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THE ALASKA COMMISSION. LONDON, Feb. 22.—Austen Chamberlain, British minister general in behalf of his father, the colonial secretary, who is in South Africa, informed the house of commons today that the British Alaskan commissioners will be selected after consultation with the dominion government.

MISS TOLLER IS SECRETARY. (Ottawa Citizen, Friday.) The ladies of this city do not propose to be behind Montreal, Kingston and other cities where the Ottawa ladies have played hockey for some years and started at it to a fair degree. Now they propose to take up the "man's" game and play that also. Tomorrow morning in the Bideau rink at 11 o'clock the ladies interested will meet and draw up a constitution and rules and govern their club. The officers have already been elected as follows: President, Mrs. S. H. Fleming; vice-president, Mrs. Harriet Miss Ethel White; secretary, Mrs. Harriet Miss Ethel White.

The ladies who have taken the matter up are enthusiastic concerning the game and hope to be very much in the "loop" next season. It is a little late this year to get up matches with lady clubs in other cities, but one or more may be arranged before the season is out.

THE WEATHER. The highest temperature today was 21; lowest temperature, 15; temperature at noon, 21; barometer reading at noon, 30.13 inches; wind at noon, direction S. W., velocity 2 miles per hour. TORONTO, Feb. 22.—Forecast—Fresh to strong southwesterly winds, fair to cloudy and milder; local snow showers, Tuesday, and milder; fair and comparatively mild, Wednesday. Synopsis.—The disturbance which was near the north Atlantic coast on Saturday moved rapidly northward and passed to the south of Nova Scotia to greatly affect the weather in the maritime provinces. The present outlook is for fair and comparatively mild conditions. Nova Scotia to the Banks, fresh to strong westerly winds and fair, to United States port, fresh westerly winds, fair and milder.

LOCAL NEWS.

There will be a band and races at the Victoria rink tomorrow evening. Band and good ice at the Carleton open air rink tonight.

A special meeting of Court Log Cabin I. O. F., will be held this evening. Important business is to be transacted.

Benjamin Riley has been reported by Sergt. Ross for smoking in No. 2 warehouse at Sand Point.

Rev. G. O. Gatz exchanged pulpits yesterday morning with Rev. B. N. Nobles of the Carleton Baptist church.

The Boston train was an hour and a half and the Montreal train three hours late today.

Yesterday afternoon a number of children from Centenary Sunday school under the leadership of Morton Smith, assisted in the singing at the service in the Home for Incurables.

Latest word from Pictou indicates that the Prince Edward Island steamboats, the Stanley and the Minto, are still fast in the ice in the straits with no prospect of a release.

The postponed commemoration meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held their rooms, Orange hall, tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. This is intended for a general notice.

The sleigh drive of the Scots Companies Boys' Brigade will be held tonight if the weather is at all favorable. If not all those who intended to be at the supper will meet, as it will be carried out as arranged.

The ladies of the Art Association held a tea at their rooms in the Palmer building on Saturday afternoon. Miss M. Barry Smith read a paper on Art and Miss Ethel Brown contributed two or three recitations.

The Donaldson liner Tritonia arrived from Glasgow with a large general cargo yesterday and docked at the L. C. R. pier last evening where she will discharge. She will shift to the week to No. 4 berth at Sand Point to take her outward cargo.

The favorable weather of the past day or two has been much assistance to the railroads in the forwarding of goods. One hundred and eighty-seven carloads of export freight were received at the West side yesterday.

The store of Reverdy Steeves, 44 Brunel street, was crowded with customers on Saturday night. His big mid-winter sale of rubber and felt goods, leather goods and women's slippers is proving a great attraction, and goods and prices are exceptionally popular.

The campaign for the Y. M. C. A. building fund is being pushed vigorously and the promoters hope to raise the required \$60,000 within a few weeks. The amount now on hand is something over \$31,000. The subscriptions which have made up this amount averaged \$125.

The executive committee of the N. B. Auxiliary of the B. and F. Bible Society will meet in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock to meet Rev. Mr. Almon, the secretary of the Nova Scotian branch in reference to matters of mutual interest. By order of the president.

THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

In the game for the Caledonia cup the St. John curlers beat Fredericton by a score of 63 to 43. The players were: St. John, John White, John H. Thomson; Fredericton, John Neil, Thomas Temple. After the game a dinner was held in the Victoria hotel.

The lumber dealers and manufacturers' association of New Brunswick and Maine was formed. The boat belonging to Pilot Havlin, who took out the Montezuma, was found on the Nova Scotia coast. The owner perished in a storm.

