

LOCAL NEWS.

OUTS.—We are told that dealers in St. John have been unable to get quotations as oats in Toronto lately. It looks as though the price would go up.

ROAD WORK.—The sewer traps on most of the principal streets have been thoroughly cleaned out this week. The setting out of trees will be proceeded with should the weather be at all favourable.

MORE BOY RIFES.—James D. Leary expects to get out about 30,000 pieces of piling from his lumber yards in Queen's county for shipment to New York. Two tugs will be used to tow the rafts to port.

LEFT THE TOWN.—Major O'Malley and family left on Wednesday last for New York, where they will make their place of residence. Before leaving the Major was entertained by the officers of the R. S. I.

A CALL.—The Rev. Mr. Mowatt's name was mentioned at a meeting of the Erskine Presbyterian church on Wednesday last at Montreal, and it was unanimously agreed that a call be extended to that gentleman.

THE SALVATION ARMY.—The officers announce special meetings for three days, commencing Saturday the 15th inst., in commemoration of their fifth anniversary in this city. A grand banquet on Monday evening will wind up the proceedings.

ELEGANT A SENATOR.—Frederick S. Risteen, formerly of this city, was elected a senator to the state of Massachusetts last week. He is on the democratic side of politics, and formerly served a senate during general Butler's governorship.

LOOKING FOR DAMAGES.—Jacob Barker, while working at the high water wharf some weeks ago, was injured, and is now looking to the city corporation for compensation. The matter is now receiving the attention of the wharf committee.

GOLD BRAINS QUARTZ.—James Humble who is in town Tuesday brought with him some remarkable specimens of gold bearing quartz, indicative of rich deposits of gold. The specimens came from the mine situated about four miles from Stanley village.

POTATOES FROZEN.—A snow load of potatoes, consisting of 16 barrels, which had been brought to the city by J. Brown of Kingsclear on Thursday last, were completely frozen during the night. This was a serious loss, as potatoes are commanding good prices now.

BRUMMAGE'S GOODS.—There was much amusement on Phoenix square a few evenings ago, when several of the boys attracted by the tinsel of a pedlar's eloquence, got bitten heavily. Brummage's jewelry, sparkling and bright, sold like hot cakes, and the boys got out as well.

LUMBER OPERATIONS.—John Kilburne despatched another large crew of men to the Quebec woods on Tuesday last. J. A. Morrison will send off another complement of men on Monday next. Messrs. Dunn and Dunlap have thirty men at work for Mr. Gibson at the head waters of the Nashwaak.

A SERIOUS LOSS.—On Saturday the 8th ult., a valuable horse belonging to the Burpee of Marysville was found dead in the stable. It appears that the animal, which had been tied by a rope round the neck, by some means or other tripped over its fastening and suffocated itself. It was valued at \$150.

ORATORIO MUSIC.—The production of Handel's Samson at St. John on Thursday evening last was a splendid success. The oratorio which was given at the Institute, was conducted by professor Bristowe of this city, who kindly came to the assistance of the society, during the illness of Professor Morley.

THE CITY OF VANCOUVER.—Mr. Harry Johnston, son of W. E. Johnston of Nashwaak has published an interesting guide to the city of Vancouver. It contains a large amount of information relating to trade, buildings, and the substantial progress of the city since the fire of four years ago.

SHIPPING NOTES.—The Alice Maud has been loading laths for D. F. George, who is forwarding his last shipments of sleepers to the States. The Purcell was in port Wednesday with a cargo of coal for E. H. Allen. The Florenceville has gone to St. John for repairs. Navigation will probably close in a fortnight.

A SOCIAL EVENING.—A dance was held in Foresters' hall, St. Mary's, on Wednesday evening last. There were twenty-five couples present, and to the assistance of Allison Cook, a very pleasant time was indulged in all. S. Staples, W. Gray, and H. Burt are to be congratulated on the success of these enjoyable meetings.

