

FABIAN LEAGUE.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Fabian League, held in Oddfellows Hall last night, was well attended. Dr. Robinson delivered an able address on "Union Labor," followed by a hearty discussion on the part of several members of the league.

Dr. Robinson's address was full of wit and thought. After introducing the subject, the doctor asked the question if it was morally right for labor to combine. He considered such a question on the face of it to be absurd. Laborers had as much right to combine as capitalists. It was morally right for vendors to combine for the purpose of raising prices when the selling prices of articles were below normal value. Just so laborers have a right to combine if they are not getting the full value of their labor. Under the profit system the laborer had not been getting the full value of his labor.

Speaking of the methods used by labor unions, the lecturer said that in capitalist papers it was contended that their methods were improper because they took away the freedom of the employer, and forbade him to discharge incompetent laborers. Although their own methods were selfish in every sense of the word, yet according to the present code of business morality they were considered perfectly legitimate. If it were right for capitalists to monopolize the great field of industry, it was also right for laborers to monopolize the labor market. A few people had cornered the tobacco market in the United States. Employees, following the example of their tobacco employers, had cornered the tobacco labor market. The action of the latter was just as much right as that of the former.

Continuing, the lecturer asked if the methods used to coerce employees were legitimate. He was of the opinion that boycotting on the part of employees was no worse than blacklisting on the part of employers. As to strikes, they were perfectly right if not carried to such extremes as the destruction of property and the resorting to personal violence. It was unfair to prevent employers from securing new hands. All that unions could legitimately do was to lay down their tools. In short, laborers had several rights, the right to combine, to limit the labor market, and to lay down their tools, but they had not the right to resort to violence.

Although laborers had a multitude of rights, they had no power to enforce them. As a matter of fact, violence had been the prevailing method resorted to, and violence was certainly not legitimate. Organized labor was of no avail under the present conditions, when violence and illegal methods were the only means by which laborers could enforce their rights. It was therefore necessary that the conditions be changed. Laborers should strike at the ballot box rather than at factories. They should have representatives in parliament to look after their interests. As soon as they should take advantage of the ballot the redemption of labor would not be far off.

An animated discussion followed, which was taken part in by several of the members of the league, the larger number speaking in favor of union labor. It was expected to have an address delivered on Non-union Labor by J. Fraser Gregory, but he did not attend.

"YOUNG CORBETT" MEETS HIS "MURDER."

Once again the far west has produced a fighter with championship possibilities in him. He is a second Munroe, in the person of George Memie. The news has reached New York that out in Portland, Oregon, Memie had not only fought a four-round draw with Young Corbett, but had succeeded in sending the featherweight champion to the floor in the second round. Corbett did his best in the next two rounds to send the stranger to the land of nod, but the latter held his own.

When Memie heard that Corbett would meet all comers at Portland he went into training with Tommy Tracy and put in three weeks of hard work.

In the first round Memie was plainly afraid of the champion and there was little real fighting. Memie recovered his nerve in the next round and opened hostilities with a storm of lefts to the face and jaw. They all landed hard.

Toward the end of the round he shot the left across and caught Corbett right on the jaw and the champion toppled over backward. Corbett fell lightly and was on his feet again. The blow was unexpected by Corbett. The round closed with hot fighting, apparently in favor of Memie.

About the middle of the round a combination of a mistep and a light punch sent Memie to the floor. Acting under instructions he remained down until nine seconds had been counted. In the fourth and last round Memie proved his calibre by doing almost as well as the Denverite. Despite the rushing of the champion Memie was always in the centre of the ring. While some of Memie's swings were wild, he managed to reach Corbett's face quite frequently. The house was in an uproar when the battle ended, and Referee Jack Grant called it a draw.

Referee Grant said that he could not have given any other decision, as Memie was as good as Corbett at the end of four rounds.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 30.—Two fine houses, about a mile and a half above Maryville were destroyed by fire tonight. They were owned by Ed. Peterson, who occupied one, while John Chapman was the tenant of the other. About 10 o'clock Mr. Peterson, who was asleep, awoke to find his room full of smoke. He hurriedly gave the alarm. The fire spread rapidly, and as there is no water service for use in case of fire the building was soon consumed. It spread to the house occupied by Mr. Chapman, and it, too, was destroyed. Mr. Peterson lost nearly all his furniture, but that of Mr. Chapman was nearly all saved by neighbors as he is away from home. It is not known how the fire caught.

