

PROVINCIAL NEWS

HOPEWELL HILL, April 4.—The following officers of Golden Rule division, No. 51, S. of T., have been elected for the ensuing quarter: Fred G. Moore, W. P.; H. L. Brewster, W. A.; Mary Archibald, R. S.; E. L. Peck, A. R. S.; G. Warren Peck, P. S.; G. Peck, treasurer; Mrs. L. A. Archibald, chap.; Laura Tingley, com.; Mariner Smith, A. C.; Dora Reynolds, L. S.; Maria Reynolds, O. S.; Geo. W. Newcomb, P. W. P.

Vessels began moving in the bay last week. The river coasters have not started yet, but probably will start next week. There is little or no ice.

M. M. Tingley is hauling his deals to Saw-mill Creek for shipment. The amount of deals piled along the river and creeks, and on the line of railway, from this side of the bay will be larger, probably, than any previous season. The portable mills have been cutting all winter, and are still at work. The large gang mills will all start shortly.

Two boys arrived at Lower Cape recently, one at the home of P. S. and Mrs. C. B. Moore, and one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mordley Turner.

Mr. John Ward died at her home at the Cape last week.

Miss Amy Peck returned this week to her school at Chatham Road, which was closed for three weeks last week by the prevalence of whooping cough among the children. J. W. Peck, representative of the Currie Business college, returned to St. John today after a week's visit to his home here. There are six or more students from this county now attending the Currie institution.

Mrs. Newton Rogers is dangerously ill. Dr. S. C. Murray is in attendance.

Rev. Mr. Davidson, pastor of the Hopewell Baptist church, completed sixteen years in the ministry on last Sunday, April 2nd. During that period of labor the reverend gentleman has officiated at 368 baptisms and 144 funerals.

BOISTOWN, Northumberland Co., March 31.—Jas. D. MacMillan has returned from the woods, bringing with him a set of moose horns, which he says are the finest that ever has been obtained on the Miramichi, is 64 inches spread, 17 points on one side and 14 on the other. Henry Brathwaite, the well known guide, pronounces it the best set he has ever known to be obtained in the Miramichi.

Frederick McCloskey has come to Fredericton to prepare for matriculation into the applied science department of McGill University.

Chas. T. Moore, a well known resident, is about leaving for Douglas town, where he has purchased a large tract of land. Mr. Moore presented him with an address and a meerschaum pipe.

Frederick Duffy has gone to Boston.

The lumbermen expect driving to begin about April 15th. An unusual large quantity of logs will come down this spring. There is still plenty of snow, about five feet being the average.

YOUNG'S COVE, Queens Co., April 4.—Rev. Mr. Watson's little daughter is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Miss Sarah and Margaret Goodness are out after a few weeks' illness of the grippe.

Peter Jeffery, an aged resident of Bagdad, died last week and was buried in the Episcopal cemetery here. Rev. Mr. Warfield of Johnston attended the funeral.

Mrs. H. Elkin and son, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lipsett, and other friends the past week, returned to her home on Friday. Miss Nellie Higgins, who has spent several weeks here, returned to St. John Monday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Edith Higgins.

At Wednesday evening prayer meeting at Andrew Lipsett's Miss Gale, Miss MacDonald and Levi A. Smith were appointed a committee to visit the sick in this vicinity, and have catered upon their new duty.

John Henry Fowler of Chipman spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Forester Gale. Miss Sharp of Jemse, professional nurse, intends returning to her home the first of this week. Miss Ellen McLean is visiting friends at the Narrows. Blaise Botsford, S. N. Nelson and Master J. E. Nelson intend starting in the near future for Uncle Sam's territory to spend the summer.

The appointment of Miss Jennie MacDonald as assistant in the post office in this place gives general satisfaction.

BOISTOWN, Northumberland Co., April 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Moore left this week for Douglas town, where Mr. Moore has purchased a large mill. He expects to go extensively into the cutting of stingles, having constructed for a very large quantity of cedar.

