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NOVA SCOTIA TOWN ELECTIONS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 3.—Elections for mayor and councillors took place today in the twenty-nine incorporated towns of Nova Scotia. In some of the contests there was considerable excitement. Interest in Truro centred in ward three.

J. K. Fraser, the temperance candidate, came out 27 ahead of A. H. Learmont, with Hanson at the foot of the poll.

In Sydney, for the mayoralty, J. A. Gillies, ex-M. P., was defeated by W. A. Richardson. There were two other candidates.

In Bridgetown, Shaffner, conservative, is re-elected mayor. The contest is said to have been on a straight party vote.

Geo. W. Johnson was re-elected mayor of Yarmouth with a large majority over Mr. Binyar. Both are conservatives.

In Dartmouth, where ex-Mayor Scarfe was elected, defeating ex-Mayor Johnson, neither candidate did any personal canvassing throughout the contest.

In Digby, the election for mayor and the councillors resulted in a victory for the representatives of the old council.

The mayors elected in the different towns are:

Annapolis—C. A. Lusby.
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Bridgetown—A. L. D. Shaffner.
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Chatham—B. C. Whitman.
Dartmouth—Frederick Scarfe.

Digby—Mr. Sprule.
Gloucester—D. M. Burchill.

Hantsport—T. A. Masters.
Kentville—C. F. Rockwell.

Liverpool—D. C. Mulhull.
Louisbourg—W. W. Lewis.

Lunenburg—A. R. Morash.
New Glasgow—C. M. Crockett.

North Sydney—D. D. MacKenzie.
Parrsboro—Dr. Rand.

Pictou—A. C. McDonald.
Port Hurd—F. McInnis and Alexander McIntosh.

Port Hood—John I. Smith.
Springhill—A. B. Wilson.

Stellarton—Robert Keith.

Sydney—W. A. Richardson.
Sydney Mines—John McCormack.
Truro—A. S. Black.
Westville—J. W. Murray.
Windsor—Dr. J. B. Black.
Wolfville—Dr. G. E. DeWitt.
Yarmouth—Geo. W. Johnson.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Wm. McGarry was arraigned in the police court at Moncton Monday morning on the charge of stealing \$95 from John S. Molins, of Hillsboro. Stipendiary Kay committed the accused for trial at the next session of the higher court. Application has been made for bail, and in the meantime the accused is still in the police lockup. Judge Wells has fixed bail at \$1,000, the accused in \$500 and two sureties in \$250 each.

THEATRE FOR SYDNEY.

In a very few months Sydney will be provided with a large and handsome theatre, furnished and equipped according to the latest and most improved ideas in theatrical architecture. A company has been formed, a site has been selected and the scheme has been successfully launched under the most favorable and encouraging circumstances.—Post.

COLE YOUNGER PARDONED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Cole Younger, who was paroled from Stillwater, Minn., penitentiary two years ago with his brother Jim, will be given a conditional pardon today by the state pardon board, which will admit of the ex-convict returning to his former home in Missouri, according to a despatch to the Chronicle from St. Paul.

CYCLONE AND FLOOD.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 4.—The storm which has prevailed throughout this section for the past two or three days reached a climax last night when the rain fell in torrents for five hours and the wind reached almost cyclonic velocity. Streams were flooded and much minor damage resulted.

St. John, N. B., February 4, 1903.

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VENEZUELA.

Revolutionary Forces at the Gates of Caracas.

Castro in the Saddle Day and Night Preparing for Defence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—An army of revolutionists is now almost at the gates of Caracas, says the Herald's Caracas correspondent, and everywhere in the city preparations are being made to repel an attack. Trenches are being dug and citizens are being drafted into the military ranks. Armies are being raised for the government service.

President Castro is as cool as the proverbial cucumber and is displaying a tireless energy. He is on horseback day and night, directing the defensive operations.

Despite the dark outlook many persons believe that the government will triumph over the divided revolutionist leadership and the unorderly crowds of the insurrection. The Matos revolution has at last reached a point where some decisive action must take place within a very few days.

Bulletins of victory and defeat are now being circulated in Caracas as a result of the fighting just outside the capital. The significant features are that defensive measures are pushed.

