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UNABLE TO QUALIFY.

One of the Labor Candidates Falls. Dr. J. H. Frink May Run for Alderman at Large—George Chamberlain Wanted in Dufferin

Not until tomorrow night will the labor people know definitely that they are to have a candidate for alderman at large. It was learned, however, in labor circles this morning that they are pretty sure of bringing out a candidate for alderman at large, and that possibly that candidate will be James Chamberlain, a prominent mason of the West Side. This will conclude the labor ticket, as the labor people will be unable to secure any more qualified men.

The Star announced a few days ago that Thomas Kitcham would probably oppose Ald. Macrae in Wellington ward. Mr. Kitcham has now finally given out his intention of running. Speaking of Mr. Kitcham's candidature this morning, a well known union man said that he felt quite sure that the labor people would support him in a body. Dr. J. H. Frink, who a morning paper said would probably be a candidate for Prince ward, told the Star today that he had no intention of entering the contest for Prince ward. He might possibly offer as a candidate for alderman at large, but he has not yet come to any kind of a decision.

For the past week or so there has been much talk about the city to the effect that many of the labor candidates would fail to qualify. The Star this morning took steps to ascertain whether or not this was true with the following result:

Chas. Jones, of the Teamsters' Union, who was nominated to oppose Ald. Hamm in Kings' ward, will be unable to qualify, as he is only assessed on 50 persons property. James Sprout, who is to run against Ald. Maxwell in Prince ward, is qualified five times over. Nevin Cameron, who is coming for Dukes ward is also qualified many times over. Wm. Daley, who will oppose Ald. Millidge in Dufferin ward, is similarly possessed of the required qualifications.

Incidentally it was learned that A. J. Megarity, who announced some days ago his intention of running for Victoria ward and who later gave out his retirement from the labor party, does not answer the required qualifications. It was rumored this morning that possibly George Chamberlain, the well known Mill street undertaker, would come out for Dufferin ward. It is said that Mr. Daley may have the favor of Mr. Chamberlain. The labor people would probably give Mr. Chamberlain their support, the only thing against him is that he is not a member of any union, but he has always been a hearty supporter of unions.

FIRST CLASS MEN!

Another Military Novel Confiscated in Germany.

BERLIN, March 23.—"First Class Men," a military novel on the pattern of Lieut. Eblen's book, "A Little Garrison," which related incidents of the abuse of soldiers, was confiscated in the Berlin bookstores today. It is supposed that proceedings will immediately be initiated against the author of the book, Count Wolf Baudis. The Socialists in the Reichstag recently lauded the minister of war with inactivity in this case, saying that every child in Berlin knew that the book referred to the elite fusilier guards regiment, the officers of which are depicted as unrepentably immoral, corrupt and detestable.

Some doubts are expressed regarding the wisdom of the action taken today on the book inasmuch as it is coarse and clumsy, full of exaggerations, without the slightest literary pretensions and consequently not worth anything. It is supposed that Count Wolf Baudis will try to establish the truthfulness of his charges, in which case the case will doubtless surpass Lieut. Eblen's book in public interest since the fusilier guards regiment is quartered in Berlin, whereas the scandals alleged in "A Little Garrison" took place in a small frontier town.

DR. DANIEL ELECTED CHAIRMAN. (Special to the Star). OTTAWA, Ont., Mar. 23.—The Conservatives held the first caucus of the season this morning. Dr. Daniel, of St. John, was elected chairman. All present were in high spirits and confident of approaching victory. Committees were appointed to look after various phases of business during the session. The Liberals held their first caucus this morning and are still sitting.

JAPS ARE WEARING OUT GUNS AND MACHINERY.

This is the View Taken by the Officials at St. Petersburg of the Bombardments of Port Arthur.

TOKIO, March 23A despatch from Mokki says the Japanese fleet made another attack on Port Arthur on Mar. 23, bombarding the city and its defenses and fought a furious engagement with the Russian fleet outside the harbor, destroying one Russian battleship. Seven Japanese casualties are reported. There is no information concerning the Japanese fleet's condition. The navy department has not been advised officially as yet.

WEARING OUT GUNS AND MACHINERY.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—No further details of yesterday's attack on Port Arthur are expected during the day, but nothing in the way of private newspaper despatches supplementing the official account has been received up to the present.

According to the information there now exists a complete embargo upon newspaper despatches from Port Arthur. The military authorities seem to manifest no disposition to disclose the details of the bombardment. On the contrary, they declare that the positions taken by the Japanese and machinery of ships and vast ammunition without compensating advantages. They point to the small damage at Santiago by the American fleet as proof of their futility. From the positions taken by the Japanese the latter could not see either the town or the batteries. The range was from six to eight miles, with a high angle fire and precision was impossible. Although the general target was large only a lucky chance could really damage the batteries or ships. So far as known the Japanese accomplished nothing. On the other hand, the Russian fleet has lost a shell from the battleship Retvian, which was firing over the hill, landed on one of the Japanese batteries. Of course it is admitted that these shot are trying to the garrison.