Howard Richards has returned from Newmarket, where he had been making a short visit.

M. Ficker & Co., Fredericton, have made unsuccessful efforts to lease a large store in this place. They intend starting a large business in this place as soon as arrangements can be made.

Frederick W. McCloskey has gone to Fredericton to prepare for matriculation into the applied science department of McGill University. He intends taking the electric engineering course.

Since the \$300 license law upon pedlars has gone into effect in this county, none have been seen in this vicinity.

As soon as the weather permits, a large amount of sidewalk is to be laid. Sufficient money has been appropriated to efficiently improve the streets for some distance.

The mill on Burnt Land Brook will start operations in a short time.

HAMPSTEAD, Queens Co., April 4.—John R. Worden having rented his farm to John Deller for three years, is now living in St. John with his daughter, Mrs. Royce W. Ferguson, who moved there from her father's farm two or three weeks ago.

The river is opening very fast. There is an open space from the mouth of the Washademoak Lake to nearly the foot of Spoon Island.

Simon Allen, who has been away all winter in the woods in New Hamp-

Why Beauty Fades so Early.

The American "rush" habit is largely responsible for the premature fading of American beauty. Ignorance of the laws of health, and carelessness about the rest of the body, are the main causes of the early fading of the face.

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The funeral of Mrs. Wm. Dibble, who died last evening, will be on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The deceased was in the 80th year of her age and before her marriage was a Miss Clements. Mr. Dibble, who survives, is close on to 90 years of age, and is remarkably active for his years. J. T. A. Dibble, ex-M. P., is a step-son of the deceased.

FREDERICTON, April 8.—Peter McFarlane, a well known citizen, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart failure. The deceased, who was in his fifty-fourth year, leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. One of the sons, Bruce, is with the first Canadian South African contingent. Mr. McFarlane held a fifth degree in law, and the society flag is flying at half-mast out of respect to his memory. Mr. McFarlane was also a member of Hiram Lodge, P. and A. M. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

His death also caused the death of Mrs. Mary Smith, who was engaged last week nursing the late George Creighton, whose death was caused by heart failure. Mrs. Smith was in her sixtieth year, and she leaves one sister, resident in this city, and another in England.

HARVEY STATION, April 6.—The death of John Hay, one of Harvey's oldest and most respected residents, took place on Wednesday afternoon. Although not unexpected, death came sooner than was anticipated. The deceased was 75 years of age and one of the original settlers of this locality. He was a native of Northumberland county, England, and came to this country about 1838. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and for long time, and was much respected by the body and by the community at large. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters to mourn their sad loss. Both sons and two of the daughters live in this place, one of them being the wife of Robert Moffatt. The other daughter is married and lives in St. Stephen.

David Smith and Robert Lester, two of our most popular young men, took train Monday evening for the west. Both go to fill lucrative positions with Senator Perley. Their departure is much felt by the community, as both were universally known and appreciated.

Mrs. I. T. Fairweather, who was succumb in 1897, and has lived here three months ago, is again seriously ill.

Wilmet Tracy, who succeeded Robert Robinson on the section line, has moved his family from McAdam. He will occupy Mr. Robinson's house as soon as it is vacated by him. Geo. Burrell is having an addition made to his house.

Kenneth Robinson, who has been here for some time, returns to Boston on Tuesday.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, April 1.—Edwin Smith, a respected citizen of Hoyt station, dropped dead this afternoon.

STRENGTH.

(London Mail.)

The pause in Lord Roberts' advance, to permit of the accumulation of supplies and ammunition for the final spring upon Pretoria, gives a good opportunity for considering what we have learnt by the war. The South African struggle is a proof of the most convincing manner the strength and reality of the imperial tie.

Hitherto, outside England, there was no certainty felt that the great self-governing colonies would stand side by side with the mother-land in the hour of danger and trial.

