

VISCOUNT DE FRONSAC, WELL KNOWN IN ST. JOHN, TURNS UP WITH A SCHEME TO CREATE A NEW ARISTOCRACY

His Foolish Plan is Promptly and Thoroughly Roasted by the New York Tribune's "Social Arbiter"---Count Says He's Starting a College of Arms in Canada.

Many people in this city will recall a visit several years ago from the Viscount de Fronsac and the adventures which attended his stay in this city. The following will, therefore, have considerable interest in St. John.

The Marquis de Fontenay, in The New York Tribune writes: "Viscount de Fronsac, hereditary marshal of the College of Arms of Canada, has issued an appeal, not only to the descendants of the old seigneurial families of the Dominion, but likewise to many hundreds of good American citizens with claims to ancestry, inviting them to participate in a tercentennial celebration this summer at Montreal, restricted to the patrician houses of the Western Hemisphere, and which is to take the form of a great parade, the laying of the cornerstone for a statue of Lord Devonshire (for which the funds have yet to be subscribed), and, finally, the investiture of all these patrician families, through their representatives, with the decoration of the Aryan and Seigneurial Order," whatever that may be.

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NEWS OF NEWCASTLE AND VICINITY

Newcastle, April 24.—Kent-Northumberland District Division Sons of Temperance will meet at Richibucto Thursday afternoon and evening, May 7th. The evening meeting will be public. Rev. S. J. MacArthur, principal speaker. Rev. S. J. MacArthur, of Newcastle, will be one of the principal speakers.

Newcastle Division, No. 45, has elected the following delegates:—James Falconer, Alex. Ingram, Rev. H. C. Rice, Hector McQuarrie, Mrs. Henry Ingram and Miss Lilian Williamson.

On Wednesday afternoon Everett J. Weaver and Miss Jennie Witherell, both of Blissfield, Michigan, were married in Fredericton by Rev. J. H. Macdonald. R. M. Wood, architect, is erecting a building for a general store in Millerton. Millerton will boom this summer. Besides the pulp mill being erected, one mile below the village by J. B. Beveridge, the Miller Express Co. are talking of building a paper mill in Millerton.

Walter McKay, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. W. McKay, died yesterday of brain fever, aged fifteen years. Thomas Foley, proprietor of the Miramichi hotel, has leased the business to James Walker, the latter to take possession May 1st. Mr. Whalen is a well known commercial traveller.

O. G. Anderson of the Anderson Furniture Co. has sold his corner lot on Pleasant and Jane streets, containing a fine dwelling and the stores occupied by Miss M. H. Batefield, milliner, and Samuel Miller, meat merchant, to Thomas Foley. The Anderson factory is now running with a staff of 40. Allan A. Davidson, liquidator of the business, will, on May 4th, apply to Judge Huntington, for an order to continue the business of the company and operate the factory until May 10th, prox. The company lack sufficient capital.

The ice ran out of the main Miramichi yesterday, leaving a wide channel. The boats will not be able to run this week, however.

D. W. Stothart will erect a new residence this summer on the corner of High and Jane streets.

The Drummond Iron Mining Company are having difficulty in selecting a site for shipping ore in Gloucester county. Bathurst harbor is not at all suitable, as the water is too shallow. The probability that a mill will be built from the mines to Red Pine and the ore be shipped from Newcastle, or smelted here, the mines of John Ferguson, James Robinson, Marquis de Longueuil, and the mines of the Dominion property and still near Newcastle.

Let me add in conclusion that the nobles of New France, as Canada was known in olden times, were very restricted in body. There seems to have been only two marquises, namely, that of De Sable, granted in 1686, in connection with certain lands at Three Rivers, and that of Marquis de Misson, bestowed upon Michel de St. Martin, together with the island of Misson, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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Fredericton, April 26.—The supreme court on Saturday afternoon delivered judgment in case of William Jamieson vs. St. John Liquor License Commissioners, upholding the contention set up by the attorney-general that the number of tavern licenses in Prince ward was greater than allowed by law.

The effect of the Supreme court decision given Saturday is that the number of five saloon licenses in St. John this year is against seventy-five at present. It is understood the liquor license commissioners will meet this evening to consider to whom licenses shall be issued.

Col. Blaine, chairman of the commission, when asked yesterday what effect the decision would have, said that in Prince ward the number would be reduced by two to bring the number to eleven. Last year fourteen were issued, but J. J. Poirer, now in Prince ward, is trying instead for a license in Wellington ward. In Kings ward five licenses would have to be abandoned to reduce the number to six, and in Queens ward three of the liquor saloons would have to close their doors as only nine could be allowed.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Wm. F. Moore. The death of Mrs. Ida Evelyn Moore, wife of Wm. F. Moore occurred suddenly yesterday morning at her home, Peter's street. Mrs. Moore had been ill only a few hours with pneumonia. She is survived, besides her husband, by three children—Leonard F. Marion J., and William F. She was 29 years of age and was a daughter of Thomas F. and Elizabeth Anderson, the latter a well known nurse. The funeral will take place today. Service will be conducted at 4 o'clock.

