

CHATHAM NEWS
AND NOTES.

Y. M. C. A. Contest Over, And Bean Supper Announced.

CRIBBAGE GAMES.

Highland Society Will Give a Ball On The 18th Prox.

A meeting was held this afternoon at Newcastle to make arrangements for the Highland Society Ball. The date was fixed for the 18th of February. The managing committee was also selected.

This dance, will be one of the swell-est of the season. Expenses are estimated at about \$700.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Mowat, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of James Mowat. The remains were brought home this morning by Milton Mowat, son of the deceased lady, from Appleton, Wis., where she died on Jan. 13.

W. A. Campbell of Bolestown, and John Robinson, Jr., of Newcastle registered at the Canada House this afternoon.

Miss M. McDonald entertained a small number of friends at her home yesterday when what was the amusement of the evening.

Mr. Dimock took photos this week of the company's rolling stock and stations.

The third night's playing at the cribbage tournament took place last night in the A. O. H. rooms under the auspices of Div. No. 7 A. O. H., Chatham, and resulted as follows:

T. H. Fitzpatrick and Wm. Lacey won 23, lost 7.

P. J. Ryan and P. F. Barry won 20, lost 10.

H. Cunningham and W. D. Cassidy won 17, lost 13.

W. J. Moran and T. Lynch won 17, lost 13.

John Conroy and C. A. Cassidy won 17, lost 13.

T. C. Taylor and Cliff Cassidy won 16, lost 14.

Wm. Bernard and B. McKinnon won 13, lost 17.

W. E. Jardine and W. Whitty won 13, lost 17.

P. J. Mulherin and Ed. Bernard won 12, lost 18.

J. T. B. Kain and Geo. Bernard won 12, lost 18.

J. J. Flannigan and J. Holland won 10, lost 20.

Jas. Watson and Harry Lacey won 10, lost 20.

Mrs. John Holland, a respected resident of Napan, died at the Hotel Dieu after a lingering illness, aged 61 years.

Besides the bereaved husband, the deceased leaves behind four sons and two daughters. The funeral will leave her late residence at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Interment in St. Michael's cemetery.

Div. No. 1 L. A. O. H. gave a whist party in their rooms, Elkin Block, Wednesday evening. A very large number attended, making this event one of the most enjoyable ever held by that organization.

The Reds vs. Blues Y. M. C. A. contest is at an end, but the result will not be made known until Friday evening, 24th inst., when it will be given out by the general secretary.

The friends of the Y. M. C. A. are invited to attend and enjoy a bean supper. A short musical programme will be rendered. All the rooms have been fitted up and the whole building improved generally and is now ready for inspection.

CANADIAN GIRL VIOLINIST

Miss Kathleen Parlow Said to be more Brilliant than Kubelik

A new violinist, Miss Kathleen Parlow, a Canadian girl, only seventeen years old, who is said to be even more brilliant than Kubelik or Miss Marie Hall, will probably astonish London in March. The story of her discovery is interesting. A short time ago Dr. Gross, a Berlin concert agent, was told while passing a house in a London street, a violinist playing with extraordinary skill and feeling. He listened for some time and became convinced of the genius of the musician. All he could tell Dr. Gross, however, was that he thought the mysterious violinist was probably a pupil of Professor Auer.

Dr. Gross at once offered a detective \$500 if he could find the musician, and in three days he succeeded. Miss Parlow played to Dr. Gross, and he was so impressed that he offered to bring her out as a solo violinist. Miss Parlow was glad to agree, as her father is dead, and she had been living with her mother in London on very slender means. She has already made several thousands of dollars in Berlin and Copenhagen, where she played before 2,000 people, and she is engaged to play at 150 concerts in North and South America, at \$1,000 a night—Old Country Exchange.

Mr. James Robinson, ex-M. P., denies that he had any stock in the defunct Sovereign Bank. He was asked to invest, but declined. He declares he is not, nor ever has been, a stockholder in any bank.

Northumberland
County Council.

The annual session Northumberland County Council opened in the Council chamber, Newcastle, Tuesday morning, January 21st, Warden T. W. Flett in the chair. There were present the following councillors:

Alnwick—Wm. Anderson, Wm. L. Allain.

Blackville—Geo. Hayes, M. Underhill.

Blissfield—F. D. Swin, R. Hurly.

Chatham—J. F. Connors, J. F. Benson.

Chatham (town)—Geo. Stothart, J. B. Bell.

Derby—J. W. Vanderbeck, E. J. Parker.

Glenside—W. V. Ullock, J. W. McNaughton.

Hardwicke—D. Lewis, M. Bransfield.

Ludlow—J. S. Pond, W. A. Campbell.

