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Newcastle Societies

MEET AS FOLLOWS:—

NEWCASTLE DIVISION No. 45 S. of T., in the Temperance Hall every Thursday evening at 8.00 o'clock.

COURT MIRAMICHI, No. 165 I. O. F. in their rooms, Masonic Hall, on the evening of the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8.00 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE BOARD OF TRADE, first Monday of each month in the room over M. Bannon's store.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. is held every Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Mission Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Derby.

COURT HAPPY RETREAT No. 150 I. O. F., in Foresters' Hall, Derby, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

Editorial Notes.

Stay at home and work one whole year. Try it.

There were a number of good 'fish' stories told at the Town Council meeting, Tuesday evening.

War between England and the Boers seems inevitable. It is a case of stubbornness on the one side and determination on the other.

'You are talking to the gallery,' is a pet parliamentary phrase, but it should be used with discretion. People living in glass houses should'nt throw stones.

The London Canadian Gazette seems to think Sir Hibbert Tupper does not intend again to offer for parliament. But as the saying goes 'You cannot always sometimes tell.'

Senator Price is dead. He was one of the leading conservatives of Quebec and a pioneer of industry on the Saguenay. The wires are already being pulled for Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere and Mr. Dobell.

Col. Markham has succeeded Col. Domville as commandant of the 8th Hussars. It is to be hoped that the colonel's retirement from the militia will not be the means of increasing his political aspirations.

A great many very learned gentlemen in different parts of the county are offering the ADVOCATE miles of advice these days, as to how to make itself useful. Gentlemen, please send in $1.00 each, for a year's subscription. By adopting this course you will grow in usefulness along with the ADVOCATE. Any fool can give advice. Only the wise will heed it.

An exchange says:—'Mr. Elihu Stuart, of Collingwood, Ont., has been appointed chief inspector of lumber and ferestry in Canada. His salary is to be $2.500 a year. The office is a new one, and a part of Mr. Stuart's duty will be to devise plans to prevent the destruction of Canadian forestry and to afforest lands which are waste.

If the Laurier 'swell set' would appoint somebody to devise plans to prevent the destruction of Canadian finances, the people would be much happier.

The contest for the vacant seat in the Town Council promises to be a keen one. Both Mr. Street and Mr, Morrison are confident of victory, but it goes without saying that neither can win without a hard struggle. The supporters of both candidates look favorably upon the new election, as it will determine once and for all whether the ratepayers of this town want Mr. Street or Mr. Morrison to sit at the council board for the ensuing year. Both are men of high standing, men who have the interest of the town at heart, and whether it be Morrison or Street, the vacancy will be well filled.

The Globe says:—The lumbermen have not very definitely state their objections to the action of the provincial government in bringing on the recent crown land sales; but there seems to have been justice in their contention that the lines should be run so that they shall know what they are purchasing. Under the existing system they are sometimes found to purchase what they do not really want, as against a possibility that not to buy may give to someone else land which they already suppose to be theirs. Probably at the bottom of all the good lumbering lands in the province were sold some time ago.

THE COUNCIL'S POWER.

The World has the following:—'The Towns Incorporation Act gives the first Council no power to declare a seat vacant in consequence of any irregularity in the election. It is rather a bad beginning for the new Newcastle Council to assume a power which the act does not confer. It would be better to put up with an apparent wrong than to risk litigation and lose public respect by acting in flagrant disregard of the law. Mr. Street got the most votes, but Mr. Morrison was declared elected, and the act provides no remedy. The new Council should not be a law unto itself and proceed to remedy the the defects of the Acts of the House of Assembly. It might improve them in many details, but it has no power to do so.'

Section forty-five of the Towns In-Act reads:—

'If any candidate at any election as aforesaid, or any elector who has a right to vote and did vote thereat be dissatisfied with such election, he may within six days after the day on which the Town Clerk shall declare the result of such election, make application in writing through the Town Clerk to the Town Council, setting forth the grounds of the complaint, and demanding an investigation thereon, and the said Council is hereby authorized and required to examine and determine the the matter of such complaint at their next meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose; but the Mayor or Alderman whose return or seat is in dispute shall not vote on the examination of such complaint and if it shall appear to the Council on such investigation by evidence on oath *viva voce* that any person has been returned and is serving as Mayor or Alderman contrary to the provisions of this Act the said Council shall declare his election void, and the seat vacant, and shall direct a new election to be held to fill such vacancy, etc.'

