

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

Mr. Goodrich, a mining expert, is visiting the salt springs districts in Upland and Sussex with a view of reporting upon the most desirable places for the boring of salt rock in connection with the development of the salt industry.

At a meeting of the directors of the St. John Opera House Company yesterday afternoon, A. O. Skinner, J. F. Decker and John Mitchell were re-elected directors. Mr. Mitchell was re-elected manager, and R. A. Payne, secretary.

On Christmas Eve the boarders of Mr. J. Duncan, Sydney street, presented Mr. and Mrs. Duncan with a handsome dining room lamp. Mr. John Nelson on behalf of the boarders made a happy speech, asking them to accept the lamp as a small token of their love and esteem.

Premier Treadwell and Attorney General Pugsley will go next week to Halifax to attend a conference with the premiers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island regarding the proposed technical and agricultural college for the maritime provinces.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of Main street Baptist church, has elected these officers: Mrs. T. F. Granville, Mrs. R. C. Elkin, Mrs. H. H. Dunham, Mrs. E. H. Jones, Mrs. N. C. Scott, Mrs. F. E. Marvin, Mrs. Charles Thorne was made a life member.

Last evening Mr. F. H. C. Miles received a telegram from Boston stating that his father, Mr. John C. Miles, the artist, was in a critical condition, having been unconscious several hours from an attack of paralysis. Mr. Miles will leave this morning for Boston.

Mr. F. Hodson, the present dominion live stock commissioner and one of the most successful breeders in Ontario, will speak at the meeting of the Dominion Farmers' Association at Fredericton on the 23rd, 24th and 25th inst., upon Mistakes in Breeding. Mr. Hodson's address will not doubt contain many useful hints for New Brunswick farmers.

The Liverpool papers to hand contain extended interviews with Mr. W. Albert Hickman, R. S., the New Brunswick government commissioner, on the general character of this province as a home for settlers of all kinds. He particularly pointed out the advantage which New Brunswick offers for mixed farming, and the general climatic conditions of the province.

The information that the provincial government have under consideration the acquisition of the coal fields of Queens-Sunbury, is exciting considerable interest in the district and also in this city and Kings county. The following were appointed a committee on by-laws: The president, vice-president and secretary, Albert Windosky, John Alexander, John Kivley and George Goffman. The next meeting of the association will take place the first Tuesday in February.

The Foniai Raid Veterans' Association of St. John held a meeting last evening in Segee's hall, Mill street. Col. Blaine was elected president of the association; C. W. Segee, vice-president, and J. L. Bagley, secretary. The following were appointed a committee on by-laws: The president, vice-president and secretary, Albert Windosky, John Alexander, John Kivley and George Goffman. The next meeting of the association will take place the first Tuesday in February.

It is expected that there will be an interesting discussion upon poultry raising at the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairy-men's Association at Fredericton on the 23rd, 24th and 25th inst., illustrated by live birds in the fattening crates and with birds properly dressed and packed. The English market for the chickens that were sent over from New Brunswick last month realized 15 and 16 cents per pound. It is a question that will interest many of our people.

The Women's Enfranchisement Association has passed a resolution to the municipal council, requesting the approval of the city in bringing the need of jail improvement before the public and requesting that the city and county council give "the remedy of the arrested evils their earnest and immediate attention to the end that the jail may become a means of betterment to the inmates so that they may become useful citizens and thus the jail may become a credit to the community."

The St. John branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses has received \$5 each from Dr. T. Dyson Walker, Mrs. Alfred Porter, Mrs. Tullison, H. P. Hayward, Esq., Mr. T. J. L. K. T. Arch, Esq., Mr. T. H. Bealbrooks, and \$10 from Mr. W. Frank Hatheway. During 1900 the local nurses were employed by 25 doctors. There were 137 cases and they made 3,043 visits.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting of prayer between 3 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Orange hall. Mrs. Seymour, evangelistic superintendent, presided. The meeting was opened with a hymn, after which followed a prayer by Mrs. Seymour. There were responsive readings from Daniel and prayer for personal blessings. Mrs. Bullock spoke on the influence and effect of the all day devotional meetings held at the world's convention in Edinburgh, where she was present. She also considered the question of young children being early converted. Mrs. S. B. Scott read a paper on the scriptural mode of raising money, while Mrs. Hutchings and Miss Pratt and others spoke on the same subject.

CARLETON COUNTY COUNCIL.

