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It is said that the war in Cuba is costing Spain \$140,000 a day.

Is there no other alderman that can secure a job in the civic employ?

CONCILIATION, and not coercion, is the Liberal policy in the Manitoba School question.

The Herald regrets very much to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Harrison, M.P.P. for Sunbury.

Has the National Policy, which the Gleason is industriously advocating, made Fredericton rich?

The Presbyterians will be able to put on airs when they get their handsome stone church decorated inside.

THERE would be rebellion in New Brunswick if the Dominion Government attempted to tamper with our free schools as they propose doing in Manitoba.

The Liberals of Cardwell have nominated R. B. Henry as their candidate. The other candidates are Messrs. Wilmot (Con.) and Stubbs (McCarthyite).

The Dominion trade returns for October show the total foreign trade of Canada to have been \$22,730,575, compared with \$22,810,836 for October, 1894, a decrease of \$80,261.

The great powers of Europe have wrung a reluctant concession from the Sultan, that dignitary having given them permission to send additional gunboats through the Dardanelles.

The aldermen are glad to see the ground frozen up. Their lives were made miserable during the muddy season with an enquiry about those new asphalt sidewalks which were assessed for but never put down.

EVIDENTLY the United States' purchase of Alaska is proving a valuable investment. Not to speak of the sealing and other industries of the territory, the gold output this year is \$3,000,000.

The power given of appeal to the Government, and upon request by the Governor to the Legislature of Canada, seems to be wholly discretionary in both.

Lord Watson in the Privy Council during the hearing of the Manitoba school case.

The University students are quite overjoyed at the prospect of the college residency being re-established. It was a matter that only needed a good push to send it along, and the students themselves deserve much credit for applying the power.

Some of the aldermen of Fredericton appear to have no regard whatever for the independence of Parliament Act, not hesitating, whenever occasion offers, to engage in corporation work. They should keep their hands clean, and not compromise themselves for a few dollars.

MR. McGILLIVRAY, the Tory candidate in North York, declines to promise his support to the Remedial Bill, until he sees the character and extent of the measure, and this assurance has brought Hon. Clarke, the Orange leader, out of his hole. The Comptroller of Customs is now stamping the county for McGillivray.

MR. TOWN, a big lumber dealer of Liverpool, G. B., is in St. John buying lumber for shipment by the Beaver line from that port, and gives a report encouraging to the trade. He says that the supply of lumber in England now is not nearly so plentiful as it has been at this time last fall. The demand is on the increase, and stocks being light, he does not see why the price should not go up.

The Leather trust of the United States is an excellent example of the giant monopolies, which have grown up in the United States under a protective policy. The other day it was able to close down one hundred big tanneries, throwing 1,700 men out of employment. In Canada we have the cotton trust, the cordage combine, and many others which control the capital and labor employed in large enterprises.

MR. FORZAN'S stock of printed campaign literature sent down from Ottawa to the Gleason editor is exhausted, and what is left is very stale. We suggest, therefore, to the Minister to "send along another ten thousand." Funny was it not the other night, to see the St. John Globe in all seriousness answering one of the Gleason's paragraphs which had been clipped from the campaign literature collated and printed at Ottawa. We thought the Globe too wide awake to thus caught.

The next few weeks will witness great activity in Dominion political circles. Parliament is to meet on January 2nd for the special object of dealing with the Manitoba school question, and in the meantime the half dozen bye-elections will be got off. The first occurs in North Ontario on Dec. 24th, and Carleton falls on Dec. 24th. It is announced to-day that Wilmot by the Tory candidate in the latter county, has promised to support remedial legislation for Manitoba. There is a three cornered fight in this county between a Liberal, a McCarthyite and a Tory.

MR. FORZAN and others who have been talking about the advance of protectionist ideas in England, and the decadence of free trade in the old country, get a black eye from Lord Salisbury when he is interviewed by the Hop Growers' Association the other day, and asked to place an import duty on hops. The British Premier told the delegation straight that he is opposed to the imposition of any duties on articles of home consumption. We presume our Tory friends in Canada are willing to admit that Lord Salisbury fairly represents present political thought in England, and that he speaks with all the authority of such a large and great.

THE SCHOOL BOARD RESIGNATIONS.

The resignation of Mr. Randolph and Mr. Inches from the board of school trustees, comes as a surprise to the citizens of Fredericton. Both gentlemen have been connected with the service ever since the introduction of the free school system in 1872.

During the twenty-three years which have passed since their first connection with the school system of Fredericton Mr. Randolph and Mr. Inches have given much of their time and attention to the work entrusted to them; and, while no doubt erring occasionally in judgment, as all men will do, they have conscientiously striven to give faithful and efficient service to the people.

