

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A new Y. M. C. A. is being organized at Newcastle.

An early thaw of the river ice is predicted. The stream is now open at the Devil's Back.

The new branch of the Bank of New Brunswick will soon be opened at East Florenceville.

Comman & Wetmore, country market, have dissolved partnership and Geo. S. Wetmore will continue the business.

Gaspereaux are very scarce in the market at present. It will be some time before these fish will be a staple on the market.

J. A. Gregory's new mill at Lepreau was put into operation Wednesday afternoon, and everything was found to work satisfactory.

At Fredericton Monday, Rev. George E. Payson married William Gregory, of that city, and Miss Jane McCreedy, of St. John.

It is not likely that any mackerel trap will be set at the harbor this season. There were three of them last year, none of which paid expenses. Crows are not readily obtainable—Coastguard.

The Addino Paddock is advertised for sale at Chubb's Corner on the 25th inst. Capt. Pitts property at Kingston, Kings County, is also advertised for sale on Saturday, the 29th inst.

Sixty head of fine cattle have been purchased in upper Canada for the St. John Easter market. Several of these cattle are being shown in a fat stock show at Guelph, Ont.

F. M. Gorman, of Indiantown, is cutting into a large rock formation at the rear of his premises, in order to secure quarters for the conducting of a meat packing establishment.

Attention is directed to the advertisement in this issue of drift logs, which the farmers along the river are asked to pick up and hold until called for. The usual prices will be paid for this service.

Capt. Longmire has taken out of winter quarters his schooner Packet, and is loading her with freight at St. John, preparatory to starting in on his regular trips to St. John—Bridgetown Monitor.

The governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses have chosen Judge Forbes president; J. Gardner Taylor, vice-president; H. D. McLeod, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. David McLeod, convener of the ladies' committee and representative of the Women's Council.

Mayor Daniel is in receipt of a letter from C. A. Duff-Miller, agent general in London, stating that he is sending 200 copies of the speech delivered by the Prince of Wales in Goldsmith on his return from the colonies. The copies are for circulation among those who would desire them.

Isaac J. Olive, government inspector of hulls, returned yesterday after inspecting the steamer Cumberland, and is loading her with freight at St. John, preparatory to starting in on his regular trips to St. John—Bridgetown Monitor.

The collection of county taxes is being vigorously prosecuted and the arrears are coming in well. The committee appointed to deal with the matter will meet Monday next when it is expected warrants for distress and for the sale of real estate will be issued. About 100 of these will go out in each parish as a starter and more will follow when necessary.

J. N. Harvey, the Union street clothier, finishes his first year's business in St. John today, and desires to thank his many customers for their generous patronage. He has arranged with Mr. Vaughan, proposes to supply 300 potted plants, one of which will be given to each customer today, whose purchase amounts to \$1 or over.

P. Gittins, general manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, has gone to London to attend the annual meeting of his company, Friday, the 21st inst. Mr. Gittins has been in Nova Scotia since 1871, coming from England in that year, and this is his first visit to his native land. He expects to return to Nova Scotia the first week in April. During his absence William Fraser assumes the duties of general manager.

S. J. Shanklin, of St. Martins, sends The Telegraph a small sample of wheat flour ground from wheat grown by him in St. Martins, the miller being Aubrey Vaughan, who last fall purchased in Ontario a complete roller mill, and has been giving entire satisfaction to his numerous customers in the parish. Mr. Vaughan proposes importing corn and grinding it to supply the local demand. It is hoped the venture will prove a financial success.

The coal shipments from Parrsboro during the next few months will greatly exceed those of any previous year, says the Leader. The quarantine Glenora is chartered for the season to carry to Portland and other ports; ten schooner Fairmouth four trips to Portland. The C. B. & C. Co. will also keep in employment for American ports all five barges, S. S. Springfield and S. S. Flushing. For St. John trade all available small sail tonnage will be used and these craft are already hauled off preparing for the trade.

