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* TOO MANY DEGREES.

During the past week four or five schools in the Maritime Provinces have held the closing exercises, and in a few days two or three more will complete their season's work. When all have finished an army of perhaps more than two hundred young men and young women bearing the degree of B. A. will have been turned loose in their respective communities. The Maritime Provinces will have been enriched by so many additional learning and just so many accomplished persons will be started on their own independent ways in life. In New Brunswick we have the University of New Brunswick, St. Joseph's University at Memramouc, and Mount Allison at Sackville; in Nova Scotia there are Dalhousie, Kings, Acadia and St. Francis Xavier; in Prince Edward Island, St. Dunstan's and Prince of Wales. The last named institution does not confer degrees, but very wisely adopts the plan of issuing diplomas to its graduates. The educational authorities recognize that although the course prescribed in Prince of Wales is fully equal to that given in many of the other colleges, the idea of conferring degrees on those possessing only such qualifications as these courses demand, is not calculated to make the honor particularly sought after. Here we have seven institutions, most of them not really more than advanced schools, few of them entitled to the name of colleges, and all touting themselves universities, granting honorable degrees. Certainly this tends to the cheapening of the honor, and it is no wonder that the persons entitled to write B. A. after their names are as common here as Colonsels are in Kentucky. It would be in the interests of education, and certainly students themselves would be far better satisfied, if the present plan were abandoned and a system instituted whereby all degrees would be granted by a joint board, representing all the colleges—this, of course, to apply only to those branches as the institutions to more than one of the institutions. The distinction would then be looked upon as something worth while, and if the standard were raised, the possession of such a degree as would be given should entitle the holder to higher consideration in educational circles elsewhere than is enjoyed in our present unfortunate system.

THE HALF HOLIDAY.
Tomorrow the half holiday season begins. The Saturday closing movement in St. John has been carried on for so long now that it has come to be looked upon as nothing out of the way. The hundreds, or perhaps even thousands, who during the summer months enjoy the afternoons off, can best appreciate their freedom, but even they perhaps scarcely realize how much merchants and other employees are giving up when they join in this movement. Everywhere half holidays are usually granted on Mondays; in some places the plan prevails of releasing employees for an afternoon each on different days of the week, so that only a comparatively small proportion are off each day, and so the business may not be interrupted. Very rarely is it found that the important business houses are willing to close on the busiest day of the week as is done in St. John; certainly the system in operation here is striking evidence of the generous spirit possessed by employers. It is contended by some that the Saturday closing means a loss of business, others express the opinion that their trade during the summer months does not show a falling off because of the holiday. Both may be correct. It is quite possible that in different lines, different results will be noticed, but there may be no dispute in regard to the truth of the statement that no matter what the employment is, the clerks who enjoy their holidays give better value to their employers during the rest of the week.

Since the system has become so general it seems very unfortunate that it cannot extend to those lines which have never yet been included. The tendency among grocers is towards shorter hours, but little progress has as yet been made. Most of the stores, the larger ones at any rate, now close at seven o'clock each evening, but they could never arrange to close on Saturday afternoons or evenings, because people want groceries and fruit fresh, and could not lay in on Fridays sufficient to carry them over until the following Monday. Nor is it advisable for the grocers to shut up their shops on Monday mornings for there is then a brisk demand from house-holders whose food supplies have run low. The barbers, too, are another class among whom the general holiday movement seems impossible. There are several other branches of employment to which the idea cannot apparently be extended, but as a rule employers in

all lines are fairly generous and it may be that those who do not now get off on Saturday afternoons, are granted privileges which to some measure make up for this. Each year a few more establishments join the holiday procession. Winesale houses, hardware and a few others begin their season tomorrow, while the general closing starts a month later. It is to be hoped that when the first Saturday in July comes around, an even larger number than usual of merchants will see their way clear to join this so popular movement.

