the 15th anniversary of their marriage Nov. 10th. A number of friends unexpectedly arriving at their home on that ning to wish them many more happy rs were graciously received and enjoyy entertained. The guests availed themes of the opportunity to present gifts propriate to the occasion.

r. J. Chapman, of the fisheries dement of Moncton, was here last week.

MONCTON

oncton, Nov. 16—Mrs. A. M. Seely, North Sydney, is spending a few weeks town, the guest of Miss Mary Mehy.

rs. Herbert Sinclair, of Newcastle, is nding a few days in town with her nts, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris.

iss Iva Fairweather is in Shediac, the t of Miss Bessie Wortman.

rs. J. J. Walker has gone to Montl to spend some time with her daugh- Mrs. Charles Meyers.

rs. J. H. Rogers is visiting relatives St. John.

iss Ella Crocker, of Hopewell Cape, pending a few days with Mrs. B. Tay-

Friday evening Miss Helen Jameson rtained a number of friends at a ble party.

rs. Allan Troy spent part of the week relatives in Newcastle.

iss Hazel Lockhart, who has been nding the last six months in the west, returned home. She was accompenby her sister, Mrs. George McKenzie, will spend some time here with her nts, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lockhart.

rs. Edgar West is spending a few s in Hillsboro with her daughter, Bruce Steeves.

r. and Mrs. Clarence Gross are also Hillsboro, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lauder.

rs. Lindley Carter received her friends the first time since her marriage at home of Mrs. Samuel McKee. Mrs. er was gowned in green ottoman silk insertions of heavy linen lace and assisted in receiving by her sister, Harriet Moore, and Mrs. McKie. Condon and Mrs. W. C. Paver preed in the tea room and were assisted Mrs. Thomas Jones, Miss Margaret Dougall, Miss Eva Chapman, Miss Min- Hunter, Miss Mabel Hunter and Mrs. ie Malcolm. The rooms were attract- decorated with pink and white carons and chrysanthemums.

rs. George Purdy, of Springhill, is nding a few days in town with Mr. Mrs. Angus McLellan.

r. and Mrs. David Pottinger left on rday for Ottawa.

. and Mrs. McLean, of P. E. Island, t part of the week in the city.

rs. W. C. Paver entertained at bridge Saturday afternoon, when Miss Thorne, New York, won the first prize and Day the second. Mrs. Harry Gor- Miss Dorothy Williams, Miss Stev- and Miss Grace Harris served the ts. Among those present were Mrs. dward, Miss MacDougall, Mrs. George ke, Mrs. James Dustan, Mrs. A. E. weeney, Mrs. A. R. Myers, Mrs. Ar- McLeod, Mrs. C. A. Murray, Miss ens, Mrs. C. T. Purdy, Mrs. E. J. son, Miss Theal, Miss Thorne, Mrs. ningham, Mrs. Reid MacManus, Mrs. rge Maddison and the Misses Stronach.

iss Emma Sangster has returned from sville, where she was the guest of nds.

rs. B. L. Harris is spending a few with friends in Ottawa.

rs. J. Carroll has returned to her e in St. Stephen after a pleasant stay h friends in town.

iss Violet Goodwin has returned to home in Bathurst after a pleasant with her aunt, Mrs. W. Hayes.

r. George Dodwell, of the Bank of ntreal staff, has been transferred to awa and leaves in a few days for that . Mr. R. E. LeMoine, of the same k, has been transferred to Stratford t.)

rs. Harry W. Anderson received for first time since her marriage on Wedy afternoon. Mrs. Anderson wore wedding gown of ivory satin with dress of embroidered net and was asd in receiving by her mother-in-law, T. Anderson, who was gowned in satin with overdress of beaded net. Edgar Anderson, of Amherst, pred at the tea table, wearing black crepe hine over black silk with green trimgs and green hat. Miss Elizabeth le, Miss Blanche Keith and Miss n Crockett assisted in serving the ts. Miss Doyle wore black voile with of black and white; Miss Keith, black white silk with black picture hat, and Crockett, white marquisette embered in blue with black hat. Mrs. ng Malcolm ushered and wore black ine with black beaver hat and was ted by Miss Bertie Fraser, who was ned in pearl gray broadcloth with k velvet hat. Miss Dorothy Lawson nded the door.

oncton, Nov. 17—At a meeting of reentatives of the city council, board of e and Moncton council of trades and r, the matter of a revision of the ent assessment law was discussed at e length.