A New Warden Elected—Caring for the Poor.

Woodstock, Jan. 8.—(Special).—The Carleton county council opened this morning. G. L. Cronkite was re-elected warden. In his speech of acceptance he referred in complimentary terms to the excellent work done by the Carleton county contingent in South Africa and thought the council should make some provision for their reception on their return. He thought the lawsuit between the town and county could be settled out of court by the committees appointed for that purpose. The report of the auditor showed that the accounts of W. P. Jones, who was secretary-treasurer last year, and of J. C. Hartley, who is the present secretary-treasurer, were correct. The county indebtedness is \$1,410.77 as against \$80.22 at this time last year. This difference is due in a measure to the improvements that have been made on the court house and jail. Councillor Kearney presented a report of the committee appointed to inquire into the question of the proper caring for the poor. The report strongly advocated the adoption of the poor farm system as being better for all concerned than the present system of placing the poor for sale. Councillor Gilmore presented a minority report strongly opposed to this. The matter was laid over until the next session.

THE BOYS' INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Inmates Have Been Conducting Themselves Badly.

The directors of the Boys' Industrial Home held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon at the city building. Superintendent Gilmore presented his report, which showed that there were 20 boys in the home on January 1st, 1900; the number increased during the year to 17 and the number at present in the home is 24. During the year six boys escaped and five were re-captured.

The conduct of the boys during the past year he says, has not been very satisfactory. The boys admitted during the past month are, with a few exceptions, the most incorrigible of any in the home. The superintendent announced that some repairs and improvements were made at the reservoir and about the buildings and grounds and that about 50 pairs of shoes were made during the year, besides the mending. As the best worker is gone and only small boys are learning the trade, it is necessary to engage a shoemaker for a month to give proper instructions. During the year all the sewing for the home was done by three or four boys, under the supervision of the teacher.

The superintendent asked for a pung of two-cented sleigh and new harness to prevent the boys breaking the plaster. New sanitary appliances were strongly urged, and the boys' bath room was improved. The financial statement showed the disbursements were \$2,252.50 and the receipts \$258.55, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,993.95. There is a considerable quantity of farm produce and stock, also farming appliances.

The report was approved. The executive and finance committees approved of the suggestions made by the superintendent. The executive committee for the year is composed of Mayor Daniel, Hon. J. R. Ritchie and Mr. Joseph Allison. Mr. John E. Irvine was re-elected secretary. The ladies intend holding a sale at the home during the first week in February to raise funds for the purpose of purchasing a piano for the home.

BIBLE SOCIETY ANNOUNCED.

Carleton Branch Met Last Night and the N. B. Auxiliary Will Meet Tonight.

In the Presbyterian church, Carleton, last evening, the annual meeting of the Carleton branch Bible Society was held, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. It was largely attended and among the resident Carleton clergymen present were Revs. William Penna, Dr. Hartley, B. N. Nobles, and the pastor, Rev. James Burgess, all of whom spoke briefly.

The meeting opened with a hymn, after which Mr. Enoch Thompson, the secretary, submitted his report, which dealt with the satisfactory manner in which the Holy Scriptures were being circulated throughout the city and province, and of the efficient management that the various branches of the society in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were receiving from the general agent, Mr. McKelvie.

Excellent work had been done in St. John by the society's two lady workers, who had zealously performed their duty in the city's poorer districts, and in the reading and circulation of the scriptures by house-to-house visits. Mention was made of the advantage the auxiliary had received from the visit during the past summer, of Rev. James Thomas, metropolitan secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, whose addresses in New Brunswick towns had been beneficial to the society.

The annual meeting of the Auxiliary Bible Society of New Brunswick will be held tonight at Centenary church. These resolutions will be moved at the meeting: "Resolved, That this meeting desire to record its devout gratitude to Almighty God for the combined success which has attended the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society."

"Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to all who have contributed to the funds of the New Brunswick Auxiliary for the past year, and that the Christian public be urged to increased zeal and liberality in view of the momentous era of human progress upon which we are entering."

"Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be given most heartily to the ladies who have carried out the laborious work of collecting the funds and to the Bible women whose welcome visits have brought a blessing to many homes in this city."

Montreal, Jan. 10.—(Special).—E. A. Pelletier, lieutenant in "E" Company of the first contingent, left yesterday to take his position as inspector in the Nordwest Mounted Police.

OUR DECREASED DEBT.

It goes down Three Quarters Of a Million.

A BIG DROP.