The government has a responsibility to meet in filling the vacant positions, but no doubt they will be able to select fit and capable gentlemen to succeed the retiring trustees.

The Herald is simply speaking for itself, when it observes that it has no sympathy for the movement to secure the appointment of laymen to one of the vacant places on the board.

While admitting everything that can be said favorable to the gentler sex, we have always set our face against the introduction of the alleged rights of women to serve in public capacities.

We admire the sex, we cherish their numerous virtues, we concede their influence in everything tending to the uplifting of humanity; and while we believe they can and do exert a power in all the walks of life, that influence and that authority may be exercised without the aid of the numerous positions on school boards, in municipalities, councils or legislatures.

The lady recommended for the position is one who is known for her energy in promoting charity and every good work, and is no doubt as well equipped as any of her sex in Fredericton for the duties of school trustee, but it is not too much to say that the board requires the strong common sense business ability of men, to deal with oftentimes embarrassing and difficult conditions which are bound to arise in a body like the school board.

If the government, therefore, are seeking advice in this matter, they have THE HERALD, freely and unreservedly given.

Mr. Randolph, in making his farewell bow to his fellow members, put forward a reason for his resignation, that he believed it would be a good thing to have an infusion of new blood at the board; that it was not well for a few gentlemen to occupy the positions continuously.

This is the ground frequently taken by THE HERALD, and we are glad to be able to quote so respectable and experienced a gentleman as Mr. Randolph in support of our position.

No doubt all the members of the board have striven to give their best ability to the city, but there are other men just as well qualified as they to perform the duties required. We say this without desiring to reflect personally on any of the trustees, or to recall any of the errors they may have made in the past.

The energy of youth, incorporating new ideas, and new business experience, should be welcomed in a body, which has to deal with the large and important interests committed to the care of the school board.

MR. WILMOT'S DILEMMA.

The way Tories do things, or rather the way they fail in their duty to the public, is well illustrated by the Maugeville post office muddle.

The office has been vacant for a month. The postmistress removed to British Columbia, and although the people are practically unanimous on Mr. Sewell as her successor, Mr. Wilmot, M.P., recommended an entirely different person for the position.

In the meantime, a petition signed by nearly every man in the town was addressed to the department, and sent to Mr. Wilmot in favor of Mr. Sewell's appointment, and this brought the M.P. to his senses.

He did not care to proceed against the wishes of so many of his constituents, and he had his former recommendation cancelled.

What was Mr. Wilmot's next move? Did he recommend Mr. Sewell or anybody else for the office? Not he. That would not be the Tory way of doing business.

Mr. Wilmot, like his masters at Ottawa, is straddling the fence. He wants to please both parties in Maugeville, and as he washes his hands clear of the whole business by throwing the responsibility of the new appointment on P. O. Inspector King.

Mr. Wilmot has had some experience in wrestling an appointment. He remembers how effectively he was knocked out by Mr. Perley on the fishery commissionership, and he has no confidence in his influence with the Ottawa authorities.

The government know they have Mr. Wilmot completely under subjection. Like Mr. Temple, he is kept in line by the promise of a senatorship which may never be realized, and so the influence of both gentlemen is no more than the ordinary elector.

It is a great pity that the interests and convenience of a whole postal district should be entirely disregarded to suit the political exigencies of a Tory M.P.

Mr. Wilmot, no doubt, would like to do what is right in the matter, but he lacks the courage to move, lest he may lose a few votes in the next election. Better far for him to pursue an independent course, recommend the man the people want, and see that he is appointed.

GIVE HIM A CHANCE.

The Tories are forever asking what Mr. Laurier has accomplished in a public capacity. Give him a chance and see what he will accomplish. There is one thing he will not do, and that is to countenance dishonesty and corruption in public life.

Just now a great effort is being made by the Tories to induce Chief Justice Meredith to join their moribund government. Mr. Meredith was leader of the Ontario opposition for twenty years, and what great act or policy did he ever inaugurate and carry through. The Tories not only demand Mr. Laurier's policy on the trade question, but they want to know how he would settle the school question, and many other things which they themselves are unable to handle satisfactorily to the country.

Wait until after the next general election, impatient Tory friends, and you will see how Mr. Laurier will succeed where five leaders have failed.

The Montreal Witness ventures the assertion that "if North Ontario elects the opposition candidate there will probably be no more by-elections, no extra session, and no remedial legislation."

W. C. T. UNION.

Celebrate the 18th Anniversary of Their Birth.

REPORTS OF THE YEAR AND SOME OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

The members of the W. C. T. U. celebrated the 18th anniversary of the inception of the order here by a public meeting in their hall, Monday night.