Now there is certainly nothing in the Act to show that section forty-five does not apply to the first council of a town after incorporation. After the election the procedure of the first council does not differ in any way from that of other boards. Every provision of this Act applies to the first Town Council unless obviously inapplicable. The only part obviously inapplicable is that part relating to the procedure at elections. Therefore it is the only part that does not apply, For this reason the framers of the act made a special procedure for the first election. After the election the Town Council falls into line with the rest of the act and governs itself by it. The ADVOCATE fails to see where the Newcastle Council has assumed a power which the act does not confer.

WHERE BALMY BREEZES BLOW.

While St. John, Halifax, Yarmouth, Fredericton and other points are reaping a rich harvest through the tourist trade, the beautiful Miramichi has scarcely an admirer. Will these waters never attract a big tourist trade? The proper thing to do to bring about such a result is to advertise our advantages far and near all the time. The country surrounding the Miramichi has no rival on the American continent as a hunting ground for big game. Our summer climate is sublime. The advantages of this county as a summer resort and game country should be made known to the world in a systematic way, by advertising in the magazines, and by free circulation of printed matter throughout the United States and Canada. Such methods have been employed with success in working up summer resorts in other parts of the Maritime Provinces, and should operate here. What is wanted is a concerted action on the part of those most interested, and the thing is as good as done.

After a few days' stay in this vicinity Americans would return home invigorated and possessed with renewed strength and energy to again take up social and business cares. They would ask their friends to share the blessings of this blissful and charming resort. In the making known of our town as a delightful summer resort, the Town Council can do much, but the I. C. R. can do a great deal more, and it is certainly in its interest to take hold of the matter. An effort would result in bringing hundreds of people to our doors next summer to enjoy our cool and refreshing breezes.

THE FARMERS' FRIEND.

The Montreal Star is walking a very swift conservative pace these days. It has this to say about Sir Richard Cartwright's late speech:—

Sir Richard never turned a hair when he announced on Thursday at Toronto that the debt of Canada on July 1st was $265,000,000. There was a time when he would have called upon the heavens so fall when making such an announcement. The fact is that the big Ontario policeman is getting too fat for effective constabulary duty. He is easily reconciled to the idea of piling up the debt and the expenditure, always providing that he has a hand in spending the money. He actually reproached the late Government for not spending enough money on wharves and piers, by way of justification for Mr. Tarte, who certainly is not open to that reproach. The sight of the 'the distressed farmer,' 'staggering under the burden of debt and taxation,' no longer move his righteous soul to pity. He knows that he himself is better of under the present administration that under the last one (by about seven thousand a year), he realizes that most of the Cartwright family are in the enjoyment of comfortable incomes from the public purse, and he doubtless feels that it is a little selfish of the farmer, not to feel greatly relieved now that all the Cartwrights are getting on so nicely. To his old friends' demand for sympathy he replies in effect, 'Sympathy! of course I sympathise with you, my dear fellow, but you know, really, we cannot all be ministers with sham portfolios. You had better stick to your plough, pay your taxes and leave politics to me. It will be time enough for you to grumble when I feel the pinch.'

THE COST OF LYNCHINGS.

The Dallas News, commenting upon lynching, says in a recent number:—'The lynching of foreigners has cost this nation more than most citizens think. Within the last five years indemnity claims for such outrages amount to about $500,000. China has been paid, for the Rick Springs, Wyo., massacre, $147,748.74, for outrages on the Pacific coast $270,619.15. Italy has received for the killing of Italian prisoners at New Orleans $24,330.90, and for lynching at Walsenbury, Col., $10.000. The British government has been paid $2800 for the outrages on James Bain and Fred. Dawson. To these figures must, of course, be added the cost of examining and trying the claims.'

It is a well known fact that lynchings in the United States are of almost daily occurrence, and the most horrid barbarity is practised, yet the chief executive of the nation has never uttered a word in his official capacity, to show that he disapproved the work of the people who are fast making America the laughing stock of the whole world.

A BRILLIANT DANCE

Mrs. S. Habberly's Grounds the Scene of Gay Festivities.

A dance was given Tuesday evening by Mrs. S. Habberly, Chatham, in honor of Miss Frances Watt, which was one of the social functions of the season.

Although the dance really assumed the proportions of a ball and the guests were arrayed with that exquisite taste for which the daughters of the Miramichi are distinguished, still as it was called a dance, no one need grumble.

A large pavilion had been erected on Mrs. Habberly's extensive grounds which was enclosed by a tent.

It is hardly necessary to state that the grounds and tent were brilliantly illuminated or that the music was splendid. The rooms used for reception and refreshment purposes were magnificently decorated with potted plants, exotic flowers and costly shrubs, and the hundred and one things that manifest skill and taste in the decorators.

