

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

RIVERSIDE.

Riverside, Albert Co., Feb. 26—Harley Steeves and Miss Vera Gibson were united in marriage by the Rev. R. H. McPherson, pastor of the Riverside Presbyterian church at the Temperance Hotel, Alma, February 21.

The Riverside "Monday Club," which meets at the home of Hon. A. R. and Mrs. McClean is in a flourishing condition. Several new members have united with the club. At the last session Mrs. Frank Gillespie, of Hillsboro (see Miss Daley), was made an honorary member.

Mrs. David Archibald, who has been quite ill is somewhat improved. Mr. and Mrs. Avery Prosser, of Prosser Brook (A. Corner), who have been spending the winter at Riverside, returned home on Tuesday.

The ladies of the Riverside Social Club are to hold an entertainment in the hall on Friday evening, March 6. The chief feature of the evening will be an old time spelling match.

Mrs. A. H. McLane, who has been keeping house for her son, Frederick B. Ritchie, returned to her home, New Glasgow (N.S.), Monday.

Mrs. Clarence Moore, who has been visiting friends at Mountville, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Copp, of Albert, gave a reception party for their son, Fred G. Copp, who was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Fowler, of Port Hood, on Wednesday evening, February 18. Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Harvey, officiating. A large number of guests attended the reception. Refreshments were served at 11 p. m., after which dancing was resumed and continued till the "wee ones" hours of the morning.

A large number of presents were received by the young couple showing the esteem in which they were held by their many friends. Following is a list of the presents: China tea set, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Copp; fancy cup and saucer, Mariner Anderson; crystal berry set, Herbert and Adele Wilbur; fancy plate, Mrs. Jennie Anderson; table linen, Mrs. Alison Tingley; fancy cup, Arthur Tingley; hat dozen tumblers, Mrs. Bulmer; porridge set, Bessie Anderson; parlor lamp, Mr. Willie H. Martin; water pitcher, Belle and Aggie Smith; china set, Samuel Copp; fancy plate, Mrs. George Tingley; fancy table scarf, Minnie Wilbur; table spread, Thomas and Manly Martin; fancy pitcher, Mr. Fred Grey; fancy sugar bowl and teapot, Aaron Copp; half-dozen napkins, Miss Brewster and Mr. Horman; bouquet holder, Mr. and Mrs. George Bunker; water set and salver, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lewis; teapot, George McLennan; breakfast crust, Eveline Fullerton; preserve dish and vinegar bottle, Hattie Wilbur; china set, John McLane and William F. Copp; crystal set, Mrs. Lewis and daughters; table linen, Vinton Copp; towels, Mrs. McLane; table linen, Mrs. Malcolm Wilbur; preserve dish, Annie C. Tingley; water pitcher, Jennie Tingley. The happy couple will reside at Albert.

CANTERBURY.

Canterbury Station, N. B., Feb. 24—Mrs. Henry Carr, Mrs. Coburn and Mrs. Cass, McDougall entertained a number of friends in Carr's hall last evening. About 50 guests were present, including both young and old, who enjoyed the evening very much in playing games of all kinds. In a part of the hall were a group of enthusiastic over a game of croquet, and another interested in the good old games of dominoes or authors, and when these pastimes grew tiresome the comradely hostesses suggested more lively play, and the younger element formed on the floor and chased squares, sweet hearts and nearly everything in sight for another enjoyable hour.

Refreshments were then served, after which Mrs. James Johnson favored the guests with an excellent lecture. Great credit should be given the ladies for providing an opportunity of passing such a pleasant evening. It cements friendship, and it is hoped that this is not the last.

McADAM.

McAdam, N. B., Feb. 26—Last evening, at 5 o'clock, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Green, when their daughter, Miss Lila Green, was united in marriage to L. C. Thom on, eldest clerk in the C. P. R. store department at McAdam. Rev. Arthur Ross performed the ceremony, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride.

