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FREDERICTON AND VICINITY.

Record of Current Events About Town.

John Glendenning of Marysville Found Drowned.

Why the Nackawick Trial Did Not Come Off.

An Edmundston Merchant Skips.

A merchant of Edmundston left between two days last week leaving lots of mourning creditors. The land-lady had a sign on the shop window next day marked "skipped."

At Burtt's Corner.

The Union Lodge, of I. O. G. T., is progressing finely at Burtt's Corner. There has been twenty-one additions in three nights The lodge is over one hundred strong, "and still they come."

In Hymen's Fetters.

Mr. Al. Gaynor, well known in Fredericton, was married a few days ago to Mrs. Tom, daughter of Sam. Stevens of Fort Kent. May joy and happiness be theirs is the wish of a large circle of friends here.

A Lumberman's Monthly Expenses.

Our Edmundston correspondent tells us that Mr. Robert Connors, who, as noted the other day, has at present about three hundred men in the woods, pays expenses amounting on an average to about $10,000 per month during a season's operations.

An Expensive Blockade.

The Temiscouata railway is still blockaded, and from present prospects it is likely to be for some weeks yet. In their efforts to lift the blockade the company have broken two of their own plows, another belonging to the I. C. R., and have also smashed a new engine very badly. The blockade has already cost over $1,200.

Hill & Berry's Factory Running.

Messrs. Hill & Berry's factory at Pokiok has been running for about two weeks, under the management of Mr. Hill, and most of the old employes are again at work. Mr. Hill has taken the contract to supply the extract works with barrels, which keeps several of the hands steadily employed.

Entertainment in Church Hall.

The social entertainment given in the church hall on Tuesday evening by the young ladies of the Mission Band, was largely attended. The fancy tables, served by the young ladies in beautiful Japanese costumes, were a great attraction. The musical programme was much enjoyed. Mr. A. G. Beckwith presided.

Leg Broken.

While returning to his home shortly after 10 o'clock, Tuesday evening, Mr. Jer. O'Brien slipped on the ice and fell on Charlotte Street in front of Mr. D. R. Forgan's residence, breaking his right leg between the ankle and the knee. He was conveyed to his home by some of the neighbors. Medical aid was at once called and the fractured limb set.

Rum at Edmundston.

This comes from Edmundston:—"The St. John traveller who supplies us with the 'ardent,' has again been up on his regular trip. He reports business a little slack, only sold 2 carloads here.' As a St. Andrew's man and another St. John man have been along, and probably sold as much more, we will be able to get through lent without much worry.

Robbery at Edmundston.

A. Birtrand's store at Edmundston has again been broken into. The thief was a young Frenchman from the American side. He stole a violin, a suit of clothes, some jewellery and small articles. He escaped across the river, but a wide awake constable rom that side found him at his father's house playing on the violin. He induced him to come across, and when he reached this side he was taken in.

John Clendenning Found Drowned

A despatch from St. Stephen Tuesday night stated that the body of John G. Clendenning, of Marysville, who so mysteriously disappeared from Calais on January 1st, had been found washed ashore at the Ledge that morning. The young man is supposed to have committed suicide. The body arrived here by train yesterday and was taken to Marysville for interment.

Those Antimony Mines Again.

A couple of boilers, and other machinery, from the Lake George mines, are at the station at Harvey waiting shipment. A rumor is current that orders have been received to dismantle the works no farther, as the output from the competing mine in California is decreasing; and that in a short time it will be exhausted. It is good news if true to the people of Prince William and the neighboring parishes.

The Pokiok Extract Works.

Mr. John Y. Miller of the Pokiok Extract Works, was in town yesterday. Work at the factory is progressing very satisfactorily. [illegible] is still being shipped from Millville [illegible] week or two. Mr. Miller purposes commencing to store his goods up for shipment by boat to St. John, and by the time navigation opens will have a large quantity ready. He says that it costs him as much to haul his goods to the station at Millville as it will to land them at St. John by boat.

The Scott Act Trials.

On Tuesday afternoon the trial of the case against Alonzo Smiler for a third violation of the Scott Act was begun before the police magistrate. Wesley Nichol was the first witness called, and under Mr. McCready's examination testified that he purchased a flask of brandy from the defendant, described the premises, etc. Mr. VanWart, as in other cases, cross-examined the witness regarding his conversation with Mr. Reid, but nothing was revealed. The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning, when the cross-examination will be continued.

Capt. Jewer Farewells.

