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FREDERICTON AND VICINITY.

Services in the Churches--Scott Act Prosecutions.

Lumber Operations--Victoria Hospital--City Taxes.

Evening Entertainments--Curling --Madawaska Election Case.

No Judgments Delivered.

The supreme court met this morning, pursuant to adjournment, but immediately adjourned until Saturday next, 17th inst, then to deliver judgments.

Journalistic.

The Reporter and the Temperance Journal are to be amalgamated in the form of an 8-page paper, to be issued once a week only. The first number in the new departure will appear on Saturday next.

Legislative Council.

The legislative council passed resolutions of condolence on the death of Hon. Mr. Hamilton, yesterday morning, and adjourned until Monday next out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

To Young Men.

Rev. Wm. Dobson will preach a sermon to young men in the Methodist church to-morrow [Sunday] evening. The Methodist church has invited Mr. Dobson to continue his pastoral duties for another year which has been accepted.

Baptismal Service.

The ordinance of baptism will be administered to several candidates at the close of the evening service in the stone Batpist church to-morrow. The special services have been largely attended this week and the interest unabated.

Fined for Assault

Capt. Ballois and Mate Thos. Gibson, of the ship City Camp, which arrived at St. John from New York on Wednesday, were arraigned before Police Magistrate Peters on Thursday, charged with assault upon some of the sailors. They were both convicted, the captain being fined $40 and the mate $60.

Madawaska Election Case.

Sheriff Rice arrived in town last evening in re the Madawaska Election case now before the committee of privileges. He will not be heard however before the committee until Tuesday next, as Dr Bernier, the other witness summoned is unable to reach here before that time. Secretary-Treasurer Balloch is also here as witness.

Our Taxes This Year.

The city's assessment is to be made up in a few days. It is thought that the amount to be assessed this year will need to be some $4000 in advance of last year to meet the demands. The total assessment last year was $38 000 which was $2,000 less than the year before. Some of the aldermen seem to think that an assessment of $44,000 will have to be made this year.

Lumber Operations Closing.

The lumbermen are beginning to arrive in large numbers from the woods. Several of the camps crews on the Upper St. John and Miramichi have broken up and the men homeward bound. The men report abundance of snow yet in the woods, and the winter one of the best in their experience for hauling and for the operations generally—a striking contrast to last year's rough season.

Student Politicians.

The students of the Normal school had a spirited debate in the meeting room of their society last evening. The discussion was on political matters and the sentorian tones of some of the student—politicians were heard and attracted considerable attention by passers by on the streets. Usually matters of a political nature are not allowed to form the subject of debates in societies of this character.

A Short Winter.

The mild spring weather which has prevailed for three weeks or more has very perceptibly shortened the winter, and all who have been forecasting tough weather to pay up for February's sunshine have as yet been agreeably disappointed. About everyone is remarking that this has been the shortest winter they have ever experienced in this country. There was no snow until Christmas in this part, and beautiful spring weather set in before the twentieth of February and has since continued.

House of Assembly vs. City Council.

A curling match was played in the rink Thursday night, in which a rink from the House of Assembly was pitted against four of our city fathers. The former rink was skipped by Mr. J. Morrisey, with Mr. J. B Grieves mate, and the latter by Mayor Hazen with Ald. Hilyard mate. The game was an interesting one and was witnessed by a number of the members who cheered to every point scored by their fellow legislators. The city council came out second best with a score against them of 15 to 10.

Royal Banqueting.

The officers and members of the Fredericton Royal Arcanum council were agreeably surprised by an invitation from their Regent J. J. Weddall Esq to an oyster spread at the close of their session on Thursday evening. The invitation under the management of a fine staff of officers, is doing a good work in this city—and has been the means of disbursing a large amount of money to many, who otherwise might have had to feel the frown of an uncharitable world. There are now over one thousand councils in Canada and United States having over 80 600 members.

Killed in the Springfield Fire.

Mr. Geo. W. Hovey, of Woodstock, received a despatch, Thursday, conveying the sad intelligence that his youngest son, Walter, was among the victims of the disastrous fire in Springfield, Mass., the day before He was killed instantly by jumping from the burning building where he was employed as a compositor The unfortunate young man was about 21 years of age, and has been away from his home in Woodstock a little over a year. He was an ambitious intelligent young man, with an excellent moral character and a disposition that won for him many friends. He served his time as a printer in the Sentinel office.

