

# SOCIETIES JOIN TO MAKE THE TERCENTENARY A BIG SUCCESS.

A Representative Meeting in the Neptune Rooms—Sketch of  
Three Days' Programme in Celebration of Champlain's  
Discovery of the River St. John.

The joint meeting of representatives of various societies in connection with the Champlain tercentenary celebration was held Thursday night in the Neptune Rowing Club room, and was very satisfactory in all respects. The following delegates were present:

R. B. Thomas, commodore Royal Kennebec Yacht Club.  
F. E. Harrington, president Neptune Rowing Club.  
D. J. McLaughlin, president board of trade.  
W. S. Fisher, tourist association.  
Hon. J. G. Forbes, St. Andrew's Society.  
R. O'Brien, free public library.  
Dr. Thos. Walker, St. John Medical Society.  
S. B. Wilson and G. E. Barbour, Y. M. C. A.  
J. N. Harvey, Portland Methodist Y. M. C. A.  
J. J. Walsh, St. Peter's Temperance Association.  
Jas. Buchanan, Military Veterans' Association.  
Dr. D. D. Walker, St. John Medical Society.  
Dr. Thos. Walker and Dr. S. Skinner, Council of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick.  
W. L. Williams, John Gallagher, Fred. Barre, John R. McDowdy and William Coates, Division I. A. O. H. U.  
W. F. Hatheway, Fabian League.  
J. M. Owens, C. M. B. A. No. 133, and St. John Teachers' Institute.  
George Lake, St. John fire department.  
C. E. L. Jarvis, Colonel Underhill, D. H. Waterbury, Loyalist Society.  
Dr. G. U. Hay and Jas. A. Estey, Natural History Society.  
Mrs. D. McLaughlin, ladies' auxiliary Y. M. C. A. and Victorian Order of Nurses.  
Mrs. G. U. Hay, St. John's Hospital.  
Mrs. Foster, Natural History Society and Women's Enfranchisement Association.  
D. Mullin, Jas. Harrington, Judge Ritchie, branch 134 C. M. R. A.  
Jas. McCarthy, H. Griest, Vincent Murphy, Daniel Corr, Father Mathew Association.  
D. McNally, Temple of Honor.  
Thos. Heffernan, Y. M. Society of St. Joseph.  
C. V. Belyea and Geo. Jenkins, Loyal Orange Lodge.  
G. D. Martin, Royal Arcanum.  
Mayor W. W. White, colonel of the 3rd Regiment C. A., was chairman.  
D. Russell Jack, corresponding secretary of the New Brunswick Historical Society, and historian of the Loyalist Society, was chosen secretary of the evening.  
The secretary read the following programme as submitted by the committee for Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

General reception on harbor, open to sailing yachts and other sailing vessels, under the auspices of the R. K. Y. C.  
Measures of Royal Society in the new public library building, including the formal opening of the building to the public, with appropriate ceremonial unveiling of memorial tablet in library building.  
Thursday Evening.  
General illumination of city and harbor.

## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Owing to advances in the European market, one leading Canadian packer has advanced the price of pure lard a quarter cent a pound.

The Quaco reef bell buoy and the Quaco local control buoy have gone adrift in the ice. The marine department is seeking to have them replaced.

The anniversary of the founding of the World's Christian Student Federation will be celebrated next Sunday. Both Dalhousie University and the U. N. B. have branches.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Dalhousie Lumber Company Tuesday following were elected directors: James Manchester, George McKean, Henry Hillyard, J. T. Knight and A. H. Hillyard.

There was a pleasant surprise party Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrell, of Indiantown. Harris Elliott, on behalf of the company, presented a handsome oak sideboard to Mr. and Mrs. Morrell.

Vehicle Inspector Green recently had summonses issued for 25 teamsters who have failed to take out licenses for their horses. The time was up May 1 of last year and one had three teams to answer for.

A middle aged lady, Miss Rachel Thompson, was found dead at her home, 129 King street east, at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. Coroner Beryman was notified, and found that death was due to heart disease. An inquest will probably be unnecessary.

F. W. Green who has been physical instructor for the local Y. M. C. A. for the past year and a half, has decided to resign. He will go to his home in Brantford (Ont.), in April. Mr. Green is very popular and will be greatly missed. The local association will not miss the Victoria grounds this summer.

In local railway circles this winter is regarded as being particularly severe in so far as running trains is concerned. Hardly any trains arrive on time, the cause being accidents due to the heavy weather, or else the line being blocked by huge snow drifts. The intense cold makes it difficult to keep steam up.

At a largely attended meeting of the Military Veterans' Association held Thursday in Foresters hall, a resolution was passed unanimously condemning the writer of a letter in the Star signed Veteran, in which he reflects on the conduct of Mr. McKean in the land grants. The resolution expressed regret that anyone had tried to use their body for a political purpose, and further their fullest confidence in the actions of the government with regard to the grants.

# IMMIGRANT FEELS HE WAS RECEIVED.

Trio of Young Britishers Blame  
the Old Country  
Agency.

A QUESTION OF WORK.  
One Tells How He Came to Leave  
Home for Brighter Outlook  
in Canada, and Found Things Differ-  
ent from Expectations—A  
Matter of Fee.

Thomas Phillips, a young man whose home is in Douglas, Isle of Mann, but who has been in this city one week today, feels that certain parties are responsible for misleading him and others in the matter of obtaining suitable employment here in England, where he was employed as a dry goods clerk, he came to feel that the colonies offered better inducements than the mother country, and seeing in a Liverpool newspaper the advertisement of Forshaw Colonial & Foreign Immigration Office, near Manchester, he placed himself in communication with the concern.

