

TOWN TOPICS

The Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette is appearing at the Opera House this evening to a crowded house.

George LaBel of Eel River crossing had a stroke of paralysis Saturday evening. He is now under the care of Dr. Doucet.

Thirty-four drunks were arrested during the month of October. Two vagrants were also run. The fines amounted to \$78. Seventy-one meals were served during the month.

An anniversary service will be sung in the Matapedia R. C. Church on Tuesday next at 9 a. m. in commemoration of the death of Dr. J. A. Pineault. Friends are invited to attend.

The police are busy gathering in the dog taxes. They have already collected over twenty and hope to double this number in the next few days. Two or three dog owners told the officers that their animals were not worth the tax and that the police better shoot them.

Prof. Robert Turner billed as America's leading lecturer, traveller and entertainer will present his new illustrated lecture "Ben Hur" in the new hospital building, Campbellton on Monday evening next. On the following evening he will lecture on "Beautiful Ireland." Both entertainments which are under the auspices of the A. O. H. and in aid of the Hotel Dieu Hospital should draw crowded houses.

Felix Fleiger an old resident of Cove Road, five miles from Dalhousie died very suddenly at his home, about three o'clock this morning. Mr. Fleiger, who was 85 years of age ate his supper as usual last evening, but later complained of feeling unwell. Deceased leaves six sons, Joseph, William, Felix, Thomas, James, and Alex and one daughter, Sarah. He had been a resident of Cove Road nearly all his life.

Messrs. Malcolm and Richards were at St. Leonards last week. They report about three inches of snow in that vicinity. Operations on the St. Leonards end of the Malcolm road have been suspended for the winter and all the men who were working on that end have been brought over here. Mr. Malcolm hopes to be able to continue the work on this end until along in January. He now has six hundred hands on and expects a hundred more Italians this week.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening last at the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. F. J. Stachouse when Mary N. MacBeth of Tide Head was united in marriage to Wm. R. Millican of Campbellton. The bride who was one of New Hampshire's popular nurses looked charming in a travelling suit of blue broadcloth with hat to match. After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mann where a dainty luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Millican left on the Maritime express for Truro and Halifax. On their return a reception will be held at the home of the bride's brother, John MacBeth, Tide Head.

Archibald Fracker was on Monday sent up for trial by Magistrate Connors of Chatham after a preliminary hearing in the police court. R. A. Lawlor appeared for Alderman Mesereau, and E. P. Williston, of Newcastle, for Archibald Fracker. Dr. Duffy testified to attending plaintiff and detailed the injuries received at the hands of defendant. Anthony Adams swore he remembered October 25th; that day he saw Mr. Fracker about 10.10 a. m.

He had a conversation with him; Mr. Fracker said he was laying for Mr. Mesereau and was going to kick the head off him. In the afternoon J. Y. Mesereau told of the assault. The case will come up in January at Newcastle.

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BATHURST Branch
J. M. AITKEN, Man.

Rev. W. A. Thomson will preach (D. V.) at Matapedia on Sunday, Nov. 10th at 1.30.

Rev. Geo. Bernier who was recently stationed at Campbellton has been appointed assistant to Rev. Father Levesque of Tracadie.

A number of the readers of "Events" have gained the erroneous impression that this paper is to be discontinued when "The Morning Graphic" makes its appearance. "Events" will continue to be published each Thursday and while many of its readers will prefer to read the daily in future "Events" will not be without its patrons.

The marriage took place at New Carlisle on the 23rd of Miss Annie Marie LaBel, daughter of L. P. LaBel, Esq., registrar and J. A. Doucet, notary, and crown lands agent. After a sumptuous breakfast at the home of the bride's father the happy couple left for Montreal and the west. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly presents. She is very popular in New Carlisle and has the best wishes of hosts of friends.

Inspector Noble and Constable LaBel of New Carlisle arrested Jim LeClare at Campbellton on Wednesday last on a warrant sworn out by Detective Noble for stealing a silk umbrella and coat from the Matapedia station in July last. The officers searched LeClare's baggage and found the missing articles. The accused was taken before Magistrate Stiles of Matapedia. He pleaded guilty and was committed to the jail at New Carlisle to await his trial.

