

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

There is not much indication this year of a half-holiday movement among the clerks.

The late Miss Annie B. Keenan bequeathed her estate, valued at \$5,000, to the Mater Misericordiae home.

There was a rumor Thursday that the canner in the saw mills may strike for \$2 a day. Their present rate of wages is \$1.65.

The ferry steamer Maggie Miller, which plies between Millville and Baywater, is ready to go on the route as soon as the ice is out of the Kennebec.

John Foley, of Sussex, was married Thursday to Miss Lily daughter of Burpee Logue, of Kennedy street. The ceremony, which took place at the home of the bride, was performed by the Rev. David Long. Mr. and Mrs. Foley left for their future home in Sussex.

W. H. Dunham, the Maine street grocer, Friday received a fine trout salmon, to the fin of which was attached a tag marked C. O. 4, meaning Carleton, 1904. The fish came from the Carleton salmon pond last year and marked for identification. It was caught by Stephen Pike at Oak Point, and by him sent to Mr. Dunham. This is the second of the marked salmon which have been caught up river.

The following subscriptions have been received for Rockwood Park: A. McDonald, E. M. Shadoli, H. C. Tilley, F. L. Harrison, A. I. Trueman, F. A. Dykeman, J. W. Myers, J. N. Harvey, H. H. McLean, H. P. Hayward, C. E. L. Jarvis, James Jack, A. C. Fairweather, D. C. Dawson, and A. T. Thorne, \$1 each; James Breen, R. S. Simms & Co., and W. E. Mason, \$2 each; G. A. Moore and G. M. Robertson, \$2 each.

At high water about noon yesterday the middle section of the Magee wharf on the south side of the ferry slip threatened to do serious damage to the floats, being practically afloat and for a time looked dangerous. A cable was used to keep the wharf in its place, but it is said to be liable to break loose at any time now that the spring tides are in full force. The wharf is situated at the end of the city against encroachments by this property and Thursday he was twice on the scene to observe matters.

HOW TO BRING NEW INDUSTRIES

(Lowell Mass.)—The search made by the Mawhinney Shoe Company for the best manufacturing site the city affords has brought to public notice a very fine list of sites for manufacturing purposes, a list which, let us hope, will be long taken up by companies of various kinds.

It is well, of course, to offer whatever inducement we can to respectable concerns to locate here; it may be advisable in some cases to offer them a free site, but let it be remembered that to a respectable company the offer of a free site is a mere bagatelle.

Take it in case of the Mawhinney Shoe Company for example. The price of a site costing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 would probably not amount to more than the payroll of the company for a single week.

What a company considers most after the ordinary elements of a good location is the tax rate. A low tax rate is the magnet which draws new industries. Let the tax rate be high and the company will soon have to pay out of its pockets the taxes that would have been paid by a dozen sites.

In this matter of tax rate, Lowell is weak. We can offer good railroad facilities, good water power, good fire protection, low insurance rates, good schools, and the best and brightest class of help in New England, but on the main point we are at a disadvantage.

Now we mention that at the present juncture only to show what a handicap it is to the growth and general prosperity of our city.

There is no other city that can offer greater attractions for manufacturing companies. We are comparatively free from labor troubles, and in Lowell the necessities and comforts of life can be procured as cheaply as in any other city in the United States. But the tax rate is not better than they otherwise would be.

Now then in view of this condition of affairs it is not time to make a united effort to cut down this tax rate.

The appropriation committee made a commendable effort at the beginning of the year in cutting down department expenses and if the departments live within their allowances the tax rate will probably be reduced for the present year.

To get the tax rate down to a figure that will be a real inducement to industries to locate here, the citizens in general must

School Inspector R. P. Steeves has named Friday, May 5 as Arbor Day in his district.

While the steamer Majestic was on her way to Fredericton Saturday, a slight fire appeared aboard, but was discovered early and extinguished. It caught from a stove pipe.