Mr. Phillips, after making two cash deposits, decided to come to St. John. In this he says he was acting on the advice of the office. He was assured that St. John was a most desirable section to locate in and, he says, that profitable employment could be obtained. It was brought to his attention that a man who had gone out under direction of the office was earning \$3 monthly. According to Mr. Phillips he made the immigration office proprietors fully sensible of the fact that he was a dry goods clerk and solely in whatever colonial city he went to, but in the answers he received from the office and from a reporter Wednesday no reference was made to the nature of the employment they would secure him.

On the Lake Manitoba.  
Just before leaving the old country he received a letter from his father, Joseph Phillips, merchant of Douglas, in which he warned his son to exercise care before placing himself in charge of the emigrant office.

A few weeks ago Phillips and two companions, John Humby, cabinet maker, and Walter Buchanan, blacksmith, all patrons of the Manchester office, left Liverpool on the Lake Manitoba bound for St. John. According to Phillips, each bore a letter of introduction to the St. John agent of the office and each expected on leaving to find a position suitable to his training and capabilities.

"They sent me the letter," said Mr. Phillips, "and I accepted it with the support of the emigrant office. I thought it was a letter to the kind of berth I was wanting."

B. J. Grant, of 69 St. James street, West end, is the St. John agent. He presented his credentials to him last Friday they were told that upon payment of \$5 each, good positions would be found them.

Mr. Phillips said he was under the impression that he would not have to pay anything and expressed surprise upon being informed that a position as dry goods clerk was his position. He was told that he could obtain work immediately on a farm and also in a certain city establishment (not dry goods), but feeling disposed otherwise, he declined to pay the fee and engage in unbecoming work. He says the three bought their dinners at Mr. Grant's and then left.

Mr. Grant's try.  
Mr. Grant, when interviewed Wednesday afternoon in reference to Mr. Phillips' complaint, said he advised to place the three in British positions on farms or in other fields calling for manual labor. He did not advertise or guarantee to find berths in offices or stores. His fee for placing a man in a situation was \$5. "If a man comes to me and hasn't any money," said Mr. Grant, "I am bound to look after him and see that he procures work of some weekly or monthly payments after he obtains a berth. I have had many an instance of this nature. If the man sent out on a situation was \$5 and start in. For people of this type there was inevitable from the desire of the foreman was heavily clouded, and at times the streets near the water were so densely filled with vapor driven in from the harbor that objects but a few yards distant could not be seen. The sun in the afternoon shone with feeble, pallid glare through a film of cirro stratus, but there was neither warmth nor life nor energy in his rays. The cold continued unabated and the wind raged with terrible fury to a late hour at night.

The "Cold Friday"  
From the fourth annual report of the New Brunswick board of agriculture, published in 1904, the following is written by the late Gilbert Murdoch, relative to the "cold Friday" of February 8, 1901, is taken: "From the 1st to the 7th the weather, though much clouded, was mild and pleasant. On the 8th, however, there was a heavy fall of snow from 10 to 12 inches. On the 9th the temperature fell 60 degrees; the mercury at 9 a. m. of the 8th making 22 below zero, four degrees below that it did at daylight. The wind also had shifted and blew with fearful violence from the N.W.W., making the cold so intense that many of the fowls died of exposure outside. The streets for the day were deserted and all ordinary business was suspended. The ferry boats ceased to run and the shipping in the harbor was inevitable from the dense volumes of vapor that arose from the water. The forenoon was heavily clouded, and at times the streets near the water were so densely filled with vapor driven in from the harbor that objects but a few yards distant could not be seen. The sun in the afternoon shone with feeble, pallid glare through a film of cirro stratus, but there was neither warmth nor life nor energy in his rays. The cold continued unabated and the wind raged with terrible fury to a late hour at night.

Carlton County L. O. L.  
Bristol, Carlton county Feb. 8.—Carlton county (N. B.) L. O. L. met in annual session on Thursday last at Gasville. The attendance was good, representatives being present from eight lodges in the county. All were reported in good condition, showing an increase in the membership for the year. The following officers were elected:

George Reid (re-elected), W. C. M. S. W. Smith, D. C. M.  
Rev. C. F. Reid, chaplain.  
B. R. Clark, C. R. S.  
E. H. Carle, C. F. S.  
Edward Britton.  
A. A. Belyea, C. D. of C.  
Samuel Belyea, C. lecturer.  
E. Tompkins, D. L.

January Fire Losses.  
The fire loss of the United States and Canada for January, as compiled by the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, shows a total of \$2,795,550. The following comparison exhibits the increase in the January fire loss as compared with the same month in the two preceding years:

1902, \$15,022,897; 1903, \$15,022,897; 1904, \$21,000,000. The loss was classified as follows: \$10,000 to \$25,000, 21; \$25,000 to \$50,000, 12; \$50,000 to \$100,000, 12; \$100,000 to \$250,000, 12; \$250,000 to \$500,000, 12; \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, 12; \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000, 12; \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000, 12; \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, 12; \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000, 12; \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000, 12; \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000, 12; \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000, 12; \$250,000,000 to \$500,000,000, 12; \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000, 12; \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000, 12; \$2,500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, 12; \$5,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000, 12; \$10,000,000,000 to \$25,000,000,000, 12; \$25,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000, 12; \$50,000,000,000 to \$100,000,000,000, 12; \$100,000,000,000 to \$250,000,000,000, 12; \$250,000,000,000 to \$500,000,000,000, 12; \$500,000,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000,000, 12; \$1,000,000,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000,000, 12; \$2,500,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000,000, 12; \$5,000,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000,000, 12; 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