Capt. Jewer, who has been in charge of the Salvation Army corps here for the past five or six months, farewelled at last night's meeting, having been ordered to St. John to take charge of one of the stations there. The barracks contained an unusually large audience. The captain spoke of his pleasant stay in Fredericton, and what had been accomplished by the army since his arrival here. His departure will be greatly regretted by all those interested in the army work, as he was one of the most popular and most zealous workers ever in charge of the Fredericton corps. Capt. Steele and his wife are now on their way from Quebec to take command here.

Nackawick School Trouble Again.

Nackawick was in town yesterday, to hear, but the most of them to give evidence in the trial of the civil suit of Gideon Stairs, against the school trustees. As stated in last issue the action was brought by Stairs to test the right of the school trustees, whom he considers are serving illegally, to sell his [illegible], which they seized for nonpayment of his school tax. The trial promised to be of unusual interest, and the police court [illegible] long before eleven o'clock. [illegible] great disappointment when it was [illegible] at the police magistrate had been [illegible] a writ issued out of the supreme court, prohibiting him from proceeding with the trial. Mr. Wilson, who is acting for the trustees, applied for the writ on the ground [illegible] case involved the issue of the suit [illegible] pending in the Supreme Court of [illegible]. Mr. VanWart was retained by Mr. [illegible]

BITS OF NEWS.

Gathered and Condensed for the Readers of the "Gleaner."

Spring Fashion Sheets just received. Call for one. Free. John J. Weddall.

The C. P. R. Telegraph Co. have placed a large bulletin in the Barker House.

The lecture to have been delivered in the Auld Kirk by Prof. Stockley this evening, has been postponed on account of the disagreeable weather.

THE PRESBYTERY AND MR. BLAIR.

His Letter Regarding Their Action with Reference to the New Registration Laws. Condemned as Discourteous and Ungentlemanly.

The Presbytery of St. John met Tuesday morning, in the parlor of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, Rev. J. M. Robinson, moderator, in the chair.

With reference to the call from Woodstock a letter from Rev. Mr. Bearisto was read. The call and guarantee were presented and Mr. Henderson, commissioner, was heard in support of the call. A motion was carried that the call be sustained and presented to Rev. Mr. Ross, and that in view of acceptance the ordination and induction take place on the 21st inst. at 7 o'clock in the evening. Rev. Mr. Bearisto will preside, Rev. Mr. McLean will preach, Rev. Wm. Ross will address the minister, and Rev. Mr. Blair the congregation. The presbytery appointed Rev. Mr. Bruce and Rev. Mr. McKay a committee to draw up a suitable minute relative to Woodstock in regard to their present circumstances.

The appointment of commissioners to the next meeting of general assembly was taken up, when, commencing at the foot of the roll, the Revs. G. F. Kinnear, A. J. MacFarland, J. M. Robinson and J. C. Calder were appointed. The election by ballot resulted in favor of Rev. Messrs. Bruce, Fotheringham, Macrae and Mowatt, and elders Willet, Henderson, Coburn, Stevens, Forbes, Everett, Stewart and Dr. Walker. The records of Harvey and St. Andrew's church, St. John, were reported correctly kept.

The reports of standing committees was called for, and the Rev. T. Stewart read the report of the committee on temperance, which, he explained, was not a full one as many of the sessions had not reported to the committee. A lengthly discussion on the workings of the Scott Act ensued. The general opinion expressed was that the act was a failure. The report was referred back to the committee with instructions to get reports from the remaining sessions, and to report at the next regular meeting.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Queen's university, was nominated for the moderatorship of the general assembly. The usual standing committees were appointed, and the home mission committee presented a report, which was adopted.

When the consideration of the Jesuits' bill was reached on the order paper, Rev. Mr. Fotheringham said that he had had the subject placed on the order paper, but as the hour was late and other business was yet to be disposed, together with the fact that the consideration of the bill would likely evolve a lengthy discussion, he would ask leave to withdraw it. Agreed to.

Rev. Mr. Bruce, from the committee on vital statistics, reported that the resolution of the presbytery, refusing to furnish the New Brunswick government with statistics of marriages, deaths and births had been duly forwarded and that a reply had been received from Attorney General Blair. Mr. Bruce explained that in his private capacity he had deemed an immediate reply to the attorney general's letter necessary, and as an individual he had so replied. He asked the presbytery if it was their wish that the correspondence be read. All present having expressed a desire to hear the letters, Mr. Bruce read the letter of Hon. Mr. Blair. The attorney general expressed his surprise that the presbytery, as a body of Christians, should openly refuse to obey the laws of the land, while he at the same time pointed out that some legislation in amendment of the act was necessary and would likely be made at the approaching session. The attorney general plainly told the presbytery that in setting the laws at defiance they left themselves open for disobeying them.

