

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

Dominion of Canada counterfeit \$2 bills are again in circulation.

Rev. Jos. McDermott has succeeded the late Rev. P. Farrell in the parish of Peterville.

The next meeting of the county council will be held at the Court House on Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock.

The accounts committee of the municipal council was in session yesterday afternoon passing general accounts.

The quarterly meeting of the municipal council will be held at the Court House this afternoon.

The monthly meeting of the board of school trustees did not take place last evening, a quorum not being present.

Steamer Aurora, from Grand Manan yesterday, brought a large quantity of frozen, herring, cod and pollock.

The Juvenile A. O. F. Court Victoria, No. 53 will meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening in Sons of England Hall for important business.

There has been a sharp advance in onions. They are now quoted at 83 a barrel and stocks are very low for this season.

A huge totem pole from an Indian village in British Columbia, and consigned to the Oxford College Museum, England, is at Carleton, awaiting transportation.

Dominion Atlantic steamer Prince Rupert started for Digby Saturday morning but was forced to return owing to the storm. Yesterday she made the round trip.

On Monday morning, the 14th inst., the Central Railway train from St. John will be cancelled. The train will leave Hampton as usual on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Gooderich, a New York mining expert, is in Hampton, en route to Upland, where he will select spots to put down shafts to reach the salt bedrock deposits of that locality.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew local assembly will hold their annual meeting this evening in the school room of Trinity church, commencing at 8 o'clock.

A meeting of the stockholders of Messrs. Wm. Parks & Co., Ltd., will be held Jan. 31 to deal with the affairs of the company and see if anything can be done to keep the mills going.

A special passing through St. John yesterday afternoon having on board 300 immigrants of different European nations. They were bound for the west, with the exception of one man, who goes to Grand Falls.

Memorial windows are to be placed in Centenary church by Mr. Frank Bent in memory of Mr. Gilbert Bent, and by Joseph Allison in memory of his daughter, Miss Gertrude Allison.

The Canadian government, on behalf of the British war office, has chartered the steamer Canara of the Battle Line, to load at this port by and provisions for Cape Town. The steamer is now at Genoa.

The St. John City Sunday Schools Association will hold its next quarterly meeting on Thursday 17th inst., in Main street Baptist church, Patrons and superintendents are requested to announce the above meeting on Sunday.

In one of the King street windows of Manchester, Robertson & Allison are displayed two large photographs of the late Gold King Consolidated Mines Company at Gladstone, Col. Eighty stamps are now running continuously in the mill.

Schooner Druid, which sailed Thursday on St. John for East Cambridge, Mass., it into Crow Harbor, below Point Leaux, Saturday, full of water. The vessel will be towed to St. John. She is here laden.

Rhodoc, Curry & Company, of Amherst, finding the power plant in their car works too small for their rapidly growing business, are adding a 150-horse-power Mumford Standard boiler, built by the Robb Engineering Company.

The St. John Council, No. 2, Marine Engineers of Canada, held a meeting last night in Alexandria Temple of Honor building. The attendance was large, the method of receiving the grand conductor, who is shortly to visit here, was discussed, and it was decided to tender him, the visiting delegates from different parts of Canada, who will be present, and the invited guests, a complimentary dinner.

Sgt. Coupe and four men of the R. C. R. I. Fredericton, arrived from Sydney Sunday morning with two brothers named Walker who deserted last September. Yesterday they were confined in the jail here. One of the brothers, who played with the Tartar base ball club, had only to serve a month to complete his term of enlistment when he deserted.

The wedding of Frank Paterson, of Boston, and Miss Mary E. Driscoll, daughter of the late Benjamin Driscoll of St. John, took place at Boston Jan. 9. Miss Annie, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The ceremony took place in St. Joseph's cathedral. Rev. J. Walsh officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Paterson are now spending their honeymoon in New York. They will reside in Boston.

A serious accident was narrowly averted last Friday at the railway crossing near the warehouse of the Imperial Oil

Co. at the One Mile House. An oil-laden sled became caught and the horse which was standing across the railway tracks was unable to extricate the loaded sled when the express train came tearing along. Realizing the position the trainmen cut the traces, removed the horse and raised the shafts, thus allowing the train to pass without collision.

The Woman's Home Missionary of the Presbytery of St. John met in St. John's church yesterday afternoon, the president, Miss G. W. Leavitt, in the chair. Rev. F. E. Fotheringham was present and conducted devotional exercises. The meeting was largely attended. An interesting paper was read by Mrs. E. J. Armstrong, an enjoyable solo sung by Miss McGilson and arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held in St. Andrew's church, the second Monday in February.

