

## BOSTON LETTER.

## Canadians Will Parade on the Queen's Birthday.

## Death of Allan Doucette of New Brunswick, Harvard's Famous Football Team Centre.

## Epidemic of Grip—Charged With Bigamy—P. E. Islanders Held a Banquet—Deaths of Former Provincialists—The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From our own correspondent.)  
BOSTON, Jan. 10.—The annual grip epidemic is at present having its innings in various parts of the country. In Washington President McKinley, a large number of legislators and other public men are under the weather. The grip, together with different forms of throat and lung diseases, is creating havoc in New York, and the death rate there is much above the average. Here, too, the general health of the public is far from good, the hospitals are full, and the death rate abnormally large, but the situation is not as serious yet as it has been other years. Typhoid fever has also been prevalent, and smallpox is reported by a number of New England towns, there being 26 cases in Manchester, N. H., among French-Canadians.

The weather here was unseasonably warm yesterday. The southwesterly winds produced a balmy atmosphere, inducing the temperature to rise to 50. The city as yet has to record the first snow storm of the winter.

The Biddeford, Me., friends of Radcliffe H. Ford, United States consul at Yarmouth, do not think that he has been guilty of wrong-doing as hinted by the auditing office of the United States treasury at Washington. The officials stated that for some time they have been endeavoring to have Mr. Ford explain certain disbursements made by him on account of the relief of distressed American sailors. The office at Yarmouth has been investigated by the nearest consul-general.

The Grand Trunk railroad is booming Portland on a larger scale than ever. It is officially announced that new docks and another immense elevator will be constructed there, and that the railroad will operate a double track system between Portland and Montreal. The single track has been found inadequate, and frequent wrecks of late have delayed the loading of steamers. It is said the New York interests have resolved to work against Portland and Montreal in the matter of western freight bills "via Atlantic ports," that is, optional consignments will be sent north of Boston, the New Yorkers not considering Portland and the Canadian ports in the list of "Atlantic ports."

The Grand Trunk and Montreal people were in New York this week trying to "queen" this scheme, and it is thought they may be successful.

Edward Harris of Yarmouth, N. S., was arrested yesterday by the harbor police on board "Troop & Sons' St. John barkentine Hector, charged with bigamy. Harris admits he has been married twice.

He was married to a woman named Mrs. Harris, and he got his first wife to sign a paper before he was married to his present wife. His boy, a child of seven, lives with him. Two weeks after Harris' first wife signed the paper it is alleged he married again. One of the women is in New York city.

Referring to the small divorce record in Canada, and to the fact that Prince Edward Island, with a population of 100,000, has not had a divorce case for thirty years, the *Halifax Gazette* says: "Our Canadian friends certainly have the right to glory in being beaten in such a rivalry. The United States might well learn a lesson from the divorce legislation of the dominion, and possibly equal good might be accomplished if the people on this side of the line would learn some of the lessons of morality that are inculcated among the people of our neighboring nation."

The Pictou club of Boston will have its sixth annual ball Jan. 17.

William George Holland and L. Bella Whitman, both former residents of Torbrook, N. S., were united in marriage here last Thursday. Mr. Holland is 50 and his wife 43. They had been warm friends since their school days, and a few weeks ago when they left Torbrook together there were rumors of an elopement.

G. W. Carpenter and Mrs. Carpenter of Skowhegan, Me., formerly of Johnson, Queens county, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding yesterday. They were married at Clifton, Kings county, N. B. Mr. Carpenter is now 77 years of age, was formerly a master ship carpenter in St. John.

The states of Maine, New York and

Counting from the hair, Messrs. Wilnot, Haggart, (vacant chair Tupper, Taylor and Larkin and McNeill.

2.—Messrs. Cargill and and Thiele, Bennett, Kaulbach and Bell of Lick and Northrup.

3.—Messrs. Caracallen and and Rees, Ingram and and Rosemond, Clarke and Brock.

and other rows accommodate new members. Messrs. Bruce of Hamilton are on row immediately behind Sir Alfred Milner to general announces the Town today from en- Trooper N. Hughes of next, 1st Batt. R. C. Drane of kin is Mrs. Hen-

New Hampshire are taking steps to erect sanatoria for consumptives, with a view of keeping down the ravages of the disease.

