

# TO-DAY'S EVENT.

## Total Eclipse of Our Lunar Luminary.

Positively No Postponement on Account of the Weather.

Although the moon is so much smaller than the earth and keeps whirling around our globe and getting us between it and the sun, every month it is generally a little off at one side and out of the line of shadow, so that it is comparatively speaking, very rarely eclipsed. Eclipses of the sun are of much more frequent occurrence, at of them occurring to 29 of the others. Total eclipses of the moon are very rare, and those who miss to-day's spectacle will stand a doubtful chance of seeing another. From the year 1140 to the year 1715, a period of 575 years, there was

**Not One Total Eclipse** of the moon seen in England. There was only one seen in France during the whole of the last century. America saw one three years ago, and this is the second one visible on the continent this year. The other occurred on April 10th. There are many differences between total eclipses of the moon and those of the sun. The former are visible over a wide extent of territory, for the reason that the earth's shadow being large it takes the moon some time to get through it. In the case of a total eclipse of the sun the moon's shadow is very small. The line of totality would not make much more than a broad pencil mark on an ordinary atlas map, and the shadow speeds along its forced track with a speed which

**Imagination can scarcely conceive.** It flies along as fast as the moon moves through space. Observers of total eclipses of the sun describe the approach of the total darkness as the most awe-inspiring of spectacles. It can be seen in the far distance like a pillar of midnight. The clouds in the line of its track may shine like silver, or the sky may be a perfect blue, but as the shadow flies along cloud and sky take a momentary tinge of strange yellow and then all light is extinguished in an instant as though the sun were a candle and its flame had been blown out. The darkness is short duration and the light comes with almost the same rapidity as that with which it disappeared. An eclipse of the moon is not so astounding an event in a spectacular sense, but it is well worth looking at. All

**The Phases of the Eclipse** will not be visible here as the moon will be on the shadow when it rises. The following is a statement of the time of the several phases:—

First contact with penumbra..... 2:52 p. m.  
First contact with shadow..... 3:57  
Beginning of total phase..... 4:32  
Middle of total eclipse..... 4:38  
End of total phase..... 5:24  
Last contact with shadow..... 5:25  
Last contact with penumbra..... 5:29

The moon rises to-night at 5:24 or fourteen minutes before the middle of the total phase. The only part of the event visible here will, therefore, be the passing away of the eclipse. This will be well worth watching, if only because of the rarity of the event. Usually the moon during a total eclipse is not black, but has a sort of reddish tinge, and sometimes even the red rays of light are absorbed and the moon becomes entirely invisible. To-night, if the clouds permit, observers may expect to see the dark of the moon as with her war paint on; but it may be that she will be shadowed in blackness, or it may be that the cause of the singular red sunsets of last autumn, which yet lingers in the atmosphere may give Her Majesty a new tinge. Scientists hope to get some additional information in respect to the condition of the upper atmosphere of the earth during the eclipse, and its long duration will certainly be very favorable for observations.

**Normal School Notes.**  
The Student's Debating Society held its weekly meeting in the Principal's room last evening. The meeting was not very largely attended, but the debate proved to be one of the most interesting this session. The subject was "Resolved, That the sword has done more for civilization than the plow." Mr. S. McKnight was leader of the affirmative and Mr. J. B. Stevenson of the negative. The different speakers were Messrs. Deacon, Duff and Allen on the affirmative, Messrs. Wetmore, Hopper and Gorham on the negative. The Chairman, Mr. A. T. S. White, gave the decision in favor of the negative side. Mr. C. F. Gorham acted as critic.

The election of officers also took place last night. The new officers are—Mr. H. C. Wetmore, President; Mr. J. Deacon, Vice-President; Mr. Allen, Secretary; Mr. White, Guard. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President for the able manner in which he filled the office.