Local Admiral Makaroff (the naval commander at Port Arthur) is being commended for his self restraint in not making his own an engagement with the enemy. A prominent Russian admiral explains to local correspondents of the Associated Press how absolutely essential conservatism on the part of the Russian naval command at Port Arthur was at present. He said: "If Admiral Makaroff, whose disposition is to go out at almost any price, should give battle upon the approach of the Japanese and defeat them his victory would be fruitless, as necessarily it would be purchased by some injuries to ships, and our lack of adequate dock and repair facilities at Port Arthur would render it impossible to refit them, whereas the Japanese have abundant docks in which to repair their vessels."

The feeling here is that the Japanese tactics are preliminary to a landing on the peninsula in an attempt to cut off Port Arthur simultaneously with a general bombardment and commencement of a siege. For this the Russians declare they are fully prepared. During the last ten days a general shelling down newspapers and telegrams from the Far East has been noticeable. This is owing to increased precautions to prevent the enemy from obtaining news of the movements of Russian troops.

The Russians are being massed in force along their first line, from Feng Huang Cheng northward for thirty miles, while the second line extends from Mukden to Hai-Cheng. All the rolling stock required for use on the Far East has now crossed Lake Balkhal. The last locomotive was taken over yesterday.

Prince Khilkoff, the minister of public works and railroads, who has been personally superintending this work, leaves Balkhal in a few days. Forty trucks of grain reach Port Arthur daily.

LAND BATTLES EXPECTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—Vice-Admiral Topa's Activity at Port Arthur is being emulated by the commander of the Japanese forces in Korea. The advance of the Japs shows that they are losing no time and that they are more rapid than the Russians expected. Nevertheless, the fortification of Anju shows the Japanese operations are accompanied by all proper military precautions.

So far as the Russians are concerned they have no intention of attacking Anju, but the province of the five thousand or six thousand cavalymen under General Mitshinkow will be to harass and retard the Japanese in every way possible. The authorities here believe that it will be only a matter of a short time now when active land operations will begin.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

TOKIO, March 23.—The house of representatives today appointed a committee of eighteen members to investigate the charge that "Yokokichi Aki-Yama, a member of the parliament is in the employ of the Russian government. Aki-Yama is the publisher of the Nirokushitshun, a Tokio paper, which has been bitterly assailing the government, particularly upon its financial policy. It has also charged the government with having forced capitalists to subscribe to the war bonds recently issued and has predicted that a second loan will prove a failure. A local prosecution resulted in an order for the permanent suppression of the publication and the imprisonment

PROTESTANT MINISTERS

And Prominent Laymen in Session in New York. Will Oppose Divorce and the Marriage of Divorced Persons—Ask for Legislation on Subject

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—Agitation against divorce and the marriage of divorced persons has resulted in a meeting here of eminent Protestant ministers and laymen, who will attempt to solve the problem of uniform legislation on the subject by the states of the union. A meeting of the executive committee of the conference, presided over by Bishop Doane of Albany, drafted a rough outline of the proposed law which later will be presented to the full meeting for discussion. The conference is a direct result of action taken by the Protestant Episcopal church in its last general conference at San Francisco.

"Every effort will be made to forever solve the difficult question, so far as the Protestant churches are concerned," declared Right Rev. David H. Greer, bishop conductor of the Episcopal archdiocese of New York. "The Roman Catholic church was invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference, but declined. The opposition of that church regarding divorce is well known, however."

"Personally, I do not believe in divorce or re-marriage, but in separation only. Other gentlemen at the conference may have other views, but it is the purpose of the representatives of the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Lutheran, Baptist, Congregational, Universalist, Unitarian and Reformed Presbyterian churches to decide upon some initial method involving a unity of relation and uniform practice to regulate the great evil of divorce in this country so that persons who were married under the rites of one church cannot after securing divorce re-marry under the rites of some other Protestant church."

DEATH OF LOUIS CUNNINGHAM. The flag on No. 5 engine house, Main street is flying at half-mast today, for the death of Louis H. Cunningham, son of Engineer Cunningham. The young man's death occurred yesterday from pneumonia after an illness of about a week. He was seventeen years old.

Much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing parents in the untimely demise of their son, who was very popular with his boy companions.

BLOWN TO ATOMS. (Special to the Star). KEEWATIN, Ont., Mar. 23.—In an accident yesterday at Foley Bros. and Larso's railway construction camp, three miles from Port Hope, Ontario, a steam engine, while being used to charge holes, which had missed an accidently struck a person and was blown to atoms. Philip Morier and A. Turner were injured by the explosion.

F. R. STRONG IN TOWN. Frederick R. Strong, who is staying in St. John and is registered at the Victoria hotel, stated to a Star reporter that he was much surprised to read the despatch about his wedding, which appeared in yesterday's paper. Several statements of which were much exaggerated.

Concerning the expedition which is being fitted up to mine gold in Labrador Mr. Strong told the Star this morning that the Labrador Gold Mining Co. of Boston, Mass., of which Mr. Strong is managing director, have bought the vessel "Pallis" and intend fitting it up for the expedition. In fact the carpenters are now at work. The company own two claims in Labrador, one a mile square, on which the average yield of gold is \$278 to the ton. It is intended to take 250 tons to this stamp mill at New York as soon as possible. If the result is as good as is expected, machinery will be placed at the seat of operations. The expedition expects to leave about the 20th April.

