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News of a Day

Dead at 116.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 10.—Mary Calne, a negro, died today at the age of 116. She had such a clear mind until last year that minute details of the war of 1812 and the part that Orange County soldiers played in it were fresh to her. The old woman lived on a farm nine miles from Durham.

Withdraws Resolution.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 10.—Mr. Hayward, member of the legislature for Cowichan, has withdrawn his resolution to invoke Dominion legislation prohibiting Asiatics from becoming property owners in Canada. The resolution has not been abandoned, but will be brought forward later in another form.

Printers Strike Over.

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 10.—The printers' strike here is over, \$2 per week having been granted by the printers, to take full effect within two years, the first part of the strike, \$1.50, being granted this year. The Morning Times has suspended publication, pending re-organization, but the other papers are again issuing as usual.

Charcot Heard From.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 10.—The captain of the steamer Sud, which arrived at Punta Arenas today, reports that he spoke the Antarctic explorer steamer Pourquoi Pas anchored at Port Gallant in the Strait of Magellan. Dr. J. M. Charcot refused any information concerning the result of the French South Polar expedition.

Canada's Imagination.

London, Feb. 10.—The Chronicle devotes an editorial to the next Governor-General of Canada. It says he should be a man who would strike the imagination. It notes how greatly the imagination of Canadians has been struck by the rumor that the Duke of Connaught is likely to take up the post, but doubts whether his appointment is probable.

Serious Accident.

Fredericton, Feb. 10.—Fred Currie, the five-year-old son of Samuel Currie of Nashvaukas, met with a serious accident this week and for a time it seemed that it might prove fatal. While catching on a team loaded with cordwood he fell and the loaded sled passed over his leg about the thigh, causing a bad fracture and crushing his leg badly, as well as causing internal injuries of a serious nature.

Molson's Bank.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—The management of Molson's Bank is asking the shareholders to waive their rights to

an issue of \$1,000,000 new stock, an offer having been received from some English capitalists for a block of similar proportions. It was announced some time ago, through the banking house of Spelling & Co., of London, that money was seeking good investment in some Canadian banking institution. The outcome is as above stated.

Police Commission.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—One of the first acts of the new city management is expected to be the creation of a police commission of which it is said Chief Detective Carpenter will be a member with two judges. The likelihood of Chief of Police Campeau remaining at the head of the police is remote, owing to the unfortunate showing made before the Royal Commission, as well as owing to his general weakness of administration.

James P. Farris Dead.

Fredericton, Feb. 10.—The death occurred this morning at the residence of James A. Farris of St. Marys, of his father, James P. Farris, aged 86 years, who had been in ill health for some time past. Three sons, James A. and Solomon of St. Marys and William of Grand Lake, and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Foster of St. John, survive. The funeral service will be conducted this evening by Rev. C. P. Wilson and the remains will be taken to Grand Lake for interment.

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Death of Arthur Lake.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Coley Lake will regret to hear of the death of their little son, Arthur, which occurred at Halifax, Feb. 9. The funeral will be held on Friday from 55 Elliott Row.

Divorce Case.

Among the cases entered in the divorce court and which will be heard at the session of the court which opens at Fredericton on the 22nd inst., is one from the city of St. John, the plaintiff being William James Lemmon, a carpenter, who seeks divorce from his wife who before her marriage was Lillian Matilda Shaw. The usual statutory offence is alleged.

Aldermanic Candidates.

Two new aldermanic candidates are reported in the field. Mr. R. E. Wigmore will run at large instead of in Kings ward, and Mr. John H. Burley will be a candidate against Ald. Elkin in Queen's ward.

In the Police Court.

In the police court yesterday John Nickerson, aged 16; Thomas Gallagher, aged 16; and George Humphreys, aged 15, were charged with stealing \$10 from the store of A. S. Spragg, 554 Main street, on Wednesday night. The hearing was postponed until today.

Prizes for St. John Valley.

The St. John Valley Railway Company have decided to offer two prizes for the best article descriptive of the St. John Valley, its resources and possibilities. The competition will be open to the province, and competent judges will be appointed to pass upon the merits of the articles. The competition will close on February 25, with Mayor Chestnut of Fredericton. The first prize will be \$40 and the second, \$20.

NEW BRUNSWICK HAS WON CUBAN MARKET

Fredericton, Feb. 10.—In a statement given out today by Secretary Hubbard it is announced by the provincial agricultural department that the total shipments of potatoes from New Brunswick via St. John to Cuba this year amount to upwards of 80,000 barrels. Up to January 31st last there had been barrelled at the provincial government's frost proof warehouse at St. John 27,867 barrels. New Brunswick potatoes are now the only ones in Havana and the dealers of this province have captured the market. The daily consumption is about 2,000 barrels.

