

OTTAWA.

Winnipeg, Man., April 9.—At the conservative convention for Selkirk today Hugh Armstrong, member of the provincial legislature, was chosen the conservative candidate, defeating George Bradbury of Ottawa.

Following Joseph Martin, Winnipeg's member, and Attorney General Sirton, Rev. Mr. Pinn, a prominent Manitoba clergyman, and at present grand chaplain of the Grand Orange lodge of Manitoba, left by today's train for Haldimand to address meetings. Mr. Pinn is strongly opposed to interference by the Canadian government in the Manitoba school question.

The seeding reports indicate that great progress is being made in putting in the crops. By the end of the present week, if the weather continues favorable, it is estimated that most of the seed will be in the ground. This is certainly an early start and cannot fail to prove a long stride in the direction of reaping a good harvest this year.

A number of settlers arrived here today from South Dakota to take up farms in the Canadian Northwest. They say that in Dakota in twelve years only two crops worthy of name have been harvested, and that most farmers there are in dire distress. All the farmers with money enough to get out say they emigrate to Manitoba.

The decision of the Manitoba courts quashing the local option by laws passed in eleven Manitoba municipalities creates consternation among the prohibitionists of the province. Unless the municipalities can get through a repeal of the law and enact a new law before the license term begins they will be unable to collect license fees from applicants. If the by-laws are neither quashed or repealed, there is talk of the licensed victuallers securing a mandamus to compel the councils to grant licenses, where requested, which will also prevent the councils collecting any fees.

Ottawa, April 10.—An order in council has been passed awarding a bi-nocular glass to Capt. J. J. McEgan of the British ship, and a gold watch to first mate J. E. Tripp of the same vessel, for their gallant and courageous conduct in rescuing the shipwrecked crew of the schooner St. John, of St. John, which was cast ashore in September last near Cape Hatteras.

J. R. Rogers of Yarmouth has been appointed shipping master, vice Kinney, removed.

The department of trade and commerce was today notified of the arrival at Vancouver of the steamer Empress of Japan, bringing mail advice warning the quarantine officer at the British Columbia quarantine station, of an outbreak of genuine cholera at Canton, with ten deaths in twelve days at the naval station at Moji. The disease was imported from China, and complaint is made that while the cholera is appearing at Hong Kong, an effort is being made to conceal the fact.

Capt. Howard has reported to the fishery department that undersized lobsters are being exported from Yarmouth. Hon. Mr. Costigan has given instructions to his officers to see that the law is strictly enforced.

The total subscriptions to the Sir John Thompson memorial fund to date are \$25,070.

The reports from all fish hatcheries are of the most successful character. Geo. Chapman, a Toronto grain dealer, laid a charge of discrimination of rates against the Canadian Pacific before the Ottawa committee today.

He argued the case himself and could not cope with Mr. Clarke, counsel for the company. The decision of the committee was that the case was one of breach of contract, and they had no jurisdiction.

Ottawa, April 11.—A cable message was received by the high commissioner today, stating the possibility of Mr. Ward, postmaster general of New Zealand returning home by the Canadian route. In that event he would visit Ottawa and discuss with Sir Mackenzie Bowell the possibility of a preferential trade arrangement between the two colonies.

The executive of the Canadian Military Rifle League has decided that there should be four matches this year, the same in 1894. It will be optional to use either the Snider or Martini rifle.

The militia department will supply free ammunition as usual. Preparations for the coming season are being pushed apace in the departments. It is expected that the main estimates will pass the council on Saturday, and that when brought down they will show a considerable reduction over previous years.

There was consternation over the irresponsible newspaper statement that there would be no statutory increase to the officers and that there would be an all round reduction of five per cent. in salaries. Sir John Thompson informed me that the matter was not thought of for a moment.

The report of the Indian department places the total Indian population in Canada at about 100,500.

The Newfoundland delegates hope to catch the steamer from Halifax on Monday for home.

The imperial proposal to appoint colonial representatives to the judicial committee occasions no surprise here. Curiosity exists respecting the details. Three years ago the British government made an offer of colonial representation providing the colony nominating a judge paid his salary and expenses. The dominion government would not entertain such a proposal.

