

LOCAL NEWS.

Thirty-four carloads of cattle arrived from Montreal on Saturday over the I. C. R.

John M. Lyons has been appointed a Justice of peace for the city and county of St. John.

There were 14 births in the city last week, 12 males. Thirteen funeral permits and three marriage licenses were issued.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Marble Cove, were on Friday evening the recipients of an oak sideboard from their friends.

Home's Sister, of Diligent River (N.S.), was granted a mate's certificate for the coasting trade by Examiner Murphy Friday.

The death took place last Sunday of Captain James Best, a retired sea captain. The deceased leaves a widow, a son, Edward Best, and a daughter living at home.

Miss Anne Byrne, a Sister (N.B.) lady, was one of the religious received into the Order of the Sacred Heart at Kenwood (N.Y.), on February 6.

M. H. Parlee, of Spruce Grove Stock Farm, Smith Creek, has imported a pure bred Ayrshire bull calf from Robert Redford, Trevelock Stock Farm, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

The country market was poorly supplied Saturday. Newfoundland day proceedings kept most of the countrymen in their various sections. The best grade of fowls sold at \$1.75 per pair. Eggs dropped to 20 and 25 cents per dozen.

The committee of the Upland & St. Martins Branch Bible Society held its annual business meeting at Harwoodville on February 8, to settle the accounts. The amount collected was \$12 more than the previous year, after all expenses being paid, making a total of \$17.12.

Joseph W. Laskey block maker, died last Sunday after five weeks' illness. He was a worthy citizen. He was 60 years of age, a son of the late Robert Laskey. His wife and four children survive and have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Henry Hayward, who has just returned from a trip to the lumber camps on the Upper St. John, says the cut will be 20 per cent below the estimate because of the heavy snow fall. Teams are scarce and the operators are paying wages at least 25 per cent higher than last year for hauling.

The schooner Abner, Captain Black, arrived in port Monday afternoon from Quebec, after a hard battle with the elements. The schooner was caught in a storm and when she arrived in port yesterday she was grounded in Remy's ship, was greatly full of water. The deck was shifted and the Abner certainly had a rough experience.

On the 21st of March representatives from all the Protestant churches in the city will take a religious census of St. John. Eight hundred and fifty canvassers will be engaged in the work, and a strenuous effort will be made to get some intelligible computation of those who attend divine worship and Sunday school.

Because of the great depth of snow Messrs. Canning & Jamieson, lumber operators in the Aroostook woods, have been obliged to shut down a couple of camps, resulting in about 60 men being thrown out of employment. The insurance of \$1,000 is in the Liverpool, London & Globe Company.

Whenever it was possible to do so the body of Mr. McCarthy was removed from the building and taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. Coughlan of Portland street. Mr. McCarthy was 81 years of age and was a veteran shipbuilder. He lived here for many years, and after a few years in Brooklyn (N.Y.), he came back to St. John in 1890. He leaves four children: Mrs. P. Coughlan, Mrs. Charles O'Hara, Miss McCarthy, of this city, and Charles, of Montreal. Miss McCarthy, who was buried out of the burnt building in an insufficiently clad state, is in a serious condition, due to the shock and exposure to cold. Doctor Roberts does not think an inquest necessary.

Buried Neath Tons of Sand. John C. Hatheway, of the Manawagonish Road, was buried under a sand pit near his residence about 12.30 o'clock Monday, and lies dead at his home. Mr. Hatheway did not come home to dinner and his family became anxious. A search was made but only to find a sand bank had caved in.

Men were soon at work, and after some time the body of Mr. Hatheway was found deeply imbedded under tons of grit and earth. It is supposed he had been working under the overhanging ledge of sand when the great body of sand fell. There were no marks on the body.

The shock was a sad one to Mrs. Hatheway and the five children, who are almost overwhelmed with grief. The deceased was universally esteemed, and his untimely end is the cause of sorrow to a large circle of friends. Mr. Hatheway was the son of the late Captain Hatheway, and a brother, Chas. H., Anglican clergyman in New York.

