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WEATHER
Fresh winds shifting to west and northwest, a few local showers to thunderstorms today, but mostly fair and warmer; Wednesday fresh west to northwest winds, fine.

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HEAVY ELECTRIC STORM IN SUSSEX

Two Houses Badly Damaged by Lightning This Morning

Provincial Riflemen Undeterred by Storm Shoot Maiden and Nursery Matches---This Morning's Score

SUSSEX, N. B., Aug. 13 — (Special)—Their nerves unshaken by the terrific thunderstorm which passed over this town early this morning, the members of the Provincial Rifle Association opened the forty-first annual prize meeting with some good shooting in the nursery and maiden contests this forenoon. The weather for the meet promises to be favorable as the sky which looked threatening up to nine o'clock cleared suddenly and the sun is shining brightly while the heat is almost excessive.

A large number of riflemen arrived last evening and took up their quarters in tents on the military grounds. At three o'clock this morning the storm broke and the thunder and lightning were something frightful. Every man in the camp was awakened. Fortunately the rain did not last long and the occupants of the tents did not get wet. Residents of the town say the storm was the worst in years. Lightning struck in five places in the town and there was great excitement. The chimney in a house owned and occupied by F. G. Lansdowne was struck and was shattered to pieces, the bolt went through a cupboard and pantry in the same house destroying the stock of dishes.

John A. Humphrey's house in Queen street was also struck but little damage was done. A large spruce tree in the cemetery was splintered into small pieces. Guests at the Depot House were much alarmed by the fury of the elements and arose from their beds and gathered in the hallways. A tree not 100 yards from the railway station was struck by lightning and torn to pieces.

About 60 riflemen were under canvas last night while others were staying in the town, others arrived this morning, and the time was passed in the shooting of an extra series at 600 yards before the commencement of the nursery and maiden match.

Two St. John men Sergt. J. F. Emery and Sergt. J. Downey of the 62nd. tied for the Nursery cup in the first P. R. A. contest this morning, each making 33. Jas. Anderson, of Sackville, came third with 31. In connection with the Nursery match the maiden competition was held. This was open to teams of three officers or men who had not previously attended the meet. This was won by East Florenceville. The scores were:

NURSERY MATCH CUP AND $8.

Sergt. J. F. Emery, 33; Sergt. J. Downey, 33; James Anderson, Sackville, R. A. $6 31; Capt. H. J. Smith, 62nd. $5, 30; R. S. Semple, East Florenceville, $4, 30; B. C. McIsaac, East Florenceville, $3, 30; H. H. McAdam, St. Stephen, R. A. $3, 29; J. E. Page, Fredericton, R. A., $3, 29; Sergt. J. Roberts, 3rd R.C.A., $3, 28; F. McCready, St. Andrews R. A., $3, 27; R. B. Hagerman, Fredericton R. A., $3, 27; L. Carter, Fort Cumberland R. A., $2, 27; H. F. Goodwin, Fort Cumberland R. A., $2, 26; Sergt. C. Dunfield, 62nd, $2, 25; Geo. Murray, 8th Hus., $2, 25; G. D. Dickson, St. John R. A., $2, 25; O. A. Burnham, St. John R. A., $2, 25; Roy Campbell, Moncton R. A., $2, 25; A. T. Leblanc, Moncton R. A., $2, 25; J. J. Ross, Sussex R. A., $2, 24; W. C. Magee, 62nd, $2, 24; D. W. Hoegg, Sussex R. A., $2, 23; G. C. Farren, counted out;

ASSYRIAN RIOT CASE IN COURT

The Assyrian riot case was aired before Judge Ritchie this morning and after the examination of several witnesses adjournment was made till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

His honor announced that should the case prove to be one of simple or aggravated assault it would be disposed of in the police court; but should it turn out to be an affray, which under the code makes all persons concerned therein liable for an indictable offence, the present proceedings would take the form of a preliminary hearing. The witneses were little Lizzie Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Sadie Thomas; Mrs. Julia Sullivan, wife of the prisoner John Sullivan; Michael George and Mrs. Ethel King, directly in front of whose house the fight occurred.