In the fire which destroyed the Springfield Union establishments, 13 compositors were killed or fatally injured while endeavoring to make their escape from the upper stories of the burning building. One young lady, the proof reader, was burned to death.

Mrs. Marion B Baxter.

Speaking of this lady a Halifax paper says:—An immence audience greeted her in the Academy of Music last night, when she lectured under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The platform was occupied by ladies of the union, members of the legislature and city clergymen. Stipendiary Molton, who presided, read letters for non-attendance from the lieutenant-governor, the archbishop, Rev. Dr. Partridge and Rev. Mr. McPherson.

Mrs. Baxter fully sustained the high reputation for eloquence, and fluency of speech which had preceded her. The attention of the large audience was rivetted throughout, and the occasional bursts of applause testified to the appreciation of the listeners. At the close a vote of thanks, moved by Rev. Dr Hole, and seconded by R. D. Black, M. P. P., was carried by a standing vote and conveyed in the stipendiary's usually happy manner.

Mrs. Baxter will speak in Fredericton Tuesday and Wednesday evening, March 20 and 21.

BITS OF NEWS

Gathered and Condensed for the Readers of "The Gleaner."

Inspector Oakes is making his annual inspection of the city schools.

The dates of Mrs. Baxter's appearance in this city are the 20th and 21st inst.

The Chatham curlers will arrive here on the Northern & Western on Monday next.

The Webber male quartette of Boston expect to make a tour of the province next month.

Commissioner Coombs and a miracle of convert are expected at the salvation army barracks here on Wednesday next.

Carleton county's Scott Act inspector has laid information against 17 violators and the cases are now being tried in Woodstock.

ANOTHER SUCCESS.

The Carnival in the Marysville Rink Last Night.

An Immense Attendance of Spectators and Costumers.

The Prize Winners---List of the Characters.

Although last night's carnival was the third that has been held in the Marysville rink this season, it was the most successful of them all in many respects. Despite the bad condition of the roads and the disagreeable weather, an immense number of Frederictonians drove up to be present at the grand affair, many of them going in costume. Between seven and eight o'clock the road between the city and Marysville was literally lined with teams, everything available in the shape of horse flesh being made to do service. As a gentleman remarked in the rink last evening, "It is astonishing the number of Fredericton people, who will drive three miles to attend a carnival at Marysville, when not one quarter could be induced to attend a carnival in the city." The reason of course, is that the people expect more at Marysville, and they have good cause for doing so. The managers of the Marysville skating rink believ in advertising, and they spare no expense in keeping their carnivals before the public Nor do they spare expense in any of their efforts to make their carnivals a success. Their prizes are always valuable and worth competing for, and there are plenty of them. Nothing is done on a small scale. But it is enough to say of last night's carnival that it was as successful as the last if not more so. The Marysville band discoursed an excellent programme of music in its best style.

The judges were Messrs. F. S. Williams, Fred. P. Murray and Frank W. Burpee, of Marysville; J. J. Miller, of Milleton, and Samuel James, of Boston. They awarded the prizes as follows:

Ladies 1st—Irish Scrub Woman, Miss McKee, Fredericton.
Ladies 2nd—Old Red Cradle, Mrs. W. E. Miller, Fredericton.
Ladies 3rd—Grandmother in the chair, Miss Joe Bradley, Marysville.
Gents' 1st—Gibson's Weaver, C. J. Hatch, Marysville
Gents' 2nd—See Saw and Chocolate Drop, W E. Miller, Fredericton.
Gents' 3rd—Jumbo, Ran. Staples, St. Mary's.

The following is a list of the characters:

LADIES.