e trades and labor council advocated nd or single tax, similar to the sys- in vogue in Vancouver and other ern cities. It was finally decided to est the city council to endorse the lution passed by the Union of New nswick Municipalities at Newcastle, h asks the legislature to pass an act g municipalities authority by a vote majority of the rate payers to ext improvements from taxation, or in t to make land the basis of the asment

e complaint of the delegation from trades and labor council was that nt lands in Moncton are not taxed ciently, but the burden of taxation on improvements, personal property, me, etc.

e Moncton Tramways Electric City & Company today made a test of naturas which is now at the city boundary he Petitcodiac river bridge. The test very satisfactory, there being a pres of 105 pounds, with only one slight on the line between the wells and ge, a distance of seven or eight miles. test was made in the presence of ials of the company, including Dr. lerson, O. P. Boggs, Mitchell Ritchie, neer, and others.

oncton, N. B., Nov. 19—Charles Elliott, well known gunsmith and hardware hant passed away at his home, Main t, this morning, after seven weeks s. Mr. Elliott came to Moncton St. John thirty years ago and has in business here during that period. was highly esteemed. He was formerprominent member of the Moncton Club and was well known to marksall over the province. He was sixtyyears of age and is survived by two and two daughters. Arthur W. is in couver; Carles Vincent, at home. The hters are Mrs. E. W. Chandler, Edon; Miss Vivian Frances, at home.

A. Fryers received word of the death rs. Sarah A. Coates, widow of John oates, which occurred Saturday at her in Coate's Mills, Kent county. Ded was sixty-four years of age. Two hters, Mrs. E. A. Fryers and Mrs. Nickerson and one son John T., I. brakeman, reside in Moncton. Mrs. ony McNairn, of Buctouche and Mrs. es McLean, Lincoln (N. H.), are hters. Albert, another son, is at

s S. Cutler who makes her home with

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A MILLIONAIRE TOO BUSY FOR HONORS.

Popular rumor here has always been inclined to ascribe an ambition for the American ambassadorship at Berlin to Cornelius Vanderbilt, owing to the warm regard in which both he and his wife are held by the Kaiser, the Kaiserin, and other members of the reigning house of Prussia. There is little doubt that Cornelius Vanderbilt could have had the office had he really wanted it, and he would have been assured beforehand of a warm and cordial welcome at Berlin. But he has never been a candidate for the post, and would not accept it if offered, for the simple reason that he is engaged in many large and important business enterprises that demand his presence in this country. Despoiled of the larger part of his inheritance through his father's will, Cornelius Vanderbilt is quietly making a great fortune for himself in the financial district of New York, where he is developing into one of the great magnates who have to be regarded as a factor in every important enterprise. In one word, Cornelius Vanderbilt, as a captain of finance and industry and as the most useful citizen of his family, is rapidly amassing a fortune to take the place of that of which he was, although the eldest son, deprived by his father's will. He would be obliged to sacrifice all these monetary and industrial interests which now monopolize his attention, were he to spend several years abroad as American ambassador, and it would be a sacrifice greater than either he or his clever wife can afford to make. —From Memoirs of Today in the December Metropolitan Magazine.

Milky tumblers should be washed in cold water; putting them straight into hot water will cloud the glass permanently.

MARINE JOURNAL

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Thursday, Nov. 16.

Schr B B B, 13, French, Eastport.

Coastwise—Stmr Connors Bros, 49, Warnock, Chance Harbor. Schrs Lizzie Magee, 13, French, Back Bay; Virginian, 99, Graham, North Head; Mona, 16, Goodell, Beaver Harbor and cld; Lillian, 9, Wentworth, Chance Harbor; Bertie C, 12, Mawhinney, fishing and cld; Alice May, 18, Murray, fishing.

Schr Sawyer Bros, 276, Calor, Annapolis for Manzanello, Cuba. In for harbor; A W Adams.

Friday, Nov. 17.

Schr Yolando, 77, Huntley, Boston, J. Willard Smith.

Schr Aldine, 290, French, New York, A W Adams.

Schr Willena Gertrude, 270, Smith, New York, J Willard Smith.

Saturday, Nov 18.

Coastwise—Stmr Westport III, 49, Coggins, Westport (N S), and cld; schr Gazelle, 47, Dewey, Beaver Harbor.

Cleared.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Coastwise—Schrs Margaret, 49, Simmonds, St George; Ethel McLeod, 96, Brewster, Riverside; Maple Leaf, 98, Baird, Wolfville; Yarmouth Packet, 76, Thurber, Yarmouth.