Mrs. Ethel King stated that early yesterday morning she saw Fred Isaac and Tom Simon in the middle of the road fighting with sticks and Raymond running around with a rock. A crowd gathered. She saw Mrs. Thomas strike Anthony Isaacs with a broom and then Anthony hit her. She was also throwing stones.

She had seen neither of the Bechars in the fight. Asked whether Fred Isaac or Tom Simon struck the first blow witness said it was Simon. She did not see Fred Isaac strike anybody. Tom Simon and Anthony Isaac were fighting together at 6.30 o'clock when Mrs. Thomas arrived on the scene and began to belabor Anthony over the back and legs and later she struck him with a stone—the same one that was thrown again at her, witness did not know by whom.

The other witnesses described what they had seen of the disturbance.

MONCTON VICTORIAS AND MARATHONS

The coming game on Saturday between the Marathons, league champions, and the Moncton Victorias, leaders of the city league in the railway town, is eagerly looked forward to by the fans. Since the two rattling games at Moncton last Saturday between these two teams, one of which it took eleven innings to decide, the followers of each nine and ball followers in general would like to see them at it again. This will be practically the first outside team to play here this season, and with the big contingent reported to be coming with the Monctonians there is likely to be something doing on the old Victoria grounds on Saturday.

An electric car ran off the track near the asylum corner this morning, causing a delay of nearly two hours. The car traffic was held up yesterday afternoon by a similar circumstance.

MAIDEN TEAM CONTEST.

East Florenceville, $12; 87 points.
Moncton R. A., $9; 72 points.
This afternoon the Prince of Wales and Domville contests are on.

A telephone message from Sussex to the Times this morning said the storm was the worst known in the Kings County metropolis for years. Considerable damage was done to Mr. Lansdowne's house referred to in the despatch. Lightning struck the chimney and ran though into the kitchen where it ripped laths and plaster from the walls and took the top off of the kitchen range. All the dishes in a kitchen cupboard were broken.

In J. A. Humphrey's house the lightning came in over the door of the vestibule and ran down between the walls, tearing the laths and plaster and splintering the surbase in the parlor almost into matchwood. Pictures were stricken from the parlor walls and considerable other damage done. Fortunately no one was injured in either house.

ALDERMEN PRESENT A PRETTY SPECTACLE FOR HIS EXCELLENCY'S A.D.C.

Judging from This Morning's Council Meeting Captain Newton Must Be Highly Impressed with the Dignity of St. John's Governing Body---Civic Address to Be Presented to Earl Grey---Mayor Sears Made a Target for Aldermanic Attack.

This morning's meeting of the common council was certainly a remarkable one and was characterized by several aldermen as a most disgraceful affair.

Several members of the board took occasion to find fault with his worship the mayor for the manner in which he had made arrangements for the governor-general's visit and despite the fact that Captain Newton, A. D. C. to His Excellency was present the mayor of St. John was made the target for sarcasm and censure.

His worship, speaking in defence, explained how nearly every detail of the work had fallen upon himself personally and he thought the aldermen should have given more time to attending the committee meetings and so familiarizing themselves with what was being done.

The address to be delivered to Earl Grey was read and formally ratified. It was decided that the aldermen should not attend at the steamer when it arrives but should go direct to the Opera House and be presented to Their Excellencies there, after the address had been read.

The Particpants

There were present at the meeting, the mayor, who presided, and Aldermen Pickett, Lantalum, Lewis, Willet, Spragg, Sproul, McGowan, Kelley, Vanwart, McGoldrick, Bullock, Frink, Baxter and Hamm, with Captain Newton, A. D. C. to His Excellency, and the common clerk.

The mayor in opening referred to the fact that Captain Newton of His Excellency's staff had come to the city to assist in working out the details of the governor-general's visit here. It had been arranged, he said, that the mayor and council should call upon His Excellency on the steamer immediately after the lieutenant-governor had made his official visit.

