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OPPOSITION CONVENTION.

A meeting of the electors of the City of Saint John opposed to the present Local Government will be held at the York Theatre on

TUESDAY, THE 16TH. INSTANT, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting candidates to contest the constituency at the next Provincial General Election. All electors opposed to the government are cordially invited to attend.

J. D. HAZEN.

THE HARD COAL FAMINE.

By the end of next week there won't be a pound of hard coal for sale in St. John—not a single pound—and it is now the middle of September. Up till the present very few persons have felt the need of hard coal, and it is probable that this need will not be felt for a couple of months longer, until it is found necessary to light the base burners. Then the pull will come and all kinds of money will be offered for the coal which is not to be had.

There remain in the city now only about one hundred tons of hard coal. It is selling at eleven dollars per ton, and is being ordered faster than the dealers can deliver it. At the same rate of ordering which has prevailed for the past few days this small supply will not last more than a week or ten days. It may be picked up even more quickly.

The question of what is to be done during the winter is becoming a very live one among householders. The dealers can promise nothing. There are absolutely no prospects for further shipments to this port, and the present indications are that winter will be well advanced before any coal will reach St. John from American ports. There has been talk of a coal cargo from England, but nothing in that direction has as yet been done.

AN ODD CIRCUMSTANCE.

Night Falls but it Doesn't Break—Day Breaks but it Doesn't Fall.

There is a house in St. John, No. 6 Germain street, to be exact, which has one striking peculiarity. The house is owned by Dr. Sheffield and a few weeks ago Mr. Knight, a well-known citizen of the west side, moved over to the city and occupied the lower flat. Since that time the upper portion of the house has been engaged by Dr. J. L. Day. Hence the neighbors are asking many questions. How can the shades of Knight fall when the brightness of day shines above them. Will the portion of the house separating Day and Knight be known as twilight or dawn? Will daytime be the same as Knight time? These and other questions are live ones at present, but the house is not worrying over the matter. It may be also worthy of note that the tenant of the lower flat is a druggist, while the one on the upper is a doctor.

DR. A. A. STOCKTON.

The last word received with regard to Dr. Stockton's condition was a letter received today, in which it was stated that the prospects continued favorable.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS!

Copy for Saturday's issues of the STAR must be sent in by Three-Thirty O'clock Friday Afternoon, otherwise it is absolutely impossible to ensure a change for that issue, as the paper goes to press earlier on Saturdays than on other days of the week.

LOCAL NEWS.

The C. P. R., S.S. Tartar left Hong Kong on September 10th.

The steamer Oruro left Halifax for St. John at five o'clock this morning.

The attention of advertisers is directed to the notice at the top of this column.

Rev. Robert Pegrum of Yarmouth will preach in Exmouth Methodist church on Sunday morning.

School books, slates, pens, pencils, exercise books, etc., a full supply at A. McArthur's, 548 Main street.

The St. John Rifle Association will hold their final county pool match of the season tomorrow afternoon.

Steamer Albuera, Capt. Grady, of the Battle line, left Rio Janeiro yesterday direct for New York with coffee.

The Venerable Archdeacon Fortin of Winnipeg, is expected to preach at the morning and evening services at Trinity church on Sunday.

At St. James' church next Sunday, the preacher at the morning and evening services will be Rev. F. Robertson, rector of Trinity church, St. Stephen.

The members of Trinity Athletic Association will hold a tennis tournament on the Shamrock grounds tomorrow afternoon. Ladies of the congregation are invited to be present.

Sergeant Ross has reported the following men for driving vehicles for hire, without licences: John O'Leary, Thomas Clark, Harry Rolston, Robert H. Austin and Ross Melville.

A big lot of ladies' vests will be sold at only twenty-five cents each at F. R. Patterson's, corner Duke and Charlotte streets. Sale all day Saturday. See ad. on page 4 of this paper.

Commencing Monday, September 15th, suburban trains leaving St. John at 9.25 a. m., for Welsford and 11.10 a. m. train from Welsford will be cancelled, and the train from Boston due at St. John 11.30 may be flagged at Westfield Beach, Ononette, Grand Bay and Ketebeec.

THE HIGGINS TRIAL.

There is a story about the town to the effect that a few days ago two experts on mental diseases from the United States were in St. John in connection with the murder trial and that they examined Higgins in jail. They are said to have been registered at the Dufferin hotel and to have remained in the city for two or three days. The jail officials are unwilling to say anything about Higgins and his alleged other than that the boys are both well, are confined in cells some distance from each other and are not permitted to see visitors. D. Mullin told the Star today that he hopes to be ready to go on with the case on Tuesday without any further delay. He says that while it is possible that some expert evidence may be produced he has not yet announced his line of defence and that the statement that Higgins will be defended on the ground of insanity has been made without any authority from him. Mr. Mullin naturally declines to give any particulars concerning the case, saying that all will be made public at the proper time.

