

GOVERNMENT AGAINST PURITY IN CHARLOTTE

All Efforts of Opposition in Vain to Get Them Sign an Agreement

Senator Gillmor, Who is Actively Engaged in Campaigning in the County, Refuses to Subscribe to Document Insuring a Clean Election—Decline Also to Put Up Fund to Prosecute Bribery and Corruption.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 22.—The final meeting of the purity election committee was held tonight and, as has been the case in all committee meetings, a large number of the opposition and but few of the government committee were present.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BUNK ABOARD THE LANSDOWNE

George Metcalfe, or James Reid, a Fireman, Suffocated as He Lay Asleep.

About 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning George Metcalfe, a fireman on the government steamer Lansdowne but who was on the ship's articles as James Reid, was found dead in his bunk.

The unfortunate man went aboard between 10:30 and 11 o'clock Saturday night. He had been drinking about midnight and went to his bunk and when two of his shipmates went to call him for breakfast at 7:30 they found him dead.

The men who were in the forecastle say that when Reid came down the companionway he had a dish full of cooked sausage and potatoes. He was invited to have some supper with him but, none of them complying, ate by himself, after which he climbed into his bunk, which was about six feet from the floor.

The police and coroner were notified at once. Policeman McCollum and Coroner Berrymann were soon on board the Lansdowne and after viewing the body the coroner gave permission to have it removed to an undertaker's.

The unfortunate man signed articles on the Lansdowne on Sept. 22 last. He was a Scotchman. Among his shipmates, however, it was understood that Reid was not his proper name. They say that he told them his real name was George Metcalfe. The officers of the Lansdowne think that when he joined the Lansdowne he had run away from the Indiana and signed articles under an assumed name. As yet it can be ascertained the dead man had only one relative, a twin brother, who is now living in Glasgow.

Coroner Berrymann said Sunday that it was not likely an inquest would be held. There were no evidences of foul play; it was a clear case of death by suffocation.

Miss Mary Quigley was in town Monday on her way from Boston to Newcastle.

Advertisement for 'The Original and Only Genuine' Graham's Biscuits, featuring an image of a biscuit tin and text describing the product's quality and availability.

LOCAL NEWS

There is a report in Fairville that the C. P. R. may cut wages.

On Saturday morning the Moncton lady curlers were defeated by the Thistle lady curlers by two points.

Pilot William Quinn, who brought the steamship Sobro into port Saturday, reports that the bell buoy off Musquash harbor is sunk.

Cushing's box mill No. 3, after two months' idleness, resumed operations Thursday. The big mill at Union Point will start Monday.

Robert S. Orchard and J. Willard Smith, of the Star line, have gone to Ottawa to meet Postmaster-General Lemieux in reference to the mail contract.

F. D. Sadler saw mill at Rowena, Victoria county, was totally destroyed by fire last week. The damage is estimated at \$5,000, with \$1,000 insurance. Mr. Sadler will rebuild.

A special train to convey to the west a naval party who are to arrive here on the steamer Lake Manitoba has been made up in the depot. Provision has been made for the 125 men in the party to exercise each day.

On Saturday the board of health, at the request of Dr. Kellogg, superintendent of schools, fumigated two of the rooms in the Winter street school. Some of the children from these rooms are sick with diphtheria.

Walter E. Morris left for his home in Harvey, New Brunswick, on Saturday last, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Charles Morris, who is returning after a successful operation, performed in the Carney Hospital, Boston.

Alex. Willis, a C. P. R. trucker, had his right foot crushed on Saturday afternoon while he was loading cases of plate glass in No. 2 shed, Sand Point. He was removed to the emergency hospital, where Dr. F. L. Kenney attended him.

The school estimates for the year were under consideration at a special meeting of the trustees Monday afternoon. It is understood that, contrary to expectation, the figures will not exceed those of last year.

While the delivery wagon of the F. E. Williams Company was standing in Britain street on Saturday evening a basket containing many articles was missing from the cart and the contents were missing when the basket was found later in a vacant lot.

George Washington Parker, who before the fire was one of the leading restaurateurs in the city, died recently in his home in Chelsea (Mass.). He was for many years a worker for the reformation of men in Boston and vicinity and founded the Boston Home for the Friendless and the Boston Home for the Friendless.