The Financial Report of the Fiscal Year is Out—Interesting Statistics Which tell to the Credit of the Laurier Government—Receipts \$8,000,000, over Expenditures.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—(Special).—The annual report of the finance department, better known as the public accounts, for the year ending June 30th last, made its appearance today. In regard to the financial position of the dominion the blue book contains little that has not been made public, but the details are of interest. The receipts on account of consolidated fund for the year amounted to \$8,000,000, and the expenditures for the same year to \$4,975,278. The surplus of receipts over expenditures was therefore \$3,024,721.

The expenditures chargeable to capital were as follows:
Railways—Intercolonial Railway, \$3,255,648; Pacific Railway Company, \$22,000,000; St. Lawrence Ship Channel, \$1,000,000; Canals—Lachine, \$125,000; Ottawa works, \$5,367; St. Lawrence River, \$109,889; Parren's Point, \$100,634; Galop, \$208; Lake St. Louis, \$11,706; North Channel, \$250,000; Rapid Rapids, \$14,298; River Reaches, \$12,484; Sault Ste. Marie, \$83,806; Welland, \$18,107; Public works—Government buildings, \$7,185; Levis Graving Dock, \$2,441; Montreal harbor improvements, \$1,138; River St. Lawrence, \$413,138; Port Colborne harbor, \$240; River Kamistiquia, \$1,148; St. Andrew's Rapids, \$20,801; Yukon Territory, \$66,874; Dominion lands, \$108,470; Militia, \$20,850.
Totals, \$7,498,607.

There was also paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company \$22,000,000. Subsidies to the amount of \$725,720 were paid on account of the following:
Atlantic and Northwestern Railway, \$186,600; St. Lawrence and Ottawa, \$1,000,000; Crow's Nest Pass Railway, \$1,000,000; Grand Trunk Railway, \$72,023; St. Lawrence and Ottawa, \$4,000; Phillipsburg Railway and Quarry Co., \$2,112; Resigouche and Western Railway, \$14,800; South Shore and New Brunswick, \$20,801; Tilsbury, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway, \$1,110.
Totals, \$7,225,321.

The sum of \$1,547,622.74 was paid in connection with the South Africa contingent. At the close of the year the balance at the credit of the depositors in the post office and government savings banks amounted to \$2,450,000, an increase of \$1,908,000 over the balance held on June 30, 1899. Part of this increase, \$1,400,000, represents the balance of the various accounts and the remainder, \$1,400,000, the excess of receipts over expenditures.

Domestic notes to the amount of \$36,094,321, were outstanding on 30th June, 1900, as against \$35,000,000 on 30th June, 1899, or an increase of \$1,094,321. There has been a continued expansion in the issue of bank notes, the demand for notes of one and two dollars. The demand for this class of currency makes itself felt, especially during the months of September and October, on account of the activity caused by the movement of the harvest.

On October 21, 1899, the banks, according to the returns, had notes in circulation amounting to \$40,583,236, and at the corresponding date of the year 1900, \$43,987,771, or an increase of \$3,404,535. In the five years, from October 21, 1895, there has been an increase of \$10,000,000 in the volume of the circulation of the notes of the chartered banks. The increase in the circulation of the smaller denominations influenced in the same way the issues of the chartered banks.

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The net debt of the Dominion at the close of the fiscal year was \$25,468,806.88, or a decrease of \$775,629.71 from the previous year. The average rate of interest paid on the gross debt for the year was \$2.00, as compared with \$2.14 for the year previous, and the average rate of interest paid fell from \$2.5 to \$2.0.

The tone of the money market in Great Britain has been one of ease since the close of the year 1899. The prices of securities of the very highest class, such as consols, have risen, and there has been a recovery in the price of the falling away of 1898 and 1899. In fact the market quotations for securities of the highest class generally have ruled well.

Notwithstanding these features of the market, the prices of Canadian securities have been uniformly and distinctly firm, in the knowledge that the market for them would be broadened by their price. No entry appears in these accounts for interest accrued during the year from the following sources: Atlantic Railway Company, Three Rivers Harbor Commission, Quebec Harbor Commission, Fredericton and St. Mary's Bridge Company.

BIG FIRES IN QUEBEC.

Canadian Banking Co's. Premises in St. John and Globe Block in Granby Badly Damaged.

St. John's, Que., Jan. 9.—The Canadian Banking Company's premises were almost entirely destroyed by fire today. Presses and machinery were badly damaged. Loss \$30,000, fairly insured.

