

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY,

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the St. John Council of Women yesterday afternoon was attended by some 200 ladies. The reports as published in yesterday's Times were received.

When the meeting opened at 2:30 the president, Mrs. David McLellan gave a short address touching on the history and work done by the council. Mrs. McLellan said the council was fifteen years in organization. During that time, although some very excellent work was done, she felt that more might have been done had the civil and provincial governments showed some practical recognition of their work. The main idea of the council was to have unity in their ranks; the forces of all the different societies in the city joined in one endeavor for the furtherance of womanhood. In her closing her address, Mrs. McLellan said that she would like to see the women taking an active part in helping to make the coming dominion exhibition an unparalleled success.

The election of officers was next taken up and resulted as follows: President—Mrs. David McLellan. Treasurer—Miss Grace W. Leavitt. Recording secretary—Mrs. G. M. Campbell.

Hon. vice-president—Mrs. James Dever. Vice-presidents—Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. Alex. Binning, Mrs. J. P. Burpee, Miss A. Berriman and Mrs. A. R. Melrose.

Miss Grace W. Leavitt next presented her financial report, which showed the receipts of the year to be \$322.73, and expenditures \$223.34, leaving a cash balance of \$99.39.

Resolutions of condolence were next drawn up and copies of them ordered to be sent to Ladies Tilley and Aberdeen who have since the last meeting of the council been called upon to mourn the loss of their sons.

Following these the affiliation of the Women's Canadian Club with the council was ratified by the meeting. The reports from all the societies affiliated with the council, showing the work which they have done during the year past, were next heard. All the reports were of an exceedingly interesting nature and were very enthusiastically received. The report of Mrs. T. H. Bullock on "The better prospects of women and children for citizenship," especially elicited a great amount of favorable comment. Miss Pike also spoke on this subject. The following is a list of the different societies which sent in reports to the meeting.

Play grounds committee, Y. M. C. A., King's Daughters, Victoria Order of Nurses, Work Guild of Canada, Protestant Orphan Asylum, County W. C. T. U., Natural History Society, Educational and Human Society, Seamen's Mission, W. C. T. U., North End division, St. Vincent's Alumnae, High School Alumnae, St. Vincent's, Infirm and Poor, Wednesday Evening Club, Objectable Printed Matter and Canadian Club.

A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring secretaries, Mrs. Chisholm and Mrs. Allen. The schedule for the executive meeting of the National Council of Women in Hamilton (Ont.), on Feb. 10th, was considered. A communication was received from the St. John Council of Women, requesting any action which they should think advisable to take in reference to the "old age annuity funds." At present the women taking these funds are requested to pay higher rates than men. The reason why the government exacts this is because they claim that the women live longer than the men. Mrs. Pike stated that she tried to get statistics to find out whether this was true or not, but was unsuccessful. The meeting adjourned at 6:15.

## SHOCKING FATAL ACCIDENT

North Shore Leader—Last week the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Good, of Meadowvale, Pictou county, was playing about the door yard. At the time her grandfather was chopping wood, and when he was in the act of bringing the axe down the little one suddenly ran beneath it, receiving the full force of the blow on the neck, severing or nearly severing the head from the body. Death was instantaneous. Needless to say, the aged grandfather being nearly frantic.

## MORNING NEWS

## OVER THE WIRES

There is little change in the situation at the Glace Bay collieries. The eviction of union miners from the coal company's houses in New Aberdeen is still going on.

The Canada Gazette contains a notice that St. John will apply to parliament for an act conferring on the land near the Ballast wharf from the city to P. C. Durant and for the confirmation of an agreement between St. John and Mr. Durant. The notice is signed by Weldon & McLean, as solicitors for the city.

Major Deuplessis, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Halifax, is confined in the barracks there and will be tried by military tribunal for living beyond his means. Creditors have been serving him. Major Deuplessis comes from Quebec, where he is well connected.

In the Ontario legislature yesterday supplementary estimates of \$478,000 were passed, of which \$450,000 will be required by the Hydro Electric commission on March 1. The budget speech will probably be delivered next Thursday.

Edmund Renard, a Belgian, was accidentally killed in a coal mine at Stellarton, N. S., on Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Board of Health was held in Fredericton last evening with Hon. James Holly presiding. Routine business was transacted. The Digby board of trade has elected: President, J. L. Peters; vice president, Arthur Turnbull; secretary-treasurer, Frank W. Nichols; counsel W. E. Tupper, H. T. Warner, Dr. E. Du Vernet, S. A. Keen, W. Fairweather, G. A. Vye, H. L. Dennison, Dr. J. E. Jones, H. B. Short; auditors, W. E. Tupper, Arthur Turnbull.