The Prince Edward Island Club of Boston held its annual banquet at the United States hotel here last Thursday. Dr. William Johnson, the president, was the toastmaster. The following officers were elected at the business meeting: President, Edward W. Doyle; first vice-president, William J. Smith, second vice-president, Clara C. Campbell; secretary, Joseph A. McDonald; treasurer, James Duffy. The club voted to subscribe \$25 to the fund for the erection of a monument to Hon. Edward Whalen, one of the patriots of the island.

The Prince Edward Islanders of Worcester have formed an association. On Monday night a meeting was held and an organization perfected as follows: President, Rev. J. Kier Thompson, Ph. D., Malpeque; E. Camden Clark, Summerside, vice-president; Mrs. Amanda Wells, Kildare, second vice-president; S. H. Wiggins, Summerside, secretary; J. Woolner, Alberton, treasurer; A. P. Wells, Alberton, chaplain.

The Canadian Club of Boston held its annual meeting at Young's hotel Tuesday night. The club is making arrangements to entertain shortly Sir Richard Cartwright, minister of trade and commerce, and Hon. S. M. Parent, premier of Quebec. The club delegated Secretary J. E. Masters to meet delegates from the other Canadian and British societies here, Jan. 20, to arrange for a parade and mass meeting on the Queen's birthday. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Robert H. Upham; vice-president, Henry W. Patterson; secretary, J. F. Masters; treasurer, C. H. McIntyre; historian, Thomas P. Anderson; chaplain, Rev. S. H. Robin.

The following from the provinces were in the city recently: E. A. Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, R. S. Orchard, St. John; Kilgour Shives, Campbellton; W. L. Lea, Victoria, P. E. I.; G. Yarmouth; C. L. Potter, Ereson, St. Stephen; C. L. Potter, Marsh, G. Morrow and Mrs. Morrow, W. T. Foster, Halifax; S. K. Paige, Pictou; A. Markell, Sydney, C. B. Allan E. Doucette, formerly of New Brunswick and a member of the Canadian Club, died here Tuesday of typhoid pneumonia, aged 28 years. Mr. Doucette was famous as centre of the Harvard University football eleven in 1897. He was a giant in stature, weighing 125 pounds. After leaving Harvard he began practicing law, and was in the office of George F. Williams, the democratic leader, up to the time of his illness.

Among other recent deaths announced were the following: In Everett, Jan. 4, Mrs. Phylene White, wife of Edward White and eldest daughter of Capt. Thomas Martin, late of Salmon River, N. B., aged 75 years; at Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 5, Strickland Ward, aged 26 years, formerly of Rockport, N. B. (funeral was held on Monday, Rev. R. K. Marvin officiating, in Roxbury district, Boston, at the residence of P. W. McLaughlin, his brother, David J. McLaughlin, aged 27 years, formerly of St. John and Fredericton; in Charlestown, Jan. 9, Mrs. Frances D. wife of James E. Walsh (nee McManis), aged 39 years, formerly of St. John; in West Roxbury district, Boston, Jan. 4, James A. McMurray, native of Halifax; at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3, Duncan A. Carmichael, formerly of Boston and a native of Margaree, C. B., aged 34 years.

The Boston post office authorities have had one or more complaints on file for two months regarding letters, some of them containing money, which have been lost between here and their destination in Westmorland county. The reported mail robberies at Moncton and Shediac may possibly account for the non-delivery, as at least two or three of the letters in question were addressed to the latter place. It is understood here that the robberies occurred outside of the Canadian mail service.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. McDonald has petitioned the Suffolk county superior court for a decree of divorce from Alexander McDonald of Windsor, N. S. They were married at New Glasgow in 1890. Mrs. McDonald asserts that her husband has deserted her, and besides the decree she asks for the custody of two minor children, seven and nine years of age respectively. The case is to be heard on the first Monday in February.

The Y. M. C. A. officials are endeavoring to induce Lord Roberts and Lord Wolsey to visit Boston on the occasion of the Y. M. C. A. jubilee convention June 11 to 15.

Nova Scotia interest have been contracted with Maryland coal mine owners for 20,000 tons of George's Creek coal. The coal is to be sent to Halifax and it is thought will be used by the railroads.