The blockaders have notified the Laguarda authorities that if they let Venezuela soldiers in town they will shell the fort. This notification is inexplicable to the Laguarda authorities, as Venezuelan soldiers occasionally pass in the streets on their way to fight the revolutionists.

Laguarda residents look upon the notification as a new tactic of the Germans to assist the Matos revolution and are asking "Where is the peaceful blockade?"

FREDERICTON.

Bishop Sweeney Will Case—The Government in Session.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 4.—Bishop Sweeney's will case was before the supreme court this morning upon appeal. Dr. Boyle Traversa vs. Bishop Casey et al. Attorney General Pugsley argued appeal, Stoketon and Barry contra. Court considers. Court adjourned to Friday when judgments will be delivered.

The government held a session this morning. All were present except Dr. Pugsley, who was engaged at the supreme court, and Mr. McKeown, who is not here. A delegation consisting of Morris Scott, of Gasquetown, and A. George Blair, was heard. Scott has a farm at Gasquetown, and proposes to go into the raising of short horn cattle on a large scale. He wants government assistance to the extent of \$2,000 a year for five years. In return he undertakes to furnish to the order of the minister of agriculture ten pure bred bulls each year. Consideration was promised. It is understood that election matters are likely to engage the chief attention of the government at this meeting.

CHINESE TROUBLES.

A Rising in Hong Kong and Canton Prevented.

HONG KONG, Feb. 4.—The Chinese commission agent of a German firm has been arrested at Canton in connection with the capture at that place, Jan. 21, by the Chinese authorities, of arms, ammunition and commissariat stores, collected by the reformers. The German counsel has attempted, unsuccessfully, to obtain his release.

The prosecution of the seven Kwangsi rebels arrested in this city in January, and whose apprehension led to the discovery of plans for a simultaneous rising here and at Canton, has been abandoned on account of insufficient evidence. When these men were taken into custody they were found to be in possession of banners and secret codes for communication with their fellow conspirators.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A National Organization for Reform of Educational Methods.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—A national organization for the reformation of the American Sunday school along modern educational lines, and the general improvement of religious education throughout all agencies will be affected at a convention to be held in this city next week. The new organization is designed to fill the same place in religious education that the national educational association does in secular. Over 600 delegates from universities, colleges, churches and Sunday schools in the east and middle west are expected.

A SILLY FELLOW.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Alfred Agster, a socialist member of the Reichstag, fired a revolver at himself in a committee room of the house at noon today. But, as he had previously removed the bullet from the cartridge, the deputy was only slightly wounded. Agster wrote to some of his fellow deputies yesterday saying he intended to commit suicide. He lately had shown signs of mental weakness.

SULTAN WANTS TO KNOW.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 4.—The Turkish ambassador at Paris, Salis Munt Bey, has been summoned here to explain the attitude of France in regard to Macedonia.

ST. ANDREWS.

The Algonquin Improvements—A Count's Purchase—The Death Roll.

ST. ANDREWS, Feb. 2.—At the meeting of the Algonquin Hotel Company held in St. John last Saturday, a number of the old directors of the company resigned, and in their stead the following named gentlemen were elected: James Osborne, H. H. McLean, James N. Sutherland, C. B. Foster, and F. B. Edgcombe. W. A. Sturchele and F. H. Grimmar, members of the old board, continue in office. Mr. Sturchele resigned the office of president, to which Mr. Osborne was elected. Mr. H. McLean became secretary and Mr. Sutherland in succession to A. D. S. Bell of Boston, who resigned that position. It was decided to make extensive improvements in the hotel property with a view to the better accommodation next season of the guests.

It is understood that amongst the improvements will be the introduction of eighteen or twenty additional bath rooms with the latest improved fixtures. The painting and papering of the house throughout will be done and the outside of the building will also be newly painted. Substantial addition will be made to the general furnishing. Improved facilities for fire protection will be installed, and reader avenues of exit from the house, in the event of fire taking place.

