

LOCAL NEWS.

THE ROADS.—Owing to the frequent snow storms the roads have been in a bad state all the week, and hauling has been extremely difficult.

DEMOING THE RIVER.—It is understood that the important subject of the dredging of the river between Oranouto and this city will come up for discussion at the board of trade.

HUNTING ALONG.—The firm of D. W. Hoegg of this city intend to go into the canning business on a large scale this year, and their agents are now giving quotations for the wholesale trade.

DISTRICT LODGE MEETING.—The quarterly meeting of York district no 5 of the I. O. G. T. takes place at Millville on Thursday next, when delegates from this city and surrounding districts will attend.

THE NEW WHARF.—This new addition to the wharfage of the city is a fine structure and reflects great credit on the corporation. It is 1000 feet in length, solidly built, and cost just \$2,050.10 to construct.

GLEE CLUB.—The university men have organized in capital glee club in connection with their other amusements. The selections are well chosen, comprise modern and ancient glee, and are fairly well rendered.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS.—Frank Culbertson, Norris Whitney and Frank Burpee, all Woodstock boys, pressed 600 tons of hay in one week for G. R. Ketchum, M. P. P. When this is beaten they are ready to try again.

SAVINGS BANK ITEM.—Upon the recommendation of the Finance minister the government has decided to raise the amount which may be deposited in the savings bank in any one year to \$10,000, which has heretofore been \$500.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—On Thursday next the annual meeting of the bible society will be held in the temperance hall, under the patronage of his honor the lieutenant governor. A literary and musical program has been organized for this occasion.

THROWN FROM THE SLED.—Frank Hamilton while driving around the city with W. H. Vanwar's delivery, on Monday last was thrown from the sled, but managed to hold on to the reins. He was dragged along the ground and badly bruised and shaken up.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—Golden Globe division of the Sons of T. at middle Southampton will hold a public entertainment in their hall on the evening of the 21st inst. An entertainment of songs, recitations, and tableaux takes place this Saturday evening in the agricultural hall at Kingsclear.

THE DEFALTERS' LIST.—A determined effort is now being made to enforce payment, by the committee appointed to enquire into the best system of collecting the city taxes. Most of the prominent defalters have been interviewed, and detective Roberts is making a house to house canvass. A large number have responded to the call.

FOLK LORE.—Dr. Hyde's lecture on Tuesday evening in the old Kirk was interesting, amusing and instructive. The doctor dealt at considerable length with the legendary lore of our ancestors illustrating his theme with piquant anecdotes, and displaying a complete mastery of his subject. Prof. Duff will be the next lecturer.

IN A TRANCE.—It is reported that a young lady attending one of the educational establishments in this town was for nearly two days in a state of coma, and the case was a puzzling one. The last case of this kind was a normal school student hailing from Montserrat, but this time the disease has made its appearance right in our midst. Next.

WOMEN'S AID ASSOCIATION.—A branch of the women's aid association has been formed at Marysville, with Mrs. Bishop Medley as president; Mrs. Love, vice president; Mrs. Ernest Tapley, treasurer; and Miss Moorehouse, secretary. It is reported that Alex. Gibson, Esq., will donate a piece of land at Marysville upon which a suitable church hall will be erected.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HOUSE.—The canopy for the speaker's chair which was placed into position Wednesday is a very fine specimen of work. It is composed of mahogany, a coat of arms ornaments the front, and curtains will embellish the backs and sides. An elegant mahogany chair has also been added. The canopy is the work of Ross and McPherson of Sussex.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—C. F. Medbury, of Toronto, electrical expert, representing the celebrated firm of Thompson, Houston & Co., of Lynn, Mass., met the electric light committee of the city council on Monday last, when several matters were gone into referring to the lighting of the city. The committee will confer with other leading firms before reporting upon the matter.

