

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The St. Martin's Railway will open for passenger traffic Monday.

Edward L. Bois went on duty Tuesday as a railway mail clerk. He comes from New Brunswick.

The new Catholic church at Melrose, Westmorland county, will be dedicated on Wednesday, 11th inst., at 10 a. m.

The work of wiring the city for the first alarm telegraph has been completed by Superintendent Edward Leonard.

Mrs. Elden, widow of the late James Elden, an old resident of Wolfville, died on Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Johnson.

Several new cases of smallpox were reported in Old Town this week. The situation there is not encouraging. One new case is reported in Brewer. The situation in Bangor is unchanged.

Near Springfield Junction last Monday evening the mail train, carrying mail, passengers and freight, was delayed by a car of the latter and delaying traffic for an hour and a half.

The marriage of Miss Ada Mitchell, third daughter of H. B. Mitchell, of Lincoln, to William Patterson, is to be solemnized at the bride's home on Thursday of next week.—Fredericton Herald.

Mrs. Gilbert, well known organist of St. Mary's church, Waterloo street, has been appointed to succeed George Collins as organist of St. James' church, Broad street.

W. A. McKinnon, of Ottawa, chief of the fruit market division, department of agriculture, passed through St. John Tuesday on his way to Halifax on an inspection trip. He will be in St. John before the end of the week.

About seventy personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Johnston, of Queen street, called on them Monday evening, and made merry with them, the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of their wedding. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were presented with a silver lamp and set of china.

The following were the prize winners last night at the Oddfellows' fair at Carleton Place: David among the tailors, David Wilcox; excelsior, George Swanton; bagpipes, Alfred Green; air gun, Miss Thomas; bean bag, Michael Keefe. The dancing was greatly enjoyed by large numbers. The fair will be continued tonight.

The wedding of Frederick W. Wilson, of St. John, and Miss Maud G. Redstone, of Portsmouth (Me.), was solemnized at the residence of Rev. C. H. Tucker, pastor of the Pearl street church there on the 28th October. Only a few of the immediate friends of the couple were present. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their future home in Kingston (N. B.).

The returns of the coal output for the month closed at the 1st of October show an increase of 100 per cent. compared with the corresponding month last year. One day last week the three collieries mined 2,300 tons. The total for the month was probably about 20,000 tons, or twice as much as produced in October, 1902.—Ibid. and Reporter.

A meeting of the creditors of William A. Sinclair, shoe merchant, was held on Saturday at the office of J. King Keller, when a final settlement of the estate was made. Mr. Sinclair assigned in July last, with liabilities of \$4,000 and assets realized of \$235. This enabled the payment of a dividend of ten cents after the deduction of costs and expenses.

Joseph Christy, son of James Christy, coachman, has been appointed a member of the force of the Intercolonial Railway police. He was informed by Mr. Gibson, M. P., Monday evening, and will hold himself in readiness for call to duty. Although the new officer does not know the division to which he will be assigned, he expects to be sent to St. John.—Fredericton Gleaner.

Some fine stock imported by the Agricultural Society was sold at E. P. Golding's sales Thursday. J. Donovan purchased an Ayrshire bull, and William Mullin an Ayrshire heifer. A number of high bred fowls were purchased by Mr. J. Donovan and Jas. Morland. Three high bred Jerseys will be imported next week, and sold to members of the society.

H. H. Armstrong, law partner of Governor Bates, of Massachusetts, and E. Hedges, broker, of 10 State street, Boston, arrived in the city Wednesday. They are on their way to the Richmond mines in Cape Breton, which they expect to have in operation within sixty days. All new machinery will be installed, and for the first few weeks the output is expected to be 300 tons daily, gradually increasing to 500 tons.

Deputy Mayor McGoldrick yesterday appointed the committee to confer with the C. P. R. on further harbor improvements. Those chosen are the Deputy Mayor and Aldermen Tilley, Baxter, Macneil, Maxwell and Robinson. It is likely that a meeting of the committee will be arranged for today and negotiations will be opened with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. Whether he will come to St. John or the committee will go to Montreal has yet to be determined.

At Chubb's Corner Tuesday afternoon a Lantulum put up a leasehold lot on Mecklenburg street and the lot behind it, and premises on Queen street, and first occupied by John M. T. O'Brien, and there were mortgages and other charges against the properties aggregating \$720.04. Only two bids were received, one of \$10 and the other of \$15 above their encumbrances, and at the latter figure the property was knocked down to Capt. J. E. Macdonald.