"THAT REMINDS ME."
Many and varied are the methods to which busy men have recourse in order to keep their memory "posted." A very successful plan is that of the shrewd London man, who has a valet to the use of paper or snuff to jog his memory. A liberal dose spread over his handkerchief across his forehead, whenever he is reminded of it from his pocket, and as he himself says, then "that reminds me." It is a somewhat uncomfortable plan, but it must be admitted, it is decidedly effective. There is one old Government clerk in Whitehall who is an amusement to all the juniors. When he has any matter of urgent importance to attend to in the morning he invariably ties two of his fingers together with a small piece of red tape.

THE "YOU-BE-QUIETS"
There was not an empty seat at Queen's Hall when Sir Edward Elgar's symphony was played for the first time in London recently. And yet Sir Edward, who has produced an orchestral work of the first magnitude, never received a lesson in orchestration in his life. Indeed, he is almost entirely self-taught, his being his whole expenditure on instruction—for a fortnight's tuition on the violin. At one time, like the immortal Wagner, Sir Edward was glad to earn a few shillings by putting together quadrilles from operas and popular airs. He is the writer beloved still a member of an interesting little club not far from Hanover Square, composed entirely of musicians. It is called the "You-Be-Quiet Club," and its little means that no "whoop" is permitted in conversation. Perhaps this is the reason why one can never get Sir Edward to "talk" music—Tut-tut.

When you're ready to put away your furs for the season, try this: Carefully brush them, then pour turpentine all over them and let them dry in a several thickness of newspaper, then put in large paper sack and tie up tightly. The turpentine does not injure the fur in the least, and moths detest the odor. In the fall a few hours exposure to the air will remove all odor from the furs.

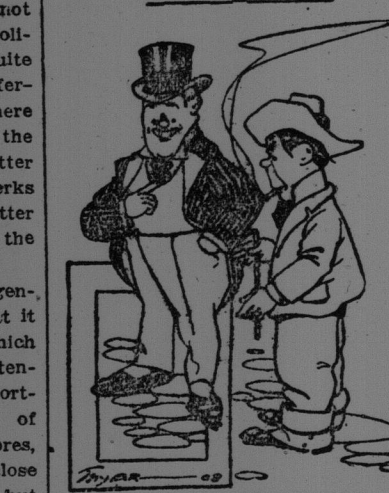
MISS ELIZABETH CLARK
THE NEW PRESIDENT

Presbyterial Adopts Amendments to Constitution and Elects Officers.
At the afternoon session of the Presbyterial yesterday the various articles of the constitution were put to the meeting for the approval of the delegates. After some little discussion the delegates decided to receive the revision and vote for its adoption at the general annual meeting at Truro. The motion was passed unanimously by the meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies of the St. Andrew's and St. David's auxiliaries for the entertainment of the visiting delegates; also to the choir of St. Andrew's, St. Stephen's and Charleston Presbyterial Churches for music rendered.

The election of officers resulted as follows:
Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, St. Stephen, president; Miss Lockhart, Woodstock, vice-president; county vice-presidents, Mrs. P. Hoyt, Woodstock, Charlottetown; Mrs. Dr. Murray, Sussex, Kings; Mrs. Kelly, Andover, Charlottetown; Mrs. Charles Everett, St. Andrews, Charlottetown; Mrs. D. Clarke, Charlottetown; Mrs. M. J. McPherson, Harvey, York; Mrs. V. King, Woodstock; Mrs. Geo. McFarlane, Fredericton, treasurer (for 1910); Mrs. T. J. Leslie, Fredericton, auditor; Mrs. J. H. Thomson, St. John, bills secretary; Mrs. L. A. McLean, St. John, secretary young people's society.

The sessions were closed with the singing of God Be With You Till We Meet Again.



THERE ARE OTHERS.
Wife—These hard times. I heard of a man the other day who couldn't raise money even on government bonds.
Husband—Well, you see, he didn't have Slimwit—indeed! What was the reason?
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If your doctor says this is all right, remember it!