THE CITY HALL.—Arrangements are to be made whereby a series of performances will be given by first class concert and theatrical companies in this city. The running of the city hall on the circuit plan is occupying the attention of the committee. This plan if carried out, with the co-operation of the sister cities in the province, will always bring first class talent to Fredericton, and thus secure good patronage.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The Methodist Sabbath school will mark the occasion of their anniversary by a special service Sunday morning, when the Rev. Mr. Dobson will occupy the pulpit. The children will give selections of music, and in the afternoon some interesting exercises will be given. The Rev. Mr. Shenton will preach in the evening to teachers and parents on the practical utility of the Sabbath school.

A FROLICHER TRIP.—Two young men of the city observing a horse and sleigh standing near the Barker house on the highway, went there for a drive up Queen street without the permission of the owner. As if this were not enough they abandoned the whole business on reaching Regent street, and left the animal reaching home the best way it could. A chase nearly no damage resulted and except a few reinforcements the would-be jokers got off scot free.

EXTRACTION.—There will be an auction sale of extra fine and valuable furniture at Miss Tipton's residence, corner of Queen and Westmorland streets on Thursday morning, Feb. 19th, consisting of parlor, dining and bedroom sets in walnut and ash; handsome parlor chandelier and mirror, silverware, carpets, etc. This is an extra chance to buy first class furniture, for it is in perfect order and guaranteed to be clean. See posters. H. G. C. Wetmore, auctioneer.

W. C. T. U.—The proposed anniversary entertainment has been postponed, owing to the numerous public engagements of the lady members. Mrs. A. F. Hamilton in her recent report upon the work for raffish and lumbermen laid stress upon the necessity of a lay worker or minister visiting the camps and holding services. The result was the appointment of Ernest Sutcliffe of Halifax, whose labors for one month resulted in 87 men taking the temperance pledge, beside the conversion of a great many.

BASE BALL ON THE ICE.—There never was such a merry time as that witnessed by a Herald reporter a few days ago on the ice above the highway bridge. A company of the R. S. I. Corps had a friendly game of base ball with the band, and as the men played with snow shoes on their feet, the escapades and tumbles were remarkable. The glorious uncertainties of base ball were prominent during the play, men got to their bases under remarkable odds, and players rolled and tumbled over one another continually. It was a merry farce. The score was in favor of the company 17 to 3.

A SNOW SHOE TRAMP.

A brisk walk of twenty two miles on business.

"Talking about snow shoeing," remarked a west end grocery clerk to the Herald man a few days ago. "I will remember the month of March '80. Snow storms had been very frequent of late and the roads were almost impassable. Business had been full for some time, and in some parts of the country the people had been completely isolated from the city."

"Well, there were certain papers to be signed one particular morning during the month I am speaking of, and the party I was doing business with lived some eleven miles from Kingsclear. It was important the papers should be signed, and brought back to town the same day, so I—in company with a friend started out on snow shoes for a tramp up-river."

"I was along pretty comfortable as far as Springhill, but after leaving that locality, there was scarcely any track to be seen without speaking of. Nothing but snow, snow, snow. However, my friend and I reached the gentleman's house, got the papers signed, and after partaking of dinner, started back for the city."

"How long did the twenty two miles take you?"

"Just exactly 6 hours, not including the hour's rest at the Kingsclear house."

"That was good travelling."

The Margyville Carnival.

The second carnival of the season took place at the Margyville rink on Friday evening. There was a large attendance, and parties of gaily costumed skaters glided merrily over the ice to the music of the band.

The rink was prettily illuminated with colored lights. The costumes and impersonations that were most admired were the horse and plough, the baby in cradle and the Indian chief. B. Phair as an Indian and the picture of the aboriginal fashioning canoe from a log was most original. A great many thought he should have obtained first prize. The cigar girl, imperial federation, and other very pretty ideas cleverly carried out by the ladies. The following are the awards of the judges Messrs. C. W. Beckwith, S. Owen and A. Heron:

Gentlemen—1st prize for most original figure, horse and plough, W. Richardson, 2nd, most original, baby in cradle, A. M. E. K. jr.; 3rd, Indian war chief, A. L. F. Vanwart.