A meeting of members of "G" Co., 62nd Fusiliers, and the late Rifle Company was held last evening and made final arrangements for a sleigh drive and supper in honor of the members of those companies returned from South Africa. Eleven men who have served in these two companies went out with the contingents. Among those now in the city are Pte. Jas. Johnston, W. H. Irvine, G. Polkinghorn, D. Morrison, A. Mcintosh, and D. Robertson. Pte. Coombs remains in hospital in England and Pte. Venning remains in South Africa, a member of Capt. "Gat." Howard's gun section.

The New Brunswick Cold Storage Company has leased from the Dominion government a Long Wharf site fronting on Main street and connected with an I. C. R. siding. On the site the company will erect their large cold storage warehouse which will be equipped with the Lindel-London system of refrigeration. Three buildings which occupied the site have been torn down and the construction of the new warehouse will be commenced early in the spring.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, accompanied by Deputy Minister Collingwood Schreiber and Mr. J. L. Payne, secretary to the minister, passed through the city yesterday en route to Ottawa. Mr. Blair has been to Mulgrave, N. S., looking over the site for the approach for the new transfer steamer which will begin next week. He was accompanied by Mr. Tupper, C. B. The minister then looked over the facilities at Sydney, C. B., before coming west.

A few days ago a Mrs. Abner McLean arrived in the city from Springfield, N. S., and started for the States with her family. She was accompanied by the United States officials for not having enough money to enter the States. She has been cared for by the King's Daughters Guild and the Salvation Army Home. Her husband was in the city yesterday in search of her and was informed of her whereabouts by Chief of Police Clark. Mr. McLean left for his home last evening accompanied by his wife.

The Hampton branch of the N. B. Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, held its annual meeting Thursday evening, with the President, Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, in the chair. The speakers were the chairman and Rev. Messrs. Lodge, Weddall, Schofield, and Mr. McKelvie, the local agent. Secretary William Province gave a gratifying report of the society's financial state. The officers elected were: President, Rev. C. D. Schofield; vice-presidents, Revs. A. McNeil, W. W. Lodge, secretary, William Frost; treasurer, J. W. Smith.

A two year old prize heifer from the stock yards of Her Majesty the Queen, was brought out from Scotland by the steamer Alceide, which arrived Thursday from Glasgow. The animal, which is one of the best breeds and most valuable every brought to Canada, was imported by W. D. Platt, of Ontario.

As a two year old she carried off first prize at the Brighton and Smithfield fairs. Under the Dominion regulations the animal will be quarantined at Lancaster for 30 days.

In St. John's Presbyterian church yesterday Rev. T. F. Fotheringham returned to his pulpit marking the 15th anniversary of his pastorate. He said no circumstances were ever more providential than those which led him to St. John. When he reached St. John the congregation was ready to disband, but the advent of a new pastor called into existence zeal and activity. The various organizations were renewed with energy. The parlors were fitted up and the renovation of the church followed. The tide of zeal and fervor ebbed and flowed since then, but there has been a steady advance and growth. He asked his congregation to plan to advance along the lines of Christian liberty. He recommended Bible study in the pulpit, in the home and in the Sabbath school.

I. C. R. Officer John Collins returned to the city yesterday from Moncton, where he took William Moses when he recently arrested at Hampton for stealing rides on the I. C. R. train. Moses is the colored man who represented himself along the line as a minister. He was wanted by the New Glasgow police for breaking jail, he having been held there awaiting trial for house breaking. Chief of Police Chisholm, of New Glasgow, came to Moncton for his prisoner and went east with him yesterday. Moses has already served two terms in Dorchester. He is also well-known in Moncton, having one time escaped the police on a charge of stealing by jumping from a hotel window and firing shots from a revolver at the officer who was pursuing him.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Larative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

A FORMER ST. JOHN MAN  
San Francisco Paper Tells of Louis A. Robertson, a Poet of Merit.

The San Francisco Bulletin of December 28th, devotes the greater part of its front page to a portrait sketch and poems of Mr. Louis A. Robertson, former resident of St. John. The Bulletin gives also the following sketch of Mr. Robertson: "Louis A. Robertson, of this city, is a poet who took to writing verses in the order of an incurable disease. Some years ago he suffered a partial paralysis from which he will never recover. His affliction incapacitated him for the performance of active duties, but he began to make verses as an intellectual pastime. He is distinguished by that he had a really poetic fancy and a knack of making verse of excellent quality. "Some of his poems are of a very high grade and compare well with anything printed by the magazines in several years. The Sonnet to the Sonnet, is far and away the best thing done by Mr. Robertson. It has been classed among the best sonnets to the Sonnet by Robertson is fond of the French forms of verse, such as the ballade, the rondeau and the villanelle, but his principal instrument of expression is the sonnet. "His personal experiences have entered largely into Robertson's poetry, and much of it has a somberly pessimistic tinge, derived perhaps from his own melancholy state. The poem on the dawn of the new century was written for the Bulletin and the other poems have been selected from a collection of Mr. Robertson's work. The collection of Robertson's poems, published and unpublished, is scant, but the poems disclose a true poetic talent. Mr. Robertson is a native of St. John. The family is well remembered."