Duncan and McLennan are manufacturing two refuse consumers, one for the River Louise Lumber Company of Jacques River and the other for the William Richards Company. The sad death of Philemon Cyr occurred Oct. 25, Monday morning. The boy had been sick five weeks. The little fellow's death is much regretted by all who knew him. His school teacher collected money from his class mates and sent to a green house in Sussex for a beautiful crown. The funeral was largely attended.

W. G. Fenwick of Bathurst has purchased from J. J. S. Hackey of this place, his fast pacing mare Star Lace 217 1-4. This mare holds the record of the Bathurst track 2.22; also the one half mile record 1.06 1/2. Star Lace has worked miles in 2.15 since Mr. Hackey purchased her in New York. Mr. Fenwick intends racing her in the ice meets to be held at Amherst and New Glasgow this coming winter. The mare does not wear the hoppers. She is being fitted by driver S. P. Bishop who also has the pacing mare Violet R. 2.35.

The publishers were compelled to postpone the first issue of the Morning Graphic because of the non arrival of machinery parts. The new paper will positively appear on Saturday morning. The destruction of a typesetting machine and a large quantity of heating type in the freight shed has proven a great inconvenience to the publishers of the Graphic and on this account the first few issues of the new paper may not be as good as the publishers would wish for. The linotype machine now in operation in this office is the only machine of its kind in the Lower Provinces. More modern than the ones in use in St. John and Halifax.

Mrs. Ellen McLaughlin one of the best known and most highly esteemed ladies of the town died at her home here on Saturday evening at the age of 79 years. Deceased was in failing health for some time past and although her condition was such as caused her friends much alarm, the sad news of her death came as a great shock to her many friends. She leaves to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother, three sons, Daniel J. Stewart and James of this town, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Duncan, also of this town. The remains were forwarded on this morning's local to Dalhousie where interment took place yesterday. Much sympathy is extended the sorrowing family in this their sad bereavement.

W. S. Harkins has written manager Dimock of the Opera House asking for open time in December. It is altogether likely that Mr. Harkins will bring his excellent company here for a week, but in order to do so he will have to jump from Halifax to Campbellton. The following is from a recent issue of the St. John Telegraph: If the proverbial sign, S. R. O., could have been made to read "packed to the doors," it would have conveyed to the expectant theatregoer a better idea of the interior of the Opera House yesterday afternoon, when W. S. Harkins presented his holiday bill, The Man From the West. The attendance is said to have eclipsed all records and the returns showed that more than 1,500 people were present. The Man From the West is one of the strongest pieces in the repertoire of the Harkins company. It was admirably acted and contains plenty of bright comedy throughout to relieve the intensity of the drama.

TO SPAN RIVER AT MATAPEDIA.

Long Cherished Hopes of Bay Chaleur People to be Fulfilled.

BRIDGE FOR TEAMS.

Three Governments Will Build it and it Will Cost Altogether About \$45,000.

An interprovincial highway bridge at Matapedia has long been the cherished hope of the representatives of the adjoining counties of New Brunswick and Quebec, and the fulfillment of it seems to be assured.

On Thursday last a party of gentlemen consisting of James Reid, M. P.; Hon. C. H. LeBlond, chief commissioner of Public Works, of N. B.; Wm. Currie, M. P.; A. R. Wetmore, provincial engineer; John McBeth, councillor for Addington; D. A. Arsenault, councillor for Balmora; Councillor J. H. Taylor, A. B. G. McKenzie, S. Martin, and H. B. Anslow of "Events." Campbellton, left here on the local for Matapedia, and were then met by Hon. Charles Marcell, M. P., John Hall Kelley, M.P.P.; L. A. Vallee, provincial engineer; R. O. Styles, mayor of Matapedia; Hugh Sillars, secretary treasurer Southeast Restigouche, Councillor Adams, and P. E. Amiot, Dominion Engineer.

After a very pleasant greeting the party with the engineers walked over the I. C. R. bridge between the two provinces at Matapedia, and upon the pier of which it is proposed to construct the interprovincial highway bridge, and inspected the site, the various estimated costs of erection being explained by the engineers.

The ground a little lower down the river, at the head of the island was also viewed, as was also a proposed site at Adams Point, about a mile and a half above Matapedia. While the latter point has some features to recommend it, it is generally thought that the central site is the one which will meet with universal approval, and no doubt this one will be finally selected.

