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PROVINCIAL NEWS

SACKVILLE, Jan. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Davidson of Winnipeg are spending a few days in town.

In the Barrow, who was so seriously injured some months ago by jumping from a moving train, has never fully recovered from the effects of the fall. He is now at Victoria Hospital, Montreal, undergoing treatment.

P. B. Black went to Sydney on Tuesday.

Mrs. Anderson left on Monday for France, where she expects to meet her husband, Capt. Ernest Anderson.

Capt. and Mrs. Jos. Irvin of Bale Verte received a pleasant surprise the other evening, when about 100 of their friends assembled to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. A pleasant evening was enjoyed with music, games and conversation.

The evening Rev. Mr. Hattie on behalf of the guests presented the bride and groom with an address and two handsome silver chairs. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin made suitable replies to the occasion. Refreshments were served before the happy gathering dispersed.

Harvey Cope is seriously ill.

The hockey match between Sackville and St. John last evening resulted in a victory for Sackville.

The Thistle curling club will play Sackville here this evening.

Mrs. H. Eugene Bowser will receive her friends on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Senator Wood returned from Ottawa on Saturday.

Dr. J. O. Calkin was in St. John on Saturday.

John McLeod of Port Elgin is critically ill.

Capt. J. J. Brownell of Bale Verte is spending the week in New York.

Senator Perley of Wolsley, Assiniboia, was the guest of Senator Wood on Tuesday.

The death of Mrs. Henry Gordon of Bale Verte occurred on Monday after a prolonged illness of a complication of diseases.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Port Elgin are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a son.

About seventy-five of the friends of Rev. E. L. and Mrs. Stevens assembled at their home Monday evening to welcome them to their new parsonage.

A particularly pleasant evening was enjoyed with music, games and conversation. An excellent programme of instrumental music was furnished by Misses Lena Anderson, Nellie James and Jennie Fawcett. A generous collection was taken, proceeds to be devoted to the parsonage furnishing fund. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Middle Sackville division, Sons of Temperance, entertained the Amherst division on Tuesday evening.

An excellent programme of music, readings and addresses was rendered. Miss Jennie Fawcett presided at the piano. Worthy Patriarch F. S. James occupied the chair. The close of the pleasant meeting hot coffee and cake was served.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Charles Whyte returned from Fredericton on Thursday, where she had went to attend the funeral of her son.

Mrs. London entertained a few friends on Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Wilson.

Miss Velina Tilly returned from Lower Woodville yesterday after a pleasant visit of a few days with friends.

Charles Alton left for Northampton on Saturday, where he is storm sick.

Miss Tilly, who has been spending a few days with her parents, returned to her school at Bale Creek yesterday.

Notwithstanding bad weather and dangerous travelling the mail carrier is attending to his arduous duties faithfully and comes very regularly.

Owing to the severity of the storm on Sunday last the Rosedale and Jacksonville churches were closed.

Among those who were caught in it were Mr. and Mrs. Carr on their return home from Houston, Maine, where they had been visiting their niece, who is very ill.

Mr. Miller is doing his friends good service with his threshing and sawing machine. He spent a few days last week at Leonard Harding's.

The normal class will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Harper next Tuesday night, weather and roads permitting.

GRAND FALLS, Jan. 23.—The intense cold still holds. The snowfall has never been known in the history of the town.

Joseph O'Regan came into town on Monday with twelve fox skins. The skins sell at three dollars and a half each.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dixon departed for St. John on Saturday last.

Claremont, on Friday, had a fine mind reader of Woodstock gave a three nights' performance in Kerton's Hall on the 23rd, 24th and 25th. He was greeted with cheers and had his subjects well under control.

A heavy snow storm on Saturday and Sunday last blocked every road. The express train did not arrive on Monday till nine o'clock and is due at three o'clock.

MILLTOWN, Jan. 24.—The marriage of Miss Maggie Dunham and William Casey, both of this place, was solemnized in St. Stephen's church on Monday of last week. Rev. E. Doyle did the nuptial knot. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Carrie Dunham. Frank Casey, a brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Wesley Baxter, wife and child, of Presque Isle are visiting relatives on Spring street.