But now, the reality of the tie, in which Britain is supposed to be fighting for her existence, have always represented her colonies as succeeding and claiming their own independence. This was because the foreigner has always been profoundly jealous of the relation which exists between England and her colonies.

The war has come to France, to Russia, and to Germany as a rude lesson. It has taught these powers that England can rely upon the support of a brave and warlike population.

The bearing of this upon the defence of India and the solution of the Chinese difficulty is obvious. For Australia could with very small exertion put into the field 20,000 of the most admirable soldiers who ever went to war. Canada could raise at least as many. The performance of the Australian and Canadian levies in the present struggle have been so good that they have come as something of a surprise even to Englishmen.

The men are intelligent, brave, and resourceful, and with discipline, which they rapidly acquire when brigaded with regular troops, are all that can be desired. In the event of war they would not have to be moved down the long and dangerous sea route from England to the East. This route is open to the French, and whether the Cape or Mediterranean route be adopted, to be safe in the first weeks of a naval struggle. From Australia two divisions could be rapidly and safely thrown into India. From Canada within three weeks two more divisions could be sent to the front. No other power in the world disposes of such resources, and the consciousness of this fact is causing our enemies no little uneasiness. They now see that in a struggle in which the interests of the great colonies were involved, and we shall never fight except under these conditions—we should have the whole energy of these new communities, each a state in itself, at our backs.

AN IMPORTANT ARREST.

MONTREAL, April 8.—Evangeline Joly, painter and decorator, was arrested yesterday morning, being the author of three mysterious burglaries committed at the station of the Canadian Pacific railway at Joliet, Que. The first burglary took place in 1896, when \$6,000 was abstracted from the safe. A year later \$25,000 was taken from the station building. In August, 1899, the station was robbed a third time, and \$20,000 was taken. The burglaries were all committed by the same person, and the money was all taken from the receiver general and of which the numbers had been preserved. A circular was sent out giving these numbers, and a clue finally found, which brought work up resulted in Joly's arrest. The officers caught him with a large sum of money, and a revolver and a big clasp knife.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 8.—The increased volume of water which came down the river last night undermined the power house at the dam at 1.30 this morning and it fell into the river, carrying with it \$300,000 worth of machinery.

THE PEOPLE'S CASH

Hon. Mr. Tweedle Believes in Liberal Travelling Expenses.

Auditor General Beek, in a Statement in His Own Defence,

Denies That He Saw or Audited the Bridge Accounts—The Chief Commissioner Has a Free Hand.

FREDERICTON, April 7.—The accounts committee at Friday night's session again took up items of expenditure, inquiry into which were asked for by Messrs. Humphrey and Melanson.

Provincial Secretary Tweedle was present and said regarding an item of \$200 for expenses to Ottawa, that he had been to Ottawa seven or eight times during the past year, and Mr. Emmerson and Mr. White once or twice, upon business for the province.

Regarding his personal travelling expenses, Mr. Tweedle said that as near as he could estimate his expenses when travelling amounted to \$5 per day, and he travels a great deal of the time. He also said that the travelling expenses of the chief commissioner, amounting to \$1,500, included his expenses for the past year. He didn't consider \$5 per day an excessive amount to charge, and he proposed in future to charge more than that.

Mr. McAdam appeared before the committee at the request of the chairman and explained in full his agreement with the government and with the house regarding the reporting of the department. He stated that he was called for reporting a maximum of 4,000 words per day during the session, the words being counted by the auditor. But he exceeds that maximum. He claims, and rightly so he thinks, that when he does not write, he is not paid. He is not paid for the extra words he writes, and he is not paid for the extra words he writes.

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Mr. Emmerson was present, and regarding the item of \$875 paid W. A. Hickman, the premier explained that Mr. Hickman is employed as a clerk in the department. He was employed last summer to make a collection of photographs and stereoscopic views of the province, and he was paid for his services. He is now in England delivering addresses and showing these views to the purpose of encouraging immigration to this province. Mr. Emmerson stated that he had heard very favorable reports from Mr. Hickman, and he was in England.