The mild weather is helping the lumber market, and business has been rather better than is usual at this season. In New York spruce is reported to be sagging somewhat, but in this city the outlook continues favorable and prices are firm. Frames, particularly in strong demand. Ten and 12 in. dimensions are worth \$18 and even higher; 9 in. and under, \$15 and 5 in. and up merchantable boards, \$15. Hemlock holds steady with small offerings at \$14.50 to 15.50 for eastern stock boards. Cedar shingles are easy with most sellers, though some holders claim a firm market. Kilgour Shives, the big Campbellton manufacturer, was in town this week getting a line on the shingle situation. Extras are held at \$2.75 to 2.80; clear, \$2.45 to 2.50, and seconds at \$1.75 to 2.10. Laths are quiet at \$2.30 to 2.35 for 1-5-8 in. and \$2.50 to 2.70 for 1-1-2 in.

The demand for dry and pickled fish is quiet. Stocks are small and well in hand. Codfish are firm at \$5 to 5.50 for large dry bank; \$4.50 to 5 for medium; \$4.50 for large pickled bank, and \$5.50 to 6 for large shore and Georges. Nova Scotia barrel herring are in small supply. They are worth \$6.25 to 6.50 for large split, and \$5.75 to 6 for medium. Eastern smelts are quoted at \$1.00 to 1.10; and frozen herring are selling at 18c and boiled at 20c.

A PAIR OF THEM.

"The Count Boni di Castellane is not the only collector of curios in the family," remarked Mrs. Sturges to Mrs. Northside.

"No?"

"No; his wife acquired a remarkable sort of curio when she married him."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

## HAMPTON.

## Liberal Convention Not All Peace and Harmony.

## Ora P. King Finally Chosen as the Party's Candidate.

## Hotel Leonard Destroyed by Fire—Adjacent Buildings Saved With Great Difficulty.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Jan. 12.—The town has been full and overflowing all day with people from every parish in the county, largely caused by the two conventions called for the selection of a candidate to fill the seat vacated by the Hon. A. S. White in the house of assembly.

At one o'clock the Sussex liberals, whom Col. Donville subsequently described as "disgruntled," met and elected Silas McCully as chairman and E. O. McIntyre as secretary. No sooner was the meeting organized than the probate court room, where they were assembled, was filled to overflowing with delegates to the regular government convention, and it soon became evident that it was their intention to capture the meeting and turn opposing forces in their favor if it was possible to do so.

Before any one could nominate a candidate the Hon. Dr. Pugsley, a torney general, rose up and in smooth and even caressing tones claimed that as the meeting was called by the professed friends of the government it was desirable that a committee of three or five be appointed to confer with the other convention so as to arrive at harmonious action. He claimed to be a firm and loyal supporter of Hon. Mr. Blair and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and on that ground he thought he was entitled to the full support of every liberal in the county. If there were differences of opinion as to the necessity there must be in a great contest, it was best to get together and secure unity, decide upon a candidate and loyally support the choice of the majority.

Hugh R. McMonagie went into the way in which things had been managed by the machine in Sussex, when a printed list of seven delegates was forced upon the electors, with printed ballots to cast for them placed in to submit a written resolution with a desirable list of names. It was not possible to the effect that it was not desirable to forward a candidate in opposition to the candidate which might be chosen by the convention, called by the government supporters, but that such nominee should receive the hearty support of all liberals in the county.

This was contended, but failed to satisfy the non-contenders, who saw in it an intention to swamp their meeting and destroy their act of protest. Then Col. Donville grew warm over the matter and characterized the supporters of this movement as disgruntled men who wanted to have their way at any cost, and who expected the party to bow down to them and consult their wishes without reference to the views of the great body of electors.

P. McManus of Waterford and R. LeB. Tweedie went into some matters connected with the last election, after which Arthur McArthur, in the character of a peace-maker, went over the grounds of contention. He urged that to press the resolution would be to divide the party. He urged a compromise, and to this end moved that delegates be appointed to represent them in the larger convention, and meantime adjourn until after the election, when definite action could be taken if necessary. This was adopted, and Arthur McArthur, H. R. McMonagie and E. O. McIntyre were appointed their representatives.

Immediately there was a rush up stairs, the convention was crashed in order by the attorney general, Joseph H. Roberts, who was called to the chair, and Fred L. Fairweather of Sussex appointed secretary. A full list of delegates was made up, during which the Hon. A. S. White gave his reasons for resigning his seat and asking for the resolution to be taken for Queens and Sunbury, and his final determination to retire from public life. Mr. White was well received, but there was not the enthusiasm displayed as when he was actively engaged in the political arena. The delegates then went into committee, with James E. Fairweather as sub-chairman, and in a few minutes Ora P. King and H. R. McMonagie had been nominated, voted for and the vote declared 54 to 5 in favor of King.