The work of improvement has already been commenced, under the supervision of J. P. O'Leary of Montreal, who has had much experience in work of the kind, as well as in the erection of palatial residences, he having had charge of the erection at Port Tipperary of the handsome summer residence for Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

The grounds surrounding the hotel will also receive attention, with the view of making them more attractive. When we add that these very capable and popular gentlemen, Harvey and Wood, who were lessees of the hotel during the past three or four seasons, will operate it during the tourist season of 1903, no doubt can be felt that the popularity of their management during the season past will lead to an overcrowding house, when taken in connection with the extensive golf links, the facilities for varied and beautiful drives, and the opportunity for enjoying excursions by steamer and sailing yachts over the ever beautiful Passamaquoddy bay and amongst the islands with which its fringe is studded. These church services are available for all who choose to attend.

Count Jules de Havilly Thebaud has purchased the Hans Johnson farm, situated on the southern slope of Chamcook Mountain. It contains about one hundred acres, with a dwelling house and barn. Mr. Thebaud will be during the summer and fall months.

Mrs. Sarah W., aged 71 years, wife of Robert Denmore, Chamcook, parish of St. Andrews, after a protracted illness, died Monday, 2nd inst. The deceased was the widow of the Rev. Warren Bailey, a Baptist minister well known in Charlotte Co.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

The local government is in session in Fredericton today, and the announcement of the date of the provincial elections may be expected tonight or tomorrow. The election can hardly take place inside of three weeks, and, according to those who should know, the voting is certainly not more than a month away. Three weeks from Friday or Saturday may be a pretty good guess.

Meanwhile the street echoes with rumors regarding candidates, and the government ticket in the city seems to afford the most favored field for the prophets. That Mr. McKeown will run again is pretty certain, although the success of the ambitious junior member of the executive over some unexpected turn of events is well known as is the desire of certain local rivals to supplant him.

But here the certainty stops. That Mr. Pugsley would give a good deal to be out of the running is as sure as that he made a strenuous effort to retire at the last election. But the man to whom his nature as a candidate as well as it knows the weakness of an aspirant for his job, whose previous attempts to crowd Dr. Christie from the aldermanic board have so signally failed.

Then Geo. Robertson is at present taking a good thing out of that once-again starry and may feel disinclined to forsake his monopoly past long enough to contest an election, the result of which is, for him, very dubious and the cash value of possible success, a matter for serious consideration.

But the greatest interest centres around the choice of the Catholic member of the ticket upon whose strength the strength of the ticket as a whole largely depends. There's D. Mullin, would be more than glad to take the place, it is said, but it is unlikely that he will be allowed to do so, as in event of his election his presence in the house would not be conducive to the safety of some present holders of executive office. John McGoldrick is freely spoken of, and it is believed that he would, after some deliberation, accept the nomination. It remains to be seen if his great popularity would be as effective in procuring an in-civic contest. But the man to whom the greatest number of fingers point as the candidate is John L. Carleton. A candidate with an organ of his own is not to be despised.

STEAMER ASHORE.

ADEN, Arabia, Feb. 4.—The North German Lloyd steamer Friedrich, from Hamburg, Jan. 8, for ports of China and Japan, is ashore near Mocha, Arabia. It is expected she will be refloated.

Seaboard Corporation, England, has been recommended to plant 2000 to 3000 telegraph poles for electric tramway trolley wires.

WATERBURY.

Troops are Still in Charge of the Town.

It is Feared There Will be Riots by Strikers To-night.

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 4.—Reports from the militia companies on duty at the car barns and the power house of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company at eight o'clock this morning said that everything had been quiet since midnight. The cars of the company were run as usual on all lines. Heavy rain kept idlers indoors and there were few people on the streets.

The coming of nightfall is awaited with apprehension which the city and military officials made no pretense of concealing. Wednesday is pay day for thousands of factory workers and on that night the streets are usually filled with promiscuous throngs, saloons do the liveliest business and dance halls and other amusements are crowded. The opportunities for much disorder, in view of these conditions, have not been overlooked by the authorities and fears are expressed that the night may bring much trouble. Preparations in anticipation of this were begun at the conference between Brigadier Gen. Frost, Sheriff Dunham and Chief of Police Egan. They determined to employ every means at their command to cope with the situation and it was announced today that night will see the city and car lines more thoroughly guarded than ever before.

The cars of the company and the wagons of the strikers ran on their usual rival schedules today with the bus lines having the better of it so far as patronage was concerned. In spite of the rain few people ventured to ride on the cars.

MURRAY ST. MISSION.