In connection with the development of the potato trade a big business in barrels is opening up in this province. It is stated that B. Frank Smith, ex-M. P. P., is opening up a barrel manufacturing business in Florenceville and expects to make about 50,000 barrels annually, for which there is a market in the up-river counties of the St. John river potato belt.

REFINERY SITE BALLAST WHARF

Announced at Meeting of General Committee Yesterday That Durant Has Secured Land From Government—Trestle Not Likely To Be Removed—City's Property Wanted for Facilities.

Opponents of the granting of the Charlotte street extension slip to Mr. F. C. Durant as a site for a sugar refinery claimed to have found justification for their course when the fact was revealed at a meeting of the common council yesterday that the factory is not likely to be placed on the city property but southward on the Ballast wharf, F. R. Taylor, of Weldon and McLean, representing Mr. Durant, also announced the removal of the I. C. R. trestle as an improbability and foreshadowed the transfer of the I. C. R. facilities at the Ballast wharf to the property granted by the city.

The meeting was called to ratify the agreement between the city and Mr. Durant but after Mr. Taylor had made the statements the debate came to an abrupt conclusion and further consideration was deferred until a copy of the order-in-council granting the I. C. R. property to Mr. Durant was received.

The final draft of the lease of the Greenhead lots to the David Craig Company was also considered in general committee and after some changes had been recommended was approved by the common council. There was considerable discussion over one section requiring the company to deliver up the property at the end of fourteen years, but this was finally settled by what the recorder called a "shading of words."

The mayor presided and Ald. Hayes, Likely, Lewis, Codner, Scully, Vawart, Belyea, Elkin, Wilson, Potts, Frink, Holder, Kelley and McGoldrick were present with the recorder and common clerk.

The Sugar Refinery.

The common clerk read the communication from Weldon and McLean accepting the proposition on behalf of Mr. Durant.

The council then resolved itself into general committee and the draft of the agreement as prepared by the recorder was considered.

The first section which simply stated the boundaries was not adopted without discussion.

Ald. Belyea asked if Mr. Durant's company were to be given riparian rights on any side. Only the northern side was stipulated otherwise.

Ald. Elkin asked if the council had any power to lease the land in question.

The recorder said the whole thing was subject to legislation. He recommended that the word riparian be struck out and that the lease should read "rights on the northern side of that property."

Ald. Elkin could not see that the city's interests were properly protected by the agreement. It was only a northern side of the Durant property they would have to interfere with their wharf and in order to make a good wharf must interlock with the refinery wharf.

The section was adopted as read after some further discussion.

Breaks in Water Service.

With reference to the provision for the city not being liable for any breaks in the water service as a result of the main being laid to the refinery, Ald. Frink asked if the city would be absolved from any responsibility by the mere act of the legislature.

The recorder replied in the affirmative.

Ald. Potts said the laying of an extra main was not made obligatory but was simply a privilege.

Mr. Taylor said that after much negotiation Mr. Durant had obtained a definite agreement with the city and had been acting on these resolutions for some months. There could be no question as to the unfairness of the council carrying the resolutions, he said they had no legal right.

Ald. Potts said that Mr. Durant had stated to the council that he meant to lay a main from the Marsh Bridge and if he did not intend to he had certainly misled the aldermen.

Mr. Taylor said that there was no intention not to lay the pipe. The city supplied the water at the Marsh Bridge.

Ald. Belyea asked if Mr. Durant would have the right to expropriate any streets wherever he wanted.

The recorder said that he certainly had the right if he did not interfere with existing conditions.

Ald. Kelley thought the discussion was out of order. Someone in Mr. Skinner's office should have composed a resolution warning the city of the time to go over the resolutions a second time.

The remaining sections of the agreement were then read without discussion.

Factory on Ballast Wharf.

In reply to Ald. Elkin, Mr. Taylor said that the company had secured simple concessions from the I. C. R. There was room to build the factory on the Ballast wharf property. As far as he could see now it was very unlikely that the trestle would be removed.

Ald. Belyea said it was his opinion that the factory would have to be built on the property given by the city or not at all.

Ald. Elkin said that from what he now heard from Mr. Taylor he had grave doubts whether the sugar refinery would ever be built in St. John. In that case the property would revert to the city. It would take the whole of the Ballast wharf for its site and Mr. Durant was sure not to get this.

Ald. Kelley asked if there was anything in the agreement to compel Mr. Durant to build the factory on the site.