The dancing was kept up all night, and early in the morning the guests went home a little tired, perhaps, but delighted at having assisted in one of the most interesting of social events.

Miss DesBrisay had on a pretty organdie muslin over pink silk.

Miss Laura Snowball wore a black silk skirt and waist of satin.

Miss Stewart was becomingly attired in pale blue muslin.

Miss Sadler wore pale blue nuns veiling.

Miss Pierce was gowned in a red silk waist and a black skirt of the same material.

Miss Annie Bowser looked charming in a white satin.

Miss Morrison was attired in black silk.

Miss Wyse wore white muslin.

Miss Benson was gowned in black and white ecrui effectively trimmed with red silk.

Miss Grace Benson wore white silk.

Miss Gillespie wore white muslin.

Miss Carr had on a pretty broaded satin trimmed with fawn lace.

Among the gentlemen present were Messrs. Longley, Gilbert Hall, Stanley Morrison, W. McLoon, F. Dyke, A. Danville, W. Crocker, H. Irvine, E. Crocker, R. Muirhead and F. Fraser.

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Sutherland Store.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Donald Morrison is not an Alderman.

This is the Council's Decision.

A lively meeting on Tuesday evening last.

An adjourned meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday evening. There were present Alds. Fish, Rundle, Lawlor, Morrissy, Morrison, Ferguson and Creaghan. In the absence of the mayor, Ald Fish occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The first matter taken up was the complaint of Mr. E. Lee Street. On motion of Ald. Creaghan the returning officer, Col. Call was requested to explain why he rejected three ballots.

Col. Call came forward and after being sworn testified as follows:—"That ballot with the marginal words "Aldermen for the Town of Newcastle" I rejected because there were not sixteen names on it, as required by the Act. One of the three had 8 names on it. Chas. E. Fish's name was erased and had a cross opposite to it and J. R. Lawlor's name had a cross placed to the right of it. The others (6) were not erased or marked. I rejected it on the ground that it was a ballot so marked that it could be identified. The other ballot of the three had on it the names same as the two preceding ones: E. Sinclair, Jas. Rundle, C. E. Fish, E. Lee Street, John Morrissy, J. R. Lawlor, J. D. Creaghan and John Ferguson. Edwd. Sinclair's name is clean, while the others have check-marks at the end and could be identified anywhere (Witness details the marks, which were all alike in blue pencil on and opposite the final letters of the several names, excepting that of Mr. Sinclair) I would say that the elector probably meant to vote a plumper for Mr. Sinclair."

Ald. Creaghan: The impression is amongst the aldermen that you had not the power to reject the ballots.

Witness thought he was acting properly and according to the act.

For the benefit of the board ald. Ferguson read the act.

Ald. Lawlor: I think it is not for us to argue out law, but to secure Mr. Call's evidence.

Ald. Morrison asked the witness if he had any doubt about the ballots.

Ald. Morrissy did'nt think an outsider had a right to ask questions.

Ald Morrison: I consider I am a member of this board.

Ald. Morrissy: There is a certain amount of dignity to be upheld by this council, and an outsider has no right to come in here without the consent of the board. In fact Mr. Morrison has no right to sit at the board during this meeting.

Ald. Morrison appealed to the chairman who replied that his own good sense ought to know better. But he thought both Mr. Street and Mr. Morrison should have a right to defend themselves.

Ald. Morrison: That is not what I want to know. Can I sit at this board or not. I have had nothing to do with the three ballots and claim I have a right to sit here.

Ald. Morrissy: I am pleased to listen to Mr. Morison if he is member of this board. But it is a question whether he has a right to sit here or not. I contend that he hasn't. I may be mistaken.

Ald. Morrison: I am here strictly in my right.

Chairman: You cannot sit here in a dual position.

Ald. Morrison: I hold I have a right to sit here until my election is proved void, and I have a perfect right to ask witness questions in order to defend myself. A criminal has the same right.

Ald. Lawlor thought ald. Morrison had a right to defend himself.

Ald. Morrison: I again ask the chairman to rule on this matter—whether I'm an alderman or not.

Chairman: I will not answer that question at present. I do not think it is the proper time.

Ald. Morrison asked the witness if there was a difference between the checkers in the counting of the ballots.

Witness to chairman: May I answer that.

Chairman: I do not see what bearing that has on the case.

Ald. Morrison: Rule it out if you like.

Ald. Ferguson: We have asked Mr. Call to be present with official returns and that is all we want.

Ald. Lawlor: There is no difference one way or the other whether he answers the question or not. We have nothing to do with anything but the official returns.

The chairman thanked the witness who then retired.

On motion of Ald. Morrissy it was decided to take into consideration the validity of the ballots in dispute.

