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FROM SEVEN ISLANDS.

Our Correspondent's Return Trip.

His Experience in the Upper St. John.

Through the Rapids of the Upper Waters.

In a previous issue some of your readers who may have followed us in our exploration of the Upper St. John, were rather unceremoniously left in the woods, or rather in the little settlement of Seven Islands, on every side surrounded by woods. We now propose to say a few words regarding our return trip.

It would, of course, have been quite possible, and comparatively easy, to return by the route we came. The difference between going with the stream or against it is brought to our notice in almost all the affairs of life, and he who has laboriously worked his way up, amid rocks and rapids and shoals, can afford to smile as he glides down stream with the mere force of the current, or shoots a rapid with the swiftness of an arrow. But new ground also has its attractions, and, time and distance being the same, we preferred in the present case to adopt a different route. Our original plan had been to reach the Northwest Branch, about thirty miles above Seven Islands, but in this we were disappointed by the low state of the water. We might even have waited profitably for the heavy rains which a few days later had in store for us; but the meteorological service has not yet reached Seven Islands, and as time with us meant also money, we concluded to cross to the Allegash, one of the largest tributaries of the St. John, and thence to return to the main river. At the point where we crossed, the interval between the two streams is about thirteen miles, but as we had the assistance of a horse and sled the portage was, except for a violent thunderstorm which accompanied us, in no way unpleasant. At its termination we find ourselves at the foot of Lake Umsaskis, and again in one of the curious little settlements or depot farms which, in connection with the lumber trade, have sprung up here and there in the midst of the forest. As may be imagined, life in such out-of-the-way localities, and with such associations, is naturally of the roughest, but even here representatives of the gentler sex are occasionally to be seen, not improbably with pipes in their mouths and poling canoes!

Our first intention had been, as before stated, to descend the Allegash directly to the St. John, but learning at the depot-farm that we might, without much difficulty, get across from Churchill Lake, next above Umsaskis, to the head of the Aroostook, we were tempted to make a still further deviation from our original plan. Could this be done we should have had a nearly east and west

Short Line Across the State of Maine,

embracing the whole of the Aroostook country and coming out by way of Ashland, Presque Isle and Fort Fairfield to Andover. The plan was a tempting one, and we determined to try it, pushing up from Umsaskis to Churchill Lake, and thence, with some difficulty, into Spider Lake, so-called, from the numerous long narrow arms which diversify its shores, and whence the distance to Munsangen lake, at the head of one of the branches of the Aroostook, is only seven miles. The number of lakes and ponds in this section of the State of Maine is truly wonderful, and the facilities

Which They Afford for Canoe Navigation

and its accompaniments of beautiful scenery, fine fishing and shooting, equally so. In illustration of the first point it may be observed that either from Seven Islands or from Churchill Lake one may travel wholly by canoe, and with short portages only, in almost any direction and to any desired distance. Thus we may go northward through the upper branches of the St. John and the Etchemin to the St. Lawrence, eastward by the St. John, Grand River, and the Restigouche to the Bay Chaleur, southward by the main St. John to the Bay of Fundy, or by the Penobscot to Bangor. It is even stated, on good authority, that one can travel all the way

From Bathurst to Boston by Canoe

and without approaching the coast, except near the latter city. In the case of the Penobscot, so nearly connected are its waters with those of the St. John, that, many years ago, the Maine lumbermen, by the erection of dams, turned into the former stream a large quantity of water which had previously found its exit by the last named stream—a change the effect of which was well illustrated when, upon one occasion, the dam was broken through to relieve a drive, and raised the water in the St. John, even as far down as the Grand Falls, to the height of three feet! These dams still exist, and while large sums of money are annually spent in improving the channel of the St. John, it might be well to enquire how far a permanent diversion of its natural waters in the way indicated is consistent with treaty obligations.

I have said that the

Portage from Spider Lake

to Munsanger lake is only seven miles. But seven miles of portage may mean a very little or a good deal, according to circumstances, and with us the circumstances were unfavorable. In the first place we did not know the route, and took the wrong path—at least one which, though leading in the right direction, could only be traversed with great difficulty. And, secondly, when, after a hard day's work, we reached a small pond at the end of the road, we could not tell, with any certainty, whether it was the desired Munsangen or some other of the numerous ponds with which, as I have said, the whole country is studded. And finally, after two days useless exploration,

We Found Our "Grub" Getting Short.

a feature, in such expeditions, to be as carefully regarded as the commissariat of an army in an enemy's country. The pond we had reached might be connected with Munsangen, or it might not, and even if it were, as we believe was the case, would there be water enough to enable us to traverse the small stream which would connect it with the Aroostook? A council of war, half English and half Indian, leaving everything in doubt except the one fact that the larder was low, there was no alternative but to beat a retreat. This we regretted the more, as, upon a blazed tree at one end of the portage, we found inscribed beneath the names of several surveyors, the expressive sentence

"We'll Go to Munsangen or Bust!"