Ladies—1st prize for most original figure, cigar girl, Mrs. Dr. Torres; 2nd, most original, imperial federation, Miss Pinder; 3rd, handsomest costume, liberty, Miss Pinder.

The carnival was a pronounced success and a good time was participated in by all present.

Honoring Fredericton Boys.

The Boston Herald of the 7th inst., in referring to a complimentary dinner given to the heads of departmentary by R. A. Atkinson & Co., of Boston, the well known furnishing firm, describes the banquet as one of the happiest events in the history of the house. Prizes were awarded to the two salesmen who, during the year just closed, had made the largest amount of sales, and both honors were taken by Fredericton boys. The first prize, consisting of an elegant gold hunting case watch, with a chain and medal of honor attached was presented to Charles H. Davies of this city. The second prize a handsome ring, was taken by the late Mr. Barron Atherton of this city. The gifts were doubly valuable because carried with it the engraved endorsement of the firm of the recipients' excellence and their ability as salesmen. The many friends of Messrs. Davies and Atherton will read of this with pleasure as reflecting honor in the city with which they were connected.

Old Students.

In the university monthly the whereabouts of a number of old boys are thus chronicled:

P. E. Cliff, '84 is Principal of Newton Academy.

E. S. Barker, '80 is engaged in religious work in Manitoba.

R. M. Raymond, '77 is a Mining Engineer at Nohart, Montana.

F. L. Christie, '80 is studying Pharmacy in Boston.

Rev. C. H. Hatheway, '87, recently rector at Cambridge, has removed to Anahy where he holds the position of Canon.

Rev. E. B. Hooper, '81 is rector of Weldford Kings Co.

T. H. Hickson, '80 has given up teaching and has gone to Philadelphia to study theology.

Services Last Sunday.

At St. Mary's episcopal church, bishop Kingston administered the rite of confirmation to 25 persons at the evening service.

The Rev. W. F. C. Hartley, of Colgate university, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church at the morning service, and gave an interesting discourse relative to missionary work.

Evangelist Whittier, a speaker of much power and earnestness, occupied the pulpit in the evening. Six persons were baptized.

The Rev. W. McDonald, of Hampton, preached at St. Paul's church, and his impressive sermons were much admired.

At the F. C. Baptist church, the Rev. F. C. Hartley, pastor, administered the rite of baptism to seven persons. Special Lenten services were held in the churches this week.

Characteristics.

Two up river farmers met on Phoenix square early Wednesday morning, and one of them in the course of conversation stated he was entirely in favor of unrestricted reciprocity, and gave his views in a blunt but sensible way.

"But where will you get your revenue from?" said his companion suspiciously.

"Blow the revenue," retorted the other. "Its unrestricted reciprocity we want. We don't want any revenue, that'll take care of itself." The other man shook his head, but the farmer pointing to the mouth of unpaid production the market, added argument, until the other gave in and declared he was right.

Besom and Steno.

On Tuesday an interesting game was played at the curling rink by members over and under 30 years of age, for the silver pitcher presented by the Wizard curling club. The elder players won by 21 points, and the pitcher went to J. S. Neill. The score stood as follows:

SEVEN OVER 33. S. Neill, 33. A. H. Randolph, 12. J. D. McPherson, 12. R. S. Barker, 7. J. S. Neill, 17. J. Pittblado, 0. R. Ingles, 18. G. W. Hoegg, 8. J. B. Grieves, 10. Total 55.

On Tuesday the 24th inst, four skips of the club will play the St. Andrews team at St. John.

The Fredericton Market.

The business done during the week has been exceeding the items of hay and wood which continue to fetch good prices. We quote: Pork, 6 to 6 1/2 cts; beef, 3 to 5 cts; mutton, 4 to 5 cts; lamb, 6 to 7 cts; veal, 5 cts; hams, 12 cts; sausages, 10 cts; butter, 16 to 19 cts; cheese, 16 cts; lard, 13 to 15 cts; turkeys, 12 to 13 cts; chickens, per pair 20 to 50 cts; ducks, 50 to 70 cts pair; geese, 75 to 80 cts; eggs, per doz: 23 to 25 cts; potatoes, \$1.75; turnips, 50 cts; carrots, 60 cts; hay \$7 to \$10; straw \$3 to \$5.50; oats, per bush 52 cts; cordwood green, \$8.00; dry, \$5.50 to \$4; socks and mitts, 20 cts per pair.