Rev. Mr. Bruce read a copy of the letter in reply to Hon. Mr. Blair, which explained the reasons why the presbytery had adopted the resolution and pointed out how impossible it was, under the present law, for ministers to carry out its requirements.

A lengthy discussion followed, in which the letter of the attorney general was condemned as discourteous and ungentlemanly to a body like the presbytery.

It was finally decided to refer the Hon. Mr. Blair's letter to the committee already existing on vital statistics to frame a reply on behalf of presbytery. Pending the framing of his reply, it was decided not to give Mr. Blair's letter to the press, but it was understood that as soon as the reply was ready both letters would be given the public.

The presbytery adjourned to meet at Woodstock on the 21st inst. for the induction of Rev. Mr. Ross.

THE GRANGERS.

A Branch of the Order Organized at Stanley—A County Grange to be Organized.

Mr. Edwin Creed, of Newport, N. S., visited Stanley last week and organized a Grange in the Temperance Hall there. Sixty-seven persons joined the order. The following were elected officers; Rev. Henry T. Parlee, master; Robt. Biggs, overseer; Fred White, sec.; Wm. Currie, treas.; J. A. Humble, lecturer; Rev. J. Mullin, chaplain; Thos. Buchanan, steward; John Sanson, jr., ass. steward; John Clarkson, gate keeper; Miss Sarah Howe, ceres.; Miss Minnie Howe, pronoms; Miss E. Estabrooks, flora; Mrs. Edward Humble, lady assistant steward.

Dr. Moore, M. P. P., and Wm. Currie were elected delegates to the Dominion grange.

It is expected that the membership in a short time will reach over 200.

There is talk of establishing a co-operative store in connection with the grange.

Mr. Creed will be in Fredericton for some little time and any information relative to the order can be obtained on application.

It is the intention to organize a county grange in York county.

Presented With a Gold Watch.

Mr. W. H. Robinson, the popular teller and accountant of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, who has been transferred to the St. John branch, will leave on Monday to enter upon his new duties. A number of his friends took advantage of the curling club meeting last evening and presented him with an address expressing regret at his departure from the city, and their high sense of the esteem in which he has ever been held. Accompanying the address was a beautiful Waltham gold watch. Mr. A. F. Street made the presentation on behalf of forty or fifty citizens, who were anxious to show their appreciation of his many good qualities. Mr. Robinson was very much surprised, but made a happy reply. Mr. George W. Babbitt, who has been in the employ of the bank for a year, succeeds Mr. Robinson—a well deserved promotion.

Missionary Meeting.

The missionary meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church on Tuesday evening and in the school room of the Methodist church last evening were poorly attended, but those present were well repaid for their attendance. At each of the meetings Mrs. John March, of St. John, exhibited and explained the use of a large number of curiosities sent her by missionaries in India. The collection was a most interesting one. Refreshments were served during the meeting last night.

Arrested in Maine.

A despatch from Bar Harbor, Me., says: Charles A. Ingalls, of Bar Harbor, was severely injured by a blow upon the head, Monday evening, which he received in a melee at Grand Pond hill, near this place. O. A. Collins, of New Brunswick, was arrested for assault with intent to murder, and after an examination was placed under bonds for the April court. Ingalls has since died from his injuries.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Opening this Afternoon at Three O'clock.

His Honor's Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Emmerson's Speech in Moving the Address in Reply.

For the first time in a long number of years Old Sol declined to shine on the opening of the local legislature this afternoon. The heavy rain, which set in on Tuesday, and continued all day, let up at an early hour this morning but the sky remained overcast, with a light drizzle falling at intervals, and shut out the bright sunlight, which had almost become traditional for the opening. Nevertheless, the city this afternoon presented the appearance of a public holiday, and there was quite a stir on the streets.

A few minutes after three o'clock the lieutenant governor and cortege arrived at parliament square. The disagreeable weather had prevented the usual crowd from gathering in front of the buildings, but the legislative halls were well filled with people. The guard of honor, furnished by the Royal School of Infantry, composed of one hundred rank and file with the band, under command of Capt. Hemming with Lieuts. Phinney and Whitman as attached officers, gave the usual salute on the arrival of the governor, and the battery of artillery, also from the Infantry School, under command of Sergeant Cochrane, fired a salute of seventeen guns.

Lieut Col. Maunsell, with the officers of the Royal School of Infantry and attached officers, and the officers of the 71st battalion, acted on the lieut. governor's staff on the occasion of the opening.

