



Since that time the scheme has been given the six months' hoist in the local legislature, and in both aldermanic and mayoralty elections in St. John its friends have been losers.

THE FLOODS AT BELLEVILLE, ONT., MARCH 24TH.—The river Moira, owing to the heavy rainstorm on the 23rd, overflowed its banks, carrying with it great jams, or "gorges," of ice deposited by the break up and rainstorm of February 25th; and, owing to the mouth of the river being barred by the still solid ice in the bay, great floes were carried to the foot of Murney Hill, flooding the Flats to the depth of many feet, carrying away all small impedimenta and driving the people from their houses or obliging them to take refuge on the roof or in the upper storeys. No life was lost, except that several animals were drowned in their stables before they could be rescued, but the damage to property is considerable. The merchants who, untaught by former experience, still store their goods in the warehouses and cellars on the river bank, have lost much; and the poor, who inhabit the Flats, in many instances lost their all. Had the water not found an outlet to the west near the entrance of the new bridge across the bay, the damage would have been incalculable. Our illustrations are taken, No. 1, from the upper bridge, looking up the river; No. 2, from the foot of Murney Hill, looking down the Flats, along Everett street, two blocks from the bed of the river, to the bay.

MR. A. DANSEREAU, MONTREAL'S POSTMASTER.—Mr. Dansereau is a well known and popular citizen and was for many years a prominent journalist. Born at Contrecoeur, Vercheres Co., P.Q., in 1844, Mr. Dansereau received his education at the College of L'Assomption, where he was a classmate of the Hon. Wilfred Laurier. He was for three years a law student in the office of Mr. Girouard, M.P. for Jacques Cartier. Receiving the degree of B.C.L. from McGill University in 1865, he was also admitted to the bar. He did not, however, enter upon the practice of law. With a decided leaning toward journalism and decided talent in that line he entered the office of *La Minerve*, and in 1870 became joint proprietor of that paper. Retiring in 1880, he was, for a few months, clerk of the peace, but resigned. On February 1st of the present year he was appointed postmaster of Montreal. Mr. Dansereau has proved himself both a courteous and capable head of this department of the public service.

CANNING STREET METHODIST CHURCH, MONTREAL.—The handsome west end Methodist church, of which a view is presented on another page, has connected with it a history peculiarly in keeping with the traditions of Methodism. The first preaching service was by Dr. Douglas, to a congregation of five, assembled in a bowling alley. The church originated in a class meeting formed in the west end in 1863 in connection with Ottawa Street Church, of which Rev. Geo. Douglas was then pastor. A little later a school was organized in a bowling alley on Richmond street, below Notre Dame, and here Dr. Douglas, as already stated, commenced a preaching service. Under provision of the Church Extension Scheme, developed by Rev. H. F. Bland in 1864, the west end was enabled to buy a building lot, upon which a brick mission was erected in 1867 by direction of the quarterly board of Ottawa Street Church. This, with Lachine and Tanneries, constituted a new and separate circuit financially, but otherwise, by the direction of the president of the conference, it was one with Dominion Square Church. Rev. Drs. Briggs and Shaw shared equally the work of the two circuits. In 1868-9 Rev. Messrs. Meacham and Shaw were the ministers. In January, 1869, the temporary building was abandoned and the congregation worshipped in Winstanley Hall, now the French Mission Hall, on Delisle street, and the new church was begun on Seigneurs street and soon after finished. In 1869-70 the Rev. G. H. Squire, B.A., was minister. He worked hard and successfully, and his death shortly afterward was a cause of profound regret. Dr. Douglas was the minister in 1870-71, succeeded by Revs. Dr. Sparling, James Awd, B.A., J. T. Pitcher, J. Saunders, M.D., Dr. Sparling,—a second term—W. Jackson, S. Bond and the present pastor, Rev. C. R. Flanders, B.A. The church on Seigneurs street grew too small and too far down town as the city developed, and the corner of Canning and Coursol streets was chosen as the site of the new structure. Many members of the congregation had removed to that vicinity. The old site had become a business centre and undesirable for a church. As was fitting, Dr. Douglas, the founder of the congregation, and who had laid the corner stone of the old church, also laid the corner stone of the new, the ceremony being performed on June 28th last year. The old church was sold to an enterprising mercantile firm and is already torn down, to make way for a busi-

ness block. The new church cost about \$25,000. It is of gray stone with darker trimmings. There are handsome stained glass windows, and the pews, of a new and very pleasing style, are finished in oak. There are pews for 800, but the building will accommodate a thousand persons. The interior is very handsome. The S.S. rooms are under the auditorium and, it is said, are not surpassed in the city. There is a large central room with class rooms ranged around it, having glass doors that can be thrown open, throwing the whole into one and enabling the superintendent at his desk to command a view of every room. There is also a reading room, well equipped and attractive. The congregation have every reason to be congratulated on the growth of the infant of the old time bowling alley. Rev. C. R. Flanders, B.A., the present energetic pastor, is in the second year of his pastorate of the west end church.