THE STAR, ST. JOHN N. B. FRIDAY, JUNE 4 1909

LOBSTERMEN TAKEN IN BY PAIR OF STRANGERS

Nova Scotia Dealers Guessing as to the Identity of Two Queer Individuals

(Halifax Echo.)
Judging by the experience of a Western shore business man who came up to the city yesterday to ship live lobsters by the Plant line last night to Boston, some of the fresh lobster dealers have recently been "done" by Boston sharp. On May 17th, two individuals, young men, not particularly richly dressed, arrived from Boston by the Plant line, and on arrival they talked much of the fresh lobster business. But, when an hour or two later, one of them disappeared, the other became agitated, threw open his coat and showed a detective badge and intimated he was shadowing the other on suspicion of Chinese smuggling, and that the lobster talk was all a bluff.

But the pair got together again and drove out to St. Margaret's Bay, where one of them—he who had been missing—talked up the lobster trade so successfully that at least one shipment of live fish, 16 cases, was sent to the address of a Boston fish dealing establishment, which he stated to be on Howard street, and he not a cent was in cash.

Whether he induced other shipments or not, is not yet known. He went by the same steamer on the 18th, with the lobster, but the second party, the supposed detective, did not go with him. Since then word has been received that there is no fish dealing establishment at the Howard street address given, and as no returns have come to hand the shipper is out about \$100.

In the meantime the question is were the two parties acting in concert or were they really a detective shadowing a suspected Chinese smuggler, whom he had alleged was once a partner of Leimann's whose arrest here will be remembered in connection with a United States Chinese smuggling case?

SAFETY BOARD WAS GENEROUS YESTERDAY

Raised Salaries All Around, Increased Cops' Vacation and Voted Money for Repairs.

A meeting of the Safety Board was held yesterday.

It was directed that the repairs to No. 1 engine house be made by the work, that repairs be made to the Portland street station, and a new brick be used in O'Neil Bros. stall in the market.

The policemen were granted two weeks vacation.

W. K. Pederson was given a five-years' lease of the store at present occupied by the Bank of New Brunswick in the Market building. The annual rental is \$600, and lease to take effect May 1st, 1910.

Chief Clerk Kerr requested from W. H. Thorne and Co. of Schofield Bros., asking that a hydrant be placed on O'Connell street, the advice of Chief Kerr, who showed the advantage and absolute necessity of placing this hydrant, the request was passed unanimously.

Chief Clerk was granted \$60 to attend the Convention of Constables to be held at Niagara Falls this summer. The recommendation of Chief Clerk for an increase in pay for the permanent men of the fire department caused considerable discussion. The following ratio was submitted:

Increases—	Per Month.
Supt. fire alarm system	\$10
Municipal engineers	10
Ordinary engineers	5
Drivers	5

On motion of Ald. Kelley, the increases were granted.

Chief Clerk, Director Wisley and Chief Clerk were also granted increases to their salaries of \$100 each.

Upon motion of Ald. Potts, Mr. Dunn, clerk of the market, was granted an increase of \$100 and the employees in the building got increases of 10 cents per day, the night watchman getting 15 cents per day increase.

RECORD LOBSTER CARGO.

YARMOUTH, N. S., June 3.—The steamer Prince Arthur sailed last evening for Boston, and had the largest cargo of live lobsters ever shipped from Yarmouth, totalling 1430 crates. Besides these were 120 barrels of fresh mackerel, salmon and other fresh fish, representing a very large amount of money. The Arthur was piled tall high on deck. Lobsters of the last shipment averaged \$10 a crate.

THE KIRK BROWN CO.

The opening performance by the Kirk Brown Co. on the return engagement was well patronized. The bill last evening was Sappho, the piece in which Miss Furnell had made such a hit. It was presented in a manner that delighted the large audience, and fully sustained the high reputation enjoyed by this company. The stage settings as usual were very fine, and the costumes all that could be desired. This evening the company will present the Merchant of Venice. Tomorrow afternoon Sappho will be presented in matinee, and for the closing entertainment Captain Barrington has been selected.