At a meeting of the Tatars Base Ball Club last evening it was decided to amalgamate with the Trojans Athletic Association and play during the coming season under the name of the Tatars of the Trojans Athletic Association.

Late advices from up river are to the effect that there is plenty of water in the streams and that the lumber drives are making satisfactory progress.

SPORTING NEWS.

BASE BALL.

American League Games Yesterday.
BOSTON, April 30.—Winters was wild and ineffective, and the Athletics won 12 to 1. The home team today. Home runs and the running catches of Freeman and Doughty were the features. Score, Athletics 12, Boston 1. Attendance, 4,000.

At Chicago—Chicago-Detroit game postponed; wet grounds.
At New York: R.H.E.
New York.....1100000000—3 3 1
Washington.....00000000—0 0 0
Batteries—Winter and Origer; Plank and Drinn. Time, 2 hours. Umpire, Hammett. Attendance, 4,000.

National League Games Yesterday.
BROOKLYN, April 30.—In a poorly played game Boston defeated the morose team this afternoon by a score of 10 to 2. The visitors fielded perfectly, while the work of Hanlon's men in the field was wretched. Householder, in sliding to first base in the fifth inning, was hurt and was compelled to quit the game. Ritter took his place, but made many errors. Only one of the ten runs scored was earned. Score: R.H.E.
Brooklyn.....00000000—10 10 0
Boston.....00000000—0 0 0
Batteries—Hanlon and Jacklisch; Smith and Ritter. Time, 2 hours. Umpire, Hammett. Attendance, 3,000.

At St. Louis: R.H.E.
St. Louis.....00000000—10 10 0
Pittsburg.....00000000—10 10 0
Batteries—Baker and O'Connor; Towns and Drinn. Time, 1.30. Umpire, Hammett. Attendance, 2,718.

At Philadelphia: R.H.E.
Philadelphia.....00000000—2 3 4
Batteries—Miller and Bruns; Parks and Zimmer. Time, 1.30. Umpire, O'Day. Attendance, 1,270.

Other Games.

At Worcester (Eastern)—Newark, 7; Worcester, 6.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 3; Buffalo, 7.

At Rochester—Rochester, 2; Rochester, 2.

At Concord, N. H.—Concord, 3; Norwich, 1.

FOGS AND MERCURY.

(For the Star.)

Many years ago, I thought the man on Partridge Island made the fog, but since I have learned that the fog arises from the mouth of the bay, and when it does arise it becomes very disagreeable to a great many people. When the fog is thickest I like to sit on the pier and listen to the fog horn, because it brings back to me memories of the past. It reminds me of an aunt and uncle who died aboard ship on their passage out from Ireland in the year 1848, when so many people emigrated from Ireland. It reminds me of another uncle who was drowned within a short distance of the island. Then again it brings to my mind the memory of a brother who followed the sea and who sailed the ocean and at last succumbed to disease and died aboard ship, and met the sailor's fate, lowered over the ship's dark side into the sea. It reminds me again of the many shipwrecks and the many lives that are lost at sea. The many drowning accidents that occur in the harbor, and when bodies are carried out to sea, and as the fog arises and covers over the land, the dismal sound of the fog horn appears to me like a voice arising from out the sea. Then to the many vessels that weather the stormy gales of the ocean and coast the fog horn serves as a warning as they approach near the island and with its loud and dismal sound, which seems to say to them: Danger, beware, there are rocks near the shore! If those who inhabit the land would only heed its warning like the mariners on the sea and avoid the dangerous rocks of perdition, then the Beacon Light would become a signal to them that they are safe within the tender mercies of God. DANIEL DALEY.

Y. M. C. A. TRIPLE BILL.

York Theatre contained a large audience last evening on the occasion of the second and last performance of the triple bill in aid of the Y. M. C. A. building fund. The applause was generous and well deserved. Miss Gerow was presented with a bouquet by admiring friends for her superb dramatic work. The hit of the night was the Mikado, in which the three little maids, Mr. Thompson and Miss Robertson particularly distinguished themselves. Miss Payne, who had to respond to an enthusiastic encore, was the recipient of two floral tributes. The chorus did excellently and showed the influence of Mr. Ritchie's rapid training.

The triple bill will be presented on the west side of the harbor at an early date.