The funeral of Edward Williams was held Thursday afternoon from his late home, Erie street. Rev. W. O. Raymond was the officiating clergyman and burial took place in the Church of England burying ground. The direct cause of Mr. Williams' death was most unusual. Several weeks ago while at dinner he accidentally swallowed a small fragment of chicken bone which finding a lodgment in the bowels, brought on inflammation. Mr. Williams had been connected with Peter's tavern, as a waiter, for about 25 years. The employees attended his funeral in a body.

Chas. L. Simons, E. J. Townshend, A. Stevens and I. C. Townshend, of London, Eng., arrived in the city on the Numidian Wednesday morning and left in the afternoon for the Northwest Territories, where they will engage in agriculture. All are

wealthy young Englishmen and their mentor on the business trip is P. E. Gregory, of Waghorn, N. W. T., who has been in the Canadian west for several years and has made a success of it. Mr. Gregory has been several months in the old country. He was instrumental in organizing the party and has secured large tracts of land for them on which agriculture will be practised on the most up-to-date plans.

W. E. Skilleen returned Wednesday from Ottawa, where he had been on business connected with the fishery census. He said the figures could not yet be published, as they were not all completed. The returns would, however, be something of a surprise, as they would be found to differ largely from the reports sent in by the officers of the fisheries department. In no case did they correspond with the blue book returns, which are made up from the reports of the officers. This, Mr. Skilleen said, was one of the reasons of the delay in the completion of the returns, but another is that all the commissioners have not yet handed in their statements. As far as he knew, only New Brunswick counties behind are Gloucester and Charlotte.

Business Notes.
J. Walter Soper, meat store, Moncton, has sold out to A. W. Garland.
Mrs. A. Robertson has succeeded to the late John McMurtry's grocery business, North End.
The co-partnership of Gandy & Allison, salt and commission merchants, city, has been registered.

HON. MR. TARTE COMING TO ST. JOHN.

Will Be Here in Summer—Mayor Daniel Reports to Council on Delegation's Trip to Ottawa.

At the council meeting on Tuesday afternoon last, Mayor Daniel reported for the civic delegation which visited Ottawa in reference to harbor improvement matters. His report, which was a verbal one, was of an interesting character and was closely listened to by the aldermen present. He covered the delegation's stay in Ottawa. He said the evening he and Aldermen Maxwell and Baxter, with the representatives of the board of trade and the Imperial Dry Dock Company, arrived at the capital they had an interview with Hon. Mr. Blair and talked dry dock matters. They arranged on Mr. Blair's advice, to amend the request of the Imperial Dry Dock Company, and ask for a grant of 2 per cent for 20 years on a dock to cost from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 instead of 2½ per cent for 20 years on \$800,000. By this means a larger subsidy might be obtained. They concluded that the sum originally mentioned would not be large enough to make the undertaking a success and therefore asked for a change. The plans for increased facilities at the west side of the harbor were laid before Mr. Blair and the projected improvements minutely explained.

The next day the delegation met Messrs. Blair and Tarte and again improvement facilities was the theme. They asked the government to build the additional wharves and warehouses which the growing trade of the port makes necessary. Mr. Tarte said he would be in St. John some time during the summer when he would go over the ground with Mr. Blair and see what required to be done. Mr. Tarte asked what the improvements would cost and was informed by the delegation that \$2,000,000 would be about the sum. He told the delegates he was interested in the national transportation question and realized St. John's position as winter port of Canada. The question of the ownership of the facilities when completed came up and it would have to be satisfactorily settled before the government would make any expenditures. Mr. Blair also made an appointment for the delegation to meet a committee of the cabinet and a meeting was held at which the city delegates met with members of the cabinet and senators. The dry dock was put before the ministers by Geo. Robertson, M. P., and speeches in support were made by the delegation. Mr. H. Thompson and Hon. H. R. Emmerson. These were listened to with apparent favor and at the conclusion the premier asked Mr. Robertson to put his request in writing.