A SNAKE UP.—About eight this (Saturday) morning as William Thompson, of this city was driving from the station, his horse took fright and ran for some distance out Westmorland street and down King, where it was controlled. Just before reaching the yard, it bolted again and ran into the yard, and the pig coming in contact with the gate post was severely damaged. Mr. Thompson was pitched out, but beyond a slight shaking was unhurt.

YORK CONVENTION.

The Liberal Party Meet and Nominate Their Candidate.

An important meeting of the liberal party took place this morning in the temperance hall. There was good attendance and many delegates from the country were present. E. H. Allen was unanimously voted to the chair, and A. Heron was made secretary.

George F. Gregory in defining the principles of the liberal party in this and other constituencies moved that it be:

Resolved, As the opinion of this convention that unrestricted free trade between Canada and the United States in the products and manufactures of the two countries would be eminently conducive to the prosperity of the people of Canada as a whole and of this province and county in particular.

C. H. Lugin said the principal cry of the conservatives was that the liberal party were annexationists, and that the policy of unrestricted reciprocity urged by the liberals was detrimental to the interests of Great Britain. He therefore suggested that the words "and not prejudicial to British interests," be added to the resolution.

This was agreed to and the following motion moved by Geo. F. Gregory, seconded by C. H. Lugin and carried:

Resolved, As the opinion of this convention that unrestricted free trade between Canada and the United States in the products and manufactures of the two countries, commonly called "unrestricted reciprocity" would be eminently conducive to the prosperity of the people of Canada as a whole and of this province and county in particular and not prejudicial to British interests.

It was also moved and seconded and carried that:

Whereas, The yowled and accepted issue in the present political contest is not party leaders, it is the desirability or undesirability of obtaining unrestricted reciprocity between Canada and the United States, and the policy of the liberal party as formulated by its leaders is in favor of unrestricted reciprocity or as near thereto as can be accomplished; Therefore

Resolved, That this convention heartily accepts and endorses the action of its leaders, and sincerely desires the success of the party in the present election.

M. S. Hall then moved that it is desirable that a candidate should be nominated on the basis of the policy of the liberal party as defined by the aforesaid resolutions, and that a committee consisting of two from each ward of the city, and two from each parish of the county be appointed to nominate a candidate to contest the seat at the approaching election, and that said committee report to the meeting at 2.30 p. m. Seconded by J. H. Barry and carried.

The nominating committee was then chosen. A complimentary nomination having been tendered to G. F. Gregory, who declined it in a speech in which he promised to stand by the nominee of the convention.

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EX-GOVERNOR WILMOT.

Death of a Distinguished New Brunswick—His Career.

On Tuesday morning it was reported that ex-governor Wilmot of Belmont was seriously unwell with a relapse of his old complaint, paralysis. Dr. Bridges, of Oranouto, was sent for and the gravest consequences were feared.

On Thursday morning intelligence was received in this city to the effect that ex-governor Wilmot had passed away at 11.30 a. m. The news of his death with regret all over the city, but was not altogether unexpected by his friends who had been informed of his low condition from time to time.

Robert Duncan Wilmot was born in this city in 1830, and was ten years in his 2nd year. He was the son of John W. Wilmot who represented St. John county in the local legislature for many years, and his grandfather was captain Lemuel Wilmot of the local American regiment. His mother was the daughter of the late Samuel Wiggins, a St. John merchant. In 1833, deceased was married to Miss Mowatt of St. Andrews.

Ex-governor Wilmot held many important offices during his lifetime. He was a member of the New Brunswick executive council and held the offices of surveyor general and provincial secretary, and for one year acted as mayor of St. John. He was a director of the Quebec and New Brunswick railway company, a delegate to the confederate council of trade at Quebec in 1870, and the colonial conference at the union of British North America colonies held in London in 1860-67. From 1845 to 1861 he sat in the local legislature as representative for St. John city and also for St. John county. His career was distinguished and as speaker in the senate he filled that office with remarkable impartiality and care.

