

POOR DOCUMENT

LOCAL NEWS.

CHIMNEY REPAIRING.—The chimney of the Morrison mill is being repaired.

DRAMATIC.—Kate Claxton performs in the City Hall here for one night some time in August.

CHANGES OF HOUR.—On and after May 1st, the city schools will open at 9 o'clock, instead of 8.30 as at present.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Gilbert Murdoch, Jr. of the city of St. John, has been appointed deputy surveyor of Crown lands, taking a first class deputation.

EXAMINATION FINISHED.—The examination of Mr. Frederick Black, of Stanley, a probationer for the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist Conference, was finished Friday.

HORSES SOLD.—Mr. Charles E. Smith, the lumberman, has sold his pair of large horses, weighing 1450 and 1400 pounds respectively, to a Boston dealer. They go to Boston next week.

NEW LANDING.—A. G. Beckwith, Esq., of the Department of Public Works, has completed plans for a new steamboat landing at Comoxia, Sanitary County, which will be built near the lighthouse there.

POLICE COURT.—In the City Police Court Friday, before Police Magistrate Marsh, Frederick King, arrested on a warrant for breaking the windows in Lizzie Robinson's house on King Street a short time ago, was fined \$8.50 and \$1.50 costs.

EXCURSION TO ST. JOHN.—Byron's 71st Battalion Band is to have an excursion to St. John on the 24th of May. The Queen's birthday will be quite a gala day in St. John. An excursion also comes up from St. Stephen over the Grand Southern.

A RED HOT GRIT.—The Moncton Times says: "Several numbers of the Fredericton daily Herald have been received. It is about the size of the Daily Times and is well filled with news, and a red-hot grit."

NEW STORE.—Mr. W. P. O'Brien, who represents the Williams Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company, of Montreal, has taken the store on Queen street recently vacated by A. Lottimer and is fitting it up for the purposes of the agency here.

THE LAST HORSE OVER.—Michael Ryan's pony was the last horse to cross on the ice. He came over from Gibson the 26th. The shore ice on this side was too frail for him and the load he was to carry back had to be taken out to the wagon. He reached the other shore safely.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of the unfortunate William Thompson, who died on Wednesday last from injuries received by falling down stairs the night before, took place Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the late residence, Morrison's Mill. The remains were interred in Forest Hill Cemetery.

NOT THE FIRST.—The Capital in its first issue printed by steam power, said that it was the first paper on the St. John river printed by steam, and the error has gone abroad. This is not so. The first issue has been printed by steam for over thirty years. It is just as much a newspaper as the Capital.

TAKES HOME.—Mr. Willis, of Douglas, a painter, who has been in the employ of Eben Miller, carriage maker, has been ill with fever for a fortnight. It was thought desirable to take him home and he was drawn across the river to Gibson on a hand sled. A good deal of difficulty was experienced in making a safe approach to the ice for him.

I O G T ELECTORS.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing term at a meeting of Albion Lodge on Tuesday evening, 25th:—Hewitt Garman, W. C. T.; Mrs. J. D. Todd, W. V. T.; Miss A. Leonard, W. S. T.; Mrs. J. D. Todd, F. S. T.; G. W. Schleyer, W. T. T.; M. A. Adams, Chaplain; F. J. McCalland, W. H. W. Doherty, I. G. Doherty, O. G. H. H. Pitts, P. W. C. T.

AGENCY.—Mr. L. W. Johnston, of Messrs. Johnson & Co., Fredericton, has arranged with Mr. W. H. Fowler, Marsh Bridge, and Mr. E. A. Tapley, Indian town, St. John, to sell their lines of agricultural implements. Mr. Johnston has been inspecting the firm's agencies along the lines of the Intercolonial Railway, and returned home on Wednesday evening of last week.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Charles Orr, of this city, who recently went to Winnipeg, has returned to the North West Mounted Police for five years.

Mr. D. Fiske and S. Rosborough, graduates of the University of New Brunswick, who have been at the Theological Hall, Halifax, have returned home. Mr. Fiske has been at the Hall one year and Mr. Rosborough two.

UNDERGROUND CROSSINGS.—While the Englishmen are agitated about the channel tunnel, Monctonians are not less agitated concerning their underground street crossings. They are so far under ground that the pedestrians cannot find them. It has been proposed that a shaft be sunk, and a tunnel cut out until terra firma has been reached.

Moncton Times. This same thing is agitating the people of Fredericton somewhat.

