

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS

Strawberries, first of the season, at J. Quim's, City Market.

A prominent lumberman writes: "Campbell's XXX choppers are the highest priced axes I ever bought, but it paid for my men lost no time."

The Working Bees of Colong street church held a social last evening. An excellent programme was prepared and the pastor, Rev. J. F. Flori, gave a short address.

The annual meeting of the St. John Tennis Club for the election of officers and other business, will be held at the rooms of the Church of England Institute, Germain street, Monday evening, April 9.

A NEW PLAY At the Opera House tonight, The Myrtle-Harder Co. will change the play and produce for the first time "The Minister's Sweetheart," one of the best in the repertoire. New vaudeville will be given between the acts, making the performance continuous.

MYSTERIOUS MR. GILT EDGE PRIZES J. Jackson, Germain St., will give free shave for one week to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. A. & I. Isaacs will give a box of Bon-Ton Brown cigars free to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. E. & S. will give a doz. cabinet photos to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. A. J. Russell, concessioner, will give a pound box of soap to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. Watson & Co. will give 10 lbs. of wall paper with border to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. The American Steam Laundry will launder free of charge one month's personal wearing apparel for the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. Dr. J. D. Master will insert, free of charge, for the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge, one of his celebrated gold crowns, anytime within the next three months. Oscar Silbertson will give a brain pill number ten, to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. D. Boyaner, optician, will fit glasses free to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge. George Whittaker, of the Royal Dairy, 32 Mill street, will give one week's real ticket to the person who captures the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge.

OPERA IN YORK THEATRE "Said Pasha" the opening opera in the York Theatre this evening, has been one of its brightest and snappiest in the hands of the New York Opera Co., for that aggregation has been singing, for and again since leaving this city about six weeks ago. It will be remembered that there is abundant comedy work in the opera, chiefly centering around the adventures of two fellow brothers in most of a beautiful little female daughter, sixteen years of age, who has the Arabian costumes and scenery, and the modernism ludicrously introduced, combine in making a great show.

ROYAL TEMPLARS OF TEMPERANCE Object to the Increase of 15 per Cent in Insurance Rates. HAMILTON, April 1.—About 100 members of the Royal Templars of Temperance attended a gathering last night that was something in the nature of an indignation meeting over the recent action of the Dominion Council in increasing the insurance rates 15 per cent, and bringing the order members to their annual ages in the year 1906. George H. Lees, director of the Dominion Council, objected that the meeting was not legal, called, as all the select members in this district had not been notified. This objection did not count, as it was not a district council meeting. The majority present strongly protested against the changes which would double or triple the insurance rates of order members. Being acted against by the Dominion Council, Mr. Lees defended the Dominion Council's course. After protracted discussion Frederick W. Watkins and T. Mitchell were appointed a deputation to Toronto tomorrow to discuss the matter with the board of directors of the Royal Templars not to go ahead on the basis of the new rates till the various explicit principles in Canada could be heard from on the matter.

MRS. WM. HATFIELD DEAD IN MONTREAL Mrs. Wm. Hatfield, widow of the late William Hatfield, died yesterday morning at 11.15, at No. 4 Union avenue, of influenza. She was 75 years of age, and had been a patient in a hospital for several days. Mrs. Hatfield removed to Montreal with her son, W. W. Hatfield, eighteen months ago, from Sydney N. S., in which province the family had always resided and very well and favorably known. The deceased was a devout Methodist, and when her infirmities did not prevent it, was a regular attendant at services. The remains will be interred in the cemetery here tomorrow afternoon from Wray's undertaking rooms—Montreal Herald.

AMATEUR BOXING SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—At Mechanics Pavilion the boxing tournament continues for three nights for the national championship will begin tonight. The sale of seats has been no large that is very little doubt that the pavilion, big as it is, will be filled to its capacity. Everything points to a most successful tournament, the best of its kind ever held under the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union. It is expected that there will be 25 to 30 rounds bout with the very large entry list will be necessary to hold that many bouts each night of the tournament. Edgy Gray will be referee. One of the best defences of modern boxing is that it presents only one opportunity to walk up the aisle with the new dry goods.

STRONG PLEA FOR THE BLIND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS OF SUN AND CANADA LIFE CO.'S

Touching Letter from Helen Keller Read at a Meeting of New York State Association for Promoting the Interests of the Blind.