THE KINGS COUNTY CASE  
Further Particulars of the Matter That is Agitating the County.

An evening contemporary states that the late Dr. Raymond, of Sussex, is the person referred to in the despatch from Sussex, published by The Telegraph yesterday.

It is impossible to find out positively whether the body of Dr. Raymond has been exhumed, but it is certain that there has been a great deal of talk of having an exhumation of the remains and an analysis made. Dr. Raymond, who died a few years ago, was buried in the cemetery of England cemetery at Whites' Corner, Springfield, Kings county, but owing to the condition of the telephone system it was impossible to obtain information from that place. It is stated by parties who visited the city from Kings county yesterday, that the body had been buried in the cemetery and some organs sent to Montreal for examination. It is impossible to obtain any further definite information from the persons who are in a position to give it very recently. There is also a report that for nearly a year a private detective has been engaged on the case, and has accumulated a vast amount of information regarding the history of the late Dr. Raymond. In the opinion of a person seen by a Telegraph reporter last evening, it is a useless undertaking to make an analysis unless the state is satisfied that the body will not disappear from decomposing bodies.

GOLDEN WEDDING.  
Fiftieth Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Fairweather, Lower Norton.

Lower Norton, N. B., Jan. 10.—A most pleasant and interesting event took place at Lower Norton, Kings county, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, when many relatives and friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Fairweather to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. This is the third event of the kind in this neighborhood, within the last four years, the parties being a young couple, within a radius of less than half a mile, on homesteads handed down from father to son.

The parties referred to are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frost, who celebrated their golden anniversary on January 10th, 1853, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Fairweather, who celebrated theirs on February 10th, of the following year. These three happy, active couples, enjoying as they do, remarkably good health for their years, with a fair prospect of years to come, verify the fact that pleasant, interesting natural surroundings are conducive to longevity of life and health.

FOUGHT BANK ROBBERS.  
Policemen Come Upon a Gang at Work and a Pistol Fight Ensues.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 13.—Officer Charles W. Goss, of the city police force, surprised a gang of men attempting to rob the German Savings Bank, an early hour this morning. Goss, engaged in a single handed battle with three of the men who were already in the bank and one acting as sentry on the corner. The men were taken into custody as they came out of the bank door, one in the back and one in the arm. He emptied his revolver from a vantage point behind the shadow of a telegraph pole and a man was shot in his direction a number of times. Five bullet marks were left on the pane. The gang ran down Baltimore street and made their escape out the West Virginia Central Railroad track, terrorizing the few persons they met on the way by indiscriminate firing. The probably numbers six persons armed with Winchester shot guns and large revolvers. They shot at the operator of the West Virginia Railway as he was passing through the station, a bullet crashing through the glass. They also shot at another policeman. Nothing was stolen at the bank. Afterwards the gang committed two small robberies in South Cumberland. They are still at large.

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QUEENS AND SUNBURY COAL.

Some Facts in Light of Government Development

OF THE COAL FIELDS

In These Counties -- The Lowest Estimate of the Deposits is Fifty Million Tons--Delivery to St. John and Fredericton Would Be Easy--Coal is of Good Quality.

The government has announced its intention of developing the coal fields of Queens-Sunbury counties. The coal district, covering an area of at least 40 square miles, is situated to the north of Grand Lake, extending from Newcastle river on the east to Little River on the west. The district has been superficially inspected, but not thoroughly developed. The mining in the past, in many instances, has been carried out in a very inefficient manner and frequently the Grand Lake coal is mixed with dirt and shale. In general the mining has been of the simplest kind, the farmer merely removing the surface earth of a few feet and taking out the coal. In some places tunnelling has been resorted to, but as a rule the mines which are in many cases below the level of the lake are invaded with water and, because of inadequate equipment with pumps, the operations are suspended.