The subject for the next debate is "Resolved, That Intemperance has done more injury to Society than War has done." The leaders are Mr. McKnight, affirmative; Mr. Stevenson, negative. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

**Thursday Night's Fire.**  
Shortly after 11 p. m. on Thursday night, fire was discovered in the roof of Mrs. Hand's building on Waterloo Road. It was extinguished after some time and after the houses had been badly damaged by water and fire. The alarm was given by the Sunbury Street bell and No. 3 hose cart was promptly on hand. There was great delay in getting the water on, and when it was got on it was put every where except on the fire. Had the object been to forestall the eclipse by extinguishing the moon, the water could not have been better directed. After an expenditure of enormous quantities of water and enough property for a dozen first-class configurations, the fire was got out. It is hoped men, when they first got on the ground, had not attempted to get the water without connecting the hose with the hydrant, and had gone in where the fire was with their hose, it would have been all over in five minutes. As it was the house was wrecked by the incapacity of the Fire Department. Mrs. Hand's loss will be less than her insurance which was \$200 in the Central.

**Lansdowne Division.**  
On Thursday evening Lansdowne Division elected its officers as follows—Worthy P. Martin Lemont; Worthy A. Judson Estabrooks; Rec. Scribe, H. H. Pitts; A. R. Scribe, G. W. Merrithew; Fin. Scribe, Harry Tower; Treasurer, Miss Alice Adams; Chaplain, Miss Sampson; Conductors, Miss H. J. McLeod; A. Concl., Elwood Gunter; I. Sent., John H. Tabor; O. Sent., Geo. Harland; P. W. P., Mrs. Harland.

# CHIT-CHAT.

**Notes from a Man about the Town—Some Things that Some People talk about on the Streets.**  
I noticed that the *Globe* thinks Mr. Gibson would be a good kind of a man for Lieutenant Governor. So he would if he would take it; but there is not much chance of the position being offered to him. The Government Houses are harbors of refuge for shipwrecked politicians, and the Tory managers will want too many of such places for themselves before long to give any of them away. I cannot help wishing, though, that Mr. Gibson's sterling good sense and shrewd practical intelligence could not be enlisted in political matters. Few men possess such a penetrating mind as he or can grasp a subject so completely as he does almost by intuition. He possesses the rare combination of a mind that can plan and an energy that can carry out his designs.

Just as I thought our boys got beaten at their cricket match in Woodstock; and if I know anything about what the score signifies they deserved a defeat.

I often think of the cricketing days of twenty-five years ago, when John A. Beck was with captain of the Fredericton eleven, and they used to practice in the field between James Neill's new house and the new school house. There were some level headed players in the club of those days; though sometimes more rather more of the ardent in circulation than some of them could carry. But they always remembered when abroad that they had to defend the reputation of their city and they never got "paralyzed" until the victory was won.

# SPORTING NOTES.

**Cricket.**  
The cricket match on the flats yesterday afternoon, between the University team and a picked eleven from the city, was won by the latter with a total score of 52, a majority of 11 over the University. Mr. Arthur Jack of the City team, made the highest individual score. The following is the result:—

Lewis Bliss, r. o..... 0  
Arthur Edgcombe, b. Fowler..... 0  
Arthur Jack, r. o..... 13  
Wm. Adams, b. Fenety..... 5  
Frank Gregory, b. Fenety..... 1  
Fred. Bliss, b. Fenety..... 5  
Geo. Hodge, b. Fenety..... 1  
Wm. Miller, r. o..... 6  
B. Fowler, c. Fenety..... 2  
John Jennings, b. Fowler..... 2  
Joseph Pickard, n. o..... 2

Extras..... 15  
Total..... 52

# University Eleven.

Frank Jarvis, c. Miller..... 1  
Jack Watson, b. Jack..... 7  
Oswell Crockett, b. Jack..... 5  
Jack Harris, c. Bliss..... 5  
Harry Fenety, c. Pickard..... 1  
Thomas McGarrigle, r. o..... 3  
Alfred Brewer, b. Pickard..... 0  
Thomas Fowler, b. Pickard..... 4  
Edward Broderick, b. Jack..... 0  
Fred Scarnell, b. Pickard..... 0  
R. Nyles, n. o..... 2

Extras..... 7  
Total..... 41

The Fredericton cricketers were defeated by the Woodstock team by 5 runs. In the first inning Woodstock made 34 and Fredericton 125. Bliss of the Fredericton team made a score of 33. In their second innings Woodstock 125 and Fredericton 28.