Nelson—T. W. Flett, Jas. Harrigan.

Newcastle, L. Doyle, R. L. Maltby.

Newcastle (town)—W. H. Belyea.

North Esk—Edw. Menzies, M. Ryan.

Rogersville—J. L. LeBlanc, P. Chalmers.

South Esk—Geo. Hubbard, James Johnston.

Col. Maltby was chosen Warden for ensuing year.

J. L. Stewart secured appointment as sole reporter, and Messrs. Irving, and Cassidy were chosen to wait on the Council as constables.

Councillors Sullivan, Connors, Pond, Parker and Doyle were appointed a committee to select standing committees. They nominated the following committees:

County Accounts—Councillors Parker, Connors Doyle and Pond.

Petitions—Swin, Benson, Ullock, Lewis.

Contingencies—Parker, Pond, Anderson, Flett.

Almshouse—Menzies, Bransfield and Hubbard.

Printing—Benson, Flett, Doyle.

By-laws—Belyea, Bell, Underhill.

Jail—Ryan, Vanderbeck, LeBlanc.

Almshouse Accounts—Allain, Stothart, Hurley.

Parish Accounts—Campbell, Hurley, Hayes, Vanderbeck, Ryan, Johnston, Maltby, Harrigan, Chalmers, McNaughton, Benson, Lewis, Allain.

It was reported to council by Registrar T. H. Whalen that index of the register of births and marriages had been lost and that the deaths had not been indexed for five years. Referred to County Accts. Com.

The council decided to eject Mr. Duke, the "squatter" on Sheldrake Island.

Coun. Menzies presented the petition of Alex. McKay praying for reduction of taxation as he had been taxed in Newcastle and North Esk. Referred to Com.

Councillor Stothart presented the petition of Wm. J. Carruthers and fifty-eight other residents of the middle district of Newcastle parish asking for the repeal of the bye-laws to prevent cattle running at large between the Ravine and Old Bathurst Road. Referred to Com.

Coun. Menzies presented petition of residents of North Esk, asking for a road between the Kings Highway and Mill Stream. Referred.

Ex-Coun. MacLachlan by permission, reported for the com. appointed last year to get estimates for new courthouse. He reported as follows: The new building was to be of stone, up to six feet above ground and from that of brick with stone trimmings. The first floor would contain court-house and rooms for Judges, barristers and sheriff, also for secretary and treasurer with vaults. On the second floor would be the council chamber, committee rooms, etc., and on the

third floor, rooms for the janitor, which could be occupied by the janitor of the jail and connect with the jail. The building would be only two stories high on the western side, and five high ceilings for the court room and council chamber, and three stories on the eastern side. The architect's estimates of the cost were \$42,250 with all vaults, light fixtures and furniture. The coun. valued the old jail at \$750, the registry lot at \$1000, and the wharf property at \$6000—total \$7750. The committee recommended borrowing the money to pay for the building. It could be so arranged that annual burden therefore would be light. Report received. Adjourned till next day.

WEDNESDAY
County Council resumed Wednesday morning at 10.

The question came up of the Dominion Government officials' liability for county taxes, and was settled affirmatively.

The secretary was directed to notify the chief com. of Public Works of the names of road supts. as soon as possible after the close of coun.

Wednesday afternoon, Coun. Belyea reported from the Bye-Laws Com. that polling district No. 1, Blackville, include all the electors in Lockstead on a line with Jas. M. Smith's upper line to the main South West river along the line to lower line of Jas. Sturgeon on the north side and Alex. Curtis on the south side of the said river, then running up river to John McDonald's upper line, then across the river to Thos. Curtis' upper line and across to Dennis Dooling's upper line and a line taking in all Bartholomew River and Breadalbane settlement on a line running to Lockstead settlement the polling booth to be at or near Blackville public hall. District No. 2 to include all the electors residing on Renous River and Dunganon easterly to Parish line between Derby and Blackville, across Maine river, along line between Nelson and Blackville, up river to Alex. Curtis' lower line, across river and along lower line of James Sturgeon. The polling booth to be at or near Indiantown hall. Report adopted.

Coun. Vanderbeck reported for the jail committee as follows:—

One, the committee appointed to inspect the jail, find at present five prisoners, four of whom are in the best of health and well cared for. The fifth prisoner we find is not a fit subject to be confined in jail, as he is in a bad state of health and is unable to take care of himself, and we would ask the Council to look into this matter at once. The prisoner referred to is James Coughlan. We find the cells for prisoners clean, and in a sanitary condition, and the prisoners informed us that they are well treated. Report was adopted.