Friday, Nov. 17.

Schr J Arthur Lord, 189, Smith, Allerton (Mass), A W Adams.

Schr Helen Montague, 344, City Island, f.o., R C Elkin, Ltd.

Schr Hunter, 187, Gayton, Wickford (R I), L J Purdy.

Coastwise—Stmrs Valinda, 60, Gesner, Bridgetown; Connors Bros, 49, Warnock, Chance Harbor. Schrs Oranhyatekha, 2, McLean, Back Bay; Bessie B, 9, Hooper, Beaver Harbor.

Saturday, Nov. 18.

Schrs Effort, 63, Ogilvie, Advocate Harbor; Susan C, 21, Titus, Wilson's Beach; Harry Morris, 98, McLellan, St Martins; Edna May, 61, Woods, Bear River.

Sailed.

Thursday, Nov. 16.

Schr Flora M, Marsters, Hantsport.

Schr Edna, Rogers, Windsor (NS).

Stmr Nor, Havana.

Friday, Nov. 17.

Stmr Calvin Austin, Pike, Boston via ports.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Vancouver, Nov 15—Ard, bark Faidherbe (Fr), London via Hobart.

Steamed 15th, stmr Monteagle, Davidson, Yokohama, etc.

Victoria, Nov 15—Ard, stmr Canada Maru (Jap), Hari, Hong Kong, etc, for Tacoma.

Steamed 15th, stmr Christian Bors (Nor) Sydney (NSW).

Quebec, Nov 13—Passed Cape Salmon, stmr Cairntorr, Montreal for London.

Passed Cape Magdalen 18th, stmr Hesperian, Montreal for Glasgow.

Passed Belle Isle 13th, stmr Cassandra, Glasgow for Montreal.

Stmr Victorian, Montreal for Liverpool, was 220 miles east of Belle Isle at 12.30 p.m. 13th.

Louisburg, Nov 15, 3 a.m—Steamed, stmr Sygna (Nor), Olsen, Boston.

Hawkesbury, NS, Nov 13—Ard, tug Astral, towing barges Nos 120 and 121, Cleveland for New York.

Hillsboro, NB, Nov 15—Ard, stmr Vitalia (Nor), New York.

Sydney, CB, Nov 12—Ard, stmrs Chr Knudsen (Nor), Montreal; Glenesk, St John; 13th, Fornebo (Nor), Levis; bark Labrador (Nor), Plymouth.

Parrsboro, Nov 13—Ard, stmr Astarte, St John (and cleared for Portland); schrs Pansy, Boston; Lucille, Moose River for Vineyard Haven.

Quebec, Nov. 16—Ard, stmrs Cassandra, Glasgow; Pomeranian, London.

Quebec, Nov. 17—Ard, stmrs Laurentic, Liverpool; Virginian, Liverpool; Gervona, Middlesborough.

Hawkesbury, Nov 13—Ard, tug Astral, towing barges Nos 120 and 121, Cleveland for New York.

Sld Nov 15, stmr Christian Bors (Nor), Sydney.

Hillsboro, NB, Nov 15—Ard, stmr Vitalia (Nor), New York.

Parrsboro, Nov 13—Ard, sctmr Astarte, St John (and cld for Portland); schrs Pansy, Boston; Lucille, Moose River for Vineyard Haven.

Victoria, BC, Nov 15—Ard, stmr Marama, Sydney via Honolulu; 14th, bark General Faidherbe (Fr), Bagoult, London, etc.

Sydney, CB, Nov 12—Ard, stmrs Chr Knudsen (Nor), Montreal; Glenesk, St Johns; 13th, Fornebo (Nor), Levis; bark Labrador (Nor), Plymouth.

Sld Nov 12, stmrs Bonavista, St Johns; 13th, Maashaven (Dutch), River Plate.

Louisburg, Nov 15—Sld, 3 a.m., stmr Sygna (Nor), Olsen, Boston.

Newcastle, NB, Nov 12—Steamed, stmr Ocean (Nor), Philadelphia.

Digby, NS, Nov 12—Ard, bark Calburga, Barbados (loads lumber at Annapolis for South America.)

Sydney, CB, Nov 14—Ard, stmr Sokoto, Montreal for Halifax, Cuba and Mexico.

Steamed 14th, stmrs Chr Knudsen (Nor) Montreal; Cape Breton, Halifax.

Hantsport, NS, Nov 14—Cld, schr Princess of Avon, Boston.