Mrs. C. H. Hatt, Lady Bird
John Gibson, Blanket Suit
Miss Clayton, Deadwood Dick
Kate Hartt, Housemaid
Alice Davenport, Princess of Stars
Sadie Davenport, Red, White and Blue
Kate Davenport, Queen of Stars
Lily Titus, French Cook
Sadie Titus, Fancy Dress
Bessie Titus, Jenny Dean
Jessie Bradley, Grandmother
Sarah White, } Turkey Red
Bertie White, }
Jennie Gibson, Red Cross Nurse
Janie Donaldson, Topsy
Mabel Estey, Peasant Girl
Alma Brown, Queen of Spades
Ruth Estabrooks, Queen of Diamonds
Maud Wilson, Blanket Suit
Gertie Belyea, Patchwork
Wilson, Old Mother Hubbard and Her Dog
Cora Reid, Blanket Suit
Maud Foster, Lady of the Lake
Wetmore, Photograph
Mrs. R. Mullin, Blanket Suit
R. Staples, Milk Maid
Miss Alice W. Gibson, Scotch Housekeeper
Agnes Evans, Scotch Lassie
Nany Arnold, Summer
Maud Glendenning, Village Maid
Clara Milliken, Old Fashioned Girl
Mattie Burpee, } Red, White and Blue
Ida Staples, }
Minnie Burpee, }
Mina Chase, Peasant Girl
Stella Clayton, Paddle Your Own Canoe
Mariam Inch, Rainbow
Mrs. John Heron, The Gleaner
Carson Allen, A Mascotte
Miss Lily B. Manzer, Leap Year
Etta Wheeler, Milk Maid
Millie Wheeler, } Housekeepers
Annie Lloyd, }
Martha F Tufts, Waitress
Helen Murray, Swedish Peasant
A. M. Gibson, Blanket Suit
Ada Murray, Kisses
Etta Murray, Galleen Bawn
Elizabeth Wheeler, Tambourine Girl
Sarah Arnold, Village Maid
Helen M. Tapley, Summer
Ella Pickard, } Faith, Hope
Maggie Sherman, } and Charity
Melissa Harris, }
Mrs. W. T. Day, Hope
Miss Annie Winslow, Blanket Suit
Gibson, Folly
Clara McFarlane, } Gipsies
Alice Thompson, }
Minnie Green, Fancy Dress
Mrs. W. E. Miller, The Old Red Cradle
J. Wheeler, Summer
A. Robinson, Quakeress
E H. Allen, Italian Girl
Miss Gertie Allen, Queen of Roses
Hattie Tufts, Spanish Peasant
Lottie Cadwallader, Image Peddler
Mable McKee, Irish Scrubbing Woman
Ida White, Samples
Edna Hanson, Peasant Girl
Minnie Day, Red, White and Blue
Nellie D. Allen, Dude
Flora Tapley, Paddle my Own Canoe
Annie L. Read, Pound of Gibson Gingham
Bella Chase, Fancy Dress
Annie Donaldson, Renegade's Daughter
Alice Hovey, Nymph of the Forest
Susie Heron, Fancy Dress
May Walker, Fancy Dress
Mrs G. A Inch, Snowshoe
F H S Libbey, Butterfly
Miss Johnson, Bride
Johnston, Lalitha, Shook
M. Allen, Highland Lassie

GENTS.

Wm. Grieves, 49
L. W. Bailey, Blanket Suit
Joseph Wheeler, Shaun Rhue
J. Lockhart, Life Insurance Agent
J. E. Sanson, Turk
Wm. Gibson, Canadian Fishery Commissioner
R. Staples, Jumbo
Jos. Lovely, Fireman
A. D Coburn Blanket Suit
Claud Clayton, Buffalo Bill
W. B. Mowatt, Student
Norman Edgecombe, Chang Ro Poo
Wm. Jonah, Silas Drinkwater
Geo. McKee, Baby Boy
J. Jones, Student
R Winters, Ancient Dude
Tom Jones, N. Edgecombe, Prizewinner
Geo Chambers, Essence of old Virginia
E. H. Allen, Blanket Suit
T. C. Allen, Sultan
J. F. Stephenson, Blanket Suit
R. R. Bradley, The Prodial's Return
Jas. S. Savage, Fireman
Geo. Titus, } Colored Gents
Hiram Brown, }
Willie Tufts, Jack Tar
B. W. Mullin, Blanket Suit
Arthur Staples, H. M. S. Puritan
G. L. Fenety, Full Dress
Geo. Nowlin, Colored Dude.
Frank Wheeler, Cow Boy
Frank Robinson, Valentine,
M. Smith, Mason
Handford McKee, Turn Coat
Fred Riley, Let Us Smile
S A. M Skinner, Turk
Chas. McConaghy, Humbug Pedler
A. Tibbits, Blanket Suit
Fred Bliss, Gyeschutus
G. A. Inch, Scotchman
C. C. Gill, Prince
L. Good, St. Mary's Fireman
W. E. Miller, See Saw and Chocolate Drop
C. Tisdall, Blanket Suit
B. Rankin, What Is it?
A P Crocket, Turncoat
L. McKenzie, Fancy Costume
F Barbour, Aristocratic Gent
Harry Phair, Fireman
and many others.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Discussion on Some of the Items of Supply.