What was the actual fate of the writer we do not know, and do not like to imagine, but had we endeavored to follow on his footsteps, it is quite possible that the more unpleasant horn of the dilemma might have been ours. As it was, after again reaching the lakes, our way

Down by the Allegash and the St. John

was easy, and except in two particulars, without adventure. The first of these exceptions arose from the desire to shorten our journey as much as possible, a result aided, though not by our wish, through the effects of some whiskey which our guides had borrowed from a passing canoe. This seemed to find its way directly to their paddles, and such a race as we had through the successive rapids, really among the largest and most dangerous on the St. John, is not, I fancy, often equalled. To shoot, in the dusk of the evening, into a current already running like a mill race, but with this force more than doubled by the full strength of an Indian's paddle; darting like an arrow among black rocks, indistinctly seen beneath the dark waters, or over which the waves are breaking into foam, and to know, at the same time, that the slightest contact of the frail bark against one of the jagged ledges or dimly seen boulders would result in throwing us headlong into the midst of the tumult, with but doubtful chances of ever escaping therefrom—all this was certainly exciting and in a sense delightful, though its frequent repetition is hardly to be recommended. As it was, however,

Indian Instinct Predominated Even Over Rum,

and not a false stroke was given, our canoes being finally hauled up at our camping place, almost without a scratch, after a days journey of forty-six miles.

The second exception to which I have referred as breaking the monotony of our voyage was the occasional sight of game. The

Allegash Country Abounds in Game,

and is the favorite ground of professional hunters, especially for the moose. We were not favored with the sight of any of these monarchs of the forest, but did see one cariboo and not less than five red deer, in several instances so nearly that their shooting would have been a very easy matter had we had with us the necessary fire-arms. As it was we could only give them a hearty shout as on first perceiving us they gave a bound in the air and disappeared in the forest.

L. W. B.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

The New Brunswick Law—What is Said of it in England.

To the Editor of THE GLEANER:—

SIR,—The accompanying extracts from the Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review of Aug. 1st inst., published monthly in London by the London society for the abolition of compulsory vaccination, will, I think, somewhat surprise your readers, if you will give them a place in your columns. Neither of the Imperial Compulsory Acts authorizes brute force or physical compulsion, but impose fine and imprisonment upon all who refuse to allow themselves or their children to be vaccinated.

In several town in England funds are raised by voluntary subscriptions to pay the fines thus imposed upon poor parents who conscientiously refuse to subject their children to such an ordeal, and who (as many have already done) would have to endure prison life and hard labor for a season rather than, as the celebrated Sir Norman Watson, M. D., says, "submit his child to the risk of an infection so ghastly."

The London society has established a defence fund for the payment of similar fines imposed on certain persons.

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Fredericton, August, 1887.

People who fear that vaccination is in a bad way in England may find comfort in New Brunswick. A board of health for the province has been constituted, consisting of seven members appointed by the government for three years, four of them at least being "duly registered medical practitioners." To this board is committed what is practically absolute power. What its members are pleased to consider necessary for the public health they are authorized to prescribe and have enforced. The administration of vaccination is assigned to the board. Infants are vaccinated. Parents in default are summoned to produce the child in court, where it is vaccinated. Reasonable excuses there is none. Dr Alfred Carpenter's incredible advice appears to pass for matter of course in New Brunswick. When the board determines that the re-vaccination of the inhabitants is expedient, the government issues an edict to that effect, and any recusants are directed to be conveyed by force to the vaccination station, there to be operated upon. To us in the old country such legislation is astonishing. The explanation may be that it is superfluous. No resistance is anticipated. There can be no anti-vaccinists in New Brunswick to set at at open defiance. The age of faith must there prevail, transferred from priest to physician. We commend the case to the attention of Sir Henry Maine, who may thus see how a democratic community may fulfil his idea of dutiful submission to "superior wisdom"—an ideal which, under the conditions of ignorance coupled with freedom, he is inclined to consider unattainable.

