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CIVIC COMMUNICATION.

The Lord's Day Alliance Request the Safety Board to Investigate Into the Failure to Report Violations of the Law.

At the meeting of the common council this afternoon the following communications were received: W. Frank Hatheway tendered his resignation from the board of public library commissioners, because he was opposed to the city asking for or accepting money from Andrew Carnegie. Catherine Corkery and E. J. Armstrong asked to be heard before the appeals committee in reference to their taxes.

The Lord's Day Alliance presented a petition calling attention to the fact that the legal restrictions upon the sale of liquors, beers and groceries on Sunday are persistently violated and that the police force apparently make no attempt to enforce the law. The alliance request that the board of safety permit them to appear personally in support of this memorial and that the board make a searching inquiry so as to ascertain if possible why the police force is so remiss in its duties. In connection with the memorial there was a letter from Rev. Geo. Steel, secretary pro tem of the alliance, stating that the signatures to the memorial had been purposely confined to the members of the alliance, but it would be easy to secure hundreds of names of the chief citizens.

T. P. Regan informed the council that he has been retained by James McDonald in reference to a claim which he has against the city on account of damages done his property on Erin street. Wm. Maynes called attention to the condition of the sidewalk near 104 Erin street. It is badly in need of repair. James A. and E. W. Paul called attention to the fact that the city's retaining wall on Erin street is pressing against their property and injuring the foundation of the house situated at No. 3 Hazen street.

A. A. Wilson, K. C., informed the council that he had been retained by John S. Mackay to take proceedings against the city for trespassing upon his lot of land on Spring street.

CIRCUIT COURT.

In the circuit court this morning all the cases except Morrison v. the St. John Railway and the two cases of Mayes v. Connolly were struck off the docket, nobody appearing. A non-suit, however, was granted in the case of Collins v. Landry, no one appearing for the plaintiff. A. A. Stockton, K. C., for the defendant. The grand jury is summoned for Friday at ten o'clock instead of Thursday.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Are you in the Star's prize competition? See page 3.

An overturned load of straw caused some excitement in Indian town this forenoon.

A sale of soft coal at reduced prices is being started today at Gibbon & Co.'s. Their low prices on hard coal will be continued a few days more.

This forenoon Officer Crawford arrested a young man who, on account of an overdose of "red liquor," was making himself noticeable.

The Chief Commissioner of public works has awarded the contract for rebuilding the covered bridge at Sackville to Wilmot Brewster of St. Mary's. He will commence work immediately.

Mr. Cane, of Montreal, asked the provincial government today for aid in a scheme to import Irish horses to N. B. The matter was referred to Hon. Messrs. Farris and Hill.

A special meeting of the St. John W. C. T. U. will be held in the Orange hall tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Business of importance is to be transacted.

Rev. Bernard Bryan, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto, will preach at St. James church, Broad street, this evening at eight o'clock. Seats free.

A letter signed Fidelis, addressed to L. E. V. Star office, was evidently intended for some other person. If Fidelis will call at Star office the letter will be returned.

The election petition of Dr. Stockton against Col. Tucker is set down for trial Sept. 24 and that of McAllister against James Reid of Restigouche for Oct. 1st.

St. John police matters were up before the government at Fredericton today, and the Hon. Mr. Tweedie was appointed a commissioner to make an enquiry into the whole matter.

On account of the critical illness of his wife, Sgt. Caples has been off duty since Saturday last. During his absence one officer has been endeavoring to patrol the Market square and York Point beats.

It is almost impossible to obtain bananas from the dealers in the city just now. There has not been such a scarcity since the season opened. A supply of the fruit is expected here Friday.

The N. B. Railway & Coal Co. seek running rights over the Central railway. The matter is before the government at Fredericton this afternoon. C. N. Skinner, A. P. Barnhill, E. C. Elkin, E. G. Evans and Geo. W. Allen, M. P., appear in the matter.

The ladies who are collecting for new colors for the Fusiliers, and all others who are interested, are requested to attend a meeting at Mrs. Thomson's, 217 Gormain street, tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 11.30 o'clock, when all reports are to be handed in.