At the home of Samuel Orr, at 6 o'clock, Miss White was united to Otto Green, machinist, of this place. Rev. A. Ross performed the ceremony. The happy couple have the best wishes of their hosts of friends for long and prosperous lives.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, March 2—(Special)—Today was nomination day for the civic elections and John Palmer was elected mayor by acclamation in succession to Dr. W. C. Crockett.

Up to 6.30 o'clock this evening the following aldermanic nominations had been made: Welling ward—Ald. Ryan, Ald. Stockford, John S. Scott. St. Ann's ward—Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Ross. Carleton ward—Ald. Poirer, Ald. McKeown.

Queens ward—Ald. Clark, Ald. Moore. Kings ward—Ald. Boyce, Jas. A. Rogers, John A. Edwards, Wm. E. White. Mrs. Letta Mille, wife of John P. Mille, an employe at Palmer's tannery, died suddenly this morning. Deceased was 34 years of age and was a daughter of Archibald Connelly, of Ruisagorish. She leaves, besides a husband, a child two days old, and three other children.

Mrs. Eliza Kilburn, wife of Charles Kilburn, of Kingsclear, died Sunday, aged 67. She was a most estimable lady, and by her many kindly and hospitable and sympathetic endeavored herself to all. Besides a sorrowing husband, two sons and

four daughters are left to mourn. These are Mrs. John S. Gregg, Andrew; Mrs. Jas. Thorburn, Stanley; Miss Eliza Kilburn, Miss Carrie, Miss Armantha, of this city, and Miss Minnie, at home. Healey and Isaac also reside at Kingsclear.

A young man named Miller, belonging to Hanwell, arrived in the city this morning suffering from a disease which is believed to be smallpox. He was examined by Doctors Fisher and Mullin, and while these the board of health has taken charge and the patient has been placed in the epidemic hospital.

Mrs. Samuel Jones, aged 60 years, died at Lorne Ridge Sunday. She leaves her husband and seven children to mourn.

The death of William R. Turner, a well-known citizen, occurred this morning. He was 62 years of age, and is survived by a widow, two sons, George, of Woburn (Mass.), and Charles, of Stoughton (Mass.), and one daughter, Mrs. Harry Boyer, of this city. Deceased was a lumber surveyor and for some time was in the employ of the Fredericton Boom Company.

Seventeen gentlemen will occupy seats in the new legislature who were not in the one recently dissolved. They are: McLatchey, for Westmorland; Morrissey, Loggie and Morrison, for Northumberland; Goggin, for Kent; Legere and Sweeney, for Westmorland; Lantulum, for St. John city; Burden, for York; Grimshaw, Clark and Hart, for Charlotte; Jones and Smith, for Carleton; Tweeddale and Burgess, for Victoria; and Clair, for Madawaska.

Of this number, Morrissey and Goggin were members of former legislatures; the other 15 are all new to legislative life. Those who sat in the late house, but are not members of the new legislature are: Mott, Burchill, O'Brien, of Northumberland; Fah, Melanson, Humphrey, Shaw, Lawson, Porter and LeForest, who were defeated, and Poirer, of Kent; O'Brien, of Charlotte; Russell, Todd and Appleby, who did not appeal for re-election.

YOUNG'S COVE.

Young's Cove, Queens county, Feb. 25—On last Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Gilles preached in St. Luke's church, Waterloo. Service will be held every Wednesday evening during Lent.

Daniel Mott is on a business trip to P. E. Island. Stephen Wilson is spending the winter with his brother and sister at Bigg's Corner. Sheldon Fairweather is home from St. John, where he has for some time been engaged in stovering work.

HILLSBORO.

Hillsboro, March 2—We have had two fires here of late. The Elgin Stevens house, located near the quarry, was consumed a few days ago. Almost everything was burned except the organ and sewing machine.

On Saturday evening shortly after dark and before Alfred Edgett's election, the Landing, had returned to his house after having attended the election, his house was seen to be on fire. The wind blew a hurricane, and was impossible to stay the flames, and in less than 30 minutes the building was in ashes. The house belonged to Captain R. C. Bacon, of Moncton.