In the West Indies vaccination is often charged with communicating leprosy, and the charge is made with arguments similar to those employed in this country to prove that vaccination never conveys more or less than exactly what the vaccinator intends. In the British Medical Journal of June 11, Dr Gairdner, Professor of Medicine in Glasgow University, describes two cases in series of vaccinated leprosy. Doctor X., "in an island within the tropics, a well known endemic seat of leprosy," vaccinated the child of a Scots sea-captain from his own child. The captain's son was soon brought as a patient to Dr Gairdner, who found him suffering from leprosy, which subsequently advanced to the last stage of emaciation, until death closed his sufferings. Dr X.'s son was also affected with leprosy, but, so far, the disease in him has been of a "remarkable mild type." The mischief arose from Dr X having, it is presumed, inadvertently, "vaccinated his own boy with virus derived from a leprous family." The case as set forth by Dr Gairdner, apart from its horror, is singularly interesting, and we hope to see it republished as a tract for popular instruction and warning. It is idle to assert that such invaccinations of disease are uncommon or exceptional. They lie in uniform order of nature, and are unavoidable wherever vaccination is practiced. It is true we have little or no leprosy in this country, but we have diseases as dreadful and ghastly, and what is proved of leprosy is equally true of them.

The Electric Light.

To the Editor of THE GLEANER:—

SIR:—Are the members of the city council aware of the grave error they made at Tuesday night's meeting in granting permission to the electric light company petitioners to dig up our streets and put up poles for the stretching of their wires as was granted to the gas company at a previous meeting? I hold and maintain that this council has gone beyond their duty. They have no power by law to grant any company rights which belong strictly to the people in their chartered capacity, and the council for the time being (for 12 months) are merely the custodians and defenders of those rights. Under a several act of incorporation a certain number of gentlemen organize and take out letters patent for a particular purpose, which act gives them the right to exercise their calling in the manner indicated; but while it does this, it does not allow them to interfere with the rights of existing corporations—that is to say, if a banking company were to organize in this city, it could exercise all the privileges of a banking institution, but the moment it interfered with certain legal guarantees bestowed upon other banks it goes beyond its privileges and its acts are illegal. The same with the corporate rights of the city of Fredericton. It has the power to delegate its rights to others, but it cannot do this without act of assembly, which is the higher power. Therefore the city council has acted illegally in granting permission to dig up our streets to any corporation who cannot point to a specific act of assembly, allowing them to do the same. What makes the thing still more surprising is that there should be two lawyers at the board and yet they be incompetent to act cautiously or intelligently in a matter so grave. I am informed that the city clerk, Mr. Beckwith, was absent at the meeting, and I think had the council postponed action for a day longer they would not have stultified themselves as they have done. In the meantime the *permission* is illegal. The above observations are based upon the opinion of one of our ablest lawyers.

A CITIZEN.

Fredericton, Sept. 7th.

City Hall.

The city hall committee recommended, which was ordered by the council, at the last meeting, the following improvements at the city hall: the fixing of a turning stile in front of the ticket office; providing improved means of ingress and egress to and from the auditorium and repairing the roof and sides of the portico.

New Hose.

The city has now 1000 feet of new rubber hose of a superior grade, just fresh from the manufactures. Every foot of it will be tested in a day or two. The hose is guaranteed to stand a pressure of 400 lbs., if burst under less pressure the company from whom it was purchased will bear the loss.

Back Taxes.

It was ordered at the meeting of the council, on Tuesday night, to pay the tax collector a commission of five per cent. for the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid for the year 1886, and ten per cent. for all previous years.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

News From All Round Gleaned By "Gleaner" Correspondents

Lost in the Woods—Death of A Valuable Horse—And a Large Variety of Other Interesting Items.

UPPER KESWICK RIDGE.

Late Sown Grain Affected With Rust—Potato Rot—A Missing English Boy.

UPPER KESWICK RIDGE, Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Inch, of Forest City, Maine, have been visiting Mr. William Inch. Mr. George Inch left for home this morning. Mrs. Inch will spend a few weeks here yet. Mr William Inch is George's father.

A flying visit was paid to Mr. Inch by Messrs. N. W. Brown and Geo. A. Inch, of the York street school. Mr. Brown is attending High School.

The farmers of this place are busily engaged harvesting. The oats promise a good crop, with the exceptions of the late ones that are stricken with the rust; but wheat will be very poor, as generally the weevil is taking the early sown grain and the rust striking the late. Potatoes will not be as good as was expected. The rot has commenced to put in an appearance. Buckwheat promises a fairly good crop, and turnips, by the present appearance, will be a very good crop.

A young English boy, living at Mr. Thos. Colter's, started out to look for the cows on Friday evening last, and being only 9 years of age and not accustomed to the woods, lost his way. The neighbors, assisted by Mr. Colter, started in search of him and by the aid of horns, etc., succeeded in finding him about 10 o'clock. This is the second time the boy was lost this summer.

Mr. Wm. Colter has purchased a Brantford reaper and his son Harry is now busy reaping wheat for the people in the district. The reaper gives entire satisfaction. Mr. T. Kincaid, of Fredericton, is agent.

The fruit crop is not nearly so good as last year, apples falling far short.

MILLVILLE.

Visitors at the Village—A Long-Lived Family—A New Doctor—Business Notes.

MILLVILLE, Sept. 5.—We are having more favorable weather now.

