

would suggest to the next idiot who wants to make a feeding record that death by Banbury cakes or boiled egg, is far less painful, while the present record is an international one, and by no means easy to beat. It may be that in time, with the advance of civilization, such gastronomic feats may win credit and renown, and we may see a future Prince of Wales shaking hands with the great egg-eater, but that will not be in this century. Let us be thankful for small mercies.

We are somewhat surprised to hear that Lieut. Stairs has left the R. E. and taken a captaincy in a line regiment. We presume, however, that he has good reason for making the exchange.

Major General Herbert, was in the city early in the week, on important business connected with the service.

We regret to hear that Miss Laine is very indisposed, and hope she will have recovered sufficiently by next Thursday to sing in the Orpheus Concert, in which she takes a leading part.

We hear on good authority that the report that Alderman Ruhland had withdrawn his candidature for Ward one, is entirely without foundation. Far from this being the case, Mr. Ruhland will be to the fore again, with the support of many residents who are satisfied with his past work. When such a popular man as Mr. T. C. Allen, will find him a very powerful opponent.

Coming back to the old question of how to get rid of our ashes, it seems about time that the civic authorities thought about taking tenders for the work, which we presume will be systematically started on the first of May.

We have been trying some of the London Rubber Stamp Company's manufacturers lately, and after a few days use we find it difficult to understand how we ever did without them. Of all the labour-saving dodges, these various forms of stamps and seals are worth much to a busy man. You can get a machine for embossing a heading on note-paper or scraps, stamps for receipts etc., fac-simile signature, and in fact anything you want, strongly made, and very cheap.

Talking about labour-saving machines, the most useful one we have come across is a little glass roller for wetting stamps, envelopes and wrappers. Probably everyone has seen one—they are imported here by Mackinlay's—and looked upon it as some sort of a useless fad, as we did ourselves until someone with more sense sent us one as christmas present, since which time the roller has never left our desk: it knocks the old-fashioned sponge out of time for convenience, and never gets dirty.

From the March number of *Bank Chat* we glean the following items of interest to Halifax readers:—

Mr. Jerry Harrison, of the Minneapolis branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to the Halifax office; Mr. W. H. Davies filling the vacancy caused by the transfer. Mr. Edmondson has resumed his duties in Montreal.

Mr. T. W. Magee, of the Halifax Banking Co. is ordered to St. John, as accountant.

Mr. Strickland, accountant of the Union Bank, is appointed manager of the new branch at Sydney, C. B.

Mr. R. D. Clarke, assistant accountant of the Peoples' Bank, has gone to North Sydney to open a new agency there.

The Y. M. C. A. Concert at the Orpheus Hall on Tuesday, went off very well indeed. The quartette,—Messrs. Burgoyne, Hebb, Bannister and Harris,—form a strong combination, and Mr. Rainnie's Scotch reading was very good. Mr. W. R. Foster gave the "Boys of the Old Brigade," on his rendering of which we have had occasion to speak before. The verdict was, as it always has been, "a jolly old song, and jolly well sung." Miss Huestis and Miss Chamberlain both won encores for their piano solos. The audience were very much disappointed at the absence of Mrs. Lear, which was, of course, unavoidable.

We were mistaken in placing Col. Clerke's name in the long list of society people who leave in the "Parisian" to-morrow.

Mr. Stavost, teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia here, returned in the S. S. Halifax on Sunday night, from a visit to his brother in Jamaica.

An entertainment was given in Dartmouth last night in aid of the Christ Church Organ Fund. Tableaux vivants formed the attraction. We hope to be able to give some account in our next issue.

Mr. Dick Moren entertained a number of his friends to a theatre party at the Academy, and supper afterwards on Saturday evening, to celebrate the attainment of his majority.

Mr. J. C. Lithgow of the Peoples' Bank of this city, has been appointed to the staff of the agency at Lunenburg and St. John's, Halifax on Tuesday.

Mrs. D. H. Duncan had a Euchre party on Tuesday.

Mrs. Waddell gave a very pleasant dance on Monday evening. Amongst those present were: Miss L. Grant, Miss Hunter, Miss Edna King and Mr. G. E. Furness.

Mrs. B. W. Chipman will move from Pleasant Street to Morris Street, on 1st May.

Mrs. and the Misses Mackinlay have taken the house now occupied by Mrs. Chipman.

Mr. Frank Hope is expected by the *Oregon*, the mail steamer due to-morrow. Whilst in England Mr. Hope has joined the service of the Bank of British North America.

The Holmes gold medal at McGill University was won this year by Mr. W. F. Hamilton, of Sackville, N. B., who will probably be appointed house Surgeon to the Montreal general hospital. Mr. R. H. Calkin, of Kentville, took his M. D., with the highest honours.

Lieut. S. C. Babington, R. E., has been ordered to this station from Bermuda.

16 N. C. Officers and Privates of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers are now undergoing a training in Ambulance exercises. The men take great interest in those instructions, which consist of applying of first dressings to wounded on battle field or accidents, the preparing of improvised dressings and splints for fractures, improvised bandages and tourniquets to stop arterial and other bleeding, rendering assistance in case of poisoning by giving antidotes, etc. In almost every town in England instructions of this kind are given to ladies and gentlemen, and they are fully aware of the great importance of possessing the facilities to render efficient assistance in accidents. A great many valuable lives have been saved by timely help. Why should Halifax not have a St. John's ambulance class? An instructor can be easily found. It only requires a little amount of energy, which Halifax so much lacks, to bring this about.

An interesting event took place on Wednesday last at St. John's Church, Three Mile House, when Earnest Gregory of Antigonish, was married to Miss Maude Graham, niece of Justice Graham. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the relatives of the bride and bridegroom being present. The bridesmaid was Miss Lalia Graham, and Mr. Wallace McDonald acted as best man. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, wore a travelling dress of dark material, braided with silver. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. B. King, Rector of St. Luke's. In the church were Judge and Mrs. Graham, Major Bruce Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory. The bride and groom left from Rockingham Station for Montreal at Niagara. They will spend the summer in Antigonish.

The news of Mrs. Adam Burn's death will be everywhere heard with regret. Though so long ill, and suffering so intensely, the end came suddenly after all. Mrs. Burns was up and dressed only two days before her death. Mr. and Miss Burns have with spread sympathy in their sorrow.

The Rev. C. W. McCully will preach at St. Luke's Cathedral on Sunday morning, and the Rev. W. B. King in the evening. The anthem at Evensong will be Sir John Goss' *Christ the Passover*.