History of an Institution Doing a Good Work.

An institution in the city which in a very quiet way does a great deal of good is the Baptist mission on Murray street, North End, in aid of which a concert is to be held in German street Baptist church tomorrow evening. The following sketch of the mission's history is furnished the Star by one of the workers:

What is now known as the Murray street Baptist mission was opened on the 10th of Feb., 1889, in a small store on Sheriff street, with about one dozen workers. The first pastor was Mr. Cross, superintendent; Harry Lane, secretary; Miss Georgie Currie, organist. Under such leaders the attendance increased rapidly until larger quarters had to be procured in an old dwelling from which the partitions were removed. The school was held every Sunday morning at 9.30 with prayer meetings on Friday evenings. The attendance steadily increased until it averaged 100, a pretty good number to crowd into such a small space as a 14x24 ft. room. Arrangements were made for the erection of a new building on Murray street, about half way between Main street and the Strait Shore Road. The measurement of the new building was 30x48 ft.

In Dec. of 1893 work was commenced on the foundation and pushed rapidly forward. The building was dedicated March, 1895. The dedication service was attended by a large audience, every seat in the hall being occupied. J. Calhoun presided. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Cross, Rev. Mr. Weston, Rev. G. O. Gates; and a musical and literary programme carried out. Mr. Cross gave a brief history of the work being done by the mission. The new building had been completed at a cost of \$600. The total sum of \$600.00 had been expended, all of which amount had been paid, with the exception of \$204.27. The school had been paying its own way, and felt it would be able to do so in its new quarters. An appeal was made to those present to help liquidate the debt, with the result that \$168 was subscribed.

In July 1897 it was decided to build an addition for the purpose of accommodating the senior and primary departments. The school continues to grow. The present officers are W. C. Cross, superintendent; G. F. Doig, assistant superintendent; A. J. Denness, secretary-treasurer; Miss Sullivan, primary department. The enrollment of the school at the close of 1902 was as follows: Senior department, 23; junior department, 4; intermediate department, 63; primary department, 46; teachers, 8; officers, 3; home department, 16. Total 155. Total attendance for year, 2,866; collections, \$1,611; income, \$127.19; expenditure, \$106.22; showing balance of cash, \$20.97.

In addition to this, the "Sunday School Times" has been paid one year in advance, and all supplies paid for 3 months in advance.

The school is oddly situated, compared with other schools; they have to pay water rates, ground rent, for heating and lighting and several other bills. Just now they are very much in need of a new organ, and as a way to secure the means to purchase one, a concert will be held in German street Baptist church, Feb. 6th, at 8 o'clock. Some of the best talent in the city will take part.

THE BOYS' MISSION.

Tomorrow evening a concert will be held in the Boys' Mission in which a large number of the boys will take part. The programme will be a miscellaneous one, consisting of solos, duets and readings, and should prove interesting. A treat is promised those who attend.



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AN INTERESTING ROMAN.
Bath Hears Maine Central Has Bought Eastern N. S. Line.

BATH, Feb. 4.—The report that Charles W. Morse, of New York, who was instrumental in organizing the Eastern Steamship Co., has sold out his stock in this great combination of steamship lines is generally accepted as correct by Bath citizens. It now seems to be generally understood that he has sold to the Maine Central and Boston & Maine railroads. This seems to bear out the rumors circulated nearly a year ago, that these railroads were trying to effect a deal whereby they could get in control of these various steamship lines as auxiliaries to their railroad lines.

AN AMERICAN NAVY LEAGUE.
NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—There has just been incorporated "The Navy League of the U. S." Benjamin F. Tracy, former assistant secretary of the navy, is vice-president. The list of honorary vice-presidents includes leading men throughout the country interested in marine matters. It is intended this organization shall help express popular opinion on naval subjects. Similar organizations exist in England, France, Italy, Belgium and Germany.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.
Oklahoma City is in flames today and the best business blocks are destroyed.

The Rev. Dr. Gates will deliver an address to the Young People's Union of Main Street Baptist church tonight, subject, "The Benefits of a Young People's Union in the Church and the Object."

The largest wooden statue in the world is to be seen at Tokyo, where it has stood many years. It stands fifty-four feet high and the head will hold twenty people.