Council decided to employ a doctor to report on the prisoners' condition. The following resolution of Coun. Parker was adopted:—

"Whereas, in the opinion of this council a number of lunatics are wrongfully charged on the different parishes in this county, and the government does not seem inclined to right what we consider a wrong

"Therefore, resolved, that the secretary treasurer write to the secretary of the Union of Municipalities of the province of New Brunswick to bring the matter to the attention of the said Union at its next annual meeting, and ask the said Union to take action in the matter, and if necessary to take steps to test the right of the government to make the parishes pay for lunatics so placed. Adjourned till Thursday morning.

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One Week More to Visit

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Reg. 15c waistings now	10c	35c Stockings for	19c
28c Kimona cloth for	19c	Reg. 35c Men's Socks for	19c
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75 to 95c Dress Goods for	49c	\$1.25 Flannel Shirt for	89c
Reg. \$8.75 Men's Overcoats for	\$5.95	12c. Flannellette for	8 1-2c
\$1.75 Wrappers for	98c	65c Boy's Underwear for	39c
30c Ladies' Winter Gloves	19c	85c. Boy's Underwear for	59c
Men's 85c caps for	59c	Boy's 50 and 75c caps for	29c
Ladies' Furs at	25 per cent Discount.	Boy's Sweaters reg. 65c for	29c
Ladies' Astrachan Coats for	\$18.00	Men's Ulsters reg. \$10.00 for	\$3.89
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BRITISH HOUSE
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Lords.

RADICAL LEGISLATION.

Old Age Pensions, Education Act,
Land Bills, And Reform
of Liquor Laws.

LONDON, Thursday.—The third and what promises to be the most critical session of Parliament controlled by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will be formally opened on Jan. 29 by the King, with all the traditional pomp and ceremony that marks the brief annual visit of the monarch to St. Stephen's. His Majesty will be accompanied on this occasion by Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and any other members of the royal family who happen to be in England at the time, while to greet them in the historic chamber will be assembled the usual gathering of dignitaries.

This formal opening of the Houses of Parliament by the King in person always attracts momentary attention, but the real interest, keener than ever this year, centres more in the legislation that the government proposes to introduce, and the cost of the social reforms, estimated at many millions of pounds, that the new elements in the political arena, the ex-labor and Socialist parties, are attempting to bring about. If all the legislation promised for the coming session is forecasted in the speech from the throne, the members of the House of Commons will have a stupendous task before them, and the usual session of six months will hardly afford sufficient time to dispose of it all. An autumn session is already talked of.

Irish affairs are sure to occupy much time, for besides the Irish Universities Bill promised the Catholics, and a bill to deal with the grazing lands, over which cattle driving originated, the Opposition has threatened to introduce an amendment to the reply to the speech which will enable them to discuss in detail the government's Irish policy. This will place Mr. Augustine Birrell, the Secretary for Ireland, on the defensive in respect to what has been done or what he has failed to do, as the Unionists put it, and also enable them to make a statement as to the future policy. It would be the first big debate of the session, and, unless checked as lively a one as Parliament has witnessed in recent years.

After Ireland, in point of public interest, will come a dramatic licensing bill, to fight which the brewers, distillers, and license-holders throughout the kingdom have already organized. The measure is not expected to meet all the demands of the temperance party. It will provide, however, that at the end of a specified period all licenses shall cease, and the granting of new licenses shall be placed in the hands of more or less popular authorities, thus establishing to some extent local option. Should the brewers consider it prejudicial to their business they can depend upon the House of Lords to either reject it or so amend it that it would not be acceptable to the Commons and thus add another to the many Liberal grievances against the Upper Chamber. Old age pensions occupy a prominent position in the government programme. The principle is supported by all the parties, but in

details there is a hopeless difference. Mr. Asquith, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it is believed, will propose that a start be made with five million pounds, to which must be added two and a half million put aside last year for this purpose. This sum the labor members contend is inadequate even for a start, while on the question of how the money is to be applied there are hardly two opinions alike. This one measure may therefore be expected to take up a lot of time. Being a matter of finance, the Lords have nothing to say on it.

The rest of the programme includes another attempt to amend the Education Act, a bone of contention between the two Houses; the re-introduction of the Scottish land valuation and land bills, rejected by the Lords last year, a new English land valuation bill and a measure establishing eight hours as the legal working time in all the mines; a bill establishing a new port authority for London, with power to collect all dues and erect new docks, which the owners of docks are opposing; and a lot of housing and other reforms looking to the comfort, well-being and health of the poorer residents in large cities, which Mr. John Burns, secretary of the Local Government Board, has devised after a careful study of the working of similar measures in Germany and elsewhere.

The advocates of women's suffrage having failed to convince the government that the time has come when women should be given the vote, will depend upon private members to advance their cause. Such a bill, however, stands little chance of reaching the statute books without the government support.