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PROVINCIAL.

CHARLOTTE CO.

own, Jan. 12.—Charles Owen of ence has been in town for sev- days in connection with the St. croton mill.

Electric cars struggled hard in m of yesterday, and were run- in time in the evening. Milltown trotters are wintering thus far. Wm. McDonald is dy daily his flyer Monte mare, by us. He thinks his chances are among the trotters since Rose gone to St. John. C. H. Eaton's Curfew, by Bell Boy, is being after by the veteran trainer, an.

Andrews, Jan. 14.—As the origi- ans for the proposed addition. Algonquin were too elaborat- ing a larger cash expenditure under existing circumstances is tent, a new set has been made, elaborate, which have been adapt- for the ensuing summer season.

Robert McLaughlin, who has down the cellar stairs in her last Friday, fracturing two of bs. hundred and odd tons of phos- is aloft for St. Andrews en- to the Aroostook.

L. Andrews of Minister's Island ed a car load of turpins by C. P. Boston last week. The weather favorable to the work.

VICTORIA CO.

over, Jan. 14.—The following let- of sympathy was received by Mr. Mr. E. Hutchison, whose son recently instantly killed, as men- in The Sun at the time, at the of the Tobacco Gypsum Milling where he was acting as foreman: Chambers of Court, Andover, No. 625, I. O. F. r. and Mrs. Ezekiel Hutchison: r Sir and Madam—I am request- convey the following resolution mpathy from Court Andover to Inasmuch as it has pleased Our in Heaven to permit the sud- removal from our midst of our brother, C. V. Hutchison, by us, We the officers and members but Andover, Independent Order brosters, desire hereby to place record the high esteem in which brother was held by us, and also assure you of our warmest sym- in this your sad bereavement. led, by order of Court Andover, I. E. H. HOYT, Recording Secy.

QUEBENS CO.

rusalem, Jan. 11.—The friends of John Gale of Summer Hill, ns Co., heard with regret of her h, which occurred on January 5th. event was not unexpected, as she been seriously ill for a few weeks fous. She departed at the early of 44, leaving a husband and famo mourn the loss of a dutiful wife kind mother. Surrounded by her e family, she passed quietly away, not for us to think how much Mr. E. Hutchison, who had permitted to remain, but to rest red that God doeth best. Mrs. ay was much esteemed in the com- ty in which she lived for her lities of heart and hand. Her ful and obliging disposition sed the respect of those with whom was associated. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather of Monday rge concourse of friends met to- er, exhibiting sympathy with the ly in their bereavement. Service appropriate to the occasion was held Rev. Mr. Macdonald and she was to rest in Summer Hill cemetery.

SUNBURY CO.

omocito, Jan. 14.—A revival of re- on is in progress in the F. C. B. rch. Eight persons have been this evening after service Mrs. True of Lincoln and Miss Lot- Lynn of Rusignish, in behalf of many friends on his field of labor. sented Rev. S. J. Perry with a diemee con coat, costing \$42, an t cap worth \$150, and a pair of shoes as a token of their esteem. Perry was entirely taken by sur- and could scarcely express his lings.

SEVENTY-FIVE KILLED.

Fearful Fire and Explosion at Butte City, Montana.

The Fire Department... Even to... Butte, Jan. 15.—A fire occurred in a Butte hardware house today in which a giant powder was stored. The fire department were at work on the fire when an explosion took place killing a number of people, and while efforts were being made to remove the dead and wounded another explosion occurred. The department was wiped out, including the chief and all the horses. Three policemen were among the killed, who number at least seven-fifty. Plate glass was broken all over the city, and the damage to property is enormous. It is impossible to get details at present. All the ambulances are rushing to and from the scene of the explosion. The relatives of the killed are frantic, and the city is in consternation. The powder in the warehouse was in violation of the law. It was the greatest explosion in the history of the west.

DR. ATKINSON UNOPPOSED.

The Electors of Carleton County Applaud the Sheriff's Declaration.

Government Supporters Feel Their Utter Collapse Very Sorely.

Woodstock, Jan. 17.—The fight is over, the victory won, and the electorate of Carleton has purged itself of the stain that has tarnished its reputation since October, 1892, and Dr. Atkinson is one of the happiest men in the county. After striving in vain to find an opponent the government party gave up the contest and allowed Dr. Atkinson to be declared elected without opposition. He was nominated by Mored Brewer, Geo. B. Balmair, Wm. Lindsay, B. H. Smith, G. F. Smith, G. L. Holyoke, John Fisher, B. B. Manzer, John McLaughlin, J. T. Garden, Chas. Comben, W. W. Hay, G. I. Britton, M. Watson, H. N. Fayson, A. G. Bailey, Forester McLean, W. L. Alton, C. G. Connell, Jas. W. Wolv- erton, T. J. Boyer, J. T. Collins, John McAfee, W. D. Smith, John Colter, Wm. Wilson, John Stevenson, G. M. Foster, Thos. Stevenson and others.