After some further remarks the address prepared by His Worship the Mayor was read by the common clerk and on motion of Ald. Baxter, seconded by Ald. Lewis, the address was ratified and the official seal of the city ordered affixed.

The address is as follows:

The Address

To His Excellency, The Right Honorable Sir Albert Henry George, Earl Grey, Viscount Howick, Baron Grey of Howick, in the County of Northumberland in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and a Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, etc., etc., Governor General of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

"We, the citizens of St. John were gratified when we heard of your proposed visit to the Maritime Provinces and of your intention to spend a few days in our city the Winter Port of Canada.

"We now take this, the earliest opportunity of extending to yourself, to Lady Grey and to your amiable daughters a right hearty welcome.

"We congratulate Your Excellency in having the confidence of our Sovereign King Edward and in possessing—as his representative—the esteem and affection of the people of this Dominion.

"God grant that you may long live to devote your energies and talents to the furtherance of British interests and the advancement of all that may add to the strength of the Empire.

"The City of Saint John was the first settlement in British North America to obtain a civic charter; its Loyalist forefathers built upon the strong foundation of loyalty, truth and justice, fearing God and honoring their king, upholding their fealty to the crown and to British institutions in the face of persecution and privations, impressing upon their children of the third and fourth generation principles that have withstood every test, influencing every feature of home, civic and national growth and activity.

"The prosperity of our parent country has spread throughout the empire, and nowhere is it so accentuated as in this great Dominion. St. John as a channel of communication between the several portions of the empire and as the winter port of Canada has felt this commercial impetus, and our people have striven faithfully to meet the demands upon their ability and sagacity.

"We are happy to have this opportunity of showing Your Excellency the improvements already made and of explaining those contemplated in our harbor. We trust to be able to show you also in some of our environs the natural attractions of the country we live in, and to take you up our beautiful river well called the Rhine of America, so that you may have an idea of what the valley of the St. John river contains both from a commercial as well as from a sentimental aspect.

"Your Excellency will find in us a contented and loyal people, anxious to do all we can to forward and to advance whatever may help solidify and confirm British sentiment and British connection with our communities. Extending to Your Excellency and to your estimable lady and daughters our highest respects, we trust your visit may be enjoyed by you and that it may not be long before we may welcome you again.

"IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Common Council of The City of Saint John has caused the Common Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed the thirteenth day of August, A. D. 1907."

The Arrangements

The mayor then explained the order in which the carriages would proceed from the steamer to the Opera House. In the first carriage—The governor general and Countess Grey, Lieut. Governor Tweedie and his worship the mayor; second carriage, Lady Sybil Grey, Lady Evelyn Grey, Capt. Newton, A. D. C., Mr. Sladen, private secretary; third carriage, Lieut. Col. Mackenzie, Mr. Barker, Col. G. Rolt. White, D. O. C., Col. Ogilvie, A. D. C. and following these the aldermen in their carriages.

He had received word, he said, that the steamer would leave Digby at 11.45 a. m. and should get here about 4 o'clock or perhaps later.

Ald. Baxter thought the aldermen should not go down to the boat and add to the delay but should go direct to the Opera House and allow the mayor and lieutenant-governor to accompany Their Excellencies from the boat.

Ald. Bullock asked if it had been arranged for a delegation from the council to accompany Their Excellencies on a drive about the city.

The First Gun

Ald. Baxter thought a report from the special committee appointed to arrange for the governor-general's visit should be received.

The mayor gave a verbal report explaining what the committee had done in the way of arranging for the reception, bouquet, decorating, hiring equipages, etc.

Ald. Baxter said he judged the presentation at the Opera House would take place about five o'clock and he suggested that Their Excellencies might be presented with the address in the mayor's office, and so save time and perhaps some fatigue to the visitors. He didn't know that the Opera House was quite the most suitable place for such a function.

The mayor said he had secured the Opera House as a large number of citizens had requested that they be given an opportunity to hear the address read and the governor-general's reply. He had acceded to their request.