HARBOR REVENUE INCREASED.

It would seem that the change recently made by the city in the collection of the harbor revenue, that of having the same made through the chamberlain's office, with Frank Alward as the collector, has resulted in an increase in the collections. Chamberlain Sandall informed the treasury board yesterday that the amount received in March of this year exceeded the receipts of March 1902 by \$400 or \$500.

A SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT.

Daniel P. Ryan and his company with a good production of Damon and Pyrrhus before a large audience in the Opera House closed a most successful engagement. Their evening performance has been well attended, and the S. R. O. sign has been hung out more than once. No audience has gone away disappointed, and Mr. Ryan is sure of a good reception whenever he revisits the city.

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PRETTY LITTLE "GEISHA" GIRLS.

It will need the perception of a Sherlock Holmes to discover that the pretty chorus of dainty Geisha girls in the Japanese opera of that name are not really blushing maidens, so cleverly "made-up." Everything points to a delightful three performances of the tawdry work on May 14, 15 and 16, and the friends of the students are encouraging them on all sides in what will be their successful effort.

AMHERST NEWS.

AMHERST, April 29.—Fred. M. Logan returned to his home here this week after a successful term at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Mr. Logan has again received the appointment of inspector of creameries for the province. He will make his headquarters at Halifax.

The condition of Mrs. Chas. T. Hillson, who has been ill for some time, is not nearly so favorable as it has been and great anxiety is felt by her many friends.

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N. B. LEGISLATURE

Dr. Pugsley Explains the Employers Liability Bill.

Mr. Hazen Moves Want of Confidence—The Government's Challenge to Mr. Morrissey.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 30.—The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley, in answer to the inquiry as to what services were rendered by the attorney general in Dunn v. King, for which the sum of \$500 was paid to him, said that the money was paid for the defence of the province against the claim of one Dunn, which was made in connection with stumpage on lumber. The difficulty arose prior to confederation, when there was a boundary dispute between Quebec and New Brunswick. The lumber was cut on the territory which was claimed by both provinces, and was floated down the St. John river. The province of Quebec collected stumpage upon it and the province of New Brunswick seized it. Afterwards a boundary commission was appointed, and it was decided that the territory on which the lumber was cut belonged to Quebec. There were three or four persons interested in the matter, Tibbitts, Glasser and Dunn. The claims were referred to a commission, and we understood that they had all been satisfied years ago. But Dunn revived them and brought a suit in the exchequer court against His Majesty for \$3,000. If he had succeeded in his suit the dominion government would have paid that claim and charged it against us. When the matter came up at Ottawa, the chief justice directed that the attorney general of New Brunswick should be notified. I was not familiar with the case and I spent a considerable amount of time looking after it. Subsequently I ascertained that the dominion government had actually paid the claimants about \$20,000 and charged it to us, although we claim that they had no right to do so. Not being able to present personally, I retained the Hon. A. S. White to conduct the case, and we were successful. The result of the inquiry has been that we are not only saved from paying \$38,000, but that we have a just claim against the dominion government for a return of the \$20,000 which they improperly paid. This bill is for the return of the cost of my trip to Ottawa, and the time expended on the case, which was seven or eight days. A detailed statement of the case before the committee of public accounts. My bill was \$550, but there was \$50 left over out of the sum of \$400 last year, of which \$450 was paid to Mr. White.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to amend the law relating to peddlars. He said that in some counties they were endeavoring to exact licenses under the peddlars' act from colporteurs and agents of the Bible Society. This bill was to exempt persons distributing temperance or religious literature for societies.

Mr. Scovil introduced a bill to incorporate the Hammond River Boom and Drilling Co., and Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to authorize the Bishop of Fredericton to transfer certain trusts to the Synod.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill relating to the liabilities of employers for injuries to workmen. He explained that in most particulars the bill was similar to that of last year, but there was one important difference. This bill had given the government a great deal of thought, the object being attended with much difficulty. There was a strong feeling that those who were engaged in lumbering operations, such as stream driving, should be exempt from the operation of this bill, and in the case of those cases the law would remain as it is at present. There was no demand on the part of the lumbermen for a change in the present law, and until tested by experience it was thought best not to pass any bill that might cripple the lumber industry. Miners were also exempted from the operations of this bill. It was thought not desirable in the infant stage of our mining to do anything that would prevent capital coming into the province. Persons engaged in husbandry or gardening or domestic services are exempted from the operations of this bill, but it applies to all other workers, including ship laborers and persons employed in saw mills. It creates a liability on the part of the employer for defective machinery or negligence on the part of the foreman. This is a great advance in the direction of the law, but we thought it was wise to extend it to such cases and along the line of advanced legislation. We have not yielded to the demands to make an employer liable for the negligence of a fellow servant who is not a foreman or entitled to give orders. We have, however, made to this rule two important exceptions. We have provided that where a workman is injured by the negligence of a man who has charge of signals or points on a railway the liability attaches, and also where a workman is injured by the negligence of a man who is in charge of a winch or an engine on board a ship that is being loaded. That meets the case of the ship laborers, which is the most common complaint we have had presented to us.