Peter Campbell, taxidermist, received yesterday morning from Newcastle two large moose heads to mount. The heads are good specimens, one measuring 50 inches across the antlers and the other 48 inches. They were shot by Miss Hutchinson, daughter of Ernest Hutchinson, a lady visitor from Toronto, who is on a fine caribou hunt obtained in the northern woods by Frank Williams of the C. P. R., who presented the heads to Rev. R. J. Coughlin, who is having it mounted.

Another steamer is due at Annapolis to load apples for England.

The Battle liner Betulia has been fixed to load coal oil at New York for Hong Kong at 24 cents.

The inland revenue receipts here in October were \$25,336.12, a decrease of \$450.44 compared with October, 1902.

It is reported that W. H. Chase, of Wolfville, has shipped from the different D. A. R. stations in Digby county more than 20,000 bushels of potatoes.

Mayor Warburton and Horace Haseard are trying to form a company for the purpose of erecting a first-class hotel in Charlottetown.

The new hospital at Moncton is to be formally opened next Wednesday. From Tuesday will take part in the opening proceedings.

John Boscoe, of Fairville, while at French Village on Tuesday, shot two deer. They were quite large, one carcass weighing 30 pounds.

Last Friday E. D. Elderkin purchased over a carload of dairy cows in the vicinity of Lawrenceton paying \$887 for the lot. The most of these were for shipment to the Canadian west.—Outlook.

The Halifax board of health has passed a resolution to permit the treatment of trachoma at private hospitals in Halifax, provided that the buildings in which the patients are being treated are placarded.

Rev. F. X. Collette announces that the blessing and benediction of the new R. C. church at Melrose, parish of Bonaventure, will take place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Richard Starr, of Starr's Point (N. S.), has on his own place and also from the trees on the land of the property he purchased from C. Hales. He had 3,000 barrels.

Rev. A. B. Banks, formerly of Sacramento (Cal.), died a few days ago in that city. Mr. Banks was born in Toronto (N. S.) and was a nephew of Mrs. Henry Bill, Billtown, and Mrs. H. North, of Camming.

After the steamer Yarmouth has completed her repairs at Yarmouth (N. S.), she will go to Halifax and be placed in the dry dock to have her bottom painted. She will then be placed on the St. John-Digby route.

The following persons have been registered to solemnize marriages: Rev. T. H. Robertson, of St. John; Rev. Benjamin Glover, of Hampton; Rev. William J. Howard, D. D., of St. Stephen; and Rev. Francois X. Cormier, of St. John.

The work of double tracking the I. C. R. to Halifax, from Rockingham, is being very actively carried on, and the track-layers are following the route of King's highway, and are now as far advanced as the tannery wharf, above Fairview.

The following patents have been granted in the United States: Anderson McIntosh, Wallace (N. S.), cheese cutter; Frederick C. Harris, of New Brunswick, a new clearing machine; Capt. Charles Johnson, St. George (N. B.), apparatus for cleaning sheep bottoms.

Receipts of following donations to Little Girls' Home are thankfully acknowledged: Doorknobs in truck, \$3; envelopes, \$1; monthly, a friend, \$1; C. H. Kinneer, \$5; Mrs. Berryman, \$5; Emerson & Fisher, \$3.

S. H. Jones shipped during the last week eight cars of lumber, and expects to do the same this week, as four cars have gone forward already. Up to date he has shipped eight cars of lumber, and expects to ship eleven hundred to the C. P. R.—Sun-Mercury Journal.

Premier Tweed's intention was to resign this week his inquiry into complaints made of certain matters in connection with the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. The premier, however, will not be able to resume his inquiry until next week.

A C. P. R. pool of Pennfield Centre, sends The Telegraph a fine specimen of a ripe wild strawberry, and writes: "Enclosed herewith is a wild strawberry found in the field Nov. 3. We have been regaled with them at intervals since Oct. 31. The next lot is due about Christmas."

William Ramsey, of Northam (P.E.I.), passed through the city Thursday from the States with the remains of his brother, Arthur, aged 20 years, who received fatal injuries in a White Mountain factory Company's quarries, in New Hampshire, less than two weeks ago.

This morning a saloon-keeper presented a 60-gallon keg of sour beer to a number of "habituals." They had the liquor hauled to the eastern skirts of the town, where near the rifle range they held a Bacchanalian revelry. The victims were stretched along the sward in all directions.—Charlottetown Patriot.

A special despatch to The Telegraph from Hoyt Station (N. B.) states that Walter Robinson was arrested by Constable Brown at Oranmore at 12 o'clock Thursday on a charge of forgery, and was brought back to Blissett for trial. The arrest is at the instance of Doctor Dumas, of Hoyt Station.