A message having been received by the members of the assembly, they immediately proceeded to the legislative council chamber, where his honor opened the session with the following

SPEECH.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I have much pleasure in convening you for the third Session of the present term of the General Assembly, having the fullest confidence that your Parlimentary labours will be resumed in a spirit which will attest your zeal for the public interest.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the fairly prosperous condition of the business of the country generally. Although there was a partial failure of crops last season in some localities, yet the increase in the earnings of vessel property of all kinds, the enhanced value of our wood products and the remunerative returns of our coast fisheries, have created a feeling of general hopefulness and contentment among our people.

The important Act relating to agriculture passed at your last Session has been brought into operation, and from the ready acceptance which its provisions have met with in many sections of the Province, I am encouraged to anticipate from its working very beneficial results.

Availing myself of your generous appropriation for that purpose, I authorized a considerable importation of pure bred fillies and sheep from the mother country, which were disposed of for breeding purposes, at public auction, shortly after their arrival in the Province. The very great interest taken in the sale, and the prices realized, confirmed the expectations I had formed that the enterprise would meet with general approval.

Bills consolidating and amending the law relating to elections to the General Assembly, and to extend the Electoral franchise, will be submitted for your consideration.

The commissioners of the Public Hospital, Saint John, are urging upon my government that legislation in some form should be promoted which will, to a greater extent than now obtains, relieve the institution from charges in respect of patients sent from other counties. I shall ask your attention to this important subject.

My government is becoming yearly more impressed with the conviction that a prudent policy respecting the protection of our timber lands from ravages by fire, requires that the same precautions be taken in this Province as have been deemed expedient elsewhere. I shall lay before you some suggestions upon the subject, to which I invite your careful consideration.

I regret to have to inform you that the recent Act providing for the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages has not as yet proved successful in its operation, and you will be asked to consider whether additional provisions should not be made to secure the important and desirable results contemplated by this enactment.

Your attention will be directed to the necessity of making additional provisions for the constantly increasing number of patients seeking admission to the Provincial Asylum for the Insane. Notwithstanding the careful economy exercised in the management of this institution, its cost unavoidably continues to increase.

Agreeably to the intimation conveyed to you at the last session of the Legislature, questions arising upon the claim of my government for priority of payment over other creditors of the Maritime Bank were referred to Judges of our Supreme Court, by whom a unanimous judgment was rendered in favour of the Province; from this decision an appeal has been taken by the Liquidators of the Bank to the Supreme Court of Canada, and I am now awaiting its judgment.

Contrary to the confident expectation I expressed to you at the opening of the last session, of the early settlement by the Dominion Government of the Eastern Extension claim, a difficulty occurred which deferred its payment; but I am not without the strongest hopes that only a short time will elapse before the matter will be finally and satisfactorily closed.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure for the past year, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the current year up to the opening of the present session, to be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the current year will be submitted to you, and I think you will find that the estimates of expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

Bills relating to the Public Departments, to the Solemnization of Marriage, for the establishment of Districts Courts, and other measures of importance will be laid before you; and trusting that your deliberations, under Divine guidance may result in the general good, I leave you to the performance of your responsible duties.

After the speech the members of the popular branch returned to the Assembly room. Mr. Henry R. Emmerson, elected to fill the vacancy in Albert caused by the resignation of Dr. Lewis, was introduced.

Mr. Emmerson,

in moving the address in reply to his honor's speech, said:

Allegiance to constitutional usuage so potent under our institutions, forbade a complaint as to the parliamentary practise, which placed the raw recruit in front, exposed to the enemies fire, but nevertheless it must strike all that it was a strange anomoly that such should be the procedure. In obedience to this unwritten law he, with some trepidation, and perhaps a diffidence that was plainly visible, undertook the task assigned. In what he had to say, and it would not tax their patience long, he should endeavor to confine himself to generalities. These were apt, he knew, to flatten into platitudes unless handled with practised dexterity, which I could not claim to command, but he would rather run the risk of this than abuse the privilege of his position and inflict upon the house, always supposed to be indulgent to a maiden speech, an analaysis of details involving a lengthy address. He would be careful not to merit their displeasure by trying to show how many fine things he could say about the subjects which were contained in the address of his honor, and which would come under discussion. He would prefer to let them suppose that he could say them if he would. He considered the true office of one charged with the duty which he had, with temerity, assumed, to be that of the herald, who blows a few conventional notes to announce that the lists are open.