Mr. Purdy—if a man in a scow alongside a steamship which is being loaded places the deals in the sling so carelessly that a workman is injured, will the stevedore be liable?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—No, there would be no liability in that case. These are the salient features of the bill which we have prepared.

Mr. Hazen—What provision is made for settling claims?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—Only by a suit of law. Justice is speedy and cheap in this country and we do not think there is any advantage in submitting such cases to arbitration.

Mr. Purdy—The English law or the New Zealand law. We think it is reasonable in its provisions and we invite the criticism both of our opponents and of our supporters to make it perfect.

The house went into committee on bills, Mr. Robertson in the chair.

Mr. Jones committed a bill to incorporate the Carleton Co. hospital. Mr. Burden, seconded by Mr. Fleming, moved that section 1 be amended as follows: After the word trustees insert one of whom shall be a medical

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demand that a committee of the house be at once appointed for the purpose of an investigation into the charges made.

And further resolved, that if such charges be formulated by the said member for Northumberland, the house hereby declares and affirms its willingness to continue the present session for such length of time as may be necessary for a full, proper and sufficient inquiry into each and all of said charges.

FIFTY YEARS IN THE CUSTOMS.

Dr. Geo. F. Matthews completed yesterday his fiftieth year of service in the customs, which he entered in 1853, when 17 years of age, beginning as clerk in the provincial treasury of the province of New Brunswick. His fellow clerk then was Henry Whiteside. The collector was Beverly Robinson. In the warehouse department at that time were George D. Robinson and Charles Briscoe. John Sandall was clerk to the collector. The clearance department was then in charge of the imperial Customs, and clerks in the office were Messrs. Eilman, Smith and Grant, while S. Gerow, Z. Jewett and R. Longmaid were the landing waiters. All these have passed away and Dr. Matthews alone of the staff of 1853 survives.

DENMAN THOMPSON DEAD.

CLAREMONT, N. H., April 30.—Denman Thompson, the well known actor, was stricken with neuralgia of the heart here today and is now at the Hotel Claremont in a very serious condition.

All dates of his Old Homestead company have been cancelled, including a four weeks' engagement in New York and one of two weeks in Brooklyn. Mr. Thompson and his company arrived here this afternoon and were to have presented The Old Homestead tonight, but his sudden illness prevented.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The mayor and aldermen will have a busy time of it during the next few days. It is likely a special meeting will be held Saturday to take the steps necessary to the appointment of a valuator of the city lands in Lancashire under lease to Randolph & Baker, on Monday at 2 p. m. the last meeting of the old council will be held. At 11 o'clock Tuesday morning the new council will be organized.

A GOOD, CLEAN SHOW.

(Moncton Times.)

Harrison Bros' minstrels played at the Opera House last night, and it was one of the best minstrel performances ever given in the city. The first part was very fine, the singing being of a very superior order. Features of the olio were Allaire and Caville, dumb jugglers; Frank Hollis, in illustrated songs, and the Alabama trio. The company deserve a much better house. They go to Sussex today and then to St. John, where they open on Monday night at the York Theatre.

TEMPLE OF HONOR OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Alexandra Temple of Honor and Temperance, held last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

W. C. T. Isaac Stevens; W. V. T. Dr. W. F. Roberts; W. rec. J. V. Kestead; W. A. R. Jas. Patterson; W. F. R. F. J. Goodwin; W. treat, G. U. Blewett; W. U. W. L. Jones; W. D. U. W. L. Gray; W. G. Fred Hurd; W. S. W. Hurd; W. chap, Geo. Black; P. W. C. T. H. Roberts.

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