

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Maritime Navigation Company have decided to rebuild in this city.

The exercises of the Forty Hours' Devotion were commenced in the cathedral yesterday morning.

The M. & B. railway authorities have received a snowplow from the I. C. R., and at last report had cleared the road from Moncton through to Scotch Settlement.

A new hotel will be built this year at Springhill (N. S.). A new wood working factory will also be opened at an early date in the mining town.

The Union Ice Company, Carleton, has finished harvesting. Steady employment was given to seventeen men and the cut is about one-third larger than last year.

The army service course to have been commenced Monday next has been postponed until the evening of Tuesday, April 5.

Any young woman who desires employment in St. John in washing or house work can find such a position advertised in the want column of this paper.

Jas. H. Slater, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, is fast recovering from his recent severe attack of illness, and expects to be around again inside of two weeks.—Sydney Record.

The street railway management await the action of the common council in regard to the company's proposal to extend the railway west along Wentworth, King Street east, Pitt and Britain streets.

An Adman's correspondent of the Miramichi Advance says that the Imperial Coal Company is bringing from eight to ten carloads of coal per week over the Beersville railway to the Intercolonial.

The residence of Ezra Estabrook, of Migic, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. Mr. Estabrook was able to get the greater part of his furniture out. There was no insurance.

George T. Tait returned to Chatham Saturday from Winnipeg. He went west last fall and shortly after reaching his destination had on a horse which was killed by a falling tree. He has been in the Winnipeg hospital since December.

At a meeting of the Nova Scotia Historical Society at Halifax on the 15th inst., the question of preserving the old fort at Louisbourg was discussed. A committee was appointed to draw up a memorial to the government.

The Elgin & Havelock and Salisbury & Harvey railways are not yet open to full length for traffic. The Carleton line is expected to be open in a day or two. The mails have still to be carried by teams to points on a number of the branch lines in the province.

The staff of workmen at the Halifax dock yard has been increased to about 600, the largest number employed for many years. A large number of caulkers and other mechanics work until 9 o'clock every evening on H. M. S. Alert. The latter are undergoing extensive repairs, and will not be ready for sea until June.

As far as we can learn, negotiations have not yet been completed for the new boat for the Campbellton-Gaspere service, but are still in progress. The latter boat is in sight and the one which the promoters of the scheme are trying to secure is an oak vessel, with a speed of fifteen knots, and about the size of the Admiral.—Campbellton Events.

It is understood that John McInerney, of Boston, will build a dwelling house on the site of the buildings owned by his father, the late Hon. Owen McInerney. Mrs. Frank McInerney has bought the residence of Edwin Hildet, and Edward McInerney will erect a dwelling on the site of his former residence, burned last fall.

The Nova Scotia Good Roads Association has unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, that the Nova Scotia Good Roads Association have representatives before the municipal council at their first session to urge that the 'day's labor' clause in the statute labor act be abolished, and a proper valuation and poll tax substituted therefor."

Chas. Lath manufacturers view with apprehension the threatened strike of the building trades unions in New York, which is their principal market. The strike of 1902 was the cause of greater prices for laths, which reached the metropolis after the labor was started, and the manufacturers at Cambridgeport feel that they will be called upon to face similar conditions the spring.—Bangor News.

The Presbyterian pastor at Red Bank, Miramichi, has been writing interesting letters to the Presbyterian Witness about his visits to the lumber camps. He visited twenty-seven camps and found 600 men, and the North West and Little South Miramichi, and their small tributaries. He says the social and moral conditions of New Brunswick lumber camps have very greatly improved in recent years.

The author of the "John Henry" books, now having such a sale, is George V. Hobart Philpott, who was born at Fort Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia. He is the brother of Peter Philpott, chief clerk at the Leamington Hotel, and of Mrs. Charles E. Blair, of North River. Mr. Philpott writes over the non-demeaning "Hugh McHugh" and in one of his works, the author's real name is said to be Geo. V. Hobart, but with the Philpott letters out, Mr. Philpott, of the Leamington, says that he is a brother of his.—Turo News.