# News of the Station Record Half a Second.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 30.—The October meeting of the Narragansett Driving Park Association was held at Narragansett Park to-day. The favorite run in both classes. The most interesting event of the day was the breaking of the stallion record of 2:13 made by Phyllis last summer. Isidor Cobbfield's Maxey Cobb was brought out, John Murphy driving, and, after a couple of warning up heats, was sent for a last mile on a wager. The weather was raw and unfavorable, but the track was in excellent shape. The stallion made the mile without a skip in this time: Quarter, 33; half, 1:04; three-quarters, 1:38; mile, 2:13; thus lowering the record a half-second.

# Berber Retaken.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Sir Evelyn Baring has sent a despatch to the Government that Gen. Gordon, after having bombarded Berber for some time, effected an entry into the place and recaptured it. The rebels and hostile inhabitants fled when the bombardment ceased. The *Times*' Alexandria despatch says Gen. Lord Wolseley has been ordered by telegraph to be back in London by the end of October. The command of the troops in Egypt is to be assumed by Gen. Stephenson. This has since been denied on official authority.

The fall of Berber will enable Col. Kitchener to reach Gen. Gordon from Dongola and to ascertain his wishes regarding the Nile expedition and his opinion as to what necessity there may be for the expedition going to Khartoum. This conference may result in the abandonment of the Nile expedition altogether.

# Church Appointments Tomorrow.

**CITY CHURCHES.**  
First Baptist Church, 11 a. m. Rev. C. S. Phillips, (annual sermon); 3 p. m. Rev. J. I. Porter; 6:30 p. m. Dr. Bachelet.  
Baptist Church, 11 a. m. Rev. G. W. McDonald; 6:30 p. m. Rev. Wm. Downey.  
Methodist Church, 11 a. m. Rev. W. J. Hales.

Presbyterian Church, 11 a. m. Rev. G. A. Hartley; 6:30 p. m. Rev. J. B. Siddall.  
At Keswick Free Baptist Church there will be preaching at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Perry, at 3 p. m. by Rev. W. Miller.

Gibson (Methodist), 11 a. m. Rev. S. H. Weyman; 6:30 p. m., Rev. W. J. Hales.

Marysville (Free Baptist), 3 p. m., Rev. J. Hales.

Marysville (Methodist), 11 a. m., Rev. J. T. Parsons; 6:30 p. m., Rev. G. A. Hartley.

There will also be preaching services at Lincoln, Pennine, and Kingslear both morning and evening.

# Mr. Perley in the West.

The *Portage La Prairie* Tribune says that Mr. H. A. Perley, the genial host of Hotel Western of Carberry, is erecting a large and extensive stables for the accommodation of farmers' teams. It further says that "Mr. Perley is one of our most enterprising citizens and we wish him every success in his new undertaking." Mrs. H. A. Perley is at present in the city on a visit to her friends. She will return to Carberry in another week or so.

# The Scott Act Campaign.

A programme of public meetings to be held in the County by those favorable to the Scott Act has been arranged. Probably fifty meetings will be held. Lansdowne Division will assist the Temperance people of the County in the campaign.

# THE FREE BAPTISTS.

## Proceedings at the Annual Convention.

A Synopsis of the Report of the Conference Secretary.

The general conference opened this morning at the Free Baptist Church. It is estimated that there are over 500 strangers in the city, a large number of the ministers and delegates bringing their wives and other members of the family with them. The annual meeting of the ordained Elders was held yesterday morning in the vestry of the church. There was also a session of the Elders in the afternoon and a lengthy session in the evening. None but ordained Elders were allowed at the meetings.