The meeting opened by music from the choir, followed by reading of psalm 146 by the president, and Mrs. Gill being called upon offered prayer, after which the following programme was carried out:

- 1. Address by the President.
2. Reading by Mrs. W. G. Clarke.
3. Solo by Mrs. Wm. Lemon.
4. Secretary's Report.
5. Solo by Mrs. R. Blackmer.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Solo by Mrs. C. H. B. Fisher.
8. Report of the Secretary of the Evangelical committee.
9. Address by Rev. Dr. Brecken.
10. Address by Rev. Dr. McLeod.
11. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Freeman.

The President's Remarks.

The President in her address, asked the audience to carry their thoughts back to eighteen years ago, when that noted temperance reformer, Banks McKenzie had held his first meeting in the city hall.

The message had since gone forth to nearly every quarter of the globe. She said there never had been a time when it could be said that the W. C. T. U. had died out in Fredericton.

The Secretary's Report. The Secretary, Mrs. Steadman, in her report referred to the meeting of the marriage, W. C. T. U. in 1877, at an institution which was now a thing of the past.

The disreputable weather kept many away from the union service held in the Baptist church Tuesday night, still the church was comfortably full.

After the singing of a number of hymns from the Baptist hymnal, Rev. Wm. Tippet offered prayer.

Rev. Mr. Hartley then read the lesson. He closed with the reading of a chapter of Luke. From the account here given of the conversion of Zacharias, he showed how that from the very crowd which attracted to the place where Christ was, he might fall to see Him, but he was better to see Him than to see the multitude come to us anywhere.

After the singing of another hymn, Rev. Dr. Brecken preached a brief, but very practical and logical sermon. He spoke on the conversation had between Nicodemus and Christ, as given in John III, particularly the seventh verse. In coming to Christ, Nicodemus had much to overcome in the way of national prejudice etc. He is reported to have been the most wealthy man in the city of Jerusalem. He did well to come to Christ, so would we, for our path is clear of obstacles.

In this narrative are found the four cardinal points of the gospel. These may be compared to the four points of the heavens, north, south, east and west.

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After the sermon the meeting was opened for testimony, many embraced the opportunity and at the close of the service nearly everyone in the house arose to manifest themselves as followers of Jesus.

FREDERICTON BOOM COMPANY

During the season just closed, the Fredericton Boom Company rafted at the Douglas and Line Booms, 235,327 joints, containing 145 tons 14 ft of timber, and the following quantities of lumber:

50,900 superficial feet of hemlock.
9,930,850 superficial feet of cedar.
10,000,000 superficial feet of pine.

Y. M. C. A. U. N. B.
Dominion alliance.
Furnishing library.
\$797 67

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Evangelistic Work.

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They had from time to time distributed literature in the jail and hospital, and it had been very acceptable. She spoke about two young men, who had

been prisoners in the jail here a short time.

One of them had told her that his mother belonged to the W. C. T. U. She soon ascertained that it was the first time either of those young men had ever been in jail, and drink had been the cause of it. The morning before they left the prison she had given them each a testament, which they promised to carry in their pockets. They were given tickets to St. John, and the speaker had written to Mrs. Seymour, evangelical superintendent, at that place asking her to intercede for them. Shortly afterwards she received a letter from Woodstock, from one of the young men, stating that he had secured a good situation, through the kind offices of Mrs. Seymour, and he was living a better life.

Mrs. Gill gave several other instances where they had been able to render service to some of these unfortunate, and had seen them leave the institution, resolving to live better lives.

She referred to the kind and courteous treatment that the W. C. T. U. ladies had always received from Mrs. Hawthorn. The speaker said when she visited the jail she always told the old, old story, and introduced herself under the white ribbon.

They often met with discouragements. There were times when their hearts almost failed them, but they had to stand their ground. She invited them all to come in under the white ribbon and lend a helping hand for the uplifting of humanity.

Some of the young men in our jails had neither fathers or mothers, and they were deserving of sympathy and assistance. The speaker in closing made an eloquent appeal to all present to come in under the white ribbon, and assist in the good work.

The president read a note from Rev. W. M. Lodge of Maryville, expressing regret at his inability to be present.

Other Addresses.

Rev. Dr. Brecken, being called upon addressed the meeting. He was in entire sympathy with the work being done by the W. C. T. U. He said that he had thought that if the people of Fredericton understood what was being done, more of them would be present. After a few more remarks on this line, the doctor took up the temperance question. He thought the wife had secured what was our statute books, people ought to be taught to respect them. There was a glorious work to be done among the boys, who were the raw material for the liquor dealers to work upon.

