

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

The Neptune Rowing Club will hold a sleigh drive to Newcomb's, where supper will be served, next Monday night.

Rev. G. A. Sellar has accepted an invitation to remain another year as pastor of Carmarthen street Methodist church.

The public meeting for presentation of watches to Privates Strange, Turner and Jenkins at Carleton Grey hall, will be on Tuesday night of next week.

The board of directors of the Great West Life Assurance Company at a meeting at Winnipeg passed resolutions of regret for the death of Mr. George A. Schofield, a valued member of the board.

There are a number of diphtheria cases in Carleton. At present about 12 houses are quarantined with the board of health. The disease, though, is diminishing.

The contents of Dikeman's stable, on King square, recently seized for rent, were sold yesterday. The prices were not heavy, \$40 being the largest. The goods sold were all the property of Mr. Dikeman.

David Ross, working at J. J. McGaffigan's establishment on Dock street, fell down a flight of stairs Tuesday and had a deep cut made in his back by an axe he was carrying. Dr. Daniel sent him to the hospital.

Messrs. John H. Thomson, Captain E. C. Egan, G. Wetmore Merritt and F. A. Jones will leave today to inspect Hon. T. Dunn and Hon. H. A. McKeown, of the provincial government, regarding the payment of the vaccination bills incurred a year ago.

At the monthly meeting yesterday of the board of health, Chairman Reynolds, Mayor Daniel and James Reedy were appointed a committee to interview Hon. T. Dunn and Hon. H. A. McKeown, of the provincial government, regarding the payment of the vaccination bills incurred a year ago.

The annual sleigh drive of the Neptune Rowing Club will be held on Monday evening, 17th inst. All members wishing to go are requested to hand in their names, before Monday, to one of the committee, Messrs. Vernon, Fred E. Hanington, and C. Lance Campbell are the committee in charge of the drive.

At the banquet recently tendered to Hon. A. G. Blair, the amount realized by the W. C. T. U. ladies above all expenses, for the new fountain on Beaufort street, was \$105. The total sum now collected amounts to about \$100. The sum of \$1 is acknowledged from Rev. L. A. Hoyt. Mr. Fred. Tupper collected \$75 in the freight shed, and the employees in Murray's mill have contributed \$575.

The residents of Queen street, between Sydney and Wentworth streets, complain of the very offensive stench from the sewerage in that district. Some of the residents propose leaving their houses and bringing action against the city unless something is done to abate the nuisance. The board of health are asked to look into this matter.

The severe cold weather has frozen the river over hard enough for persons to cross, but the venture of driving a team across has not yet been attempted near St. John. Tuesday the river froze at Indiantown between the Island near the falls and Marble Cove was frozen over and some of the slips at Indiantown also froze over during the night giving tug boats some difficulty in getting out.

About 10 of the Fenian militia met late evening in Mr. George Gordon's secret, Indiantown, to talk over the advisability of assisting in a celebration, providing the soldiers from South Africa were here by the steamer Lady Chantrive here by the steamer Lady Chantrive here. Nothing definite was decided, although it was the feeling of the majority to take part. Another meeting will be held in a few days.

The directors of the Horticultural Association have approved of an engagement with the St. John Ice Company by which the company is to have the ice crop of Dark Lake on payment of \$110 a year. An application of the company to permit their facilities to place their ice from the Lily Lake to a lower level for convenience of carriage was allowed for consideration. Steps are to be taken to define the lines of the Highland Park property lately acquired by the directors, and trustees are to be presented if necessary.

A pleasant gathering was held at Mrs. C. A. Hood's boarding house, 45 Herbyfield street, last evening, when fellow boarders and other friends of Mr. Evershed B. Spinney dined him previous to his leaving for his home in Melville Square, N. S. A fine menu was discussed and then speeches and songs were enjoyed. Mr. Spinney has been attending business college here and has established himself in the good feelings of many. The company last evening presented him with a gold pen. Mr. J. N. Gohling, Jr. presided during the evening.

The bishop of Quebec, at St. Paul's church last evening, made an address on Imperial Expansion from a Spiritual Standpoint. After relating dates and circumstances of British colonization during the past two centuries, he pointed out that the expansion of the gospel had pace with the growth of the empire. God's hand was evident in the growth of the imperialism. The bishop, referring to the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, said it had accomplished more than any society in the world in preparation for the second coming of Christ.

PREMIER LAURIER SAYS CANADIAN COMMERCE IS TO CONQUER EUROPE.

(Continued from page 1.) of Quebec (applause), and although the province of Ontario has not done as well as we expected in 1900, yet I know that the heart of Ontario is still in the right place. Our opponents have had a victory in that province, but I look forward and I must add, somewhat impatiently, and unless I mistake not, in the next contest, Ontario will stand beside Quebec, Nova Scotia and the maritime provinces in general. (Great applause.)