Windsor, L. Dewar left yesterday for W. C. B. R. for Boston, where he will undergo treatment for the eye.

A dry goods store has been opened in the building at the corner of Pleasant and Water streets, formerly occupied by John Colburn. A few is the proprietor of the establishment.

Many members of Wilberforce Division, S. of T., enjoyed a drive to Graham's camp, near Moore's Mills, Saturday afternoon, where a delicious supper was served. After spending a pleasant evening the happy crew left for the return drive to Milltown, arriving at about midnight.

Miss Eustice arrived home from the United States last week after an absence of several months.

An oyster supper and smoker was enjoyed by the members of the A. O. U. M. at St. Patrick's Hall last Friday evening. A good time was reported by all.

Mrs. Claude Claxton and daughter, Mrs. E. L. Claxton, are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

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An emergency meeting of Steven Lodge No. 37, held at Petticoat in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening the following officers were installed by P. M. Geo. Coggin assisted by P. M. J. B. McLean of Sussex: Dr. J. W. Fleming, W. M.; Z. B. Seely, S. W.; C. R. Simpson, J. W.; Rev. Edward Bell, chap.; S. L. Stockton, treas.; E. B. Lockhart, sec.; D. Z. King, S. D.; B. Simpson, J. D.; J. E. Hiltz, S. E.; D. S. Mann, J. S.; D. W. Blackney, D. C.; S. C. Coggin, guard; Z. B. Blackney, Tyler.

On the 21st day of the first department has on account of the heavy storm, made arrangements for six extra horses to be in readiness for hook and ladder carts in case of fire. Sussex has a very progressive chief, and this shows the interest he takes in protecting the town. The storm was the worst Sussex has experienced in 30 years and the roads are very bad, but have been broken out today.

The French globe trotters spent Thursday in Sussex and were greatly taken with the town in spite of being snowed out. While very much taken with Canada so far, they complain of the extreme cold. They left this noon for Moncton, Quebec and Montreal via I. C. R., thence to Vancouver on foot. The first carnival of the season will be held on Friday, Feb. 3rd.

"Pure soap!" You've heard the words. In Sunlight Soap you have the fact.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Ocean Brand.

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WILL BE DEFEATED.

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—All reports from Buda Pest indicate that the defeat of the government in the elections is a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Tassa is expected to come to Vienna after the last polling day to formally tender the resignation of himself and the cabinet to the emperor.

It is generally agreed that the elections will have an important bearing on the dual monarchy.

RICHIBUCTO.

RICHIBUCTO, Jan. 23.—One of the heaviest snowstorms for years commenced on Monday evening and raged for thirty-six hours. The snowfall was accompanied by a northeast gale.

No train started on the Kent Northern railway on Thursday, but yesterday the track was cleared without any difficulty and all the mails were received last evening by train.

The remains of the late Alex. Gifford, whose death occurred last Sunday at Bathurst, were brought to Richibucto on Tuesday for burial. The funeral was conducted by the I. O. F.

John S. MacLaren, inspector of customs, was in town this week.

Mrs. R. A. Irving of Bouchette was visiting Mrs. J. Stevenson last week.

The smelt fishing has been a failure this season.

A. and R. Loggie are filling their fish houses for next season's fresh fish business.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Ard, str Lachampagne, from Havre; Eclaira, from Liverpool; Echo, from B. Lighter, from Jacksonville; Wm R. Huston, from Norfolk; Able H. Green, from do; E. C. Knight, Jr. from do.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. H. T. T. T.

MARITIME UNION.

The subject of Maritime Union, discussed at a meeting of the St. John Conservative Club on Tuesday evening last, having attracted some public attention, the Star today publishes a summary of the address delivered by J. B. M. Baxter.

The speaker's notes furnish statistics which have an important bearing on the subject and which did not appear in the current report of the press.

Mr. President and Gentlemen, electors of the Province of Acadia—I believe that I am the first speaker of Acadia and New Brunswick, the subject of our, whose existence will be due to maritime union.