Mr. Ritchie lost everything and no sick children and a very aged woman, Mrs. James Ritchie, just had time to leave the burning building.

The election in this section has not caused any anxiety as it was a foregone conclusion that the old members, Messrs. Ryan and Osmen, would be re-elected. They have done better than that, they have doubled the old majority, and it is probable that the defeated candidates have lost their deposit money. We heartily congratulate the members-elect on their magnificent majority, the best for over a score of years for Albert county.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, N. B., March 2—(Special)—On Saturday a policeman followed tracks in the snow from the house of Robert Irving which was burglarized Friday night to the home of William and Alexander Cooper.

The Cooper house was searched but the stolen trunk was not there, then the tracks from the house to a small shanty were followed and the trunk was found but the money was missing. Irving affirms it contained \$200 when stolen.

The Cooper brothers were arrested and will be tried Thursday. Angus Ramsay, Charlie Perry, James Martin and Will Loberton, who joined the Quebec artillery last spring but failed to return when their furlough was over, were arrested Saturday and will be sent to Quebec to serve a three years' sentence.

BATHURST.

Bathurst, March 2—Thibedeau, whose trial is to commence tomorrow before the Circuit Court, for burglarizing several stores and breaking out of jail three weeks ago, again made his escape from jail on Saturday night. The prisoner cut a hole in the ceiling of his cell; from this he raised a board in the stairway, which let him into the main entrance of the hall way, from which he escaped through a window. No trace of his whereabouts can be obtained.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, March 2—Thomas Woodworth, of Albert Mines, who has been engaged as foreman at the copper mines at Advocate (N. S.), has given up his situation and came home last night. Mr. Woodworth intends going into business in Albert county.

About 33 of the young people of Carryville, Albert Mines, and Hopewell Hill, assembled at the home of Mrs. Butterfield, Mountainville, last Thursday evening. Games of all kinds were indulged in until a late hour, after which refreshments were served.

ed. All present spent a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Butterfield and family always succeed in making the young folk have an enjoyable time.

Polling day passed off quietly but notwithstanding the terrific storm, men made their way to the polling booth and the same old enthusiasm prevailed.

Silas Wilbur, of De Meades, is visiting his father, James Wilbur, of Mountville. Mr. Wilbur has not been here for several years and his old friends are glad to see him.

Mrs. Levi Woodworth, of Chemical Road, does not improve and is now in a critical condition.

Rufus Wright of the I. C. R. shops, Moncton, is spending a few days at his home at Mountville.

CHAMBER'S SETTLEMENT Chamber's Settlement, Kings county, Feb. 28—Orning to them seems rain the roads are in a bad condition.

Miss Maggie M. O'Leary spent last Sunday with her parents in Rockville. She leaves her mother, Mrs. McLaughlin, who is glad to see her. It is a girl.

None a number from here attended the nomination at Hampton last Saturday and expressed themselves as being much pleased with the proceedings.

Boxes are quite plentiful around here. Several have been seen running through the fields.

DIGBY.

Digby, N. S., Feb. 27—Word has reached here of the death of Mrs. Wm. Burpee Dakin at her home in Somerville (Mass.). She leaves behind her aged mother, Mrs. McKean, one brother, at her native place near Sydney (C. B.); one sister, Maggie, of Boston, and brother Roderick McKean, of Seattle, Washington.

A telegram received here announces that Eben Dakin, of Centreville, Digby Neck, fell on a circular saw in a Boston workshop, where he was employed, badly cutting his left arm. He was on the operating table three hours.

Capt. E. H. Card, master of barque Swanes, left yesterday for his home in Wabun, Hants county. Mr. Burgess, the officer of the ship, has been placed in command. The vessel has been provisioned and it is said, will sail as soon as the cargo can be obtained.

Handford Grant, of Easton, Digby county, who was struck on the head with a limb while employed in the lumbering business, by Vidio Malen, died from the effects of the wound. His funeral was held yesterday.