Ald. Bullock thought the City Hall or the council chamber at the Court House were the proper places for the delivering of a civic address. He thought the mayor should not have acted without the consent of the committee.

He moved that the mayor meet Their Excellencies at the steamer and accompany them to the Opera House, where the aldermen would attend.

Ald. Spragg moved as an amendment that the arrangements be carried out as already announced.

One Touch of Courtesy

Ald. Willett thought it would not be courteous for any change to be made in the programme after it had been approved by His Excellency.

Ald. Frink said there might be some difficulty about getting a sufficient number of carriages for the aldermen. He was in favor of having the address presented at the council chamber, but thought it indavisable to make any change in the programme at this time.

Ald. Baxter thought, perhaps, if all that was said at this morning's meeting was read to the governor it might be more interesting reading for him than the address that had been prepared. He thought every minute saved at the steamer was time saved in holding to the schedule.

Ald. Lewis, in a characteristic address, asked the members to drop all feeling about the matter, and give the mayor the respect he was entitled to. He was the oldest one among them and he had always looked up to and respected the mayor and always would. He was heartily in accord with all that the mayor had done.

The mayor, in answer to an inquiry as to how many aldermen would likely go to the steamer, said he had asked the members of the water and sewerage board yesterday, while they were in session, how many would go, and he received a reply that none of them would.

Ald. Frink said he had sent the reply to his worship. He had asked the secretary of the lieutenant-governor yesterday about the matter, and he had told him he thought it would be unnecessary for the members to go to the steamer. Capt. Newton, he said, had just told him that he thought His Excellency would not mind whether the aldermen were presented at the Opera House or at the steamer.

The Mayor's Defence

The mayor in reply said that he thought this was a matter for them to decide themselves; the lieutenant-governor's secretary had nothing to do with the matter. He thought the arrangements should be carried out as decided.

Ald. Lantalum thought the discussion was very discreditable to the aldermen. They should back up the mayor in the arrangements he had made.

Ald. Kelley asked if His Excellency was to be called out upon the platform where the comic songs were sung.

The mayor replied that religious gatherings, functions of public interest and such like took place upon the Opera House stage as well as the singing of comic songs.

Ald. Kelly Sarcastic

Ald. Kelley observed that no doubt His Excellency was a broadminded man who had seen all classes and conditions of people. He would probably overlook any mistakes that might have been made and accept them in a proper spirit as coming from a loyal people. It wasn't fitting, he thought to go to the Opera House where vaudeville and political meetings and such like were held, but the representative of Edward the Peacemaker would accept the expression of loyalty in the spirit in which it was given.

A Crack for the Critics

The mayor said he was quite sure that he would be careful after this what chairmanships he undertook or what trusts he participated in. He did not concede he had made any mistakes. Everything had been done in proper form and had been approved by the governor-general. He had given a great deal of time and attention to the work which had fallen almost entirely upon his shoulders. Judging by the spirit of this meeting, he said, he had no doubt there were other matters of detail that would be criticized. He thought the Opera House a fitting place for matters of public interest such as the occasion of the governor's visit.

He had arranged for the Opera House in response to a request from many citizens and he thought the citizens generally would appreciate it. Many could not attend the public reception in the evening for various reasons.

A Plea for Secrecy

Ald. Frink said the governor general was no doubt a man of the people and would appreciate what had been done and they had better carry out the programme as arranged.

He thought it would be exceedingly bad for the press to publish an account of the meeting, it would not be edifying for the discussion at the meeting to go broadcast.

After some further discussion the motion that the mayor meet the party and accompany them to the Opera House, where the aldermen would be in waiting was carried.

The mayor asked that the other arrangements he had made be ratified so that there need be no further trouble.

Ald. Baxter said that though he did not concur in all the arrangements, he would move that the arrangements made by the mayor be ratified. He thought the committee should have attended to their work more thoroughly.

Ald. Kelley seconded the motion and said he thought the committee should be censured.