J. D. O'Connell, of Sussex, was at the Dufferin Sunday. He came to the city to attend the funeral of Mrs. Legere, who was a distant relative. Mr. O'Connell recently returned from the south. After leaving here last winter he went as far as Georgia, where he visited various points of interest, going as soon as Savannah. Here he received news that a lumber manufacturing concern in Washington territory, of which he was part owner, and his brother had been sold, and the price being \$110,000. This set his brother free to go to Cuba to look after lumber lands there, and that being the mission on which he reports his flock of sheep at Mechanic Settlement as having wintered remarkably well. Many lambs have been born, and he expects to have a flock of 500 sheep and lambs to turn out to pasture.

The marriages reported last week in the city numbered ten. There were twenty-six births.

Stephen Legere and family wish to thank their friends for the sympathy expressed in their late bereavement.

Walter H. Belding has been appointed leader of St. David's Presbyterian church choir, and entered upon his duties yesterday.

Rhodes, Curry & Co. have received a contract for fifty box cars for the Lake St. John and Quebec Railway, and have also received a contract for fifteen flat cars for the Dominion Coal Company.

Bonar Low, M. P., son of the late Rev. J. Law, of New Brunswick, is likely to long to be chancellor of the exchequer. So guesses an English paper.—Halifax Herald.

Five cases of smallpox have been discovered in a house on Victoria road, Sydney. A man named Gilks and his wife, B. E. Mervin. The case will be taken up by the Dominion Coal Company.

The Halifax Mail says that Bert Lambkin, son of J. B. Lambkin, of the I. C. R., has accepted a position as scout in the Japanese army. He has left for San Francisco to join a body of fifty Canadians to go to the war.

J. H. Wiles, the C. P. R. agent at Fairville, arrested on Friday night on warrant, as before detailed, was allowed on Saturday night, having been released on \$2,000 bail; himself in \$1,000, James Reilly \$500, and B. E. Mervin \$500. The case will be taken up on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The fine dwelling house owned by the Bell estate and occupied by William Bell, Woodstock, was almost totally destroyed by fire Friday morning. The barn and all were completely destroyed. The furniture was saved but badly damaged. Insurance on furniture \$100.

There are now sixteen patients in the leper hospital at Tracadie (N. B.), ten males and six females, less than last year. There are also two suspicious cases under observation in the neighborhood. Four deaths occurred in the year and one new patient was admitted.

Fifteen burial permits were issued last week by the board of health as follows: Pneumonia, two; phthisis, jaundice, nephritis, diabetes, cerebritis, embolism, meningitis, tuberculosis, mitral disease, premature birth, chronic rheumatism, scarlatina angina, prostration of the diaphragm, one each.

W. F. Hatheway, J. S. Martin, W. L. Harding, D. W. Padgett and C. E. Bell, Robinson, yesterday organized the W. F. Hatheway Company, Ltd. W. Frank Hatheway was elected president; W. L. Harding, vice-president, and C. E. Bell, secretary-treasurer. The new company has taken over the business of W. F. Hatheway.

Harry G. Robford, of Dorchester (Mass.), formerly of Fredericton, writes to the Woodstock Sentinel asking information regarding the family of the Ketchum family, particularly of Richard Ketchum, the U. S. Loyalist, who built the first framed house in Woodstock, Mr. Robford's grandfather. He would be glad to correspond with any parties able to give him the desired facts.

The sale of horses belonging to J. R. McConnell, Maryville, drew a large number of people in front of Lov's stables, Saturday. There were twenty-one horses sold. The highest price paid for a single horse was \$140 by D. J. P. for a bay horse, and the lowest \$30. F. L. Potts was the auctioneer. A matched team of chestnuts sold to J. A. Fowler for \$300, and a pair of white horses to Mr. Kevin for \$263. The sale realized \$2,314.

John F. Whear, grand master I. O. O. F. of the Miramichi province, is visiting the subordinate lodges throughout Nova Scotia. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Minnie B. Robinson, president of the Rebekah Assembly, with the grand master, visited the new Rebekah lodge at Kentville. On Wednesday evening Grand Master Whear instituted a new subordinate lodge at Woods Harbor, and on Thursday evening another new lodge at Waverille.