On Tuesday evening the new rooms of the Exmouth street church, Y. M. C. A. in the city, were formally opened. Among the speakers expected is Rev. W. M. Andrews, LL. D., professor of applied physics at the University of Toronto.

The King's Daughters acknowledge with thanks receipt of the sum of \$272.98 last, from the executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Wm. Quinton, of Brandon (Man.), formerly of this city; also \$25 from Mrs. M. Woodman, \$5 from Mrs. T. H. Estabrook, and \$50 from Joseph Allison, toward the mortgage fund.

A good time was enjoyed in the Victoria rink Saturday afternoon, when a children's carnival was held. The youngsters appeared in a great variety of costumes and there was keen competition for the prizes. Master Ford, of Duke street, as an Indian chief, captured the boys' prize and Miss St. John, of Mill street, as a fairy, won the girls' prize.

Government steamer Lansdowne, Captain Blaisdell in command, on Saturday left for the coast, replacing the boats at the mouth of the bay. The southwest and other boats were moved into the harbor and the steamer was replaced by the boats at the mouth of the bay.

Cullon Lodge, L. O. B. A., celebrated the seventh anniversary of its organization Monday by a social in the lodge room. M. Woodman and groceries were taken and music made up an interesting programme, and dainty refreshments were served. The committee in charge consisted of Misses E. and L. Kilpatrick, and Mabel Scott.

In the divorce case at Halifax, Judge Longley has granted a decree in the case of Anna vs. Robert Stewart, dissolving the marriage, and giving the custody of the children to the mother, who resides in New Brunswick. In the case of John Allen vs. Emma Allen, the latter being a resident of New Brunswick, the court has given of the marriage here. Evidence taken under a commission in New Brunswick, in proof of the offence alleged, was read, and the court reserved judgment.

There were fifteen deaths in the city last week, from the following causes: Consumption, two; apoplexy, one; heart disease, one; pneumonia, one; influenza, one; typhoid fever, one; meningitis, one; hemorrhage, one; cancer, one; and unknown, one.

There were four marriages and four teen births in the city last week. Six of the infants were boys.

At Chubb's corner on Saturday Auctioneer T. T. Lantaulon sold the leasehold lot and house 249 Brussels street to H. J. Carson, for \$800. The leasehold lot and house 29 North street was withdrawn at \$800. Auctioneer W. S. Potts offered \$15,000 second mortgage five per cent. bonds on York Theatre and Victoria Bank Co., Ltd., with accrued interest, and two mortgages on York Theatre for \$4,281. J. Russell Armstrong and L. P. D. Tilley entered protest. No bid was made for the properties as a whole. Mr. Potts then offered the \$15,000 bonds, and they were sold to A. W. MacRae for \$8,000.

A meeting of the creditors of J. S. Coughlan was held on Wednesday last in the office of Powell & Harrison, John Keeffe, manager for James Robertson & Company, the largest creditor, was confirmed as assignee, and the meeting adjourned to see if any offer can be made in satisfaction of the liabilities, which are \$2,500 with assets about \$1,000, consisting of the building at 92 Charlotte street, some stock and book debts. There are about fifteen or twenty creditors, mostly for small amounts. In the event of no offer being made the estate will be wound up. Messrs. Powell & Harrison are solicitors for the assignee.

Rev. J. E. McDermott, who was born in St. John, has assumed charge of St. Ann's Catholic church, New Decatur, Alabama. Father McDermott has been connected with the diocese of Alabama for a year and a half.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Edward McPartland. Mrs. Minnie McPartland, wife of Edward McPartland, tailor, died at an early hour Saturday at her home, 226 Rockland road. She had been ill for a long time and, though a fatal termination had been feared, the news of her death will cause sorrow among a host of friends.

Mrs. Joseph Gullivor. Mrs. Joseph Gullivor, a highly respected resident of Waterford, died Friday at her home, aged 37 years. She was a great sufferer from rheumatism, which caused her death. A husband and four children survive.