Kingston, Nov 15—Steamed, stmr Amelia, Lawson, Philadelphia.

Liverpool, NS, Nov 14—Cld, schr Percy C, Ship Harbor.

Annapolis, N S, Nov 13—Ard, bark Calburga, MacKenzie, Barbados (to load for Buenos Ayres).

Cheverie, N S, Nov 10—Ard, schr Childe Harold, Sweeney, Calais (and cld for Philadelphia).

Campbellton, N B, Nov 17—Cld, stmr General Consul Pallesen (Dan), Rosario.

Hillsboro, N B, Nov 16—Ard, schr Ann J Trainer, Calais.

Montreal, Nov 17—Ard, stmrs Pomeranian, London and Havre; Manchester Importer, Manchester; Cassandra, Glasgow.

Steamed 17th—Stmr Corsican, Liverpool.

Quebec, Nov 17, 2.30 a m—Ard, stmr Laurentic, Matthias, Liverpool for Montreal (and proceeded at 7.30 a m).

Ard 17th—Stmrs Virginian, Liverpool; Cervona, Middlesbrough.

Victoria, B C, Nov 16—Ard, stmr Canada Maru (Jap), Hori, China and Japan.

Steamed 16th—Stmr Monteagle, Davidson, Japan and China.

Weymouth, N S, Nov 14—In port, schr Evadne, for Sagua, loading (thence to Port Tampa).

Sydney, C B, Nov 14—Ard, stmr Sokoto, Montreal for Halifax, Cuba and Mexico.

Sld Nov. 14—Stmrs Chr Knudson (Nor), Montreal; Cape Breton, Halifax.

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Vancouver, B C, Nov 16—Sld, stmr Monteagle, Yokohama.

Victoria, B C, Nov 15—Ard, stmr Marama, Morrisby, Sydney (N S W), etc.

Quebec, Nov 18—Ard, stmr Montreal, London.

Ard Sunday—Stmr Montcalm, Bristol.

Digby, Nov 12—Ard, bark Calburga, Barbados (loads lumber at Annapolis for South America).

BRITISH PORTS.

Manchester, Nov 14—Ard, stmrs Manchester Mariner, Linton, Philadelphia; 15th, Anselma de Larrinaga, Davis, Galveston.

Liverpool, Nov 15—Steamed, stmr Mechanician, Hunter, Galveston.

Steamed 15th, stmr Dominion, Mendus, Philadelphia via Queenstown.

Ard 15th, stmr Manchester Corporation, Foale, Montreal for Manchester.

Ard 15th, stmr Arabic, Finch, Boston Liverpool, Nov. 16—Sld, stmr Grampian, Halifax.

London, Nov 16—Sld, stmr Kanakha, Halifax and St John.

Queenstown, Nov 17—Ard, stmr Cedric, New York.

Liverpool, Nov 17—Ard, stmr Albania, Montreal.

Malin Head, Nov 17—Passed, stmr Victorian, Montreal.

Brow Head, Nov 17—Passed, stmr Montfort, Montreal; Spiral, Shediac (NB).

Steamed 16th, stmr Kanawha, Kellman, Halifax and St. John.

Bermuda, Nov 13—Ard, stmr Oruro, Bale, Halifax.

Brow Head, Nov 17—Passed, stmr Spiral (Nor), Andevson, Shediac (N B) for —

Liverpool, Nov 19—Ard, stmr Megantic, Montreal.

Sld 19th—Stmr Canada, Portland (Me).

Glasgow, Nov 18—Sld, stmrs Scotian, Halifax; Saturnia, St John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Cutler, Me, Nov 11—Sld, schr Pansy, Boston for St John.

Eastport, Nov 15—Ard, schr Winnie Lawry, New York.

New Bedford, Nov 13—Cld, schr Ravola, St John.

New Haven, Nov 15—Sld, schr Fannie & Fay, bound east.

Portland, Nov 15—Sld, schr Minnie Slausson, New York.

Vineyard Haven, Nov 15—Ard, bark Hector, Bridgewater (NS).

Passed Nov 15, stmr Daphne (Nor), Dorchester.

New York, Nov 16—Ard, stmr Mauretania, Liverpool; St Paul, Southampton; Stephano, Halifax; Daphne, Campbellton.

Norfolk, Va, Nov 16—Ard, stmr Nora, Dorchester (NB).

New York, Nov 16—Sld, schrs Moonlight, Calais; Spartel, Eastport.

Vineyard Haven, Nov 16—Ard, schrs Leonard Parker, New York for St John; Odell, Perth Amboy for Calais (Me).