It might seem to occasion no surprise if the committee had given Sir John Thompson or Mr. Blake, he should be removed altogether from the domain of party politics, consequently the imperial proposal was rejected.

Montreal, April 11.—Some surprise is expressed here because the Dominion Cotton Co. has given out no figures this year as to their statement. The president, A. F. Gault, told your correspondent today that last year ad-

vantage was taken of the company giving its figures to stock holders, and he was determined the same thing would not happen again.

Ottawa, April 11.—An order in council has been passed embodying Canada's reply to the United States proposal for joint action on the part of Great Britain, the United States, Russia and Japan to protect the seal herds from extinction, as to the suggestion of the United States that in the meantime sealing in the Behring sea be prohibited and the Paris regulations as to the close season and the prohibition of firearms be extended over the entire waters of the 55th parallel. It is understood Canada strongly opposes such changes, as it is contended it would give Americans control of the industry. The order also opposes the prohibition convention, as it assured Canada would get the worst of the deal. The document is now on its way to England.

Ottawa, April 12.—During the last few days communications have been passing between the governments of Canada and Cape Colony in reference to the commencement of negotiations for a trade treaty between the two countries. In response to an inquiry from the Right Hon. Cecil Rhodes, the Cape premier, as to a convenient meeting place said that either Ottawa or London would be acceptable to the dominion government. In official circles here, however, it is not expected that anything will be done until after the session of parliament.

As soon as negotiations with the Newfoundland government are concluded which will probably be tomorrow, the ministers will proceed to draft a speech from the throne. It is generally understood here that the Newfoundland negotiations and the action of the government in the Manitoba school question will be the two principal topics referred to.

At the militia department no confirmation can be obtained of the report that Lt. Col. W. D. Otter of Toronto will be appointed to the command of the Canadian militia on his return from England. Indeed in official circles the idea is strongly resisted.

A prominent officer of the department told your correspondent that he did not attach any importance to the report. Col. Otter and other officers had simply been sent to England at the expense of the department to familiarize themselves with modern tactics. Before a Canadian could be appointed to the command of the active militia changes would be required in the law, unless he attained the requisite rank by promotion in the imperial service.

Everything was quiet at the departmental buildings today. There was no session of the Newfoundland conference.

The 63rd Highland Battalion—to be 2nd Lieut. provisionally, William H. Conrod, vice Lear, retired; 68th Battalion, Princess Louise Fusiliers—to be 2nd Lieut. provisionally, John Manning Creighton.

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Montreal, April 12.—The following telegram has been received by Mr. Bisillon, the conservative candidate in Vercheres:

Antigonish, N. S., April 11.—Prospects here all I could wish. Antigonish will declare for right and justice and the cause of good government. Our friends most anxious for your success.

CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. Montreal, April 12.—Notwithstanding the recent announcement, your correspondence is impressed on excellent authority that Rev. Dr. McLeod failed to agree in the finding of his colleagues on the prohibition commission, and has prepared and sent in a minority report of considerable length.

Bantford, Ont., April 14.—Thos. McAdams was driven to Bantford yesterday forenoon and when crossing the G. T. R. at Paris road was struck by the express. McAdams and his horse were instantly killed and the carriage destroyed. The engineer did all he could to stop the train, but without success. McAdams was over 75 years of age and deaf.

Montreal, April 15.—Yesterday at high mass in the village of Vercheres Rev. Mr. Behard, parish priest, expressed regret that so many people were unable to perform their Easter duties or to practice any form of religion. In one of the other parishes a fierce rouge went to the priest, and having read Mr. Fabre's letter, exclaimed: "Well, if the archbishop were to tell us we would all be damned by refusing to vote for the man that way all the same." In St. Antoine Mr. Turle openly repudiated the attacks in La Patrie against the clergy and on the whole there will be not a few scores to settle up after the contest. Hon. Mr. Laurier left this evening for Ottawa.

MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Man., April 12.—An enthusiastic meeting of cricketers was held today, delegates being present from all parts of the province. It is proposed to send a strong eleven on a tour this season, visiting the principal cities of Canada and the United States.