The prosperity of our province was of concern to the members of the house and the constituents whom they represented, and it was natural that the speech from the throne began with a reference to the encouraging condition of the shipping, lumbering, coast fishing and other industries. It was certainly a matter of congratulation that the increase of freight returns and the enhanced value of our lumbering products had added so largely to our material prosperity. Although our agricultural interests, in some sections of the province at least, suffered by reason of the early frosts and a somewhat unfavorable season, yet withal there had been a general average result in returns, which, it was to be hoped, would give encouragment to additional efforts on the part of our people in this direction. New Brunswick might have, as all other countries had, her drawbacks, yet we must all agree that as a people we were highly favored in having our lines cast in such pleasant places.

Probably the chief subject to engage the attention of the house during the present session was that of the extension of the franchise. The widening of the franchise in the mother country from time to time, and in the several provinces of our dominion, had already evoked the hearty commendation of those fostered under institutions so democratic as the English speaking communities of the world, and any step in that direction would, he believed, meet with the cordial approval of the people of this province, and especially of the young men of our country, for whom he presumed to speak. His own opinions were in favor of the granting of residential manhood suffrage, being a firm believer in the principle of "one man, one vote," and he would hope that the measure promised would contain such provisions. Every young man who sought to carve a fortune and started to build for himself a future in the province, established sufficient interest in the prosperity of the country to entitle him to have a voice in the administration of its affairs. The exercise of the right of suffrage was in itself an educator as it led to a personal consideration by the electors, as members of a great community, of those things which were in the best interests of that community. He would even go farther and advocate the claims of women to this right. This was a subject, upon which men fairly differed, but the idea had at least earned a foot-hold in the consideration of legislatures. The subject had certainly passed beyond the stage of contemptuous indifference, by reason of the earnest discussions which it had undergone by the noble and patriotic men and women both of this and the mother country. It was interesting to note the advance that had taken place from time to time in all civilized communities in the ideas relating to the enlargement of the franchise. Viewed from an historical standpoint, the subject was an interesting one. All were familiar with the great reform measure in this line which had, since 1831 at least, engaged the attention of the imperial parliament. In our own province the progress made had been cautious, not to say slow. It might be of interest to note that the first franchise in this province was established by the terms of the royal letters patent, establishing our province in 1785, which gave to freeholders generally, without regard to age or sex, the right to vote. The first act defining qualification of electors, passed by our legislature, was in 1791, and gave to residents of counties, having a freehold interest of the value of £25, and to non-residents of such county having a like holding therein of the value of £50, a right to a voice in the selection of representatives to this assembly. An act consolidating these provisions without change, was passed in 1848, and in the revision of the statutes in 1854 these qualifications were continued, no change or enlargement being made. In 1855 the present qualification of electors was established by act, and no change had been made since that date, although the efforts made in that direction by the present government would be readily recalled. It is to be hoped that the subject would have the careful and favorable consideration of the house.

The reference to the stock importations by the government would strike a responsive chord in the minds of the agriculturalists and of all others interested in the improvement of the stock of the country. Already the province was reaping the benefits of the outlay in the high prices and greater demand for improved stock. Any lingering doubt on this point would have been removed by a visit to the exhibition held at Fredericton last autumn. The display on that occasion well repaid those who took the trouble to be present.

The speech of his honor referred to the increasing demands upon the provincial exchequer in the support of that most important public institution, the lunatic asylum. This was a matter that should be generously met, as the care of the poor unfortunates confined there, should have the tender solicitations of all those worthy to be residents of a civilized country.

Another of our public institutions, the public hospital in St. John, which was a convenience and a requirement, not only of St. John but of the whole province, should be dealt with in a generous spirit, and above all, in its consideration, sectionalism should be repressed. He believed from the character of the house the matter would be so treated.

In conclusion Mr. Emmerson referred to the registration act and other subjects mentioned in the speech, stating that he had faith to believe that the deliberations would be had with a view to the best interests of the province and the welfare of its people, and said that coming as he did from one of the most flourishing and richest of our counties—that of Albert—which had twice within four months voiced its unanimous confidence in his honor's present advisers, and having faith in the intelligence and perception of the electorate of that fine county, he was constrained to congratulate the house, and through it the country, upon having an administration that had merited so cordial a support. He thought that the tendency of remembering past difficulties led us to view the future with anxiety, yet in view of our present condition, with a hope and faith that was stronger than anxiety.

Dr. Alward seconded the address in reply.

A Senegambian Verdict.

'Rastus Johnson (colored gentleman of leisure)—What's dis I year 'bout marry-age bein' a fale-yah? Who's 'sponsible fur dat sayin'?