Granby, Que., Jan. 9.—The Globe block, occupied by Bovin, boots and shoes; Kennedy, tea and groceries, and two families having rooms upstairs, was burned this morning. The upstairs occupants escaped partly dressed. The effects were destroyed. Total loss about \$15,000, insured.

It is estimated that \$1,500,000 was lost in election bets on Bryan's defeat.

A STRANGE DIVORCE.

Unwilling Bride Who Swooned at the Altar—She Had Not Said "Yes" to the Priest's Question.

Vienna, Jan. 6.—A strange divorce case has been concluded in Vienna on Sept. 30 last, the marriage of Miss Christine Helmer to Mr. Ernest Hueser took place at the Church of St. Nepomuk, in the Proterstanz. During the first part of the ceremony the bride fell on her knees before it was usual to do so. She had fainted, but nobody noticed it, as the bridegroom knelt down too, and the bride's face was concealed by a long veil.

The priest joined them in matrimony, and it was not until after the ceremony that the illness of the bride was discovered. She was horrified to find that the wedding was over, and declared that she had been married against her will. She at once returned to her parents, and took steps to have the marriage annulled.

Questioned by a judge, she said the bridegroom had bothered her for three years, and at last she yielded to pressure and consented to marry. Before the altar she fainted, and the priest, who was not a man she disliked, was unconsciously during all the necessary legal part of the ceremony, and did not therefore answer "yes" when the priest put the customary question.

The priest admitted that he had not heard Miss Helmer utter the response "yes," but brides were often so bashful and spoke so quietly that he did not consider the omission important. The court ruled that the marriage had been concluded without the necessary consent of one of the contracting parties, and annulled it.

STILL SHIPBUILDING.

Halifax Council Is At Work in the Matter.

Halifax, Jan. 9.—The Halifax city council held a special meeting to consider the matter of establishing a company which process to establish steel shipbuilding yards in Halifax.

The council passed a resolution endorsing the steel shipbuilding project and appointing a committee of six aldermen to consult with six members of the board of trade to investigate the scheme. Ald. Munroe read portions of the prospectus of the Dominion Dry Dock and Construction company, which proposed establishing works at Dartmouth. The prospectus also mentioned that one Nova Scotia M. P. were among those interested in the company. The committee are to meet at an early date and report back to the council.

SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD.

Sir Edward Spence Symes, Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma.

Rangoon, British Burma, Jan. 8.—Sir Edward Spence Symes, chief secretary to the government of Burma since 1890 and a member of the legislative council of India, shot himself in the head in a carriage today. He is lingering between life and death.

Sir Edward Spence Symes, K. C. I. E., was born in London 1860, 1822. He was educated at University College, London, and entered Indian civil service in 1873. He has been commissioner of central, eastern and southern divisions of Upper Burma. He was decorated for services in connection with the annexation of Upper Burma.

Amusing Experience of a Duke.

The late Duke of Argyll, the premier lord of Scotland, was much amused today, and was afflicted with red hair. One evening he got into a first-class carriage in the London station of the Great Northern line, and was told by the porter that the carriage was reserved for the Duke of Northumberland. The Duke of Northumberland was in the same carriage, and so, as it happened, was a comical situation. The Duke of Argyll was disappointed to find that the Duke of Northumberland was not in the carriage, and he was told by the porter that the Duke of Northumberland was not in the carriage.

PRICES ADVANCING.

A Number of Staples Has Gone Up.

Some Ontario Manufacturers yesterday advanced the price of a quarter of a cent per pound. Owing to the scarcity and high price of hops, it is thought another advance will be made soon. Yesterday the Montreal refineries advanced sugar 10 cents per 100 pounds. Oatmeal, in sympathy with oats, advanced from 30 to 40 cents a barrel during the past few weeks.

Smoked herring are scarce and high. Pickled herring are rather scarce and very firm. Some frozen smelts, cod and haddock are coming on the market, but no herring. Dry fish are dull and quiet. The price for flour is very firm and the tendency, both for Manitoba and Ontario, is upward. Tobacco prices are also shooting upward. One brand of chewing advanced four cents a pound.

Newfoundland's New Governor.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 9.—Newfoundland will name a vice in the selection of the new governor who is to succeed Sir Henry McCallum. The people hope to secure a man conversant with the problems of the Atlantic fisheries questions, which have such important bearings upon the public affairs of the colony. They dislike the idea that some crown official, lacking sympathy with the ideas and institutions of Newfoundland, may possibly be translated here.