Ald. Bullock objected strongly, as one of the committee, to the motion. He had only missed one or two meetings, and they had been unavoidable.

Ald. Frink said he accepted the censure and his heart was bowed down, but he would bear up as best he could.

The motion was carried and the mayor thanked the members for their action.

The meeting then adjourned.

That Capt. Newton did not approve of the spirit of the meeting was evident from the fact that he told the reporters present he thought they had better not publish an account of it.

4,000 MOORS MAKE A HEAVY ATTACK

THE FIREMEN OWN MONCTON

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 13—(Special)—Moncton today is in possession of visiting firemen from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This morning the big parade, which marked the formal opening of the two-days' tournament was held, and this afternoon the sports are to take place on the M. A. A. A. field. Heavy rain fell last night and early this morning, leaving the streets muddy for the parade, which was, nevertheless, very successful. It was about half-past eleven when the parade started. The parade was half a mile in length, about three hundred firemen taking part from St. John, Fairville, Sackville, Amherst Dartmouth and Sussex. Mayor White, of Moncton, and Mayor Smith, Shediac, headed the procession, followed by visiting chiefs and officers in barouches. Bands from Moncton, Dorchester and Amherst, took part.

St. John salvage corps presented a fine appearance, and were headed by two past captains, Messrs. P. N. Hamm and A. H. Lindsay, now of Moncton.

EARL GREY AT DIGBY

DIGBY, Aug. 13 (Special)—Their Excellencies the Governor-general and Countess Grey, with Ladies Sybil and Evelyn Grey, were this morning given a drive about the suburbs of the town by the civic authorities, at conclusion of which an address was presented to His Excellency. The presentation was made in the presence of about two thousand people, including many Americans. His Excellency in replying to an allusion to our American cousins said that years ago Digby attained fame and notoriety for its export of the Digby chicken, but it now won greater fame by its import of American beauty, manhood and intellect. He had no doubt the friendly relations existing between Canada and the United States would in a measure be influenced by the agreeable blending of the two nations at the many places where they yearly met together in this manner. His Excellency's remarks were loudly cheered by the Americans present. An informal reception followed, after which the party embarked on the Curlew for St. John.

ROBBED OF $200

A woman residing on Brussels street was robbed of $200 last night. It is rumored the unfortunate occurrence is a family affair and the matter has been placed in the hands of the police.

Casablanca Was the Centre of Vigorous Fighting Yesterday

French Troops Repulse Moors After a Lengthy Engagement ---Governor of Casablanca a Prisoner

TANGIER, Aug. 13—Four thousand Moors attacked Casablanca yesterday but were repulsed.

Siboubeker, governor of Casablanca, has been dismissed for having abetted the massacre of Europeans at that place, Siboubeker is now a prisoner on board the French cruiser Gloire.

TANGIER, Aug. 13—Letters received here from Fez under date of August 8, say that when the news of the massacre at Casablanca reached the Moroccan capital the government officials in order to gain time, asked the French legation to postpone coercive measures and leave the punishment of the guilty to the Sultan who promised to go to Casablanca as soon as his health permits.

TANGIER, Aug. 13—It is reported here that the governor of Casablanca has been arrested and taken on board a French warship under suspicion of not having cooperated loyally with the French authorities.

THE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED

NEW YORK, Aug. 13—While the striking telegraph operators claim the strike against the telegraph companies will be successful, the officials of the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph Companies state today, that they are handling their business rapidly and that numbers of men are returning to work. No disorder has been reported by the police.

The strike situation in the Associated Press showed a marked improvement today over that of last night, and the reports from various points showed that the news events of the world were being collected and distributed to the newspapers of the country with a fair degree of fullness and promptness.

BOSTON, Aug. 13—Thirty-five operators at the Postal Telegraph Company's Central office here, joined the general strike of the strikers.

In the equity court today, Dr. Earle applied to have the time extended for appealing in the case of Winslow vs. Richards Co. Application was granted and time extended to September 1.

