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THE STEAMER CUMBERLAND. An Associated Press yesterday afternoon from Boston that the steamer Cumberland, which left there Monday morning for Portland, Me., and St. John, was compelled to return because of a collision with the United Fruit Company's steamer Admiral Farragut, below Boston light.

The St. Croix will make the Cumberland's return trip from St. John on Wednesday, stopping only at Eastport. One of the other big boats, probably the Penobscot, will be assigned to the Cumberland's route while she is undergoing repairs.

It will be five or six weeks before the Cumberland can be ready for service. Surveys will be made on both steamers, and a board of inquiry will determine the responsibility for the accident.

The loss to the Eastern Steamship Company, including repairs, loss of revenue and other expenses, will approach \$100,000. The Farragut will require several thousand dollars for repairs.

The St. Croix's sailing from St. John this evening at 6:30 is cancelled, and she will sail for Eastport, Lubec and Boeaton at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning (omitting Portland), thus covering both trips.

DEATHS. MARSHALL—At Halifax, July 6, Caroline, widow of the late James Marshall, aged 80 years, leaving two daughters.

WILSON—At Sarnatian Hotel, Halifax, July 7, John Wilson.

PAYNE—At 57 Market street, Halifax, July 7, William Payne, aged 66 years, leaving three daughters and one son.

TOBIN—At Halifax, July 7, John Tobin, aged 47 years, leaving a wife, niece and nephew.

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NOT QUITE CORRECT.

The Freeman on Saturday devoted about a third of a page to an article entitled, The Passing of the Catholic Out of Civic Politics.

It may be suggested that the Freeman's remarks would be more weighty if more accurate. For example, there are fifteen not seventeen aldermen. The list of port-wardens given is that of last year. This year Captain P. Ferguson, a Catholic, replaces Ald. Stackhouse. The inspector of buildings is M. W. Maher, a Catholic.

With reference to the office of harbor inspector the board decided not to make any appointment at all. In the matter of the collection of rents, it was found on enquiry that during the last year or so the arrears increased and the board made an order for the issue of distress warrants against all who were in arrears over one year. This fact explains the increase in collections.

These are all matters of record, available for the use of the Freeman or any other paper. The admonition, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead," may fairly be commended to our contemporary.

The whole question of Catholic representation in civic, provincial and federal politics and patronage is one which the Star believes should not be raised. Rightly or wrongly, it has been the current belief for many years past that the majority of the electors of that faith in this city were supporters of the liberal party, as part of a traditional policy, and that the comparatively few who espoused liberal-conservative principles were looked at askance by their fellows. Such a policy could not be other than unwise.

The question of a man's faith ought not to enter into politics at all. There was a time in this province when others than members of the Church of England had but little chance of becoming judges, or holding other high offices. It is not so today, and the change causes no complaint from the members of that church. They do not as a body support one party or the other. Neither do the members of any other of the Protestant churches.

There should be no "Catholic" or "Protestant" vote in ordinary politics. The leaders in a church could not do their people a greater service in a political sense than to have the feeling removed that the collective vote of the members was a thing to be counted for or against. To insist that this or that party must choose this or that candidate because of his religious faith, or elevate a man to office or dismiss him from office for the same reason is to pursue a very unwise course. To be continually wanting something on grounds of religious faith is to create prejudice, and give rise, perhaps unfairly, but none the less surely, to a feeling that "they want everything." Remove the whole question of sectarianism from the realm of politics and the questions of representation and patronage will right themselves. In the ordinary politics of this country there should be no Catholic and no Protestant vote, as such. If a religious question arises, then the people must be expected to stand to their convictions, but in all other matters such an issue has no proper place and can only produce unsatisfactory results. It is thought that a provincial election will be held next fall. The Freeman says:

We sound the note of warning to our co-religionists in every constituency all over the province to pay early attention to the formation of both government and opposition tickets. See that you have fair representation and insist that no narrow-minded illiberal individual be put on either ticket. Attend the meetings, have due representation in the nominating convention and assert yourselves. Ask no favors, demand your rights.