Lobsters are reported quite plentiful about Digby Neck.

Digby, March 2—The biggest southwest gale ever known here prevailed from Saturday noon until early Sunday morning. The only shipping anchored off Digby were the bark Swanes and schooner Vidma. The latter got under weigh and sailed for Annapolis. It is said she lost an anchor, which she had to make good immediately. The bark rode out the gale in safety.

On shore, trees were blown down, telegraph wires badly crossed, the electric light wires broken and in several places poles were blown off the bank.

At Marshalltown the gale was even more violent, and the schooner Vidma was blown off the alms house, breaking in the roof.

A telephone message from Petite Passage this morning reports no damage to shipping in that vicinity, but trees are blown down all along Digby Neck.

AMHERST.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 27—(Special)—News of a terrible accident at Leicester about 20 miles from Amherst, was received here today whereby Samuel H. Hunsley, an aged and respected resident of that place, lost his life.

It seems that deceased, with his son and an uncle, had been engaged in an old lumber camp in the woods yesterday afternoon, when the roof fell, crushing him and his son in the ruins. The assistance was called for by the son but without serious injury, but was unable to get the weighty material off the old man and had to go nearly a mile to Mr. Elmer Bros.' camp for assistance. The timbers were piled off and the crushed remains removed.

Mr. Hunsley was 68 years of age. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Adelaide of Leicester, three sons and three daughters.

ANNAPOLIS.

Annapolis, N. S., March 1—(Special)—One of the worst storms that has ever visited this place was experienced here yesterday evening.

A number of plate glass windows were blown in and broken to fragments. The cornice of Cunningham's brick drug store was blown down, tenes were blown down and trees uprooted in many places. It is feared that much damage has been done to shipping along the coast.

PICTOU.

Pictou, March 2—(Special)—The latest word received tonight says that the steamers Stanley and Minto, plying between P. E. Island and Pictou, cannot be seen from either place. The former has not been seen since Friday.

At the River John horse races Friday, Singing Bird, owned by D. Dwyer, of Pictou, and Israel Boy, owned by Ernest Sutherland, of Black River, won the 2.30 and green races, in straight heats.

MR. BORDEN TO TAKE MR. FOSTER'S PLACE. Borden, March 2—(Special)—R. L. Borden, M. P., went this evening to North Ontario to attend nominations on behalf Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who is too ill to appear.

ITALIAN STRIKERS TOOK CHARGE OF SYDNEY YESTERDAY.

Sydney, March 2.—(Special)—About 300 Italian laborers employed by the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., at coke ovens and other sections of the works, went out on strike this morning and for a time looked as if there would be a riot.

Last night notices were posted that no one was to go to work this morning under penalty of being killed. A number of the men claimed that the company brought them here under a promise that they were to receive \$1.50 a day, but when they started to work they received \$1.40 a day or 14 cents an hour. These men are supposed to be the leaders of the strike and they are blamed for inducing others, all of whom are receiving \$1.35 and \$1.40 a day.

No attention was paid to the threats last night as it was not expected there would be trouble. At 6 o'clock this morning, however, the strikers assembled at the Seven Quarries crossing with two tickets of about 50 men each. Guards were stationed at the open hearth gates and at the coke ovens also.

The Italians were armed with heavy clubs, picks, shovels, iron bars, etc. One man carried a red flag. At first only those who looked like laborers were molested and told that they could not cross the track.

Later on men coming to business in the city were stopped and at 7 o'clock there were at least 200 workmen waiting to get

into the works, not daring to pass the infuriated Italians. The police were telephoned for and in a few minutes a squad of officers arrived on the scene.

When they arrived they ordered the strikers to throw down their weapons and disperse and to allow the waiting laborers to go to work.

A number of workmen passed the Italians and the strikers then began to shout in their tongue and lift their weapons threateningly. The police waited no longer and started to disperse them by force.

After the police did consistently clubbing and arresting one or two they succeeded in quelling the disturbance, and the strikers retired.