In 1880 he attained to the position of lieutenant governor of the province. In this position he faithfully served his country until the 11th November 1885, when he was succeeded by Sir Leonard Tilley. In 1881 Hon. Mr. Wilmot left St. John to reside in a farm known as a farm known as Belmont, owned by his grandfather and father, and on the expiration of his term of office in this city, he again selected Belmont as his home.

Recent Deaths.

Mrs. James Farrell died of a lingering illness on Monday last. Deceased had been a patient sufferer for some time.

On Thursday morning Patrick Hurley, one of the oldest residents of the city, departed this life. He was well known and respected.

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THE TRACK AND STABLE.

Items of Interest Concerning the Local Fryers.

There will be a series of interesting races at St. John on the Marsh road this Saturday afternoon. The following horses are entered. Stables, owned by Fred Watson; Joe Moulton owned by E. J. Jewett; D. Gibson's pacer; Maud; Mose owned by D. W. McCormick; J. M. Johnson's Lady Sim; Geo. Carwell's Speculation, and John Moore and C. H. Ames' pacers.

S. H. McKee, Jun. and J. McConnell were announced to appear in St. John with Dot, but it appears that those gentlemen have not been seen in that city. The announcement was a mistake.

The postponed races of last week will take place this Saturday afternoon on the ice track, weather permitting.

An exchange says that W. F. Todd's stock at St. John is wintering well at the Oak Point stock farm. Keboe is out occasionally and shows extreme speed. We expect to hear something interesting of them during the coming season, and especially from the Mambrino Russell three old, which is large, handsome, and very fast.

Social Events.

Star Council will pay a visit to the new lodge at Oranouto on Wednesday next, when a good time is expected by all.

A sleighing party of thirty young people drove up to Kingsclear on Tuesday evening for a quiet dinner and oyster supper at the residence of H. Wheeler. A most enjoyable time was participated in by all.

The ladies members of Rosemore Orange lodge St. Mary's entertained the young men with a bonneting at Kingsclear on Monday night. In compliment thereof the ladies will be similarly treated on Monday next.

The Maryville Sandwich club still continues in favor, and the items of music and sandwiches form an attraction which few resist. The meeting this week was held at the residence of the Misses Ramsay.

There was a happy gathering of the Baptists at Kingsclear on Monday evening, when the pastor the Rev. Mr. Knight was presented with a purse of \$82 by his parishioners, and a number of useful domestic requisites.

A large sleighing party went for a surprise visit to C. Campbell's at St. Marys on Monday evening. About 20 couples attended, music, games, and dancing kept all busy to a late hour, and all declare they spent a most enjoyable time.

A driving party from Marysville came into the city on Wednesday evening, and after doing the rounds of the principal streets, partook of an oyster supper at the Dunphy hotel. Games, music, and proverbs kept all merry until 11 o'clock, when the happy party departed for the regions of the lumber king.

The conversation at the university last Monday was attended by nearly four hundred guests. The interior of the college was bright with evergreen, colored silk, and bunting, and over the arch of the hall was the inscription U. N. B. '91. The band of the Infantry school discoursed sweet music, and dancing continued until a late hour.

We regret to state that George Perks, brother to John Perks, market clerk, died Saturday morning at half past ten o'clock. His funeral will take place at ten o'clock Monday morning.

On Monday Miss Barbara Yerxa, sister to Ludlow Yerxa of this city, died. Deceased was a daughter of the late Michael Yerxa, and was a consistent member of the Free Baptist church. The remains were interred at Keswick, the Rev. Mr. Downey conducting the funeral services.

On Monday it was known that Miss Jane Moore, sister of city treasurer, had expired that morning at her residence, St. John street. Deceased was for some years principal of the Madras school here, and the tidings of her death were received with heart-felt grief by her many pupils and former pupils. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and many friends