The Curlew made a seizure near Chatham last week of some Deer Island boats and illegal sailing of herring. The parties implicated were A. Harold Lord, Daniel Lambert and William Barrett, of Deer Island, and Linton Hooper, of Back Bay. Captain Pratt imposed a penalty of \$100 each on the men.

Last week the Imperial Packing Company, of Woodstock, killed 325 hogs and twenty-five head of cattle.

Over 200 employees of the St. John Railway company in all its departments—car, engine, house, gas house, hewmen, trimmers, clerks, etc.—were pleased Monday evening on receiving a large banquet portrait of former Manager Matthew Neilson along with their pay envelope. It was a remembrance from Mr. Neilson, who is now in Mexico, and a mark of his appreciation for the handsome way in which the men treated him upon his retirement from the managerial chair of the local light and traction corporation.

THREW DYNAMITE

Into an Excavation Where Men Were at Work.

Starting Act of John Scribner in the North End Yesterday—Happily the Dynamite Did Not Explode, But the Men Were Badly Frightened.

It isn't often a box of dynamite is handled as if it contained anything but dynamite, but that happened in the North End Wednesday afternoon something that terrified those in the immediate neighborhood.

A man deliberately threw a box of dynamite sticks into a ten-foot excavation where laborers were working.

The box was shattered, the sticks rolled in various directions, but nothing exploded. Those who know the circumstances tell the following:

For several weeks excavating has been in progress near the Quinns, Main street, close to the corner of Elm. Among the men employed by Mr. Quinn was John Scribner, of Elm street. He was recently \$1.50 daily, but wanted twenty-five cents more. This Mr. Quinn declined to grant.

Tuesday evening Mr. Scribner left his employment and yesterday the vacancy was filled. In Mr. Scribner's home on Elm street was a box of dynamite, sent for him by the property of Mr. Quinn. Yesterday this box was sent for, but so it is asserted, Mr. Scribner declined to part with it. No further steps were taken for its recovery, for it was believed some amicable arrangement could be made.

Late in the afternoon, however, Mr. Scribner suddenly appeared on the side of the excavation with the box of dynamite in his hands, and with an oath, cast it to the men below.

They were quite unprepared. About the first intimation they had was when they heard the sound of the breaking box and saw the sticks roll out. They were so alarmed that there was a stampede for safety, and but few could be prevailed upon to return and gather the explosive matter.

They were eventually placed in a safe locality, though by John Walton and a number of boys.

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NEW METHODIST PARSONAGE

That at Silver Falls Ready for Occupation in a Few Days.

A Comfortable, Well-designed Home—The Building Described, and How It Came to Be Built.

The new Methodist parsonage at Silver Falls is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in a few days. It is situated near the church. It is a two-story edifice consisting of a main building and a kitchen 30x36 feet, and a kitchen 16x14. The main building is 24x22 and is also two stories. A woodhouse 16x14 connects the house and barn and is only one story. The whole building thus connected faces the main road and is flat-roofed. Over the front door of the main house there is a small porch, and a veranda extends from the corner next the porch to the kitchen.

The entire house is a solid foundation of stone on the top of which are several layers of brick. Under the kitchen there is a shallow cellar.

On the ground floor is a commodious hall in which as you enter is the stairway on the left, a door to the parlor on the right, a door to the sitting room on the right and in front a door to the dining room; entering which there is to the left a door to the kitchen and to the right a door to the sitting room.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL WORK.

Meeting Tuesday Addressed by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings.

Rev. Dr. Raymond Urges the Free Kindergarten—The Servant Girl Problem is Given Attention by Mrs. Cummings.

The local branch of the Women's Council met Tuesday afternoon in the rooms of the King's Daughters' Guild and listened to addresses on important subjects by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, secretary of the National Council of Women, and Rev. W. O. Raymond. Mrs. John V. Ellis presided.

On motion of Mrs. Thos. Walker, a resolution of sympathy will be sent to Mr. Alwood, of Brussels street. His wife, who died recently, was an active and valued member of the council.

The Factory Act.

A letter was read from the Fabian League requesting the co-operation of the Women's Council toward the creation of a factory act. The letter was favorably received, but action was deferred until a later meeting.

Mrs. Cummings emphasized the necessity of such an act and related her experience in laboring to have such a measure passed in Ontario. The work had been successful and the results were very beneficial. There was a strong need for such a law, and it was hoped that the Women's Council would be able to secure its passage.

The Free Kindergarten.

Rev. W. O. Raymond was called upon by Mrs. Ellis to speak on the free kindergarten question. He dwelt upon the fact that while reformatories were good, yet prevention was better than cure. Many instances of reformatories might never have been there if, during childhood, they had received proper training.

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