JAPANESE ROYAL PAIR COMING TO AMERICA



PRINCE AND PRINCESS NASHIMOTO.
America will shortly see a real Japanese royal couple.

Prince and Princess Nashimoto, who are now in France, will go to England to receive the hospitality of royalty, and will, within two months, come to the United States, where they will be lavishly entertained.

BOSTONIANS HONOR JAMES JEFFREY ROCHER

Tablet Unveiled to the Gifted Writer, Formerly a Resident of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

On Monday last friends and admirers of the late James Jeffrey Rocher, poet, author and editor, gathered in Hazlewood cemetery, Boston, on the anniversary of his birth, May 21st, 1847, to pay tribute and dedicate a bronze tablet to his memory. The John Boyle O'Reilly Club, named in honor of the chief he served so long on the Boston Pilot, and to whose editorship he succeeded, directed the affair. Monignor Denis O'Callaghan paid a prayer. T. Russell Sullivan read a memorial poem, and Josiah Smith made a brief address. Subscribers to the fund for the memorial include ex-President Roosevelt, Governor Eben D. Draper, and many others prominent in various walks of life, who treasured the poet's friendship. The inscription on the tablet read:

Beneath this stone rests all that is mortal of JAMES JEFFREY ROCHER. Born in Mount Mellick, Ireland, 1847. Died in Berne, Switzerland, 24 April, 1909.

As American Consul.

A writer, he gave freely of his genius to humanity, that the strong might be restrained, the weak strengthened, and right might reign; a poet—patriotism, heroism and justice were the burden of his song; an author—his kindly wit and gentle satire were turned on folly and hypocrisy; an editor—he pen fought stoutly for the oppressed and persecuted of all races and creeds; a man—he never surrendered his principles to temptation, keeping conscience and soul free.

This tablet is erected by his friends who loved and admired him in life, and mourn and honor him in death.

May he rest in peace.

(Mr. Rocher was a son of the late Edward Rocher of Charlottetown, for many years provincial librarian. He resided with his father for a number of years in this city.)

DEATH OF THOS. H. SIME.

The death of Thomas H. Sime took place last evening at his home, 83 Prince street, West End, deceased was 73 years of age. He was a native of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and had been in the city for more than forty years. He was a son of the late Alexander Sime, a prominent ship builder in his day whose shipyard at Pleasant Point.

He is survived by his wife. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

RAILWAYS TOUCHED FOR TEN MILLION DOLLARS

Grand Trunk and C. P. R. Must Build Immense Viaduct Along Toronto Water Front.

TORONTO, June 4.—The railway commissioners yesterday confirmed the order to the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Railways to build a viaduct along the Toronto water front at a cost of seven to ten million dollars, the city to pay one-third. The order was made some time ago but the railways secured a delay and put in alternative plans of subways to which the city refused to listen.

HOUSEKEEPING.

(By Miss Domino.)
It is a curious fact that flies will not pass through netting, even though the meshes be quite large, unless there is a source of light, as from a window behind it. Thus, in rooms with windows only on one side, a net over the windows will absolutely keep the flies out, although the meshes of the net may be an inch apart.

Glue that is both damp and waterproof is easily made. Take ordinary glue, soak it in water, till quite soft, then put in a jar with a little linseed oil and stand on the stove till melted.

If dirt seems to settle under the nails rub pulverized pumice stone under them with an orange stick, and wash with warm water.

To freshen blue serge, sponge it with blue water and hang it in the air to dry.

THEY OPPOSE AN INCREASE

Moncton Theatre Managers Fighting Proposed \$200 Tax

MONCTON, N. B., June 3.—Local theatre men are strenuously protesting against the proposal of the city council to increase their license from \$100 to \$200. At tonight's meeting of the city council, Torris and Winter, representing the theatres, presented arguments against the proposed increase, contending the theatres are not very amply paid. An offer was made to give the city half of the profits this year if the license was cancelled altogether. St. John was cited to show a hundred dollar license was stiff enough in Moncton. The council promised consideration.