Bertha Gaskin. Bertha Gaskin, aged fifteen years, died Monday at the home of her grandfather, 20 Newman street, after a long illness, which she had borne with great patience. Since the death of her parents some years ago, she had made her home with her grandfather and from there the funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon. Service will be conducted the funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Patrick O'Keefe. Mrs. Mary Ann O'Keefe, wife of Patrick O'Keefe, of 190 St. John street, Carleton, died suddenly about 8 p. m. Sunday from heart trouble. She was aged forty years. Mrs. O'Keefe is survived by five sons and one daughter. The names of the family are: William, of the C. P. R.; James, of the N. B. Southern; and Louis, Frank, Daniel and Miss Annie, all at home. There is also one brother, Cornelius Buckley, who also resides in Carleton. Mrs. O'Keefe was a daughter of the late Cornelius Buckley. Many friends will regret to hear of her death.

Mrs. Robert Chamberlain. Mrs. Nancy Chamberlain, wife of Robert Chamberlain, farmer, of Rothesay, died last night in her husband's home, at the age of seventy-five years. She had been sick for two years with heart trouble, and the end had been feared for some time. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons and one daughter: William, Joseph and Thomas, Mrs. Emma Brown, of New York; Mrs. John Mott, of Kingston, and Mrs. James Mullett, at home. Mrs. Chamberlain also leaves a number of sisters and brothers, and many other relatives. J. A. Chamberlain is a nephew.

Major Henry A. Croyley. Frederick N. B., Feb. 24.—(Special)—Major Henry Adams Croyley, one of the oldest and best known journalists in New Brunswick, died at his home here this morning, after a lingering illness. He was born in Carleton Place, Ontario, and when a young man came to this country with his father, who belonged to the 97th regiment, and for some time was in the army. He was a resident of this city for many years. He was a printer by trade, and worked for the Carleton Place Standard. In 1886 he founded the Capital newspaper, conducting it first as a weekly and then as a tri-weekly. The paper ceased publication in 1889, but was revived as a monthly a few years ago. Mr. Croyley also conducted a job printing and stationery business. He was a member of the Legislative Council and was a member of the Executive Council of the province. He was a prominent man in his retirement in 1886. In politics he was a staunch Conservative and rendered valuable service to his party. He was 70 years of age, and leaves a widow, formerly Miss Thorburn, of this city, and one son, Robert H. Croyley, agent of the Star Line S. S. Company, and one daughter, Mrs. Thos. C. Allen.

William Holt. William Holt, at one time a prominent lumberman, of Randolph, died Sunday at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dennis Morris, Southwood, Fairville, aged eighty-one years. He was born in England but came to this country many years ago with his father. He purchased a business which was run in the father's name until he died, when William took charge and conducted it until he was 60. Mr. Holt had all his life enjoyed good health. A week ago yesterday he began to feel unwell and gradually sank until yesterday when he died. He was never married. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Dennis Morris and Mrs. Thomas Gault, and a son, Mr. J. S. Flagg.

Mrs. Deborah Y. Theal. In the death of Mrs. Deborah Y. Theal, Whitehead, Kings Co., has lost a life-long and respected resident. She was one of numerous family of sons and daughters of the late Samuel Parker, and died at the house of her son-in-law, Thomas A. Edwards, only a few rods from the ruins of the old homestead. She is survived by two brothers, two sisters, one daughter and three grandchildren. Her body will be interred in St. Mary's churchyard, Whitehead, on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. S. Wainwright officiating.

Henry Galbraith, Lorneville. The death of Henry Galbraith, of Lorneville, on Sunday, after a few days' illness from paralysis, removes a well known figure from the life of the county. He was eighty-six years of age and had been in good health until the first of last week when he suffered a paralytic stroke and never rallied. Mr. Galbraith was born in the North of Ireland and settled at Lorneville about forty years ago. He was the father of a large family and leaves eight children, as well as a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was prominent in the life of the community and took a deep interest in religious matters. As an elder of the Presbyterian church, he was active in the absence of the minister, and officiated at several funerals. Of late years his sight had failed, but otherwise his faculties were unimpaired. He is survived by Thomas H. and James Galbraith, of Lorneville, and the daughters are Mrs. James Semple, wife of a policeman of St. John; Mrs. Joseph Semple, of Fairville; Mrs. George Dalzell, wife of the keeper at Swallowtail light, Grand Manan; and Mrs. James McCavour, of Lorneville.

SPECIAL VALUE

Men's Heavy Reefers with Storm Collars, regular \$4.50 value, For \$3.39

UNION CLOTHING COMPANY 26-28 Charlotte Street, opp. City Market ALEX. CORBET, Manager

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECOMMEND HIGHER SALARIES FOR TEACHERS

School Board Committee Will Present Resolution to Trustees.