New Bedford, Mass, Nov 15—Sld, schr Ravola, St John.

Buenos Ayres, Nov 8—Ard, schr Alice May, Davenport Sumner, Weymouth (N S).

Portland, Me, Nov 14—Ard, stmr Appenine, Evans, Chatham (N B).

Boston, Nov 16—Cld, schrs Grace Darling, Moncton; Klondyke, Wolfville (N S).

Sld 15th—Schr Abbie C Stubbs, Bangor.

Gloucester, Mass, Nov 15—Schr Lotus, St John for Boston.

Portsmouth, Nov 15—Returned, schr Romeo, St John for Boston.

Vineyard Haven, Nov 16—Ard, Leonard Parker, Edgewater for St John.

New York, Nov 17—Ard, stmr Celtic, Liverpool. Schrs John R Fell, St George; stmr Edda, Hillsboro.

Rockland, Nov 17—Ard, schr Rebecca M Wells, St John.

New York, Nov 17—Sld, stmrs Dronning Maud, Amherst; Diana, Windsor.

Portland, Me, Nov 16—Cld, schr Appenine, Chatham (N B).

Returned—Schr Cora May, hence for Boston.

Rockland, Me, Nov 17—Ard, schr Rebecca M Wells, St John for New York.

Saunderstown, R. I, Nov 17—Ard, schr Helen G King, Fall River for New York.

Gloucester, Mass, Nov 16—Ard, schrs Union, River Hebert for Salem; Lotus, St John for Boston.

New Bedford, Mass, Nov 15—Sld, schr Ravola, St John.

Norfolk, Va, Nov 16—Ard, stmr Nora, Dorchester (N B).

Vineyard Haven, Nov 16—Ard, schr Wm H Davenport, Guttenburg (N S) for Kittery (Me).

Buenos Ayres, Nov 8—Ard, schr Alice May Davenport, Sumner, Weymouth (N S).

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Nov 19—Ard, schrs Grace Darling, Nova Scotia; Hugh John, Sherbrooke (N S).

New York, Nov 19—Sld, stmr Nanna, Hillsboro (N B); schr Maggie Todd, Calais.

New York, Nov 19—Ard, stmr Philadelphian, Southampton.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

On Nov 14, about 19 miles S, 67 deg W, of Loggerhead, Fla, a raft of logs was sighted.

Stmr Berlin (Ger), reports Oct 26, lat 38 57 N, lon 29 38 W, passed a lowermast projecting about 10 feet out of water, apparently attached to submerged wreckage.—Berlin (Ger str.)

Nov 9—About 10 miles southeast of Baker Island (Me), passed what appeared to be a submerged derelict with broken spar projecting about 12 feet out of water and another spar floating alongside—Br schr Luella.

Stmr Narragansett, from London, passed a large iceberg Nov 12 in lat 46 25, lon 47 06.

Capt Mattson, of stmr El Mar, from New Orleans, reports Nov 12, at 1.20 p m, lat 25 45 N, lon 84 41 W, passed a large piece of wreckage, evidently the side of a schooner, awash; at 2 p m, lat 25 37 N, lon 84 34 W, passed a large piece of deck, with spar standing about 20 feet above water; sides looked to be burned; both pieces of wreckage dangerous to navigation.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Tompkinsville, NY, Nov 15—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that Barnegat Shoal gas, whistling and submarine bell buoy, No. 7B, seacoast of New Jersey, found leaking, has been temporarily withdrawn. It will be replaced about Nov 17 by a gas buoy similar in type and characteristics, but without the submarine bell.

Boston, Nov 14—A gas buoy showing a fixed red light has been established to mark the wreck of schr Lois V Chaples, which foundered last week 1¾ miles W by N from Handerchief Shoal lightship.

Portland, Nov 13—Greenleaf Ledge spar buoy, No 5, in Sheepscott River, was replaced Nov 8, having been found missing.

Notice is given that Barnegat Shoal gas, whistling and submarine bell buoy No 7b, seacoast of New Jersey, found leaking, has been temporarily withdrawn. It will be replaced about Friday morning, Nov. 17, by a gas buoy similar in type and characteristics but without submarine bell.

South Carolina—Cape Romain—Malcom B Seavey wreck buoy, HS, established Oct 31, in 25 feet of water about 100 yards southeasterly of wreck, parts of which are awash at low tide. Cape Romain lighthouse, 272¼ degrees true (W5-16N mag.); Georgetown lighthouse, 339 degrees true (N by W¾W mag).