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier ceased speaking the applause was prolonged several minutes. His speech was universally admired to be a noble and statesmanlike effort.

The next toast was the Dominion Cabinet, which was proposed by Mr. Roach, M. P. for Halifax. The toast was coupled with the names of Sir Louis Davies, Hon. Mr. Fielding and Hon. Mr. Patterson. Mr. Roach had never the while, Hon. Mr. Blair for the stand he had taken in opposition to the Canadian Pacific.

Sir Louis Davies responded in a pleasing speech. He claimed that the present was pre-eminently a business government, and that they had succeeded well in giving Canada a good administration of its affairs. He referred to the great victory that the Liberals had just achieved in Prince Edward Island, which was a fitting sequel to the great victory in the Dominion government in reference to the fisheries matter. A date will be fixed for a conference on the subject.

Premier Tweedie is in the city at the Royal. He came in from Fredericton last night. He has just returned from Ottawa where he and Attorney-General Papeley appeared before the Dominion government in reference to the fisheries matter. A date will be fixed for a conference on the subject.

The re-count in Kings county was continued at Hampton yesterday by Judge Wedderburn. When the ballots from Westfield were brought to light it was discovered that not one of them had been initiated. Objection to their being counted was raised by Mr. C. N. Skinner, but the judge allowed them to be counted. Court will resume at 9 o'clock this morning.

In the Kings re-count yesterday, the counting of the 2nd ballot was closed. Two were added to the number reserved for further examination. Court adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning, when the ballots spoiled or expected for review will be decided on. The re-count has shown that in 13 polling places where 2,140 ballots were cast, only 729 showed the water mark.

The R. M. S. Lake Ontario, with a full cargo sails this morning at 10 o'clock for Liverpool via Halifax. Part of her cargo consists of deals, about 35 cars of provisions, including a large number of turkeys and geese for the Christmas and New Year's trade, and 33,894 bushels of grain. Her live stock arrived from the west yesterday, and was placed on board last night, amounting to 231 head of cattle and 329 sheep.

The 34th semi-annual session of the Grand Temple of Honor was held Tuesday evening in Temperance Hall, market building. Grand Templar Eagles presided and 83 delegates were returned as eligible from the following: Victoria, 29; Alexandria, 26; Tilley, 7; Aberdeen, 7; York, 4; Eastern Star Council, 13; Riverside Council, 7. The recorder reported showing the membership of the subordinate lodges to be 231 and 143 junior templars and 63 council members. The treasurer's report showed the receipts to be \$300.47 and the expenditures \$255.22, leaving a balance of \$134.55. The temple decided to subscribe for 10 copies of the Temple of Honor.

A meeting of the committee for the proposed dinner to be given to 1,000 boys on New Year's day, was held last evening in Temperance Hall, market building. The dinner was fully discussed and it was decided that, on account of the uncertainty of being able to host the Exhibition building, and there not being another building suitable, to abandon the idea of entertaining so many, but assist Mr. Whitney to give a dinner and entertainment to his mission on New Year's day and their first debate of the season had been happily received by Mr. Whitney whose address is room 5, Palmer's Chambers, 62 Princess street.

The Young Men's Debating Society, in connection with the Young Men's Branch of the Holy Family of St. Peter's church, held their first debate of the season last evening in the basement of St. Peter's church. Quite a number of young men were present and the debate was very enjoyable as well as instructive. Mr. Joseph Herrington, principal of St. Peter's (Boys') school, was in the chair. The question under discussion was, "Resolved that Napoleon was greater than Washington." The affirmative debaters were led by Louis M. Coll and the opponents by W. Paul McCormack. The Washington side won.

Col. Mrs. Read, of the Salvation Army, superintendent of the Women's Social Work writes to The Telegraph thanking the St. John press for courtesies in connection with the opening of the new Rescue Home here. She also thanks the citizens of St. John for the interest they have shown in the army's work in this city, and asks for a continuation of interest and co-operation. The new home, she adds, will require financial support and any expression of sympathy with the work in a tangible or material form will be very welcome. Contributions of food, clothing, literature and money may be sent to the matron, Adjutant Holman, or will be called for by one of the officers on receipt of a post card or telephone message.

At a meeting last evening, of the directors of the Y. M. C. A., correspondence was considered regarding the jubilee at Boston next June, when the 50th anniversary of the founding of the first Y. M. C. A. in the United States takes place. It is expected a large delegation will attend from St. John.

PORTUGAL AND HOLLAND.

