

Local and Provincial News
Of Special Interest to Our Readers, Gathered
By Our Reporters from Many Sources,
Whirl of the Town.

Worthy Master George T. Bethune represents No. Surrender L. O. No. 47, at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick which convened in annual session last night in St. John.

Much regret is felt at the continued illness of Rev. J. G. A. Colquhoun of Millerton, Moderator of the Miramichi Presbytery. He has been unable to preach for several weeks and shows no signs of immediate improvement.

Station Master W. R. Payne of Bathurst has been promoted to the charge of the station here, succeeding Mr. L. B. Humphrey, who will be superannuated on April 15th, after a long and successful career in the railway service. Mr. Humphrey will in the spring remove to Apohaqui where he has purchased a farm.

The brethren of No. Surrender L. O. L. will spend the 18th of July this year on an excursion to Amherst, N. S. Sunday, the 12th, will be celebrated here by a parade to the Methodist church, where the members will be addressed by Rev. H. C. Rice. All lodges in the county will be invited to participate in this event.

The consumption of tea in England increased from 1 1/2 million pounds in 1740 to 1 1/2 million pounds in 1870 and to 2 1/2 million pounds in 1907. In Canada, since the introduction of "Salada" Tea, the consumption of tea is increasing in a like ratio.

A citizens' band has been organized under the leadership of Mr. Thos. M. Stewart. It is composed of former members of the Orange and C. M. B. A. bands. The new band is doing good work.

The explosion of an oil lamp caused a little blaze and big smoke on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Simon MacLeod. Someone who saw the smoke issuing from the house gave the alarm, but before the fire brigade arrived Mr. MacLeod had the conflagration extinguished. The loss was only a few dollars.

At the meeting of Whitneyville Baptist Women's Missionary Society on Monday night one new member was received. The program was interesting and the outlook is encouraging. At close of meeting light refreshments were served.

Shocking Murder Prevented
Plot to Burn Up A Prominent Chinaman Failed to Succeed.

(Vancouver World.) The police have a first class Chinatown mystery on their hands today, and from investigations to date it would appear that a deliberate attempt was made last night to "high-binder" David C. Lew, one of the best known Chinese residents of the city, out of existence. There is every evidence that the intention of the unknown assassins was to burn Mr. Lew in his sleeping rooms on Dupont street. Fearing that the fire might arouse him and that he might attempt to escape, the exits from his premises were wired up. And in case he might break the wires that would have kept him penned within the reach of the flames a neat trap of ropes was laid on the stairway, a trip over which would undoubtedly have meant a broken neck. Not satisfied with this there is further evidence that someone waited at the foot of the stairs to see that the neck was properly broken if the fall did not do the business. Fortunately for Mr. Lew, the fire did not get properly started.

It was the manager of the Lee-Yune company, whose store is under Mr. Lew's rooms, who made the first discovery. He found his desk swimming in coal oil this morning, and seeing that the fluid was still dripping through the ceiling, he went upstairs to remonstrate with the careless man who might be responsible. He found Mr. Lew sound asleep and quite unaware of what had taken place, but a moment's investigation showed pools of coal oil in the passage in front of Lew's door, the door mat was soaked and a bundle of oil-soaked paper lay close by. The remains of a long fuse of Chinese punk and a heap of powder evidently from Chinese fire-crackers, completed the deadly collection. Where they failed appears to have been in the fact that the fuse did not quite reach to the powder. Mr. Lew claims to be at somewhat of a loss to know who may have wanted his scalp, although the fact that he has been prominent in several cases in which the so-called "high-binders" were interested, may explain the affair. His activity on behalf of the Chinese Board of Trade and the Reform Association in connection with the arrest of the chicken thief who is charged with the shooting of Police Officer McLeod, may also have something to do with what was a patent attempt on his life.

FANCY VISITING CARDS.

We may have the old fashioned fancy and illuminated visiting cards back again. In Leipzig the Royal Academy offers prizes of the best examples of illustrated visiting cards. Moritz von Weittenhiller, a noted Austrian artist in a paper read before the select art society, said that the illustrated card was not a new idea, but simply the revival of an old one. He showed many specimens of oldtime cards from his own collection and from that of Privy Councillor von Helften and expressed the hope that the artistic card might "find favor everywhere," not only because it would be a benefit to the artists and artisans who are ready to design and execute the new style, but because it would break a monotony which considering our artistic tastes, it seems strange should have been endured so long.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of Dr. H. P. Weston

TO BUILD AERIAL WAR FLEET.
Germany Will Strive to Obtain Leading Position in The Air

BERLIN, Saturday. — The German emperor and his military advisers have resolved to lay the foundations of a German aerial fleet during the present year.