After the inspection the party returned to the Restigouche hotel, where they enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving dinner, and later left for home.

MEETING AT MATAPEDIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)
MATAPEDIA, Friday.—Mr. Charles Marcell, M.P., for Bonaventure, deputy speaker of the Commons arrived here yesterday morning from Ottawa and is the guest of his sister in law Mrs. Pinault. He came to attend a meeting of his constituents in this district to explain to them the position of affairs in connection with the proposed interprovincial bridge over the Restigouche at this place. Mr. J. H. Kelly, M.L.A., came up from New Carlisle and both members addressed a meeting here last evening in the Municipal Hall. It was presided over by Mr. Robert Noble, mayor of Restigouche Township and Warden of the county and Mr. R. O. Styles, mayor of Matapedia. Both members received a very cordial reception and the crowd cheered their efforts to secure this district for the bridge. Rev. Father Stairs, was present along with Mr. Percy Baker of the Restigouche Salmon Club. Mr. N. Richard, mayor of Matapedia and the leading people of the district. Rev. Father Pettit, parish priest of St. Alexis sent a letter joining in the movement.

Today Messrs. Marcell and Kelly met Hon. Chas. LeBlond, chief commissioner of Works of New Brunswick, Jas. Reid, M.P., Wm. Currie, M.L.A., and Messrs. Amiot, engineer of the Public Works of Canada, Wetmore, engineer of New Brunswick and Vallee, engineer of Quebec, to decide upon the site of the new bridge. This bridge is to be composed of the superstructure of the former I. C. R. bridge here, which, valued at \$45,000 was given by order of council and vote of parliament as a contribution of the Dominion towards the interprovincial bridge, to which the Dominion Parliament and the legislatures of New Brunswick and Quebec are to add a cash contribution. The expenditure is estimated at \$30,000 which with the superstructure will bring up the total cost to \$45,000. It will be a great boon to the whole district and enable the residents of the Matapedia and Restigouche valleys to reach Campbellton easily. Mr. McBeth, Premier of Quebec and the New Brunswick government and especially Hon. Chas. LeBlond are furthering the undertaking which seems sure of success. This bridge ought to be ready for use in a year.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS OWING ANSLOW BROS. OR EVENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SETTLE THEIR ACCOUNTS AT ONCE.

ALL OVER DUE ACCOUNTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF A LAWYER FOR IMMEDIATE COLLECTION WITH COST.

ANSLOW BROS. CAMPBELLTON.

BROKEN LANTERN CAUSES BLAZE WHICH DESTROYS I. C. R. FREIGHT HOUSE.

Signalman Was Swinging Lantern When it Came Apart Setting Fire to Platform Adjoining Shed.

GOODS DESTROYED VALUED AT \$10,000.

A lantern which a signal man here was swinging Thursday night on the I. C. R. platform opposite the freight shed came apart. The lower portion exploded and fell to the platform. In a second the platform was on fire. The signal man, however, stamped and put out the blaze and in a few minutes the occurrence would have been forgotten had not fire and smoke been detected between the freight shed and the platform. The signal man in stamping out the blaze probably caused a spark or two to drop down a crack in the platform whither a portion of the oil had flowed. An effort was made at first to extinguish the blaze between the shed and platform with buckets of water, but it was soon found that this could not be done. An alarm was then sent in and the fire department responded promptly, but the freight shed which was saturated with oil and full of combustible material was burning in many parts by the time the water was turned on. Two good streams were played on the building as well as on the freight cars in the yard. In spite of this the shed was soon a mass of flames and two or three cars were ignited. The burning cars were shunted down to the station where another stream was played on them, and although they were badly scorched were saved from destruction. At two o'clock in the morning the freight shed and its contents were a smouldering mass. Very little freight was saved. Thursday being a holiday the freight shed hands did not work, and as a consequence there was two days' freight in the shed. Among the articles destroyed was a typesetting machine for the Morning Graphic, as well as about \$500 worth of head type, etc. for the

same paper and a large quantity of macaroni and other provisions which Mr. Malcolm had obtained for the Italians working on his road. There was also six months' supplies in the shed for the G. N. W. Telegraph Company here, three pianos for local parties and other valuable goods. Wm. Currie & Co. were among the heavy losers. In fact half of the business houses in the town were inconvenienced by the fire. Luckily the freight for the Lady Ellen had all been taken out.

