

ST. JOHN STAR, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1905.

An Evening With Dr. Parkin.

During Which He Spoke of Many Interesting Matters in Connection With His Work.

Dr. George R. Parkin, who returned from Moncton yesterday afternoon, is the guest of W. S. Fisher, Orange street. There a number of his St. John friends met him last evening. After some general conversation it was found that Dr. Parkin would not be able to stay much to the guests' regret. He consented to address the company collectively on Rhodes scholarship matters and other subjects.

Incidentally Dr. Parkin referred to his visit to Salisbury and a conversation with some good farmers from the neighborhood who had been his school fellows. This led up to a reminiscence of his boyhood. Standing by his mother he heard her ask a lad who was near by with a pall of milk in his hand, what he thought of the doctrine of phrenology. The young neighbor spoke out his opinion with boldness and conviction beyond his years, as the still younger boy noticed. That scene was somehow fixed in Dr. Parkin's memory. The lad of the milk pail ran away from his guardian soon after, and the speaker saw him no more for half a century. Then being in Washington he arranged an interview with him and noticed in Professor Simon Newcomb, the greatest astronomer of the world, some of the characteristics which he remembered in him as a boy.

Dr. Parkin spoke for fifteen or twenty minutes about Cecil Rhodes, his splendid ideas and his great achievements. Rhodes as a part of the British Empire was altogether his acquisition. An account was given of that great country, one-third as large as the United States. Dr. Parkin went as far as Bulawayo last year on the Cape to Cairo road, and regretted that he could not have gone two hundred miles farther to the Victoria Falls. It was wonderful to think that this place in Central Africa, which seemed only the other day became known to the world through David Livingstone, would next year be the place of meeting for the British Association. In that neighborhood one great scientist, Dr. Koch, could be found now, fairly revelling in the splendor of the crop of microbes produced in those regions. Five or six years more and the Cape to Cairo route will be complete, utilizing a few water stretches.

Other great ideas of Cecil Rhodes were shown by his gifts to the people of parks and grounds at Bulawayo, Kimberley and Cape Town, which vision he had made for experiments in fruit growing, agriculture and forestry, and for continuous instruction in useful knowledge to all kinds of people, culminating in the splendid Rhodes scholarship enterprise.

ST. JOHN MAN DEAD.

Attorney General at Moncton Taking Evidence in Reference to Civic Trouble.

MONCTON, Feb. 13.—William O. Buchanan, a native of St. John, but for 15 years employed in the I. C. R. tin shop in Moncton, died here today after a year's illness of paralysis, aged 61. Deceased was a member of the Loyal Orange Association. He leaves a wife and five children.

Attorney General Pugsley held court in the mayor's office here this afternoon as the commissioners appointed by the provincial government to enquire into the complaint made by the city council as to a statement made by Stipendiary Magistrate Kay last August to the effect that police officers had taken money for compromising criminal cases. The evidence of a reporter, Chief of Police Tinsley and two members of the police committee were taken. From the evidence it appeared that after making the statement in court at the close of Seely's case, Stipendiary Kay when approached by the chief of police and members of the police committee declined to give any further information. Chief Tinsley was questioned in regard to the complaint of a man named Gunning of Coverdale that his orchard had been robbed. Gunning offered a reward of twenty dollars for the apprehension of the guilty parties, which reward was paid to the police though Gunning refused to prosecute. No further evidence of consequence was given and the attorney general adjourned further hearing till 3rd of March.

PREMIER PARENT.

Believed He Will Resign This Afternoon.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—Premier Parent had another secret interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning and left this afternoon for Quebec, where another caucus of his supporters will be held tomorrow. While those in this city with whom Mr. Parent was in communication insist that he will hang on and fight the matter out to the end, a strong prospect of success, your correspondent is informed from an authoritative source that an arrangement has been made, under the conditions of which Mr. Parent is to resign tomorrow afternoon, when Hon. Mr. Gouin will be called upon to form a government. Mr. Parent, according to this agreement, will be appointed to the transcontinental railway commission in place of Hon. Mr. Brunet, who is credited with a desire to withdraw.

Many a man wastes a lot of wind blowing about himself. It's a whisky strait for the toper who hasn't got the price. The less polish a man has the more reflections he is apt to cast.

Mr. Rhodes was not only a great nation builder, but he had made his associates share his dreams. Mr. Bell said that he and the others did not go to Africa for an imperial purpose. They went there to make money. But Rhodes made them public men in spite of themselves. He forced imperial provisions into all their contracts and all their corporations. And now that he is dead, and they are carrying out some of his plans, they cannot escape from his influence. For instance it was felt that Oxford still wanted more money for some work of her own. A member of the London Times staff was impressed with the idea that there should be a professor of colonial history. He was invited to meet Mr. Bell at dinner and obtained a seat at the table next him. Before the meal was over Mr. Bell had arranged for an endowment sufficient to pay the salary of such a professor and also two instructors, and to provide a large annual allowance to procure colonial books and publications for the Bodleian library.