THE ARTILLERY CAMP.

Practically all the work at Fort Dufferin is finished. It has been hoped that the artillery men would get through last night, but an accident occurred to the mechanism of one of the 12-pounders. Some of the Islanders also delayed matters by disabling the target with their shell and cutting the towing line, which was pretty sharp practice. All of the companies that had not previously done so got in their preliminary practice yesterday afternoon, and the competitive work was finished today.

PROFIT IN SPRUCE TREES.

"Fifteen years ago," said a man from Brown's Flats, "I sold spruce logs at \$3 per thousand. People said that the lumber was about all gone. But I'm richer yet. This year I got \$11 per thousand."

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PERSONAL.

W. W. Hubbard and F. MacLure Scandlers will leave tomorrow night to take in the Halifax exhibition.

Hon. David McCurdy, the veteran statesman of Nova Scotia, has taken up his residence in Toronto, having leased a house at 143 Bloor street. Mr. McCurdy is in his ninetieth year.

Mr. Dakin of Nova Scotia, who is boarding at Mrs. Denning's on Orange street, leaves on Saturday to take a course of study in Mount Allison, preparatory to entering the Methodist Ministry.

Gen. Supt. Osborne returned this morning from a trip over the division.

TOMORROW'S YACHT RACE. There will be a yacht race at Millidgeville tomorrow, to decide second and third places for the Westfield prize. The yachts start from the club house at 2 p. m.

OIL FIELD BURNING.

A despatch this afternoon says that the oil field at Beaumont, Texas, is on fire and there is grave danger of great loss if not total destruction of the field.

FAMOUS SPEAKERS

Will Address the Sunday Afternoon Meetings This Winter.

H. E. K. Whitney, who for the past few years has conducted the boys' mission on Mill street, returned to the city yesterday from his home in New Hampshire, where he has been spending the summer months.

Mr. Whitney brings back with him many new ideas for mission work among boys and is confident that during the coming season this line of work will evoke more interest from the public than ever before. He believes that recent events have deeply stirred the people of St. John, but regrets that it was necessary for anything to happen before the citizens were aroused.

As Mr. Whitney has only been in the city for one day he has not yet had time to make any definite arrangements, but hopes in the near future to announce his plans. The work of the boys' mission in Carpenter's Hall will be resumed. The boys are all anxious to have this institution reopened and have not lost any interest in it. There will be some changes and improvements along this line, but during the coming winter Mr. Whitney intends to devote more time and attention to the work of after-school services than has been the case in the past. For this purpose he has arranged a programme which will give the people of St. John an opportunity to hear some of the ablest and best known speakers in America.

While in the United States Mr. Whitney had some idea of bringing the famous Sam Small down here, but the latter's recent conduct has changed the aspect of affairs and Small was not asked to come.

The Sunday afternoon meetings will probably commence in October, among three prominent evangelists, among whom will probably be H. L. Gale, but who have not been finally decided upon, will be heard. In November Charles M. Sheldon, author of In His Steps, will address a number of meetings. Following Mr. Sheldon Rev. Dr. Len A. Broughton of Atlanta, Georgia, one of the most prominent speakers at the recent convention in Northfield, will appear. Arrangements have been made with Hon. John G. Wooley, the most noted temperance lecturer in America, to address meetings here in January, and it is probable that Mr. Wooley will speak in other New Brunswick towns as well. Sam Jones, the only original, will be here in February for three or four days.

March and April he will be followed by other well known speakers, with whom definite arrangements have not yet been made. In May the Rev. A. C. Dickson, pastor of the Ruggles street Baptist church in Boston, will address a number of meetings. Mr. Whitney is also trying to bring several well known singers to St. John, among them being D. M. Babcock, the Boston baritone.

It is probable that the Opera House will be engaged for these Sunday afternoon services.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

A SARCASTIC CITIZEN.

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir—In view of some of the extremely modest requests of the C. P. R. it occurs to me to ask, is that corporation getting all that it deserves at the hands of our city fathers?

Have the members of our civic government ever enquired of the C. P. R. officials as to whether the City Hall would be of any use to them, and if not, why not?

It is true that this building is about all that is not given away, but as it is not encumbered the C. P. R. might accept it, more especially if the city would first overhaul it, and put it in first class condition.

Now, please do not misunderstand me, for being a taxpayer I realize that I have no rights, and therefore would not dream of asking that anything be done, but would most humbly try to suggest that should the building in question be given to the C. P. R. (with perhaps a cash bonus to make it more acceptable) that the "transfer" and "building and contents," and the "said transfer take effect when the full board is in session.

Yours very truly,

St. John, N. B., Sept. 11, 1902.

A SAD CASE.