A hundred weight of gun powder for the I. C. R. trackmaster here caused a slight explosion. I. C. R. officials estimated the value of the goods in the shed when the fire occurred at about \$10,000, but some think the estimate altogether too low. Nearly all who had goods in the shed have filed their claims and it is to be hoped the government will make an early settlement. Box cars are being utilized for the storage of freight here until such time as a new shed is completed. Inspector Noble whose duty it was to investigate the origin of the fire was not informed of the lantern episode although he questioned sharply all who knew about it, and it was only by a piece of clever detective work on his part that he learned the facts and this saved the government a good deal of money for it being suspected that the fire was of incendiary origin, the authorities would doubtless have been compelled to employ secret service agents. Chief Detective E. A. Williams of the I. C. R. arrived here Monday night and with Mr. Noble held a sworn investigation at which the man who dropped the lantern admitted the facts.

MANY MATTERS DEALT WITH AT TWO MEETINGS OF BOARD

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday evening of last week, Mayor Murray presiding.

After the reading of the minutes and other routine business had been transacted, the report of the Police and Licence Committee recommending that the services of Policeman John Duncan be dispensed with after Dec. 1st, was adopted. Coun. Miller read a letter from A. E. Alexander offering to loan the town \$17,000 at five per cent. to be repaid at any time after six months' notice, (the amount of principal \$10,000 on interest now due to be part of such \$17,000) and the whole to be secured by water and light bonds at five per cent.

After some discussion the offer was accepted. Coun. Miller submitted figures on a safe from the firms of J. & J. Taylor and Goldie & McCulloch, but the council thought it advisable to have more information as to quality of safe and price before purchasing.

The Water and Sewerage Committee were given authority to procure figures on 10 to 18 inch pipe for the reservoir, new water main from the reservoir.

W. H. Wallace was heard before the council in regard to a notice of trespass on town property at the reservoir. Another letter was read from W. A. Mott on behalf of John Duncan protesting against his dismissal from the police force, claiming that he had been appointed for the year and could not be rightfully dismissed unless good and sufficient cause were shown why such action should be taken. The letter was referred to the Town Solicitor.

Another letter was read from W. A. Mott, on behalf of John Cameron, re his sidewalk grievance.

Coun. Taylor stated that he had met Mr. Cameron that evening and had ascertained from him that if a temporary plank was placed over the sidewalk this fall and the old grade to his residence restored permanently in spring, he would be satisfied. Coun. Taylor further stated that he immediately gave the necessary instructions and the temporary work had been done. The letter from Mr. Mott had apparently been written previous to this.

Mr. Cameron was heard before the board in reference to the matter and stated that he wished to have a plank from the council that the old grade would be restored next spring.

After considerable discussion the Public Property and Street Committee were authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Cameron guaranteeing the fixing of the approaches to his premises.

Coun. Mowat from the Electric Light Committee reported on the request of Hotel Dieu hospital for a reduction in rates for electric light and also that the new wiring of the hospital be wired: 1st. That we have no recommendations to make in regard to reduction of existing rates; 2nd. That the Electric Light Department has exception of inspection.

Dr. Cates was heard before the Council in regard to the petition for sewer near his residence presented to Council some time ago.

Coun. Andrew stated that the matter would be attended to as soon as possible.

The plans of a portion of the water and sewerage systems of the town prepared by the Manager of the department, J. Art Williams, were submitted to the Council for inspection.

On motion the sum of \$17,000 was voted to Mr. Williams to reimburse him for cost of materials in plans, said sum to be paid as soon as plans were completed.

Coun. Andrew stated that no permit had been issued for the fish tank at Royal Hotel and nothing had ever been paid for the service. He wanted to know if Council wished to have the service discontinued until the permit was issued.

In the discussion which followed it was brought out that Mr. Sproul was liable to a fine for not complying with the water regulations. It was understood that the fish tank service would be cut off at once.

DISMISSED OFFICER PROTESTS.

John Duncan Claims He Should Have Been Given a Year's Notice.

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