The following

# Ordained Ministers

were present at the meetings—Revs. Jos. Noble, E. Sippel, A. Taylor, B. French, J. Perry, Wm. Kinghorn, G. A. Hartley, Thos. Connor, John McKenzie, Wm. Downey, T. Parsons, J. N. Barnes, T. S. Vanwart, G. W. McDonald, J. E. Reid, G. T. Hartley, O. Dewitt, J. McLeod, A. Kinney, E. Gray, C. T. Phillips, E. Garrahy, J. S. Jones, J. Grosvenor, T. W. Carpenter, B. Colpitts, J. Henderson, S. H. Weyman, F. Babcock, O. M. Babar, W. Deware, J. W. Clark, H. Hart, J. A. Robertson, G. B. Trafton, J. J. Barnes, C. F. Rideout, A. Trafton, W. J. Halse, J. H. Erb, S. H. Shaw, O. N. Moti, W. M. Miller, Dr. Bachelet, S. K. West, J. T. Porter and S. H. Siddall.

Last evening Rev. A. Taylor of Charlotte County preached in the audience room of the church. The church was packed to its utmost. The discourse was an excellent one and was listened to with marked attention throughout.

The annual social conference was held this morning commencing at 10 o'clock, and was also largely attended.

The first business meeting of the church was held this afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock.

Rev. G. W. McDonald, Corresponding Secretary, submitted the following report at the session this afternoon. He said that great changes had taken place since the conference convened at this place 20 years ago.

Some of the oldest promoters of our denominational interests have passed away, and others have been raised up to fill their places. He said it was his painful duty to record the death of three ministers during the past year. Rev. W. E. Pennington, one of the founders of the denomination in this Province, Rev. E. Sisson and Licentiate G. N. Clark, had passed away. The reports of the work done in each of the seven districts throughout the Province was then read.

**First District.**—All churches have reported, the whole number in the district being 20. There has been added by baptism 31 during the year. Total membership 712.

**Second District.**—All the churches, 26 by number, reported. There has been added by baptism 97, by letter 50. Total addition 147. Less by decrease 31. Total increase 116.

**Third District.**—Sixteen of the 27 churches in this district reported. 80 have been added by baptism and 17 by letter. Total 97. Less by decrease 31. Total increase 66.

**Fourth District.**—14 out of the 17 churches reported. There have been added by baptism 40, by letter 29. Total 69. Less by decrease 16. Total increase 53.

**Fifth District.**—12 of the 18 churches reported. 65 have been added by baptism, 6 by letter. Total 71. Less by decrease 33. Total increase 38.

**Sixth District.**—He said this district carried the banner still. It is in many ways in advance of the others. Every church reported. There were 27 in all. Whole number added by baptism 137, by letter 59. Total added 196. Less by decrease 64. Total increase 128.

**Seventh District.**—All the churches but one or two reported. Added by baptism 75, by letter 29. Total 104. Less by decrease 43. Total increase 61.

# Summary.

The whole number added to all the churches by baptism 540, by letter 180. Total 720. Less by decrease 220. Net gain 500.

There are in the Province 147 churches, 114 of these have reported, 87 have pastors, 58 maintain weekly prayer meetings.

Money paid during the year for the following purposes is as follows:—

Support of Ministry..... \$ 10,179.68  
Current Expenses..... 1,165.87  
Building and Improvements..... 10,129.71

The Sabbath school convention will be held this evening at 7 o'clock. Prof. Foster will give a model Sunday school lesson and a review will be taken up by Inspector Gausse.

# Thrown From Their Wagon.

Yesterday as Mrs. W. A. Burden and her daughter were driving along the road near Mr. Perley in Queensbury one of the wheels of their wagon struck against Mr. J. H. Murch's wagon. The collision knocked off the wheel of Mrs. Burden's wagon and caused the horse to run away. The two ladies were thrown out and considerably injured. Mr. Murch succeeded in overtaking and catching the runaway horse.