Miss Miller, daughter of J. G. Miller, a popular Winnipeg lady, was seriously injured last night in a runaway. Mr. McBride, manager of the Massey-Harris company here, publishes a letter leaving Tuesday for California to take charge of the firm's proposed factory at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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Fredericton, April 14.—The band of the R. C. M. L. made its first appearance and played the contingent of the corps to the cathedral this morning. All the city churches had floral decorations, including St. Paul's, where the Easter Lily was introduced for the first time in its history.

Evangelist Blenus of Georgia, addressed a men's meeting in the Temperance hall this afternoon. His subject was Christian Character.

Cornelius Hurley, an old and respected resident eighty seven years old, died here yesterday.

The funeral of John Saunders took place this morning from Saunders' place. Deceased was seventy years old and one of the pioneer settlers of Cardigan, where his remains were taken for interment. Rev. Mr. Knight conducted services.

Fredericton, April 15.—Mrs. John Calhoun, wife of ex-Councillor John Calhoun of Bloomfield Ridge, Stanley, died very suddenly last night. Deceased was a daughter of John Lister of this city, where she has several brothers and sisters residing.

Evangelist T. H. Blenus of the Disciples of Christ addressed two large gatherings here yesterday. In the afternoon he addressed a meeting for men in the Temperance hall on Christian Character. In the evening he delivered an eloquent and logical discourse in the Baptist church on Faith, taking as his text 2 Cor. 5th chapter and 7th verse: "For we walk by faith and not by sight." Religious are those kind of things which appeal to the senses, those which appeal to the reason, and those which depend largely upon faith for their foundation. Christianity is necessarily a religion of faith. The evangelist closed his sermon with a strong argument on the superiority of Christianity as a faith religion over the sensual and rational religions. Large audiences attended the services.

The ice below the iron bridge started off before dark tonight and moved about fifty feet. The ice in the Nashwaak river ran out today, and the water in the main river has risen

nearly two feet in the last twenty-four hours.

Decorated crews are leaving here every morning now for the Miramichi and upper St. John. It was reported today that stream driving had begun on the Tobique.

A driving rain storm, with easterly gale, prevailed here all day, with snow squalls this evening.

HAMPTON NOTES. Interesting Easter Services—Building Operations—Deputy Sheriff Improving—Entertainment Tonight.

Hampton, April 15.—The services in the Methodist church on Easter Sunday were of unusual interest. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Fraser, Presbyterian, and the evening by the pastor, Rev. S. Howard. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, calla lilies being used in abundance. The music was of a special character, a splendidly rendered solo by Prof. March being a feature at the evening service. The church was crowded to the doors.

Quite a number of visitors spent the Easter holidays at Hampton. Prof. Tweedie of Mount Allison was among the number.

S. Hayward and Mrs. Hayward, who have been living in St. John during the winter, will return to their summer residence at the village this week.

Editor Spooner of the Hampton News has taken to aquatic quite early this season. As a result of the late freshet he is compelled to utilize a pair of oars in getting from his home at Sunny Slope to the main highway.

Geo. E. Frost and Mrs. Frost spent Easter in St. John.

Deputy Sheriff Sproul, who has been confined to the house all winter, is improving and expects to be about again with the coming of warm weather.

Jacob Jackson has purchased the Boyd property on the Woodpecker Hill road, and is clearing it up to begin at once the erection of a real-estate office. Manager Evans of the Central railway is also contemplating the erection of a residence on his property here.

Contractor Langstroth is building a handsome residence at the village for S. H. Flaywell, the prohibition candidate for Kings.

Frank Creed and Mrs. Creed of Fredericton are spending the Easter holidays with Mrs. Creed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

KENT CO. Richibucto, April 9.—John Manzer of South Branch lost a horse and sleigh through the ice on Sunday. He was crossing the river at Chapel Point, ten miles above here, on his way to church, when the horse broke through. Mr. Manzer in his attempt to save the horse was dragged into the hole, and but for the assistance of his daughter he would have met the same fate as the horse.

John Cameron has purchased the stock of Terrance Curran at Kingston and is now running the business.

The citizens have cleared the sidewalk opposite their properties, with the exception of the sidewalk of the R. C. M. L. church, which is still covered with snow.

Edwar Hannay of Kingston, who was married about ten days ago, has bought the property of A. J. Glirvan on Church street, and taken up his residence there.

A large number of sportsmen left for the shooting grounds yesterday, among whom were James Haines and Edward Hayward of the I. C. R. The deer hunt which took place was in excellent condition.