WHAT WESTBROOK SAYS.—The Sackville Transcript has the following:—"Our County gets some credit in Fredericton. An exchange says: 'Mr. Hanington has a powerful voice.' Let us be thankful!" And then this: "A Fredericton man had a tree fall on him, got smashed up in a railway collision, was struck by lightning twice and heard the whole of one of Hanington's speeches, but didn't die till he took his office away from him."

STRAWBERRIES.—Mr. Geo. H. Davis had on exhibition in the window of his drug store, on the corner of Queen and Regent streets, Thursday, a fine strawberry plant growing in a pot, with two beautiful clusters of ripe berries hanging from it. It is quite acrid at this time of year, and besides attracting much attention and exciting comment, made the mouths of many water in anticipation of the strawberry season yet to come. It was raised by Mr. Chas. Godkin, under glass, at his place on the Old Road.

HELMETS FOR FIREFMEN.—At the meeting of the Alexandra Fire Engine Company on Thursday evening last the Captain was instructed to ascertain the cost of providing hats for the company. Suitable hats such as will afford sufficient protection for the head, are certainly needed by the city firemen. It is a matter that the City Council would do well to consider. Even if the Council can not see their way clear to purchase the helmets, they can at least do something towards helping to secure them.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—The Woodstock Fire Company is making arrangements for a big time on the 24th of May. There will be a calisthumpian parade and the firemen will turn out. There will be plenty of music and fireworks, and the Woodstock Field Battery will fire a royal salute at noon. Why could not the fire companies at Fredericton get up something of the like cheerful nature, with the co-operation of the citizens? The turnout in St. John last year was made a grand success through a little good management and care.

MR. EVERETT'S RETURN.—A letter has been received from Mr. Z. R. Everett, dated at Fiji, February 22nd. He expects to leave for home about the middle of May, and will arrive here about the middle of July. He will probably come by way of England. His absence, which has been much longer than was expected, the hardware business has been carried on by Mr. A. S. Mott and Mr. C. S. Everett, in a manner which speaks volumes for their business ability. Trade is good, and the stock on hand large and well assorted.

CANADIAN STUDENTS AT EDINBURGH.—The Canadian students in Edinburgh have organized a Student's Club, offered by the following gentlemen: Hon. President, A. D. Webster, M. D., formerly of Kentville, but now in good practice there; President, Louis H. Jordan, secretary and treasurer, W. B. Jack, of New Brunswick, son of the President of the University of New Brunswick; general committee, Messrs. Bennett and McLennan, of St. John; P. S. Pickard, of Fredericton, and Smith, of Toronto, together with others above named.—Telegraph.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE CAPTAIN RAINBORN.—The funeral of the late Captain Chas. Rainborn took place Wednesday 23rd afternoon from his late residence, Kingsclear, to the Springhill Church where a funeral service was held by the Rev. Geo. Low, during which the choir sang the 39th psalm. The Rev. Mr. Low also held the service at the grave. There was a very large attendance both from the city and parish of Kingsclear. The following gentlemen were pall bearers:—Capt. Powys, Messrs. James Campbell, John C. Murray and Frederick Clements, John C. Murray and Capt. Hammond.

THE RIPARIAN RIGHTS OF THE PROVINCE.—A despatch received Friday in this city by Mr. J. Henry Phair, states that the Supreme Court of Canada has sustained the fisheries judgment of Mr. Justice Gwynne, the effect of which is that the fisheries belong to the Province. The facts of the case are that C. A. Robertson, of St. John, sued the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for damages for giving him a lease the Dominion Government had no right to make. Mr. Justice Gwynne decided in favor of Mr. Robertson, but some points were reserved for the consideration of the full bench, which was accepted and John Brown assigned in his place. Capt. Hawthorn was instructed to ascertain the cost of purchasing helmets for the company and to report on the same at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

DONATION IN LIVERPOOL.—By Elwin Garvey having moved from Lincoln where he has resided for a great many years, his friends showed their regard for him by a donation on Tuesday evening (18th inst.) when they met to the number of about forty at the residence of D. D. Glasie, Esq. A good report had been provided to which the reverend recipient made a very affecting and appropriate reply. It was an enjoyable occasion, and must have been particularly gratifying to Mr. Garvey, who has removed to Fredericton Junction.