Yesterday afternoon Officer Lee found an old woman by the name of Mrs. McGinty lying in a destitute condition in a house on Harrigan's alley, off Brussels street. Mrs. McGinty's sole support was her son Charles, who was sent to jail on Wednesday for being drunk and breaking windows. She was very sick and when found by Officer Lee was lying on a pile of old rags on the floor of the room. The poor old woman hadn't a scrap of bread in the house, not a single bite—and her boy in jail.

Dr. Baxter, who was called in, found her severely ill and made arrangements for her comfort. This morning Secretary Wetmore of the S. P. C. A. visited the house, and today Mrs. McGinty will probably be removed to the almshouse.

This morning Mr. Wetmore also visited an old man living almost opposite Mrs. McGinty's house on Brussels street, who is also in a destitute condition. He has been several times in the General Public Hospital and now wants to go to the Home for Incurables. It is probable that he, too, will be sent to the almshouse this afternoon.

MAY STIMULATE TRADE.

The directors of the exhibition will meet this afternoon. No exact statement of the financial result of the big show will be made there, as the returns have not yet been completed. It will be some weeks before the statement will be made. At this afternoon's meeting the directors will receive the report of those in charge of the Jamaica exhibit, as to how the different articles in it sold and the resulting possibilities in trade between Jamaica and this province. A copy of this report will be forwarded to those who contributed articles for the exhibit, and it is hoped that by reason of the showing made here a stimulus will be given to the trade between the island and New Brunswick.

POLICE COURT.

Alfred Clark Committed For Trial—Another Case of Theft.

The charge against Arthur or Patrick Clark for stealing a suit of clothes, razor, etc., from George Devine, was taken up this morning. Devine described his clothes. They were blue serge. Where the vest joins at the bottom there was a rip. The legs of the pants had been too long and were cut and restitched. There had been a little hole in one leg, but his mother had sewed it up for him. The clothes produced in court answered this description. Evidence was also given by the clerk in the second-hand store to whom Clark had sold the articles and the prisoner was committed for trial. He did not deny the theft, but said he had been drunk and could not remember it. On Wednesday it was raining. Clark did not work on Wednesday, and on that day the clothes were stolen. Another suit had disappeared on August 30th, another day on which Clark did not work. This suit was found in a woodshed a few days ago. This information was volunteered by the keeper of the boarding house.

Willard S. Jarvill, the manager of the Ottawa hotel on King square, is in trouble. Yesterday he and Patrick Martin, a longshoreman, did the town up together. Late in the afternoon they entered the Ottawa and Martin sought repose on a lounge in the sitting room. When he awoke he found \$7 had been taken from him. He hurried to the central police station and charged Jarvill with having stolen the money. Later on Jarvill was arrested on St. John street by Detective Killen. Jarvill had five dollars on his person when arrested. This morning he was remanded until Monday.

A young fellow named Thomas J. Connell, who escaped from the reformatory on August 16th, was arrested yesterday by Sgt. Hastings and sent back to finish out his term.

Three drunks, Tommy Coffack, William Gibson and George Durant, were fined four dollars or ten days each.

Two young boys named Harold Roberts and Garfield Lemon were taken in charge last evening by Officer Greer for discharging firearms in Marble Cove. The boys had a .22 calibre rifle and were out in a boat shooting at snipe. Numerous complaints have been made to the police about persons shooting in that part of the city and several narrow escapes have been reported. Today the boys were let go with the advice not to do it again.

Edward McWilliams, for selling liquor after hours, was fined one hundred dollars.

SMOKE CONSUMERS.

The new smoke consuming attachment has now been in operation on the main boiler in the Portland rolling mills for about three weeks and has during this time given complete satisfaction. No difficulty is found in handling the under feed, and it has been fully proven that by supplying the coal from below and thus keeping the red fire next to the steam surface, a saving in fuel is made. These appliances cannot of course be fitted to all furnaces, for otherwise the rolling mills management would do so and thus do away with the heavy clouds of smoke which now come from the chimneys. But the consumers are adaptable to most steam boilers and there are several establishments in the city which might with benefit to both themselves and the public, inspect the working of the one in the rolling mills.

MUCH GRAIN COMING.

(Portland Press.)

Reports have been received in steamship circles from Chicago to the effect that great quantities of grain hitherto shipped to the American coast for shipment to the Canadian ports, these reports also have it that the grain being sent from New York will be sent to this city instead. The Grand Trunk has already contracted with Chicago shippers for 1,000,000 bushels of wheat to be sent to this city immediately.

BIG GAME HUNTERS.

Robert Murray of Boston arrived in Fredericton Wednesday and left upon the C. E. R. yesterday for the big game region at the head of Cain's river. Lorenzo Savage accompanied him as guide.

Geo. Bechtel and Jas. O. Linerise of New York and A. Frigensham of Newark, are on their way to the Miramichi hunting grounds, with Arthur Pringle as guide.