The question of provincial autonomy which has been agitated in the Territories for some years and which is now being realized by the creation of two new provinces naturally makes us think of our own position in the confederation, changing as it is, relatively and constantly.

It is a point of view, the subject of our, whose existence will be due to maritime union.

We note at the same time that the Province of Manitoba is asking to be made larger and this also suggests to us that there is an object to be attained by such increase of size. What is that object and how does it affect us? These are questions which I shall endeavor to answer.

When we reflect that until recent years the west of the United States has been almost entirely dominated by the money power of the east; that the lack of great water ways leading to the interior of their country compelled the people of the centre and the west to wait until the east was old, rich and established; and that the power thus gained is beginning gradually but surely to pass away towards the west, we can understand the spirit of the short article to which I have referred.

With us conditions are vastly different. Our west can be reached by the great waterways in summer and in the winter by the railroads which we have built. United States connections, too, cause the west to have but little regard for the east, from the purely commercial point of view.

Again, they do not depend upon the wealth of the maritime provinces for their development; there now are, or soon will be, far more money in the west. Therefore, in Canada, our aim must be not to dominate the west, but to so act as to prevent our political eclipse.

Let us now look at the statistics, all of which are taken from the Canadian year book, 1903. First, as to population last census:

N. B. 281,120
A gain of about three per cent.

N. S. 459,574
A gain of about 2 per cent.

P. E. I. 103,269
A loss of about 5 per cent.

Total, 843,963.

Compare with

Manitoba 255,211
A gain of more than 67 per cent.

Terrebonne 211,649
A gain of more than 21 per cent.

B. C. 178,567
A gain of more than 80 per cent.

Total, 645,517.

While Ontario, with 2,182,947 people, gained only about 2 per cent, and Quebec, with 1,548,598, gained about 10 per cent.

In 1903 Canada received 128,000 immigrants, of whom 50,000 were from the United States, 40,000 from the United Kingdom, and the rest were, generally speaking, from less desirable countries of emigration. Remember that nearly all these people went into the west and that the maritime provinces got but a handful. Remember also, that in England every intending settler is persuaded to go to our west and is dissuaded from coming to the maritime provinces. What can the result be but that by the next census the western group will have exceeded us in point of numbers.

Secondly, let us compare our area:

New Brunswick 27,895
Nova Scotia 21,428
Prince Edward Island 2,184

British Columbia 372,630
Manitoba 73,732
And Manitoba feels she is too small, though already half as large again as our maritime group. Take next the Territories, out of which the new provinces are to be made:

Assiniboia 88,879
Saskatchewan 107,618
Alberta 161,883
Athabasca 550,348

Or 225,000 square miles to each of the new provinces, or nearly twice the area of our group. To complete the list I may say that Ontario has 260,862 and Quebec 361,873 square miles. Do you now realize our territorial insignificance?

Suppose, then, that we unite these maritime provinces, what would our assets and liabilities be. Referring to the same authority, we find the finances of the provinces then to have been as follows:

N. B. gross debt \$3,849,656
N. B. net debt 2,313,946
Or \$9.44 per head.

N. S. gross debt \$4,284,945
N. S. net debt 2,025,207
Or \$6.66 per head.

P. E. I. gross debt \$66,653
Or \$6.40 per head.

Net debt figures not given.

The gross debts total \$8,401,258 and

house of forty-five members with a cabinet consisting of an attorney-general, solicitor-general, provincial secretary, commissioner of public works, commissioner of agriculture and education, commissioner of forests and mines and a commissioner of labor would seem to be adequate for our government. They would replace administrations which at present have nine members holding office and nine without office.

Next comes the vexed question of the seat of government. The siting of the house might be held in each present capital once in three years but to this plan there are some obvious objections. It would be a matter of giving and taking always bearing in mind that the courts, a provincial university, an agricultural school, an institute of technology and possibly some other institutions would have to be provided for. There should be enough to go round and St. John might well set the example by deciding not to ask for any of them.