The death of Ella, wife of Hugh Tait, I. C. R. engineer, occurred at her residence, 34 Celebration street, last Monday after a lingering illness. Deceased was formerly Mrs. Barker, of Fredericton.

John Black sails from St. John on Saturday on the new turbine steamer Virginian for a trip to the old country. The best wishes of many friends will follow him.—St. Croix Courier.

July 12 will be celebrated by the Orangemen this year by a trip to Fredericton. There was a meeting of the transportation committee Saturday night in Orange Hall. It was announced that the trip would have to be taken up river as C. P. R. could not guarantee cars.

Thirteen deaths were recorded in the city last week from the following causes: Heart disease, three; pneumonia and old age, two; nephritis, consumption, cancer, of bowels, cerebral hemorrhage, tubercular meningitis and congestion of lungs, one each.

Sheriff Harry Burnham, of Digby (N. S.), arrived here Monday afternoon to take to the asylum for the insane in Halifax Fred Thomas, who was twice last week found by the police here wandering the streets in the very early hours of the morning. He has been declared mentally unsound.

Rev. Dr. S. McCully Black, who has been in poor health for the past couple of years, is now on the high-road to permanent recovery, it is hoped. Since his improved is he that his editorial duties in connection with the Baptist denomination weekly, The Messenger and Visitor, have been gradually wholly resumed. Dr. Black, who is residing in the village of Hampton, has been giving the upmost attention to his editorial duties, and has been a faithful trial, living nearly all the time of the last week in the city. He has proved eminently efficient, which is good tidings for the able divines, numerous acquaintances in Canada.

management, of grafting and the ruinous policy of borrowing to pay current expenses. Put men in power year after year who will stop these abuses and then we shall see Lowell boom as never before.

We hold out as good inducements to prospecting industries as can any city in the country. With a low tax rate and the splendid collection of sites offered the Mawhinney Shoe Company, new industries would be drawn here in such numbers that Lowell would be delivered from the straits she has so long endured of being a dependent city, entirely upon the generosity of the live stock industry, which has proved eminently efficient, which is good tidings for the able divines, numerous acquaintances in Canada.

We commend these few thoughts to the consideration of the city council, the board of trade and citizens individually that all may combine upon a line of policy calculated to put Lowell in the first rank of the prosperous cities of the country.

SUDDEN DEATH OF M. J. KEATING

Boston, April 24—Michael J. Keating, press agent and assistant manager of the Theatre, was found dead in his apartment, 84 Worcester street, yesterday, and from the condition of the body he must have expired many hours before yesterday evening Saturday morning. He was alive shortly before 5 o'clock Saturday evening. Dr. Bowles was summoned, and pronounced the cause as heart disease.

When found yesterday morning, the body was dressed as if he intended to return down town, for, with the exception of his dressing gown, he wore his street clothes. It is thought that he was taken suddenly ill after reaching his apartment and lay down upon the bed to rest, when he was attacked with heart disease and succumbed before he could secure assistance. Miss Sumner went to his room to see if he was in yesterday noon, and getting no response he knocked, entered and found him dead.

Mr. Keating had a host of friends in this city. He was born in Halifax (N. S.) 51 years ago, and received his early education in the schools of that city. After leaving school he learned the printer's trade and rose from the case to be foreman of the composing room of the Halifax Herald. He came to Boston about 20 years ago and went to work for the Wright & Potter company. He also worked on Boston papers as compositor and proof-reader. He then became connected with the Plant Steamship line as press agent.

JAPAN'S COMPACT WITH BRITAIN.

The compact effecting the Anglo Japanese alliance, under the terms of which Japanese newspapers say it now becomes necessary that Great Britain be notified that her co-operation is required, was signed January 30, 1902. The change is made that through violation of neutrality France virtually has come to Russia's aid; hence, under the compact, England must assist Japan.

The treaty, after asserting that the purpose of England and Japan is to maintain the status quo and peace in the East, and mutually recognizing the independence of China and Korea, then declares:

"If either Great Britain or Japan, in the defence of their respective interests, should become involved in war with another power, the other high contracting party will maintain a strict neutrality, and use its efforts to prevent other powers from joining in hostilities against it."