The poll clerk, Mr. R. T. D. Aitken was called and sworn. He testified that he was poll clerk at the election.

Mr. Morrison:—Did you differ with the thers in adding up the first or second pages of the poll book.

Witness: I had no reason to believe there was any error. Mr. Williston and Mr. Smith found the check the same. Mr. Lingley found a difference of one, but afterwards corrected. I will swear that the checking of that poll book is correct.

Ald. Lawlor suggested that the council adjourn until they could obtain legal opinion on the validity of the three ballots in dispute.

On motion of Ald. Ferguson, the town clerk was put on the stand.

Witness said he represented one of the candidates at the election. He thought it was Mr. Street.

Ald. Ferguson: Did you make a mistake in the counting of the ballots.

Witness: I do not know.

Ald. Morrison: I think I can ask him a question now. Did you not differ with the poll clerk in the counting of my ballots on the second or third pages?

Chairman: I do not see what that has to do with the matter. What is the use of wasting time by asking such a question, Put your question in plain English.

Ald. Morrison: Perhaps I'm not as well versed in the English language as you are.

Chairman: You ought to be, you talk enough.

Ald. Morrison put his question again.

Witness: I did differ with poll clerk.

Ald. Morrissy: Did you rectify the difference.

Witness: Yes.

Ald. Morrison: How did you rectify it or how did you come to rectify it.

Witness: I was convinced by the other men's talk that I was wrong or might have been wrong.

Ald. Morrison: If they left you alone, I think you would speak out.

Chairman: I think you are talking to the gallery again. Are you trying to gain sympathy?

Ald. Rundle: Are we going to recognize the poll book? There has been a whole lot of useless sparring. I am not here to waste my time, and if it is going to be a farce I am through with it.

Ald. Creaghan thought the council better get the opinion of eminent lawyers on the validity of the three ballots, and made a motion to that effect.

Ald. Morrissy: With us rests the verdict regarding the validity of these ballots, and after our decision has been rendered, if either of the gentlemen effected wish to get legal opinion let them do so.

Ald. Creaghan. In view of the remarks made by Mr. Morrissy, I will withdraw my motion. I move that a committee of the whole consider the validity of the three ballots. Carried.

After a consultation a decision was arrived at. On the chair being resumed Ald. Morrissy moved and Ald. Rundle seconded the following resolution:—Whereas application has been made in writing to this council through the Town Clerk by E. Lee Street, a candidate at the election held on on Wednesday, the twenty-third day of August, instant, for alderman for the said Town of Newcastle, that he is dissatisfied with the said election and complains that three ballot papers polled and deposited for him at the said election were improperly rejected by the returning officer and not counted, and that thereby Donald Morrison was improperly declared elected an alderman for the said Town Council, and demanding an investigation thereon, and

Whereas the said council has examined into the matter of the said complaint, and it appears to the said council on such investigation, by evidence on oath, *viva voce*, that the said Donald Morrison has been returned and is serving as alderman, contrary to the provisions of the Towns Incorporation Act of 1896;

Therefore resolved, that this council declare the election of the said Donald Morrison void and his seat vacant.

And further resolved that proper steps be taken to cause a new election to be held to fill the said vacancy.

Carried.

Council adjourned.

THE PILOTS' CASE

HEARD BEFORE JUDGE BARKER IN THE SUPREME COURT IN EQUITY.

GEORGE SAVOY CONSIDERS

THE NEW MEN COMPETENT TO ACT AS PILOTS.

The case of Robert J. Walls and the Attorney General vs. the Pilot Commissioners and the new pilots was heard here on Friday before Judge Barker in the Supreme Court in Equity.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie and Dr. Wm. Pugsley appeared for the plaintiffs and Richard A. Lawlor, and L. A. Curry Q. C. for the defendants.

Robt. J. Walls was the first witness called. On being examined by Dr. Pugsley, witness stated that he was harbor master and pilot master. He knew all the old pilots. Some of them had been acting as pilots as long as he could remember. None of the old pilots had been appointed since 1882. Witness was aware of the new regulations passed by the commissioners. He said the pilots were not consulted about them before they were passed. There were twenty licensed pilots before and they had three pilot boats. Knew the four defendants. They had been on the river for several years in coasting vessels, pilot boats, etc. George C. Knowlan had been with witness for two years as boat keeper and cook of the pilot boat. Christoper C. McLean, he thought, had never sailed in a pilot boat before the trouble. Hugh McLean, he thought, was in a pilot boat, one season. Michael J. Juno had been in a pilot boat part of one season. Witness thought training and experience necessary to make a pilot. The old pilots have been acting as pilots since the trouble. They hadn't received one dollar this season that he knew of. He supposed the secretary had the fees. Examined by Mr. Lawlor, witness stated that two out of the twenty old pilots had not been in active service during the last few years. Those men got a proportinate sum of the earnings. Both paid into the fund. Witness got the same share as the others. He paid in $75 a year and received about $475. His salary as harbor master was $400. He though there was an arrangement between commissioners and pilots that no apprentices were to be taken on.