It is the intention of the Hibernian Cadets to hold a high class musical entertainment about the middle of September. The members and their sisters and little girl friends will furnish the entire entertainment. A. Chip Ritchie will have the direction and the show will be held in the Opera House.

In the habeas corpus case ex parte Beatrice McCarthy, an infant, which came up before Chief Justice Tuck this morning, John McCarthy, her father, appealed for possession of the child, now with its mother, on whose behalf an affidavit was read, and the case set aside for two weeks

In the police court this morning four prisoners were fined $8.00 or two months each for drunkenness.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS EXPECT BIG PARADE DECORATION DAY

Believed More Members Will Turn Out This Year Than Ever Before - - - Seventy-three Graves to be Decorated.

The annual memorial day observance of the Knights of Pythias in St. John will be held on Thursday when the graves of the departed members will be decorated, as has been the custom for many years. The indications are that there will be a larger turnout of members this year than ever before.

In addition to the uniformed knights of Victoria Co. No. 1 and Cygnet Co., No. 5, there will be a representation from New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Union Lodge, No. 2, and the new north end lodge, St. John, No. 30. As there are at the present time over 500 knights in the city, there should be a large parade, if a fair percentage of the members attend.

The members of St. John lodge will assemble at their own hall on Simonds street and march to the union hall on Germain street at 1.15 o'clock. Here the parade will be formed and about 1.30 o'clock, headed by the Artillery Band, will march by way of Germain and Princess streets to Charlotte street, where the barouches, containing flowers, will be taken in. The march will then be continued by way of Charlotte, Union and Waterloo streets to the Church of England burying ground and Fernhill, where services will be held.

The order of service at Fernhill will be as follows:—

Floral decoration of graves.

Hymn—"A few more years shall roll," (with band accompaniment.)

Reading Scriptures—Kt. Rev. H. D. Marr.

Address—Kt. James Moulson, P. S. P.

Hymn—"Abide with me," (with band accompaniment.)

Prayer and benediction.

Doxology.

Five members have been numbered among the departed during the past year: William A. Cathers and E. P. Leonard, of New Brunswick Lodge, and W. C. Godsoe, Jr., John Dickson and Frederick Palmer, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

There are now seventy-three graves to be decorated, fifty-seven of which are in Fernhill.

Arrangements have been made to have the graves of those buried in other portions of the province decorated by members of the order at those places.

Following is a list of the graves to be decorated:—

At Fernhill—William Collins, Wilmot Kennedy, James Denney, John Campbell, L. A. R. Nicaud, Robert Parker, Joseph Duffell, Adam Young, Jr., J. O. M. Hunter, Thos. S. Tayes, Wm. S. Baldwin, Jos. W. Jenkinson, James Adam, G. R. Prichard, Thos. S. Adams, A. R. Wilson, John Slater, Jr., W. H. Murray, Robt. Willis, Thos. W. Peters, John A. Russell, J. A. Simon, M. D., F. L. Hea, R. H. Green, Samuel Tufts, Sidney W. Dinsmore, J. H. McGivern, M. D., Thos. H. Foster, William Robb, H. V. Cooper, S. Piercy, William T. Miller, Thos. H. McAlpine, Thos. A. Crocket, Fred Fowler, Robert Ferguson, Frank H. de Forest, J. Runciman, J. F. Fraser, B. A. Stamers, D. A. Hatfield, C. R. Scott, C. M. Palmer, H. Duffell, James Ross, R. D. McA. Murray, Joseph F. Whittaker, John A. Watson, Neil Hoyt, James E. Fraser, George D. Frost, Henry Rubins, B. C. Creighton, Samuel Blaine, W. C. Godsoe, Jr., Edward P. Leonard, W. A. Cathers.

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TO WELCOME EARL GREY.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam arrived in the the city early this morning to extend a welcome to the governor-general. He remarked to the Times new reporter that as a descendant of a Waterloo veteran he wanted to express his feelings on the occasion of a visit from the king's representative.