In that connection Dr. Parkin observed that he was greatly interested to learn that a few hours ago the publishers of the Sun newspaper had received an order that the paper be sent regularly from this time forward with back numbers from the beginning of the year, the order containing the announcement that this was one of the appropriations of the Bell endowment.

In response to Mr. Hatheway, Dr. Parkin gave his hasty impressions of the social conditions of New Zealand under the radical legislation which has been enacted there. Without expressing a strong opinion on those controversial questions, Dr. Parkin said that New Zealand was a country of such remarkable resources that it was bound to flourish, even though experiments were tried which might be disastrous elsewhere.

Dr. Parkin was asked whether any colored students were among the Rhodes scholars from the United States. He said there were none, nor had there been any colored teachers at the meetings of instructors held in that place in this connection. This was quite different from what he had seen in the British colonies.

At the close of Dr. Parkin's remarks Recorder Skinner moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by J. D. Hazen, M. P., and carried by a rising vote.

A THOUSAND DEER

Shot Illicitly Were Shipped to United States Last Autumn.

Fred L. Jones, inspector of customs, in charge of preventive service, and his assistant, D. J. O'Grady, have compiled some statistics which will give officers of the fish and game protective societies something to think of. From the records of express companies, and the United States customs record, they have discovered that over one railway alone at least a thousand deer, shot illicitly, have been shipped to the United States last autumn. The shipments went all the way to New York, Boston, St. Louis, Chicago and Philadelphia and other places. In all 12,729 deer were shipped, and the value of the deer was \$2,655.12. Mr. Jones has no hesitation in saying that thousands of brace of partides were shipped against the law. The punishment for each separate offence is one hundred dollars.—Montreal Star.

THE NEW CAPITAL

Not Likely to be Settled by Dominion—Deserted His Wife.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—C. W. Cross of Edmonton has arrived to make arrangements with the government for receiving a delegation to ask that Edmonton be made the capital of the western province where the provincial autonomy is granted to the territories. It is not likely that the dominion will settle the question of the capitals of either of the provinces, but temporary places will be named and the legislature will afterwards fix the capitals. Uriah Utman, a patent medicine vendor, who has resided in the city the past few months, has left his wife and five children and eloped with a widow named Mrs. Pinard, the mother of a grown up family. Besides his wife Utman is accompanied by another widow, Mrs. Lecompte, who believed him a single man, and whom he had promised to marry in the near future. He is over fifty years old and all the women concerned are about the same age.

C. P. R. DIRECTORS MEET.

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—The directors of the C. P. R. are holding their regular monthly meeting this afternoon. One of the matters to be taken up is the rate of dividends on the common and preferred stocks. On both issues the prevailing rate of 2 per cent. half yearly on the preferred and 3 per cent. for the half year on the common will be declared payable on April first.

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BOARD OF WORKS

Had a Lively Discussion

Yesterday

On the Matter of Shovelling Snow

From the Sidewalks—Who Owns the Streets?

A special meeting of the board of public works was held yesterday afternoon to discuss the Newmann street bridge breakdown. Incidentally the matter of the snow on the streets and the liability of property owners to a fine for not clearing their premises, came up, and proved a breezy subject of discussion for a few minutes. It was finally decided to leave the bridge in the hands of the engineer and director, who will decide as to the best method of repair.

Ald. Robinson wished to know if the street department were attempting to keep the gutters clear of snow. The matter of keeping open the catch basins also came up, and the street director said orders had been given to keep them clear.

Ald. Macrae said St. John's law was a little peculiar, in that it provided that citizens shall level the snow and clear out the gutters. However, the city did not clear the snow off its own property. Gutters have been cleared formerly by the city, and shall we continue this work, is the question. Ald. Hamm—How is it that no man has been fined for not clearing his sidewalk?

Ald. Macrae—If you consult the magistrate he may tell you. Judge Palmer's bluff on one occasion carried, but a merchant at that time was fined and had to pay the fine.

"Who owns the streets?"—Ald. Hamm.

"The citizens own them."—Ald. Macrae.

"They had better fence them in, if that is so."—Ald. Lewis.

"They can't fence them in; they are in public use," explained the alderman from Wellington.

Ald. McGoldrick said he had been here for years, and the impression generally is that citizens don't have to shovel the snow.

Now they had to shovel the streets, a bill would have been sent to the legislature long ago to compel the city to clean the streets.

Portions of land which no one claims, and the city should clean these sections.

Ald. Lewis wished to ask Ald. Macrae a question, "Is it not one of the duties of the city to clean the streets?"

