, W. B. Thomas, C. Flemmington, W. W. Lodge, J. M. Rice, Geo. Steel, Geo. R. Ross.

Laymen—J. N. Harvey, Jas. Lamont, J. R. Kirkpatrick, H. Phair, Geo. A. Fawcett, S. S. Hall, Dr. J. T. Mellish, J. A. Brace, J. L. Thorne.

Pulpit Supply—Ministers: J. C. Berrie, Harry Harrison, Geo. A. Ross.

Laymen—J. A. Lindsay.

Temperance and Moral Reform—Ministers, H. E. Thomas, A. D. McLeod, C. Flemmington, C. W. Hamilton, J. B. Gough. Laymen—Chas. Sampson, J. B. Weddall, L. C. Strong, Wm. Munroe, M. D. Austin.

Committee to Co-operate With Committees Appointed—Ministers: Thos. Marshall, Geo. Steel, James Strothard. Laymen—Dr. Allison, Joseph Bullock, Wm. Boyle.

Nominating Committee—Ministers: B. Crisp, Thos. Stebbings, Thos. Pierce, J. B. Young, B. O. Hartman, Wm. Wass, J. M. Rice, A. D. McLeod. Laymen—John A. Humphreys, Howard Rodgers, John A. Lindsay, Herbert Phair, G. B. Burnett, Herbert Turner, H. W. Turner.

Superannuation Fund.

The order of the day was taken up which referred to the supernumerary fund, an annual subject for discussion, and resolutions were adopted. The relations between the Methodist ministers and the Methodist Church are unlike those that obtain in other communions. The late Rev. Dr. Paisley, when travelling agent for this fund, put the case thus—when the fund was organized a contract was entered in between the ministers and the Church by which the former engaged to devote themselves entirely to the work of the Church, to go where they were sent, and to pay an annual fee of $10 which was later raised to $12 and still later to a much larger sum. The Church was to pay each man on becoming supernumary $10 per year for every year he had been in active service. Thus a man of 25 years' standing would be entitled to $250 per year, his widow half that amount. The contract has not been fulfilled on the part of the Church and claimants are paid off at 80 cents to the dollar.

This is certainly not because of inability on the part of the people, as is clearly shown in the enthusiastic and liberal responses made to the appeals of the Laymen's Misionary Movement. What then is the reason why the men who "have borne the burden and heat of the day," and have made the church what she is today, are so shabbily dealt with? What about the contract, should it not be respected?

From the discussion today, in which several took part, the income was stated to be the interest on invested funds and the receipts from the three Maritime Conferences in donations, collections, bequests, etc. The fund is under general conference control and nothing can be done until after the next meeting of that body a year hence.

The supernumerary ministers for the current year are the following: John S. Allen, Thos. Allen, D. B. Bayley, Douglas Chapman, Henry J. Clark, John J. Cotter, Chas. Comben, J. Duke, Edwin Evans, George Harrison, Isaac Howle, A. E. Lepage, I. N. Parker, Joseph Parkins, Joseph Pascoe, George B. Payson, S. Price, Elias Slackford, Charles Stewart, John J. Teasdale, Stephen T. Teed, Robert Wilson.

An Immediate Effort

After a very animated discussion of the various phases of the subject, a resolution was moved by Mr. J. N. Harvey that a committee be appointed to see whether or not, pending other plans, a special appeal could not be made to our people for an aggregate amount of 90 cents per member to meet the immediate need, the twenty per cent deficiency above referred to.

Ministers From Other Churches

In the ministerial session the report of the committee on the application of ministers from other churches was received, and the following was the result. Rev. Mr. Ormin from the Reformed Episcopal church, and the Rev. Mr. Brown from the Baptist church were received as ministers of the conference. The admission of the Rev. Gilbert Earle of the Wesleyan church in the West Indies for a year when if all goes well he will be received to full membership with the conference.

Laymen's Association

The second annual meeting of the Laymen's Association convened at 2 p. m., the President, J. N. Harvey in the chair. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

President J. N. Harvey; Vice-President, J. Hunter White; Secretary-Treasurer, R. Duncan Smith; executive Committee, B. M. Palmer, C. A. Sampson; E. R. Machum, A. E. Hamilton and Jas. Bullock. The following committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws; Chairman, E. R. Machum, J. N. Harvey, Arthur C. Powers, James Lamont, J. Hunter White.

Against the Amalgamation

The report of the committee on amalgamation of the children's fund and sustenation funds. Your committee beg to report that it has met on two occasions and carefully considered the questions of the union of the two funds from every standpoint, but does not see it way clear to recognize not see its way clear to recommend to the conference any scheme of amalgamation of the funds. The report has the unanimous approval of the members of the committee, George Steel, chairman, Thos. Hicks, secretary.