The 1903-1904 catalogue of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, has been received. Among the list of students are found the names of quite a few Canadians, including Frank Wilbur Brown, Northport (N. S.); Zane Gardner, Bill, Waverille (N. S.); John Wilson, Beland, Aylesford (N. S.); Everett McLeod, Graham, Winnipeg; Henry Francis, Toronto; Russell, Carlyle, Mitchell, Ottawa; Frank Charles Starr, Canning (N. S.); Harry Allan Frame, Subenacade (N. S.); Kenneth Gordon Chapman, Berwick (N. S.); Louis Joseph Thomas, Decary, St. John's (Que.); John Whitman Shaw, Clementsport (N. S.); Walter Allan Staples, St. John (N. B.).

A Remarkable Horse. A sample of equine intelligence, or perhaps of that noble animal's ability to look after himself when left to his own resources, was furnished last Thursday, says the Summerside (P. E. I.) Pioneer. A horse, weary but determined looking, approached the door of Mayor McNeill's blacksmith shop, taking up a position which indicated that he wanted either to go in or to confer with someone inside. A boy drove him away. The horse returned with the determined look, considerably emphasized. Again he was driven away and again he returned. The mayor, whose official duties bring him in close touch with the destitute and the office seeker, happened along and, diagnosing the case, opened the door, whereupon the horse immediately stepped inside. It was clearly an appeal for aid either to the mayor or to the blacksmith. Examination proved that it was the latter, and the long neglected hoofs were given a temporary trim. This done the grateful horse, with a happy look that he had won for months, left for home.

The largest flax-spinning and linen cloth manufacturing establishment in the world, that of the York Street Flax Spinning Company, Belfast, a plant covering twenty acres of ground and employing 3,000 hands within its walls, has now in process of erection an addition to its premises of 200 feet in length by 45 feet in width. This will be used chiefly as a handkerchief factory and warehouse, and will contain a dining room for the workers.

PARADISE ROW MAN MISSING.

Walter P. Munford's Family Very Anxious to Know Where He Is.

LEFT AT 9 A. M., SATURDAY

Was Seen Leaving His Office in the Afternoon, But There's No Trace of Him Since Then—Had Not Been in Good Health.

Walter P. Munford, the Union street builder, has been missing since Saturday morning. He left his residence, No. 203 Paradise Row, about 9 o'clock and has not been seen since by any of his family.

His last words to his family were to the effect that he intended collecting a few bills. He would return inside of an hour and go up town with his wife.

Since then the latter and her children have been almost prostrated with anxiety. Nothing has yet been learned to allay their fears except that yesterday it was told that Mr. Munford had been seen Saturday afternoon. A woman, who residence is adjacent to his office, No. 244 Union street, says that she saw him leave the office about 9 o'clock. He appeared to be in a hurry and was coughing violently. She cannot recall the direction in which he went.

The authorities have been notified and general inquiries, but no active search, has been in progress since Saturday evening. Mr. Munford's absence first began to arouse misgivings in his home.

About the only reason assigned for the disappearance is the fact that late last week he has been a severe sufferer from the grippe. He was in indifferent health all winter. Last week he complained of pains in the head. It was never his usual habit to utter a word of complaint when he was in his office here.

When he was in his office here, whenever he was unwell, he would be absent from the house he was careful to acquaint the family with the cause of his absence. In the opinion of his wife and children he could not have been so utterly foreign to his habits than to remain away for the length of time that he has.

He does not have any money on his person. They do not believe he could have been assaulted. In fact it is difficult for them to advance any positive theory.

Mr. Munford is about fifty years of age, tall, thin, fair and with grey moustache. He wore dark clothes, dark blue overcoat and black felt hat.

Walter Munford, the missing Paradise Row man, spent Saturday night at Dean's Hotel, Musquash.