There has been quite a large number of visitors since last writing, amongst whom might be mentioned Mr. Wm. Parvis, of Portland, St. John; Miss Atterton, of Jacksontow, Carleton Co., Mr. Angus Blue and Miss Kate Nichol, of Richmond, Carleton Co. Mr. Blue is a remarkably active man for his age. He is now 92 years of age. His elder brother, John Blue, died last April at the remarkable age of 102 years. Mr. Blue informed your correspondent that he has a brother, Donald by name, in the city of Morrison, Whiteside Co., Ill., who is nearly 100 years old and smart. The family are natives of the highlands of Scotland and emigrated to New Brunswick in the early part of the present century.

Dr. Owens arrived to-day to take charge of his new field of practice, left vacant by the ill-health of Dr. Key.

Mr. Alfred Thornton's family took train here to-day for their new home in Hartland. Our parish will lose a very enterprising citizen and agreeable family. We wish them success in their new undertaking.

There has been quite a number of commercial runners of late representing different industries.

Mr. Ryan's water mill is still running and Messrs. Hay's steam mill is running part of the time; other business about as usual.

Gilman Bros., who lumbered on Keswick last winter, are here gathering up their tools. They are going to work on the head waters of the St. John this coming winter.

NACKAWICK.

A Convivial Gathering of the Living for the Purpose of Honoring the Dead.

NACKAWICK, Sept. 6.—A very enjoyable affair was held in the Free Baptist Church at Nackawick on Saturday evening, 3rd inst. Although announced as another of those orthodox entertainments, known as pie socials, this particular one was none the less pleasant. The object of the promoters of the entertainment was to raise funds for building a fence around the burial grounds at Day Hill. For years this little "city of the dead" has been the typical "neglected spot," but the spirit evinced by the large gathering on Saturday evening is a sure indication that this common reproach to country communities shall be wiped out of this one. Hiram U. Clark was called to preside at the meeting, after which G. A. Lounsbury was duly elected secretary, and A. W. Steeves as auctioneer for the time. James Hallett, G. A. Lounsbury and A. W. Steeves were elected a committee to take charge of the funds and erect the enclosure. The audience then had the pleasure of listening to some recitations among which was Longfellow's, "The Bridge" by Miss Winnie Steeves, interspersed with some excellent musical selections by Miss Annie Hallett. A large number of pies was then disposed of at good figures, the whole realizing the handsome sum of $47.45, which with donations towards this worthy object by friends who could not attend, has already reached $53.45 and more to follow. On Saturday next, 10th, the men and boys of the neighborhood will turn out and clear the ground of bushes, etc., and with the means at their disposal the committee will be able to erect a fence that will do credit to those who so liberally contributed towards the end in view.

DEBEC.

Events of the Past Week Around the Borders of Carleton and York.

RICHMOND, Sept. 5.—We have had very little rain here for a week or two and the farmers have got along quite well with their harvesting.

On Tuesday afternoon, August 23rd, the Methodist Sunday school of MacKenzie Corner held their annual picnic at Debec. A pleasant time was passed by those present.

On the evening of August 23rd Mr. Galloway, of Uxbridge, Ont., lectured in Mr. Johnston's Hall, Debec, on "How to make life a success."

On Wednesday, August 24th, the Roman Catholic Congregation of this place, held their annual picnic at Canterbury Station.

On Sunday August 28th Mr. Galloway addressed the Presbyterian Congregation at MacKenzie Corner on the subject of praise.

Rev. John Campbell, a native of Richmond, is here visiting his friends. He preached in the Presbyterian church at MacKenzie Corner on Sunday.

On Saturday Sept. 3rd Mr. McKelvie lectured at Debec and at MacKenzie Corner Sunday evening, on Mission Work.

The Baptist Sunday School intend having a picnic at Greenville to-morrow afternoon.

There was some frost here last Monday night.

DOUGLAS.

Remembering Their Pastor—Rafting at the Booms—Douglas Teachers.

DOUGLAS, Sept. 6th—The basket social and concert held in Douglas Hall on Monday evening was a grand success. After the entertainment the baskets were auctioned off by Mr. Thomas Colter. The ladies deserve great praise for the excellent taste exhibited in decorating their baskets and it would be difficult to tell which was the prettiest. The sum of about $40 was realized, which goes to Rev. McKeil.

The rafting at the Douglas boom is about closing for the season.

The Railroad Company have had the old siding at Springhill station torn away and erected in its place a neat and pretty building which greatly adds to the beauty of the place and is much more convenient than the former one.

Mr. George Hawkins, an old and respected resident, is now lying very low.