Great Roads and Bridges--Printing of Bills.

Quebec Conference Resolutions--House Adjourns Until Monday.

The house, it may be said, got through with supply including the budget and other speeches in one afternoon—a fact probably unprecedented in the history of the provincial legislature. During the remaining sessions of the week a large amount of work has been done in committee, several bills have received their third reading, and everything points to a short session.

Great Roads and Bridges.

After the Attorney General's speech on the budget, Wednesday afternoon, the items of supply passed the committee with alacrity, the only one occasioning much discussion being the $95 000 grant for great roads and bridges. Hon. Mr. Ryan made a statement respecting the affairs of the public works department for the past year. The province last spring was visited by a disastrous freshet which destroyed and damaged a great many bridges, and he had to apply for a special warrant to cover such portion of the cost of so much of the work as could be completed within the fiscal year Such extraordinary freshets as that of last spring as also that of 1885, were of rare occurrence, not having happened before within the past 30 years. He stated that he would not be in a position to undertake the building of any new bridges this year. There were six large bridges spanning the St John river between its mouth and the Grand Falls. An apparent very slight damage to any one of those bridges, together with the natural decay that is constantly going on necessitates a very large expenditure for repairs. Other large rivers in the province, both branches of the Miramichi for instance, the Aroostook and other large rivers, have also costly bridges across them, several of which were built 10 or 12 years ago and seem to be falling down, all about the same time, and must necessarily be repaired. Members of the house generally from the different counties are naturally anxious to secure as large a share of the appropriation for their counties as they possibly can. Generally speaking he had always found them willing to assist him in so economizing as to keep the over-expenditure as low as possible.

For Steam Navagation.

Hon. Mr. McLellan said it was intended to divide the item for steam navagation the same as last year with an addition of $200 to the Miramichi services.

Mr. Phinney, thought there was a great inequality in the great road service, and that Kent county, with its large population had not received its share.

Legislative Buildings.

Dr. Atkinson said that $7000 appeared a large sum for the item "legislative buildings and offices." Hon. Mr. Ryan said that sum included coal, insurance, repairs to building janitors salary, etc. Mr. Hetherington thought $12 500 too large a sum to pay each year for keeping legislative buildings, Normal school and Government house in repair.

Hon. Mr. Blair said if the hon. member for Queens would examine accounts he would see that the sums included many things besides repairs. Take the legislative building for instance. $700 was paid the janitor, Mr. Lester, for salary; $600 was paid the official who looks after the heating of the building. It cost $1,368 for the fuel for this building last year; and $1,383 for the fuel for the Normal school. Besides gas, furniture, insurance were included in the items.

Mr. Hetherington said he was always opposed to see the province paying so much on account of the expense of government house.

Mr. Hanington thought that if the electric lights were introduced into the assembly chamber on the ground of economy they should be removed. They were not a good light and the chamber did not look nearly so well as when lighted by gas.

Dr. Atkinson urged that Carleton county claims be considered if any bye-roads were to be put on the great road list.

Mr. Hutchison made a singular claim on account of Northumberland.

Mr. Russell said that in Charlotte the bye-roads in were better than the great roads. He named a number of bye roads in his county that were in far better condition than the great roads and said Charlotte deserved no change in this respect.

All the items of supply were passed except the one for stock farm.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Bills were introduced by Mr. Stockton relating to actions against the city of Portland and in addition to act authorizing Portland city council to issue debentures to provide for the lighting of the streets by electricity; Mr. Quinton, relating to storage of dynamite and powder within the city of Portland and relating to the storage of oils in said amendment of and in addition to an act relating to sewerage in Portland; by Mr Taylor, to amend the highway act of 1886 so far as it relates to Kings county; by Hon. Mr. McLellan, relating to retaining walls in Portland and relating to the paving of Main street, Portland; by Mr. Atkinson in amendment of sub-section 1, sec. 23, chap. 65, consolidated statutes; by Mr. Lewis, in regard to the incorporation act of Hillsboro Branch railway company.