An Explanation in the Dutch Chamber of Deputies by THE FOREIGN MINISTER

Of the Trouble at Lorenzo Marquez Which Resulted in an Intimation of the Withdrawal of Herr Pott's Exequatur.

The Hague, Dec. 11.—Replying today in the second chamber to the interpellation of Count Van Bylandt on the subject of the tension between the Netherlands and Portugal Foreign Minister De Meulenaer sketched this story from misunderstanding which he declared had been exaggerated. He said the Dutch minister at Lisbon, Baron Van Heeckeren, announced Nov. 17 that Portugal desired to withdraw the exequatur of Herr Pott as consul of the Netherlands at Lorenzo Marquez, unless the movement of the Netherlands would obviate the necessity of dismissing or recalling Herr Pott. As the Netherlands government had no official information that Herr Pott had permitted, as alleged, the importation of contraband of war, it could not accede to the demand for his recall without a fuller inquiry and it therefore instructed the minister at Lisbon to cable to Herr Pott asking him to clear up the matter. Herr Pott then applied for leave to come to Europe, which was granted and the Netherlands proposed to Portugal that an investigation be made during the consul's visit and three months be allowed for the result of a report on the subject.

The government of the Netherlands supposed Portugal approved of this proposal and was surprised to learn shortly afterwards that Portugal insisted on withdrawing the exequatur of Herr Pott. The foreign minister explained that he was not aware that Herr Pott had been notified by the Netherlands minister of the withdrawal of the exequatur. He would only have known of it if he had been notified by the Netherlands minister of the withdrawal of the exequatur. He would only have known of it if he had been notified by the Netherlands minister of the withdrawal of the exequatur.

The Transvaal legation says it is authorized to contradict the report that Herr Pott had been notified by the Netherlands minister of the withdrawal of the exequatur. It is an intimation that he will not receive him.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. The Opposition Wailing Over South Africa

London, Dec. 12.—Considerable irritation was aroused among the opposition in the House of Commons. Sir Robert T. Reid, Q. C., Liberal, painted a gloomy picture of the conditions in South Africa which he said was a real and serious danger to the British Empire. He said that the conditions in South Africa were such that the British Empire was in danger of being broken up. He said that the conditions in South Africa were such that the British Empire was in danger of being broken up.

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THE MARITIME COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS. Annual Meeting of the Association.

Halifax, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' association was held here tonight. The president and directors submitted their nineteenth annual reports. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. MacKinlay; vice-presidents for Nova Scotia, W. B. Kane, E. Y. Rowland, W. B. Arthur; vice-presidents for New Brunswick, R. A. March, F. S. W. Parise, Fred H. Hart, H. R. Sturdee; directors, J. L. Hetherington, H. I. Welner, F. A. Ronnan, R. F. Merin, Geo. E. Davison, Geo. H. Richard, treasurer, William, Robertson. The statements of the secretary and treasurer showed an addition of \$2,352 to the funds of the association on the year's business and that the total resources amount to \$19,831. The Nova Scotia membership is now 283 and the New Brunswick 128.

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Pat Daley, the ex-Brocklynite, and Johnny Stages have been matched to box at the National Sporting Club, London, Feb. 11.

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THE CZAR GRATEFUL

For the Sympathy Shown for Him During His Illness.

Livadia, European Russia, Dec. 12.—Emperor Nicholas now takes his meals with the empress. His majesty is deeply touched by the solicitude of his subjects for his recovery, and also of the church, from whence he has received numerous offers of consecrated bread; but also throughout the countries of Europe, and particularly America, whence many letters have been received, mostly from private individuals, containing advice and suggestions as to treatment.

"Money," remarked the idealist, "is a responsibility and not a personal luxury." "Well, answered Senator Sorghum, with a thoughtful glance at his check book, "I must say that as the company draws to a close I feel relieved of a great deal of responsibility."—(Washington Star.)

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S WILL.

The Most of a \$250,000 Estate Goes to a Nephew.

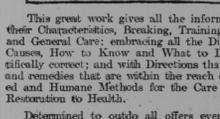
London, Dec. 11.—The late Sir Arthur Sullivan left an estate of about £20,000, nearly all of which goes to his nephew, H. Sullivan. He made small bequests to his two other nephews and to Mrs. Stephens, a niece, who resides at Los Angeles, Cal., and bequeathed £1,000 each to his housekeeper and valet. Sir Arthur also left a number of mementoes from his silver and china to personal friends, men and women, among them being Mrs. Beach Grant, mother of Lucy Essex; Mrs. Ronalds, Mrs. D'Oyly Carte and Mrs. Crutchley. He also left a number of his original scores to musical institutions and friends. Mrs. Ronalds getting the score of "The Lost Chord." He left his portrait to the nation.

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