

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE. THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places and Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

Wednesday. The Shore Line railway will resume their regular train schedule to St. Stephen this morning.

Mr. H. E. Armstrong, son of Mr. Geo. E. Armstrong, of Charlottetown, has been appointed a letter carrier.

Next Thursday night John F. Davidson will give his exhibition of figure and fancy skating at Victoria rink.

The quarterly meeting of the St. John W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon in Temperance Hall, Charlottetown.

Warden McGoldrick will leave today for St. Martin's to present to Mr. James Ross the chair and address voted him by the municipality.

Messrs. Scott & Lawton have dissolved partnership. The business will be conducted by Mr. Lewiston and his son, Mr. W. E. A. Lawton.

The Apply property at corner of Union and Peel streets, has been bought by Dr. J. P. McInerney from Mr. A. Bellette for about \$3,100.

It is reported that the Dominion government contemplates expropriating the Shamrock grounds for the new rifle range, now in course of construction.

On Saturday last one of Mr. Mooney's teams hauled from their camp to Grand Bay station a load of logs which was surveyed by Mr. W. Sutton scaled 2,700 feet.

In the elementary course of lectures in the Natural History Society last evening interesting talks followed by exhibitions of microscopic views were given. G. U. Hay spoke of the spore cases and spores of ferns; Dr. L. C. Allison gave an interesting talk on diatoms, and A. Gordon Leavitt on the mode of photographing micro-photography, illustrated by the camera and microscope.

In the vestry of Portland Methodist church, last evening, the W. F. M. Society held a very successful meeting. The occasion, which was of a public character, was presided over by the pastor, Rev. George Steel, who introduced as Rev. T. A. Thomson, and other local talent will assist in the concert. The tickets are placed at 50 cents, which includes drive, concert and tea, and the attendance is limited to 200 so that there will be no crowding either in the sleighs or in the institution. Tickets are for sale at E. G. Nelson's bookstore, corner of King and Charlotte streets.

Mr. John Ellis, employed by Mr. Lang in the lumber woods at Fairville, St. John county, had a narrow escape last week. He came to the brow of a last's portable mill with a load of logs and in trying to stop a log from rolling too far into the water, he fell over the brow and he, logs and mill, all went to the bottom. A broken jaw, nose smashed, head cut in several places, two very black eyes and a dislocated shoulder were the result. Fortunately no limbs were broken.

Three logs rolled over him. He was taken to his home and is in a fair way to recover. Mr. Ellis belongs to the parish of St. Martin's, and is a son of R. M. Ellis, of Shelburne.

Thursday. Weather permitting the Prince Rupert will make a special trip to Digby and return tomorrow, March 1st.

Among the patents granted by the Canadian government is one to Mr. Eben Perkins, St. John, for railway spikes.

The sale of the Knigod property to the Pearson-Barnill syndicate has been completed and the deeds placed on record.

The attention of readers is called to the advertisement of Mr. George E. Corbit, of Annapolis, who offers a fine grocery and coal business for sale.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. of St. John (north) will be held in Union Hall on Friday, March 1st, at 3 p. m. A full attendance of members is requested.

Tuesday evening next, in Trinity school room, Mr. G. E. Fairweather will give an illustrated lecture on the architecture of St. Peter's, Rome. There will be a silver collection.

E. J. Scovil, stipendiary magistrate of Peterborough, was on Feb. 14, married to Miss Ada E. Dunne, of Windermere, by the Rev. Mr. Yates, in St. Peter's church. Mr. Scovil is a son of Mr. E. G. Scovil, of St. John.

A seaman named Smith, who lives in the Saldors' Home, fell on Prince William street yesterday and sustained a painful injury. He was removed in the ambulance to the public hospital.

Mr. John Appleby of the Western Union staff, leaves this morning for Fredericton to assist in the legislature work for the company. Mr. Laidlaw will arrive today from Halifax to work here in Mr. Appleby's place.

The outcome of the investigation into the narrowly averted collision between the C. P. R. and No. 2 train, near Petticoat a short time ago, was the suspension of the driver and conductor on No. 2 for a month and the brakemen on the same train for two weeks—Moncton Times.