General Manager Shields, of the Steel Company, said that the strike might cause some temporary inconvenience, but it would not amount to much. Some of the strikers would not be taken back, but a majority could return if they wanted to. Mr. Shields says the cause of the strike was that the Italians claimed that they were not treated as well as the native laborers, but rather being given the preference in day work.

Alex. Carero, a workman at the steel plant, lost his life this morning while showing cars. He was struck by a car and fell on the track. Several wheels passed over his body, mangling it horribly. He died 10 minutes afterwards. Carero belonged to Newfoundland.

HALIFAX BIG FIRE STILL SMOULDERING.

Water Still Being Poured on the Ruins—List of Insurances.

Halifax, March 2—(Special)—Smoke and steam are still rising from the ruins of Saturday night's fire, but Mr. & Son are at work, having made arrangements to continue their business. Water has been poured on the fire continuously since Saturday evening, and tonight two streams were still turned on.

Carts have been at work all day hauling the loose bricks away from the vicinity of the two big safes, so that they can be reached. One of the safes went through the big Moir fire in 1892.

The insurance losses are: Moir's building, \$20,000; in the following offices: Commercial Union, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$4,500; Royal, \$3,000; British American, \$4,000; Lloyds London, \$7,000; Northern, \$1,000; Canadian, \$2,000.

Moir's stock \$22,500—In Aetna, \$3,500; Canadian, \$2,000; Anglo-American, \$2,000; Home, \$2,000; Ontario, \$4,000; Home of New York, \$4,000; Northern, \$3,000.

Moir's machinery, \$15,000—In Commercial Union, \$2,000; Anglo-American, \$2,000; Aetna, \$2,500; North British and Mercantile, \$1,500; J. J. & Co. Agency, \$1,500; Equity, \$5,000; Canadian, \$1,250; Lloyds London, \$5,750.

Boiler house and engine, \$4,000—In Commercial Union, \$2,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000.

Paper box factory and stock, \$2,000—In Phoenix of Halifax, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000.

M. Scanlan Sons, \$5,000—In Aetna, \$2,750; Halifax, \$2,250.

Austin's, \$3,700 in Royal; City Hall, \$40,000; Citizens' Library \$5,000, latter in Royal.

Doctor Cameron's house \$1,500 in British America and \$500 in the Halifax.

Doctor Welsh on furnishings \$800 in Royal.

TWO MEN KILLED WHILE WATCHING FLOODS.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 2—Reuben Maxwell, a coal miner, of Coal Valley, and Frank Wilson, the brother-in-law, were killed while walking on the railroad track, viewing the flood damage, near their home.

Maxwell's nephew was fireman on the train. The rivers are again most within their banks and the flood is thought to have passed. The Allegheny is now receding at the rate of six inches an hour.

Only a half dozen times in a century has the record of yesterday been exceeded. Notwithstanding the fact that the river came in in a few hours, the damage was as great as has been the case in many previous floods, when the water did not reach as high a stage. Indirectly, however, the loss will be heavy, as all the mills and factories fronting the two rivers have been compelled to close on account of the water getting into the flywheel pit, and probably 40,000 men will be out of employment for several days. The flood was general throughout all western Pennsylvania, streams everywhere having overflowed their banks and caused damage to houses and farms.

BIG LUMBER DEAL.

Truro, N. S., March 2—(Special)—A check for about \$100,000 was paid T. G. McMillen a few days ago by the St. Croix Lumber Company for the milling property at Hartville, Hants county. The property comprises 20,000 acres of timber land, and the company expects to put 6,000,000 feet of lumber on the market this season.

The deal was closed some time ago, and the business is being pushed with great energy. The capital of the new company is \$400,000. T. R. Prince, of Truro, is one of the capitalists.

Samuel Parker, a respected and influential resident of Ship Harbor, died yesterday, aged 64 years.

Extra Session of Congress Called. Washington, March 2—The President today signed a proclamation calling an extraordinary session of the senate of the 98th congress, to meet March 5.

SIX MEN KILLED; 25 TO 30 INJURED.