"I seen 'em all sence Dufferin's time," said Hiram. "I was right up close to the Marquis o' Lorne an' Princess Louise when they got into the carriage. I seen Lansdowne, an' Stanley, an' Aberdeen, an' Minto—an' I guess they all seen me. Beats all how time passes. I s'pose I'll see a few more in my time. Good fellers—every one of 'em. I guess they know we don't want no cheap Johns over here. An' we don't—By Hen. The best they got aint none too good fer Canady. Well—good day."

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GETTING HIS BUMPS.

If Earl Grey is brought along Prince William street from the wharf to King street his excellency will doubtless conclude that he is being given the unwritten work of the order of Royal and Select Street Masons, 34th degree.

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BURGLAR AT WORK.

A tree near Indiantown had its trunk burst open during the storm on Sunday, and the contents were scattered about the place. No arrest was made, and the police favor the theory that the burglar departed by the air-line.

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NATURE'S SYMPATHY.

A portion of the block pavement on Main street floated during Sunday's rainstorm. The waterworks department feared for a time that the Leak of 1854, which has been wandering about a good deal of late, from Silver Falls to Fernhill and from Fernhill to Gilbert's Lane, had at last struck the north end. This leak came from the clouds, however, and may have been an effort on the part of a benignant Nature to make the pavement smooth—a feat the street department has thus far been unable to accomplish.

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New Brunswick blueberries are being shipped to Ottawa. That settles it. This province will get two portfolios—if Sir Wilfrid tackles the job after dinner.

SPLENDID PROGRAMMES MARKED CLOSING OF THE PLAYGROUNDS

Reports of Supervisors Show Great Value of Work Done During the Season--Recreation Club Formed at Centennial Grounds.

The closing exercises of the supervised playgrounds yesterday afternoon were attended by a large number of interested spectators as well as the little tots who have enjoyed the season of pleasure. His Worship Mayor Sears attended the ceremonies in both the Winter street and Centennial grounds and made brief addresses to the children.

A pleasant feature of the closing at Winter street was a presentation to Miss Peters of a set of raffia mats made by the children. Janet Craig made the presentation.

Miss Sutherland's Report

The report submitted by Miss J. K. Sutherland, supervisor of the Winter street playground, was as follows:

The Winter street playground opened Wednesday, July 3rd, and closed Monday, Aug. 12th, two sessions from 10 to 12 a. m., and from 2 until 5.30 p. m., having been held daily.

During the course, Mrs. Chisholm played piano accompaniments for the drills and games, and Miss N. Robertson, Miss J. Foulis and Miss J. K. Sutherland were the teachers.

From about 75 to 100 children were present every forenoon, and from 120 to 200 every afternoon.

Swings, teeters, balls, bean-bags and a sand pile, &c., were provided for their amusement. Their behavior throughout was good. No damage was done to the school property, and their enjoyment was manifested by the enthusiasm with which they entered into the games and work.

Every day visitors, varying in number from 6 to 12, were present, who, in many cases spoke of the marked improvement in the deportment of the children, and expressed their hearty approval of the public playground scheme, and their surprise at the excellence of the work done.

It was necessary, at times, for me to make a slight outlay (total not exceeding $3) for things required for the work, the bills for which were handed to Dr. Parks.

Many thanks are due the board of school trustees for their grounds and building, to the committee for their aid to the teachers, and to Miss Peters and others for their kindly thoughtfulness in sending flowers for distribution among the pupils.

Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Arthurs, of Detroit.

At Centennial Grounds

The closing of the Centennial playgrounds yesterday afternoon furnished evidence that the lessons of the teachers have borne the right kind of fruit in the minds of the children. This was shown in the announcement of the formation of the Centennial Recreation Club. The motto of the new club is Work well, Play well; and its declared object the cultivation of helpfulness and cheerfulness in work and play among its members.

Between 500 and 600 children were present and all seemed bright and happy. Besides the little ones there was a goodly sprinkling of grown up people who watched the proceedings with evident pride and pleasure. The exercises lasted about an hour and a half and consisted of brief and happy speeches by His Worship

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