Temperance and Moral Reform

Report of the treasurer of the Temperance and Moral Reform Fund. St. John district, $109.45; Fredericton district, $69.20; Woodstock district, $35.64; Chatham district, $27.20; Sackville district, $60.35; St. Stephen district, $27.41; Charlottetown district, $46.70; Summerside district, $29.50. Total, $404.45.

From standing committee, $7.00. Total amount, $411.45.

Sunday Schools.

Sunday school committee: H. D. Marr, C. K. Hudson, Geo. Ayers, H. C. Rice, E. E. Styles, W. W. Lodge, F. A. Wightman, J. B. Gough, E. R. Machum, Wm. Munroe, J. R. Kirkpatrick, F. Curran, J. H. Stanton, W. H. Stevens, J. T. Mellish, H. W. Turner

The following executive was elected for the ensuing year: Revs. H. D. Marr, C. H. Hudson, Geo. Ayers, J. B. Gough and Mr. E. R. Machum.

Statistical Report.

The statistical report is as follows: Your committee submit herewith the following summary of the report of the Sunday schools of the conference. Preaching appointments, 380—increase 7; Sunday schools, 206—increase 4; officers or teachers, 163—increase 21; scholars, 14,461—increase 383; average attendance, 10,198—increase 220; joined church during year, 454—increase 161; pledged abstainers, 5,428; schools open all the year, 144. Finances: Missions, $1,511.12—increase $240.46; educational, $55.22—decrease $6.89; supernumerary fund, $53.64—increase $16.06; Sunday school aid and extension fund, $328.04 — increase $38.77; school purposes, $5.715—decrease $345.58; other purposes, $568.80—increase $84.06; total contributions, $8,432.28—increase $26.88. Your committee notes with pleasure the almost unbroken lot of increases, the very large gains in the total S. S. force of the contributions to missions, and in the number of pupils uniting with the church being especially gratifying. Your committee notes further that with one or two exceptions, the district schedules show a marked improvement in accuracy over those of former years. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon those responsible for these schedules, that if accuracy is to be obtained, the superintendent of circuits must exercise more careful supervision over the circuit returns, and that these returns should be carefully audited and balanced at the district meetings. Your committee strongly recommend that the district Sunday school schedules be published in the minutes of conference. Your committee requests that the secretary of this committee be appointed conference treasurer of the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund.

Educational Meeting.

A large sized audience attended the nominal meeting of the educational society of the conference. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Flanders, of St. John, and the speakers were Prof. Watson, Drs. Allison and Inch, and Prof. Palmer, dealing with the various phases of the many sided subject and to which a strict attention was given by the audience.

NEW YORK BROKERAGE FIRM, IN WHICH ST. JOHN PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED GOES TO THE WALL

Special to The Standard.

New York, June 17.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed with the clerk of the United States District Court today against the brokerage firm of W. H. Smith and Company, which has branches in this and several other cities. The suspension of the firm was announced on the consolidated exchange.

The petitioners are, Harry Frost, a broker; Harry Anderson, a broker, and Archibald Graham, of Paterson, N. J. They claim commissions for the purchase and sale of stocks on the consolidated exchange for the firm to the amount of $1,905. The petition alleges preferential payments. The firm is composed of W. B. Smith and W. I. Osborn.

The concern had branches in many cities, the greatest number in New England. The principal offices in that section are in Hartford, New Britain, New Haven and New London, Conn.

Judge Hand today appointed Gerrard Glenn receiver in bankruptcy for the firm on application of Marsh, Wever and Wemple, and fixed his bond at $5,000. It was stated that the petitioning creditors have no real knowledge of the value of the assets, but estimate them at $100,000, subject to liens of numerous creditors.

It is understood that many St. John people interested in the buying and selling of stocks have been doing business through the firm of W. H. Smith and Company.

DRUGGISTS ENJOY SAIL AND BANQUET

The members of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society and their wives and lady friends, had a very enjoyable trip on the Kennebeccasis yesterday afternoon. They left Indiantown on the steamer Hampton at 2.30 o'clock, and returned after a three hours' sail. Refreshments were served on the boat and splendid music was rendered by colored musicians. All of those who took the trip expressed themselves as having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Banquet Last Evening.

Last evening the visiting druggists were the guests of the St. John druggists at a banquet given at the Union Club. Mr. E. J. Mahoney, the new president, occupied the chair, and the table was handsomely decorated with carnations and lilies.

After ample justice had been done the excellent dinner which had been prepared, toasts and speech-making were in order. After the proposing of the toast to the King, the toast to the Canadian Pharmaceutical Society was proposed and ably responded to by Mr. E. Clinton Brown. Next followed the toast to the sister societies, which was replied to in a creditable manner by W. C. Hawker for the Pharmaceutical Society of the State of Maine, and A. J. Crese, for the Pharmaceutical Society of Nova Scotia.