The coal is largely near the surface and apparently has no great depth as at over 250 feet the workings show an older formation than the carboniferous period. The most economical method of mining much of this coal would be the so-called "large wall system." The facilities for transportation are good as in summer the coal can be shipped by water to St. John and Fredericton, and in winter by the Grand Lake and Central railway. With good methods of mining and transportation it is believed that the coal can be delivered in this city at from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton. The estimated quantity of coal in the district is placed at not less than 50,000,000 tons. From practical tests made by the various railways and by manufacturers it is found to be of excellent quality. The bad name which much of the coal has received was due to the lack of care in mining. From analysis the quality of the coal compares favorably with that of Nova Scotia. It sometimes contains a large percentage of sulphur than Cape Breton coal, but this is due to the pyrites which is associated with it not being removed. This could easily be removed if the coal was picked and the percentage of ash and sulphur both reduced by washing. The analysis further shows that the coal is suitable for cooking purposes and would no doubt, properly handled, be useful for power purposes.

The composition of the ash, which is low, is of such a nature that at the temperature of the furnace it does not yield a slag which is of great value to all employing it where high temperatures are necessary. The coal at the surface is soft, but when it is mined it has a very little smoke and gives a good flame. Now that the government intends to assist in the development of the coal fields in the near future more coal will find its way from the coal fields of New Brunswick, which have been for such a long time lying practically dormant.

A BARGE COLLAPSED.  
And Carried Down Men to Death in the Monongahela.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 11.—Three foremen and 25 workmen were precipitated into the Monongahela river today while loading a barge with steel rails for the Carnegie Steel company at Bradock. Two barge men were killed and one was injured so badly that he died a short time later. One man is missing and it is feared that his body is beneath the rails at the bottom of the river. The accident was caused by the collapse of the barge owing to the heavy cargo.

THREATENING ICE FLOES.  
Blockade of St. John's, Newfoundland, is Feared.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 13.—Northern ice floes drifting along the Atlantic coast, now threaten to block St. John's. They are already within sight of the port. The ice is breaking up and is engaged in a struggle with provisions for coal settlements, was compelled to abandon the voyage owing to her inability to penetrate the ice barrier.

DENIAL BY DIRECTORS  
Of the Terrible Charges Made Against the Female House of Refuge.

Baltimore, Jan. 12.—The directors of the Female House of Refuge, so far as their opinions could be learned, are a unit in denying the terrible charges brought by the grand jury yesterday. Many of them speak with much feeling and assure that their confidence in Miss Matha D. Stuart, the superintendent, was unimpaired, notwithstanding the jury's bitter arraignment of her.

Mr. Hiram Woods, president of the board of directors, said this afternoon he had called a meeting of the board to discuss the grand jury's charges, for Monday afternoon. Miss Stuart was not at the institution this morning. State Attorney McLean says Miss Stuart will be placed on trial in a short time.

Alderman Ryan of Halifax, writes: "I have used Bentley's Liniment both in my house and stables and found it the best I ever tried. Can heartily recommend it." Jno. F. Ryan, 104 Argyle Street.

UTAH AND THE MORMONS.

Rev. S. M. Hunter Lectured Last Night on This Subject.

Last evening, in the Unitarian church, Rev. Stanley M. Hunter lectured on a subject which proved of great interest to an audience that occupied every seat. His theme was Utah and the Mormons. It was illustrated by lime-light views, under the management of Mr. Farren. Mr. Henry W. Robinson acted as chairman. The Mormon religion, said Mr. Hunter, is the only successful new religion that has manifested during the 19th century. The Mormons could hardly be called a sect, but rather members of a religion which originated in 1830 numbers now 350,000 souls. Their church is a compact one, there is but little discord and the splendid organization which exhibit as a fraternity is so widely different from any other in this world's history.

In 1896 the territory of Utah was admitted into the American union as a state and since then the people of Salt Lake City had sent to foreign lands many missionaries, who labored with unalloyed zeal for converts to their belief. As a working body the Mormons were called to some admiration. Their church was a wealthy one. Many people entertained false views about these people. In order to fully understand their method of living and the routine of their daily life, it was necessary to dwell amongst them, as the lecturer himself had done. Any previous conception which might have been formed of them would undergo a change. Salt Lake City was shown in one of the lime-light views and possessing modern buildings, fine residences of the stately Temple and Tabernacle, blocks of quiet residences all beneath the shadow of the snowy Wasatch mountains. The city was founded in 1847 by the old pioneers of both Mormonism and Utah, prominent among whom was Brigham Young. The streets in Salt Lake City were 140 feet in width, a very generous allowance—while along the gutters ran streams of water conducted into these channels from the mountain torrents.