NOT HARMONIOUS.—The presbytery of Halifax at its recent meeting refused to sustain the call extended from St. Matthews church of that city to the Rev. A. J. Mowatt notwithstanding the fact that to do so would be in favor of that gentleman at the congregational meeting. The reason for refusal stated by the presbytery was that the call was not harmonious.

AN UPRIGHT.—On Thursday evening last three of the town boys boys were driving past government house, a turn was made to get out of the road of an approaching team with the result that two of the boys fell out of the carriage. They afterwards drove to their hotel very much sobered and very thoughtful, and avoided all questions by proceeding straight to bed.

A NEW LEGAL FIRM.—Messrs. Geo. A. Hughes, and John W. Wetmore, are about to open their new office in the Wiley building opposite the Normal school. Mr. Hughes studied law in the office of Mr. Wilson, M. P. P., and Mr. Wetmore was trained under the efficient guidance of Messrs. Hays and Barry. Both parties are favorably known and deservedly popular.

GURNEY'S CORPSE.—The Centerville correspondent of the Woodstock Sentinel writes that Dr. Lenn's vacated residence is whispering very loudly of late news of a happy event which is soon to take place. "Frederick's loss will be our gain" and vice versa the future and the past in double union. Wonderful! in the extreme is the "whirligig of time." Can you guess who the happy one is?

STREET CLOSINGS.—There has been considerable discussion among the residents of the city regarding the present system of street crossings. Some sixty residents of Wellington ward last week signed a petition praying that the city council would lay wooden crossings at the street corners of their section of the city. This has been laid before the city council, and is now receiving the attention of the road committee.

LATER INTELLIGENCE.—Intelligence has been received in this city from Australia relative to the death of Dr. McAllister, who formerly practised here. It appears the doctor who had died to establish himself in Sydney, retired to his room at the Empire hotel where he was staying, and an insect was held, when it was shown that the doctor had died from heart disease.

A DYING VISIT.—Louis Selocome, of Boston, paid a dying visit to Fredericton on Tuesday. Although his journey here was purely on business, his friends in the city found time to drive him over to Marysville.

THE BOSTONIAN.—The Bostonian was immensely struck with the enterprise and taste displayed by the lumber king, and thought the lot would make a handsome substantial building. Mr. Colman left for Boston on Wednesday, well pleased with the city and its pretty surroundings.

THE OLD BOYS SOCIETY.

A Very Successful Meeting of Old Boys on Wednesday Last.

A most successful meeting of the old boys society was held in the Collegiate school on Wednesday evening last, a great number of the old members being present. The chair was occupied by E. L. Mitchell. The event of the evening was the presenting of the old boys prize to Miss N. B. Williamson, daughter of the station agent. This prize given for the highest number of marks obtained by any student from the collegiate school at the matriculation examination, is for the special encouragement of higher education.

Prof. Duff in an eloquent and instructive address spoke of the advantages of higher education in connection with collegiate school work, and in neat complimentary terms presented the prize to Miss Williamson. The prize consisted of a very handsome collection of books, three volumes of Shakespeare's works, four of Milton, and four volumes of Knight's Half Hours with the best authors, and form an elegant addition to a student's library.

The old boys next proceeded to the election of officers for the year 1890-91, when the following were elected: president B. C. Foster, M. A.; vice presidents, C. S. Everett, Robert Watson; Secretary, Miss B. Williamson; treasurer, Fred. St. John. The executive committee consist of E. Brydon Jack, Charles E. Nell, Miss M. K. Tibbitts, and Miss E. Hunter.

It should be mentioned in conclusion that about \$400 has been given away in valuable prize volumes by the society for furthering the higher course of study. Any person who has been in attendance at the school is eligible for membership on the payment of a nominal fee of \$1.00.

Police Court.

The assault case High Elder v. Moses Blizack was settled by defendant paying damages and costs.

On Monday last Thomas Doran was brought up before police magistrate March, and charged with disorderly conduct on the public streets. He was fined \$8, and in default thereof 7 days jail. He chose the latter.