Ald. McGoldrick said that he wanted to see a copy of the order in council which gave Mr. Durant his concessions from the I. C. R. The matter should be threshed out by the Harbor Committee. They must know what was going to be done with the trestle. He moved that the whole question be referred to the Harbor Committee.

Ald. Lewis referred to the aldermen who opposed the agreement as obstructive. Let them stand by the original vote or there would be trouble ahead. He would not like to have to

carry the load on his back that the city would be sure to get.

Ald. Frink—"So soon?"

A Right to Their Opinion. Ald. McGoldrick said he didn't want Ald. Lewis to think that anything derogatory to the city's interest was contemplated. The aldermen had a right to their opinion and did not have to vote to give away all the city's property without any return.

Mr. Taylor said he could not tell definitely but he did know that Mr. Durant had secured sufficient land from the Dominion Government to serve as a site for the factory. Without the land which the city had granted, Mr. Durant would be impossible to provide for the railway and wharfage facilities.

Ald. Scully said he had asked his question because it had occurred to him that Mr. Durant had secured the property from the city for the purpose of trading off with the Dominion Government. He would not favor any transaction of this kind.

Ald. Frink said the copy of the order-in-council should be before the council. Not much progress could be made until a copy was available. He moved that further consideration be deferred until more information could be secured.

Nigger in The Wood Pile. Ald. Elkin said he wanted all the city to know that he was opposed to the city giving the property to Mr. Durant. There seemed to be a nigger in the wood pile, and from what he had heard today he was further convinced of the fact.

Ald. Elkin supported Ald. Frink's amendment.

Ald. Kelley pointed out that there was absolutely nothing in the agreement to bind Mr. Durant to build the refinery on the block of land. If the refinery was built anywhere, Mr. Durant had the land in fee simple and could hold it in spite of the city.

Some one had exerted the requisite amount of brute force to drive through the resolutions which no one understood.

Ald. Belyea read from the resolutions in an attempt to find a binding clause, but failed to convince Ald. Kelley.

Ald. Hayes said there was no cause for complaint. The council had used for a sugar refinery and it made little difference as to the precise location of the factory.

Mr. Taylor said the whole question was to secure the concessions from the I. C. R. and at some time provide for the necessary facilities for the government railway. To do so, without the agreement, was impossible.

The property which the city had given, it made little difference whether the factory was on the city lots or down on the Ballast wharf. The taxes would remain the same.

Mr. Kelley—"Mr. Taylor is in error there. Crown land cannot be assessed."

Mr. Taylor—"For Ald. Kelley's benefit I may say that the order-in-council conveyed the land in fee simple to Mr. Durant and he will have a clear title to the property. There would be no objection to adding a section to the agreement requiring Mr. Durant to pay the taxes agreed upon in the original agreement."

Ald. McGoldrick said the harbor committee were in close touch with the Minister of Public Works and could secure the information as to the concessions granted Mr. Durant.

The recorder again cautioned the council in making any agreement which could mean the removal of the I. C. R. trestle.

Ald. Frink's amendment was carried.

The Craig Lease. The Craig lease was then considered. Mr. A. A. Wilson and ex-Ald. McGowan represented the Craig Company.

After the recorder had read the lease Mr. Wilson asked for the elimination of section 9 providing for the property reverting to the city at the expiration of 14 years. It was not essential, he said, to have the clause in because legally the city had the right to assess the value of the buildings and take over the property or to renew the lease.

Ald. Scully thought there should be an understanding on the part of the property owner as to what the improvements were worth. He moved that Mr. Wilson be heard.

Mr. Wilson said that the section he objected to was a new clause in a renewal lease. It would do away with the renewal. The condition took away all right to have the property valued. When people were approached to buy stock they would say, "why your lease runs out in 14 years."

Ald. Vawart said that the Craig people were being given a large tract of land and it was thought better to put in the section in order to provide for other companies to have a chance to develop the property.

"More Shading of Words." The recorder said it would be very easy to meet Mr. Wilson's objection and at the same time protect the city.

Ald. Scully moved that the committee rise and the report of the common council approving the lease as amended.

Ald. Potts moved the objectionable section be struck out.

Ald. Scully's motion was carried and the meeting then adjourned.

Bent on Suicide. Fredericton, Feb. 10.—It is reported that William Collins, who attempted suicide last fall by cutting his throat with a razor at his home on York street, and almost succeeded, made another attempt to end his life at Hanwell a few days ago. Mrs. Collins has had her husband at Hanwell to see if a change of scene would not cause him to forget his desire to end his life. It is said that Collins's last attempt at suicide was by trying to drink some paris green.