Mr. Munford was in company with Thos. Earle, he left the hotel saying he was going to Lepreau to work on buildings being erected by J. A. Gregory.

Inquiry at Mr. Munford's last evening showed that Mr. Munford and Mr. Earle had passed through the village Sunday afternoon, and had not returned.

When Mr. Dean, of Musquash, learned by yesterday's papers of Mr. Munford's disappearance he sent word to the family of what he knew. Monday afternoon, a son and daughter of Mr. Munford left the post some one was in the city by train for Musquash, in the hope of seeing their father.

Up to a late hour they had not returned. Mr. Munford walked from the city to Dean's Hotel. He complained of pains in his head, but after resting, was greatly relieved. He left in a team for Lepreau.

Mr. Munford's family are at a loss to account for his failure to notify them of his action. A daughter is employed in an office here, and she says that Saturday evening she was called up by telephone. The connection was very bad, and all she was able to hear was that her father was speaking from Musquash. She thinks it was possibly her father who, under the impression that his message had been received proceeded on his trip.

THE LUMBER MARKET.

New York Merchant Making Some Contracts for Coming Season.

H. B. Honan, a prominent New York lumber merchant, was in Fredericton on Friday morning, and is expected to make some contracts for next season.

In conversation with the Fredericton Herald he said that the lumber market so far in New York was concerned, is quite as good as it was this time last year. He was well aware that there was depression in the English market at the present time, and it would not be surprising if in the near future the American market might show an inclination to sympathize with it.

He thought if the United States government would retaliate if any export duty was put on New Brunswick saw logs, Mr. Honan thought it hardly likely that any action would be taken by them. "Of course," he said, "I am opposed to the export duty, but if I were a Canadian instead of an American, I would be in favor of it."

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THE CHAMPLAIN TRICENTENARY.

A Provisional Programme Arranged by the Committee Friday Night.

Will Ask Oronhyetka to Perorate the Indian Chief—A Great Week's Entertainment Planned—Races, Processions, Illuminations, Literary Exercises and Other Attractive Features.

At the meeting of the programme committee for the Tricentenary Celebration, in the Mayor's office Friday, the following provisional programme was adopted, subject to change by suggestion from the societies interested.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be horse races on Moosepath track, under the management of the St. John Driving Club.

On Thursday morning there will be a grand regatta on the harbor, under the auspices of the Neptune Rowing Club. A driving parade will also be held, in which the Gentlemen's Driving Club and the teamsters will take part.

The school children will be opened, and a memorial tablet will be unveiled. The school children will take part in this function, being probably massed in the open space in front of the building. In the evening a public literary meeting will be held in the Exhibition Building, at which orations will be delivered and original poems read, on the subject of the celebration.

Friday morning the landing of Champlain will take place at the historic Market Slip, where a contingent of Indians will meet and escort the admiral and his party through the city, accompanied by a Trades and Labor and Polymorphian procession. The afternoon of this day will be devoted to a sailing and regatta display, and in the evening there will be an illumination of the harbor, firemen's procession, bonfires on conspicuous points around the city, and extensive displays of fireworks by the wharves in the harbor.

Saturday afternoon there will be band concerts at various points of public resort.

Sunday there will be special services in all the churches, which the various friendly organizations are expected to attend in procession.

Monday afternoon there will be an excursion on the river, for the visiting members of the Royal Society and their learned bodies.

They were present at the meeting, besides his worship the mayor, who presided, D. Russell Jack, Alderman Bullock, Roland Frith, M. J. McLean, Col. Markham, Col. Sturdee, Judge Ritchie, Richard O'Brien, Rev. W. O. Raymond, and William White.

In connection with the landing of Champlain, which takes place at high water Friday morning, Rev. W. O. Raymond, the interesting announcement that the Foresters were making an effort to inaugurate the program of the Indian Chief to be present and perorate the Indian chief of his being and one daughter.

The secretary, D. R. Jack, was instructed to communicate with the governor general, with a view to ascertain what procedure is being taken in St. John to attend the celebration.