A charge was laid on Monday last against Dr. Rossin of Harvey Station who, it is alleged by certain parties in Wilmet's alley, stole two watches. Roberts was sent to arrest the doctor, but found the bird had flown. On Tuesday Roberts traced the Dr. to the Adams house, Chatham, where one of the stolen watches was recovered. It had been offered to a boarder by the name of Roberts was communicating with the Northumberland authorities, in order to obtain an endorsement on his warrant, without which the arrest could not be effected.

The doctor skipped, but was later on arrested near Chatham Junction. The sequel to the Dr. Rossin case comes to hand from Miramichi. It appears that the man's true name is Deroche, and he is a well known bluff. At Harvey station he gave himself out as a mineral prospector, and succeeded in victimizing a great many people. At another place he posed as an evangelist. It is reported that several people in this city were like to hear from him. The doctor is still at large and is supposed to be hiding in the vicinity of Chatham. The Chatham World says: "Monday evening officer Roberts of Fredericton arrived for him, saw him at the Adams House, and went out to get his warrant back. When he returned to the hotel his bird had flown, having recognized him or learned who he was. Roberts returned next day, and will next arrest him on sight and get his warrant back afterwards."

Recent Deaths.

Mrs. McCluskey, of Boletown, mother of W. R. McCluskey, died on Saturday, the 7th inst., of dropsy and heart disease. She was 71 years of age. The funeral took place on Sunday, the 9th inst., and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The chief mourners were her two sons, Messrs. Michael and W. R. McCluskey.

On Monday last, Mable R., the beloved daughter of Martin and Eliza Lemont, died at her residence, St. John street, a few minutes before ten o'clock, after a long illness. Deceased was much esteemed by all who knew her; she was an active and diligent worker in the Methodist church, and an ardent member of the same. Her untimely death excited universal sympathy and regret in this city. The funeral of Miss Mable N. Lemont on Thursday afternoon, was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral emblems, conspicuous among them being a choice bouquet of flowers from the society of the King's daughters. The cross bore the initials I. H. N. The Methodist Sunday school sent an elegant wreath, and a large circle of friends sent flowers.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church, and the Rev. W. J. Campbell, postmaster at St. Andrews, officiated. He is one of the oldest postmasters in the Dominion.

Prof. W. Bally of the N. B. university read a paper on surface geology before the Halifax institute of science on Monday last. Geo. L. Powers, assistant teacher at the deaf and dumb institution in St. Stephen, on a visit to the subscribers. The new building for the institution is rapidly approaching completion.

Among the guests at the Queen this week were: Hon. P. G. Ryan and wife, Hon. D. McLellan, Speaker White, Hon. A. Harrison, G. P. Cochran of the St. John electric light Co., C. L. Jarvis of the Queen insurance Co., St. John, Kenneth J. Burns, M. P. P., Bathurst, C. Skinner, W. P. C. W. H. Chisholm, Bathurst, W. J. Camp, electrician of the C. P. R., H. B. Clark, and W. H. Duncan, of Toronto, and a party of Halifax gentlemen, consisting of Messrs. W. Cane, W. J. Robertson, H. C. Creighton, F. E. Davidson, and G. Dimmock.

A Chapter of Accidents.

While John Hazelwood, of Marysville, was walking across the foot bridge above the dam a few days ago, he fell from the plank on to one of the piers. The latter was covered with debris, and Mr. Hazelwood so badly injured and shaken up, that the stone which filled the pier. He sustained no serious injury but had a narrow escape.

Samuel McKee of this city was out driving on Sunday the 8th inst., in the neighbourhood of Springhill with a valuable mare of hood of animal slipped, and fell heavily. She was got on her feet, but fell again. With some difficulty the mare was got home to her stable, and Dr. Henry sent for, the animal was found to be injured across the loins, but with care will soon get around again.