GREAT BARGAINS in CLOTHING.

Before stock-taking, February 1st, we must clear out the balance of our stock of

FALL & WINTER CLOTHING

Men, Youths, Boys and Children, to make room for New Spring Goods.

We have reduced the prices to cost—and some lines below cost—and by taking advantage of this great sale you can save many dollars. The goods are simply got to go, and prices will compel them to go. It's almost a gift. BARGAINS is rather a mild word for this sale. COME EARLY AND GET FIRST CHOICE.

Henderson, Hunt & McLaughlin,

Opposite Royal Hotel, Successors to FRASER, FRASER & CO., 40 Grand St.

McLaughlin Carriage Company,

Having their new factory in perfect working order, with a capacity of 14,000 vehicles per year, WANT AGENTS in all sections where they have no representative at present. Goods sold or placed on consignment. Only thoroughly reliable live agents need apply.

McLaughlin Carriage Company,

ST. JOHN, N. B.

A VANDERBILT LINE RAILWAY OPERATIONS.

Reaching from Atlantic to Pacific is in Sight.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Mail & Express says: "William K. Vanderbilt's plan for the welding together of the Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern railways, which he conceived more than a year ago, is now about to be carried out. When it is completed it will be found that the Vanderbilts have a through transcontinental line of their own from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean."

and malades of this type yield quickly to the almost magical power of Nervine, and if you suffer periodically from any of these troubles, just keep Nervine at hand. A few drops in sweetened water will give almost instant relief and in course of half an hour the cure is completed. Your money back if you do not find it so.

From the Pacific.

Vancouver, Jan. 9.—(Special).—T. H. Davies & Co., owners of the big iron works in Honolulu and Liverpool, have purchased the iron works of Armstrong & Morrison, this city, for \$250,000 and will spend \$150,000 in new machinery, erect a foundry and employ 250 men. Vancouver, Jan. 9.—(Special).—The Vancouver Railway Company, announces that it has purchased two large steamers to run between Vancouver and Skagway in the summer. The steamers are built to carry 250 passengers and 600 tons of freight.

WANTS ARE UNSIGHTLY. That is the reason no one is clamoring for a few more warts—make them fashionable and a remedy to grow warts would quickly be made a financial success. Yes, Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor removes them, works quickly and without pain—any druggist will tell you more about this remedy.

CATARRH NOW SURELY CURED. "Catarrh" has worked marvels in the case of my little girl," Mrs. Lorenzo Orchard, Toronto, Ont. "There is no remedy equal to Catarrh-remover for Catarrh." Wm. J. Russell, Morrisburg, Ont. "Catarrh-remover for Catarrh of the head, throat and bronchitis—has given me perfect satisfaction." Miss Dinmore, Subebsbrook, N. S.

It has done more good for me in one week than other remedies have in years. E. P. Taylor, Smith's Falls, Ont. Thousands more like this for the asking. Druggists sell Catarrh-remover, or we will send full treatment for \$1.00 or trial treatment 10 cents. C. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., Hamilton, Ont.

NO POSTPONEMENT.

The Grand Duke's Death Will Not Delay Wilhelmina's Wedding.

Hague, Jan. 9.—The Queen has decided to go into mourning for three weeks only, on account of the death of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar. The marriage will not be postponed, but will take place on the 7th February. In view of the latest surgical operation for the restoration of lost hearing, it seems appropriate and timely to wish all persons with defective hearing a happy new year. Boston Herald.

BURGLARY AT TRURO.

C. S. Hanson's Store Entered by Means of Skeleton Key.

Truro, N. S., Jan. 10.—(Special).—The store of C. S. Hanson was entered last night by the front door by means of a skeleton key. The extent of the robbery is not known. Among the articles carried off were several revolvers. The burglar evidently are the same who entered O'Brien's store recently in the same way, carrying away the cash register.

Wears a Badge Proudly

In warring against disease no remedy wears the badge for special service more meritoriously than SOUTH AMERICAN NERVINE.

Not only has it knocked down the strongholds of disease but it has driven the enemy from the last ditch in thousands of cases. In all ailments of the nervous system and digestive organs it is invincible.

It goes directly to the seat of the trouble—expels impurities—tone and strength to the system—imparts richness to the puts on flesh—it's a system builder. Sold by E. C. Brown.