On motion of Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Tweedie was granted leave of absence, owing to a death in his family.

Hon. Mr. McLellan submitted the report of the president of the New Brunswick University and a statement of the income and expenditure of that institution for the last year.

Friday's Work.

Bills were introduced by Mr. Mitchell, incorporating the St. Croix Electric Company and by

Mr. Ritchie, in further addition to the act relating to water supply in St. John (east) and Portland.

The Speaker called attention to the rule requiring the printing of bills. The rule made it imperative that all bills be printed before they could be considered by the committee of the whole, and his opinion having been asked if the rule applied to bills originating in the upper house, he was inclined to decide in the affirmative. He would be pleased to hear the views of members on the subject. A lengthy discussion followed.

Messrs. Ritchie, Stockton, Black, Murray and Phinney held that the object of the rule was that members should have all the possible information before them. If bills originating in the upper house could be committed here without having to be printed then members of this house could evade the rule by getting their bills promoted in the legislative council.

Mr. Alward took the ground that the rule applied only to bills originating in this house. It required that bills be printed after a form prescribed by the clerk and endorsed with the names of members introducing them. What right would our clerk have to prescribe forms for the upper house? The fact that the names of members introducing the bills were to be endorsed on the bills was evidence that the intention of the rule was not to apply to bills originating in the upper house.

Mr. Hanington agreed with Mr. Alward's view and argued at length in support of its correctness.

The speaker thanked the members for their views and stated he was inclined to hold to his original opinion that the rule applied to all bills whether originating here or in the other chamber.

Mr. Hutchison gave notice of motion to suspend the rule just under discussion to allow of the consideration in committee of the whole of a bill authorizing the lighting of the town of Newcastle by electricity. Recess.

In the afternoon session Dr. Alward committed bill in addition to an amendment of the laws relating to the St. John Presbyterian church, Mr. Black in the chair. Progress was reported with leave to sit again.

By motion of which he had given notice, Mr. Young asked for information in reference to Nepisiuit river bridge, Bathurst.

Hon. Mr. Ryan said information had been furnished in '86 but would be again given without address. Motion withdrawn.

Hon. Mr Blair introduced a bill relating to foreclosure of mortgages upon railways, also relating to agriculture.

Mr. Hutchinson introduced a bill amending and extending corporation act of Douglastown branch railway company.

Mr. Morrisey introduced a bill authorizing assessment for police purposes in town of Newcastle.

Hon. Mr. McLellan submitted return of indebtedness by commissioners of General Public Hospital of St. John.

Quebec Conference Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. Blair gave notice that he would on Thursday next, at 2 30 p. m., move adoption of resolutions passed by the Quebec Conference.

Adjourned until Saturday morning.

To-Day's Proceedings.

Mr. White from corporation committee submitted report.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill continuing Fredericton Boom company and consolidating and amending the several acts relating to said company.

Mr. Hibbard introduced a bill relating to issue of debentures in school district No. 1 Parish of St. George.

On motion Hon. Mr. Blair, seconded by Mr. Hanington, House adjourned till Monday 2 30 p. m., to enable several committees to continue their work.

CITY'S WATER WORKS.

Estimated Receipts and Expenditures for Current Year--Amount to be Assessed.

In the estimated expenditures for the water works this year, the total estimate for construction is placed at $1,721. It is proposed to lay 70 more services this year at a cost of $14 25 per service. Two small mains of 4-inch pipe are also to be laid, from Shore to Lansdowne streets and from York on Needham streets. The other estimates of expenditure for the year are given as follows:

Interest on debentures	$ 5 000
Maintenance	1,750
Pumping, including fuel, salaries, etc.	3201.44

Making with cost of construction a total expenditure of $11672 44. The estimated receipts are given as follows:

Balance on hand	$ 51.44
Estimated receipts from water rates	5200.00
Hose permits	171 00
Miscellaneous sources	50 00
Fire department	1600 00

The total receipts for the year, including small balance on hand, is therefore estimated at $7172.44. The difference between this and the estimated expenditure of $11672 44 is $4 500, which amount the water committee asks the council to assess this year for the maintenance of the water works.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

How the Institution is to be Maintained and Managed.