Explosion at Cement Works Yesterday Cause of the Fatality.

Easton, Pa., March 2—Six men are thought to be dead and 25 or 30 others injured, several of them seriously, from the effects of an explosion at the Edison cement plant at New Village (N. J.), seven miles from Easton, on the line of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. A large part of the plant was burned.

Easton, Pa., March 2—Six men are missing and it is feared their bodies are in the ruins. Their names have not been learned.

The most seriously injured, all of whom are burned, are: E. E. Darling, New Village, chief engineer; Wm. Slacks, Stowacresville, N. J., night superintendent, may die; Harry Rose, Philadelphia, N. J., day foreman; R. H. Goodwin, New York, chief electrician; George Bowman, time-keeper; Clinton H. Best, Easton; Alex. Wolf, Stewartville; Harry Wilmes, Broadway, N. J.

All of these men have been brought to Easton. The remainder of the injured are being cared for at farm houses in the vicinity of the plant.

The explosion occurred in one of the large coal bins and was caused by the bursting of a quantity of gas. The day force had discovered a slight fire about 5 o'clock, but the men thought they had extinguished it.

Foreman Rose went to the bin just before quitting time and as he opened the door, a terrific explosion occurred. The bin was blown to pieces and the workmen who were near it were injured.

The wreckage took fire and the flames spread rapidly, and for a time no effort was made to check their progress.

Foreman Rose was directed to the care of his less fortunate companions. The coal bin, the coal blower house, the fine coal house, the stock storage building, the conveyors and one receiving tower are in ashes.

ANOTHER TRUSTED EMPLOYE GONE WRONG.

Confidential Clerk Confesses to a Shortage of \$1,400—Culprit Belonged to Many Clubs.

Haverhill, Mass., March 2—There was a decided sensation in the city today when it became known that L. B. Brown, the confidential clerk of the postmaster, Horace M. Pinkham, had been arrested, and had confessed to a shortage of \$1,400 in his accounts.

After his confession had been taken down by a stenographer in the presence of two U. S. post office inspectors, he was taken to Boston and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Fiske, who held him in \$1,200 for the grand jury. Bail was furnished shortly after by H. M. Emerson, of this city, and Brown returned to Haverhill tonight.

Brown has not only been the confidential clerk of Postmaster Pinkham for the past four years, but served in the same capacity under the former postmaster, John J. Winn.

As soon as Brown learned of the arrival at the post office of Inspectors Owen and Pincus, he went immediately to Postmaster Pinkham and confessed.

In his confession Brown states that he was either robbed or lost the money a year ago last September.

Brown belonged to several clubs as well as to the Elks. He is unmarried.

PROVINCIAL SUBSIDIES.

Mr. Tarte Thinks the Provinces Are Liable to Get an Increased Amount.

Montreal, March 2—(Special)—Writing in La Patrie tonight, ex-Minister Tarte says the indications are that the provincial subsidies will be increased. "There are good reasons to believe that the provinces will be asked to contribute more," he says. "But if the Dominion government gives the provinces \$2,000,000 or more per annum, they should be demanded to give an explanation how this money is to be expended." Mr. Tarte adds that "some of the provinces have not in the past conducted their affairs satisfactorily."



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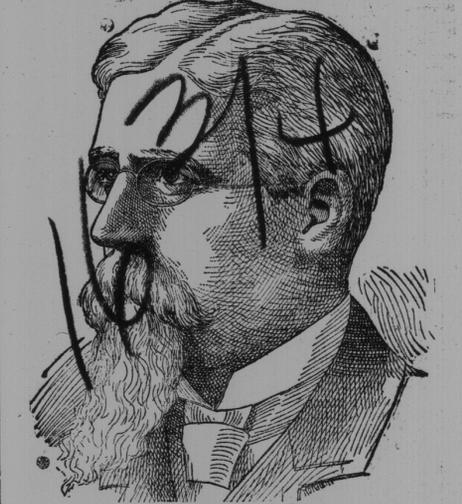
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