Miss Ada McGibbon, one of our young popular teachers, left us Saturday for up river to take charge of a school. Among the others who are teaching this term are Miss Louisa Merrithew, Miss Rena Merrithew, Miss Maria Hallett, Miss Ida Dayton and Miss Kate Ketchum, all having gone back to their old school. This speaks well for Douglas.

KESWICK RIDGE.

A Successful Lecture and Concert—Illness of Three Young Men.

KESWICK RIDGE, Sept. 5.—The concert held last Friday proved a success. Owing to the threatening clouds that overcast the sky, many who intended going to the concert remained at home. The meeting opened with the Rev. T. A. Blackadar in the chair. After some music, Mr. W. Murchie was introduced as the lecturer of the evening, his subject being, "Canadian Intellect." After carrying the audience with him for some time he left the platform amid applause; music and dialogues followed. The Dublin boy was present. He intended to take part in a very interesting dialogue but as his mind had been led away by something fairer he was unable to follow his part; but as a recompense he favored the audience with two pieces of music.

Three young men, Dr. and Fleetwood Kee and John Harrigan, of this place, are very sick. It is hoped they will soon get better.

NASHWAAK.

A Blueberry Party Lost in the Woods—The Search Till After Midnight.

NASHWAAK, Sept. 5.—An exciting scene took place here Saturday night last. Miss Rosa Young and Mrs. John Cameron, with her four children, started off to the blueberry plains with a horse and waggon. After driving out on the Zionville road 2½ miles they hitched the horse to a tree, and left a boy 10 years old and a girl 5 years to tend the horse while they went off for berries. After filling their pails they started, as they supposed, to the place in which their horse was tied, and by not noticing the way they came, they took the wrong direction and soon found that they were lost. But Miss Rosa Young, being of a halcyon disposition, concluded to move along and come out somewhere, which, after climbing logs and brush for 2 or 3 hours in the dark they came out in the Lightbody settlement at Mr. Wm. Stewart's, 2½ miles from where their horse was tied. From thence they were safely conveyed home the same night by Mr. Wm. Stewart. 60 young men were on the search till midnight with horns, guns and lanterns.

Mr. Jas. Stewart and family have returned to Nashwaak from Upper Brighton, Carleton Co.; he intends taking up a new farm in the Lightbody Settlement.

HAYNESVILLE.

Good Crop Yield Expected—An Accident—Mr. Dunlap's Heavy Loss.

HAYNESVILLE, Sept. 5.—Harvesting has commenced and promises a good crop. The berry season is about over.

Mr. Douglas Nason, of Middle Haynesville, died on Sunday last, of typhoid fever.

Our new doctor, Dr. Owens, has arrived to the satisfaction of the people. He is in the stand formerly occupied by Dr. Key, and it is believed he is the right man in the right place.

Mr. Richard Billing is erecting a new house and it is rumored that when his mansion is finished he will take a partner to share his lot through life.

George P. Jones met with an accident the other day while trying to break-in his colt; the colt got frightened, throwing Mr. Jones to the ground and clearing itself from the carriage.

One of Mr. Andrew Dunlop's Percheron stallions died on Friday last, of horse ail. The loss is estimated at $1,000.

BEAR ISLAND.

Passing Events of Interest—Wheat a Half-Crop.

BEAR ISLAND, Sept. 5.—As the time for municipal elections is drawing near considerable talk is heard as to who will be selected to sit at the board during the coming year.

Councilor Murch is at present in Boston or vicinity with a drove of sheep.

Mr. Wm. Boddy, with wife and family, of Nova Scotia, are visiting their friends in this place.

Grain is being thrashed in many places and is yielding well, with the exception of wheat, which is about half crop.

CAMPBELLTON.

Our Budget from the North—Preparing for the Bathurst Races—Sudden Death of a German—Accident.

CAMPBELLTON, Sept. 5.—Mr. F. W. Robinson, watchmaker and jeweller, has removed to the Conacher block. His increasing business has necessitated this change in his new commodious quarters, and with his usual promptness and attention to duty Fred will be able to satisfy the most fastidious.

Mr. John Henderson has also removed from his old store to his new one at the corner of Water and Prince William streets. It is a two storey building 30x50, tastily finished inside and out, and is quite an acquisition to the lower end of town.

Several of our horse owners have been in Bathurst the last few days preparing their flyers for the races on the 6th inst.

Our four oared crew are also preparing for the coming struggle with the Derby boys to come off on same date. The race is believe for the North Shore and a silver cup.

We are very sorry to note the sudden death of Mrs. Chas. Estey, which occurred at the manse on Thursday morning at seven o'clock. The funeral which took place Saturday afternoon was largely attended. Mr. Estey has the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in this his bereavement.

A very sudden death occurred at Couillard's hotel, on Thursday night. A stranger (German) lately arrived was taken during the evening with hemorrhage of the lungs and died about midnight.