DISASTERS.

London, Nov 17—Stmr Riverdale, from Hamburg for New Orleans (before reported at Fayal damaged) is making temporary repairs and will proceed tomorrow for destination.

Scmr St Bride, from Hamburg for Norfolk, is reported as having foundered off Shaarhorn.

MARRIAGES

HARRISON-SAUNDERS—In this city, on the 14th inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Allan D. Harrison to Maysie Saunders, both of Rothesay.

DEATHS

STONE—In this city, on the 15th inst., Mary, wife of Thomas Stone, leaving her husband, one daughter and three sons to mourn.

O'CONNOR—In this city, on the 16th inst., Ellen, widow of Philip O'Connor, leaving one brother to mourn.

NODDIN—Suddenly, at Moncton on Nov. 16th, Michael Noddin, aged 75 years, leaving six sons to mourn their loss.

SAGE—In this city, on the 17th inst., at the residence of her son, E. L. Sage, 21 Golding street, Mrs. Richard Sage, of Harvey Bank, Albert county, in the 78th year of her age, leaving one son and one daughter to mourn.

THE FATE OF CRYSTAL PALACE

Whether It Will Be Sold, the Question

Financial History Has Been Full of Disaster — A London Landmark Ever Since 1861—The Grounds and Buildings on a Vast Scale.

London, Nov. 11—The Crystal Palace, long a London landmark, will be put up for auction Nov. 29, unless one of the many plans for its preservation is carried into effect. It may be saved, however.

The arrangement for ending the career of the Crystal Palace progressed so far that notice of the sale has been given. The auctioneers, Howard Frank of Knight, Frank & Rutley, and John Roy Lancaster of Horne & Co., have issued a preliminary catalogue of the immense building, with its contents, and if nothing happens to prevent it the sale will take place at the Estate offices, in Hanover square.

The Crystal Palace will not be lost to the public without a struggle. The lord mayor convened a meeting at the Mansion House, on Oct. 23, of "all bodies and persons interested in the acquisition of the palace and its grounds for the use of the public forever."

The building and grounds, if they are sold, are to be offered in one lot as a going concern, and probably represent one of the biggest single items that ever came under any auctioneer's hammer. The freehold estate comprises a little over 200 acres, and includes the famous gardens and grounds laid out by Sir Joseph Paxton, with the fountains and waterfalls, the cricket and football grounds, where the final cup ties have been played for so many years; tennis courts and bowling greens, the lower lake of nearly six acres, with its collection of prehistoric animals, and some 5,000 feet of valuable frontages.

In a foreword to the catalogue the auctioneers point out that "the palace has ever been true to the aims of its founders in preserving the "high moral and educational tone" enjoined upon them in their charter. It is perhaps the only, or at least the most conspicuous, instance of a private company which has attained to the dignity and importance of a public and national institution. During its existence no less than 100,000,000 visitors have passed its turnstiles. Having thus, by its fifty-seven years of beneficent activity, directly ministered to the highest interests—intellectual, moral and social—of the British nation, it would be in the nature of a public calamity if this radiating centre of instruction, enlightenment and entertainment were not somehow or other preserved to the nation."

Several schemes to save the palace have been put forward. The most popular at the moment is perhaps Lord Tenterden's scheme to acquire it as a national memorial to King Edward. Five million dollars is required, and several thousand pounds have already been offered.

The meeting Oct. 23, which was attended by representatives of both Houses of parliament, county councils, metropolitan boroughs and other local authorities, and which brightened the chances of saving the palace, passed unanimously the following resolution:

"That we place on record our opinion that the Crystal Palace and its grounds of 200 acres should be acquired for dedication to the use of the public forever, in order that the building which formed the great International Exhibition of 1851 may be preserved and continued for national and imperial purposes.

"That the gentlemen who have undertaken to provide the necessary deposit and those who will be responsible for the purchase of the Palace, its grounds, contents, and all properties belonging to the Crystal Palace Company and any privileges connected therewith, on the best terms possible, be thanked for their spirited action and assured of this meeting's pledge to use every effort to relieve them of their obligation.

"That these gentlemen (with power to add to their number) shall form a committee to ask the lord mayor to make a public appeal from the Mansion House for the necessary funds and also to consider and report at an adjourned meeting of this conference on the most practicable scheme for the future management and control of the Crystal Palace."

The lord mayor, who presided, stated that they had already received promises amounting in round figures to $35,000 from men who were prepared, not to buy an option for the purchase of the palace, but to enter into a definite contract for its purchase.