While in Ottawa the mayor also asked Mr. Blair for the use of the government dredge on the east side of the harbor. It would be required at once and as it could not be used on the St. John river for some time it could be very well employed in harbor dredging. He also spoke to Mr. Sutherland, minister of marine and fisheries, as to a lightship for the Larcher Shoals and was informed that the money had been voted a year ago. The lightship and the steam whistle below Negro Head would both be arranged for. Mr. Robinson moved that the mayor's report be received and that the members be thanked for the zealous manner in which they had prosecuted their duty. The motion carried unanimously.

It is not he that searches for praise that finds it.—Riverval.

FAT NERVES.

A whirl of excitement was recently caused among scientists by the discovery of "how nerves act."

Healthy nerves are fat nerves. It is fat in the core of a nerve that by hardening and softening creates nerve action.

Maybe this explains why Scott's Emulsion has always been such a remarkable remedy for nervousness.

Scott's Emulsion makes fat nerves. It feeds them with fat. Good for all forms of nervousness and for neuralgia.

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AS OTHERS SEE IT.

Province Stirred Over the Public Hospital Revelations.

A CHANGE NECESSARY.

Opinions Expressed by the Newspapers of Various Sections of New Brunswick After Reviewing the Stories the Patients Tell.

Fredericton Herald.

If one half of which is told of the internal economy of the General Public Hospital at St. John is true, the management of that important institution is deserving of severe censure.

The evidence offered in the investigation now proceeding under the chairmanship of Chief Justice Tuck, reveals foul and loathsome conditions that would be a disgrace to a nation of barbarians. Former patients at the institution swear that the hospital is, or has been infested with mice and bed bugs, that the food is diabolical, sour bread, but potatoes, racied butter, etc., that a doctor made his appearance on duty in a state of intoxication, and that another doctor walked around the wards, after performing an operation, with his white coat smeared with blood and his sleeves rolled up, just as he was when conducting the operation.

If these things are true and they are told in a most direct and convincing way, the hospital needs a general shaking up from the commissioners down to the cooks and scrub women.

The hospital is an institution drawing a large sum of money from the treasury, and other public sources, and its management and general administration should be above reproach. On the delegation's stay in Ottawa, several of the leading citizens of St. John, several of them medical practitioners, and it is a shame and a disgrace if the institution has been run in the squalid and filthy manner described by the witnesses in the investigation. We trust the matter will be probed to the very bottom and the charges of the apparent bad management placed on the proper shoulders.

Fredericton Gleaner.

The people of St. John and of the whole province are reading with considerable interest the evidence which is being published in the St. John Public Hospital. This evidence is being taken by a commission, consisting of Chief Justice Tuck and two other members of the legislature, and is being supported by the province, and is representative of every part of the province resort to it. Its conditions are being reported to the public. There have been for several years past many complaints of the St. John hospital, but until the present time no serious attempt has been made to investigate its real conditions. The hospital is managed by a board of commissioners, and the hospital work is done by a body of visiting physicians. There is also a resident physician, who is usually a young man just beginning the practice of medicine, and who has no real authority. Many people think that this arrangement is faulty, because it removes the power from the person who is always present and who can when anything goes wrong, and gives it to a number of professional gentlemen who have their own business to attend to, and whose visits to the hospital are only occasional. It would not be proper to anticipate the verdict of the commissioners, which may indeed be a long way off, but there will probably be a great deal of testimony given before the inquiry is concluded, but we have no doubt it will be found that in several particulars the management of the St. John hospital requires amendment. The building is now about 40 years old, and the appliances for ventilation are not of the most modern type. No doubt the commissioners have been restrained from making improvements by lack of money, but no such excuse should prevail where public health is involved. Some testimony which has been given goes to show that the hospital is not kept in as clean condition as it ought to be, and that there have been many complaints in regard to the cooking. We believe the commissioners themselves are prepared to admit that the arrangements in the kitchen are faulty, and yet we all know that good cooking and properly prepared food are very essential in connection with the care of sick persons. When people are ill and the stomach is weak is the time when dainty food is needed to tempt the appetite, but from the evidence given it would seem as if this kind of food was lamentably lacking in the St. John Public Hospital.

The government are entitled to credit for bringing this matter forward and ordering a thorough investigation so that the interests of the public may be protected. These interests, it is needless to say, are the only ones for which the Gleaner is concerned.