The house of A. B. Lyons, Carleton street, was forcibly entered yesterday afternoon, to subdue a fire which had started on a couch on which Mr. Lyons had been smoking before he went out.

## POLICE SEIZE

## 50,000 TICKETS FOR LOTTERIES

## Raid Reveals a Big Business Being Done With New York as Base

New York, Jan. 29.—Fifty thousand lottery tickets, with letters and orders from all over the country, were found in the office of Charles O. Backus, No. 122 Bowers, when it was raided by Post Office Inspector F. M. Hamilton, this week.

Backus was arrested and later remanded to prison by United States Commissioner Shields in default of \$1,000 bail. Inspector Hamilton says he is an old offender in the lottery ticket business and that he has numerous aliases, chief of which are William Engel, E. Dalfores and Louis Levine.

The postal authorities have been watching Backus for some time as it was known a big business was being carried on through the country in lottery tickets, and it was thought New York was the base of operations. Backus' mail has been inspected for weeks, but he has operated with great care, using the express companies mainly in his work. But a package from Backus' office to G. Metz, of Chicago, which went through the mails and contained tickets was caught.

Yesterday Inspector Hamilton, accompanied by two central detectives, raided the office of Backus and found him carrying on a business which kept him and a bookkeeper busy. While the officers were searching the place two express wagons arrived bringing in packages containing thousands of tickets in the Mexican National lottery.

Tickets for a Hamburg lottery were also found with thousands of letters showing Backus carried on an extensive and lucrative business. This is the largest haul of lottery tickets ever made by the postal authorities.

## SOD WRECK NOT WORST CANADA HAS EXPERIENCED

There have been many small railway accidents in Canada besides those in this list, but those stated are the largest in the Dominion. St. Hillaire, in 1894, was the most terrible.

June 26, 1894.—Train ran off bridge at St. Hillaire; about 83 killed, 200 injured.

June 22, 1872.—Belleville, Ont., engine left track; many burnt, scalded, etc., about thirty killed.

January 2, 1894.—Near Toronto, collision between several passenger trains; 31 killed.

July 16, 1887.—Collision at St. Thomas, Ont.; petroleum explosion, 14 killed and about 100 injured.

Feb. 27, 1889.—Near St. George, Ont.; by collapse of a bridge, 11 killed.

April 28, 1898.—Near Hamilton, Ont., on Grand Trunk; train ran off track 11 killed.

July 8, 1892.—Merriton on G. T. R. collision; several persons drowned in Welland canal.

November 15, 1888.—Collision of G. T. R. near Trenton, Ont.; 12 deaths.

August 9, 1899.—Express leaves rails between Montreal and Ottawa; 7 deaths.

December 8, 1902.—Train wrecked near Halifax, N. S.; 7 deaths; 12 injured.

December 26, 1902.—Collision on G. T. R. at Waukegan, Ont.; 28 deaths, 29 injured, many fatally.

April 11, 1903.—Collision near Halifax, N. S.; 4 deaths.

Feb. 26, 1907.—Near Guelph, on Grand Trunk, a broken rail caused derailment; train rolled down embankment; 9 killed, 16 injured.

September 3, 1907.—At Caledon, Ont., on C. P. R.; excursion train to Toronto to exhibition, speeding around Horseshoe curve, 7 killed, 114 injured.

## CITY COURT CHANGES

At a meeting of the bills and by-laws committee yesterday, Ald. McGoldrick was heard with reference to a memorial to the local government regarding telephone rates and consideration was deferred until like memorial is prepared. A number of important amendments to the city court act were recommended.

The evidence in all information and summary trials is to be taken down in shorthand and the notes are to be transcribed at the request of a file magistrate.

All trials at the city court are to be taken down in shorthand and a copy of the evidence may be obtained from the stenographer at the rate of six cents a page of 300 words. All fees are to be part of the city's revenue.

The jurisdiction of the court is to be increased from \$80 to \$200 and in defended actions the defendant must file a brief statement of defence one day before the trial.

The present act provides that in all actions for more than \$20 the defendant must reside in the city or the cause of the action must arise in the city. It is proposed to extend the service of all papers into the county and authorize any constable appointed by the city or the sheriff to serve either first or final process.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

POOR MAN.

Hotel Porter (in hall outside)—Fire!

Sleepy Guest (in bed)—I wish it was in this room. I'm nearly frozen.

## AMUSEMENTS FOR

## OURSELVES AND OTHERS

A SENSATION AT THE ORPHEUM NEXT WEEK.