The death is announced of Robert Thomson, which occurred this morning at his residence on the corner of Watson and King streets, West End. Mr. Thomson, previous to his illness, had been janitor of the Albert school and was a well-known man. He was in his forty-fourth year. A wife and one child survive him.

CATCHING TROUT FOR SALE.

"The Star didn't catch my meaning exactly about those trout yesterday," said a citizen today. "The close season is not yet with us. But what I want to emphasize is the sin of catching trout in large numbers for sale. I am informed that a man from this city went out Loch Lomond way and took several hundred trout—some of good size and some very small—and that he sold them to a dealer. Of course there is no blame to the dealer. But the law is no blame to the dealer. But the law ought to prevent a man from taking trout in the lakes and streams around here and selling them. The sport is poor enough now, without having it degraded and ruined by the greed of any man. What's the use of writing in our tourist books that our lakes and streams afford good fishing if we allow this sort of thing to go on? In a short time the fish will be exhausted, and then there will be an outcry."

The citizen added that many were of opinion that the trout brought into town on Monday night, several hundred of them, had been got with dynamite. In his opinion the close season should begin on Sept. 1st, and the law rigidly enforced.

NOT MR. TIGHE.

The following paragraph appeared in last evening's Star: "The police were last evening called into Lizzie Mailman's beer shop on Mill street to eject Edward Tighe, who was creating a disturbance there." It appears that the information given to the Star in this case was incorrect. The police went into the beer shop at the request of Patrick Tighe, to pacify some other men. Edward Tighe went in with the officer. He was not the disturber of the peace.

THIS EVENING.

Meeting Neptune Rowing Club. District Division visit to Albion Division. Meeting of Common Council Reception committee. Band concert, Hazen Avenue stand. Missionary conference, Reformed Baptist church. Willie Freear at the Opera House.

FREDERICTON WEDDINGS.

Miss Jennie, daughter of John Cadwallader of Fredericton, and Frank Simpson of Deer Island were married at St. Ann's church, Fredericton, this morning. Luther W. Estey, a Carleton county man, who has been a resident of Great Falls, Montana, for twelve years, was married this morning to Miss Alma McDonald, daughter of Albert McDonald of Marysville.

CORP. SNYDER.

Writes From South Africa to Ralph Markham.

He Saw the Graves of Lieut. Roberts and Gen. Symmons.

ARMY REMOUNT, DEPT.

Durban, Natal, July 28th, 1901. My Dear Ralph—Having some leisure I thought perhaps you might like to hear from your old comrade of the "Canadian Mounted Rifles." My troop, No. 17 of the S. A. C., under Capt. Moore and Lieut. Willets, the now at Springs, in the Transvaal. You will remember the place no doubt very well, as it was there Beverly Armstrong was brought after he was wounded.

The troop was at Rooodekop before this. I got a letter from one of the boys yesterday, and he says they are getting shipped at every day. Some twenty boys have surrendered to them at Springs.

Fisher, one of the Montreal corps went out on some duty last week. He got a bullet through the rim of his hat and two through his saddle, which made him think seriously of "home, sweet home." I imagine, I was sent down here with five others to look after the unloading of S. A. C. horses from the vessels, branding them and their impment up country.

The arrangements of the S. A. C. are different from our old corps. There are 100 men to the troop. We have a sergeant major, a quarter master sergeant, two sergeants, six corporals, three first class troopers, four second class troopers and the rest are third class troopers. A corporal gets over \$2 a day clear, which is not too bad. John Ryan is at Springs with No. 16 troop. Will Dawson is at Krugerfontein, Miller at Bloemfontein.

I enjoyed the trip down here very much, as it took me through the battle fields of Natal. As I came down, the disasters of the armored train and Olenso, the mistake of Spion Kop, and the splendid victory of Pieter's Hill was better understood, and the true value of these mistakes, intermingled with the glorious achievements which so faithfully marked the campaign in Natal, was given a better recognition by me.

Truly at every hand I could find "books in running brooks," and "sermons in stones." The Tugela river has a stirring romance and it seems as if every kopje and boulder between Olenso and Ladysmith hid a tragedy. The nobleness and grandeur of that the site of the graves of Lieut. Hon. F. H. S. Roberts at Chieveley.