The Victoria Hospital will be opened in the early summer, when a skilled matron will be placed in charge. For the maintenance of the institution $1,200 per annum has now been secured. This is made up by the government grant of $600; W. C. T. U grant of $200; city council grant of $200 and the $200 annual grant made by a Boston gentleman who was formerly a resident of this county. The city council have as yet only asked for authority to assess $200 this year for the purpose, but the grant will no doubt be made a permanent one. The institution is to be managed by commission. The commissioners it is understood will be composed of gentlemen residents of the city, representing the several denominations of the city, as well as other interests. The committee of the city council were informed by Lady Tilley that besides the annual grants that had already been voted for the support of the institution, the several clergymen of the city had consented to have a collection taken up in the churches once a year for the support of the hospital, the Sunday on which the collection would be taken to be known among the churches as "Hospital Sunday."

PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Some Facts and Statistics Gathered From the Superintendent's Report.

The annual report of the medical superintendent of the provincial lunatic asylum has been laid before the legislature. The report shows that there are 455 patients in the asylum, 255 males and 220 females. The daily average present during the year was 455. 41 patients died during the year and 61 were discharged having recovered or improved. 125 cases were admitted into the asylum the past year of which number 12 were from York county. Tables are given showing the number of admissions in the asylum since 1875, giving the causes of insanity, occupation, residence etc. The number admitted since 1875 was 1656, 938 males and 718 females. Of the causes assigned heredity takes the lead, there being 200 cases attributed to this cause; intemperance comes next with 164 cases; ill health, 161; epilepsia, 101; diseased brain, 71; defective nervous system, 65, dissipation, 67, unrestrained vicious habits, 22. Of some of the other causes assigned, 4 cases are attributed to the excessive use of tobacco; 2 to idleness; vagrancy, 14; felonious, 7; ancestral depravity, 5; mental strain and shock, 18, with 139 cases cause not assigned. The superintendant remarks that the increase is too large for the limited population of this province, and is owing chiefly to the character and condition of the patients admitted The report strongly urges that patients be sent to the asylum as soon as the disease becomes manifest, and not delay until the subject becomes dangerous.

THE THIRD PARTY.

Platform of the Prohibition Party in Canadian Politics.

Some prominent temperance workers in the Upper Provinces, have decided to organize a third party in Canadian politics. The following draft platform has been agreed to:—

I. Righteousness and truth in public affairs as well as in private business, and no compromise with wrong.

II. Equal rights to all creeds, classes and nationalities, but exclusive privileges to none.

III. National sentiment, national literature; and in all matters of public policy our country first.

IV. Prompt and absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic as the objective point of temperance legislation. In the meantime honest and vigorous enforcement of the Scott Act and all other laws for repression of vice and intemperance.

V. Retrenchment and economy in public expenditure with a view of reducing our enormous national debt.

VI. Manhood suffrage, with eductional qualification: that is a vote to every free man of legal age, who can read and write.

VII. Extension of the franchise to women.

VIII. Elective senate.

IX. Civil service reform.

A despatch states that a convention will be held in Toronto March 21 for the completion of the organization of the party. An effort is being made to get W. H. Howland of Toronto, to take the leadership.

Personal.

Mr. W. C. Anslow, of the Advocate, it is stated, has been offered the Newcastle postmastership.

A Winnipeg despatch says that the name of Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of Fredericton, is mentioned in connection with the pastorate of Knox church there.

THE SCOTT ACT.

A Number More of Convictions in the County Cases.

The adjourned Scott Act cases were quickly disposed of yesterday in the police magistrate's court by the parties to the offense acknowledging. The three charges preferred by Inspector Howe against Wm. Segee, of Springhill, were each acknowledged, and a conviction and fine of $50 and costs was returned in each charge, making $150 in all. The three cases against Austin Harris, of Springhill, were disposed of in the same manner; making six convictions in all and $300 in fines.

The adjourned case against Benj. Brewer, of St. Mary's, was again adjourned over until to-day, by request of the counsel for prosecution.