LOCAL NEWS

The monthly meeting of the women's aid committee will be held at the Home for Incubables this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Friends of Rev. Chas. Comben in Centenary church presented him a purse full of gold on the eve of his departure for England.

The Worcester (Mass.) board of trade (Great Britain) touring Nova Scotia during August. St. John will be included in the trip if time permits.

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A brick school building is to be erected by His Lordship Bishop Casey for use as a Catholic school for scholars in the vicinity of Brunsell, Clarence, Brunswick, St. Patrick and Erin streets. It will be erected on the corner of Erin and Brunswick streets.

The number of immigrants arriving at this port during the season now closing, shows a falling off of about 4000 from last year. During the season of 1907, there were 25,705, while this season the total number, including the 1,427 on the Empress yesterday, and 1,601 on the Montfort now on her way here will be lower.

The death of Miss Annie G. Lavers occurred Monday after a short illness. Miss Lavers, who was in her twenty-third year, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lavers. She filed the position of assistant registrar of probates with the office of the Registrar General, and tended to her parents in their bereavement.

Rev. David Hutchinson addressed a temperance meeting in the seaman's institute Saturday night, when a number signed the pledge. The ladies of the W.C.T.U. served coffee and refreshments to the men. Rev. A. A. Graham had charge of the services last night. A farewell concert to the evening men will be given Tuesday evening and a farewell temperance meeting Thursday evening.

James Coveney is a young lad of eleven years of age who, it is said, prefers the streets to his home in Fairville, and that he has a habit of playing truant from school and sometimes staying away from home at nights. Last Saturday night he was found wandering about Brunsell street and was taken to central police station. He is under the arrest of the book and he will have to face the judge this morning. Once before, Coveney was arrested by the north end police on the charge of truancy.

WEDDINGS

Wickwire-Laechler. On Wednesday evening, April 22, at the residence of C. E. Laechler, Dorchester (Mass.), a very pretty wedding took place, when his youngest daughter, Lena J., was united in marriage to James William Wickwire of Boston. Rev. Dr. George Alcott Phinney performed the ceremony, which was followed by a reception. The decorations were in yellow. The bride was attired in a princess gown of white silk and lace and carried a large bouquet of lilacs of the valley. She was attended by Miss M. E. Winkley, a niece, as maid of honor, who was dressed in white and carried a basket of sweetpeas. Edward H. Zeiger of Providence, waited on the church for some of the bridesmaids on a wedding trip to New York and Atlantic City.

DEATH OF DR. SCAMMELL SHOCKS THE COMMUNITY

The community was greatly shocked on Saturday to hear of the death of Dr. J. Henry Scammell, which occurred a little before 9 o'clock at his residence, 162 Germain street. Dr. Scammell was enjoying his usual good health and attending to his practice up to Tuesday last, when he was stricken with pneumonia, and he gradually became weaker and passed away on Saturday.

All who knew Dr. Scammell have none but the kindest remembrances of him. He was a young man of great promise in his profession, of sterling character, and was a zealous worker in Trinity church, of which he was a court physician, and was a great man of the charitable and public institutions of the city, as well as several secret societies.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity; the Independent Order of Foresters, in which he was a court physician, and the St. George's Society. He was on the board of management of the Seaman's Mission; was on the visiting staff of the Salvation Army, Evangeline Home, the Home for Incubables and the General Public Hospital, and was also physician to No. 1 salvage corps and fire police.

For some years he had been assistant port physician here, and on the death of Dr. J. E. March acted as chief officer until Dr. Ruddle was appointed. He was a man who was admired and respected by all who knew him, and his passing leaves a gap that will be hard to fill.

He was in his 38th year, having been born in this city on November 22, 1870. He was the only son of the late Joseph Henry Scammell, founder of the well known shipping firm of J. H. Scammell & Co.

His wife, formerly Miss Murdoch, two daughters and one son survive. His mother and four brothers are also living. His brothers are: Edward W. J. in the west; Charles E. in Boston; Kimball, assistant engineer in the public works department; and Sanford W., of Scammell's restaurant, Charlotte street.

Charles E. Scammell is an uncle, and Mrs. Joseph Allison and Mrs. G. Byron Cushing are aunts.

There have been several changes of officers on the Elder-Dempster liner Sobob now running on the P. & N. B. service. Captain Bridges is going home to England. Chief Officer Means and Second Officer Timwood have also gone to England. The Sobob is now commanded by Captain John E. Pierce, formerly of the Borna, with Capt. John A. Leswell, late master of the Cherone, as first officer, C. A. McDonald, formerly (third officer) second officer, and John Calderwood, formerly of the Beta, third. R. E. Jones is the chief officer of the Borna.

St. Martins Notes. St. Martins, April 25.—Allison Rourke has returned home after a short visit to the States.

Dr. Harry Moran has returned to St. John after spending his Easter vacation in the village.

Cleve Gilburth has returned to his studies at Rothesay, after spending Easter with his parents.

The many friends of Rev. Mr. Scrimgeour welcomed him back to the village yesterday.