Within a few months the German government will possess five airships, which will be available for use in military operations, and whose value in this respect is rated highly by those who are competent to judge.

Count Zeppelin, the inventor of one of the best types of German airships, firmly believes that the development of aerial navigation will enable large bodies of troops to be conveyed rapidly and safely through the air.

German military experts and other German aeronauts may be somewhat sceptical on this point, but they are none the less convinced that airships, even in their present form, will be able to render many valuable services in case of war.

The military authorities are also taking measures to protect themselves from the airships of other countries. At the Krupp works at Essen guns of a peculiar type are now being manufactured, for the purpose of disabling hostile airships manoeuvring at a great height.

It will be possible to fire these guns either vertically or at an extremely high elevation, and they will be loaded with projectiles of an equally peculiar type, designed to inflict the greatest possible damage on the balloon which supports the hull of the hostile airship. Some of the projectiles will have jagged chains attached to them, experiments having shown that the best results can thereby be obtained by firing at balloons.

The Germans possess two systems of wireless telegraphy, which are admirably suited for use on airships. The apparatus invented by the German engineer, Heilmann, is of comparatively minute size, both for transmitting and receiving apparatus being in the same small case, which weighs only forty pounds. The radius of communication is thirty miles.

Another process invented, Herr Von Lepel has invented another process, and his apparatus is also small and of trifling weight. Moreover, it has a radius of communication of 100 miles, and it has even transmitted messages over a distance of nearly 150 miles. The great firm of Siemens and Schuckert has established an airship department, and already it has more orders than it can fill. Two new companies are also being formed for the construction and equipment of airships.

These facts show that Germany is taking the lead in respect to airships, and it is well known that the Kaiser desires German predominance in the air to be as unquestionable as Great Britain's naval supremacy.

His majesty reveals his keen interest in this subject in all manners of ways, and ambitious young German officers and engineers know that there is no surer road to distinction than to introduce some welcome improvement in aerial navigation.

DOESN'T KNOW DODDS.

LONDON, Thursday. — Arshag Atamian, on trial at Liverpool with others on the charge of conspiring to defraud emigrants, when questioned regarding the correspondence found in his possession, said he knew Dr. Hugh J. Dodds, but not W. Dodds of Halifax. The judge remarked that it was not Dr. Dodds who was to burn his letters.

Social Personal.

Mrs. Mary Ingram went to St. John on Monday to attend the millinery openings.

Mr. Guy Lapraik of Campbellton spent a few days with friends here last week.

Mrs. John J. Dunn, of Indiantown, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Y. McKane were registered at the Royal, St. John, Wednesday.

Miss Grace Bryenton, of Bryenton spent a couple of days last week with her sister Mrs. E. E. Maltby.

Mrs. Wm. Reid who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cinnamon of Bathurst, has returned home.

Mrs. J. Walter Miller returned on Wednesday from a several months' visit to Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Mr. Henry Wyse is in St. John attending Grand Orange Lodge as representative of Empire Lodge, No. 125.

Mrs. John English and Mrs. James Murphy left Nelson on Thursday to visit their uncle, Mr. Murphy of Boston, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Guphill of Newburyport, Mass. came home Saturday night having been called here by the serious illness of her brother, Burnley Stewart.

Mrs. J. G. A. Colquhoun and little daughter Beryl, were guests of Mrs. Henry Ingram on Wednesday last.

Messrs. John Cooper and John Kethro returned Friday from Quebec city where they were employed all winter in a spool factory.

Mrs. Ernest Maltby gave a birthday party from 3 to 7 Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of the birth of her daughter Frances. Twelve little girls were present.

NEWCASTLE, Friday. — Miss Anna MacNeil of Lower Derby, aged 84 years, died yesterday morning. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Robt. Amos, of Nelson.

Mr. Albert O'Donnell of Campbellton and his sister Miss Alice have returned from Boletown. Mr. O'Donnell went home Friday. Their sister Mrs. Walter Sutherland is improving slowly.

Mrs. John Russell, of Lower Derby, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Daniel McQuarrie, of Moncton, is seriously ill. A message Thursday summoned her four sons and four daughters residing in Lower Derby to her bedside. Mrs. Russell is 65 years old. She has improved slightly the last few days.