This is a distinct call to Catholics to make the religious question paramount. What distinctive rights have members of any church, that they should go to a political convention asking representation because they belong to that church? The counsel of the Freeman, so far as it urges the people to pay early attention to the forming of tickets is a good one, for that is a very important matter; but what relation is there between a voter's religion and the question whether the present government is careful, economical and progressive in its administration of the affairs of the province? Obviously there is none. Let the Freeman urge its readers to go to the conventions, not as members of a particular church, but as citizens who want good government, whether the majority of the administrators are adherents of one church or another. Then it will be doing them and the public at large good service.

ABOUT TITLES. The feeling which permits a man to accept a title or decoration for eminent services to his country is never ridiculous. If he declines the honor, he is acting within his right, but is no more worthy of applause than the man who accepts. There is, indeed, sometimes a pride of humility more offensive than any pride of birth or station or achievement. The unctuous individual who possesses and parades it is never able to realize how ridiculous he appears.

The comments that have been made upon the alleged fact that certain Canadian statesmen have declined imperial honors are productive of some amusement, if nothing more. If for example, a gentleman, upon occasion, decks himself out in more or less fantastic regalia, and graciously permits the other members of a society to address him as the Most Potent and Puissant, Serene, Eminent and Worshipful Sir Knight High Cockalorum of the Universe, or some such title, there is apt to be at least a subdued titter when he gravely applauds Mr. Fielding or any other man for rejecting the title of plain "Sir William" or "Sir John," conferred upon him by the king with the approval of the government.

CITY COUNCIL. Ald. Seaton Appointed Collector of Rents—Other Business Transacted.

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon, and a long session it proved. Mayor White presided, and all the members were present except Ald. Robinson. The greater part of the afternoon was occupied in the discussion of the reports of the various boards.

It was decided to give Chief of Police Clark authority to appoint four additional policemen to do duty during the summer months. James Seaton, one of the aldermen-at-large, was appointed collector of land rentals in place of P. Gleeson, deceased. Ald. Maxwell was chosen to the chairmanship of the safety board, in succession to Ald. Seaton.

The council decided to expropriate 33-10 acres of land at Silver Falls, owned by W. J. Knox, and required for water purposes. \$5,000 of debentures for the new library site will be issued.

John R. Armstrong was appointed auditor between the city and Walter G. Abell in regard to the alleged damage to the latter's property in Lawrence through water system improvements.

L. G. Crosby was granted a lease of three sections of the shed on Water street at \$50 per section. A number of minor recommendations of catch basins and works were passed by the board in relation to the erection of a band stand on Market or King Squares, but nothing was decided.

\$500 was appropriated from the sewerage maintenance fund for the placing of Chief Clark was given power to appoint four special officers for the summer months; full pay was refused of officers who had been off duty through sickness; the North End station will be repaired and fire alarm bells will be placed in number of firemen's houses.

When the recommendation for the appointment of Ald. Seaton to the collectorship of rents came up Ald. Maxwell moved its adoption. Ald. McGoldrick moved the amendment of the section by the striking out of Mr. Seaton's name and the insertion of the name of John F. Gleeson.

This was seconded by Ald. Bullock. The vote was taken, when it was found that only Alderman McGoldrick, Bullock, Hamm and Tufts favored the amendment. The appointment of Ald. Seaton was then made.

Ald. Seaton at once tendered his resignation as a member of the council, and it was accepted.

Ald. Seaton then retired from the council chamber. The order of business having been suspended Ald. Maxwell was elected chairman of the safety board in place of the retiring chairman.

The water board reported that no fault had been found with the handling of the fire in the Burke building. They made a number of suggestions concerning improvements in the fire apparatus which were adopted.

H. J. Olive was re-appointed a member of the school board. A number of communications were referred to the different boards. The annual report of the library was ordered to be printed.

TRANSVAAL SCHOOLS.

LONDON, July 7.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Times says: Speaking at a conference of teachers in the government schools in the new South African colonies, Mr. Sargant, the director of education, said that the colored children had as much right as the children of other taxpayers to access to the government schools, and the government recognized that it was its duty to provide schools for them.