Moncton Transcript.

Judging from St. John newspaper reports of the evidence taken at the investigation into the affairs of the general hospital there the institution is not well managed. Bugs and mice spotted among the patients; the butter was declared to be rotten, whatever that may mean, and the intention to patients under the evidence he depicted in rebuttal, is somewhat startling. One of the witnesses said that a crying boy, who was suffering from bed-sores, was told by a doctor "that if he did not stop crying he would take him by the heels and dash his brains out." It is incredible that any medical attendant would make such a statement and the evidence in reply will be watched with interest.

Chatham World.
An inquiry into charges against the management of the St. John Public Hospital is eliciting some pretty strong evidence against that institution. Bed bugs, according to witnesses, swarm over patients, and mice play about the rooms. Sour bread, rancid butter, and other food of an equally uninviting character are complained of, not to mention maturation of the part of nurses. There should be a thorough shaking up of the concern, and a re-organized reformation effected. We have often heard St. John men say to persons who spoke of going to the general hospital to be treated: "Don't go there; go to the private hospital," and now we know what they had in mind when they gave such advice.

The evidence submitted at the St. John hospital inquiry continues to reveal the most disgusting condition of affairs at that institution. None of the hospital staff, says the Star, deny the statements that mice and rats could be found in the building. There are lots of them. And in regard to bed bugs, it is said to be impossible to keep them out. It might be a good idea to condemn the hospital commissioners to sleep a few nights in the institution, that they might experience contact with the mice, rats and bed bugs.

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COUNTY FINANCES.

An Appeal for Reduction of Taxes—Bills to Be Sent to Legislature.

The finance committee of the municipality met yesterday afternoon in the mayor's office and considered an appeal of Charles Fawcett for a reduction of his taxes in the parish of Lancashire. A. C. Fairweather was heard in support of the appeal, and an agreement was reached by which the matter will lay over for three months, pending the settlement of legal difficulties in reference to Mr. Fawcett's estate.

The bills committee also met and considered bills to issue debentures for \$7,000, to pay the indebtedness on the isolation hospital; to issue debentures for \$14,000 to pay indebtedness incurred in the extension and improvement of the county jail; to re-establish the correct line between the city of St. John and the parish of Simonds. All the bills were agreed to and Councilors Millidge, Lee, Long, and County Secretary Vincent were named at a delegation to urge their passage before the provincial legislature. They will go to the capital the last of next week or the first of the week following.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Evils of Home Study System.

To the Editor of The Telegraph:
Sir,—Would you be kind enough to mention in your paper that Miss Ray, teacher, Moncton, is about preparing a series of talks for parents and teachers on the evils of the home study system as at present practiced in our public schools.

Miss Ray would like an expression of opinion on this subject, either through the press or by letter, from anyone interested in educational matters, more particularly from the teachers throughout the province.

Hospital Staff, Etc.

To the Editor of The Telegraph:
Sir,—In the Daily Sun of March 8th is a letter on hospital matters signed "Truth." While he does not attempt to defend the management, he endeavors to hold the Telegraph up to ridicule and tries to make it appear "that only friends of the Telegraph arrive at the hospital in a filthy condition. Referring to the filthy friends of The Telegraph, it would be well for writers like Truth to give the names and addresses of the individuals to whom he is alluding, as there are very doubtful about the statements made in "Truth's" letter.

Truth states he has seen bugs in the bed-bugs in Boston and New York. It would be interesting to have the names of these hotels so that future travellers could avoid them. By a letter in Saturday's issue it is shown that some patients get the best of treatment. It is to be hoped all will receive the same treatment in the future. In some quarters lack of food is claimed. This is a reason for bread and butter being used. During the years named the hospital had the following amounts at its disposal:

1895.....	\$42,319.85	1898.....	\$41,399.26
1896.....	33,807.06	1899.....	42,636.44
1897.....	40,993.06	1900.....	44,969.05

Another matter might be interesting to the public as bearing upon the sour bread allegations. This is the former sale of swill from the hospital. In the years stated, the amounts received by the hospital as revenue for the sale of swill were:

1895.....	\$85.00	1898.....	\$70.00
1896.....	50.05	1899.....	none
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I presume that in the two latter years, as no swill was disposed of, the sour bread and strong butter had to be used by the patients.

