

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1905.

SENATOR WARK FELICITATED ON HIS 101ST BIRTHDAY

Veteran Legislator Hale and Hearty

Speaker of Senate Wires That
Body's Greetings to Its
Fellow Member—Canada's
G. O. M. Still Full of Work
—May Go to Ottawa After
Easter if Upper House is
in Session.

Fredericton, Feb. 19.—(Special)—Hon. David Wark, member of the Canadian senate, and the world's oldest parliamentarian today celebrated the hundred and first anniversary of his birth.

A number of leading citizens called at his residence during the afternoon and paid their respects to him. He shook hands cordially and seemed pleased at the attention shown him.

The veteran senator is in receipt of many letters and telegrams of congratulation, the list including the following:

"Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Hon. David Wark, Senator, Fredericton. Senate has by unanimous resolution requested me to convey to you its hearty congratulations on this day, the one hundred and first anniversary of your birth, and its fervent hope that you may long enjoy health, strength and happiness."
(Signed) "H. D. BARNARD, Speaker."

"Hon. David Wark, Fredericton (N. B.). Wishing you continuance of good health and happy days."
(Signed) "JOHN V. ELLIS."

"Hon. David Wark, Fredericton: The civic board of St. Stephen sends congratulations on your hundred and first birthday and wish you every happiness and many returns."
(Signed) "A. I. TREB, Mayor."

The Conservative members for New Brunswick sent the following telegram to Senator Wark:

New Brunswick Conservative members of parliament heartily congratulate you on your 101st birthday, and hope to see you here this session. (Sgd.) Wilcox, Ganong, Fowler, Daniel, Stratton, Crockett.

Senator Wark's numerous friends throughout Canada will be delighted to know that he continues to enjoy good health and intellectual vigor. He rises regularly at 9 o'clock each morning and retires at 9 p. m. He is able to move about unaided and eats his three meals a day. He has not been out of the house this winter, being afraid to expose himself to the cold weather but he does not allow the time to hang heavily on his hands. He reads the newspapers regularly, and personally attends to his correspondence which is by no means light.

The senator is his own barber and shaves himself twice a week and makes a good job of it too. Up to a year ago he used an ordinary razor but he was induced to abandon it for a safety, which he now uses.

It is doubtful if the senator will journey to Ottawa to take his seat. Last year he went to the capital after Easter adjournment and possibly he may follow the same plan this year if the session is prolonged. Up to the present time he has not allowed the matter to trouble him very much.

The numerous friends and admirers of the worthy centenarian will join in the wish that he may continue to enjoy health and happiness for many years to come.

WHEN SICKNESS COMES.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Should be Used to Bring Back Health.

Sickness comes sooner or later in the life of everyone. Many who for years have enjoyed the best of health are suddenly seized with some one of the numerous ailments. Most of the ills result from an impoverished condition of the blood; thus if the blood is weak, the body is weak.

A report reached the city yesterday that a P. R. employee named Harris, who had been working near the water tank at McAdam Junction Monday morning, was struck and killed by a train.

The unfortunate man, who was about sixty years of age, is said to have tried to get out of the way of the approaching train, but slipped and fell in front of the engine. He lived only a few minutes after being struck.

Thomas Danick's horse and sled which have been employed in the snow removing work in North End went over the May Queen wharf, Indiantown, Saturday afternoon and there was some excitement for a time. A man named Murphy was the driver. He had backed the team to the wharf and the sled went too far.

Mounting the ice-capped edge of the wharf it slid over and landed horse along too into the water. The shaft broke and the horse managed to get clear. Men in a boat towed the animal to the end of the slip and all was well again.

The young son of Rev. Dr. T. F. Fotheringham greatly alarmed the household Sunday by an attempt to swallow a small can open into his mouth. The youngster is the possessor of a key used to remove the top from a tin of prepared beef; innocent of the child thrust the steel key into his mouth and a few moments later he was discovered, nearly choking. Members of the household quickly attended to the child and managed to remove the key.

The Pleasant Point ferry, Elish Ross, broke the tail shaft while in mid stream Sunday. The danger was at once averted. The ferry was taken across in small boats and the ferry boat was towed into Indiantown by the tug James Holy. The Ross will be taken through the falls today for repair and while she is off the route, which will not be for more than a couple of days, row boats will convey people across.

Rev. John deSoyres' Will. The will of the late Rev. John deSoyres was admitted to probate Monday and letters testamentary granted to George C. Coster, Arthur W. Adams and Herbert C. Tilley, the executors. The estate is valued at \$6,310, and goes to the wife and family of the deceased.



LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

Newman's Brook bridge, which collapsed a few days ago, has been jacked up and is now as level as when originally built.

Frederick Adams, of Golden Grove, will be a candidate for councillor for the parish of Simonds in the election which will take place April 18.

The British & Foreign Bible Society will hold its annual meeting in St. Andrew's church March 2. Rev. Principal Shaw, of Montreal, will address the meeting.

A couple of foxes made a nocturnal visit to the city recently. They reached Main street by way of the Shamrock grounds, slipped past Douglas avenue corner, and disappeared down Purdy's alley.

Andrew Bisset, of Carleton, will be a candidate for civic honors in Guy ward in opposition to Ald. Tilley. He was in the council some years ago.

It was fifteen degrees below zero at Redbank Sunday morning. In the city, the thermometer showed four to six and seven below. The lowest official reading was three below.

A correspondent writes: The friends of Rev. S. J. Perry on the Shannon, Wickham and Bellisle pastorate, of which he is pastor, presented him a fur lined coat. Much credit is due James McCrea for bringing this about.

Thomas Steers, of Main street, Fairville, assistant roadmaster of the C. P. R., had his left hand caught in the flange of a snow plough at McAdam on Sunday, and the back of his hand was badly lacerated. It was bound up as well as circumstances permitted and on Mr. Steers' return home yesterday the wound was dressed by Dr. Macfarland.

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ARTILLERY IN SHAM BATTLE AT SUSSEX

Officers at Annual Meeting Decide to Ask Authority

They, Also, Vote Down the Busby in Favor of the Helmet—Authority to Be Asked for Wearing the New Forage Cap.

The 3rd Regiment Canadian Artillery will probably participate in the sham battle at the yearly encampment of district troops in Sussex next summer. At the annual meeting of the regiment officers Saturday evening, at the residence of the commanding officer, Lt.-Col. Walter W. White, it was decided to request the department authority to proceed to the camp and take part in the manoeuvres.

The prospect of making the trip is not unpopular with the officers, and it is safe to assert that all ranks will give acclaim to such a fascinating outlook.

It is expected that the prospective struggle will occur Saturday, July 1, in which event the regiment would leave here the previous evening, steer a course into the danger zone, plunge into the conflict, and return Sunday evening, the two days to count as part of the drill season.

There was a full attendance of officers at the meeting, and reports submitted were very satisfactory. The financial standing of the battalion is particularly good. Committees were formed as follows:

Regimental—Major Baxter, Capt. Armstrong, Capt. Robinson.

Band—Major Crawford, Capt. Barker, Lieut. Smith.

Audit—Capt. Harrison, Lieut. Fowler.

Col. White said the new establishment of officers, called for an addition of eight, but there are only two vacancies now. Five applications have been received.

No matter of uniform was brought up and discussed at length. It was decided to do away with the busby, and adopt the helmet. The regiment, seeing that it had no direct authority to adopt the busby is in opposition to Ald. Tilley. He was in the council some years ago.

The officers were requested to have their uniforms as much up to date as possible by procuring new patterns. It is expected that within a few weeks there will be a meeting, when mess and full dress uniforms will be discussed fully.

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WHEN HUGH MCCORMICK WAS WORLD'S CHAMPION

Old-time Skater Talks of His Fastest Mile in Victoria Rink

HE MADE IT IN 2:58

Thinks Men of That Time Were Good as the Flyers of the Present—Norval Braun's 10-Hour Race With Whelpley—McCormick's Contest With Laidlaw.

Referring to the present speed skating contests, the old time champion, Hugh J. McCormick talked interestingly of former contests a few days ago.

"The best time I ever made in the Victoria rink was in the first mile of my five mile race with Dowd, the Montreal skater," said McCormick. "We started from opposite sides of the rink and in the first few laps Dowd gained nearly a quarter of a lap on me. He was a wonder on the start. I never skated so hard in my life and made the pace so hot that I was on even terms with him again on the eleventh lap. Had Dowd caught me as he intended, I do not know what the result would have been, but we completed the first mile in 2:58."

"I have always thought that the time I made in the Victoria rink was better than the record of 2:54 made by Donohue later. My time was made in a race and was the first mile of five miles. He skated the posts were low and it was possible to keep as close as six inches. It makes a great difference to be able to fall in behind a fast pace maker every lap."

"The men of today are great speeders, but, taking all things into account, I do not think they are any better than the old skaters."