The following sub-committee was appointed to estimate the probable amount of money the programme as set down, and to make a provision as to the age limit, which they should ask for: Mr. Bullock, Col. Sturdee, D. Russell Jack, Richard O'Brien, these will report at the next meeting.

This being all the business the meeting adjourned on motion of Judge Ritchie.

RECENT DEATHS.

Silas Cook died on Monday last week at his residence in Port Greenville, aged 33 years. He leaves a widow and five children.

The death occurred at Lakenalands (N. S.) last Tuesday of James Edward Brown. He was about 70 years of age. He leaves a widow and five children.

The death took place at the residence of his son at Springhill Friday morning of John Greggat, aged 74 years. The deceased leaves a widow and one daughter.

George W. Wainwright, of Springhill, Clinton and William of Toronto, and Mrs. James W. Grant of Amherst.

The death occurred at Tynmouth, York county, on Monday night, of Mrs. Margaret Urquhart, widow of the late James Urquhart, at the advanced age of eighty years. She leaves a family of two sons and three daughters.

Phoebe Walker, widow of the late Danian Walker, after a short illness, died at Linden (N. S.), on Tuesday last, aged 87 years. Mrs. Walker, of Linden, and the mill owners, and it is understood, made some contracts for next season.

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Joseph A. Likely ..... 25  
James Myles ..... 25  
Holt, M. Magee ..... 25  
Haley Bros. .... 15  
D. B. Warner & Co. (lumber acct) ..... 15

Previously acknowledged ..... 1,781  
\$1,996

THEY OPPOSE THE FACTORY ACT.

The Manufacturers' Committee Think It Should Lay Over Till Next Session.

HELD PRIVATE MEETING.

Discussed the Act Saturday Night—Will Submit Resolution to Board of Trade Council—Women's Council Make Suggestions for Change in the Measure.

At the meeting of the manufacturers committee of the board of trade Saturday evening to consider the factory act recently introduced in the local legislature by Attorney General Pugh, the following committee was appointed to present to the council of the board of trade a resolution setting forth the fact that in the opinion of the meeting the factory act was hardly necessary, that many of the sections were not approved by the committee, and that it was advisable to refer the act to the government for consideration.

The meeting, which was private, was presided over by T. S. Simms. Among those present were James Pender, T. H. Estabrook, Alderman Maxwell and W. G. Scoville. Discussion of the bill was entered into very fully, and practically, only one section—that relating to sanitation—met with the unanimous endorsement of the meeting.

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A SERIOUS CHARGE.

J. H. Wiles, Agent at Fairville, Arrested on Charge of Theft.

James Herbert Wiles, aged 32 years, was arrested Friday by Detective Killen on the serious charge of stealing money from the C. P. R.

The information was laid before Magistrate Ritchie by Isaac Mackay, one of the C. P. R. secret service men, who arrived in the city yesterday and has been looking into the case.

Mr. Wiles has been in the employ of the C. P. R. for about seven years, and held the responsible position of agent at Fairville. This is one of the most important stations on the Atlantic division and the business of the station is very large.

The warrant on which Mackay made the arrest was taken out by Detective Killen, states that on the 23rd of January he received from the C. P. R. a cheque for \$15, which was payable to the order of one Henry Barton, and that he did, contrary to the terms of the declaration, fraudulently and unlawfully take to himself, and to the benefit of himself, the sum of \$15, and that he had been working in the employ of the C. P. R. While the prosecution will attempt to show that Henry Barton was not in the employ, and that the cheque for \$15 was obtained by fraud. The case will arouse considerable interest.

The prisoner is quite well known in the city and well liked by his fellow employees. He only recently buried his father, and his present difficulty will be a severe blow to his relatives and friends. His salary is about the ordinary and the reason for any wrong doing such as the charge indicates cannot be accounted for by intimate friends, as his habits are temperate.

The C. P. R. has an exceptionally close system of watching employees at the present time and it only a few days ago that an employee was given a severe sentence for obtaining money from the company under false pretences.