WOULD NOT GO TO RUSSIA. (Special to the Star). WINNIPEG, March 23.—William Whyte, recent vice-president of the C. P. R., desiring to have an offer of the management of the Trans-Siberian Railway, and says that were the offer made he would decline and that were modern railway methods introduced in the management of the road the manager's life would not be worth an hour's purchase. The whole system is undermined by officialism which obstructs every department.

J. E. Brittain, general passenger agent of the Chicago and North Western R. R. at Boston, is in the city, because of interest was in the serious illness of his father.

A pair of lady's kid gloves were found this morning by the police on Main street. The owner can have the gloves by applying at the North End police station.

The funeral of the late John Clarke, who died in the hospital, was held yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted at his institution at three o'clock by Canon Richardson and interment was in the Church of England burying ground.

It began raining early last evening and stopped about midnight. This morning the total rainfall was 1.08 inches. The temperature during the rain was slightly above the normal point. The highest temperature in the city today was 42 above.

The man's identity of Fred Brown will be pushed to hear of the death of his beloved wife, Bertha May, which occurred at Grand Bay on Tuesday, March 22, at five p. m. She had been ill for several weeks of consumption. The funeral will take place on Thursday at three p. m. at Grand Bay Baptist church and burial will be in the Baptist burying ground.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, clearing this evening. Thursday, moderate winds, fair and mild. Synoptic—Rain has fallen from Ontario to the maritime provinces, but clearing weather is now indicated. There is no cold at present in sight. Wind to banks and American ports, moderate to fresh westerly.

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SLAVERY IN THE TRANSVAAL.

While economic conditions in the Transvaal are so generally disturbed during the reconstruction period that some radical measures of relief are necessary these conditions will not be generally accepted as justifying the introduction of Chinese coolie labor under arrangements that practically mean slavery, as decided by the British government.

The mine owners, of course, are in favor of the movement, in fact it is upon their influence with the government that the adoption of the scheme is based. The owners claim that the blacks will not work satisfactorily, that wages demanded by white laborers, and that unless coolies are introduced the mines must close, to the ruin of the Transvaal. But the system proposed, demanding as it does, the binding of the Chinese to work in certain places for a certain term of years; to labor under taskmasters and to live in quarters which they may not leave except to go to their work or to be buried, is so near to slavery, so contrary to British principles, that the sentiment of British workmen is justly aroused against it. If any question recently has had an unpopular side it seems to have been the misfortune of the Balfour government to have invariably chosen that side.

LABOR CANDIDATES.

Under a ward system of voting the labor unions would have little difficulty in electing at least some of their candidates in the coming civic election. Under the present system their success is doubtful, and depends largely upon the impression which the labor candidates can make personally in those wards where the labor vote is not mighty, and unless the labor men take their stand on some definite platform with reference to civic politics they have no right to expect support for other than personal reasons. Unless unionism stands for something definite with reference to the government of the city; some reform, some special feature of civic administration, a union man, as such, has no more claim for support than a representative from the legal, medical, mercantile or financial classes.

FACTS AND MEANINGS.

According to the latest semi-official interpretation when Dr. Pugsley said: "That he had brought from Ottawa a message from the leader of the government of the province of Quebec, which had given them the strongest possible assurance that the resolutions of the Quebec conference in regard to the additional subsidies for the provinces would be carried into effect."

Dr. Pugsley's organ complains that the Sun charged him with receiving from the provincial treasury over and above his salary \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. What the Sun said was that the attorney general is gathering in \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year in salary and special charges while the nominal salary of his office is \$2,100. But as these payments seem to be largely "on account," so that no one but Dr. Pugsley himself will ever know when he is paid off, the organ's interpretation may not be far wrong.—Sun.

Dr. Daniel's query about the St. John collectorship resulted in that long vacant office being filled within a week. Now the new M. P. is inquiring concerning the arbitrary discharge of the I. C. R. men Demille and Petersen. If the government in this case also decides to take action by re-instating the men in preference to explaining their discharge a great injustice will have been remedied. Dr. Daniel shows no signs of becoming a figure-head representative.

If we accept Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a good judge, Mr. Blair is the worst authority in Canada on the Grand Trunk Pacific deal, but on all other railway questions he is the best Canadian authority in sight.—Sun.

So far as heard from the St. John militia are ten to one against the Barrack square site for the drill shed and armory.—Sun.

In olden times, people—hopeful of improved fortunes—would say: "Wait until MY SHIP comes in." YOUR SHIP may be in today. Look for it among the want ads.

MILITARY VETERANS DINNER.

The Military Veterans celebrated their eighth anniversary last night by a dinner at the Alexandra Cafe. Those present were: Lieut. Col. Blaine, Lieut. Jas. Hunter, Capt. Mackenzie of Fredericton, Lieut. Col. White (major), Major Wedderburn, Major Baxter, Wm. T. Fowles, Geo. Gorman, Comrades Noble, Wilson, Alexander, McAvity, Dansey, Nixon, Lt. Col. Buchanan, Purdy, Ring, Frye, Jas. Brown, John Lemban, Emery, Ritchie, Banks, Burns, Walsh, Eagles, Thompson, Calvert, Noakes, McArthur, H. E. Colner, P. Brown, Waterbury, J. King Kelley, and Jacob Brown, who presided.