What is said to be a really sensational act has been booked at the Orpheum for next week. This is the Great Conture, the world's greatest unicyclist. Trick bicyclists have become relegated to the past as compared with the wonderful performance of Conture on one wheel. Conture has enjoyed an international reputation and some of his feats, it is said, have never been performed by any other living rider. For example, while riding around the stage at a rapid clip on one wheel, he jumps bodily to the saddle of another and continues the ride without apparently the slightest difficulty. This is but one of this great performer's tricks, which must be seen to be appreciated. The second act on the bill is Miss Dorothy Hall, male impersonator and dancer.

GRAND BILL AT NICKEL TODAY.

This is the day the children look forward to in all the week, the day when Nickel Theatre offers its little boy and girl friends what the management committee claim is the biggest, best and cleanest show in St. John. Weather conditions are ideal for a tremendous attendance, and the pictures that await the little ones are exceptionally good. They include the story of ancient history entitled The Slave, a truly magnificent production. The Deacon's Daughter is a pretty tale New England life with a fine moral tone, and everybody will be pleased with the natural history story, Ant Life. Of patriotic interest as well as educational, the pictured called Up-to-Date Farming in British Columbia will hold watchers in rapt attention. Miss LeRoy is going to sing the dear old Scotch number, Loch Lomond, and Master Packer will close his engagement with a New York number. Be early Saturday night, for there is sure to be a rush. On Monday Ed. Carson, baritone, of Brantford (Ont.), will open a short engagement with the Nial and the King Singers, and the special educational features will be the Battle of Austerlitz, and Black and White Bats.

## HAMBURG, THE PIANIST.

Mark Hamburg, the world famous pianist, who is to appear at the Opera House in this city Friday evening next, has had probably more complimentary remarks and press criticism; it is said, than Beethoven, Paderewski and other celebrated artists. Speaking of his recent recital at Queen's Hall, London, England, the Pall Mall Gazette says:

"He played magnificently. That which struck us as particularly great about his playing was the combination of a stupendous technique with an intensely musical feeling. In the Study in F minor of Chopin, which he played as a study in music, he simply carried us away by his marvellous accomplishment from each point of view, namely, technique and artistic feeling. Again in Beethoven's Sonata, usually known by the title of Moonlight, he went into the depths of its poetry, and brought from the so-called malice of the music a sense of peace and harmony that we have not had with any other pianist."

## AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The Colonial Stock Co. gave a successful presentation of A Woman's Victory at the Opera House last evening. The play which is a strong one, centres around the endeavor of a mother to shield her son from the taint of his father's crime, as he is found out by the police. The play is a strong one, centres around the endeavor of a mother to shield her son from the taint of his father's crime, as he is found out by the police. The play is a strong one, centres around the endeavor of a mother to shield her son from the taint of his father's crime, as he is found out by the police.

## THE GEM.

As was expected, "The Red Star Inn" proved to be one of the greatest sensations of the motion picture world. Many hundreds visited the Gem last evening, and many more were unable to gain admission. Those who saw this film pronounced it to be the best drama they had ever witnessed. The story is out of the ordinary and the acting is above reproach. The subject deals with pioneer life of the west, when law had not yet arrived. The typical western idea, not of the exaggerated type, is throughout the picture.

Tonight this subject will be featured. Besides this beautiful scenic film, which appeals to lovers of the beautiful and awe-inspiring scenery will be shown. A comedy, which proved its worth to be a laugh producer; two mild dramas, bordering more on the comedy than the drama, were all we received.

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## INVASION OF RATS

## THREATENS MANITOBA

Hordes Creeping Up From Boundary Line and Grain Men Are Anxious

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—Manitoba is threatened with a serious invasion of rats from the south this spring. Hordes of rodents have been creeping up from the boundary line all winter and are now twenty miles south of the city in great numbers. Elevator companies report serious damage to buildings and heavy loss of grain this winter, and at some points elevators have had to be moved in order that the nests may be got at.

The Manitoba department of agriculture has received a report from the officials sent out to investigate the result of the administration of virus to rats in infected districts of the province. Among the places visited were Greta, Altona, Morris, Emerson and Letellier. In districts where virus was administered in the manner prescribed it is reported that the rats were exterminated. In some districts the department have placed the distribution of virus in the hands of capable men, as in several instances the best results were not obtained through an improper course being followed.

## MESSRS McAVITY'S PLANS

As has been known for some time the firm of T. McAvity & Sons have been thinking of removing their brass foundry to the west. Now, McAvity said yesterday that the concern might be removed to the west in the near future, but there was no decision. Some of the cities mentioned are Port Arthur, Toronto, and Hamilton.

## FOUGHT 20

## FURIOUS ROUNDS

## Cyclone Johnny Thompson and Young Tommy McCarthy Make a Draw

## PAGE WAS FAST

## Memic Defeats Picato in Ten Rounds—Bowling, Skating, Athletic and Baseball News of Interest—Hedley Makes a Statement

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Cyclone Johnny Thompson of Illinois and Young Tommy McCarthy of San Francisco fought twenty furious rounds to a draw here last night. The fight was one of the fastest light-weight battles fought on the coast in years. Each man scored a knockdown.