# "A Hansum Kettle."

This was what they called the deacon's celebrated one-hoss-shay, and the term may be fitting applied, with more modern spelling, to the new omnibus which Mr. Foster put upon the Marysville route to-day. It is superior to his imported omnibus, and this fact proves that in this line of work Fredericton mechanics are able to hold their own with any competitors.

# New Post Office.

A building for the accommodation of the Post Office and other public offices is to be erected at Bathurst. Tenders will be received by the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, up to November 13th, and plans and specifications can be seen at the Post Office, Bathurst.

# The Bridge at Florenceville.

Mr. Brown the contractor for building the bridge across the St. John River at Florenceville received a few days ago ten carloads of southern pine for the construction of the bridge.

# Baptism at Southampton.

Rev. G. S. Hartley administered the rite of baptism to ten candidates at Southampton on Sunday last, and those with one other were received in the Free Baptist Church in the evening.

# Confirmation.

His Lordship the Metropolitan administrator of the sacrament of confirmation to twelve candidates at Christ's Church, Mungerville, on Wednesday the 1st inst.

# GLEANINGS.

**Good Budget of News from all Parts of the Province.**  
The potato crop in Kings is light this year and the rot is also destroying large quantities of them.

Rev. G. W. McDonald, of the Woodstock Free Baptist Church, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last. He removes to Moncton.

The Rev. C. T. Phillips, who for the past 15 years, has faithfully presided over the F. C. Baptist of Sussex, has received an invitation to go to Woodstock.

Agricultural Fairs will be held as follows:—At Wakefield and Jacksonville Society at Jacksonville, 8th inst.; Andover Society 8th inst.; Carleton Co. Society, at Woodstock, 11th inst.

Though all the logs in the Fredericton booms are rafted, the booms will not be disturbed until after the fall freshet, which may bring down some two millions now hung up along the river below Grand Falls.

A pickered, nineteen inches in length, was opened at the fish store of James Patterson a few days since and was found to contain another pickered thirteen inches in length. It was unutilized and could have been swallowed but a short time when the capor was taken.

The *Courier* says counterfeit five dollar bills on the Bank of British North America are in circulation. They are of the Desrosiers, signed by R. W. Grindley, Manager. In the genuine the date of the bill is lithographed July 1st, 1877, the date of the counterfeit being 3rd being entered with a pen.

On Saturday, says the *Woodstock Press* as a little child of Mrs. Winslow's just old enough to "toddle" around, was playing before the door, on Regent street, a heavy gust of wind upset a large flower pot from the window and in falling struck the child on the head. The pot of course was broken; but strange to say the little one was not hurt, as it walked away with a look of regret at the broken pot.

The Brussels Street edifice, St. John, has been thoroughly renovated outside and inside, and several changes have been effected, contributing much to the comfort of the worshippers and adding to its convenience. Next Sunday the main audience room will be opened for worship.

H. N. Black, architect, is preparing plans for a fuel shed, to be erected at the pumping station, Woodstock. The building will be located on the south side and will be connected with the boiler house by a covered entrance porch. The building will be 25x90 feet. Mr. Black has also in course of preparation the plans for several country churches.

Messrs. Tingley & McLane, of Albert have between 200,000 and 300,000 trees of different ages in their nurseries, and they expect to dispose of about 25,000 trees during the coming season. This firm keeps only the best of stock and their enterprise is not only a large one but a very commendable one.

Some one states in the *St. Croix Courier* that a Mrs. Beanny, of St. George, N. B., lost a child recently through the bite of a snake. The same week the *Union Advocate*, of New Castle, N. B., reported that a child of J. J. Anslo, one of the proprietors, had been bitten in the hand by a snake, the swelling, however, yielding to the effect of a powerful lotion.

A new arrangement has been made in filling the vacancy in the Fishery services on a portion of the north side of the Miramichi, caused by the death of the late Overseer, James Russell of Bathurst. Messrs. J. E. McMahon, of the Bathurst Road, and Wm. Irving of Lower Newcastle, have been appointed Fishery Wardens for the district extending from Chatham Ferry to Grand Dune Island with instructions to act under the immediate directions of Overseer Wayne of Chatham. Mr. Alex. Martin, of Neguac, has also been appointed Fishery Warden, with limits extending from Grand Dune Island to the line between the Counties of Miramichi and Gloucester, including Neguac, Tabernash, Portage River, etc.