Pete Pullback (meekly)—Dat's what dey all say, 'Rastus.

'Rastus J.—Dey all lies, den! Doan' I know what I'm a-talkin' 'bout? Wasn't I a toilin' and a slavin' pusson till I became the odder half ob Celia Tucker? An' now ain't I de boss ob my own home? Can't I sit 'roun' an' play de banjo and 'courage Celia wid de washin', an' not keer whedder de whitewashin' season am good or bad? Celia can git two dollahs a day at de tub. No, sah, marry-age am not a fale-yah.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

New Advertisements.

Dr. McAllister—Professional Card.
Bank of Nova Scotia—Junior Clerk Wanted.
Ship Carpenters Wanted at Bath, Me.
W. E. Miller & Co.—Guano.
W. Hawker & Son, St. John—A call answered.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION.

Tuesday Night's Meeting in the Council Chamber.

Reports Read and Other Business Transacted.

Two Members of Water Committee Still Hold out for Metres.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held in the council chamber Tuesday evening.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Monthly Accounts.

The monthly accounts were passed as follows:—

Roads and Streets	$14 37
City Hall	20 33
Fire Department	8 00
Administration Justice	18 00
Street Lamps	7 50
Sewerage and water	360 33

Ald. Farrell, speaking of the sewerage and water account, said that he thought there should be some explanation of these heavy accounts, as the mere passing of them gave the rate-payers a wrong impression. He called attention particularly to the large amount of McFarlane, Thompson & Anderson's bill. The city clerk explained on behalf of the water committee, that the account had been standing for several months.

Cheques Ordered to Issue.

Cheques were ordered to issue in favor of Joseph Douglas and Edward McMinnaman for $2 50 each for grappling for body of bridge.

the man McCabe drowned below

Also cheques in favor of Aaron Smith for $20 and Wm. Smith $15, being second instalment snow ploughing contracts.

Also cheques for monthly salaries of water works engineers and policemen.

A cheque was also ordered to issue in favor of Martin Nowlan, half year's salary engineer city hall.

Leave Granted.

A communication was read from the C. P. R. Telegraph company, asking leave to erect a line of poles from the Northern & Western railway track on Union street to their office on Queen street. On motion leave was granted.

Petitions Presented.

The petition of Andrew McGowen for relief from taxes was referred to the assessment appeals committee.

The petition of Daniel Lenihan, asking permission to remove willow trees from in front of his residence, was referred to the road committee with power to act

Want the Road Repaired.

Moved by Ald. McKay, seconded by Ald. Richey, and adopted: Resolved that the road committee should call the attention of the provincial government to the very unsatisfactory condition of the highway road below the city and be requested, under their agreement with the city, to repair the same during the present season.

The Water Report.

The report of the water committee with estimates of assessment for maintainence during ensuing year, was submitted. The estimate included $500 for metres. The report was signed by only two members of the committee, Ald. Moore explaining that his reason for not signing the report was on account of the item in the estimates for water metres, to which he was opposed.

Ald. Farrell asked the chair if a discussion of the water metres would be in order in connection with the committee's report, as he wished to state his views fully on the matter, but was informed that the proper time to discuss the question would be at the special meeting to be called for ordering the water assessment for the ensuing year.

The report was then referred to assessment committee of the whole council for consideration.

The Fire Laws.

Ald. McCready submitted the draft of a bye-law in amendment of the law to regulate the fire department, the object of which is to give the Salvage Corps full charge of any furniture, goods and personal property in any building on fire, and control of the premises wherein the endangered property may be located, and providing for the punishment of any persons interfering with the members of the corps while in the discharge of their duties.

On motion the bye-law was read and referred back to the fire committee for further consideration, to report at the next meeting.

Get off the Corner.

The administration of justice committee's report suggested that the attention of the police magistrate be called to the inconvenience the general public are put to by the collecting of crowds at the street corners, and that he be requested to instruct the police to enforce the law against loafers obstructing the streets. The report was received and adopted.

Mrs. Dunphy's Claim.

The road committee reported that they had examined the locality where Mrs. Thos. Dunphy claims to have sustained injuries from a detective sidewalk, and had failed to see any defect rendering the city liable, and therefore could not find that Mrs. Dunphy had any claim against the corporation.

The Road Accounts.

The road committee's report also stated that it was impossible for them to properly investigate the road accounts as laid before them, and recommended that it be adopted as a rule of the council that no accounts for labor be entertained unless made up in proper form, shewing where each day's labor was performed, the date of same, etc.