Mr. Sargant added that it was impossible to disregard the social usages of generations, and, therefore, in spite of the extra expenditure involved, separate schools, just as well equipped as those for the whites, would be provided for the colored children.

BOERS REFUTE SLANDERS.

(London Times Johannesburg correspondent.) It is interesting to notice how completely the Boers repudiate the aspersions cast on the British soldiers by the Continental press. In a conversation which I had recently with a number of surrendered Boers, they showed me a picture from a German paper representing British soldiers firing on some Boers from behind a number of Boer women. The Boers were indignant, and condemned in the strongest terms what they designated "disgraceful lies."

WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. At the opening of the afternoon's session the King's Daughters had charge, and reports of their work were read.

Mrs. C. E. Macmichael presided. Mrs. Coad read the report of the Ontario branch of the order. The report of the dominion secretary, Miss Brown of Toronto, of the order of the King's Daughters was read by Mrs. Macmichael. She reported that it was organized in 1886 in Canada, and the report embodied work done all over Canada. Those provinces holding annual conventions show the greatest advance in membership and finances.

The order is everywhere awakening to the fact that united effort to bring before it the necessity of deeper spiritual life, individually and collectively. Lines of work undertaken are practical, helpful and philanthropic. It is a matter of great regret that the financial standing is not stronger. Still the finances are fairly satisfactory, and the brief reports from the different provinces show that good work is done.

Miss Helen Barker, New Brunswick provincial secretary, reported that there were 347 members of the King's Daughters in the province. The St. John Guild had a number of active circles, which look after the different phases of the Guild's work. Frederickson has three circles. The order was rather surprised last year to find that \$3,000 had been raised by the circles during the last three years. The finances can be summed up, but no adequate statement can be made of the results of the spiritual work.

Mrs. Willoughby-Cumming spoke briefly of the work in Ontario, with special reference to Toronto. Mrs. Macmichael, referring to the work in St. John, gave a short account of its history and development. It has grown some very useful organizations, such as the Associated Charities, night schools for boys and men, and cooking classes. Finally the Guild building was purchased, and it has proved of great importance, especially to young women coming from the country.

Miss Hanington then read the official report of the St. John order. The King's Daughters' meeting was then adjourned.

Lady Tilley presided at the meeting of the Women's Art Association, which convened immediately after the close of the King's Daughters' session, and she introduced Miss M. Barry Smith, who spoke on art and the aims and objects of the association. This body has its headquarters in Toronto, and its branches have been formed in Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, Winnipeg, St. Thomas, Montreal, London and St. John. These branches are closely connected with the head society, and art knowledge is disseminated by lectures and the like, and now the work of art is being recognized in the old world. The academies, however, do not make artists; it often trammels genius by certain fixed rules. Art can only begin with the liberty of the artist.

The Women's Art Association proposes to obtain through the council a school on the teaching of drawing in the public schools.

Mrs. Nicholson-Cutter of the Conservatory School of Literature and Expression, Toronto, spoke on the subject of Domestic Art as taught in that school. She is a fluent and pleasing speaker, and she made her subject very entertaining to her audience. She showed how each lesson, no matter how simple, was based on principles which held everywhere.

Miss Maehar of Kingston gave a brief sketch of the work done by the branch of the association in that city. This was the first occasion that Miss Maehar, whose prose and verse are well known through the dominion, has addressed the council at any length, and her reception was all that could be desired.

Miss Eglough of Montreal reported for the Montreal branch and referred especially to the art exhibition held in that city two years ago, and the centre which has been established there for the sale of the handwork of the foreign element of the population. She pleaded strongly for the establishment of loan exhibitions.

Mrs. Turnbull reported for the London branch. She believed that there was an opening for a large amount of improvement in the teaching of art in the schools, yet she did not think it should receive wholesale condemnation. The London branch has now two members on the directors of the western fair, and by this means it is hoped that the art exhibition there will be much improved.