Frozen to Death. Fort Francis, Ont., Feb. 10.—An Indian hunter, who disappeared some days ago was evidently devoured by wolves. A skeleton has been found on the ice of Lake of the Woods, where he had been overtaken by the pack. His wife and family reside on a reserve near here.

MORAL REFORM IN DEBEC JCT.

Enthusiastic Gathering Pledges Itself to Social and Moral Reform in Strong Resolutions.

EVILS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO EXIST

De Bec, Feb. 10.—While the residents of many of the villages in our county are agitated over the prospect of the St. John Valley Railway, the citizens of De Bec are agitated over an equally important matter namely that of moral and social reform.

Certain recent occurrences at or near this village have given rise to the special agitation at this particular time and on account of these occurrences the resident clergymen called a meeting which was held in the Foresters' Hall at De Bec last evening.

That the interest is widespread and far reaching is evidenced by the fact that the hall, which is a spacious one, was packed to the doors, every available seat being taken, many gentlemen standing through the entire meeting; and notwithstanding the fact that the gathering was so large the speakers were given the best of attention and good order prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

Mr. John Y. Flemming was appointed chairman and Mr. B. D. Hoyt, secretary for the evening.

The chairman called upon Rev. Mr. McDonald, Presbyterian, to explain the motives of the meeting, which he did at some length, stating that although it was not the intention of the meeting to mention any names or make any charges, yet all present knew as well as he (Mr. McDonald) that evils existed in De Bec and in the Parish of Richmond and he wished to find out what the sentiment of the meeting was and to organize, if thought practicable, a council of Moral and Social Reform in Canada.

Rev. Mr. Currie, Baptist, was the next speaker and spoke of the evils of intemperance and made a special plea for "our boys."

Rev. E. Hamzy, Methodist, was the next speaker and after referring in a general way to the evils which are known to exist in our village, stated that the object of the meeting was to get after this pulse of the people and urged that the various demonstrations to stand united for their rights as Christian citizens.

Rev. Mr. McDonald expressed his regret that Rev. Father Murphy was unable to be present but assured those present that Father Murphy was in perfect accord with them in their efforts for the betterment of this village in a moral and social way.

Rev. Mr. McDonald read the following resolutions, which after some discussion were adopted separately and then as a whole.

Resolved, I.—That in order to make effective our desire for better conditions a unity of all moral forces be obtained by organization according to the by-laws of the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada.

Resolved, II.—That the proper authorities be notified of any suspected infringement of the Scott Act by private individuals or common carriers.

Resolved, III.—That this Council, through its members and executive, endeavor by every peaceful means to eliminate from our community all moral and social evils.

Resolved, IV.—That the arm of the law be invoked and the utmost penalties be inflicted upon any premises warning any of the following charges can be proven to exist in our community:

1. The sale of beverages in any form, whether under the list of intoxicating liquors.

2. The sale or gift of such intoxicating liquors to any person under the age of twenty-one.

3. The operation of any gaming table or slot machine.

4. The permission of any form of gambling upon any premises occupied or unoccupied.

5. The gift or sale of liquor to any person known to be an habitual drinker.

6. The use of profane or obscene language on the public highway; in any place of business, in any waiting room or in any place the public have or are permitted to have access to.

Resolved, VI.—That educational legislation and administrative reforms be introduced by every means within the powers of this council.

After the unanimous adoption of the above resolutions the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. Mr. McDonald. Vice-pres.—Rev. Mr. Currie. Sec. Treas.—Wm. Kennedy.

Members of Council—J. R. Kirkpatrick, J. S. Meunier, Thos. Griffin and Burns Hemphill.

After the election of officers an opportunity was given to those who desired to become members of the council to subscribe as such and about 110 names were taken while still others will follow.

The meeting which was the most successful one of this kind in the history of our village, was brought to a close by the hearty rendering of the National Anthem.

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CHILD'S RUBBERS. Rolled edge soles. Now 50c. Ordinary. Now 40c.

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New York, Feb. 10.—Nearly a hundred gentlemen of color brushed up their French yesterday and called at the Cafe Martin, at 26th street and Broadway.

"Bong zhure, Monseer," boomed the first to arrive as he greeted the astonished doorman with a bow that was executed with a combination of heart-felt warmth from Dixie and of grace from the land of Parlez vous.

"Ah, whatcha think your up against," retorted that individual in his best Parisian. "Git! Vamoose! Skedaddle! Allez you pie-faced!"

"Wee! Wee! Monseer. But eef youl eevous dans le journal to look!" At this point the dusky person extended an evening newspaper, which contained this advertisement:

Four headwaiters and 16 assistants (colored) wanted at once at Cafe Martin, 26th street and Broadway, to work day and night.

The advertisement was shown to the head