A new poem by Richard Watson Gilder, a striking letter from Helen Keller, an appeal for funds by Joseph H. Choate, and a letter from Mark Twain, who provided, for the programme of the meeting held in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, Friday night by the New York State Association for Promoting the Interests of the Blind, about 1,500 persons were present, including many blind.

"Play the Blind!" Yes, play those whom day and night enclose In equal darkness to whom the sun's keen flame And pity night-time are the same. But pity meet the blind Who cannot see The Minister's Sweetheart, one of the best in the repertoire. New vaudeville will be given between the acts, making the performance continuous.

THE ADDRESS OF THE SUN LIFE IS RATHER widely distributed, with the Macaulay family the largest holders. The list shows the names of the holders of 25 shares and over.

A NEAT CATALOGUE

The Currie Business University Issues Booklet Telling of the School and Its Work. The Currie Business University has issued a handsome 32-page catalogue of the university from the press of E. J. Armstrong. The cover is tastefully gotten up in three colors, showing a plate of Portia. The twenty-nine points wherein the school is superior to or different from other business schools are set forth at length and pictorially and testimonials from graduates and others tell of the value the school has been to them.

ONTARIO LAW FORBIDS A MAN MARRYING HIS BROTHER'S WIDOW. The provincial secretary's department has recently received several letters from issuers of marriage licenses, who ask whether licenses should be issued for a man to marry his brother's wife, for so the statute defining marriages which are prohibited on the grounds of consanguinity reads. The department's answer in every case is the same, and it is to the effect that under the statute of Ontario, a man cannot lawfully marry his brother's widow or his brother's divorced wife. Most of the enquirers ask the question apparently in detail of parties who want to marry brother's widows. It is said that several such marriages have recently taken place in the province.

THE STEEL TALK. In regard to the chances of agricultural success in connection with the Canadian steel industry, many who scoffed at the rumor that the best of its kind ever held under the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union. It is expected that there will be 25 to 30 rounds bout with the very large entry list will be necessary to hold that many bouts each night of the tournament. Edgy Gray will be referee. One of the best defences of modern boxing is that it presents only one opportunity to walk up the aisle with the new dry goods.

Table listing shareholders of Sun and Canada Life Co. with names, addresses, and share counts.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING. NEW YORK, April 3.—The steamship Tropic, Liverpool, Berghaus, Sydney, G. B. North, etc., is expected to arrive in St. John, N. B., on Friday, April 4.

Table titled 'MINIATURE ALMANAC' showing dates and times for various events.

Table titled 'N. Y. STOCK MARKET' showing various stock prices and market activity.

Table titled 'STEARERS FOR ST. JOHN' listing ship names, destinations, and departure dates.

Table titled 'PORT OF ST. JOHN' listing arrivals and departures of ships.

Table titled 'CHICAGO MARKET REPORT' showing prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and oil.

Table titled 'MONTREAL QUOTATIONS' showing prices for various goods and services.

Table titled 'N. Y. COTTON MARKET' showing cotton prices and market trends.

Table titled 'EXPECTS EXTRAORDINARY RUSH' listing various news items and events.

Table titled 'FOREIGN PORTS' listing shipping news from various international ports.

Table titled 'NEWPORT NEWS' listing news items from Newport.

Deposits. The first consideration with every prudent depositor, absolute security, is assured by the Corporation's large Paid-up Capital and Reserve amounting to more than Eight Million Dollars.

COAL STRIKE AND MARKETS. (New York Evening Post, Saturday.) After the financial markets had for a month been fast big that prices were kept down by a coal strike, the strike was declared.

Accidents Climax Policy Accident Insurance. THE CANADIAN CASUALTY AND BOLLER INSURANCE COMPANY. TORONTO. 22-24 ADELAIDE ST. EAST.

ELECTION CARDS Aldermanic Election SYDNEY WARD. TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SAINT JOHN: Ladies and Gentlemen: Having decided to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for Sydney Ward, I hereby solicit your support.

THE EQUITY FIRE INS. CO. A NON-TARIFF COMPANY. Inviting desirable business at equitable and adequate, but not exorbitant rates. Agents Edwin K. McKay, General Agent.

WESTERN ASSURANCE CO. Assets \$3,300,000. Losses paid since organization Over \$400,000. R. W. W. FRINK, Branch Manager, St. John, N. B.

ROYAL INSURANCE CO. Of Liverpool, England. Total Funds Over \$60,000,000. J. SYDNEY KATE, Agent.

ROYAL BAKERY. (TWO STORES) 160 Prince William Street. Agents: Sherris Cor. Charlotte and Sydney and 411 Main St. N. B.