The case against Brewer was adjourned this morning until Tuesday next when witnesses will appear on warrant. The two cases against John McGivenay, of Stanley, were acknowledged, and a conviction made in each.

On Tuesday next several more county Scott Act cases will be tried, and on Wednesday four city cases will occupy the attention of the court.

Prof Dyde's Lecture.

Prof. Dyde delivered the second of his series of lectures on Shakespeare in the old kirk on Thursday evening to a large audience; subject, Richard III. The lecturer engrossed the undivided attention of his hearers for nearly three quarters of an hour while he dealt in a very interesting and scholarly manner with the great historical drama. An excellent musical programme was carried out during the evening, in which Prof. Stockley, Mrs. Hilton Green, Miss Johnston, Miss Babbitt and Mr. R. Ross took part.

City Council and the Bridges.

The special committee of the city council appointed to adjust matters relating to the building of the railway track through the town to the bridge, met last evening with the solicitor and engineer of the bridge company. The subject was freely ventilated in all its bearings, but no conclusion was arrived at. The matter will be referred to the full council, and a special meeting has been called for this purpose next week The right of way will probably be granted for the new surveyed route, as explained in last issue, along Church street.

St. Dunstan's T. A. Society.

St. Dunstan's T. A. Society held their anniversary meeting in St Dunstan's Hall last night. There was a large attendance. An interesting literary and musical programme was carried out, after which the Rev. J. C. McDavitt addressed the meeting. The members of the society then renewed their pledges.

A Puddle on queen Street.

A pool of water ankle deep even in the most shoal places renders the walking almost impassable to-day in front of Mr. Jennings establishment. Several of the city authorities have forded the pond, plunging into it as if they never did anything in their lives but stream driving.

Meaning of the Word "Kongo."

It has been generally accepted that the translation of the name "Kongo" is "the country of leopards," the root ko meaning "the country," and ngo "leopard." J. Janko, in Petermann's Mitteilungen, shows that this translation is not satisfactory, as, according to the rules of the Bantu language, these two words cannot be combined into the word "Kongo." He discusses the various forms of this word as found among the tribes of the Lower Kongo—the Bakongo, who live on the river, from its mouth to Stanley Pool; the Bateke, who occupy the regions between the Kuango and Kongo, and the Kongo and Alima; the Babuma, northwest of the last tribe; and the Bayanzi, between Leopold lake and the Kongo. The Bakongo name of the river is "Kongo," that used by the Bateke is "Songo," and the Bayanzi say "Rongo."

All these names are dialectic variations of the same word, the k of one dialect becoming r and s in the others. The meaning of the word in the Bayanzi dialect is "spear," and, accordingly, Janko explains the name of Bakongo as "the man with the spear;" the name of the river, as "fast as a spear." If this translation should be correct, it seems more probable that the name of the river was derived from that of the tribe. Janko remarks incidentally that the root ku infers a motion, and that it is contained in the names of numerous rivers, such as Kuilu, Kunene, Kuango, Kuanza, which therefore must not be spelled Kuilu, Kwango, etc. It seems probable that the same root may be contained in the word "Kongo," and that the meaning "spear," which is, according to Janko, confined to the Bayanzi, is also derived from this root.—Science.

A Serviceable Scrap Book.

A correspondent of an educational newspaper believes he has found a good thing in the way of a serviceable scrap book. Instead of leaves on which to paste the scraps, it has pockets or envelopes, into which he drops his cuttings from newspapers or magazines. By this simple method he is saved the time and trouble of pasting. These cuttings are classified according to subjects; all the scraps on a given subject, or class of subjects, are put into the same envelope. The title of the subject is written on the envelope containing it, and the name is also entered in the index in front of the book. When information is wanted upon any subject, all the scraps will be found in one place, and can be easily removed, consulted and replaced at pleasure.

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UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE.

Why It Is Easier to Govern Than to Run a Grocery Store.

HE WAS saying, when he awoke one morning, "I wish I were governor of a small island, and had nothing to do but to get up and govern." It was an observation quite worthy of him, and one of general application, for there are many men who find it very difficult to get a living on their own resources, to whom it would be comparatively easy to be a very fair sort of governor. Everybody who has no official position or routine duty on a salary knows that the most trying moment in the twenty-four hours is that in which he emerges from the oblivion of sleep and faces life. Everything perplexing tumbles in upon him, all the possible vexations of the day rise up before him, and he is little less than a hero if he gets up cheerful.