From twelve till two o'clock the electors at the court house were entertain- ed by addresses from G. W. White, E. S. Gillmore and Wm. Lindsay. At two o'clock Sheriff Balloch said as he had not received any other no- tification he would declare Mared C. Atkinson elected. His declaration was received with a burst of applause from the audience. As Dr. Atkinson stepped on the platform he was again greeted with loud applause. He thanked the electors for the honor conferred on him in returning him without opposition. He accepted this as an endorsement of his conduct dur- ing the past year.

Prof. Robbins, or Robinson, who is also known as "two ward," was a famo- us hunter and friend of Theodore Roosevelt of New York. He has spent all his life in the mountains and was making preparations to guide a party through a practically un- known portion of the Yellowstone park.

Several visitors in the city are among the dead, among them being J. B. Wilber, an Idaho lawyer. The ruins are still smoldering and it is believed that more bodies will be found under the ashes. Inquiries are coming from all parts of the United States inquiring about relatives and friends who reside in the city and who were supposed to have been here at the time of the explosion.

No New Brunswickers injured that can learn of. A. Cameron, chief of the fire department, is from Alexandria, Ont. E. O. DUGAN, Mayor.

CHARLOTTE CO. COUNCIL.

James McKay of St. George Unani- mously Elected Warden.

St. Andrews, Jan. 15.—The annual session of Charlotte county municipal council was opened in the Court house at eleven a. m. today. Councillors as follows were present at roll call: N. D. G. Parker, William Snodgrass, St. Andrews; Alvin B. Christie, William Forsythe, St. James; David Johnston, John Russell, St. Croix; John W. Stevenson, John H. Dyer, St. Patrick; James McKay, H. W. Dewar, St. George; G. E. Black, Robt. Smith, St. David; J. E. Maxwell, Charles Cogh, St. Stephen; D. Eldridge, John W. Massey, Fundell; R. Mahoney and Thomas Mulhern, Le- present; H. W. Washburn, J. Walter Easton, Clar- endon; James A. Calder, L. S. Simpson, Camp- bello; W. E. Tanton, Isaac Newton, Grand Manan; C. H. Conley, Jas. H. Ward, West Isles; Geo. Hannab, Woodbury McBean, Dufferin; Joseph Hill, W. E. Emerson, Dumbaron; Isiah Bridges, St. Stephen, Town; John L. Ray, Milltown.

Organization was effected by the election of James McKay of St. George as warden by unanimous vote. Mr. McKay thanked the councillors in a neat speech for the honor. George R. McMorrin, J. G. Atkin- son and others of the parish of St. James presented a petition with a pro- leging certain irregularities in con- nexion therewith. The petition was read and ordered to lie on the table until aftr recess for dinner, then to be taken up and dealt with.

R. E. Armstrong was elected official reporter. After a short discussion it was decided to refer the St. James election protest to a committee, with instruc- tions to report at present session of council. As such committee the warden appointed Councillors Parker of St. Andrews, Tanton of Grand Manan, Dyer of St. Patrick, Conley of West Isles and Ray of Milltown.

Standing committees as follows were appointed by the chair: Finance—The council, with J. S. Maxwell as chair- man; printing—Ray, Maxwell, Snod- grass; county appointment—Stevenson, Cogan and Dewar.

The committee on county property was appointed by the council as fol- lows: Councillors Johnston, St. Croix;

FREDERICTON.

Proceedings of the York Municipal Council.

Coun. David Cropley Unanimously Elected Warden.

Fredericton, Jan. 15.—The county council of the municipality of York met in annual session at the county court house today. The councillors present were: Bright, John McKee, Spencer Inch; Canterbury, Geo. F. A. Jamelson, James H. Carr; Douglas, Wm. Kinghorn; Harvey, Lewis; Fisher, Absalom; York, Thomas Simmons; Kingclair, John C. Murray; Addington, E. Cliff; Manners Sutton, John Mowatt, Robert Thompson; Mc- Adam, J. Wesley Hoyt, George T. Baskin; New Maryland, David M. Fisher; Sunbury, John Scott; North- Lake, George S. Inch, David Cropley; Prince William, William W. Graham, Archie McMillin; Queensbury, Alanson McNally, John W. Hallett; St. Marys, Calvin L. Estabrooks; Southampton, James K. Finner, Patrick Lockard; Stanley, Donald Fullerton, Thos. B. Bolce.