"They not only subscribed," he added, "but undertook a certain liability to provide the balance within a suitable time. Before I feel at liberty to make any public appeal for funds, however, I must be assured that the necessary deposit for the purchase of the palace is forthcoming. It is hoped to bring the present $35,000 up to $100,000, which would be a suitable deposit for the purchase.

"We are advised that if we apply on behalf of the public, representing only public interests, to the official charged by the court with the custody of the property, and submit suitable names of those who would not only pay a deposit but be responsible for the balance, that official would feel justified in applying to the court for sanction to deal with the matter privately before the auction day.

"Assuming success up to that point, we should then be in a position to appeal to the various authorities on the terms on which we had already acquired the palace for the definite sum of money, and that nothing could happen to increase the price for intermediate profits or otherwise.

"The delegates could go before their various authorities on the basis that there was so much money involved—say $1,500,000—and urge them to contribute towards that definite sum.

It is strongly felt in some quarters that before the public are likely to subscribe the necessary amount a definite plan for the future of the palace must be agreed upon. Several such plans have already been framed, and are being summarized in a document for discussion. There is, for instance, the King Edward National Memorial scheme of a committee headed by Lord Tenterden, under which the palace would be utilized somewhat on the familiar lines, with national and imperial or international exhibitions, and a charge would be made for admission. Under another scheme admission would be free except for thirty special days in the year; the educational work, now represented by schools of engineering, art and music, would be developed, for instance, by establishing a place of training for colonial life; and a large part of the building would be devoted to a museum of patents equalling in interest and extent that of the United States capital. Another scheme lays equal stress on the need of developing the original idea, which was largely educational, and would also make the palace a "Home of Empire," where the progress of civilization in all British countries would be constantly illustrated.

The building comprises a central hall, or nave, 1,000 feet long, with ample transepts and lateral sections. The assembly room accommodates 4,000 persons, and includes a great organ, played every afternoon. There are also a concert hall and theatre, and various galleries containing the permanent exhibitions—casts of notable works of architecture and sculpture, reproductions of the dwellings of the ancients, busts of eminent men of all nations, natural history and ethnological tableaux. From the towers the view extends into eight counties, and from the terrace all visitors will recall the sight of the park and of a characteristic stretch of Kentish scenery. The park, consisting of 200 acres, is adorned with magnificent fountains, and is as well a playground, with its swings ,its maze, its water carnival pond, its open-air gymnasium, its topsy-turvy and switchback railways. On Thursday and Saturday evenings a display of fireworks takes place and attracts thousands of visitors. The cricket, football, and polo matches attract other thousands; the famous London County Cricket Club has its home at the Crystal Palace.

There are in the palace: Police stations, shops of all kinds, fire stations, restaurants of the widest variety, electric light stations, moving staircase, hairdressing establishments, wig-makers, theatres, both "legitimate" and variety ,including one in the open air; many concert halls, gymnasium, swimming bath, school of physical culture, complete club, with ladies' boudoir, cardroom, etc.; royal receptionrooms, coal stores, studios, schools of arts and crafts ,mineral water factory, and libraries.

There are even streets long enough to give a man a walk of a mile or more without seeing the same thing twice. Outside one can find, besides the village of houses on the estate, a farm, polo pony stables, football and cricket grounds, cycle track, bowling-greens, lakes with islands, waterfalls, boating sheds, and even extinct animals modelled as if they were prowling around.

At the opening ceremony in 1854 the late Queen Victoria said: 'It is my earnest wish and hope that the bright anticipations which have been formed as to the future destiny of the Crystal Palace may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, be completely realized, and that this wonderful structure, and the treasures of art and knowledge which it contains, may long continue to elevate and interest as well as to delight and amuse the minds of all classes of people."

Since then 80,000,000 people have paid for entrance, and the palace has been the scene of brilliant State functions, probably unparalleled in the record of any other place of public resort in the world.

Amid a storm of criticism, the Prince Consort and his advisers raised the central building in Hyde Park for the great exhibition of 1851. It was said that the first strong gale would blow it down; that the heat of the sun, focused through the countless glass panes, would grill to death all who stayed inside it.

"Just at present," wrote the Prince Consort, "I am more dead than alive from overwork. The opponents of the exhibition work with might and main to throw all the old women into panic and to drive myself crazy. The strangers, they give out, are certain to commence a thorough revolution here, to murder Victoria and myself, and to proclaim the Red Republic in England. The plague is certain to ensue from the confluence of such vast multitudes, and to swallow up those whom the increased price of everything has not already swept away.