Richibucto, April 13.—James Thompson, proprietor of the Queen hotel, who left Chatham last summer because he didn't like to live in the morning and town is in a fair way to become a resident of Richibucto. The papers for the collection of a fifty dollar fine standing against him since last fall, for selling liquor without a license, have been taken out at the instance of the assessor Cole. The first heat between Thompson and the constable came off on Water street a few days ago, the hotel man winning easily.

Mrs. McAlmon, mother of Councillor David McAlmon, died at Kingston this week aged eighty years. The interment took place on Thursday afternoon in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Wild fowl are being slaughtered in large numbers at the shooting grounds. Wm. Forbes and George and James Amireaux went down on Monday and yesterday they sent up fifty birds.

The steamer Calluna, built here two years ago and owned by Geo. W. Robertson, is having a larger engine placed in her at Chatham by Miller & Co. The vessel, which has been running on this river for several years past will not be put in the water this summer. The Calluna is a splendid craft and the indications are that she will be a busy season.

The attendance at all the services has greatly increased during the winter months, and the pastor, Rev. J. W. Clarke, has administered baptism to several converts each Sunday during February, March and April. Forty-six have been received into the membership of the church and others are seeking the Lord. Rev. Dr. McLeod preached a very interesting and able sermon to a large congregation in that church last evening. Services will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of this week at a quarter to eight o'clock.

Seven persons were baptized in Grand street Baptist church yesterday morning. Five candidates were baptized in Waterloo street Free Baptist church Sunday morning by the pastor, St. George's and St. Jude's churches, Carleton Place, were tastefully decorated yesterday with house plants. The usual services were held in each, the music being of a festive character.

The choral service in St. Stephen's church last evening was much above the usual order. The orchestra of players were very fine and the playing of the slow movements by the Mozart quartette delighted the large and appreciative congregation. The anthem, Break Forth Into Joy, was a grand rendition of a powerful piece. Mrs. Gilchrist very sweetly sang O Rest in the Lord, from Elijah, being touchingly accompanied by the soft music of the Mozart quartette.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

A Beautiful Easter Day and Large Congregations at all Churches.

Great Activity in Waterloo Street Free Baptist Church.

(From the Daily Sun of the 15th.)

A bright, beautiful Easter day. Few persons expected to see it, for at 12 o'clock on the previous night rain was falling lightly and the clouds were dark and lowering. But the wind changed shortly after midnight and the sun rose in a cloudless sky Sunday morning.

The 11 o'clock services at the various churches brought an unusually large number of persons out, and afforded each person an opportunity to observe the Easter styles in hats and bonnets, for of course everyone is supposed to have something new in this line on Easter Sunday. Last year the women came out with a wide piece of ribbon, on which was fastened a large bunch of violets and called it a bonnet; they wore the hats and bonnets are abnormally large. Nor have they contented themselves to violets, but have made a pretty liberal use of roses and other flowers.

The pulpits in all the churches were decorated with pots containing large Easter lilies and other flowers, which gave out an exquisitely delicate aroma. There was special music in all the churches, and the services in general were of a special character.

Rev. Dr. deSoyres, of St. John's (Gore) church, during the sermon yesterday morning said he had become the rector of that church seven years ago. He referred at length to the many changes that had taken place in the church during that time, speaking of the demise of many church members. The service was a touching one and many persons were moved to tears. The rector said the number of communicants had nearly doubled in the seven years.

Mr. deSoyres spoke of the illness of J. E. Ruel, who he said, was one of the senior members of the church. He hoped Mr. Ruel would soon again be with them.

The streets were crowded yesterday afternoon. Nearly all the mud had been dried up, and at 5 o'clock the sidewalks were thronged. Every man, woman and child rejoined in having something new. Bouquets were in the fashion, it would seem, for nearly every person had one—a red, white or pink rose generally.

The evening services were largely attended. There were few vacant seats in any of the churches. The music and the sermons were of a special character, as was the case in the morning.

An Easter service will be held in Centenary church this evening. A number of the young ladies connected with the church will have the service in hand.

On Thursday evening the Salvation army will hold a service in that church. It will be the fourth anniversary of the inception of the rescue work in this city.