The report of the auditor for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1894, was sub- mitted. The summary given of the receipts and expenditures for the year is as follows:

Receipts. County rates \$15,688 90 Administration of justice, city of Fredericton 1,033 03 Debentures 1,400 90 Highways 215 50 Miscellaneous 5 89 Canada Temperance Act 150 00 Balance the Merchants' bank 4,877 34 Total \$23,723 47

Payments. Canterbury \$49 44 St. Andrews 89 64 Douglas 683 24 Dumfries 52 80 Kingclair 511 60 Manners-Sutton 257 76 North Maryland 27 83 Prince William 150 40 St. Marys 176 40 Southampton 274 24 Stanley 651 19 St. Marys 33 48 Total \$4,048 20

Board of health 70 80 Coroners 56 05 Coupsus 322 21 Debtors' buildings 1,500 00 Debtors' salaries 200 00 Highways 516 90 Lunatics 88 00 Miscellaneous 302 86 Smead and Pringle 720 00 Revisors 720 00 Sheriff 246 50 Victoria Hospital 200 00 Wm. Kingclair 120 00 Canada Temperance Act 147 00 Schools 1,789 41 Total \$3,723 47

The liabilities of the county are: Railway debentures at 6 per cent \$5,500 00 Railway debentures at 4 1/2 per cent 1,100 00 Temporary loans 512,000 00 John Rutherford at 5 per cent 500 00 Elder's loan at 5 per cent 700 00 W. H. Quinn at 5 per cent 2,000 00 Total \$3,300 00

Coun. David Cropley was unani- mously elected warden. On taking the chair Warden Cropley thanked the board in a short speech for the honor done him and solicited their assistance in the transaction of the business. After routine the warden appointed the usual committees. The council adjourned till 2 o'clock to allow the committees to meet.

This afternoon the committee on the secretary-treasurer's accounts report- ed the same correct, with a balance in hand of \$71.18 on Jan. 14th, 1895. The assessment recommended that \$500 be assessed to recoup the contribution to the Gibson fire sufferers; \$810 to pay off railway debentures; \$6,550 for contingencies, and that no less than fifteen per cent. be assessed on each parish.

IN POSSESSION OF THIEVES.

The Report of the Lexow Committee Submitted to the Legislature.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The report of the Lexow committee given to the public tonight will be presented to the state legislature tomorrow. It is expected that action will be taken upon the report at once. Senator Lexow has already prepared bills to cover the reforms proposed by the committee. There is a disposition on the part of the members of the committee who signed the majority report to secure a hearing before the legislature of this bill in order that no time may be lost in carrying into execution the proposed changes in the metropolis.

The evidence of the witnesses shows the existence of a powerful conspiracy in the neighborhood of Essex market, professional thieves, police and others, who lay plots against the unwary and lead them into habits of law breaking that surround them with a network of false evidence and then demand money as the price of salvation. If they do not receive it drag their victims into court and prison and often to a convict's cell.

MAINE LUMBERMEN.

They Organize to Preserve and Promote the Growth of the Forests.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 17.—This forenoon there was a meeting and a temporary organization of the Maine Lumbermen and Land Owners' association, with Hon. D. F. Davis as chairman. The articles of organization were pre- sented, accepted and signed by a large number of gentlemen interested in the matter. It is to be a state organization and will be a state or- ganization to better protect, preserve and promote the growth of the forests of Maine; to devise and adopt the best possible means for protecting forests against destruction from fire, insects and wanton and wasteful use of the axe, and to ascertain the best, most judicious and most economical method of cut- ting logs, to secure a fair, honest and equitable system of scaling the same, and to do all other things that may be necessary to protect and foster the forest interests of the state.

In the lower harbor, Portsmouth, Jan. 14, scho Izetta D Small, for St. John, NB; S A Fowles, from New York for St. John, NB; John Stroup and Valents, for St. John, NB.

PROGRESS IN PARRSBORO.

Review of the Lumbering and Ship- building Industries.

Interesting Facts and Figures—A Fine New Academy.