An English girl employed by Ernest Edheit of Keswick, who was driving water from a well on Friday the 7th inst., over-balanced and fell in. The well is 30 feet deep. Fortunately the girl was seen to fall and the inmates of the house by means of ropes, quickly extricated her from the dangerous position. The girl was very much exhausted when drawn to the mouth of the well.

The Fredericton Market.

The market this week has been animated and a great many farmers have been in attendance. The late advices are: Pork 6 to 7 cts; beef 4 to 5 cts; mutton to 5 cts; lamb 6 to 7 cts; sausages 12 cts; chickens 12 to 13 cts; geese 10 to 12 cts; eggs 18 cts; butter 17c; tallow 30 cts; potatoes 18 to 21 cts; hay \$8 to \$10; straw \$5; oats 45 to 50 cts; buckwheat \$1.75 to \$2. Apples have made a rise this week, common sorts advanced to \$2 per barrel, and the choicest as high as \$4.50.

Soiling Laths to St. John.

D. F. George has about two million laths over at Gibson which he will have to send to St. John by scows. Ten of these conveyances will arrive to-day (Saturday) in view of the tug Norman and they will return to St. John as soon as they can be loaded. This is not a very profitable way of handling laths, but Mr. George has to choose between it and piling his laths at Gibson until spring opens, and this with the loss of the sale would probably amount to more than the extra freight.

The Rivers.—Ice formed in the river during the week. The water is exceptionally low.

THE LIBEL CASE.

Close of the Case for the Defence.—The Rebuking Evidence.

On Monday last the first witness examined was L. A. Curry, who said: On the 7th, Oct. 1889 I visited Judge Steadman in this city, in reference to my proposed examination of the applications connected with the revisions of 1886-87. The Judge accused me of writing the articles in the Sun. I was not in St. John at the time. There was a considerable amount of feeling in the country against Babbitt's appointment. In 1886 a large number of conservative applications were refused on technical grounds only, a great proportion of these came from Canning and Wickham. I have never abused the Judge in any way whatever. At the court then adjourned for luncheon.

On the re-assembling of the court, L. A. Curry, continuing, gave evidence respecting the rejected conservative applications, and the refusal of Babbitt had acted in a partisan manner.

John Welton of St. Mary's the next witness, stated that Babbitt told a man Ferguson in Burpee's store at Sunbury that "all things would be given for the party in Queen's, as he was clerk to the revising officer" subjected to by Mr. Yanwart, but allowed subject to the objection, as his honor said the value of this witness' evidence depended upon the evidence given by the other witnesses.

The examination of a few more witnesses closed the case for the defence.

R. T. Babbitt of Gagetown in rebuttal, deposed that he had never personally tried to influence the plaintiff in the matter of the revisions, and that the story told by Welton was deliberately untrue.

Judge Steadman was called to rebut the evidence of the witnesses, and stated that after considering the applications Babbitt made at his discretion the memoranda on them. He never gave any Queen's county man permission to mail final revision papers to the Hon. the Attorney General, or any charges against Babbitt were brought before his notice.

The case was then closed for the defence by Mr. Skinner who went into a minute criticism of the evidence of the witnesses.

On Thursday morning Mr. J. A. Yanwart addressed the jury on the subject of the rejected applications, showing clearly that Judge Steadman had acted entirely within his rights in making up the list.

Chief Justice Allen in charging the jury summed up the facts of the case at considerable length.

He took as a basis of his charge the three articles published in the Sun, and stated: "I. Whether the articles published in the Sun or any of them are only a fair criticism on plaintiff's proceedings in revision of the electoral lists in the year 1888. II. Whether the articles published exceed the limits of fair criticism, do they bear the meaning which plaintiff puts upon them in his declaration; that is do they or any of them charge plaintiff with acting corruptly in the selection of the electoral lists. III. Whether the articles published exceed the limits of fair criticism, do they bear the meaning which plaintiff puts upon them in his declaration; that is do they or any of them charge plaintiff with acting corruptly in the selection of the electoral lists. III. 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