In this stage A. McArthur wanted to name a man who would be acceptable to all parties, but he was told he was too late, and should have put his man in nomination. That, he claimed, was what he could not do, as he was sent there to effect a compromise, the candidate on whom they would all unite was —

But he was drowned in a demand for Ora P. King, who spoke for half an hour on the policy and success of the local government, of his determination to support them, and of their ability to even greater things than they had yet attempted for the good of the county. He characterized the opposition as having no policy, and no aborn of proof to support even the least of the charges they made. "They said he, 'as lifeless and helpless as the dead in the halls of Pompeii.'"

Then came a round of congratulations and laudatory addresses by Geo. G. Scovill, M. P. P., Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Hon. H. A. Macdonald, and Mr. Tweedie, premier, but before the latter began to get well into the song of his praise a cry of "fire" was raised, which the honorable gentleman humorously remarked was caused by a man who had been paid a dollar to break up the convention.

## LEONARD HOTEL BURNED.

In a minute or two the court house was empty, and everybody was hastening to the scene of conflagration, which proved to be the Hotel Leonard, recently purchased by Mr. Taber from Mr. Coy. It was a three story wooden house with a long wing

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out a moment's discussion of candidates, or soliciting the opinions of any of those who had come together. So clearly was it demonstrated that the intelligent electors were expected to vote as they were told without exercising their will power or being permitted to raise an objection that the old time liberals had decided they would not stand to have a man whom they did not want thrust upon them, that they decided to appoint delegates to a true liberal convention and select a straight liberal as their candidate. He had no objection to conferring providing a compromise was to be made and a man both convention and electors motives was ready to change his party at a moment's notice, as the proposed government candidate had done, and if these things were to be countenanced it was time to divide the party.

Having failed on the first task, the hon. attorney general next proceeded to a story and a half, and was entirely destroyed. A furious snow storm was raging, and at one time it looked as though Smith's hall and the Methodist church would go, but fortunately the fire was confined to the one building.

The fire originated in an over-heated stove in the attic. It was discovered and a few pails of water thrown on it appeared to have subdued it. Two hours after it was found that it had worked its way through to the roof, and when discovered was past subduing by any appliances at hand. A driving snow storm scattered the sparks in a southerly direction, and Mrs. Campbell, who occupied the corner store in Smith's hall as a millinery and fancy goods establishment and used also the public telephone office, imagined the whole premises would go with the hotel. The same idea took hold upon Robert Hodgkin and family, who lived in the rear part of the building, and soon a crowd of men and boys were removing everything from the burning and threatened buildings.

The hotel property was recently purchased from David Coy by the present proprietor, Taber, and there was an insurance of \$1,000 on the house and \$200 on the barn in the Western Assurance company. All the furniture of the hotel was got out, but as much of it was thrown from the second and third story windows it is in a sadly dilapidated state. It is also so scattered and buried in snow banks that it is not known how much of it will really be available for use again. There was no insurance on the furniture. The barn was saved, and the fire was kept to the hotel premises, which are now flat with the ground, not even a chimney standing.

Mr. Campbell's stock is greatly scattered and much of it destroyed, and loss will not be great. It is movable by undisciplined hands. It is feared also that some of it has passed into hands from whence it is not likely to be recovered. The public telephone was torn from the wall and the wires broken. Its whereabouts has not yet been located. Her loss will be heavy. The Hodgin family's furniture was removed in better order than that of the hotel and the loss will not be great.

C. E. Leonard, the well known barber, got his furniture and fittings out in fair order, and his hard coat of arms is still placidly burning away on the platform of an adjoining house. Everybody seemed willing to work. Every room was supplied by the Osgood Stamping company by which the roof of the hall was reached, and water and snow plentifully poured upon it. This work appeared to be very satisfactorily performed and was in the hands of G. M. Wilson, J. E. Whitaker, R. A. March and others, who spared no effort to save the building from destruction, and, as has been said, with success.

Carpets hung from the roof of R. Smith's residence, next north of the hotel, saved this building from the great heat generated by the burning hotel, and the hotel barn was also successfully protected by similar means.

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been felt, and the necessity of some action being taken towards that end was clearly stated by your correspondent at the time of the last fire.

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