The toast to the visiting members was responded to by Mr. J. D. McCook of Moncton.

C. P. Clark and J. D. F. McKenzie replied to the toast to the charter members. The responding to the toast to the St. John members was in the hands of Messrs. Struan Robertson and H. R. Ganter, who did themselves justice in the style of their addresses.

The Wholesale Trade.

The toast to the wholesale trade was responded to by H. R. Ganter and Thos. Gibbard, while Fred Monroe replied in an able manner to the toast to the retail trade; and R. Legere and W. Jones were honored by being asked to reply to the toast to the ladies. The toast to the entertainment committee was responded to by Struan Robertson, S. H. Hawker, Geo. F. Allen and S. M. Wetmore. A toast was proposed to the first graduates and was responded to by Harry Robb N. Barry Smith and C. F. Wade. The toast to the older members of the Society was responded to in a hearty manner by C. P. Clark and William Hawker.

Father And Three Sons Present.

A rather unusual incident was the presence of Mr. William Hawker and his three sons, all of whom are druggists. The fact was alluded to by one of the speakers, and the members joined in singing: "For they are jolly good fellows," after which the banquet was fittingly brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The banquet marked the closing session of the twenty-fifth annual meeting, and the most memorable since the inception of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society.

WILL OPERATE IN GLOUCESTER THIS FALL

Mr. John C. Drummond, who is connected with the well-known Drummond iron and steel concern passed through the city last evening on his way from Nova Scotia to Bathurst. Mr. Drummond had been at Torbrook, N. S., for some time. At that place the Drummonds are developing large iron deposits.

Railway Well Advanced.

When asked concerning the statement which appeared in last evening's newspapers to the effect that the Wheaton Brothers of Folly, N. S., had been awarded the contract for building a line of railway from Gloucester Mines to Bathurst. Mr. Drummond said that the contract had been awarded some time ago and a considerable amount of work had been done by Wheaton Brothers. The latter have been clearing the right of way all spring, and now that all preliminaries have been settled, the work of building the line will be pushed along as quickly as possible.

Will Be In Operation In Fall.

"We hope to be shipping ore in the fall as our railway line will be completed by that time. The line will run from the mines to Black's Cut near Bathurst Station. We have decided to use Newcastle as our shipping port until the Government dredges Bathurst harbor."

There are between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 tons of iron ore of a high grade in sight at Gloucester Mines and Mr. Drummond is very enthusiastic over the prospects of the mine.

Mr. Drummond had nothing to say about the recent transfer of lumber lands by Adams, Burns and Company. He left for Bathurst last evening.

RUSSIANS FIRE ON BRITISH VESSEL.

Stockholm, June 17.—Despatches received here from Helsingfors confirm the news that the British steamer Woodburg, of Newcastle, was fired upon by a vessel of the Russian squadron in Pitkipas Bay, the rendezvous of Emperor Nicholas and Emperor William.

The first was a blank charge, but this was followed a few seconds later by two shells. Portions of the shells penetrated the bulkheads and boiler of the Woodburg. The engineer of the steamer was wounded in the leg and was taken aboard the Russian cruiser Asia, where his wounds were dressed. Later the injured man was conveyed to a hospital at Viborg. After making repairs, the Woodburg will sail tomorrow for her home port.

Slight Fire.

There was a slight fire underneath the warehouse of W. H. Thorne on the right hand side of the East Side ferry slip at about 10 o'clock last night. Patrolman Ross discovered the blaze. The fire was extinguished by the ferry boat without the assistance of the firemen.

HOW BRITISH SOLDIER DI[ED] IN NEW Y[ORK]

(New York Sun.

Ex-Bombardier William L[illegible] withstood the rushes of Gh[illegible] Dacoits in India during the n[illegible] that he served in the Brit[illegible] Artillery, died yesterday fo[illegible] his home, 128 Weehawken st[illegible] sey City, of injuries suffere[illegible] day last in an accident at th[illegible] the traffic elevator that haul[illegible] up Weehawken heights.

A Visitor.

The stalwart artilleryman[illegible] towering figure and broad [illegible] have become well known to [illegible] of the elevator during the [illegible] years, never had much to s[illegible] his fighting days in Burma [illegible] parts of the East, but a you[illegible] of the British army who had [illegible] Little's injuries and called to [illegible] ex-artilleryman just befor[illegible] died, said yesterday afterno[illegible] some of Little's feats of stre[illegible] hand to hand fights are still [illegible] in the Royal Artillery. Litt[illegible] in the regiment commanded [illegible] young officer's father more [illegible] quarter of a century ago.