In federal matters, Maritime Union must give us greater weight and public men would then, as so often now, get their training in the house of assembly. There they would meet the representative men from each of the other provinces, thus acquiring a better

knowledge of the resources, the needs and the minds of the others. Such influences must be broadening and destructive to that narrow-minded sectionalism which thinks the height of humor is to joke about St. John harbor or ice in that of Halifax.

With our jealousies and rivalries abated our public men would see more clearly that there is trade enough to be done in Canada and with Canada which in justice should pass through the ports of the province of Acadia—trade enough not only for St. John and Halifax but for every port which is capable of being properly equipped.

What is needed is not bickering among ourselves as to who shall get the little there now is, but a resolute determination to impress upon the great provinces to the west our right to a fair return for those lines of steel which we have helped and are helping to throw across the continent and which make possible the golden return from their lands to our own.

Let us, as members of a political party to the programme which I outline is not particularly tempting viewed from the standpoint of immediate political success. Under present conditions a continuance and an augmentation of power to the present dominant party. Even so, it is for us to look to the ultimate good of the state. We must trust that the people will only trust us to govern when they are convinced that ours is the party which is best capable of thinking for the country and of successfully solving its problems. Let our efforts then be directed to making our party worthy of being called upon to rule and in doing so, let us forward those things which will be a benefit to our country without regarding their more immediate political significance.

Representation may give rise to some difficulty. At present N. B. has 46 legislators; N. S. 25 in the house of assembly and 20 in the legislative council; and P. E. I. 10. In all 81 men to do the business of less than 900,000 people. At the rate of one legislator to about 22,500 people, N. B. would have 17, N. S. 23 and P. E. I. 5. The island province because of its isolated position might be given more than its proportionate share by population. A

net debt of more than \$4,900,000, or about \$7.70 per head.

The debt of Nova Scotia had increased during the preceding year \$139,023 and the assets \$1,217, or in the proportion of over \$100 of debt to \$1 of assets.

The debt of Nova Scotia had increased \$113,648 during the same period, and the assets \$4,815, or about \$3 of debt to \$1 of assets. This, however, may be only apparent, as the matter may be very largely one of bookkeeping. It is fair to say that New Brunswick claims to be credited with assets in 7,000,000 acres of crown lands, worth \$1 per acre. The capitalized royalties of Nova Scotia would also be an immense asset.

The resources of the three provinces are the same in character, but differ in extent. In New Brunswick lumber predominates; in Nova Scotia, mining;

The revenues may be summarized as follows:

1903. N. S. N. B. P. E. I.

Subsidy \$432,806 \$491,361 \$211,932

Mines 619,234 6,822

Crown lands 62,497 210,090 6,822

Territorial revenue 1,231 1,231

Eastern Extension claim 22,631 2,813

Succession duties 23,341 13,306

Taxes incorporated companies 22,383

Liquor licenses 60,972 2,187

Hospitals 1,768

Agriculture 1,849

Education 8,272

Marriage licenses 11,426 9,283

Fees provincial secretary's office 20,684 12,500

Medical licenses 54,475

Land, income and road taxes 7,600

Commercial travellers' licenses 2,334

Ferries 5,660

Registry offices \$1,243,631 \$901,415 \$318,766

Per head \$2.69 \$2.40 \$3.12

Expenditures for same period were:

N. S. N. B. P. E. I.

Education \$264,931 \$208,848 \$123,944

Interest on debentures 147,417 126,894 28,940

Sinking fund 10,955

Hospitals 54,475 64,287 28,511

Road grants 98,078 194,350 60,393

Steamboats etc 49,108

Public buildings 20,282

Provincial engineer's office 23,270

Mines 3,355

Crown lands 90,397 9,000

Crown lands roads service 9,056

Royalty refunded 52,184

Agriculture 36,990 26,835 3,894

Legislature 54,475 52,971 8,048

Printing 10,955 14,321

Salaries 21,025

Succession duties 1,166

Supplication of justice 18,242 18,934

Small-pox 12,480