# Jewett's Mill on the Macataqua.

About six months ago Mr. Tyler Jewett purchased his brother Mr. Malcolms' interest in the grist mill, a part of the old Jewett-Mill property, situated on the Macataqua stream. This mill is well equipped, has four runs of stone and can boast of the best wheat run in the Province.

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Mr. Tyler Jewett is an enterprising business man and with his extensive practical knowledge of milling cannot fail to give satisfaction to all.

# Marriage of Hon. Mr. Richard.

On Monday last Hon. A. D. Richard, M. L. C., was married to Miss Lizzie V. Holt, formerly of St. John, and of late years a popular and accomplished resident of Memramcook. The ceremony was by Rev. Rev. C. Lefebvre, C. S. O., assisted by Rev. Fathers Labbe and O'Neill.

# Harvest Festival.

The Rev. George H. Stirling, of Marysville, held his annual harvest festival at the Rectory grounds in that place on Wednesday which was largely attended by the parishioners as well as a number belonging to other denominations, and the affair was in every way a grand success.

# Wrong Again.

Our city contemporaries the Regent street bulletin board and the York street owl are wrong again in saying that Rev. C. Precilius is going to Europe. He has gone to the United States and expects to remain there.

# Customs Receipts.

The duties collected at the port of Fredericton on September last were \$7,671, and for the quarter ending September 30th, \$20,368.67, an increase of over \$10,000, the greater entirely to the duties paid by Mr. Gibson on machinery for the cotton mill.

# Municipal.

The Woodstock Sentinel says that Mr. Isaac Brown, a widely known and respectable able business man, offers his services as councillor for the parish of Canterbury, at the coming municipal election for this county.

# He Will be Welcome.

Rev. Dr. Lathrop of the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church of this city, to-morrow evening.

# TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Likely that Wolseley will not go up the Nile.

General Notes and News from all Parts of the World.

**A Change in the Egyptian Outlook.**  
(Special to Gleaner.)  
LONDON, Oct. 3.—A Cabinet Council has been summoned for Wednesday next. It is reported that the Council is called to reconsider the position that has been taken in Egyptian affairs. It is believed that there is a basis of truth in the reported recall of Gen. Lord Wolseley. He will go far as Dongola but the expedition up the Nile will be abandoned if free communication is opened by Gen. Gordon's co-operation. Gen. Gordon being at Berber. It is now projected to advance the camel corps with a small force of cavalry from Suakin to his support.

New proposals for the settlement of the Egyptian financial question will be presented to the powers upon the return of Lord Northbrook.

# Serious Accident at a Fair.

(Special to Gleaner.)  
ALMOND, Oct. 2.—The balcony on the Lanark Agricultural Society's building here fell to-day. An exciting stampede immediately occurred in which many persons were badly crushed.

# Personal.

Mr. J. V. Ellis of the *St. John Globe* is in the city.

Mr. J. Fred Harley, lately of New Castle, and formerly a student at the University, is now on the city staff of the *New York Herald*.

Mr. Robert J. Patterson, the well-known proprietor of the Empire Dining Saloon St. John, is dead. He was born a slave.

Messrs. Arthur Porter, H. L. Spencer and James S. Steen of the *St. John* in the city last night. Mr. Porter remains to "take in" the Free Baptist Convention.

# Band Concert.

The Fredericton Band gave an open air performance last evening in front of the Normal School building, where they discoursed sweet music to the multitude which paraded Queen Street in that locality at the time, being attracted there by the melodious strains. With this closes the Band's outdoor performances for the season.

# York Driving Park.

The Committee in charge of the late races on the Driving Park, closed their accounts last evening, with the snug surplus of \$114.

# New Advertisements.

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