Poles Must Be Painted.

A bye-law to regulate the erection of telegraph and other poles in the city was passed section by section and ordered to be engrossed. The law provides that all poles erected or to be erected shall be painted with paint of the best quality.

Legislative Committee Appointed.

Ald. Parker, McCready, Farrell, Macnutt and Richey were appointed a legislative committee.

The Defaulters' Lists.

Moved by Ald. Farrell, seconded by Ald. Macnutt, that the city treasurer proceed forthwith against all parties in arrears of taxes, that the same may be collected without delay.

Ald. Farrell spoke at some length on the resolution, pointing out that there were a number of persons in the city receiving fixed salaries, whose names were on the defaulter's list year after year, and that it was unfair that the poorer citizens should be compelled to make up the amount of the deficiency thus caused.

The resolution was carried.

Resignation accepted.

The city clerk read the resignation of Mr. W. G. Gaunce as a member of the board of Health, which was accepted. Ald Parker was appointed in his stead.

The Atlantic Winter Port.

A communication was read from the St. John city council and board of trade asking the consider the advisability of appointing delegates to co-operate with the St. John deputation, appointed to wait upon the Dominion Government with reference to the matter.

On motion of Ald. Macnutt seconded by Ald. Estey, the communication was received and the city clerk instructed to write to the secretary of the board of trade expressing the sympathy of the council with the object.

Not Just Now.

A communication was read from the secretary of the Quebec Railway Bridge Company, with reference to the construction of a railway bridge across the St. Lawrence near the city of Quebec, asking the council to assist them by naming delegates to represent the city on a deputation that has been appointed to wait upon the Dominion Government.

On motion the communication was received and ordered to be filed, and the city clerk instructed to advise the company that the council do not see their way clear to take steps at present.

To Repair the Wharf.

Moved by Ald. Gilman, seconded by Ald. McCready, and adopted, that the chairman of the wharf committee call the said committee together at an early day to take some steps towards repairing the wharf at the foot of York street, and report at the next meeting of the council.

Council adjourned about 10 o'clock.

Personal.

Capt. Young, adjutant of the Royal School of Infantry, has been promoted to a position in the military school at London, Ont., and will leave in a day or two for that place.

Mr. Ward Merrithew is on a business trip up river representing several of the leading business firms of the city.

Stuck on Nero.

The special officer at the Third street depot was called upon the other day to separate a couple of men who were threatening to come to blows. One of them was an old man, and after he had been made to resume his coat, vest, comforter, cap and mittens, all of which he had doffed for the encounter, he explained: "Darndest set of people around here I ever saw! I got to thinking about Nero as I waited for the train, and it struck me that I had forgotten his age. I asked about twenty people, but no one could tell. When I asked that old stub nose over there he said he'd knock my head off if I didn't canter."

"Well, why didn't you go away?"

"I was going to, but he acted so mighty cranky I made up my mind to drub him. A man who can't answer a civil question ought to be drubbed."

"Well, don't raise any further fuss."

"I won't if I can help it, but I'm going to find out how old Nero was when he died, and if anybody assess me I shall be right on deck. I'm 65 years old, but I'll swan to goshen if I take sass!"—Detroit Free Press.

The Court's Sentiments Prevail.

A remarkable trial has just occurred at Brownsville before Justice Sparks, in which Daniel Hess was charged with stealing water from a ditch. The trial consumed six days, and was enlivened by a constant exchange of personalities on both sides. Justice Sparks said in presenting the instructions of the defense to the jury:

"Gentlemen, you know them's my sentiments, and I want you to bring in a verdict accordingly, as they are the law."

Tossing the district attorney's instructions to the jury the justice contemptuously remarked:

"Them's not my sentiments; they're no good; but you can take them for what they are worth."

The jury, after a few moments' deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty.

The justice stood aghast. "What!" he shouted, "you dare to go agin my sentiments! The verdict is set aside and the prisoner discharged!"

This ends the case for the present, but further proceedings are expected.—Sacramento Record Union.

How He Could Make Them Scream.

There is extant an anecdote illustrative of the actor Compton's opinion of the average amateur player. Once an egotistical young amateur persistently tried to engage him in a discussion upon acting.

"I am anxious to become a professional now," said the young man, "for I always get splendid notices, and all my friends think I should make a great hit."

"What line?" inquired Compton.

"Well," was the reply, "I play all the funny parts, but I don't succeed in making my audience laugh heartily. I want to make them scream, as you do."

"Ah," dryly responded Compton, "you should change your line of characters. Try Hamlet and let me know how you succeed."—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing Really Hard About Either.