He (Ald. Lewis) had cleaned his walk and the city put on four feet of snow. Now who will pay the bill?

"It will cost you something to find out," said Ald. Macrae.

The recorder gave an opinion in regard to the streets. Ald. Macrae's position was mainly correct; the property in the streets south of Union is vested in the people.

Ald. Robinson said the citizens had always cleared their property of snow, and he wished to know if the street department was intending to put on an extra force of men to clear gutters.

Ald. Christie thought if we did this there would not be a dollar left in the treasury. Only the most dangerous places should be touched.

Ald. Hamm said the board would back the director in the work of opening the streets, but he was not sure that an over-expenditure was necessary.

On motion by Ald. Maxwell the board adjourned.

GOVERNMENT MEETING

To Have Been Held at Chatham Did Not Materialize.

CHATHAM, Feb. 13.—The government meeting did not materialize to the disappointment of the friends of the cause of a slight snow storm. It is generally understood that there would have been two names before the meeting, the Hon. Mr. Burchill and Robert Murray, barrister, with the odds in favor of Mr. Murray. Mr. Burchill being the favorite from the Treasury. Some of these names may be meant if the recipient is popular, and the valentine is pushed under the door ever so softly and the recipient is not so quick as he is supposed to be. The valentine is pushed under the door ever so softly and the recipient is not so quick as he is supposed to be. The valentine is pushed under the door ever so softly and the recipient is not so quick as he is supposed to be.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING POSTPONED.

The meeting of the school trustees which was to have been held last evening, has been postponed until next Monday evening, owing to the weather. The meeting will be held on Monday evening, and the trustees will consider the matter of the year's printing will also be opened.

The attendance at the schools during the past month has not been as good as that during December. The severe weather was the chief cause of the difference. The total enrollment in January was 4,697, a decrease of 411 from the month of December. The daily average attendance was 5,132, a percentage of 77.

A jackknife in the hands of a boy is almost as dangerous as a jackpot in the hands of a man.

ST. VALENTINE'S.

How Custom of Celebrating

Feb. 14 Originated.

Good Old Custom Which Originated in

Ancient Rome is Still Followed

in the 20th Century.

For some time past the shop windows have been decorated with the little missives of affection called valentines and the school children have been saving up little tokens for their particular chums just as their parents and grandparents did in pursuance of the good old custom of observing Saint Valentine's day, which will fall on Tuesday, Feb. 14. The custom is time-worn, but it has gained such a place of prominence that giving valentines on Saint Valentine's day would as soon be forgotten almost as the giving of gifts at Christmas.

Saint Valentine was, according to some ecclesiastical writers, a bishop who was beheaded at Rome in the reign of Emperor Claudius, and was early canonized. St. Valentine is said to have had great power in making love affairs run smoothly and in straightening out quarrels. When he was overcome by misfortune the young man put into him, and met secretly each year to pay homage to his memory. On these occasions they presented to each other little tokens which they called St. Valentine's day, which was the custom of celebrating February 14th has reached its present popularity.

Other reasons are given for the founding of this custom. Some trace the observance to the habit of the birds who were supposed to select their mates on this day; others from the custom of the Romans to exchange love letters on the festival of the Lupercalia, during the month of February, when, among other ceremonies, the names of the young women were placed in a box from which they were taken by young men as chance directed. The pastors of the early church being unable to shelve this pagan ceremony, changed its form. It was the custom on the eve of Feb. 14, St. Valentine's day, to have the names of a select number of young women placed in a box, and equal number of the other, and thereupon everyone drew a number, which for the time being was called his or her valentine.

CUSTOM FOLLOWED.

Whatever the origin of the custom of sending valentines on the 14th of February, it is faithfully followed by the boys and girls of the 20th century. The first of February always finds the stores stocked with thousands of the prettiest and most ingenious of valentines, and the beautiful contrivances of gauge and tinsel which the love-lorn youngster sends to his sweetheart.

The makers of valentines are always seeking for new and pleasing effects in their wares and the latest on the market are much prettier and much more unique in the ideas they convey than those which have preceded them. Some are made out on telegraphic form, with a tender little message—short but sweet—and a little yellow envelope such as telegrams are received in. The larger valentines are more elaborate than ever in their artistic beauty of color and design. The "comic" valentines are also popular, and are well calculated to reduce the bump of egotism supposed to exist on the cranium of any person receiving them.

FUN VALENTINE'S NIGHT.

Valentine's night is the time looked forward to with pleasure by the boys and girls who are of the age which revels in innocent frolic. The day comes at the time of year when the days are beginning to steal a few hours from darkness and the twilight is lengthening, giving the night a softer glow, and after dark an opportunity to visit the houses of their friends and deliver their love tokens, but it is after dark that the boys and girls who are of the age which revels in innocent frolic, and the little missives have the greatest fun.