Messrs. John O'Brien, W. A. Mott, G. G. Scott, Isaac Carpenter, John P. Burdick, J. D. Hazen and William Shaw, members of the local legislature, went to Fredericton yesterday to attend the opening of the house. Messrs. O'Brien, Robinson, Ryan, Humphrey and Melanson, members of the local house, passed through the city en route for Fredericton.

Mr. Joseph Merritt, who went across the bay on Tuesday in the tug, Flushing, returned yesterday by the Prince Rupert. He reports that the vessel is only slightly damaged. No attempt was made yesterday to float the schooner owing to heavy weather. It is expected to get her out today.

The local market is short in its stock of dried cod fish and dealers find difficulty in securing supplies from down the bay. An advance of 25 cents a hundred pounds has been declared.

Cornmeal has jumped up from 5 to 10 cents a barrel.

Oats have been gradually rising and oatmeal in sympathy advanced 25 cents a barrel last month.

W. W. Moore, of the agricultural department at Ottawa, went to the capital by the C. P. R. yesterday. Mr. Moore has been looking after the shipments of hay, manure, etc., to South Africa. He has just returned from South Africa, having been engaged in looking after the supplies shipped from Canada. The work of the department at St. John for Cape Town. The first is expected about the 3rd of March.

Lieut. Weldon McLean has received about 200 applications from men who say they are anxious to enlist for service in the consular force in Canada. Only half this number are required from this province, but the standard of physical requirements is high.

The work of canning here will last from March 8 to 11th. These swarms will be quarantined at city hotels until March 15, the date fixed for embarkation for Halifax.

Dr. Walker will be the examining officer.

The many friends of Mr. Augustus William Reed will learn with profound regret of his death which occurred last evening about 9:30 o'clock at his home, Prince street, West End. Mr. Reed, who was a member of the post office staff, has for the last few weeks been quite ill with pneumonia and his life was despaired of a few days ago. He was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss. Deceased was a first-class clerk in the post office service, having been a faithful employee in the service since 1870. In recent years he has been engaged in the money order department. He was a son of Mr. James R. Reed, post master of the West End post office, who is now recovering from a severe illness.

Friday. There will be a meeting of the slaughterhouse police officers in the office, Magre's block, at 3:30 p. m., today.

The regular monthly agricultural fair houses at the Marsh road, was held yesterday. The attendance was small.

D. R. A. ANNUAL, ROYALTY IS COMING, N. S. STEEL COMPANY

Tribute of Thanks Paid Minister of Militia.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association held this afternoon, Col. Gibson, of Hamilton, the president, occupied the chair. Lord Minto, Major General O'Grady-Hay and Hon. Dr. Borden were present. An address was read by His Majesty King Edward.

The chairman said that the business of the association was in a satisfactory condition. He paid a tribute to the treatment accorded the D. R. A. by Dr. Borden, minister of militia. The association would always have reason to look upon and remember the minister's liberality. He referred to the fine new range at Rockcliffe and in this connection suggested that the D. R. A. matches should be more practical. Ranges should also be provided at headquarters.

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SEPTEMBER THE DATE. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall Will Pay A Visit to Canada—Railway Commission Will Not Be Brought Up This Session—Post Office Matters.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(Special)—At today's sitting of the house, Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that the proposed visit of their royal highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, to Canada, was not the subject of correspondence, but as it was confidential he could not say any further about it. He, however, would say that if an opportunity was not afforded that royal highnesses of seeing all the provinces of the Dominion, it would be a matter of regret.

It is understood that the railway commission will not be brought up this session. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, will take place in the middle of September. An intimation to this effect has, it is understood, been received at the viceregal residence here. The duke and duchess will visit Canada on their return from the ceremonies of the Australian confederation and after touring through the Dominion, will go to Newfoundland, sailing from there for England about the middle of October. About one month, therefore, will be spent in Canada and Newfoundland.