Friends of Rev. C. W. Townsend will be pleased to hear he is still in St. Martins.

Miss Joyce Wishart has returned to St. John after a pleasant visit with Miss Rourke.

James Schoales and Miss Irene spent several days in the city last week.

PERSONALS

Alexander Baillie, of the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, who spent the Easter holidays with his parents at their home, Horsefield street, has returned to the Canadian metropolis, accompanied by his wife and infant son.

Mrs. J. P. C. Burpee has returned after an extended trip in the southern states much improved in health.

Miss Ramsey Ritchie, of Edinburgh, who is a guest of Mrs. Thomas Walker, left for Boston Saturday morning, accompanied by Dr. T. Walker. They expect to return on Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Rankine and Miss Rankine returned on Saturday from Boston.

Dr. P. R. Inches, who has been ill for several days, is reported much better.

Rev. David Lang, of St. Andrew's church, returned from Winnipeg on Saturday.

A. K. Munde, who has been to the West Indies with the W. S. Hawkins Co., arrived home on Saturday.

C. C. Starr, of Halifax, was registered at the Dufferin on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCaffrey, of Fredericton, spent Saturday in the city and returned home in the evening.

Mrs. Daniel Mullin and Mrs. George Carville, of their home on Saturday after, three weeks spent in New York.

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SPECIAL VALUE Men's Heavy Reefers with Storm Collars, regular \$4.50 value. For \$3.39 UNION CLOTHING COMPANY 25-26 Charlotte Street, opp. City Market ALEX. CORBET, Manager

McLAUGHLIN'S MILLS AT BUCTOUCHE BURNED Buctouche, April 26.—This town was visited by a disastrous fire last night, when the McLaughlin Mills, probably the most important industry of the place, were burned to the ground. McLaughlin's Mills, which include a butter factory, flour, carding, saw mill and general store, were situated about 300 yards above the town, this side of the Moncton & Buctouche railway track, the buildings being located on both sides of the railway. How the fire started is not definitely known. A watchman was employed in the premises, but has no knowledge except to say the fire had its origin in the engine-room. When discovered, the flames had made such progress that it was impossible to check them. The butter factory, general store, carding and flour mills were on one side of the track and the saw mill on the opposite. After destroying the former the fire crossed the track to the saw mill and the whole establishment was soon a smouldering heap of ruins. A small culvert on the B. & M. Railway was also burned out, and men were engaged all day driving piling and effecting temporary repairs and it is expected the train will be able to run tomorrow as usual.

WOODSTOCK HAS FIRE; LOSS \$20,000 Woodstock, April 27.—About \$20,000 damage was done by a fire which broke out here a little after midnight in the two story wooden building in Main street, near the bridge, owned by J. N. W. Winslow. The upper part was unoccupied, except for a part which was used as a dwelling by Fred We Witt. The ground floor was occupied by the following firms: H. C. Moore Harness Co. Ltd.; W. H. Everett, book store; C. B. Snow, groceries, and Harry Faulkner, tinmith. The building was not completely destroyed but was considerably damaged. The roof was burned off.

LAST IMMIGRANT STEAMER BRINGS 1089 The C. P. R. steamer Montfort, Captain A. E. Evans, from Antwerp, with 1,089 passengers and 1,408 tons of cargo, arrived off the Island at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and dropped anchor amid 8 o'clock Sunday morning when she docked at No. 4 shed. The Montfort came across in ten days and established a record for a part which was used as a dwelling by Fred We Witt. The ground floor was occupied by the following firms: H. C. Moore Harness Co. Ltd.; W. H. Everett, book store; C. B. Snow, groceries, and Harry Faulkner, tinmith. The building was not completely destroyed but was considerably damaged. The roof was burned off.

DONALD MORRISON IS TO BE SPEAKER Dr. McInerney to Move Address, Fred M. Sproul to Second It. It is understood that Donald Morrison, M. P. P., of Newcastle, will be appointed speaker of the New Brunswick legislature. The address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by Dr. J. P. McInerney, M. P. P., of St. John, and seconded by F. M. Sproul, M. P. P., of Kings county.

MIRAMICHI RIVER CLEAR OF ICE Chatham, N. B., April 26.—The ice in Miramichi river ran out yesterday afternoon, and there is clear water from above Newcastle to the gulf, and row boats are now crossing regularly. The last person to cross the ice here was William Gay, the Tracardi mill driver, who crossed on foot on Friday morning hauling the mill on a hand sled. Last year's date of opening was 20. The steamer Alexandra will go Newcastle-Chatham route tomorrow. The Miramichi will start on Wednesday. The ferry boat Sybella H. will run between Chatham and Ferryville, will launch on Tuesday and will go in vice on Tuesday. Today furnished the first spring water of the season, the thermometer going to 73 degrees.

Lady Grey in the South Richmond, Va., April 18.—Miss Nora Langhorne, youngest of the beautiful Langhorne sisters, is entertaining at Mirador, the Virginia country estate of the family, Waldorf 3000, for the London season.

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