Breen Should Defeat Laidlaw. Speaking of Laidlaw's wish to meet Breen McCormick said he thought that the New Brunswicker would beat him. "I know Laidlaw well," said McCormick, "and beat him the first time I went to Norway early in the season, and I thought there was no occasion to train much. There is where I missed it. Laidlaw was in fine shape, had done road work and early training on the lakes and he outlasted me. I was thirty-nine years of age then and Laidlaw, I think, was twenty-seven. After two miles and a half he passed and beat me, giving me a nice send off to go to Norway with. Then Hagen beat me there."

A Ten-hour Contest. McCormick laughed at being caught out of condition, and then spoke of the time Norval Braun skated for ten hours with Whelpley. "It was the first time Braun was ever on a circular rink," said Hughie, "and after he was at it for a short time he became dizzy and I like to be at it for half an hour. When he went on again he was behind six miles. But he went at it like a Trojan and with this long time he was a real wonder. He was looking after my neighbor—much longer he came from there—and I will say this for him, he ate like a horse, took all I gave him and was as fresh as a daisy at the ninth hour. Whelpley was about tired out and Braun gained two miles in the last hour. At that time thirteen laps counted a mile in the rink, and the contest was large cheered. Braun again and again as he passed Whelpley. He must have passed him thirty-five times in that hour and he got a tremendous send off when he left the ice. Whelpley won, but McCormick added with a smile, 'I don't think he would have done so well if he had been as fit as I was. McCormick's stories of his many races, related in his graphic way, would fill many a column. He still retains a keen interest in ice skating and more earnestly solicited his own letters as he likes to be at it again; but, to use his own words, 'I'm too old.'"

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ST. JOHN MAN AT A JAP PLAY IN HONOLULU

H. N. Dearborn Writes of the Quaint Scenes in Brown Men's Theatre

SCENERY LUDICROUS

Big Slab of Wood for a Ticket—One Man Reads the Lines and Actors and Actresses Depict the Emotions Described—Play Lasts a Week.

(By H. N. Dearborn, formerly of St. John.) Honolulu, Feb. 2.—Did you ever attend a Japanese play in a real Japanese theatre, in a town which, if not wholly, is mostly Japanese? No? Then the following description may be of interest to you. But before going further I will give the estimated population of the Hawaiian Islands:

Japanese.....61,100
Hawaiian.....36,000
Chinese.....25,775
Hawaiian (mixed).....18,100
White.....13,000

As will be seen the Japanese are very prominent here, and numbers—and not far from the centre of Honolulu one can well imagine oneself in little Japan.

Dropping into a Japanese restaurant one evening, I obtained the information where the theatre was, and that a play was now on, admittance 25c. Seeking that end of town which is distinctly Japan I soon found the theatre and a paper lantern, a crane, banners, and gorgeous show-bills of impossible monsters.

I was late! The show commenced at 7 o'clock, and now it was nearly eight, but not so late as it was to last until 11:30, and this was but one act—or one part—of the series which takes a week to complete. I tendered my quarter to the man at the door who pointed to a small wicket, and signified I was to buy my ticket there.

At my request for a ticket "the man behind grasped a stick of wood about ten inches long, four wide, and one inch thick; and on seeing this small club emerging through the opening I jumped back in some alarm—thinking I was about to be hand-bagged. As no violence was offered me I again approached the window (with some caution this time) and discovered that this stick was the thing for which I had paid 25c. The Japanese characters on it proved the "open sesame" which let me through the door.

Suppose a man wished to take his wife and family, and perhaps a few friends, to the theatre, if a thoughtful man he would engage seats ahead. Imagine, if you can, the bundle of kindling wood he would have to carry along to gain admittance.

Well, once inside I devoted most of my attention to the comedy—no, I believe it was a tragedy—but a short description of the theatre itself may be of interest first. The stage was horse-shoe shaped, the sides extending well past the centre of the pit. From these sides entrances the actors sometimes made their debut, or big office with its tentacles on almost every town and hamlet in the country.

Perhaps a telegraph office with as much noise in its wires as a steam locomotive, and also a small stage place for a girl to fall in love. But there were already several girls in the office who had on their heads gentlemen friends they had never seen. The result of such intimacies.

Miss L's fate spoke to her over the wire from Woodstock. Just what was the message she even forgot to tell me. She even she has probably forgotten; and it may have been weeks before she was able to distinguish the click of the sounder from the clatter of the typewriter. There were lulls in the day's work when with fifty machines rattling about her in that big room she had time just to gossip over the wire. She was "clerk" when as yet she had not seen Mr. C.

Photographs were exchanged. This was before October last. Last October, Mr. C. came to Toronto. In the office of the G. N. W. he was formally introduced to the young lady who for six months he had known over