Sheriff Call deposed that he was secretary of the pilotage commission and had been for twenty five years. Most of the old pilots had been there for a long time. Last one was appointed in 1882. It was understood that thirty pilots were too many, and that the commissioners desired to reduce the number to twenty. There were no apprentices appointed since 1882 or no pilots appointed. None of the four new men had even served as pilots. When the trouble arose there was an order made to appoint certain men, providing they were competent. No minutes were made to the effect that the four new men had been examined. Witness was told to issue licenses for them. Hugh McLean and Knowlan had applied for licenses. Witness had received earnings of all the pilots since the trouble and still held them, and would continue to do so until instructions were given by the commissioners to pay them out. Witness thought the difficulty should have been settled months ago. He thought the earnings of the old pilots since the trouble was about three thousand eight hundred dollars.

Mr. Ernest Hutchison deposed that the old pilots had never applied for licenses since they resigned. Mr. Snowball and witness had asked at least ten of the old pilots to take the Mark Twain out, but all refused. He had also tried to get pilots to take the G. S. Henry and Norman to sea but could not succeed. He had tried to have the pilots meet in Chatham and make some arrangement with the commissioners. The pilots had said if the commissioners wanted them they knew where to find them. Witness thought the new men did just as good work as the old pilots. There was an additional rate put on steamers in 1894. There were too many pilots and their earnings were not large enough. The witness thought the mere fact of a pilot grounding a vessel was not evidence of his incompetency. Thought pilots were imprudent when they replied that if the commissioners wanted them, they knew were to find them. Witness sent word to Ottawa when the trouble arose saying it was unnecessary to hold an investigation. He thought the new pilots had done a fair share of the work. Commissioner Ritchie was examined and on Saturday morning Commissioners Snowball and Miller gave testimony. They all agreed that the new pilots were competent men.

George Savoy, an old pilot deposed that he didn't lead the new pilots to sea. He was six miles ahead of the others. He considered the four new pilots as competent as the old men. He had asked the old men to return to work.

The case was adjourned at noon on Saturday until Friday September 15th when it will be re-opened for argument at St. John.

OVER THE WIRES

Paragraphs Cut Down for Advocate Readers.

ANOTHER DREYFUS CASE.

The Latest News from all Parts of the World.

Michael Davitt is to be secretary of the County Council of Mayo.

Esterhazy was hooted in Oxford street in London recently.

Russian Cossacks and British bluejackets nearly came to blows over a land dispute at Han-Kow, on the Yang-Tse, recently.

Society has completely deserted London, and its prominent members are to be found at all seaside resorts, mainly those of the Continent. Ostend is crowded.

D. C. Fraser, M. P. for Guysboro, has arrived at Vancouver from the east. He is making a flying trip to Dawson City on business connected with the White pass and Yukon road.

The 'Political Correspondence' says that a deputation of American merchants from Manilla, has gone to Washington, to promote a scheme for selling the Philippines to Great Britain.

During a trifling altercation at London, Ont., George Harding struck Andrew Gowanlock a blow on the chin. Gowanlock dropped and died in five minutes. Harding was locked up on the charge of manslaughter.

It is said that William Astor is much displeased with his son's announcement that he is still an American citizen, and will remain one. Young Astor has been captain of the Eton boat, and rowed twice in Eton's winning crew at Henley.

At Boulogne, on Sunday, there was a bull fight at which six bulls and three horses were killed amid the usual horrors There were 3,000 spectators and many of the women fainted. One-third of those present withdrew in disgust. Hundreds of English tourists witnessed the fights.

A dreadful murder took place Monday at Gilbert Plains, Man. Frederick Johnson, a farmer, shot his wife and three children and then shot himself. Full particulars are not yet to hand, but it is said that all five are now dead.

The Pretoria correspondent of the Morning Post says: Boer officials, after reading the cabled reports of Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham speech, consider that war is inevitable. The speech has undoubtedly inflamed the war spirit here.

Mulai Abedel Aziz, the Sultan of Morocco, had a narrow escape during a recent thunder storm. An electric bolt killed several people, including two court ushers who were standing within a few feet of His Majesty. The occasion was the birthday of the prophet, and the Sultan was receiving the bribal gifts in the Quadrangle of the palace.