I spent nearly a day in and about the village of Ladysmith, and saw over a great many of the Boer entrenchments. They were veritable rabbit burrows and gave me ample proof that a live man is worth more than a dead one, and it looked as if they were always ready to carry out the old truism, "He who fights and runs away will live to fight another day." I saw the site of the armored train disaster and visited the graves of Lieut. Hon. F. H. S. Roberts at Chieveley.

As I stood at his grave, and later at the grave of General Penn Symmons at Dundee, I thought it might well be said of them:

"By foreign hands, their humble graves adorned,
By strangers honored and by strangers mourned.
Oh, ye in the far distant place,
O'er the infinite seas, and the wide world,
When ye think of the sons of our race,
Think deep upon these."

The flat sweep of country around the village of Olenso is most interesting. Eastward, the railway station along a beaten track leading to Hlangwele is the site from which the ill-fated battery commanded by Colonel Long was firing. Near at hand on both sides of the Tugela innumerable evidences of Boer occupation will be seen, and from here the strategic positions held by the Boers can be thoroughly seen and the enormity of General Buller's task fully appreciated.

CORPORAL W. H. SNYDER.

17th Troop, S. A. C. (Eastern) Division, Heidelberg, Transvaal. P. S.—I tell you we are lucky in our officers, for in the 17th Troop we have one of the best officers for. Captain Moore is at Mottetown and Lieutenant Willets from Windsor.

WANTED THEM ARRESTED.

Yesterday forenoon, upon the arrival of the steamer Hampstead at Indian town, a citizen of this city, who was a passenger, demanded of Sgt. Hastings that he go on board and arrest a number of men who had been up river shooting. He also asked that the game they had killed should be seized, claiming that the men had been shooting for several days before the season opened and thus the game they brought down with them was illegally killed. Sgt. Hastings had no authority either to arrest the men or to seize the game, and referred the complainant to the game warden, who would no doubt take steps in the matter.

THE TORRYBURN CASE.

The jury in the Torryburn case after hearing the addresses of the counsel and the charge of the judge, retired at six o'clock and were out until shortly after seven. They reported that they were unable to agree, and were discharged. It was announced that they stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction. The case will come up for a new trial tomorrow morning at ten. A new venire was ordered summoning thirty more petit jurors.

POLICE COURT.

A Long Time Between Drinks—The Nixon Case.

As an awful example of how a riotous life makes a man aged before his time the case of George Clancy may be cited. George was before the court last Saturday for abusive language, and was then thirty-eight years of age. Today he came up for drunkenness, and it was found that he had grown four years older. Each day of the interval between arrests seemed a year, and it was a long time between drinks. At the same rate George will on the second day of October have accomplished the allotted three-score years and ten. A fine of eight dollars or two months in jail stands against George. He had forgotten about it, but the court hadn't, and George was remanded to jail pending a decision as to whether he will be disposed of under the Dominion Act and sent in for six months.

James Harrington was drunk on Dock street between one and two o'clock yesterday, and police protection was extended to him by Sgt. Campbell and Officer Tice.

On account of the absence of Recorder Skinner the Salvation Army case was still further adjourned until next Wednesday at ten o'clock.

James Nixon was arrested on a warrant charging him with assault on his wife. This morning Mrs. Nixon gave a graphic description of her husband's conduct, concluding her remarks by the statement that formerly things were bad enough, but of late "the beatings have been coming altogether too thick." Swift Nixon was fined twenty dollars, which was allowed to stand provided he treats his wife kindly in the future.

Charles Diggs and Young Sullivan, who were remanded a few days ago, were brought up today and fines of eight dollars imposed, to stand against them. They were allowed to go.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. H. McDonald of Fredericton is in town today.

Geo. Robertson, M. P., came down from Fredericton.

Miss A. McFarlane, of Fredericton, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. A. R. Wetmore is visiting in Fredericton.

Mrs. Martha Rutter, of Fredericton, is visiting friends here.

M. Nelson of the St. John Railway Co., arrived home today.

Mrs. W. H. Fry of St. John is visiting her parents, Moncton.