Patriotic toasts were the order of the evening. The first toast of "The Governor General," called forth a hearty response from the members of the Local Assembly. "The Members of the Local Assembly" was the signal for the song "For they are Jolly Good Fellows," in which all joined.

Mayor White responded to the toast of "The Mayor and Common Council." The toast "The Ladies," was responded to by J. King Kelley.

The toast "The Active Militia," was coupled with the name of Major Wedderburn, who happily responded.

H. E. Colner and Wm. Raymond responded to the toast "The Press." "The Day We Celebrate" was responded to by two sturdy veterans, Col. Blaine and Capt. Mackenzie.

Mayor White recited a military poem by Kipling and Mr. Noakes gave a song.

Col. Buchanan of the Boys' Brigade spoke briefly of the history of the brigade, which now numbered fully three hundred.

RE CONTRACTS FOR I. C. R. RAILWAY SUPPLIES.

While Hon. W. S. Fielding was acting minister of railways and canals, "The Star" published certain statements, of which Mr. Fielding has complained, on the subject of his action respecting awarding contracts for supplies. The statements to which he took exception are the following:—

(From "The Star," Nov. 23rd, 1903.) "Another convincing instance of Mr. Fielding's intention was given a few days ago. At St. John drugist and prominent Liberal voter tendered 'for the privilege of supplying fifty thousand pounds of blue vitriol of the 'use of the I. C. R. He has reason to believe that the tender was 'was the lowest received, yet the contract was awarded to a Halifax firm at a considerably higher rate."

From "The Star," Nov. 23rd, 1903. "The Star" is credibly informed that the St. John firm offered to supply "thirty-nine thousand pounds or more" of blue vitriol at \$5.30 per hundred, while the tender of the Halifax firm was \$7.00 per hundred. Mr. Fielding wrote the Halifax firm "again offering them the contract at \$5.00 which they refused. 'John firm was allowed no such chance 'to change its figures. If it had been, it would have been within the 'range even lower than the figures at which the contract was awarded."

Mr. Fielding has complained of the statements as being inaccurate and unjust. He assures us that the St. John tender was not the lowest; that he wrote the letter of any kind to any Halifax firm on the subject; and that his only knowledge of the matter came through the press. He says that the contract was awarded in the usual way.

We cheerfully accept Mr. Fielding's statement and desire to express regret for publishing anything reflecting upon him in this connection.

MR. SMART'S OPINION.

James A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, who accompanied by Mrs. Smart and Dr. Bryon, principal medical officer of the department, arrived in the city yesterday, returning to Ottawa from his recent European trip, visited, before his departure last evening, the winter port facilities at Sand Point, with a view of selecting a site for the new station.

With reference to the new immigration shed Mr. Smart said: "I consider the building as good as any in Canada and no more of a fire trap than any other building in St. John. Under the regulations now in force the building is highly improbable and even should one occur it must be when all the people are awake. We don't allow hundreds of persons to sleep in the place and thus they would have a better chance of escaping than would guests in any large hotel. There are no stoves in the shed, all the cooking and such work being done in the old building."

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LOCAL NEWS.

Andrew Miller has been reported by the police for carrying on a junk business without a license.

The body of John Coughlan, who died in the asylum, was sent to his former home at Buctouche at noon yesterday for burial.

The Eastern line str. Croix, Capt. Thompson, from Boston via Maine ports, docked here about 7 o'clock last evening.

The meeting of the management of the Seamen's Mission was held last evening because of the unpleasant weather. It will take place next Tuesday evening.

Last evening two coats and two vests, evidently unused goods of the ordinary boy's size, were picked up on Smythe street and left at the central police station, where the owner can secure them.

Monday the number of inhabitants of the county jail was lessened by about twenty. A batch of this number was shipped aboard an outgoing steamer, reducing the number in jail to about fifty.

Tug Hercules started down for the Misepo pulp mill yesterday morning with a raft of logs. The wind increased considerably during the run down, and this being observed here the Misepo concern's tug Frederick A. hurried down and assisted the Hercules in the job. No logs were lost.

Frank Percy, an employe on board the str. Tunisian, fell a distance of twenty-eight feet through a hatch Tuesday night. His injuries although not serious are somewhat severe. He is a general shaker up, he sustained painful wounds about his eyes, and on the right side of his head. He was taken to the general hospital Monday night and decided to proceed at once with the section of the new club house to be located next to the present building. The new structure will be of about the same dimensions as the present one. It will be fitted up with a large dining hall, a ladies' private dining room, large billiard rooms and other accommodations.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts toward the building fund of their new hall:

- Thos. Gorman, \$25.00
- A. Ledy Friend, \$10.00
- Simey & Mitchell, \$10.00
- A Friend, \$10.00
- John Flood, \$10.00
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- A Friend, \$10.00
- A Friend, \$10.00
- Denis McCarthy, \$10.00
- P. McGuire, \$10.00
- P. U., \$10.00
- His Worship Mayor White, \$10.00
- Lee & Co., \$10.00
- A Friend, \$10.00

M. J. POTTER, Treasurer.

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- Velvet Carpet, in many new patterns, \$1.20 Yd. Upwards.
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WHILE LINES ARE UNBROKEN.

All makes and qualities of Lace and Net Curtains are now in stock for spring buying, and early selections are advised.

- NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, \$1.00 to \$7.00 Pr.
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HOSIERY SALE—The Greatest Values ever placed before the public are to be found here in Cashmere Hosiery at all prices and for all ages—25c, 35c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c, 95c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 71.00, 71.50, 72.00, 72.50, 73.00, 73.50, 74.00, 74.50, 75.00, 75.50, 76.00, 76.50, 77.00, 77.50, 78.00, 78.50, 79.00, 79.50, 80.00, 80.50, 81.00, 81.50, 82.00, 82.50, 83.00, 83.50, 84.00, 84.50, 85.00, 85.50, 86.00, 86.50, 87.00, 87.50, 88.00, 88.50, 89.00, 89.50, 90.00, 90.50, 91.00, 91.50, 92.00, 92.50, 93.00, 93.50, 94.00, 94.50, 95.00, 95.50, 96.00, 96.50, 97.00, 97.50, 98.00, 98.50, 99.00, 99.50, 100.00.

OTTAWA NEWS

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George W. Fowler, M. P., for Kings Co., arrived today from the west and took his seat. He was warmly greeted by his party leader and by old friends on both sides of the house.

Empire Richmond

I can lift off all nickel bands or rails when I block the range. The oven bakes evenly either with new or old fire. Fitted with flat dook, ash or triple grates.

PHILIP GRANNAN,

558 MAIN STREET.

Mrs. MacAdee, Mrs. T. Finlay and Mrs. Murdoch.

Calvin Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Calvin church held a tea and concert last night. A lengthy programme was carried out.

Carmarthen Street Methodist Church.

A large audience was present at the Carmarthen street Methodist church last evening.

Portland Methodist.

Last night an entertainment was given in Portland street Methodist church and an excellent programme was carried out.

St. Philip's.

Rev. F. C. Chevalier, M. A. of Ethiopia, delivered an interesting address last evening at St. Philip's church. The church was filled with an interested and appreciative audience. Dr. A. B. Walker, B. A., LL. B., editor of Neith, presided.

LAST NIGHT IN THE CHURCHES.

St. Andrew's Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church held a household ham and tea last night. Mrs. E. R. Macaulay was the convener of the tea committee and was assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. B. Cushing, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Keltie Jones, Mrs. W. Whittaker, Mrs. A. Rankine, Mrs. A. D. Smith, Mrs. P. R. Inches, Mrs. Hugh H. McLean, Mrs. A. Macaulay, Mrs. C. S. Everett, Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin, Mrs. W. Trueman, Mrs. F. Macneil, Mrs. L. Macneil, Mrs. Dr. Smith, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Wilson.

BIG FIRE AT FLORENCEVILLE.

FLORENCEVILLE, March 22.—Fire this morning destroyed the warehouse of A. C. Smith & Co., also the new warehouse owned by Bohan & Co., of Bath.

The Smith building, like that of the Bohans, was used for the storing of hay and other farm products. It contained about 450 tons of pressed hay, 100 bushels of oats and a large quantity of other products, all of which were destroyed with the exception of the oats, and these were saved for the reason that they were stored away in bags. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, against which there is \$4,000 insurance.

Bohan & Co.'s warehouse was comparatively new, and its contents were made up of the products of the farm. Their loss is placed at \$1,000.

According to the auditor general's report E. H. McAlpine was the only St. John lawyer who received over one thousand dollars from the government for services last year. Mr. McAlpine was paid \$2,978.

ST. JOHN STAR, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1904

DYKEMAN'S

An Easter Ribbon Attraction.

Ribbon ties are fashionable, and this sale is opportune.

SATIN MERVELEAU RIBBONS, 5 inches wide, regular 30c. quality, 15c. per yard.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFERING IN EASTER NECKWEAR. The new embroidered linen stock, direct from New York, in all the different colorings, 25c. each.

EMBROIDERED CHIFFON STOCKS, 37c. each. LINEN SILK EMBROIDERED TURN OVERS, for wearing over ribbon, 25c., 37c. and 50c. each.

SWISS EMBROIDERED TURN OVERS at from 5c. up to 75c. each. VERY PRETTILY MADE UP STOCKS ON CHIFFON FORMS at 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and up to \$1.75.

HANDSOME SILK EMBROIDERED CRUSH STOCKS, HAND EMBROIDERED, at 37c., 50c. and 75c.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO. Bargains in Wall Paper

In order to make room for new importations of fine WALL PAPERS we are offering 30,000 rolls (all grades) at BIG DISCOUNTS.

Forty (40) Dozen WINDOW SHADES at 25c. each. Our Remnants at Half Price.

McARTHUR, King Street

The Most Reliable War News. May be found in this paper. THE MOST RELIABLE GROCERIES ARE TO BE FOUND AT Campbell's Cash Grocery, Corrain Street.

Extra Choice Kidney Potatoes. Pure Vermont Maple Syrup.

Stetson Hats.

We have our usual full assortment of Stetson Hats in colors and black. Standard Price, \$5.00. Also, other makes, in same styles and proportions, from \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

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A complete set of manufacturer's Samples at wholesale prices. Sizes 21 and 22. Prices 25c. to \$1.00. Satin Undergarments, a special bargain. Five dozen at 50c. each.