LOST A HORSE.

Charles Hatt, of Marysville, lost a valuable horse Saturday evening. The horse was left standing on one of the streets for a few minutes and becoming scared, ran away. It dashed across the highway bridge, the flooring of the greater part of which has been removed for repairs. The horse fell through and plunged a distance of thirty feet upon a pile of lumber. It was so badly injured that it had to be chloroformed. It was valued at \$200.

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EARLY FLIES.

While snowing near Nerepis on Saturday William McIntosh and A. Gordon Leavitt found on the snow, some ten or twelve specimens of three different species of dipterous flies. Such a discovery out of doors at this season is a very unusual and the flies were of a species unknown to the finders. An effort is being made to have them identified.

There is one of the largest and most complete stocks of ladies waterproof garments to be found at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s that is shown in the maritime provinces and every garment is guaranteed.

A FATAL FIRE. Jeremiah McCarthy Dies of Suffocation in His Home This Morning.

Several Narrow Escapes—Out on the Street in Her Night Clothing—A Terrible Scene on Portland Street.

Jeremiah McCarthy of Portland street, one of the oldest citizens of St. John, met his death in one of the most serious fires which has occurred here for some time. About half-past four o'clock this morning an alarm was rung in from Box 142 for a fire in the two-story dwelling house at 110 Portland street, out near the Maritime Mill Works. The department responded quickly and upon arriving at the scene found the whole building enveloped in clouds of smoke, from which in all directions flames were darting. It seemed as though the fire had possession of the entire structure and subsequent events proved this to be the case. The house, which was divided into four tenements, was occupied on the lower floor by Stephen McJunkin, freeman and scowman, who with his wife lived in the front portion. The rear tenement on the lower floor was occupied by Jas. Ross in the upper portion of the front portion, one of the daughters of Mrs. Arthurs of Chicago, who with her infant is visiting her mother. The stories told by the inmates of the house were that different persons in the house were awakened by the smoke about the same time. Mrs. McJunkin smelled it and called to her husband. Mrs. Ross did the same thing and the members of these two families were able to partially dress and climb out the windows. Ross got out first and after calling for his child assisted his wife in making her escape from the burning building. Mr. and Mrs. McJunkin although somewhat affected by the dense and suffocating smoke were able to make their escape without much difficulty. But in the upper portion of the house matters were very different. The flames had in some manner worked their way upwards in the cross partitions of the building and when the fire was first discovered the smoke in the upper rooms was almost overpowering. Mr. McCarthy appears to have been the first to notice it. He alarmed his daughter who was sleeping in the next room and she got up. After this no one can tell what happened in regard to Mr. McCarthy but it seems as though he went back to his room and dressed, then attempted to make his way out of the house, but finding the stairs a solid mass of flames returned through the sitting room of the house on his way to the window. In attempting to reach the window he stumbled over a small table and becoming somewhat entangled in the furniture was overcome by the thick smoke and suffocated before he was again able to move. When his body was discovered this morning he was lying on the overturned table with one hand on the ledge of the window he had tried to reach. He was fully dressed with the exception of his boots and socks and owing to the superhuman efforts of the firemen who kept streams of water on to his body, the body was untouched by fire.

The Salvage Corps, but the greater part of the house was destroyed and is almost a total loss. The fire originated in the cellar where last evening members of one of the families were thawing out some water pipes which had been frozen. The house was owned by John Montague, formerly engineer of No. 5 company, and now of Sydney street. It was insured for \$1,000 in the Liverpool, London and Globe Co.

Whenever it was possible to do so Mr. McCarthy's body was removed from the building and taken to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. P. Coughlan, Portland street. Mr. McCarthy was one of the veteran shipbuilders of the old school and had labored for many years in this city. Later on he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., but came back here fifteen years ago and has since lived with his family. He was eighty-one years old and leaves four children, Mrs. P. Coughlan, Mrs. Charles O'Hara, Miss McCarthy, of this city, and Charles McCarthy of Moncton.

This morning Coroner Roberts visited the scene of the fire and made some enquiries as to Mr. McCarthy's death. Dr. Roberts told the Star this afternoon that he had not yet quite decided whether an inquest would be necessary or not. He had made enquiries and believed the death of Mr. McCarthy was a clear case of suffocation, and the only point on which further investigation might be necessary would be as to possible negligence of the firemen. But from all he could learn it seemed that no one could live in the burning house, and as the firemen had evidently done their utmost the question of negligence might not arise. While Coroner Roberts was unable to state definitely about the inquest, he was of the opinion that none would be necessary.