About five minutes befor[illegible] died yesterday he regained c[illegible] ness for a few minutes an[illegible] nized the officer standing by [illegible] side. He talked for a few [illegible] and then grew delirious agai[illegible]

"Good-by, sir," he said to [illegible] cer, and he tried to smile as [illegible] ed: "They're blowing the [illegible] Then as he grew delirious [illegible] ran back to the days of C[illegible] Hon. St. John Addington, und[illegible] Little also served.

"I'm in charge of this dr[illegible] he said, trying to sit up in b[illegible] boat's ready, and Captain A[illegible] wants me on parade. I'm [illegible] myself."

His Exploits.

Little went to India with [illegible] lery when he was a stripling [illegible] teens. On one occasion, it [illegible] ed, in a Black Mountain expe[illegible] India, the artilleryman was r[illegible] the Ghazis and in the rush [illegible] lery mules that were feeding [illegible] were stampeded down a hill. [illegible] artilleryman drove the Ghaz[illegible] and upward tradition has it [illegible] tle "packed" a screw gun on [illegible] sive shoulders and carried [illegible] 30 yards to the top of the hi[illegible] it is told of him that in one [illegible] hand fight with a Dacoit h[illegible] both arms under the armpit [illegible] Dacoit and then by reac[illegible] hands backward again pres[illegible] palms against the Dacoit's fa[illegible] pushed his adversary's head b[illegible] down until the neck was br[illegible]

In New York 25 Year[illegible]

The big artilleryman came [illegible] erica twenty-five years ago. [illegible] last five years he has been wo[illegible] the foot of the traffic eleva[illegible] Friday the elevator through [illegible] derstanding, started upward [illegible] horse and carriage just as L[illegible] stepping back on the starting [illegible] from the elevator. He fell [illegible] the platform and the elevator [illegible] ceived the many wounds tha[illegible] his death.

Little was well known to m[illegible] along the Jersey side of the [illegible] He is survived by his wife a[illegible] children.

PERSONAL

Mr. John C. Brown, of Fre[illegible] is at the Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shirley, [illegible] nier, Me., are at the Dufferin.

Mr. Frank Bixby, of St. [illegible] is at the Dufferin.

Mr. H. M. Wylie, of Halifa[illegible] the Royal.

Mr. S. Ritchie, and Mrs. Ri[illegible] Yarmouth are at the Park.

Messrs. F. H. Brewer and [illegible] Earle, of Douglas Harbor, are [illegible] Victoria.

Mr. Jas. Russell, of Lower [illegible] tle, was in the city yesterday [illegible]

Mr. L. W. Carter, of Salis[illegible] at the Park.

Mr. John C. Drummond, of [illegible] al, of the Drummond Iron an[illegible] Company, passed through the [illegible] evening on his way to Bathurs[illegible]

Mr. I. A. Lovitt and wife, [illegible] mouth, are at the Royal.

His Honor Judge Landry, is [illegible] Royal.

The engagement is annou[illegible] Miss Grace Eileen Stewart, [illegible] daughter of Mr. Matthew Ste[illegible] Campbellton, N. B., to Mr [illegible] Frederick Genso, treasurer [illegible] Korea Presbyterian Mission o[illegible] S. A., Seoul, Korea, Asia. T[illegible] riage will take place the latt[illegible] of August. Miss Stewart wi[illegible] for San Francisco, July 26th, [illegible] for Japan on August 5th in c[illegible] with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Brow[illegible] York.

The engagement is annou[illegible] Miss Lydia Shaw, second dau[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shaw, of [illegible] wood, Kingsey, Que., to Mr. [illegible] Fraser Matthews, M. A., P[illegible] of English Literature, Prince o[illegible] College, Charlottetown, P. E. [illegible] marriage will take place at St [illegible] church, Sydenham Place, [illegible] on June 28.

Dr. Steeves, of Fredericton, [illegible] and daughter, were in the city [illegible] day. They are returning from [illegible] sor, N. S., where Miss Steeves [illegible] student at Edgehill school.

ARRESTED ON SERIOUS C[illegible]

Waterville, Me., June 17—[illegible] Bartlett Lashus, charged with [illegible] with intent to kill, with da[illegible] weapon on his wife, Wednesda[illegible] was arrested by City Marsha[illegible] Farrington in Clinton about 1[illegible] from this city late this aft[illegible] Lashus, after the shooting wa[illegible] the home of Paul Clair, where [illegible] found asleep by the officers an[illegible] without trouble. He will be ar[illegible] tomorrow.

WINNIPEG HAS $75,000 BL[illegible]

Winnipeg, June 17—Shortly [illegible] 1 o'clock this morning fire br[illegible] in the four story factory of th[illegible] West Saddlery Company, and [illegible] the firemen could get it under [illegible] damage to the extent of $75,0[illegible] done. The stock was complet[illegible] stroyed and the building [illegible] damaged.