THE ICE SHOVE AT MONTREAL.—A person standing on the top of the dyke along the river front in midsummer and looking down upon the wharves and river would hardly anticipate such a winter scene as that presented on another page of this issue. The winter level of the river is so much higher than that of summer that all the warehouses have to be removed from the wharves in the fall, the latter being covered with ice. There is always some fear of a flood when the ice moves in the spring. This spring the danger passed, the only threatening incident being the ice shove at the foot of Jacques Cartier Sq., of the result of which a view is elsewhere given. It occurred on the afternoon of April 3rd, and the ice was forced up on the top of the dyke at this point only, as shown in the picture. The top of the highest ice cakes is about fifteen feet above the top of the dyke, and about 35 feet above the summer level of the river. No damage was done, save a slight injury to the dyke covering. There was no overflow of water. It was simply a reminder of what the great river might do, were it in an ugly humour. Our engraving is from a photograph taken on the day after the shove.

Captain Stairs.

The announcement that Lieutenant Stairs has been promoted to be captain, in recognition of his services with Stanley, is received with much approval by the Halifax public. Some could not understand, however, why Stairs should be promoted from a lieutenant of the Royal Engineers to a captaincy in a line regiment. A communication from the War Office to the military there, not only settles that question, but also shows that Stairs is the youngest soldier on the list of captains of the line. The communication reads:—"Lieutenant Stairs, who entered the Royal Military College, June 30th, 1885, finds himself the youngest soldier in the list of captains of the line. Owing to the gallant lieutenant having to take his turn as regards promotion in the Royal Engineers, this being the only corps in which such a line of promotion is adhered to, the position of captain in a regiment was offered to him, and, at the request of the Imperial Government, he accepted a captaincy in the Welsh (41st) Regiment."

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- 6th—Stories on Canadian subjects are preferred.

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HORSE SHOW AT TORONTO.—Last summer some seven thousand children were given "fresh air" trips from the city of Toronto. This benevolent and highly beneficial enterprise grows in favour yearly, and most persons are very glad to be afforded an opportunity to contribute. If, at the same time, they can enjoy a very attractive entertainment themselves, so much the better. This fact was recognized by Mr. W. D. Grand, who, on the 11th inst., gave a great horse show, the proceeds of which were to swell the Children's Fresh Air Fund. For the last six months Mr. Grand had been selecting horses for his annual spring sale, which attracts horsemen from the other side of the border as well as from various parts of Canada. His proposition to exhibit these horses for the benefit of the children met with a hearty response, and aided by Mr. J. J. Kelso, the secretary of the Fresh Air Fund, and many well known citizens, he secured and prepared the Shaw street rink for the show. The floor of the rink was covered with a coat of resin, upon which tanbark to the depth of eight inches was laid. Elevated seats were placed for the convenience of patrons, and about 3,000 were in attendance during the afternoon and evening. The rink was gaily decorated and Napolitano's orchestra furnished excellent music. The press accounts are to the effect that the horses were the best lot ever got together for a public sale. The programme included competitions between cobs, saddle horses, professional coachmen in livery, light weight hunters performing over hurdles, professional coachmen (with dog carts), heavy weight hunters, and a display of fours-in-hand. An exhibition of mounted police constables was one of the most interesting events of the evening performance. The various competitions were so keen that the judges found difficulty in making their awards. Many prominent people were present, and other Ontario cities besides Toronto were represented. Among those who handled the ribbons was Mr. W. Rockefeller jr., son of the New York millionaire. Col. Otter, George W. Torrance C. N. Shanly and other well known gentlemen also participated. The exhibition was a complete success in every sense. The visitors saw a splendid display of horseflesh, horsemanship and skill with the ribbons, and the Fresh Air Fund was swelled by some hundreds of dollars. The *Empire*, moved by the success of the show, suggests that an association should be formed and a horse show open to the Dominion held annually in Toronto.

BAY OF QUINTE BRIDGE.—This handsome structure, which was opened March 21st, is a very important one, enabling, as it does, the people of Prince Edward county, Ont. to reach the town of Belleville without difficulty. It is of great benefit both to the people of the county and the merchants and other citizens of Belleville. The bridge is of steel, resting on stone piers on a pile foundation. Its total length is 1868 feet. There are 13 spans 98 feet each, two of 148 feet each and one of 60 feet. There is a swing of 238 feet. The northern approach is 800 feet long, and a roadway of nearly half a mile had to be constructed through a marsh to the main land. The bridge has been two years under construction. The engineer was C. H. Keefer of Ottawa, and the Brown Mfg. Co. of Belleville were the contractors. The total cost was about \$105,000.

MAYOR PETERS, ST. JOHN, N. B.—Mr. T. W. Peters, who was elected Mayor of St. John, N.B., last week by a plurality of 1300, is a native of that city and has taken an active part in its civic affairs for some years. He was warden of the municipality of the city and county of St. John last year, and had filled the same position during the years 1886, 1887 and 1888, resigning in the latter year and being re-elected to the position in 1890. He has been a member of the city council for nine successive years, and has held the important positions of chairman of the finance committee and, since the union of St. John and Portland, of the treasury board. There is, perhaps, no better authority on civic finances in the city. Mayor Peters is a barrister and an LL.B. of Harvard. He is of Loyalist descent. A graceful and fluent speaker and a gentleman of fine presence, he is admirably qualified to fulfil the duties of the position to which he has been elected by so decisive a majority. His leading opponent was ex-Mayor Lockhart, who sought a third term. The Leary scheme of harbour improvements was a factor in the contest. This matter was referred to at some length in the DOMINION ILLUSTRATED of April 4th.