In view of the definite announcement of the coming of the royal highnesses, it is expected Ottawa will take the necessary steps to provide a fitting reception for the distinguished visitors.

Mr. Reid, of South Grenville, introduced a bill to regulate freight and passenger rates on railways. His purpose is the organization of a railway committee which shall have power to settle disputes as to rates between railways and the public. Mr. Charlot introduced a bill to amend the Dominion lands act. It proposes in the first place to explicitly declare that public lands suitable for agricultural land shall be reserved exclusively for settlers. It also provides that no land grants shall in future be made to any railway or other corporation, and that the provision of the act which provides that 67,000 acres of land were locked up in the northwest today, not because all had been granted to corporations, but because they were being held until the railway corporation should select from them the part they were entitled to by virtue of their grants.

Mr. Fraser, Guyaboro, spoke briefly in support of it. He said that he would go further and support a scheme to create Regulations for the lands which the companies for the north and all this land open to settlers. He contended that it was essential for the progress of the country that this land should be open for settlement.

Mr. Sirton's bill to amend the Dominion lands act was more largely discussed. Mr. Maclean (East York) took advantage of the debate to say that the best remedy for the land grant question was the nationalization of the Canadian railways.

Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways, said that it might be inferred from Mr. Charlot's remarks that the present government had not adhered to its policy in regard to land grants to railways. He said the government had reversed the policy of the conservatives and adhered to such reversal. He did not consider the granting of mineral lands to railways a violation of its policy. Such lands were given to railways as a concession to agricultural lands. No agricultural lands had been given to railways by the government.

Mr. Prior said that he read in the press a statement that the royal highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, intended landing at Halifax, and did not propose to go to Pacific coast.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: "I may inform my honorable friend that correspondence is now going on between Ottawa and London in regard to the proposed visit of the royal highnesses. The correspondence at this moment is confidential, and it is not in my power to give the communication to the public. Without going into particulars as to the tenor of the correspondence, I may state that I am altogether with my honorable friend in thinking that it would be most unfortunate if the royal highnesses of Cornwall and York had not an opportunity of visiting every province in the Dominion when they come to Canada next summer. If the best mode of all would be for the royal highnesses, who are to return from Australia in September, to come by way of the Pacific instead of the Atlantic, landing at Vancouver, visiting British Columbia, the towns of Vancouver and so on down towards Halifax. That is the mode of all, we can assume is being requested at this moment by their royal highnesses. More than this I cannot say at the moment."

The house went into supply and took up the post office estimate. Very little progress was made. The whole evening was spent in discussing the general administration of the post office department. Mr. Mullock pointed out that post office revenue was, on January 1, 1901, \$23,000,000, and that the revenue for the year ending March 31, 1902, was \$23,000,000. He predicted that in a short time the post office department would be on a paying basis, judging from the gradual increase of revenue that had been taking place. He thought that during the fiscal year beginning July 1st next, there would be little difference between revenue and expenditure.

The minister said that all letter carriers were getting their statutory increases. Taylor and Cargil secured certain political patronage. Mr. Mullock asked them to make their charges to the department in writing and he would have them investigated. The house adjourned at 11:10.

It is understood that the minister of railways will not introduce his bill for the appointment of a railway commission this session. Mr. Blair had intended to bring in a measure for this purpose, with a view to having it thoroughly discussed, and both parties seem to have reached the conclusion that it would be desirable to have a short session. In view of this fact the railway commission bill will be reserved for consideration until the next session of the house.

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Good Profits Will Be Told of at Annual Meeting.

Halifax, Feb. 26.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel Company will be held at New Glasgow tomorrow and among the directors who will attend will be J. F. Stairs, John MacNab, J. Walter Allison, H. S. Poole and G. Stairs, of this city. The financial statement for the year ending December 31, shows the profits to have amounted to \$665,272.86, and when the balance at the credit of profit and loss, \$47,883.38, is added, it gives the total of \$713,156.24. Dividends fixed are four per cent. on preferred stock and 10 per cent. on ordinary.