Miss McCarthy, who was with her father in the house, and who was carried out in an insufficiently protected state, is in a somewhat serious condition, due to the shock and subsequent exposure, but no fatal results are anticipated.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 22.—By the burning of the residence of William Adams of Hillsdale, T. during Saturday night, three of his children were killed. Two were burned to death in the house, while the mother rescued two others, one of whom afterward died as a result of burns.

The great sale of skirts, 720 in all, now going on at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s is without doubt the most successful special sale this firm has ever held. The skirts are worth \$2. Made from fine mercerized black satin and are being sold at \$1 each.

J. C. HATHEWAY KILLED.

Crushed Under Tons of Earth in a Gravel Pit.

A fatal accident in which John C. Hatheway, one of the most prominent and best known citizens of St. John county, lost his life, occurred just before noon on Saturday. Mr. Hatheway resides on the old Hatheway homestead on the Manawagonish road, about half a mile beyond Fairville. On his farm there is a gravel pit which has for some time been lying idle, but from which teams are now hauling sand for the city. This afternoon between twelve and one o'clock Mr. Hatheway was about the pit engaged with the teams when the overhang fell and he was buried in an enormous mass of earth and stone. Willing hands at once set to work to dig him out and news of the accident was sent to the city and medical assistance summoned. When Mr. Hatheway was taken from under the tons of earth which crushed him, it was found that he was still alive, but suffering greatly from injuries and suffocation. He was tenderly conveyed to his home where, in spite of the efforts of friends, he shortly passed away.

Mr. Hatheway was a son of the late Charles H. Hatheway, formerly a well known citizen and steamboat man of St. John, and for many years captain of the Forest Queen. He was a farmer by occupation, and was fifty-five years of age. Mr. Hatheway was married to Miss Atherton, daughter of the late John Atherton, of the customs department, and leaves besides his wife, five daughters, Misses May, Madeline, Freda, Jessie and Elsie, all living at home. He has also two brothers, Fred, at Murray Hill, above Fredericton; Charles, in business in Albany; and one sister, Mrs. Adams. His mother, Mrs. Charles H. Hatheway, is also living with Fred up river.

PROBATE COURT.

Order was made in the estate of Jeremiah O'Connell for sale of the real estate for payment of debts. J. J. Porter appeared for the administration. Mary A. Allen; A. W. Macrae for Johannah Hunter and J. L. Carleton, K. C., for John F. O'Connell. The will of Martha C. Belmont was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Margaret A. Campbell, the sole devisee under the will. The estate is valued at \$100 realty. A. W. Macrae, proctor.

The accounts in the estate of the late James Miller of the amount of \$175,000 are being passed today. Chas. F. Sanford, proctor for administrators, Alice P. Miller, Chas. Miller and A. P. Barnhill.

BRITISH COMMONS.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Replying to a question in the house of commons Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade, said the general lines of the agreement between the British government and the International Mercantile Co. had been determined upon and the house would be given an opportunity to discuss the arrangements before it was finally concluded.

REMNANT SALE.

Bargains in Dress Goods Remnants. Bargains in Gingham Remnants. Bargains in Grey Cotton Remnants. Bargains in White Cotton Remnants. Bargains in Apron Gingham Remnants. Bargains in Print Remnants. Bargains in Shirting Gingham Remnants. Bargains in Cloth Remnants. Bargains in Toweling Remnants. Ladies' Rubbers 29c. and 39c. pair, also a lot of clearing lines at Bargain Prices.

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POLICE COURT.

Had Votes in King's County—The Court is Merciful.

The quality of mercy was not strained this morning. On the contrary it was poured out in a manner that would give the gentle dew points every time and beat it out of eight. The city lost the opportunity of feeding a bunch of prisoners for the next few months, but the hearts of these offenders were gladdened when they were set free.

Robert Collins and John McDermott came from Kings County. They wish to exercise their powers at the polls on Saturday. But all this did not prevent John McDermott from needing a shave and a hair cut, so, disdaining the barbers of Sussex he came to town on Friday to have his superfluous locks and dark chinchillas removed. This at least is the story. Incidentally John got drunk and was scooped. He hadn't money enough to pay his fine, having no doubt been blowing himself for a while. He really didn't know what to do this morning. He had a vote at home he said, and wanted to go back to attend to it. Now there was Mr. Pusey who could help him. John's papa and Mr. Pusey were great friends and the election was coming on and McDermott sat on the bench in suspense. Collins, who also hailed from Kings County, had a vote too, but he didn't worry about it.

Perhaps he remembered how the votes of the absent were carefully cast at a previous election—and all that had forgotten Rothery—and all that worried Robert was that he had a job by the year. He remarked, "Please mister like a good fellow, let me go this time." But the magistrate read the paper.