Mrs. McLaughlin and daughter, of St. John, have been the guests of Mrs. Sweeney, Fredericton.

Rev. M. A. McLean passed through the city today on his way home from a trip to Buffalo.

Geo. Kerr, of St. John Business College, returned home last night from a week's visit in Canning, N. S.

Mrs. Robert Gibson of Moncton is spending a few weeks with relatives in St. John.

Mrs. J. H. Bond and family of Carville Hall, returned by the steamer Victoria yesterday from Oak Point.

Miss Chandler of St. John spent Saturday in Amherst with her cousin, Mrs. J. J. Kerr.

G. W. Giesing, M. P., and Mrs. Giesing were registered at the Driad, Victoria, on the 27th ult.

Mrs. Rufus Cole and Miss Dorothy Cole returned Saturday from a visit to I. L. Cole of Kentville.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Fogg of Lynn, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cole, of Elliott row.

Ald. A. W. Macrae arrived today from Toronto, where he has been attending the municipal conference as a representative of the city.

Mrs. McAvity and daughter, Miss Mamie McAvity of St. John, spent the holiday in the city visiting friends.—Moncton Transcript.

Miss George Hayward, formerly of Amherst, now of St. John, has been a guest since Saturday of Mrs. David Smith, Amherst.

Mr. Carmen, organist of Christ church, left on Monday to spend a vacation of two weeks in St. John.—Amherst Press.

Miss Blanche Wisely, St. John, is visiting her cousin, Miss Jennie Campbell, Richmond Corner, Carleton Co.

Rev. Dr. Fraser, of St. Stephen's church, St. John, preached in St. Paul's church, and also at Green Bank on Sunday. Mr. Fraser is spending the week in town, the guest of the Rev. G. D. Ireland.—Woodstock Dispatch.

FREAR'S FRIVOLITIES.

A Highly Pleased Audience at the Opera House Last Evening.

Those who read the press notices concerning Frear's Frivolities were led to expect a great entertainment at the Opera house last evening. And they were not disappointed. Mr. Frear is the best monologue artist that has ever appeared on the St. John stage. His audience last evening was kept in continuous laughter. He is a lightning change artist, whose changes of costume and character are made so quickly that with the aid of his planist he gives a continuous performance, fresh, entertaining and extremely clever. Mr. Frear sings well, dances very gracefully, and can impersonate all of the funny characters so dear to the heart of music hall frequenters. His performance last evening was applauded very heartily from start to finish. The entertainment had the charm of novelty as well as rare cleverness.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Rev. G. B. Macdonald of Hartland, Rev. Geo. Macdonald and Rev. H. C. Archer of Meductic arrived today to attend the missionary conference here in connection with the Reformed Baptist church, today and tomorrow. The conference is held mainly to give a suitable farewell to Rev. H. C. Saunders and his wife, who leave for South Africa this week, there to do missionary work.

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VERY DRY WEATHER.

But Grain and Root Crops Will Yield Fairly Well.
The present long continued and far reaching drought is almost without a precedent in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Such an exceedingly dry season is most unusual and naturally proves a matter of anxiety among the farming population. Throughout the country districts the ground is hard and parched; the little streams are almost dried up; water in the wells has fallen until in many places the residents dread its total disappearance, and even for railroad purposes much difficulty is experienced along the North shore in getting enough water for the engines at the different tanks along the line.
The Amherst Press says:—"There is a water famine at Springhill, brooks water courses and wells are dried up, vegetation is withering. The Coal company are hauling water in tank cars from the Maccan River to supply their works."
But in spite of the dry weather it looks now as though the crops may not be nearly so great a failure as was anticipated. In conversation with a number of farmers from different sections of the province, the Star learns that on the whole, the grain crop is fair. In some places where there has been no rain it will prove below the average, but in those districts which have been visited by occasional local showers the oats especially are holding their own and other grain will be almost as good as usual. Since the cool evenings with heavy dews have come the potatoes are improving and later varieties promise a much better crop than was expected.
The big steamer Huronian sailed today for Capetown with hay and other cargo.