It is not to be wondered at that people crave office, some salaried position, in order to escape the anxieties, the personal responsibilities, of a single handed struggle with the world. It must be much easier to govern an island than to carry on almost any retail business. When the governor wakes in the morning he thinks first of his salary; he has not the least anxiety about his daily bread or the support of his family. His business is all laid out for him; he has not to create it. Business comes to him; he does not have to drum for it. His day is agreeably, even if sympathetically, occupied with the troubles of other people, and nothing is so easy to bear as the troubles of other people. After he has had his breakfast, and read over the "Constitution," he has nothing to do but to "govern" for a few hours, that is, to decide about things on general principles, and with little personal application, and perhaps about large concerns which nobody knows anything about, and which are much easier to dispose of than the perplexing details of private life. He has to vote several times a day, for giving a decision is really casting a vote; but that is much easier than to scratch around in all the anxieties of a retail business. Many men who would make very respectable presidents of the United States could not successfully run a retail grocery store. The anxietion of the grocery would wear them out. For consider the varied ability that the grocery requires—the foresight about the markets, to take advantage of an eighth per cent. off or on here and there; the vigilance required to keep a "full line" and not overstock, to dispose of goods before they spoil or the popular taste changes; the suavity and integrity and duplicity and fairness and adaptability needed to get customers and keep them; the power to bear the daily and hourly worry; the courage to face the ever present specter of "failure," which is said to come upon ninety merchants in a hundred; the tact needed to meet the whims and the complaints of patrons, and the difficulty of getting the patrons who grumble most to pay in order to satisfy the creditors. When the retail grocer wakens in the morning he feels that his business is not going to come to him spontaneously; he thinks of his rivals, of his perilous stock, of his debts and delinquent customers. He has no "Constitution" to go by, nothing but his wits and energy to set against the world that day, and every day the struggle and the anxiety are the same. What a number of details he has to carry in his head (consider, for instance, how many different kinds of cheese there are, and how different people hate and love the same kind), and how keen must be his appreciation of the popular taste! The complexities and annoyances of his business are excessive, and he cannot afford to make many mistakes; if he does, he will lose his business, and when a man fails in business (honestly), he loses his nerve, and his career is ended. It is simply amazing, when you consider it, the amount of talent shown in what are called the ordinary businesses of life.

It has often been remarked with how little wisdom the world is governed. That is the reason it is so easy to govern. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" does not refer to the discomfort of wearing it, but to the danger of losing it, and of being put back upon one's native resources, having to run a grocery or to keep school. Nobody is in such a pitiable plight as a monarch or politician out of business. It is very difficult for either to get a living. A man who has once enjoyed the blessed feeling of awaking every morning with the thought that he has a certain salary despises the idea of having to drum up a business by his own talents. It does not disturb the waking hour at all to think that a deputation is waiting in the next room about a postoffice in Indiana or about the codfish in Newfoundland waters—the man can take a second nap on any such affair; but if he knows that the living of himself and family that day depends upon his activity and intelligence, uneasy lies his head. There is something so restful and easy about public business! It is so simple! Take the average congressman. The secretary of the treasury sends in an elaborate report—a budget, in fact—involving a complete and harmonious scheme of revenue and expenditure. Must the congressman read it? No; it is not necessary to do that; he only cares for practical measures. Or a financial bill is brought in. Does he study that bill? He hears it read, at least by title. Does he take pains to inform himself by reading and conversation with experts upon its probable effect? Or an international copyright law is proposed, a measure that will relieve the people of the United States from the world wide reputation of sneaking meanness toward foreign authors. Does he examine the subject, and try to understand it? That is not necessary. Or it is a question of tariff. He is to vote "yes" or "no" on these proposals. It is not necessary for him to master these subjects, but it is necessary for him to know how to vote. And how does he find out that? In the first place, by inquiring what effect the measure will have upon the chance of election of the man he thinks will be nominated for president, and in the second place, what effect his vote will have on his own re-election. Thus the principles of legislation become very much simplified, and thus it happens that it is comparatively so much easier to govern than it is to run a grocery store.—Editor's Drawer in Harper's Magazine.

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