

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.

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 3 o'clock from the residence of James Mowat.

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

Miss H. E. 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.

F. 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.

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

Wm. Bernard and B. McKinlay 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 11, lost 19.

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

Jaas. 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, 34th 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 3,000 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. Allan.

Blackville—Geo. Hayes, M. Underhill.

Blissfield—F. D. Swim, 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.

Pettitions—Swim, 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, Allan.

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 by-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 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 cost 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 tax on 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 Main 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 Inlandtown hall. Report adopted.

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

We, 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.

QUEBEC CASE IS SETTLED.

QUEBEC, Friday. — Sir E. Taschereau forming a cablegram this morning received from him that the Privy Council had sustained the decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of the Quebec Improvement Company vs. The Quebec Bridge and Railway Company, which involved an amount of about forty thousand dollars. According to this decision the latter company wins the suit. The case dates back some years to almost the commencement of the construction work on the Quebec Bridge when the Quebec Improvement Company acquired large tracts of land in that vicinity. The Quebec Bridge Company claimed the right of way through this land to the bridge, which right the Improvement Company disputed.

MILITARY ROUTE.

Canada Will Be Tested For This Purpose by British Government.

MONTREAL, Thursday. — A despatch from Halifax voices the report that the British government will test the Canadian route as a military one. The despatch says unofficial information has reached there that for this purpose the Cameron Highlanders will be sent from Hong Kong to England via Canada as a test.

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ON TEMPERANCE LINES.

MONCTON, Friday. — Aldermen in two wards for Moncton have been elected by acclamation, while there will be contests for the mayoralty, aldermen-at-large, and in Ward Three. Civic nominations closed this afternoon at six o'clock. The mayoralty contest will be between Dr. C. T. Purdy and George B. Willett. For aldermen-at-large there have been nominated Jos. Gardner, Andrew H. Jones, and E. Albert Reilly. The contest in Ward Two will be between McLeod and Crandall, the present aldermen for that division, and J. M. Ross. Those elected by acclamation are J. Temple Forbes and Juddus Boudreau. Ward One, William D. Martin and John H. Crandall Ward Three. The civic fight will be along temperance lines, the Scott Act being the burning question in Moncton at the present time. Both candidates elected in Ward Three have been endorsed by the Local Temperance Federation, while in Ward Two, two candidates have received the approval of that body, and two of the candidates for aldermen-at-large. Dr. Purdy is the mayoralty candidate endorsed by the Temperance people.

RE-OPENED BUSINESS.

Mr. R. Flam has returned from Rexton, Kent Co., and has resumed business at his old stand in Rebekah, where he will be pleased to meet all his old customers and many new ones. Mr. Flam carries a stock of general merchandise, and will buy hides and furs, and pay the highest cash prices.

One Week More to Visit

Creaghan's Great Clearing Sale.

Table listing various clothing items and their prices during a clearing sale. Items include waistings, Kimona cloth, dress goods, men's overcoats, wrappers, ladies' winter gloves, men's caps, ladies' furs, astrachan coats, stockings, men's socks, remnants, flannel shirt, flennette, boy's underwear, boy's caps, sweaters, and ulsters.

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BRITISH HOUSE IS OPEN TO-DAY

Intensified Struggle Begins Again With The House of 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 forecast 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

THAW CASE

NEARLY CLOSED.

NEW YORK, Thursday. — When an early adjournment of the Thaw trial was taken today to enable the attorneys for the defence to prepare their long hypothetical question covering all the evidence in the case, there seemed no doubt that next week will bring the second hearing to a close. Justice Dowling has decided to limit each side to three expert witnesses and two of the aerecno trio were heard today as to the mental and physical examinations they made of Harry Thaw in the Tombs prison after his arrest for killing Stanford White.

Dr. C. G. Wagner of Binghamton, N. Y., and Dr. Britton D. Evans of Morris Plains, N. J., both superintendents of State Institutions for the Insane were on the stand today. Detailing their conversations with Thaw in the Tombs they brought out more clearly two points which were glossed over last year. The first of these was that Thaw told them in 1900 he was a guest of Stanford White at a dinner party in the Madison Square Garden tower. He left early and was accused of breaking up the party. Some of the guests did not eat much. Thaw declared and the young woman who sat next to him declared that the food was bad.

Thaw also told the physicians about the first time he saw Evelyn Nesbit. It was in 1901 in front of a theater. 'A pure looking girl' he described her. If she was, he was told, her name was Nesbit and that she belonged to Stanford White. Thaw managed subsequently to meet the girl at an after-supper in company with several other stage persons.

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Today's session was abandoned at the request of the defence and an adjournment of the court was taken until Monday morning. A heavy snow storm tied up shipping in the Bay and prevented the docking of the Adriatic on which three physicians and a trained nurse are coming from Europe to testify as to the irrational outbreaks of Harry Thaw at Monte Carlo, Paris and London. Another witness, Dr. Bingham of Pittsburg who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia will not be in the city until tomorrow. Mr. Littleton said the defence undoubtedly would conclude its case on Monday and District Attorney Jerome announced that the people were ready to proceed in rebuttal at any time.

A. Q. AND W. RY. PROGRESSING.

Great progress is being made on the construction of the Atlantic, Quebec and Western railway. There are now 750 men employed blasting, etc., between Port Daniel East and Gaspe. A rock tunnel 745 feet, a short distance from Port Daniel bridge East has been finished and photographs of it were taken by S. W. Dimock. This tunnel is said to be the longest in Canada.

The road back of Perce hills just outside of Port Daniel is almost solid rock for eighteen miles and was completed with great difficulty.

REPORT SATISFACTORY.

Annual Meeting of the Royal Bank Held Yesterday.

MONTREAL, Thursday. — At the annual meeting of the Royal Bank of Canada today the report was considered satisfactory and was adopted. S. Holt, vice president, presided in the absence of T. E. Kenny, of Halifax, president. The directors were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Kenny was re-elected president and Mr. Holt vice president.

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