Mr. Richard O'Leary met with a very painful accident on Saturday. He was crossing over from his mill in their tug, and in walking across the deck slipped. In trying to save himself from falling he placed his hand on a bucket and cut his hand very severely; the second and third fingers.

Free Baptist District Meeting.

The Free Baptist third district meeting will be held with the church at Lower Prince William, beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. Homes have been provided for the delegates and members attending as follows:—

Rev. A. Taylor, Douglas and Stanley delegates—B. R. Cliff.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, treasurer of D. M. Middle Southampton and Campbell Settlement delegates—Wm. VanWart.

Rev. E. B. Gray, Nortondale delegates—Wm. Lounsbury.

Rev. Wm. Kinghorn, Rev. Geo. F. Currie, Napleton delegates, Temperance Vale delegates—J. W. Smith.

Lower Southampton delegates—Josiah Lawrence.

Rev. B. Colpitts, Dumfries and Lower Canterbury delegates—E. H. Peters.

Rev. Wm. Downey, clerk of D. M.—D. S. Worden.

Rev. J. E. Reud, Queensbury delegates—C. F. Burden.

Fredericton delegates—Mrs. H. D. Burden.

Rev. G. B. Trafton, Bear Island delegates—Edward Burden.

Eel River delegates—John L. Cliff.

Rev. A. H. Trafton, Millville delegates—R. Wheeler.

Upper Queensbury delegates—W. Kitchen.

Rev. J. S. Jones, Rev. John Henderson, Licentiate Baker, Caverhill and Waterville delegates—Thos. Slipp.

Rev. Jacob Gunter, Maryaville, Penniac and Kingsley delegates—Wm. Slipp.

Sunday Schools.

The executive of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association have decided to hold their annual convention on the 10th, 11th and 12th of October, in St. Stephen.

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ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Two Companies Bottling Electricity for the City,

And the City Council Talk About it—The Gas Men a Lap Ahead.

The Fredericton Electric Company Gets the Privilege to Wire the City.

Electric light was the leading topic for discussion at the city council meeting on Tuesday night. Little else was talked about, and no other business was transacted, except routine work, and even that was disposed of in a summary manner. Four years or more have elapsed since the adoption of the electric light in the city was first talked about, but circumstances do not appear to have ripened for action until the present time. Many have been the attempts to introduce the light, but all have ended in gas, which still burns in the principal business places. No one heretofore has been found willing to establish the electric light, under the circumstances; now there is a clashing of different companies and corporations who are vieing with one another in their efforts to introduce the light. At a special meeting of the city council held a few days ago, a petition was received from the Fredericton gaslight company asking for the privilege to erect poles and string wires in the city for the distribution of the electric light. The privilege was granted. It was then that Ald. Limerick and one or two other members of the board sought to make the electric lighting of the city a city undertaking, but the meeting having been called for a special purpose no action was taken in the matter at the time.

At the meeting Tuesday night Ald. Limerick

Set the Electric Ball Rolling

by moving the following resolution which was seconded by Ald. McManus.

Resolved That a committee of five members of this council be appointed (one member from each ward) to make inquiry and ascertain the cost of lighting the city by electric light, said lighting to be done by the city council, and to report the result of the inquiry to the next meeting of the city council.

Ald. Hazen thought that special legislation was required before any action could be taken by the city further than the mere making of enquiries. The

Gas Contract Expired in November

next and he thought that it was the general desire to have the electric light as soon as possible.

Ald. Parker stated that the resolution only asked to have enquiries made, and he thought it was the duty of the members of the board to have such enquiries made.

Ald. Richey said that the gas light company had entered into a contract for the boiler and engine and were making all the necessary preparations for the early introduction of the light. The company expected to have the light running by the first of November.

Ald. Limerick thought that an opportunity offered for the city to supply its own light. He only moved the resolution in order that the matter might be brought before the attention of the council. He thought that the gas company should make a proposition of the cost of lighting the city. He did not wish to in any way interfere with their undertaking, but it was his duty to guard the interests of the city. There was a time when this city was in

Darkness for Two Years

owing to the high rates asked by the gas company, which the city would not or did not care to pay. He thought the city could supply its own light at a much cheaper rate than they could get from any company. It was done in other towns and was working satisfactory.

Considerable discussion then took place over the wording of the resolution, the mayor contending that some of the words used were superfluous; but Ald. Parker would not submit to the change suggested and finally His Worship said he would waive his literary reputation for the judgment of Ald. Hazen. (Laughter.)

Alds. Parker, Gaunce and Gilman continued the discussion, all of them being in favor of the resolution.

The resolution on being put was carried without a dissenting voice.

The mayor then appointed the following committee: Limerick, Richey, Smith, Tabor and Gaunce.

Fredericton Electric Light Co.