The Provincial Synod.—Speaking of the meeting of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, which met in Montreal on Thursday last for the purpose of filling the vacant missionary bishopric of Algoma, the Toronto Globe of the 25th inst. has the following:—"It is said that there will be opposition offered to the Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton (Dr. Kingston) taking a seat in the House of Bishops. The Evangelical Churchman, speaking of this question, says:—"The constitution, as it now stands, may perhaps be ready to cover the case and give him a seat, but it was evidently not intended to give double representation to any diocese, and we do not imagine that a bishop of all men would take advantage of an ambiguity in the wording of the constitution to claim a privilege which was never intended to be conferred." The first paragraph of the constitution of the Synod which bears upon the question is as follows:—"The Provincial Synod shall consist of the Bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland, having seen within the Province of Canada, or exercising by due authority the Episcopal office as assistant or missionary bishops therein, and of delegates chosen from the clergy and from the laity."

Another City Council Fiasco

The City Council had another little fiasco Thursday evening when special meeting of the Board was called on request of Alderman Atherton, Simmons and Thomas, to reconsider a resolution passed at the last regular meeting in reference to a Tax Collector, and for the purpose of fixing salaries and appointing officers for the ensuing year. At 7.30 there were present in the City Clerk's Room, Aids, Simmons, Thomas, Atherton, McPherson and Farrell, and shortly afterward Ald. Hall came strolling in, smoking an after tea pipe. A few minutes was spent in talk, and then the City Clerk, City Marshall and Aids, McPherson and Farrell moved into the Council Chamber, and took up their respective seats. They were followed by Chief Engineer Lipsett, City Auditor Murray and two reporters. The time was killed by free and easy handiwork between those inside and outside the rail which hedges in the Aldermen very much after the fashion of the divinity that doth hedge a king, or is popularly supposed to.

Ald. Farrell (settling himself comfortably in his chair)—"I say, John, tell us something about the meeting."

Ald. McPherson—"I thought you wanted to know something about my honesty." (Laughter.)

Chief Engineer—"This is something like old time, when I was before my time."

City Clerk—"Do you remember that, Andy?"

Chief Engineer—"Oh yes; they used to stand on the corner."

City Clerk—"That was before my time."

Chief Engineer—"They didn't have a meeting for four months once."

City Clerk—"Well, they only paid bills every three or four months then, and it did not make much difference."

Ald. McPherson—"City Marshall, put which now came in duty and fee. His experience was that in wooten cotton goods had been increased by the tariff, and that agricultural implements were not higher in price than they were ten years ago, but the machinery was not nearly so substantial or durable as formerly. He gave it as his opinion that the United States was the true market for the raw agricultural products. The tariff interrupted this trade by making exchange difficult and limiting return freights. The manufacturers under the N. P. had increased the home market for the raw agricultural products. There was to his knowledge a large emigration going on, principally from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In his locality real estate had declined during the last decade about 25 per cent on an average."

At this juncture Ald. Simmons, Atherton, Thomas and Hall came in and took their seats and Ald. McPherson saluted them thus:

"Well, boys, you didn't make another Alderman while you were out there, did you?"

Ald. Simmons—"I am sorry to say we did not."

General conversation ensued, in which there was a call for "John" to give an "oration," and when the City Hall clock began to ring, Ald. Thomas jumped to his feet and began moving out.

Chorus of voices—"Don't go, Charlie."

A voice—"Hang on, Charlie, I have something to say to you."

Ald. Simmons—"Wait until the clock's done striking, Charlie."

Ald. Thomas—"Meet me in the Committee room."

When the clock finished striking the room was cleared, and there was no meeting, for His Worship the Mayor was not present and a quorum consists of six Aldermen with His Worship in the chair.

The meeting, it would seem to be understood, was called to work something up for the department of Aid. Atherton for his new home in Woodstock, and the other Aldermen stopped away so it couldn't be worked. It is rumored, however, that Aid. Atherton will stay and see it through if it takes all summer.

Extraordinary Ice Freshet

Under this head the Royal Gazette of April 13, 1881, has the following interesting account of the flooding of the City of Fredericton:—"The breaking up of the ice on our river has this year attended with a circumstance productive of much inconvenience, and during some hours the water was so high that it was a serious injury. On Saturday the river was seen flowing with a smooth and comparatively even current, until between five and six o'clock when it was perceived that the surface of icy fragments had become stationary. The progress being obstructed by projecting points of the banks three miles below the city. The tide then began to rise, and the water overflowed, and in the course of the night several families in the lower part of the town were obliged to quit their houses and taking refuge on the higher ground. 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