There is a prospect of many morganatic marriages within a few years, as there are now 71 European princesses of reigning houses of a marriageable age and only 47 corresponding princes. If the young women want to escape single life their only chance is to sacrifice their rank and marry men who do not belong to royal families, as did Princess Frederica of Hanover.

The British steamer Ikbal, Captain Jennings, from Montreal August 16, called at Queenstown on Monday, and reported that on Monday, August 21, over a hundred icebergs, many of them very large, were sighted to the northward. The bergs, extended over an area stretching from the Strait of Belle Isle 80 miles eastward.

A case somewhat similar to that of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, now being tried before a court-martial at Rennes for treason, is reported at Nancy. The police claim to have found at the residence there of a French artillery subaltern a commission in the German army and valuable French army maps. The suspected man belongs to an old Alsatian family, other members of which are suspected of complicity in the affair.

Hon. J. I. Tarte, in a letter from Paris to his son, received to-day, announces that he will sail from Brixton on the Arawa, of the Elder-Dempster Line, on September 11.

Mr. Tarte states that he is improving daily and hopes that he will entirely recover. He had been out driving the day before and had received a visit from M. Delcasse, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Tarte is expected home by September 23 or there-abouts.

The steamer Cutch arrived at Vancouver from Skagway Wednesday with 110 passengers and half a million dollars in gold dust. The principal treasure was owned by J. H. Howie, of Toronto, and J. R. Rudico, of Seattle, the latter having about $200,000.

Cad. Wilson, a music-hall actress, famous from Chicago to Alaska, has come out with $20,000, two years' earnings and the result of judicious speculations during that time.

Mgr. Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface presided on Sunday before last at the laying of a corner stone of a new church on Selkirk avenue, Winnipeg, which is intended especially for Germans, Poles and Galicians. Le Manitoba, speaking of this event, says: "We hail with delight this new temple, which will shortly be opened to Catholic worship. This fact shows that, notwithstanding the difficulties of all kinds which we have to face, our religion is making headway here, and our spiritual leaders areable to provide for the needs of all, regardless of nationality."

A letter to the Toronto Globe dated Dawson, August 5, says: June and July have given us fair, sunny days, with all too rare showers. The highest temperature through June was 91 degrees, the lowest 31 degrees. July was warmer and more fluctuating. Dawson's maximum heat record thus far is 94 degrees, which the thermometer touched for a brief hour on July 9. It dropped by midnight for the same day to 42, a variation of 52 degrees in 24 hours. Four days in July were above 90 degrees, fifteen between 80 and 90, eight above 70 and the remainder between 60 and 70. This was the day record, of course. The drop after sundown varied between 20 and 40 degrees, and in two or three instances marked over 50 degrees.

As the Queen was returning from a drive on Thursday evening a painful accident was witnessed by her at Newport, Isle of Wight. The accident, which afterwards proved fatal, had befallen a lad of sixteen years old, who was engaged on the extension of the works of the local gas company. He had been run over by a steam crane, driven by his brother, receiving frightful injuries.

The Queen happened to pass when the sufferer was being removed to an ambulance for conveyance to the hospital, and she made enquiries as to his injuries, through her attendants. Her Majesty subsequently caused a telegram to be sent from Osborne to the hospital, notifying the physicians of the coming of the patient and requesting that everything possible should be done to aid him. She also asked to be informed of his conition. The lad died, however, soon after his arrival at the institution

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BIG FIRE.

JAMES BROWN'S HOUSE AND BARN DESTROYED AT NOON TODAY.

Also J. D. Creaghan's Barn.

SCARCITY OF WATER—CITIZENS AND FIREMEN ALIKE WORKED NOBLY—BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUGHT FROM KITCHEN.

Fire broke out about noon today in the residence occupied by James Brown and owned by J. D. Creaghan. The blaze had gained considerable headway before being discovered and when the firemen arrived on the scene they found a difficult task awaiting them. There was a stong west wind blowing which sent the blaze in the direction of J. D. Creaghan's barns and Sheriff Call's house.

The steam engine burst all the hose that was connected to it, and for a time the hand engine only could be worked.

Citizens aided the firemen in every possible manner. Buckets and axes were brought into use and every possible effort made to save the house but without avail. It was soon one seething mass of flames. Mr. Creaghan's barn which was full of hay could not be saved and it also was soon a mass of flames, while his house adjoining was expected to catch any minute.

The roofs of Mr. Creaghan's house and Sheriff Call's barn were soaked with water from buckets, and every assistance given by willing hands to remove furniture etc,

At 12.30 the fire was still raging.