Ald. Smith presented a petition on behalf of the Fredericton Electric Light Co., from the provisional directors, A. F. Randolph, Alexander A. Sterling and D. F. George. The petition set forth the objects of the company, the application for incorporation by letters patent, and asked leave to erect poles and string wires in the city for the purpose of distributing the electric light. Ald. Smith, in presenting the petition, requested on behalf of the petitioners that action be taken by the board immediately.

There were some doubts among the members of the board whether the council could legally grant the privilege to a company not yet incorporated. In the absence of the council's legal adviser, a motion was made to refer the matter to a special meeting the night following.

Sheriff Sterling,

who was present on behalf of the company, was, on motion, heard before the board. He urged the council to extend the company the privilege without delay, as they were desirous of beginning operations at once. He claimed that it would be to the city's advantage to have more than the one company in the city, and further, that if the city deemed it advisable at any future day to supply its own light they would profit by the workings of the other companies and the improvements. He said that $20,000 of the stock had been subscribed, and presented the list of shareholders to the council. A sufficient guarantee could be furnished that the company had all the privileges of a regularly incorporated company.

Ald. McManus agreed with Mr. Sterling that it would be to the city's advantage in every way, but the question for the council to fully determine was whether they had the right to grant the privilege.

Ald. Gaunce thought that they had a sufficient guarantee of their right to grant the request asked for, and if the privilege was denied them a gross injustice would be done. Ald. Hazen thought the prayer of the petition should be complied with.

Mayor Tenery agreed with the preceding speakers that it was only fair to grant the privilege extended to one company, to all companies asking for it; but he thought the various companies should exercise some precaution. In a small city like this, if too many companies were started, they would all go to the wall and the city would be left in darkness. The gas company had been incorporated for this work some time ago, and when the time arrived they moved in the matter. It was then that these other companies sprung up to oppose the work. He did not deny them the right, but he thought that some consideration should be shown to the shareholders of the gaslight company many of whom were poor and depended mainly on this for their support. He thought the city would also be too much encumbered by the

Multiplicity of Poles and Wires

if all the companies mentioned would start operations.

Mr. J H Barry was, on motion, heard before the board and explained the nature of the letters patent by which the company sought to be incorporated. The company expected to have the letters patent applied as soon as the lieut. governor's signature could be obtained, and he was expected here in a few days. By such the company would have all the rights and privileges of a regularly incorporated company for the carrying on of their operations.

Ald. McManus, in the course of a very fluent and forcible speech, scouted the idea of the board legislating for the protection of some poor men who unfortunately had identified themselves with the gaslight company, against the interests of the city at large, which the taxpayers of the city had sent them there to guard. There were poor men, the laboring class the city over, which it was their sworn duty to protect and not any particular set of poor stockholders of any one company. The alderman who failed to do this failed to do his duty; and no member of the board should be actuated by any selfish motives to advance the interests of any one particular company. The following resolution was finally put and carried without division.

Resolved, That the company be granted permission to erect poles and string wires in the city for the purposes of lighting the city with electric light, the erection of such poles and the stringing of the wires to be subject to the approval of the chairman and members of the road committee in so far as their location and appearance is concerned.

After the transaction of some minor business the council adjourned.

Progress of the Electric Light.

The Fredericton gas light company are making active preparations for the electric light, and expect to have the light burning early in November. The engine is being manufactured by Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt, Ont., and Fleming & Son, of St. John, are making the boiler. The company have decided to adopt the Ball electric light. The poles have been ordered and are now being procured along the line of the Northern & Western. An electrician will be here in about ten days when the work of erecting the poles and stringing the wires will be begun. The engine and boiler will, it is expected, be completed as soon as the city is wired and the electric plant set in, which will be at the latest the first of November.

A small electric plant is expected in a few days by the company for the lighting of the bridge. A small engine will be used for this purpose which will probably be stationed in the railway yards at Gibson.

A Showy Shrub in Bloom.

Mrs. Seery of Brunswick street, near the Baptist Church, has now in bloom a remarkably fine bushy shrub, several feet in height, with shiney green leaves and nearly white double flowers. It was procured from an agent some two years ago and had then several more kinds which had been grafted on but have since died. Yet it is still a handsome shrub and an object worth seeing. The botanical name is Hibixus Syricus (Althaea). These beautiful shrubs are largely used on the lawns about Boston and Cambridge, but are very rare in these parts. They are very valuable for ornamental purposes as they flower freely and are easily propagated by seed layers or cuttings. Mrs. Seery sets it down cellar about November and out of doors the first of May. It is deciduous, that is to say, the leaves fall of in the fall and bud out in the spring. There is a pretty variegated leaved variety introduced by R. Buist, of Philadelphia, Pa., which makes a nice companion of the above for ornamental purposes.