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—George Memic defeated Frank Picato in ten rounds at the Pacific A. C. last night. Memic was the aggressor and at roughing it and infighting, he outclassed Picato. Although the latter showed more cleverness at long range boxing.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 28.—Terry Martin won the decision over Tommy Sawyer in a fifteen round bout before the Queen City Athletic Club tonight he having the best of the fight in a majority of the rounds. Sawyer saved himself from a knockout by his clever ducking and infighting.

Tex Rickard, fight promoter, made public a contract at Ely, Nev., on Thursday signed by himself and James J. Jeffries, under the terms of which the Jeffries and Johnson fight is to take place in Salt Lake City unless the authorities interfere.

The contract was signed in Ogden last Monday. If the Utah authorities will not permit the fight in Salt Lake City, Rickard is to forfeit the entire purse of \$10,000 to the fighters, who are to divide it equally.

A cable dispatch from J. W. Coffroth, fight promoter, who is now in England, says that he has perfected arrangements for a match in San Francisco for the international featherweight championship. It is Green Abe Attell of San Francisco and Jim Driscoll, English champion. Coffroth will start for home at once and it is presumed that the fight will take place next month, for the club in which he is interested has received a permit.

Reynold Linton of South Africa and Johnny Summers of England boxed 20 rounds to a draw for the Australian light-weight championship in Sydney, Aust., on Wednesday. The men will probably be rematched, and the winner will meet Jimmy Britt.

Bouts on Wednesday night were: Philadelphia—Young Kid Broad shaded Banty Hinkle at the Wayne A. C. in six rounds.

New York—Dixie Kid, the negro welterweight, knocked out Jack Farrell, also colored, in the ninth round at the Sharkey A. C.

Suit for \$20,000 damages has been instituted by Norman Pinder, of New York, against Jack Johnson, the heavy weight pugilist, who is under bonds for assaulting Pinder. Papers in the case will be served on Johnson when he returns to the states from Canada.

"I would like to arrange another match for Moran against Baldwin, for I am certain Owen can whip him," said Jimmy Johnson, manager of the English crack, just before leaving Boston for New York. "The only thing I'd insist on is that the contest take place in two weeks, as we have offers from California that are too tempting to turn aside."

Alec McLean, manager of Baldwin, however, does not think favorably of a return match until Matty has had a chance to box Tommy Murphy and try to wipe out the decision the New York holds over him.

Owen Moran and Tommy Murphy have agreed to box ten rounds in Brooklyn on February 7.

Cyclone Johnny Thompson knocked out Pinky Potter in five rounds at the Elks smoker at Lake Charles, La., the other night.

An all-star show has been arranged by the Army A. A., Boston, for next Tuesday night, with three ten-round contests between Tommy O'Keefe of Philadelphia and Kid Goodwood of Boston, Honey Melody and Frank Peron and Pat Moore and Henry Meyers.

Man Langford is said to have made arrangements to arrive in Paris about March 1. His manager says he will then accept an offer of a \$5,000 guarantee to fight Joe Jeannette and will also accept a challenge from Sam McVey to box 20 rounds for a \$2,000 side bet and the largest purse ever offered. Langford is in Los Angeles to train for the Flynn fight on February 8.

## Baseball

Catcher Medes, now the property of the Lynn, Mass. club of the New England league, has sustained an injury that may keep him out of the game for the balance of his life. While operating a buzz saw in a factory at Lynn, he caught his hand upon the rapidly revolving circular plate and lost the top of four of his fingers.

Four players signed with the New York American League club Wednesday for next season: Pitcher Prill, with Newark in 1909; Pitcher Vaughn, who helped Louisville win the American Association pennant; Jack Quinn, a box man who was with the New York team last year, and Second Baseman Frank Laporte.

John A. Heydler, secretary of the National league, announces that among the rules changed is the following, that hereafter a runner going to first will be allowed to turn either to the left or right when he touches the bag.

The "Phillies" will be sent to Southern Pines about February 25.

Connie Mack's son will try for an infield position on the Notre Dame University team this spring.

The Brooklyn club had 63 players on its roster at the end of the season of 1909.

President Powers of the Eastern league has appointed Jack Doyle of Cincinnati as umpire. Doyle was a catcher for Comiskey's St. Louis Browns about twenty years ago, but has kept close tabs on the game ever since.

Mike Kelly of the St. Paul club is as clever as they make them in selling players to the "majors." He had a second division club last season and yet is credited with raking in \$23,000 on the sale of players.

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