THAT MILITARY MYSTERY.

The general commanding at Halifax has caused to be transmitted to Ottawa a copy of a message received by him, dated Sept. 8th, stating that the 7th regiment of garrison artillery sails for Halifax on the Aurania from Liverpool, 20th, to replace the 3rd regiment of Canadian infantry. Curiously enough the Canadian authorities are yet without official advice upon the matter.

WOMAN'S ART ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Art Association will be held in the studio, Palmer's Chambers, Princess street, on Saturday afternoon, the 13th inst., at 3.30 o'clock.

The coming ceramic exhibition will be the subject of discussion, together with other business, so a full attendance of members is requested.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Sept. 12.—Fierce fires are raging in the vicinity of Springfield. Houses and barns and stock are being burned and the whole country is devastated. Many cattlemen caught in the timber and burned to death. There are heavy fires four miles east of Molalla.

ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings was recently the recipient of a rather flattering case, fitted with silver-topped toilet requisites, from the members of the editorial and business staffs of the Toronto Globe on the occasion of her leaving the staff to assume the responsible duties of corresponding secretary of the National Council of Women of Canada.

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RESIGNED HIS JOB.

Graduate in Collision with Vancouver School Board.

(Vancouver World.)

F. Cowperthwaite has decided to resign his position as city superintendent of schools.

Som dissatisfaction has for some time existed between the board and Mr. Cowperthwaite with regard to the superintendency.

It was decided that Mr. Cowperthwaite take the position of principal of the Dawson school. Till October 1 Mr. Cowperthwaite will continue to act nominally as superintendent, giving the board all assistance. Citizens will be glad that this resignation of the city superintendency does not mean the severance of all relations with the scholastic board, for Mr. Cowperthwaite is one of the best men that has ever been connected with the educational department.

[Mr. Cowperthwaite, is a native of Kent, graduated from the University of Toronto twenty years ago, and after teaching for a time in the province, went to British Columbia, rising to the superintendency of the Vancouver schools.]

MISS ROGERS' SUCCESS.

(Moncton Transcript, Wednesday.)

An excellent entertainment was given in the Free Baptist church last evening. Miss M. Florence Rogers, the reader, fully sustained the high reputation she established for herself in Moncton last year. In her first selection "The Only Way," a lengthy and difficult extract from the "Tale of Two Cities," Miss Rogers showed herself an artist possessed of a remarkable insight into human nature and a thorough appreciation of the character she portrayed. She had the fixed attention of her audience throughout the selection. Her numerous sketches were cleverly rendered and perhaps even more enthusiastically received than the first.

QUEBEC IS AWAKE.

At a special meeting of the Quebec board of trade yesterday afternoon resolutions were unanimously adopted urging the immediate beginning of the proposed harbor improvements in anticipation of this port becoming the summer terminus of the proposed fast Atlantic line steamers.

THE EXHIBITION OF 1883.

Recalled by Recent Boasts That That of 1902 Exceeded All Predecessors.

(Fredericton Herald.)

St. John is at present jubilant over the success of its exhibition and the trend of the newspaper comment seems to be that it was the most successful ever held in this province. It had indeed remarkably well if it beat the Dominion and Centennial exhibition of 1883 of which John H. Reid of this city was one of the commissioners under the board of management the show was held. The Centennial lasted four days for which 67,324 adult tickets, 1,631 children's and 1,148 season tickets were sold. The grant from the dominion and provincial governments and the city of St. John totalled \$23,500 and the receipts from the exhibition proper were \$18,757.33. The result showed a balance of \$4,742.67 on the right side. While the grants were large yet the expenditure on buildings, etc., of a permanent nature, about equalled that amount.

For the centennial each exhibitor paid \$1.00, which was an entry fee for whatever he exhibited and at the same time admitted himself and attendants. For the shows of recent years each exhibitor's and attendants' tickets cost \$1.00 and an entrance fee of \$1.00 or less was charge for each exhibit.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

(Fredericton Gleaner, Thursday.)

Mrs. James Manchester came up on the steamer Victoria yesterday, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Tillotson. Last evening they entertained a number of their Fredericton friends on board the steamer, the evening being spent with music and social chat, and at 10 o'clock a light and delightful supper was served. Among the ladies and gentlemen present were Dr. and Mrs. Steeves, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tibbits, Mrs. and Miss Tibbits, Mrs. and Miss Tabor, Mrs. Geo. Bliss, Mrs. W. W. Long, Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, Mrs. Dickson, Misses Sherman, Miss Grace Winslow, and Miss Sadler.

DE WET JR.

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—A nephew of General De Wet, the Boer commander, arrived here recently to be treated by Professor Bergmann for a gun shot wound. It was erroneously printed here that Gen. De Wet himself had a bullet removed from his body.