Picnic Attractions in Dumfries.

The congregation of St. Dominic's church, Alleadale, Dumfries, will hold a grand picnic on the beautiful grounds of Robert McDowell, on Tuesday, Sept. 13th. Music for dancing will be provided in abundance. A band of Milicete indians will give an exhibition of war dances, etc., on the grounds. A big crowd and a good time may be expected.

Mutton for the American Market.

Conn. John Murch, of Bear Island, who has been buying up lambs in the county for the American market for the last 21 years, is into the business again this fall, and expects to ship larger quantities than ever before. Years ago Mr. Murch was the only man in the business; now he has a dozen or more competitors in this county alone. He has just returned from Boston where he landed 200 sheep and lambs, and is now in the country again gathering up another cargo. Mr. Maxfield, of Bangor, shipped two car loads of lambs from Cardigan station, Keswick, last week. Eight carloads were shipped from Harvey last week. The ruling price paid for lambs is $2 50 and $2.75.

Personal.

Mr. J. Fraser Gregory is in the city.

Mr. O. S. Crocket is in Quebec attending the exhibition in the interests of the GLEANER.

Dr. H. I. Taylor and Mr. J. R. McIntosh, former students of the University, are visiting the city.

The president of the International S. S. A., and Mrs. Craft, of New York will be present at the convention.

Mr. John Kilburn, of Kingsclear, returned from Quebec yesterday, where he has been on a lumber exploration tour.

Bishop Perry, who is now visiting in England, has written to friends in Davenport that he will not accept the bishopric of Nova Scotia, lately tendered him by the diocesan convention of the province, but will remain in Iowa.

The Exodus.

Robert K. Jewett and Frederick Estey, of Keswick Ridge, left yesterday for Oakland, Cal. Mr. W. A. Burden, formerly merchant at Bear Island, removed to the States yesterday. On board of the western train yesterday morning were upwards of a dozen young people who were leaving the county, some of them going to Boston, others as far west as Washington territory. During the last few weeks there has been a steady drain of young people from Fredericton and the surrounding districts, who are leaving, in the hopes of bettering their conditions in other countries.

Death of James Moffatt, Esq.

James Moffatt, Esq., one of the most prominent citizens of Dalhousie and ex-Warden of the Municipality of Restiguouche, died at Dalhousie yesterday (Wednesday) morning, aged 42 years. The deceased was a brother of the late Robert Moffatt, M. P., and of the present member of the Commons for the county, Geo. Moffatt, Esq. His death will be regretted not only throughout Restiguouche but by very many along the north shore and elsewhere to whom he was well and favorably known.—Advance, Sept. 8th.

Provincial Board of Health.

A meeting of the provincial board of health was held at the office of the secretary, Dr. J. Z. Currie, 46 York street, on Tuesday night. There were present Dr. W. Bayard, president; Judge Waters, Judge Steadman, Hon. Jas. Holly, Dr. G. E. Coulthard, Dr. J. Z. Currie, secretary. The business consisted principally of preparing the by-laws and regulations of the board, which will be ready for publication shortly. Reports were received from the several health districts of the province in nearly all of which local boards have been established.

Horrible Accident at Vaneeboro.

A special to THE GLEANER states that a brakeman named Davis was killed at Vaneeboro, at three o,clock yesterday afternoon. The unfortunate man was assisting in making up a train, and as the engine with one car attached was backing up on the siding to couple, he slipped and fell between the cars, the bumpers of both cars catching him in the body and cutting him in two. Deceased was a native of Lawrence, Mass.

A Fine Percheron Stallion Dies.

"Genard Boy," one of Mr. Andrew Dunlap's fine Percheron stallions, died last week from the effects of horse-ail. Genard Boy was a very fine horse, 5 years old, and weighed 1740 lbs, and as handsome a horse as this province afforded. Mr. Dunlap is a heavy loser. He refused $600 in July last for him, and it was said that he could not be bought. Mr. Dunlap says he will sell his other horse, as he cannot be mated in the Province.

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THE FAMOUS "BOSTON STARS."

To Appear in the City Hall on Tuesday Night Next.

On Tuesday evening of next week we are to have the privilege of hearing the above distinguished artists and as this is a treat which our amusement people can but seldom bear it is natural to expect that a very large audience will be at the City Hall on that evening. The following flattering notice is taken from the Boston Herald of August 20th.

The stars have risen. What stars? Why, the Bostons, and we wish they were fixed.

Mr. King led off with a Rondo in the minor as a piano solo; 'twas encored, and tollowed with a Polish dance. And did one ever before hear such a cadenza as Mr. Emerson started his first solo with. His reputation was made before he had finished it. Then the pyrotechnic display that followed! Nobody need go to Coney island to