"If, in the above event, any other power or powers should join in hostilities against that ally, the other high contracting party will come to its assistance, and will conduct the war in common, and make peace in mutual agreement with it."

"The high contracting parties agree that neither of them will, without consulting the other, enter into separate arrangements with another power to the prejudice of the interest above described."

"Whenever, in the opinion of either Great Britain or Japan, the above-mentioned interests are in jeopardy, the two governments will communicate with one another fully and frankly."

The agreement is to remain in force five years, or for a longer period, until renounced by one of the contracting parties, but with this special proviso: In the event of the expiration of the term, if the ally is actually engaged in war, the alliance shall continue, ipso facto, until peace is concluded.

STRONG PROTEST OF P. E. I. HOUSE

Joint Resolution to Dominion Government for Original Representation

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 20—(Special)—The local legislature, which adjourned today for the Easter holidays, unanimously passed a resolution, moved by Premier Peters, seconded by the leader of the opposition, to the effect that the House of Representatives should be increased to 300 new members, 145 of whom he baptized.

The retiring pastor expressed himself as opposed to shore pastors generally. The church that kept constantly changing pastors didn't want to much and the minister that wanted to be changing about all the time was either a crank or incapable.

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Whereas, by the settlement of territory, this added to the original area of Quebec, the population of that province will be greatly increased with the population of the province proportionately raised thereby further reducing the representation of this province until in course of time it may cease to be represented.

Whereas, contrary to the spirit of confederation and to the intent of the confederation act that our right to adequate representation may be diminished or lost and that it would thus be treated as an unorganized territory.

Whereas, the failure of the province to retain the proper proportion of its natural resources has been largely owing to changed conditions, brought about by confederation and to the non-fulfillment by the federal government of the terms of union, and that the province is in communication with the mainland; therefore

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FAREWELL SERMON OF REV. D. HUTCHINSON

Popular Moncton Pastor Addresses Large Congregation—Comes to St. John Charge May 1.

Moncton, N. B., April 23—(Special).—Rev. D. Hutchinson said farewell tonight as pastor of the Moncton First Baptist church. The congregation in attendance filled the church to overflowing, testifying to the high esteem in which Mr. Hutchinson is held by all classes of citizens.

In the course of his sermon on the text, "Little children it is the last time," Mr. Hutchinson reviewed his four years' work as pastor of the church and expressed the hope that the right man might be sent to succeed him. During his pastorate he had extended the right hand of fellowship to 300 new members, 145 of whom he baptized.

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TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN MAINE VILLAGE

Jealous Husband Shoots a Man Dead; Makes Murderous Attack on Wife, and Then Suicides.

Portland, Me., April 23—A special to the Press from Norway says: Jealousy was responsible for one of the most horrible crimes in the history of the state at East Waterford today, when Edward Hilton, a man about 40 years of age, shot and instantly killed George Young, aged 46, stabbed his wife several times about the head, leaving her for dead on the floor, and then went out in the back yard of his house and put a charge of lead into his own chest.

Hilton's face is horribly cut and gashed but it is thought that he will recover. The death of Hilton and his victim was probably instantaneous.

It is said that Hilton and his wife, who is about 35 years younger than he is, have not lived happily together for some time. The trouble between them became acute last fall when Young, whose home is at East Waterford to work and engaged board at the Hilton home. He had not been there long before Hilton became jealous and Young removed to a house in the vicinity.

Young called at the Hilton house today and asked Mrs. Hilton to do some washing for him. He went in with the gun, and remained in the front room. It is supposed that he was waiting for the opportunity to the point of frenzy for, after borrowing a single barrel shot gun, he rushed into the room and aimed at Young's breast pulled the trigger. The charge of shot entered, chest and he fell dead. Whether there was any previous to the shooting is not known.