'For all this I am to be responsible, and against all this I have to make efficient provision."

But the exhibition was a success. "During the twenty-three weeks of its duration it attracted as many as 6,170,000 vistors, averaging about 42,000 a day—the largest number on any one day being 109,700—which was the first time in the history of the world that so many human beings had been assembled under one roof."

In 1862 the company could be said to have reached the high water mark of prosperity, the gross takings amounting to $725,000. The issued capital was then altogether $7,486,410, while the expenditure on capital account was $7,214,540. Unfortunately, in December, 1866, a very disastrous fire occurred entirely destroying the north end of the building and the transept. All efforts made for re-erection failed, and in 1868 the position was that no dividend was paid upon the ordinary shares. In 1869 a committee of shareholders issued a circular in which they stated that the building and the works of art had deteriorated, and they recommended the appointment of a permanent committee to advise upon all matters connected with the company, but that proposal was defeated. For the year 1899 they had to face a loss of $30,000. The receipts were $50,000 less than they were in 1862 and the expenses, which in that years were $425,000, had risen in 1899 to $700,000. In 1902, 1903 and 1904 they continued to show a declining net revenue, it having fallen in the three years from $100,000 to $90,000.

It was obvious that from the start the Crystal Palace Company had had troublous times. The cost of the re-erection of the building, and the completion of the waterworks and grounds, including the additional land which they acquired, was nearly ten times greater than the promoters of the company anticipated in the prospectus, the sum of $750,000, which they mentioned in the prospectus, having grown to $7,500,000, which had been spent upon the property in one way or another. Then there was the disastrous fire of 1866, the great storm which blew down a portion of the building and rendered other parts unsafe so that they had to be pulled down, and there were three landslips. Another adverse feature was that they had litigation with one of their refreshment contractors which cost the company some $225,000, while owing to the frauds of a clerk in 1857, they lost another $140,000. Not since 1866 had a definite period of prosperity been recorded.

MUCH LITIGATION IN RESTIGOUCHE

Two St. John Men Figure Among the Many Cases—Verdict Against Robt. Crawford.

Campbellton, N. B., Nov. 17—(Special)—The November term of the Restigouche county court was held this week at Dalhousie and Campbellton, Judge McLatchy on the bench. There were no criminal cases on the docket and only one case, that of J. & D. A. Harquail, Ltd., vs. C. A. Roy, tried before a jury. The action arose for the recovery of a balance of money due on a contract. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs for $100. W. A. Trueman appeared for the plaintiffs, and A. T. LeBlanc for the defendant.

The other cases heard by the judge in chambers at Campbellton were: Shives Lumber Co., Ltd., vs. Robert Crawford, an action taken on a promissory note. Verdict for the plaintiff by default. A. E. G. McKenzie appeared for the plaintiff, and McInerney & Trueman for the defendant.

Record Company, of Moncton, vs. A. E. L. Slieger. Case adjourned. A. T. LeBlanc for the plaintiff, and William Murray for defendant.

George McArthur vs. E. Sullivan, an action for extras on a contract. The case was continued. A. T. LeBlanc for the plaintiff, A. E. G. McKenzie for the defendant.

The case of D. A. Stewart vs. Frank Woodworth, an action for goods sold and delivered, was continued. A. E. G. McKenzie for the plaintiff, A. T. LeBlanc for the defendant.

BRITISH PROTEST AGAINST NE TEMERE

Big Demonstration in London Presided Over by Lord Kinnaird.

London, Nov. 16—A big meeting held Wednesday night condemned the publication of the ne temere decree.

Lord Kinnaird said such a decree from an alien power which claimed universal right over many matters must be resisted. J. H. Campbell, M. P., said not only had the decree been felt here, but also had become a grave scandal in Canada, where matters were becoming so acute that Protestant Canadians were determined to stamp it out.

"There is a deliberate conspiracy to put this insolent, arrogant decree all over the world," he said. "Did anyone imagine that Gladstone or Salisbury would have stood the decree for five minutes?"

Commenting on the meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury writes:

"Any branch of the Church of Christ must clearly have power to define the conditions of its membership, but in my opinion it must be regretted that by the promulgation of this decree, even more by the language which appears to have been sometimes used to secure obedience to it, the Roman Church should introduce confusion into domestic life and give rise to unnecessary and disquieting doubts."

WILL CARRY OUT LIBERALS