A committee of aldermen was appointed to confer with labor organizations in reference to a labor demonstration here Labor day here. Invitations have been sent to all labor orders in the province to celebrate Labor day here and it is expected a monster demonstration will be held. Prominent labor leaders are to deliver addresses following the morning parade.

The council tonight appointed committee to wait on the I. C. R. board of management next week and ask for rates at street crossings.

BOYS INSTRUCTOR HEARD IN Y. M. C. A.

At the Y. M. C. A. building last evening J. J. Davey delivered an interesting address upon the boys' work. His remarks were most impressive. Mr. Davey is the acting boys' work secretary for the Maritime Provinces. During the course of his remarks he discussed the great need of an institute for those showing promise for boys. Mr. Davey referred to the splendid programme which had been arranged for the institute meetings. The next meeting will be held at Sutherland River, Pictou county, N. S., and will be in session from July 5 to 12. The sessions promise to be most interesting. Specialists on boys' work will be in attendance and a course of lectures delivered.

Mr. Davey will address the camp meeting of the Natural History Society this evening. He will show a number of interesting views upon camp life and fully describe the outdoor pleasures to the members.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF MOON LAST NIGHT

Did you see the eclipse of the moon? No! Well, it was quite a sight. Last evening the eclipse was visible in this city and many watched the gradual disappearance of the luna with much interest.

About 8:30 the moon was partially hidden from view and about an hour later it was totally so.

The moon during an eclipse is passing through the earth's shadow.

Had the sky been clearer the eclipse would have been seen to much advantage. However it was stated that it was the clearest eclipse seen here in many years.

Shortly before midnight the moon was completely out of the eclipse.

In ancient times eclipses were, and among enlightened people they still are, superstitiously regarded as fore-runners of evil fortune, a sentiment of which occasional use is made in literature.

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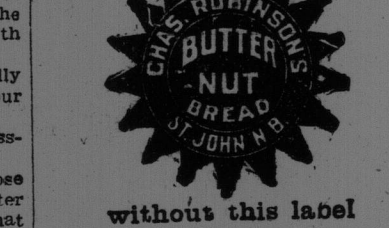
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BIRTHS.

SPEAR—On June 4th, to the wife of Operator W. A. Spear, a daughter, 173 Mill Street.

DEATHS

BRENNAN—At Fairville, on June 2nd, of a lingering illness, John Brennan, in the 72nd year of his age, leaving his wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. (Boston and New York papers please copy.)

MOORE—At Fairville, June 4th, after lingering illness, George J. Moore, aged 60 years, leaving wife, two sons, and one daughter to mourn their loss. Funeral from his late residence, Main St., Fairville, Sunday, at 2:30 o'clock.

ROBINSON—At Grand Bay, Kings Co., N. B., on June 3rd, of heart failure, Samuel Robinson of H. M. Customs, and last surviving son of the late Rev. Samuel Robinson, aged 74. Service at Grand Bay, Saturday morning, 4th inst., 10 a. m. Interment will be at Fernhill Cemetery on arrival of the Boston express at 11:35 a. m. Friends are invited to attend.

McKNIGHT—At Lorneville, St. John County, on June 4th, William McKnight, in the 63rd year of his age, leaving a wife and two children to mourn.

Funeral from his late residence Sunday, 6th instant, at 2 p. m.

On Thursday evening last, Rev. C. W. Townsend, of St. John, delivered at Oak Bay his popular lecture on "Marriage and Giving in Marriage." The reverend gentleman has lectured on this theme to large audiences nearly fifty times on both sides of the Atlantic. The chair was occupied by Rev. C. Stirling, who was supported by Rev. J. F. Estey and Rev. Mr. Blackall—Courier.

To set dye in cotton stockings put a good handful of salt in the washing water.