James H. Wiles, of the C. P. R. agent at Fairville, who was arrested last Friday on the charge of falsifying the pay sheet, and was admitted to bail, was re-arrested Monday between 12 and 1 o'clock by Detective Killen, on a fresh charge, that of obtaining money by fraud. It is charged that the name of C. C. Clark was used and \$7 or \$8 realized.

Wiles was set free by Judge Ritchie and remanded, after the charge was read over to him.

Farmer's Loan. Wanted with knowledge of farm work and some capital for investment. Ready employment must be secured and reliable references given. Terms and conditions in each Province. Write to the undersigned.

ISLAND PEOPLE IN WINNIPEG.

Hold Good Positions in the Commercial Metropolis.

Many from Charlottetown and Other Parts of the Province Who Are Succeeding in the Great West.

In the different parts of Canada to which P. E. Islanders have removed, there is probably not a spot in the west where more islanders may be found than in the city of Winnipeg. Every year hundreds from P. E. Island emigrate to the west, and the great Prairie City forms the resting place for many who are prospering there and earning a prominent place among their fellows.

In conversation with an island gentleman who has recently returned from that city, the Guardian learned of some of the island people who are now residing in Winnipeg and are well known to many of our citizens.

Prominent men are W. W. McLeod, formerly of New London, who is inspector of the post office department in Manitoba, Charles A. Kennedy, formerly of Brackley Point, and brother of the late W. C. Kennedy, of this city, who holds an influential position as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Archibald McMillan, Wood Islands, formerly a teacher in the C. B. C., occupies an excellent position as accountant for the Lake of the Woods Company. His brother is also with him and prospering.

Oscar McCallum, son of J. G. McCallum, Brackley Point, several years ago left Charlottetown, where he had been in the Bank of Nova Scotia, and now as with the Canadian Bank of Commerce as a trusted official.

Percy Schurman, son of David Schurman, Free-town, is employed in the Imperial Bank of Canada at Portage La Prairie.

A. P. Tronwale, formerly principal of Victoria High School, is now principal of an advanced school a few miles out of the city at Richmond.

Emmanuel Lockhart, Murray Harbor, and Morley Sells, of this city, are both taking degrees at Manitoba College.

Joseph H. Hyde and his family, formerly of North River, are well known people, especially to those from the island. Miss Kate and Edna have good positions as stenographers, Miss Mary is attending the collegiate institute, and John is a bookkeeper in a prominent house.

Lou Pegout, formerly of Gordon & McLean, is engaged in the tailoring business.

H. A. Wise, son of Joseph Wise, of Milton, has advanced himself rapidly among the business men in a few years. He now conducts two large rug stores on his own account.

Herbert Gordon, son of Rev. J. A. Gordon, and brother of John P. Gordon, of Moore & McLeod's, is a rising young lawyer, and a bright future is predicted for him. Mr. Gordon visited Charlottetown several months ago.

The tall form of the Hon. David Laird is visible frequently on the streets, and the familiar features of his nose are frequently recognized by island people for the first time in the city.

Robert Simpson, son of Rev. R. G. Sinclair, Montague, is with Stobart Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods.

Wallace Thompson, formerly of J. D. McLeod & Co., is in the grocery business with F. E. Weldon & Co. Lorne Stewart was also with this firm, but has moved further west.

Lorne Proove, Murray Harbor, is engaged with J. H. Addowen Hardware Co., one of the largest hardware firms of the city.

Percy Lea, Summerside, is in the tailoring business, and Harry Lea, Crapaud, is in a hardware store, both holding good positions.

Miss Hattie Bagnall, Hazel Grove, formerly with Stanley Bews, is in the large department store of Robertson & Co., Ltd. Miss Mildred Newcom, Crapaud, is with the Belding Piano Co.

The Misses Stanley, of this city hold good positions, one in charge of the boot department of the Hudson Bay Co., and the other in the department store of George Craig Co., Ltd.

Beside these there are many others difficult to recall in a moment, but it is said to say of all those who have left their native shores for the west, that none have cast discredit on P. E. Island.—Charlottetown Guardian.

A CURE FOR INSOMNIA.