Anyone in Salt Lake City who is not a Mormon is considered a Gentile. The large body of water known as Salt Lake is 20 miles distant from the city, and the saltness of its water has been proven to be five times stronger than that of the Atlantic ocean. Science has shown the lake to be 18 feet deeper than was supposed. News were shown of the lake, its islands and shores, the brilliant sunsets which are a part of Utah's attractions and the evidence of fertility and wealth shown to be of volcanic origin. It was a region wild and fascinating, riven and gashed with chasms, canyons and gullies. Other mountain sides could be seen and mistaken for the lofty walls of some ancient castle.

The Tabernacle in Salt Lake City was erected in 1869, and is a building 250 feet high, 150 feet in width, 100 feet high and with walls two feet in thickness described as one of the most interesting sights to the stranger. The city enjoyed the reputation of having a choir of 500 voices and with the exception of New York, of owning the largest organ in North America.

Other news were given and explained. Mr. Hunter's lecture was much enjoyed.

NEW PROVINCIAL INDUSTRY.  
Gloucester County is Exporting Sea Grass--The News of the North Shore.

Grand Anse, Gloucester Co., Jan. 9.—Christmas and New Year's past pleasantly, and the evidence of festivity and good will were visible on all sides. The roads are in fine condition for driving and there was a lot of driving during the past two weeks. There are many speedy horses and fine driving rigs in this vicinity.

Tuesday morning, in Grand Anse Catholic church, D. J. Sisk, of Pookerville, and Miss R. Theriault, of the same place, were united in marriage. Rev. Father S. J. Donnet officiating. Miss Minnie Sisk was maid of honor and P. Q. Theriault best man.

A social was given by Mr. Coughlan on Saturday, the 6th inst., attended by the ladies at Mr. Sullivan's, Mrs. Landry's and pleasantly spent. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Lizzie Sullivan, assisted by Miss Nellie Murphy, who were in their genial way. There was a very large number present. Refreshments were made the occasion an enjoyable one.

A large quantity of hay is being hauled to Caraquez, W. S. Sullivan and A. J. McKenney shipped two cars of sea grass from here to the States last week. This is a new industry here and it is hoped, will continue, as it brings much money to the country and employment to a number in the summer in Mizomette, where the grass is secured.

George Theriault, of Bathurst, spent Sunday in Grand Anse. Mand Saiter, Minnie Sisk and Bessie Foley were in Grand Anse Saturday.

There were services in the Catholic church at 12 o'clock New Year's eve and there was a large congregation, very many receiving holy communion. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan entertained a number of their friends Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landry, of Bathurst, who spent the holidays at Mr. Sullivan's. Mrs. Landry's old home. The evening was very pleasant. There was a large number present, among them being Daniel Murphy of Oregon, U. S. A. and Miss Nellie Murphy, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Theriault, an old resident, died Friday, Jan. 4th, aged 92 years. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. He was a stonecutter by trade, but lived on a farm mostly the last few years. The funeral took place Monday morning. Father Donnet officiating. The interment was in the Grand Anse Catholic burial ground.

Owing to the epidemic of smallpox there was no agricultural society or dairy association meetings held here this winter, but they are going to take place as the smallpox epidemic is now over in this vicinity. Deacons of the board of health, in order to have taken hold of the matter in the proper manner, and all feel thankful to him.

Mr. John O'Neill and Miss Janie O'Neill were in Grand Anse Monday. Very little lumbering is done here but a large amount of firewood and fence rails are being got out. There are also a number getting out sleepers for the Caraquez Gulf Shore Railway. It is a good time in the woods, with about six inches of snow.

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DENIAL FROM MR. BLAIR.

The Minister States He Expressed No Opinion Relative to the War Between the C. P. R. and Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Hon. Mr. Blair returned last night from a visit to Sydney. He was greatly impressed with the magnitude of work which was being carried on there and predicts a great future for the place. The minister was asked by your correspondent of the truth of the report in a Montreal newspaper that he had been expressing an opinion on the controversy which is going on in the newspapers over the proposed railway to tap the coal fields on Crow's Nest Pass. He replied that he had no opinion on the subject, but that he had expressed no opinion one way or another on the matter.

The minister said that he had appointed Mr. Tiffin, of the Canadian Pacific, to be general traffic manager of the Intercolonial. The rumor that Mr. Tiffin was to replace Mr. Pottinger as general manager was not correct.

In respect to the controversy which is going on about a railway commission, it may be said that Mr. Blair is in favor of a commission. He has already placed himself on record in this matter.

St. Malachi's T. A. R. Society. St. Malachi's Total Abstinence Society yesterday elected the following officers for the year ensuing: W. P. McLaughlin, rec. sec. John Flaherty, fin. sec. Peter Mahoney, treasurer. D. Daly, sergeant at arms. John Shea, H. Donnet, general committee.