Hoping the management may be able to restore confidence in a necessary public institution, I remain,

Yours, etc.,

A RATEPAYER.
March 10th, 1902.

THREE YEARS' SENTENCE.

Solomon Beaulieu in Madawaska Circuit Court—Reference to the Late Milton Dayton.

The sitting of the Madawaska circuit court, Queen street, Wednesday, announced Judge Tuck, addressing the grand jury, made feeling reference to the death of Milton Dayton, who for years had been a prominent man in the affairs of Madawaska county.

The only criminal case was The King vs. Solomon Beaulieu. He was accused of arson. The prisoner confessed his crime, on which the crown relied. The defense called three witnesses to show that the prisoner was an imbecile, but he was found guilty and sentenced by Judge Tuck to three years in Dorchester penitentiary.

Prior to the closing of the court, the grand jury made a presentation on the death of Milton Dayton. They told of the deep sorrow which was theirs at the demise of Mr. Dayton. He was a man whose integrity commanded the fullest confidence. He took an active interest in all public matters and did much to insure the success of the party he espoused. Heartfelt sympathy was extended to the widow and children.

THE HOSPITAL EVIDENCE.

Some Bright Comments on the Condition by a Contemporary.

The hospital inquiry at St. John, while it has brought out a great deal of evidence that is not evidence has also brought out much that is evidence, and which shows beyond the shadow of a doubt that the affairs of the institution have not been managed with that regard for the comfort and health of the inmates which should govern all such institutions. While the matrons and the nurses may have made mistakes and acted improperly in some instances, the chief fault (if the hospital commissioners would permit us to say) seems to lie with the hospital methods and managers. If the institution does not contain modern comforts and necessities; if it is not kept in proper sanitary condition; if contractors are allowed to palm off sour bread, rancid butter and tough beef upon the hospital, it is the fault of the commissioners. If they had been attending to their duties as they should, they ought to know the existing conditions, and if, knowing them, they failed to provide a remedy, they are censurable. Nurses are only human, after all. What wonder that they should lose their temper once in a while and say "damn" when they found themselves handicapped—as they undoubtedly were—by their surroundings? The inquiry having exposed the present system of management, a rigid reform should be instituted; the hospital should be modernized, and a better system of management and inspection provided. The present system of management—one commissioner assuming the responsibility for one month and one for another—is wrong. The evidence shows that some of the commissioners were alive to their duties, while others were not. In an important matter of this kind there should be no divided responsibility. There should be one head—that head an experienced medical man with some business in him—and he should be held responsible by the public for the management of all its departments. A reduction in the number of commissioners would also be an advantage. The body is too cumbersome at present. If there were fewer men they would do better work. It would also be wise, if sailors are to be treated, that a separate ward be provided for them, so that they would not be brought in contact with the other inmates. By carrying out some such arrangements as suggested above the usefulness and good name of the hospital might easily be restored.—St. Andrews Beacon.

Supreme Court of Canada.

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Lack of Postal Notes Complained.

To the Editor of The Telegraph:
Sir,—I have tried several times to procure a postal note to send you to pay my subscription to the August, '02, but could not get one, and so must now enclose one dollar to pay up as above. I think postal notes are really good things for use in country places where money orders are impossible, and I think you will be doing a good thing by seeking to have the government arrange for all post offices in places where there are no money orders to keep them, i. e., make it compulsory for the postmasters to keep them in stock. Months ago you would have had my dollar if I could have bought a note for that amount. I like your paper very much—cannot seem to get along without it; prefer the Daily, but not having a daily mail, have to be content with the Semi-Weekly, which suits me well.

You would be doing a good turn for this island if you advocated the Summerside-Cape Tormentine route for winter communication. We contend that this winter it has not been given a fair and honest test, yet enough has been accomplished to prove it better than the Pictou-Georgetown route—from 24 to 48 hours quicker.