There may be an inquest today into the circumstances connected with the death of Mr. Hatheway. Coroner Robinson, of Fairville, has the matter in hand.

Letters to the Editor. The Editor of The Telegraph: Sir, The Amos Richbuck correspondent of the St. John Sun is getting in his work, and is not only getting in his work, but is also getting in his work. He is getting in his work, and is not only getting in his work, but is also getting in his work.

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FATALITY AT FIRE IN NORTH END; SAD CASE IN COUNTY, TOO.

Jeremiah McCarthy, of Portland Street, and J. C. Hatheway, of Manawagonish Road, Lost Their Lives.

Former Could Not Get Out of Burning House and Was Overcome by Fire—Several Had Narrow Escape—Mr. Hatheway Buried by Sand Slide.

Jeremiah McCarthy, an aged resident of the North End, met his death early Monday morning in one of the most serious fires that has occurred here for some time.

About 4.30 o'clock an alarm of fire was rung from box 112 for a fire in the two story dwelling house at 110 Portland street. The department responded quickly, but upon arriving found the building enveloped in smoke and flame. The house was occupied by four tenants, on the lower floor being the families of Stephen Molunkin and James Ross. The upper part was occupied by Jeremiah McCarthy and his daughter Hannah, and Mrs. James White and her two daughters. One of whom, Mrs. Arthur, is here on a visit from Chicago, with her little daughter. The families on the lower floor were awakened by the smoke about the same time and with difficulty made their exit from the building. But in the upper part of the house more trouble was experienced.

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CHATHAM SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

As a part of the series of meetings held this month in Northumberland county by the Sunday school field secretary, a district institute was conducted in the school room of St. John's church on Thursday, Feb. 19, J. McLean presiding.

After opening worship the afternoon exercises consisted largely of conferences on needs felt by superintendents and teachers in their work, and how to meet them. Also what had to be done for Sunday school extension and can this be met. While these were led by the secretary there was a very ready conversation interest shown by the people.

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The next subject was opportunities and consciousness of the teachers. This subject was allotted to a person who had not come and Mr. Lucas was asked to speak on it. After a few words from the president the hymn God Be With You was sung and the institute closed with prayer.

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INCOMES OF \$100 AND \$200 TO BE EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.

\$300 Incomes to Be Taxed as \$200—Certain Manufacturing Plants to Be Exempt Also.

A special meeting of the common council was held Friday afternoon.

The special committee appointed by the council on the third day of September last to look into the present assessment law and report on such amendments and alterations as they might think desirable, reported as follows:

That they had numerous meetings and have very carefully considered the whole matter referred to them and have come to the conclusion that it is not desirable to change the basis of assessment law of 1889. They therefore recommended:

1. That the present subjects of taxation, namely real estate, personal estate, and income be retained.

2. That the poll tax remain as at present.

3. That the present assessment law be amended so as to provide:

A—That incomes of \$100 and \$200 be exempt from taxation.

B—That the first \$100 of every \$300 income be exempt from taxation, but that the right to vote at civic elections be retained as at present.

C—That income only from bonds, debentures and stock or joint stock companies having their head office outside of the city of St. John shall be assessed.

D—That the plant and machinery of all manufacturing establishments within the city be rated and assessed in addition thereto at the rate of one tenth of one per cent on the volume of business done by said branch banks ascertained by competing the average yearly amount of deposits as well as special deposits, loans and investments.

The report was taken up section by section.

As each section came before the members it was spoken on by the majority of members. Sub-section C was taken up by Mr. J. E. Watson, and on his motion the section was referred back to the committee.

The report was on a whole adopted as amended.

John A. Watson.

The death took place Sunday night of John A. Watson. Mr. Watson had been laid up with a sprained ankle and afterwards with pneumonia, but he had improved, as his relatives thought, as he was around the house all day Sunday, but at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, he collapsed and died almost instantly. He was 60 years of age, and his relatives thought, as he was around the house all day Sunday, but at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, he collapsed and died almost instantly.

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