Dr. A. H. Merrill, DENTIST. Cor. King and Charlotte Sts. Entrance, 75 Charlotte Street. Phone 1631.

\$225.00 Cash will buy an Elegant Upright Piano, 714 Onsees. Cost but a few months ago \$500, placed in our hands for immediate sale. A great bargain.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf, Tel. 612.

Millinery opening, Friday and Saturday, March 25th and 26th, 1904, at Miss M. M. Dever's, 589 Main Street, North End.

Wilbert Glegg, the young man who was struck by the train at Milford crossing a short time ago, is able to be about.

Frank Shanklin, the Stanley street grocer, who underwent an operation in Montreal a short time ago is rapidly improving.

The iron wheel which was broken on one of the thawing boilers the other day has been replaced. It was made by James Fleming.

In the Murray street Baptist Mission last evening H. Perkins gave a very interesting lecture, subject, "A Quaker of Ye Olden Time, Thomas, Edinwood."

Special sale of wall paper. All jobs and remnants must be cleared out at once. All reduced to lowest prices from 2c. up. Window shade sale at 25c. Ten days only, at McArthur's, 84 King street.

The medals for the winners in the athletic contests in the Y. M. C. A. classes are now here. They will be presented at the close of the last contest on the 29th inst. There are nine of them, three of gold and six silver.

A rare opportunity will be afforded the public tonight at Carmarthen street Methodist church. A real Ethiopian—Rev. C. H. Cheek, M. A.—will deliver an address on his work and his country. He will also sing in some of Africa's native tongues. The service is under the auspices of the Epworth League and will open at 8 o'clock.

It is alleged that as a result of rough treatment in removing live stock from the steamer Lakonia at Sand Point, two pigs suffered broken legs. It is also stated that one of a crowd permitted to climb aboard the steamer and to roam about the sheds and catwalks kicked a valuable pig in the face, causing it to bleed freely. The S. P. C. A. will likely investigate.

THE FLORENCEVILLE FIRE. A. C. Smith & Co. of Carleton, up to town today had received very little information in reference to the burning of their warehouse at Florenceville, Carleton county, early this morning.

V. S. Smith, who looks after the Florenceville end of their business was absent in Fredericton at the time of the fire. He was apprised by wire this morning of what had occurred and left immediately for Florenceville.

The warehouse destroyed was a large building, about 200 feet long and valued at about \$300. It was stocked with about six hundred tons of hay and other produce. The exact amount has not yet been ascertained, but it is thought that it will fall far short of the loss.

PROBATE COURT. A petition was presented for the passing of the accounts in the estate of the late Mrs. H. Hatheway. A citation was granted returnable May 9th. The estate is valued at \$13,000. E. J. Kaye, proctor.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION were granted in the estate of the late Fred. W. Armstrong to Andrew D. Armstrong, his brother. The estate is valued at \$125, personal. Macrae & Sinclair, proctors.

IN HARD LUCK. David Reid, an employe of the Cushing Co. had one arm broken this morning while at work in the mill. Mr. Reid was caught in a belt and had a narrow escape from more severe if not fatal injuries. He was at once driven to his home where a surgeon set the broken member.

Not long since Mr. Reid met with another misfortune, his residence being destroyed by fire.

ONLY A LANDSLIDE AFTER ALL. The recent earthquake was due say some of the geologists to a landslide involving the North American continent, from the St. Lawrence River to the Atlantic seaboard.

These gentlemen say that the whole of this mass of land must have moved an inch towards the coast.

F. R. PATTERSON & CO. THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

Ladies' Linen Collars. In all the latest shapes and heights. 2 for 25c.

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts. Store Open Every Evening.

WILL PUT UP A FIGHT.

Aldermen and Labor Delegates Will Clash on the Franchise Bill.

Possibly at the end of this week the Trades and Labor Council will receive intimation from Premier Tweede that the government is ready to hear them in reference to the franchise bill. The labor people will be represented before the government by a committee composed of capable men and the endeavor will be made to impress the house with the necessity for the passage of the legislation sought.

The passage of the bill will, of course, in its unqualified form, be strongly opposed. A number of aldermen will be present for this purpose.

What amendments will be proposed to the bill in its present form are not yet known. New York has been perfectly aware that a strong attempt would be made to defeat the bill. He estimates that if the aldermen or those who are present to oppose the bill show an uncompromising front, the labor people will themselves be equally uncompromising. The labor people feel confident that their efforts will be attended with a good measure of success, and that they will get substantially what they were after.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Jas. Foster, of Pictou, is on a trip to New York. Miss Irene Foster has finished her musical education and now New York. She caught a severe cold returning from Europe, but will soon be in a position to accept engagements—Halifax Herald.

Miss Ada White and Miss Nellie Winslow returned yesterday from a trip through Nova Scotia. They were accompanied by Inland Revenue Inspector Burke last night on an official visit to Nova Scotia.

John Brittain, of Boston, is home on a visit to his father, James Brittain, Carleton. Fred Pheasant, Jr., formerly of this city, but now a prosperous merchant of Yarmouth, N. S., is in the city on a business trip.

Andrew Malcolm returned to the city from Montreal yesterday on the noon train. He reports that his son was resting easily in the Royal Victoria Hospital there. Mrs. Malcolm will stay until he is strong enough to return to St. John.