Parrsboro, Jan. 15.—As is known, Parrsboro takes high rank among the shipping ports of the maritime provinces. On the 31st December, 1893, St. John had 522 craft of 131,909 tons register (62 of them steamers) on the registry; Windsor had 181 vessels, with 118,005 tons; Yarmouth's 281 vessels aggregate 68,754 tons. Halifax shows 46,969 tons, and Parrsboro comes next, with 128 vessels, measuring 83,138 gross tons, or 31,283 tons net, and two steamers of 201 gross tons, or 106 tons net. The coal barges of the Cumberland Railway and Coal company have been carrying much coal that was formerly carried by schooners. There has been a decrease in the tonnage of some other ports, but there has been a steady increase in the shipping of Parrsboro ever since 1878. Some of the Sun's esteemed contemporaries, who have been ascribing the decline in Canadian shipping to the national policy, will be able to explain the reason of this. There were added to the registry at Parrsboro during the year 1894 7 new vessels, aggregating 1,427 tons net, and 3 vessels of 282 tons net, these being the following: The following removals were made from the registry during the past year: Wrecked, 7 vessels, aggregating 748 tons register; sold, 1 vessel of 189 tons; struck off on re-measurement, 11 tons. There was a net increase of the year of 1 vessel and 751 tons net.

West Bay, four miles from Parrs- boro, is where deal-laden vessels clear- ing from the port of Parrsboro for the United Kingdom are loaded. The deal shipped at West Bay are brought there from Parrsboro and other places along the shore. On the shore of West Bay, near Cape Sharp, its western boundary, are the twin villages of West Bay and Black Rock. Black Rock has had a sad experience since the N. P. was inaugurated. Nearly all its former inhabitants left "the Rock" to become citizens of the growing town of Parrsboro.

The amount of deals, etc., shipped from West Bay during the season of 1894 was 39,518 superficial feet, or a much larger shipment than was pro- ceeded at the first of the year. Forty vessels were employed in carrying them, their aggregate tonnage being 49,496 tons. The ones carrying deals were George McKean, of St. John, num- bered 23, and aggregated 23,429 tons. W. Malcolm McKay of St. John em- ployed 17 vessels, with the aggregate tonnage of 21,067 tons. Mr. McKean's shipment was 19,789,353 superficial feet. This was 19,729,296 tons. This export was much larger than was expected at the first of 1894. There are very few deals left over. As has already been predicted in the Sun, the lumber cut along the Parrs- boro shore this year will be about the same as last year's cut.

I shall give your readers a chance to make a comparison of the exports of 1894 with those of previous years. I will also endeavor to list all the deals ever made from the port of Parrsboro —40,792,469 superficial feet. Thirty- nine vessels, their aggregate tonnage being 44,496 tons, carried them. George McKean shipped 25,298,105 feet in 27 vessels at that year, while W. M. Mackay shipped 15,494,363 in 12 vessels, ag- gregating 16,223 tons. In 1892, 33 deal- laden vessels cleared from Parrsboro. Their tonnage was 34,994 tons, and they carried 31,815,827 superficial feet of deals, etc. The shippers in 1892 were George McKean, W. M. Mackay and James Miller & Co. of St. John, and Young Bros. & Co. of Parrsboro. In 1891, 28 vessels, of 27,503 tons, carry- ing 23,950,283 superficial feet deals, etc., cleared from the port of Parrsboro. There are eight large class vessels built along the Parrsboro shore during the coming year. The wooden ship- building industry has not, therefore, quite died out. Fuller particulars con- cerning these five vessels have al- ready been given in the Sun. I am, asking the field secretary to keep its advan- tages before the public. The whole meeting was thoroughly practical, and adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

WHO CAN TELL HIM? A young Englishman residing in Birmingham has written to Mr. Gar- diner, immigration agent at this port, asking whether he can get a pamphlet giving particulars as to the conditions on which farm land can be had in this province. The enquirer is willing to work for a year or so with a farmer, and he can see a chance near some market town. He says the C. P. R. had flooded England with pamphlets about Manitoba and the Northwest, but the maritime provinces have no literature whatever in that vast field. A gentleman who read the letter here referred to, suggested to the Sun's reporter that this was a matter which the board of trade might agi- tate with more benefit to the province at large than some of the things it had advocated.

WAS NOT BURNED OUT. John Hunter, traveller for Kilgour Bros., writes to the Sun from Fredericton that he has received a telegram from the firm correcting the state- ment sent out by the press despatches that the firm's factory was one of the buildings destroyed in the recent Toronto fire. Mr. Hunter assures Kil- gour Bros.' many maritime customers that the firm is doing business as usual at the old stand.

Underground London is getting to be many stories deep. The New City and Waterloo underground electric railway in traversing Queen Victoria street passes for a considerable dis- tance directly underneath the low level sewer, which in its turn runs beneath the underground railroad. The electric road at this point is sixty- three feet below the surface.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

A Meeting of the Shareholders Shows the Union Bank is Insolvent.