Mr. Robert E. Richardson, who for the last five months has been foreman of the Anderson furniture factory here, left Thursday for Fraserville, Quebec, where he has been engaged for one year as foreman of the Fraserville Chair Company's works. Mr. Richardson will be much missed by the Anderson Company and in social and church circles. He was one of the leading members of the Methodist Men's Union, taking an active part in its discussions and work. He is doing well financially by the change.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jeffrey attended the funeral of the latter's cousin, Mrs. John Dick in Chatham Thursday.

LYTTLETON.

LYTTLETON, March 10. — Not seeing any notes from this place for some time I thought I would write a few to let the readers know how we are enjoying the sports of the season. Mr. A. Ramsay of Reibank passed through here on Thursday last. Misses Mary Payne and Louisa Matchett of S. Siding attended the dance at Mr. James Johnston's on Wednesday last.

Mr. Stanley Mullin of Redbank was the guest of Mr. Allan Matchett on Sunday last.

The many friends of Mr. Robert Esty will be sorry to learn that he is about to take his departure for the West. He will be greatly missed among his companions.

We hear Wedding Bells in the distance. — Snow Drop.

SOONER WORK WITH YANKEES.

London Globe Raps British Columbia Over Oriental Exclusion

LONDON, Friday. — Referring to the resolution of a Vancouver meeting to invite the American fleet to visit Vancouver, the Globe says the resolution shows how much more ready British Columbians are to work with Americans than with Canadians in the policy of Oriental exclusion.

NELSON, B. C., Saturday. — Another record was made last week by the Granby mines, the greatest amount of copper ore ever shipped in any one week being sent out for seven days ending last Friday night. The tonnage was 23,633. At the Granby smelter during the week the ore treated was 22,552 tons.

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SCHOOL STANDING
FOR FEBRUARY
The following are the names of the pupils making the highest general standing in the town schools for the month of February (those of the Adams school having previously appeared.)

HARKINS ACADEMY.
Grade XI—Lucy Lingley, 1st; Clyde Rundie, 2nd; Tessie Ivory, 3rd; Grade X—Bessie McQuarrie, 1st; Gordon Atkinson, 2nd; Jennie McMaster and Gertrude Whitney, 3rd. Grade IX—Sadie Smallwood, 1st; Howard Atkinson, 2nd; Hazel Smallwood, 3rd.

Grade VII—Hazel Sweezy, 1st; Ethel Allison, 2nd; Herbert Morrissey, 3rd. Grade VII for January—Ethel Allison, 1st; Dorothy Nicholson, 2nd; Michael McCabe, 3rd. Grade VI—Marian Rundie, 1st; Percy Stuart, 2nd; Lester Jeffrey and Gerald Foley, 3rd. Grade IV—Lizzie Adair, 1st; Everett Black, 2nd; John Doucet, 3rd. Grade III—Nan Nicholson, 1st; Ida Dutcher, 2nd; Jewel Fleiger, 3rd. REGENT STREET SCHOOL. Grade II—Myron Nicholson, 1st; Frederic Steeves, 2nd; Albert Dickson, 3rd. Grade I—Hazel McFarlane, 1st; Bertha Robertson, 2nd; Harold Black, 3rd.

BUIE SCHOOL.
Grade IV.—James Boyle, 1; Lily McLean, 2.
Grade III.—John Curtis, 1; Marguerite Cassidy, 2; Irene Clancy, 3.
Grade II.—Isadore Tardy, 1; Nellie Creamer, 2; Bella Aiton, 3.
Grade I.—Ethel Astles, 1; Hughie Morell, 2; Percy Boyle, 3.

TEMPERANCE HALL.
Grade V.
Jennie Mather, 1st; Francis Fleigher, 2nd, Nellie Matheson, 3rd.
Grade IV.
Dorothy Edmonds, 1st; Charlie McCullam, 2nd; Allan Matheson, 3rd.

VOTED \$50,000 FOR CELEBRATION.
QUEBEC, Saturday.—At last night's meeting of the city council fifty thousand dollars was voted towards the Ter-centenary celebration.

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NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that the Voters' List for the Town of Newcastle for the year 1908, is now open for inspection at the Town Office, and is subject to revision up to and including Friday April 17th next.
J. E. T. LINDON, Town Clerk.
MILLINERY.
We are selling all our Hats, trimmed and untrimmed at a big discount during the month of December. We have a very complete stock of Velvets, Silks, Ribbons, Plumes, Wings, Birds, Quills, Flowers, and in fact everything necessary to make a pretty hat. All work neatly done, call and leave your order early, before the Christmas rush comes on.
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