It is understood that all the property destroyed is covered by insurance.

The firemen were placed at a great disadvantage owing to the lack of water, buckets, axes, etc.

The barns nearby owned by Ald. Rundle caught several times, but the blaze was quickly extinguished.

It is supposed the fire caught from a defective flue.

LATER.

At 1 o'clock the fire was under control.

A brigade on the rear of Mr. Creaghan's house did good work, and really saved his house by plying his barn with water from pails.

Mr. Brown lost considerable of his household effects.

The hose first connected to the engine was very poor stuff.

Chatham Chit Chat

Rev. Canon Forsythe returned from St. John on Wednesday.

Miss McDonald of Halifax is visiting Mrs. W. H. White Wellington St.

Miss Fanny Harris of Montreal, is a guest at the Bowser House.

Mr. P. H. C. Benson, Miss Mary Benson, Mrs. Flett and Master Frank Flett spent Sunday at the "Cottage of Ease," Burnt Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard who have been visiting Mrs. Nicol, Wellington St. returned to their home in St. John by the express on Thursday.

Miss Winslow presided at the organ in St. Mary's Church last Sunday.

Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Stuart of Moncton who have been guests at the Pallen Hotel returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. P. H. C. Benson and family who been occupying the "Cottage of Ease" at Burnt Church, for the past four weeks weeks came home Wednesday.

Miss Fanny Richards who has been visiting Mrs. P. H. C. Benson returned to her home in Fredericton by C. E. R. Friday morning.

RACES AT CHATHAM.

The horse races held on the Chatham Driving Park yesterday proved a big success. There was a large attendance and St. Michael's band furnished excellent music. Although both races were won in straight heats, the winner had no easy task. Mr. John Sargeant acted as starter in a satisfactory manner. The following is the summary:—

2.30 CLASS. HEATS.

Carnot, C. Sargeant	1. 1. 1.
Parkwood, John McPhee	2. 2. 2.
Rock Farm Grace, J. R. Lamey	3. 3. 3.
Montrose, John McCoy	4. 4. 4.
Michael, D. Chesman	5. 5. 5.

Best time 2.29½.

FREE-FOR-ALL.

Minota, J. R. Laney	1. 1. 1.
Calcandra, John McCoy	2. 2. 2.
Flashlight, A. Ullock	3. 3. 3.
Parkland, S. Grady	4. 4. 4.

Best time 2.27½.

The 2.40 class did not fill.

TRANSVAAL REPLIES.

WITHDRAWS THE FRANCHISE PROPOSALS AND AGREES TO A CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A despatch from Johannesburg to Reuter's agency definitely announces that the reply of the Transvaal republic to the British communication withdraws the franchise proposals and agrees in principle to a conference at Cape Town. Mr. Pakeman, editor of the Transvaal Leader, has been released under $500 bail and the charges against him have been reduced from treason to violation of the press laws.

PRETORIA, Sept. 5.—The reply of the Transvaal republic to the demands of Great Britain increases the term of years residence necessary in order to obtain the franchise.

THE W. W. BREWER CASE.

Charge of Drunkenness Acknowledged and the Offender Suspended.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 30.—The committee appointed to investigate the charge of drunkenness presented against the Rev. W. W. Brewer met yesterday, Rev. G. M. Campbell chairman of the district and president of the conference presiding. The accused, after hearing the charge, acknowledged the offence and was suspended from office of ministry until the ensuing annual conference when the whole matter will be investigated and finally disposed of.

SPORTS AT MONCTON.

Annual Championship Games of M, P. A. A. held on Saturday

The annual championship games of the Maritime Province A. A. A. were held at Moncton Saturday. The attendance was good, but the sports themselves lacked that keen competition that has made them a success in the past. No records were broken except in one event, the half mile bicycle, which Unsworth won in 1 minute 19 seconds. The summary was:

100 yards dash—Harris and McLaughlin scratched. First heat, Ritchie 1st, Hills 2nd; time, 11 1-5. Second heat, Stephen, W. A. A. C., 1st; Passea 2nd; time, 11 1-5. Final, Stephen 1st, Ritchie 2nd; time, 10 2-5.

Running broad jumps—Ritchie scratched. Ruggles 1st, 18 feet ½ inch; Donahoe 2nd, 17 feet 11½ inches.

Half mile bicycle race—Twenty starters three heats. Starters in final, Grant, Stanley, Newsome, Davidson, Unsworth, Large. Unsworth 1st, Large 2nd; time 1.19.

High jump—Donahoe 1st, Ruggles 2nd; 5 feet 6 inches.