A Very Bad State of Affairs—Position of Same Business Houses.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 16.—The Union bank is insolvent. A meeting of the shareholders this evening revealed the fact that there was no hope for the bank again resuming business. The reports submitted to the meet- ing showed a deficit of \$300,000 when all the assets should be realized upon. The chairman of the advisory commit- tee in presenting the report stated candidly his belief that the assets would not yield as much as estimated. The limit of the liability of share- holders must be assessed to the full value of their shares again, but most of those are bankrupt and will be unable to respond to an assessment.

The report was adopted, but no de- cisive action on the other question be- fore the meeting was taken. New di- rectors will be appointed tomorrow. The bank's net indebtedness to the government is \$240,000. This con- stitutes a preferred claim as to bonds equivalent to \$300,000 hypothecated with the Union bank of London. The anticipation of securing outside aid to float the Union bank is hopeless.

The shareholders of the Commercial bank also held a meeting, but were unable to do anything, the statement of the accounts not being ready. Director Pitts satisfactorily ex- plained the receipt of \$40,000 in gold shortly before the failure of the bank. At a meeting of the creditors of the firm Gossard & Tessier it was shown that the firm could not pay 62 cents on the dollar. Bain & Johnson's firm show that a large amount of the property is mortgaged to creditors in England. Gossard's firm is likely to compro- mise with their creditors.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 17.—The share- holders of the Union bank met again today to elect directors to replace those by whose mismanagement the failure of the bank was brought about. A new board of five keen business men were elected. They will have to con- sult with the government on the mat- ter of legislation. The government has a bill tabled providing for the winding up of the bank, but it is op- posed by the shareholders and a bill satisfactory to both will be negotiated.

HOULTON.

Houlton, Me., Jan. 16.—H. A. Berry & Son have purchased the stock of goods and trade of Spratt & Towle, the proprietors of the Water street grocery and meat market. Ida, wife of Robert Derrah, died on Monday of consumption, aged thirty years. Beginning this week the I. O. O. F., will occupy their new hall over the new Gray block. Since the burning of the old hall they have been occupy- ing the Masonic hall, and in order to do so, many of the members of the lodge will meet on Thursday, as formerly.

Collector of Customs Hatheway has removed his office from the old quar- ters over the old post office to the handsome new post office building on Water street. Postmaster Gillen will occupy the lower floor of the same building.

Fred P. Nelson has opened a music store on Water street, which fills a much-needed want. Special services are being carried on this week at the Congregational church by the Congregational and Free Baptist societies, under the care of Evangelist Everett of Massachusetts. Next week the meetings will be held in the Free Baptist church.

President Burleigh of the B. & A., in speaking of the new road, says: "The people of northern Maine ap- preciate the privilege of railroad com- munication traversing the fertile section of their country. Plenty of busi- ness awaits the road and more will gradually develop. The rapid success of the new road is apparent. There is no doubt but that work will begin on the Ashland branch in the spring, and the people living along the line where the road is proposed to run seem very anxious to see it built and will do all that they can to have it constructed at once. It is probable that the branch will leave the main line at Oakfield and run in a direct line to the great lumber and water town of Aroostook county."

WOODSTOCK MARKETS.

Butter, 16c, and 17c; eggs, 15c, and 16c; potatoes, 7c, per bbl.; hay, at barn, \$5 to \$5.50, \$8 to \$8.50 per ton; oats, 30c to 32c, per bushel; beans, \$1.50 per bushel; buckwheat, 35c, per bushel; hardwood, green, \$2.50 per cord; hard- wood, dry, \$3, \$2.50 per cord; bark is being hauled into the market in some quantities.—Dispatch.

WEBSTER'S BOY DANIEL.

"Fame!" echoed Mr. Waterson. "I never hear the word that I do not think of Daniel Webster's story of the time he met an old gentleman in a railway car, and learning that he was from New Hampshire, thought he would draw him out a little about the old home state. A little more conver- sation showed that the stranger came from Mr. Webster's native town. Here was an opportunity not to be lost. "Did you ever hear of the Webster family there?" asked the statesman. "Oh, yes; I know them very well. The old man and I were great friends." "Ah! then you can probably tell me what became of the boys?" "Well, Ezekiel became a big lawyer —the biggest lawyer, I guess in all New Hampshire. The girls, too, turned out well." "You don't say so; and wasn't there a boy named Daniel?" "The old man pondered a minute be- fore he answered. "Now I come to think, there was a boy named Dan'l, but he went down to Boston years ago, and no one n't heard of him since."—Kate Field's Washington.