Fred S. Crosby, son of L. G. Crosby, has gone on a "three months" cruise through the West Indies and South America.

Miss Jessie Hunter is visiting her brother, J. R. Hunter, in Sydney.

THE FISH MARKET.

The Arrival of Several Small Lots Does Not Ease the Market.

The reports which were current in the city yesterday to the effect that the fish scarcity had been relieved by the arrival of large quantities of dried and pickled fish are not borne out by the facts. A number of small vessels with partial cargoes of cured codfish did arrive yesterday, but the quantity of fish brought by them will not have a perceptible effect in softening the market. Dried and pickled fish is still unusually scarce and the fish dealers think that fish of all kinds will continue scarce until the spring season opens. The unusual scarcity of fish just about this time is attributed to the very small catch of last year.

THE CARLETON CURLERS.

A smoker was given in the rooms of the Carleton Curling Club last night and amid many speeches and songs, the members and friends enjoyed themselves immensely. The games of the past year were spoken of and many happy memories were alluded to. The rapid advancement of the Carleton Club was spoken of by many, as their curling for the past year was exceptionally good. It has been the best year of the club and the play has been in most ways successful, and the total gain very creditable for a club which is much the junior of the others in the city.

During the evening the trophies were presented to the winners. The Mace cup was presented by W. D. Baskin to Skip G. R. Clark of the rink. The trophy was presented by D. C. Clark to G. W. Wetmore, A. Bauer, E. R. Taylor, and C. R. Clark, skip.

The club trophy was presented by Jas. Scott to J. M. Wilson, skip. The points medal was presented to Harry Belyea, who having won it by 23 points.

MISS BLANCHE LEADS.

Tonight the last performance of The Fire Patrol will be given by the Dalley Company and all who have not yet seen it should do so. Tomorrow night the company will produce Boucault's charming comedy drama, The Jilt. This piece is sure to please all classes of society, as it is one of the best pieces that Boucault ever wrote, and he was the author of over one hundred and fifty. The scenes are laid in and around the racing centres of England, and the story deals largely with the sporting members of the English "four hundred." There is plenty of comedy, a good plot and a pretty love story throughout the piece.

In the voting contest for the most popular member Miss Blanche is in the lead with Mr. Southern second, Mr. Eckstrom third, and Miss Carr fourth; the balance of the company are all in close order.

QUIET AT THE POLICE COURT.

Proceedings at the police court this morning were somewhat slack. Robert McCallum and William Duke had been drinking and wildly hit one well, and had to pay \$5 apiece this morning.

Albert D. Morey and Werner Cassidy were charged with throwing snowballs on the street and were fined \$5 apiece.

HARD HAULING.

The going this morning on the ferry flats was very heavy. The snow had been entirely washed away. Teams had the greatest difficulty in getting from the boat to Water street, one team having to hitch four horses before any progress could be made.

MASSIVE WALL CRACKED.

Monday Morning's Earthquake Considerably Damaged Jones' Brewery.

The severity of the earthquake which took place recently hardly seems to have been realized by the people of St. John. Among the damage done was a crack in one of the walls of Jones' Brewery. The wall is a very solidly built partition, covered with glazed tiles and strengthened by a very heavy iron cross-beam. On Monday morning a crack was discovered a few inches from the floor sixteen feet long by half an inch broad. The damage was repaired within a few hours.

Although not of a very serious nature, an accident such as this shows that the earthquake must have strained the buildings of St. John very severely and the city is fortunate to have escaped without any severe accidents.

Y. M. C. A. AFFAIRS.

Results of Grade One Junior Gymnastic Contests.

The grade one junior gymnastic contest in the Y. M. C. A. closed on Tuesday afternoon. Fred Barker obtained the highest number of marks and will take the first medal. The scores were: Fred Barker ... 73, Ernest Garter ... 72, Roland Smith ... 62, L. O'Neil ... 61, E. Stalling ... 60, A. Finn ... 53, B. Meath ... 51.

The grade II Juniors will close on Thursday night and the seniors this evening.

The medals, of which there are three for each grade, are very handsome and were on view at White's cafe yesterday.

An exhibition will be given next Tuesday night by all grades, and medals will be presented to the successful competitors.

On Thursday evening a lecture on Korea under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Missionary Association will be given by Bruce Robb, who has a brother and sister in Korea.

FAREWELL DINNER TO G. N. EBB.

A farewell dinner was given at White's cafe on Tuesday night to G. N. Ebb by the De Little Fishing Club. Mr. Ebb is going to the west on account of his wife's health.

Joe H. Nobles occupied the chair and Dr. L. Langstroth the vice-chair. Those present were: J. W. Vanwart, O. B. Akerley, George W. Slocum, G. W. Carwell, E. W. Paal, F. W. Amlund, J. A. Lipsett, G. A. Nobles, F. Ferguson, J. Stephenson, W. Campbell, I. T. Kierstead, David Marshall, H. Cassidy and Edward W. Watson.

An excellent menu had been gone through, the chairman proposed the health of the King. The toast of Our Guest followed, and was enthusiastically drunk.

Mr. Ebb replied briefly, thanking those present for their kindness, and expressing a hope to be with them again some time in the future.