Mrs. Hilton rushed in from the kitchen upon her husband, who sprang upon her like a madman. He struck her a blow on the head with the gun, and she fell to the floor. He then rushed to the door and fled. She ran to the door and found the body of her husband back of the house where he had been shot.

Coroner A. P. Bassett, of Norway, viewed the body and found there was nothing for him to do except to allow them to be prepared for burial.

NEW SCHOOL LAW

Provisions of the Act to Convey Children in Vans in Country Districts.

Below is given the text of the recent addition to the School Law known as "Regulation 48, Conveyance of Children to and from school."

In pursuance of sections 57 and 124 in reference to the conveyance of children to and from school the following conditions and regulations are prescribed:

1. The trustees may purchase for the use of the district, if in their opinion it is expedient to do so, a sufficient number of vans for the conveyance to and from school of children residing within the bounds of the district, but at a distance of over one mile and a half from the school; and shall make provision for the proper repair and care of said vans.

2. Children residing not further than one mile and a half from the school shall have no right of conveyance in the school vans, but the trustees may, in their discretion, permit any younger children who reside within one mile and a half of the school to be conveyed in the vans, provided the trustees receive and account to the district for the conveyance of children to and from school to increase the number of vans otherwise required.

3. Pupils of the school not resident in the district, who temporarily reside in the district for the purpose of attending the school shall have no right to be conveyed in the school vans.

4. The trustees shall advertise for tenders for the conveyance of the children by posting notices in three public places within the bounds of the district at least four days before the date assigned for the opening of the school; and also in a newspaper, if any, published in the district; such notices shall define the route or routes to be followed, and shall require the number of children to be carried, whether or not the contractor is to furnish a vehicle, and such other particulars as may be required by the trustees, and shall require the contractor to furnish a vehicle, and such other particulars as may be required by the trustees, and shall require the contractor to furnish a vehicle, and such other particulars as may be required by the trustees.

5. After the opening and consideration of the tenders, the trustees may accept or reject any or all of such tenders, and may enter into a contract, in their discretion, with any person or persons for the performance of the duties required, whether such person or persons have previously sent tenders or otherwise.

6. All contracts for the conveyance of children to and from school shall be in writing; and each contractor shall give a bond to the trustees for the faithful performance of his contract in the sum of \$100.

7. Every contract shall, in addition to other matters agreed upon by the contracting parties, provide (a) that the contractor shall furnish necessary rubber blankets, etc., to keep the children comfortable; and in case the district does not provide the vans, that the contractor shall furnish a suitable vehicle or vehicles with sufficient seating capacity to convey all the pupils belonging to the route.

(b) That the contractor shall provide a good and reliable horse or team of horses for each van required and a trustworthy driver who shall have the control and care of the pupils, and shall be responsible for their conduct and safety while under his charge.

(c) That the driver shall stop at the highway entrance to each of the residences of the children; for a period not exceeding two minutes, for the purpose of taking on board the van the children belonging to such residences.

(d) That the pupils shall be delivered at the school house not earlier than half an hour and not later than ten minutes before the regular hour for the opening of the school; and that the van or vans shall be ready to leave the door of the school house not later than five minutes after the regular hour of closing.

8. The trustees may, in their discretion, make special arrangements for the conveyance of children living on branch roads from their residences on such branch roads to the main road for the purpose of meeting the van or vans on their way to and from the school.

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CARLETON COUNTY CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH

Fell Into Tub of Boiling Water While Its Mother Was Washing—News of Bristol and Vicinity.

Bristol, Carleton county, April 20—Yesterday the little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Colton, South Johnville, fell into a tub of hot water and was so terribly scalded that she died in a few hours. Mrs. Colton had been washing and put the tub upon the floor, and while attending to some other work, the little one fell into it.

Rev. Jas. Cahill, Jacksonville, lectured on Temperance in the Baptist church this evening.

Mrs. T. G. Lyons has returned from Maryville and is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mead.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Fredericton, are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Duncan's former home here. Mrs. Duncan was formerly Miss May Brymer.

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