Then the older boys and girls sail out, usually in parties, and laden with their tender messages. Some of these are much more than the simple valentine, and the valentine is pushed under the door ever so softly and the recipient is not so quick as he is supposed to be. The valentine is pushed under the door ever so softly and the recipient is not so quick as he is supposed to be.

Most of us can remember the time when we hailed forth after dark and met "the gang" at the corner of the street and planned out the wicked work of the night. The house of each gang in the neighborhood was spotted, and a handful of the bright eyes of the little valentines who have been expecting visitors and is hidden behind the window shades. This custom is mostly confined to girls, for the boys have other ideas of sport.

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SOME OF THE TRICKS.

We can remember, too, how "old Blank" reached for the little envelope lying on his front step and wore when the envelope eluded his grasp, jerked away by a string attached to its corner and manipulated by one of the fellows behind the fence, while he scraped his nails on the rough boards. Another favorite trick was to draw with chalk on the top of a granite step, making a figure which to a person opening the door would appear like an envelope, but when he tried to pick it up he only scratched his nails on the rough granite, and a cold chill as cold as one another up and down his spinal column. These were the good old days of

MANY TIED UP.

Provincial Railroads Are

Almost Out of Business,

And Even the Two Main Lines Find

Difficulty in Moving Their

Trains.

In these days it does not take much to block the railways in this province and yesterday there was practically nothing doing on any but the main lines. Even on the main I. C. R. and C. P. R. lines, a trouble enough, and most of the trains were late. The sidings on the I. C. R. are merely snow banks into which freight cars are stuck solidly. These are being gradually shovelled out, but it is slow work, as the snow drifts up against them almost as quickly as it is removed. At every mile end of the day the officials are called upon to answer questions regarding delayed freight, but they can only reply that there is no use in attempting to rush the snow, for the cars can only come when they are dug out.

For miles along the main line on level track the snow comes to half way up the windows of passenger cars, and any further falls must be all shovelled out. Springfield Junction is perhaps the worst spot on the road, for here the trains have simply been covered and traffic is next to impossible. Out at Brookville on Saturday an engine with flanger started to clear a stretch of track. A number of ladies were standing on the platform gazing with much interest at the work, when the engine went by rather swiftly. The danger of the snow in a solid sheet and the ladies were greatly surprised. Their eyes, ears and mouths were filled with the flying slush and they retired without taking any further notice of the proceedings.

The Elgin and Havelock and the Carleton Place roads are reported to be out of business for keeps, with no intention of resuming operations until spring. The New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's line was reported yesterday to be clear. The present that a train which started from Norton on Friday reached Minto yesterday. No mention was made of how long it would take to come back.

The N. B. and P. E. I. road from Sackville to Cape Tormentine was in a bad condition and reports yesterday were to the effect that the train from Sackville had managed to get two miles on its journey to the Cape. There has been no crossing by the ice boats since Friday last.

Of the Shore line the same old story is still true. The mails continue to go by the C. P. R. from St. John to St. Stephen and thence by train to St. George, and from St. John to Musquash also by teams. Since a day or two after the big storm the roads have been passable, as the snow was hard and horses did not sink deeply, but the soft snow yesterday will probably make them very bad.

HARRY COLE TONIGHT.

The Bandmann Company are evidently gaining in popularity as the season advances, for considering the weather last evening the audience was a very large one. The opera presented, The Catch of the Century, was well put on and well received. The play, with plenty of comedy and a number of very pretty airs. Most of the leading members of the company were seen in good roles. The evening was the benefit of the ever popular comedian, Harry Cole, when the screamingly funny musical comedy, Sergeant Brue, was staged. This piece was produced a few months ago at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London, and made a tremendous hit. Harry Cole, who will be seen in one of his best roles. The piece itself is teeming with humor and is a real treat. The play was produced a few months ago at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London, and made a tremendous hit.

WILL COME UP ON WEDNESDAY.

The case of Androsia Pogorgie against U. S. customs inspector H. M. Turner of Yarmouth, formerly of St. John, will not be taken care of by J. W. Dyer, United States attorney for the district of Maine, Arthur Chapman of Mr. Dyer's office and L. A. Curry, K. C., of St. John. The Portland lawyers, who arrived in the city yesterday, were accompanied by Burton Smith, chief deputy marshal, and of Portland. The case will go to trial on Wednesday before Chief Justice Tuck.

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stolen jams and cookies, long past, but now being enjoyed by the rising generation, and if we are brought out in our slippers on St. Valentine's night in answer to a vigorous pull of the bell and find a hideous "comic" on the front porch or scrape our nails on the step, we should remember that we were once young and did the same things, for St. Valentine's day comes once a year and there is mighty little harm in the boyish pranks that come with it.—Bangor Commercial.

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QUEEN'S RINK.

Tuesday Evening, February 14th,

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