Other toasts followed and speeches were made by nearly all present, wishing all prosperity to the parting guest. During the evening Dr. Langstroth, on behalf of himself and others, presented Mr. Ebb with a suit case. The gathering broke up by singing Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

THIS EVENING.

Dalley Stock Co. at the Opera House. Entertainment in German street church.

A meeting of the executive committee in connection with the local league is called at 8 sharp at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Rev. Mr. Cheek will speak in Carmarthen street Methodist church. The reading circle of the Women's Art Union will meet at 4:30 at their rooms.

Electrical workers meet at Foresters' hall, Charlotte street.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Mar. 23.—Because his wife, from whom he obtained a divorce about a week ago, refused to marry him or permit him to take their children to St. Louis, where he had secured employment, Max Vandenberg yesterday shot and killed her and their daughter Cora, aged five years, mortally wounded another daughter, Eleanor, and then blew out his own brains.

WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Mar. 23. Norman Dole, a Stanford track athlete, broke the world's amateur record for the pole vault, crossing the bar at 12 feet 4 inches, which is 1 1/2 inches above the world's record, now held by R. G. Chapp, of Yale. The record was not made in a regular inter-collegiate meet, it cannot be recorded.

STILL FIGHTING.

MANILA, Mar. 23.—Captain Devitt, with a detachment of constabulary, and Lieut. Pinyon, with a detachment of scouts, have just encountered Hicario Sacy, the so-called president of the Philippine republic. Sacy, with fifteen of his followers, were killed and the remainder of the band were captured. There were no casualties on the part of the Americans.

HE WAS ARRESTED.

BOSTON, Mar. 23.—Emanuel E. Burnett, a negro janitor, shot and killed his wife, Mattie, today. Burnett left his home during the night and requested her to remain until he returned. She disobeyed him and he found her at a friend's house. He called her to the doorstep and fired four bullets from a revolver, killed her instantly. The janitor was arrested.

WANT ADMISSION FEE REDUCED.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Mar. 23.—The organization of the one-centuries at the World's Fair have asked the exposition officials to reduce the price of admission one half after six o'clock during the exposition period.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—At Grand Bay, March 22nd, of Fred D. Brown and eldest daughter of Hugh and the late Mary Jane O'Keefe, of St. John, North End. Funeral on Thursday at 3 p. m.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED.—Wast makers' helpers, 5 applicants. MISSES TWEEDIE AND TUMPTON, 15 Corrain street.

In Spring Attire!

Everybody feels that the warm weather is just around the corner, even if the white is still above the green! Our various departments are now in spring attire and buying for the new season is daily on the increase. Nowhere can Easter shopping be done to better advantage than here, especially in the following lines:

- Neckwear, Kid Gloves, Feather Boas, Ladies' Costumes, Girls' Coats, Dress Skirts, Dress Goods, Men's Furnishings, Walking Skirts, Ladies' Jackets, Millinery, Underskirts, Wash Fabrics, Men's Furnishings.

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350 Boots 350 Men 350 Cents

Here are 350 pairs of boots, at \$3.50 per pair, waiting for 350 men to carry them off, made in the spring, 1904 styles, of fashionable pat. leather, enamel calf, velour calf, box calf, vici kid and tan calf.

No better boots at the price on the face of the earth.

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Ladies of Saint John and Vicinity:

The cheapest place to get a stylish and fashionable Suit or Skirt or Raincoat made to order after the New York System, is at SIDEMAN'S. I am the only man here who makes a Raincoat on the Tailor-made System. My prices are positively the lowest. For \$12.00 you can get a very stylish, up-to-date Suit. For \$10.00 you can have a skirt made to order. The prices for Raincoats are about half as elsewhere. A big discount is allowed for cash, but you can have any reasonable terms to pay for goods if you wish it. I have the largest assortment of the most beautiful and fashionable Costume Cloths on hand. It is for your benefit to call and inspect my stock and styles before buying elsewhere. If unable to call, send postal, and I will send samples and estimates. Remember the address.

H. SIDEMAN, Mill Street, Corner Main, SAINT JOHN, N. B.

A Few of the Good Things at Our Store:

CHOICE FRESH STRAWBERRIES, CHOICE RIPE TOMATOES, EXTRA LARGE PINEAPPLES, VERY CHOICE TENDER CELERY, RHUBARB, LETTUCE & SPINACH, CUCUMBERS, BLOOD ORANGES.

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MEN'S Fine Fitting Boots For Damp Weather.

Storm Calf, Leather Lined Vulcanized Sole, Dry Foot, \$5.00. Box Calf, Leather Lined, Rubber Sole and Heel, \$4.50. Box Calf, Goodyear Welt Sewed, Double Sole, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00.

Francis & Vaughan 19 King Street.

QUEBEC EXPECTS MORE MONEY.

QUEBEC, March 23.—The opening of the fourth session of the tenth parliament of the provincial legislature took place this afternoon, when Lieutenant-Governor Jette delivered his speech from the throne.

The ceremony was attended with the usual eclat. With the exception of the speech from the throne very little business was transacted. The new members recently elected were introduced to the house.

The speech made this reference to provincial subsidies:—

HERRING.

Fresh Frozen Herring at JAMES PATTERSON'S, 10 and 20 South Market Street, St. John, N.B.