"I never could understand Browning," said the member of the Dante club, "but there's nothing difficult about Dante when you once get the hang of him."

"Same way with Browning," said the member of the Browning club. "When I tackled him first I didn't seem to catch on, but he's just pudding for me now."—Chicago Tribune.

Concise.

Many years ago old Henry Merton sent his two sons to New Orleans with a boat load of corn. On arriving they found the corn market dull, and to add to that misfortune one of the boys died. The surviving brother wrote home thus:

"DEAR DAD: Bizniss dull, corn's mighty low and Bill's dead. Yours, JOHN."—Philadelphia Press.

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March 5.

NEWS OF THE WORLD CONDENSED

From Our Own Telegraphic Reports and Our Exchanges.

Personal, Political and Religious News of the Day.

Cable, American, Canadian and General Topics.

Cable.

Germany wants Switzerland to demand passports of all persons entering the republic.

The Pope is preparing an encyclical letter on the necessity for maintaining piece in Europe.

Father Stephens has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for inciting tenants not to pay rent.

A deputation from Boulogne having presented Gen Boulanger with a sword of honor, the government has forbidden similar demonstrations in future.

In consequence of the arrest at Shanghai of a Chinaman by police, 6,000 rioters assembled Feb. 5, burned down the English consulate and attacked the American consulate, doing great damage.

American.

The Reading, Pa., iron works company have suspended with liabilities of a million dollars.

Miss Mary L. Booth, editor of Harper's Bazaar, died at her father's residence, New York, Tuesday afternoon.

Newton Watt, life convict in prison at Joliet, Ill., for complicity in the Rock Island train robbery and the murder of express messenger Kellogg Nichols, has died of consumption. He protested his innocence to the last.

Steamer City of New York, at San Francisco from China and Japan, brings news that relief is now coming from all quarters for the distress in North China caused by last season's flood, but it is feared many thousands will perish from the cold of the severe winter.

Canadian.

At St. Thomas, Ont., the smallpox scare is somewhat allayed. No new cases are reported from the afflicted districts.

The Grand Trunk ferry boat Transit was burned while lying at her dock at Windsor, Ont., Monday night. Loss $15,000.

Chandler, who shot Sheffield of the C. P. Railway some weeks ago, was tried in the Queen's bench, Montreal, Tuesday, and found guilty of felonious intent to murder.

A Kingston, Ont., mother discovered a parcel of clothing belonging to her daughter packed up preparatory to eloping. The mother substituted some of her own clothing and when the sweetheart took the bundle he was arrested for larceny.

The Jesuits have entered an action against the Toronto Mail for $60,000, the principal ground of complaint being the oath ascribed to the order by the Mail. They allege they take no other oath except the vow of fidelity to their superiors and sovereign and vows of chastity, and that are as loyal as any other citizens. Much interest is manifested in suit.

Reform That Succeeded.

Among the officials who will probably be going out of office by and by is a large genial gentleman from the west, who makes a handsome figure on horseback on the avenue of a pleasant afternoon. When he was appointed he was taken about his division by the gentleman he was succeeding. After they had made the rounds the outgoing official asked him how he was pleased.

"Everything appears well," was the reply. "Who is that lady over there?"

"She is one of our best clerks."

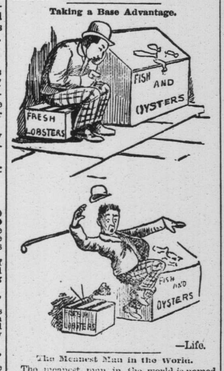
"Is she married?"

"No."

"Well, there is a reform I will institute at once. I'll marry her myself."

And he did within three weeks.—Washington Post.

Taking a Base Advantage.



—Life.

The Meanest Man in the World.

The meanest man in the world is named Brown and he lives at Moberly. He sold his neighbor Jones a half interest in a cow and then refused to divide the milk, maintaining that Jones owned the front half of the cow. The cow recently hooked Brown and now he is suing Jones for damages.—St. Louis Republic.

WHEN HE STRUCK TOWN.

He had eaten tallow candles in the desert of Sahara,
He had fought the wild hyena in the jungles of the East.
He had pricked a whiskered senor in the lime groves of Madeira,
And had lived a year in Chili, where he scalped a native priest;
He had wrestled with the fever in the swamps of Upper China,
And had taught the game of faro to the Czar of all the Turks.

Once in Zanzibar he tarried as a dusky diamond miner,
And he'd slaved a month in Persia peddling Rider Haggard's works.