Miss Weston reported briefly for the Hamilton branch. Mrs. MacNaughton of Montreal made a plea for the development of a Canadian national art. She earnestly commended the report of Mme. Dandurand to the consideration of all the members of the council.

The meeting then adjourned. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. J. V. Ellis was at home to the delegates, members of the council and others. She received in a handsome gown of dark gray poplin with Brussels point lace and dark velvet. Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Dover and Miss Leavitt assisted her. The reception room was handsomely decorated, the mantels were banked with ox-eye daisies and white lupins and the chandeliers were twined with smilax. A dainty luncheon was served in the dining room and the tables were decorated with pink and white sweet peas. Lieut. Governor Snowball and many other guests were present.

EVENING SESSION. Last evening's public meeting in the York Theatre was the most largely attended of any of the sessions of the council. Lieut. Governor Snowball, in Windsor uniform, presided. The subject of the evening was manual training and domestic science, and the speakers delivered splendid addresses in a manner that was warmly appreciated by the audience. There were on the platform besides members of the council Lieut. Governor Snowball, Major Hart, Robert Thomson, Judge Ritchie, Rev. John deSoyres, H. D. McLeod, Ald. T. H. Bullock, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., Dr. Bayard, Dr. Bridges, Dr. Inch.

The lieutenant-governor welcomed the ladies to the province and introduced Prof. Kidner, of Nova Scotia, who spoke on the subject of manual training, giving an outline of the work done in such schools, and telling of the steps that have been taken for their introduction in these provinces. Nova Scotia has now eleven schools, and progress in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island is expected.

Mrs. Hoodless delivered a very interesting address on Domestic Science, and told of what is being done in Ontario and Nova Scotia in that line of work. Dr. Inch spoke briefly on the subjects of manual training and domestic science, and Rev. John de Soyres followed with a witty address. On motion of Senator Ellis and Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., a vote of thanks was tendered the speakers of the evening.

WHEAT CHEAPER THAN FEED. An Extraordinary Condition of the Market. An almost unique condition obtains in the feed market just now, a condition that prevails to greater or less extent all over the continent. The low price of wheat, and the relatively high price of feed, especially shorts, places the latter at something like \$2.50 per ton higher than the former. In Montreal, sales have been made of No. 1 wheat to feed cattle because it is cheaper, ton for ton, than the offal. Such a state of things has been known before in isolated cases, and due to purely local causes, but that it should prevail over a wide area of Canada and the United States, is absolutely unprecedented. Our quotation for shorts on the local market yesterday should have been \$23, and not \$22 per ton, as stated. And it is almost impossible to get it at that price. When they do get hold of a little, dealers only let it go as a favor to special customers.

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VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES. This evening will be given over to the Victorian Order of Nurses. A large attendance is expected, as Dr. Worcester of Waltham and Miss Scott of New York, formerly of New Brunswick, will speak. The work of this order in St. John has been done quietly, yet a large amount has been done. Two nurses are now employed and they make on an average about two hundred visits a month. This evening's session will take the form of a conversation, and light refreshments will be served.

RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL PARK. A special meeting of the trustees of Riverview Memorial Park was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Baizley, Douglas avenue. All the members were present. After the transaction of the regular routine business the matter of the purchasing of the monument was considered. It was finally decided to purchase the figure for the monument from a Connecticut firm, the same to be of white metal, or as it is better known as white bronze. To increase the funds a Saturday afternoon excursion up river was proposed and will probably be carried out.

KITCHENER'S FAREWELL. PRETORIA, July 7.—Lord Kitchener's valedictory to the troops, dated June 25, after extolling the conduct of the British soldiers in the face of great hardships and difficulties and against dangerous and elusive antagonists, commends the kindly and humane spirit displayed in all ranks and concludes as follows: "This message would be incomplete were no reference made to the soldierly qualities displayed throughout the campaign by our quondam enemies and the admirable spirit displayed in carrying out the surrender. Many of those who contended until the end have expressed the hope that they may have in the future an opportunity to serve side by side with His Majesty's forces."

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