Moncton, Feb. 26.—(Special)—Moncton bids fair to secure the Ovesking stamping works, to be removed from Hampton. Some \$34,000 has already been subscribed towards the enterprise, but it will be necessary to raise \$10,000 more before the works will be brought here. A meeting of the board of trade was held last night and a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for stock. Senator Wood has agreed to subscribe \$25,000, providing Moncton subscribe \$50,000, and the works will be moved to this city.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. Valuable Suggestions in Reports Made at Thursday's Meeting.

The St. John Agricultural Society met yesterday afternoon in regular monthly session in the Sons of Temperance hall, Market building, with President J. H. Frink in the chair. Other members present were: Messrs. J. M. Donovan, R. R. Patchell, S. T. Goring, S. S. Hall, S. Crichton, Wm. Mullin and J. F. Watson.

The delegates, Messrs. Watson, Donovan and Patchell, who attended the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association at Fredericton, reported.

Mr. Patchell read a report dealing with pork raising, horse breeding and poultry raising and fattening of the latter. His report was well put together and proved very instructive.

Mr. J. F. Watson addressed the meeting on the subject of sheep raising and poultry fattening; also on the subject of licensing stations. He thought that the society should induce the government to license stations and have them under the control of the government, and license none other than thoroughbreds.

Mr. J. M. Donovan spoke on the raising of dairy cattle and advanced the following of the calf to suckle at first for a few days, which he thought better than the custom followed frequently, which was not to suckle at all. He also believed in feeding calves well until they came into milk, and did not believe in keeping them for some length on sheep manure and on the great loss sustained by farmers in St. John county who did not give more attention to this important branch of farming. Mr. Donovan believed in standing firm to the one bred of cattle.

The meeting was most pleased with the report given by the delegates, and President Frink complimented them on their reports, and in speaking on the subject referred to the dog nuisance on farms where the canine life is the sheep. He commended them for their work on in the lines of their report.

It was decided by the society to accept the plan made by the Sons of Temperance for the use of the hall as a meeting place in the future, for monthly meetings.

Mr. J. F. Watson announced that he was going to attend the live stock sale at Ottawa on March 6, and on motion of Dr. Thos. Eldridge, the Champion limited to purchase a Yorkshire sow and have the same sent to St. John for the society. After some discussion on live stock the meeting adjourned.

LOSS BY FIRE NEAR YARMOUTH. Village of Ohio Has a Bad Conflagration—Loss is \$6,000.

Yarmouth, Feb. 26.—(Special)—The village of Ohio, seven miles from Yarmouth, was the scene of a conflagration early this morning which destroyed almost the entire business section. The fire started in the store of N. C. Vickery, general storekeeper. This store was soon entirely destroyed with its contents and then the fire spread to the north and south, consuming the post office and the shop of Capt. Thos. Eldridge, the Champion limited factory building, used as a storehouse for flour and meal by Capt. Eldridge, and the blacksmith shop of Jacob Weston.

The buildings were all consumed with almost their entire contents. Capt. Eldridge was partially insured. The building occupied by Mr. Vickery, which was owned by Mr. Aaron Crosby, was insured for \$500 in the Phoenix of Hartford. As far as known there was no other insurance. The buildings were destroyed by a small stock of stamps was saved. Fortunately for the village there was little wind as otherwise the loss would have been much greater. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Vickery states there was no fire in his shop when he left last evening.

Winter Overcoats at Cost.

We still have a few Overcoats on hand, which we do not wish to carry over until next season, therefore will

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STERN WATCH. CHATLHAM NEWS. Chatlham, Feb. 25.—Sunday's storm was one of the most severe of the season. About 12 inches of snow fell accompanied by a easterly wind.

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. Le Baron Finlay fell from a chair on Sunday evening, breaking her arm.

The many friends of Rev. Mr. Matthews, pastor of St. Luke's church, regret that on account of ill-health he has been obliged to ask the quarterly board for two months' leave of absence.

Messrs. H. Thornton, who has been head clerk in W. S. Loggie's dry goods store for the past two years, and D. Ferguson, commercial traveller, propose opening a dry goods store in Creighton's new building about the 1st of April.