Then on, after they had had time to think over their past lives the two men were allowed to go. Jeremiah Barrett and Arthur O'Leary must have forgotten that it is very wrong to fight. Young men should not get up in wrath and smite each other, but three men went at it on Market Square on Saturday evening and Joe Scott saw them. That was the finish. They were fined twenty dollars each, but sometime afterwards the stream of mercy was turned on and they were let loose.

Two other drunks were fined the usual amount.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret A. Jenkins was held at half past two o'clock this afternoon from her late home, No. 1 Long Wharf. Rev. J. C. B. Appel conducted service at the house and grave and the body was interred in Cedar Hill.

At two o'clock this afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Louisa Dalton took place from her late home, 55 Summer street. The body was taken to St. Paul's church, where service was conducted by Rev. A. G. H. Dicker. Interment was in Fernhill.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. S. Fielding and Miss Edith Fielding, of Ottawa, have been the guests of Mrs. G. S. Mayer, Lancaster Heights, for a few days. Mrs. Geo. W. Fowler, of Sussex, is in the city.

C. H. Borden, of Wolfville, N. S., is in the city on his way to Boston on a business trip.

KILLED FOUR PERSONS.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 22.—A dynamite explosion this morning at Rockwood, Pa., one hundred miles south of this city, killed four persons. Several were injured.

METHODIST MINISTERS MEET.

The preachers met at the usual time and place. Rev. Dr. Wilson presiding. After singing and Scripture reading W. S. Kirby led in prayer.

There were present Brethren G. M. Campbell, T. J. Dienstadt, S. Howard, H. Penna, D. W. Hamilton, Dr. Wilson, W. J. Kirby, H. D. Marr, C. Comben and J. H. Clarke.

The exchanges were usual except that Bro. Comben preached in Portland in the morning and at Brookfield at night; and that S. Ritchie Bell began a series of evangelistic services in Exmouth street on Sunday night, when a very interesting service was held, and three persons rose for prayer.

Rev. H. Penna, who has been away for two weeks on a visit to Boston, gave a very interesting account of his visit to that city and its various churches, which gave rise to a very profitable discussion. The question of the Evangelical Alliance resolution was taken from the table and after a discussion, a resolution was passed to be presented to the Alliance next Monday.

On motion Bro. C. Comben was appointed chairman for the month of March.

THIS EVENING.

Bandmann Opera Co. in Florodora, at the Opera House. Uncle Tom's Cabin by City Corset Band, at York Theatre.

Rehearsal Harris Festival Chorists in Church of England Institute. Dramatic entertainment in Trinity church school room. Meeting non-coms. 3rd R. C. A. Mustate by Maple Leaf Society in Temple of Honor Hall.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers must send in copy before 9:30 a. m. to insure insertion that day. It would greatly favor the Star if the copy could be sent in during the afternoon prior to its publication.

Mrs. Quinlan, of the Western house, Carleton, died this morning after but a few days illness. She was over seventy years of age, and leaves several children, among them being Mrs. Cripps, of Misses; Mrs. Alexander Wilson, at home; and George, living at home.

NEW METHODS IN DENTISTRY.

Use of Porcelain in Filling Teeth Demonstrated at Chicago.

Two important demonstrations in dental science were made last week at the opening session of the meeting to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Odontographic Society of Chicago. One was the use of porcelain as a substitute for gold, silver, and amalgam in the filling of teeth. The other was the analysis of the patient's saliva to determine the disease of the teeth and gums. The restoration of teeth by the porcelain inlay process was demonstrated by clinics conducted by Dr. L. E. Carter of Chicago, Dr. W. H. Culworth of Milwaukee, Dr. F. W. Cameron of Toronto, and Dr. W. A. Capon of Philadelphia. The theory of a germinal disease by analyzing saliva was demonstrated by Dr. E. C. Kirk, Dean of the Pennsylvania Dental College.

Two thousand dentists from all parts of the country are here to attend the celebration. Each state in the union has sent five dentists to the convention, and besides there are members of many dental associations in the larger cities. Over 200 clinics will be held, and many papers read during the session.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

The debate on the stretch from the throne in the British parliament opened sluggishly. The nationalists are acting under self-restraint, and a prudent member of the nationalist party states that the Irish bill will be satisfactory, and that the agitations and grievances will cease. He also predicts that Mr. Wyndham's bill will not meet with serious opposition from any section of the house of commons. Old times, however, prefer to wait until Mr. Redmond speaks before accepting sanguine fore-