W. R. P.
Maddock, Lot 8, P. E. Island, March 7.

First Anniversary.

Today finishes our first year in the Clothing business in St. John. One year ago we asked you to share our trade with us and promised by buying in the best markets, and marking goods at the smallest margin of profit, to give you the best values in the city. You have taken us at our word and our year's volume of business, taken as a whole, has much surpassed our expectations, for which we wish to thank our many patrons and hope for their continued favors. We have secured three hundred beautiful Potted Plants and will give one 5 day with each sale of one dollar and over.

Respectfully yours,

J. N. HARVEY, Opera House Block, 199 Union Street, St. John, N. B.

METHUEN AT KLERKSBOOR, DOING WELL.

Announced in Commons, and Timothy Healy Wanted Kitzinger, Boer Leader, Released—Lady Methuen Hears of Husband's Mishap.

London, March 12.—There is a great deal of irritation here over the outbreak of triumphant ridicule over General Methuen's disaster in a section of the Continental press. Such a tone, however, is now universal, and there are prominent organs in Berlin, Vienna, and Paris which, considering the sympathies of their readers, comment upon the affair with remarkable restraint. The soreness of Englishmen over the fact that General De lauro's men wore khaki is not salved by those who find satisfaction in precedents. Among other data on the subject is the fact that the Boers, when they captured the Boers, dressed themselves in captured uniforms, even to cover their partial nakedness. An interviewer tried to draw a condemnation from Mr. Charles Dilke, who replied tersely that Khaki is a vague term.

Continental critics who admit that the wearing of English uniforms by the Boers is contrary to the laws of war excuse it on the ground that probably otherwise the Boers would be naked.

Lady Methuen, who left for Cape Town March 5, arrived at Maderia Tuesday on her way home from South Africa. She received the news of the wounding and capture of her husband in a government despatch. She disembarked and will return to South Africa by the first steamer.

The following despatch, dated Pretoria, March 13, has been received from Lord Kitchener:

General Methuen was brought to Klerksboor today. He is doing well. Everything possible is being done for him.

The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, announced in the house of commons today that he understood that Gen. Methuen had been released.

AN OLD SALT.

Cumberland County, N. S., Captain, Who Has Seen Much of the World.

There is probably no master mariner on the Nova Scotia coast who has had a wider range of interesting experiences than Captain James George, the well-known Parrsboro pilot, says the Leader. Capt. George has had an experience not in monstrous iron ships of sail or steam but in the staunchest and speediest little schooners ever built in Nova Scotia. He has crossed the Atlantic in a schooner built in Parrsboro, the Daniel York. While at Queenstown in the south of Ireland, he shipped as sailor Tom Sharkey, the now famous pugilist. Those who have read Frank T. Buller's famous work with a voyage from Parrsboro to the West Indies in a 24 ton schooner leaving Parrsboro in December over 26 years ago, Capt. George was master of the schooner and the now world-famous sailor was mate. At present Capt. George is having built at Parrsboro a clipper schooner of about 20 tons register. This vessel he intends taking south next autumn in the expectation of making a profitable sail.

Against Compulsory Vaccination.

New York, March 13.—Today the board of health adopted a resolution declaring against compulsory vaccination in any form.

Intercolonial Railway.

On and after MONDAY, October 23, 1901, trains will run daily (Sundays excepted), as follows:

Express for Halifax and Campbellton.....	1.00
Suburban Train for Hampton.....	1.40
Express for Point du Chene, Halifax and Pictou.....	2.15
Express for Sussex.....	14.20
Express for Halifax and Sydney.....	23.25
Express from Halifax and Sydney.....	6.00
Express from Campbellton.....	5.20
Express from Montreal and Quebec.....	12.40
Suburban train from Hampton.....	1.40
Express from Halifax and Pictou.....	14.20
Express from Pictou.....	14.20
Express from Moncton (Saturday only).....	23.10

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D. POTTINGER, General Manager.

Moncton, N. B., October 18, 1901.

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