A committee of the school board, at a meeting Friday afternoon, decided to present a resolution to the board recommending that increases be made in the salaries of some of the teachers. It has been the feeling for a long time that the principals of the schools teaching grade eight are not receiving as much remuneration for their services as they ought. Some time ago a number of these principals sent a petition to the board, asking for an increase.

The lady teachers, it is felt, ought also to have higher salaries. Among the reasons advanced in favor of granting these increases are the greater cost of living and the indentments held out for teachers in the west.

Newcastle Town Council. The regular meeting of town council was held Thursday night, 20th inst. Communications were read from E. A. McCurdy, manager of the Royal Bank, notifying the council that from Feb. 1, inst., the rate of interest would be 6 per cent, instead of 5 per cent as before, upon all loans except the special loan of \$5,000, contracted last August, and payable on July 1, 1908. The council was also requested to consider the offer of the lands as soon as possible, as the loans for which the bonds are held as security are long overdue.

An offer was received from A. P. Murray, of Fredericton, to audit the town accounts semi-annually at the rate of \$100 a year, and expend the committee's estimates for next year, amended by adding \$300 to schools and subtracting \$300 from public works, was adopted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Police and street, Light department, Public works, Contingencies, Sinking fund, Interest, and Water of health.

The estimate for interest was doubled this year, because the full amount required had never been provided for and the town had been running in debt by its interest payments. The estimate of \$2,940, even, would not fully cover the interest, since the latter has been increased to 6 per cent.

The police committee reported that during January there had been three convictions for violation of C. T. Act. Two fines had been paid and Wilbur MacLean had left the town.

They recommended appointment of following as assessors: Jas. Falconer, John Ferguson and Edward Hickie.

Weddings. Seely-Burns. Miss Esther A. Burns, daughter of Edward Burns, was married Thursday evening to Stephen P. Seely. The ceremony was performed at 70 Exmouth street, by Rev. Samuel Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Seely will reside at 72 Waterloo street.

Company Organized. L. C. Prime, who has been conducting flour and feed store at Westfield and Hampstead, at the corner of Union and Brussels streets, in this city, has organized his business into a joint stock company. The capital stock is \$99,000. L. B. Knight is the president and L. C. Prime, manager. The other members of the company are Mrs. L. C. Prime, Mrs. L. B. Knight and Fred R. Taylor. They have taken over the three stores and have leased from the C. P. R. the building just opposite the post office in Carleton. They will build in front of this a structure 100x50 feet, and will conduct a wholesale business in flour, feed, grain and hay.

J. Willard Smith, who returned day from New York via Ottawa, that the schooner George, which was and was towed into port near York while on a voyage from St. Jo Philadelphia, has been repaired. A Monday night last when he left New York, was ready to leave the city. The George had two pieces of her port broken in by ice and she began to fill. Mr. Smith went to New York to look after her. After she left the blocks she was to reload her deckload and proceed to Philadelphia.

Queenstown Lodge, I. O. G. T. Queenstown Lodge, I. O. G. T., No. 377, decided and installed the following officers at the weekly meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 13: C. T. Lily Fox; V. T. Hewlett Scott; chaplain, Polly Scott; secretary, Edith Fox; assistant secretary, Walter Scott; financial secretary, Violet Fox; treasurer, Maude Redstone; marshal, Ernest Redstone; deputy marshal, Bentley Peters; P. E. T., Thomas Scott.

Wm. H. Thurston. Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 24.—After Wm. H. Thurston, Sanctor, had got some wood on Saturday afternoon he went to the house and fell dead of heart disease. He was 78 years old, and was a widower and six children. Edward, of St. John, is a son.

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Advertisement for 'WHAT THEY HAVE DONE' by The Editor of the Semi-Weekly Telegraph.

Advertisement for 'NEWCASTLE TOWN COUNCIL' and financial reports.

Advertisement for 'WEDDINGS' and 'SEELY-BURNS'.

Advertisement for 'COMPANY ORGANIZED' and 'QUEENSTOWN LODGE, I. O. G. T.'.

Advertisement for 'Wm. H. Thurston' and 'George Oole'.

Advertisement for 'Mrs. Deborah Y. Theal' and 'Henry Galbraith, Lorneville'.

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