Throwing 16-pound hammer—M. W. Henderson, 90 feet, 11½ inches; G. W. C. Henderson, 82 feet 5 inches.

220 yards dash—Harris scratched. Stephen 1st, Passea 2nd; time, 23 4-5

440 yards run—Five starters. Hills 1st, McCurdy 2nd; time, 55 seconds.

Pole vault—Balser 1st, 10 feet 1 inch; Henderson 2nd, 10 feet.

880 yards run—Lindsay and Anderson scratched; eight starters. Farrell 1st, McKinnon 2nd; time, 2.03 2-5.

Putting 16-pound shot—Durkee, 33 feet 9 inches; G. W. C. Henderson, 33 feet 3½ inches.

Mile run—Only scratched. McKinnon 1st, Murphy 2nd; time, 4.57.

Three mile bicycle—Thirteen starters. Large 1st, Unsworth 2nd, Merrill 3rd; time, 8.34.

120 yards hurdles—Ruggles 1st, McCurdy 2nd; time 18½ seconds.

The mile bicycle was declared no race, as it was not run within the time limit of 2.40.

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

The M. A. A. A. races at Moncton yesterday passed off successfully.

Mile Novice—First heat; Byron Brown, 1st; A. W. Gaudet, 2nd; time 3.36—Second heat, A. Delong, 1st; Roy Swatridge, 2nd; time 2.51 4-5.

Half Mile Championship—First heat; W. S. Davidson, 1st; Byron Brown, 2nd, time 123 4-5.

Second heat—H. F. Grant, 1st; H. H. Hills, 2nd time 1.32.

Third heat—L. R. Unsworth, 1st; F. R. Newsom, 2nd; time, 1.43. Fourth heat, Louis Large, 1st; G. H. Merrill, 2nd; time 1.26 4-5.

Two Mile Championship—First heat, P. C. Brown, 1st, F. R. Newsom, 2nd; time, 5.55 1-5.

Second heat—Byron Brown, 1st; Louis Large, 2nd; time. 5.52 2-5.

One Mile Club Race—G. H. Merrill, 1st; C. H. Smith, 2nd; time 2.44 3-5.

Half Mile Championship (Final) F. R. Newsom, 1st; L. R. Unsworth, 2nd; time 1.18 1-5.

Two Mile Lap Race—W. S. Davidson, 1st; C. H. Smith, 2nd; time 5.45.

Quarter Mile—(open) First heat, H. H. Hills, 1st; time 33 2-5.

Second heat—W. S. Davidson, 1st; time 36 2-5.

Third heat—Garnet Stanley, 1st; time 35 4-5.

Fourth heat—J. E. Howes, 1st; time 35 4-5.

Two Mile Championship, (Final) Louis Large, 1st; P. C. Brown, 2nd; time 5.54 1-5.

Five Mile Championship—W. E. Jardine 1st; Louis Large, 2nd; time 14.51.

Quarter Mile—W. S. Davidson, 1st; time, 34 3-5.

Sealed Distance Race, Louis Large, 1st.

Correspondence.

CITIZENS:—

I am truly thankful to every voter who cast a ballot for the elected aldermen and feel complimented by having my name so prominently connected with a ticket that seems to give universal satisfaction.

I hope you'll join with us in again electing our colleague Mr. Street and thereby promote harmony in the Council that's essential to the good government of the city. United we stand—divided we fall—hence the necessity for voting the ticket for the election of Mr. Street which just means the endorsement of your former vote while our defeat will prove the town is still in the hands of a lot of sour crab apples that have kept it on crutches for the last thirty years. Those men's object in life has been to breed dissension and strife and unfortunately for ourselves they often through misrepresentation and malice succeed in influencing some excellent honest minded men to vote, work and act against their own good judgement and best interests.

The best element of a town should run it irrespective of class creed or distinction and now that you've elected us it's our duty to prove to you that the welfare of the place and the betterment of its people is of far more consequence than our own personal popularity.

I have an abiding faith and unbounded confidence in the people of Newcastle and take this opportunity of saying I'm grateful for all the kindness and consideration extended to

Yours sincerely,

E. SINCLAIR.

Sept. 4th, 1899.

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Always relieved promptly by Dr. Fowler's Ext. of Wild Strawberry.

When you are seized with an attack of Cramps or doubled up with Colic, you want a remedy you are sure will give you relief and give it quickly, too.

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But now a word of proof to back up these assertions, and we have it from Mr. John Hawke, Coldwater, Ont., who writes: "Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is a wonderful cure for Diarrhœa, Cramps and pains in the stomach. I was a great sufferer until I gave it a trial, but now I have perfect comfort."