He thought if this raw material was taken away from them, their business would suffer just as any manufacturing concern would, if it were to lose its raw material.

Rev. Dr. McLeod then delivered a stirring address, in which he spoke very highly of the work being done by the W. C. T. U. He said that we know what was of more importance, or so far reaching in its effects. Speaking of the revenue derived from the liquor traffic, the doctor said he had made a careful estimate, and had found that it cost the people of Canada \$43,000,000 to collect \$20,000,000. Only a few years ago the government had removed the duty from sugar, and they had lived through it. He thought they would have no difficulty in getting along without the revenue from the liquor traffic. At the close of Dr. McLeod's very interesting address, Rev. Mr. Freeman pronounced the benediction, and the meeting was brought to a close.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

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A SENSATION.

Hon. A. F. Randolph and Mr. J. L. Inches

Announce THEIR RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Both Gentlemen Interviewed by The Daily Herald.

The Fredericton Board of School Trustees were called to a general session Wednesday afternoon when Hon. A. F. Randolph and Mr. J. L. Inches announced their resignations.

Both gentlemen had had an extended service in the Board, from its organization, and have given excellent service to the cause of education.

THE HERALD had a talk Wednesday night with them, and this, with what occurred at the Board meeting, is given below.

Spring a Surprise.

After the Board of School Trustees had concluded their business shortly before six o'clock last evening, the chairman Hon. A. F. Randolph said he wished to make a few remarks of a personal nature.

In a few days he proposed leaving the country to be absent six months, and he had concluded after careful consideration, to tender his resignation to the government as a member of this board.

There were several reasons why he took the step, one of which was that he did not step one which was for one man to occupy a public position for too long a time. It was with feelings of very sincere regret that he severed his connection with the Board.

His relations with its Members had always been of the most pleasant and friendly character. He had endeavored to perform his duties as he commanded the respect and confidence of the Board, and in retiring he desired to express his high personal regard for every one of his fellow members.

MR. J. L. INCHES

then arose and said he desired also to make a statement before the Board adjourned. Following the example of his colleague, he intended to hand in his resignation to the government. He was growing old, and felt that the work might better be taken up by younger men. He said he had always entertained the most cordial feelings towards the board as a body, and as individuals, and in retiring he was gratified to know that these feelings were reciprocated. He paid a deserved tribute to the many excellent qualities of Mr. Randolph, and spoke of the great interest Mr. Randolph had taken in the success of the school system since its inception.

Sheriff Sterling, Dr. Conlath, Mayor Vanwart, J. J. Weddall and J. T. Sharkey, all paid high tributes to the energy and zeal of the retiring trustees, and deeply regretted their resignations. They severally assured the chairman that his resignation at the board had been most impartial and satisfactory, and he had always commanded the respect of the board.

Mr. Randolph will not be present at another meeting of the board, but Mr. Inches' resignation will not take place until the end of the year.

MR. RANDOLPH INTERVIEWED.

On hearing of Hon. Mr. Randolph's resignation Wednesday afternoon, a Herald reporter sought an interview with that gentleman, and found him in his office winding up the business of the day. The reporter was very pleasantly received by Mr. Randolph, who consented to speak of the step he had just taken.

"Have any objections to stating the reasons you have for resigning from the school board?" the reporter asked.

"None whatever," was Mr. Randolph's reply, if the DAILY HERALD thinks the public would be interested in knowing them. I have intended resigning for some time, and have so expressed myself to the Attorney General. Next month with my family I propose leaving for Pasadena, California, where we shall spend the winter, and I felt that I should not go away leaving so important a position as the chairmanship of the school board practically vacant. Holding this view I felt the present a fitting time to retire, and give the government an opportunity of filling the position.

"You have been connected with the school board for many years," suggested the reporter.

"Yes ever since the organization of the schools of this city under the free schools act,"

Twenty Three Years Ago. The government of that day did me the honor of appointing me to the board and its chairmanship, and while conscious that I have made some mistakes, I have the satisfaction of feeling that I have endeavored to discharge my duties to the best of my judgment and ability. I have also the further satisfaction of knowing that during the whole time I have been in office we have had a most faithful and efficient staff of teachers, and that our schools in Fredericton have had no superiors in the province. I leave the board at a time too when everything in the schools is working satisfactorily; the teachers are able and painstaking, the public are receiving excellent service, and for the members of the teaching staff without exception I personally entertain the highest feeling of respect. It is also a source of great satisfaction for me to know that the new York Street School building, erected at a considerable expense to the city, has proved itself admirably adapted to the service required of it. Its erection was the largest enterprise in which the Board engaged during my term of office, and we feel that in equipment and convenience, it is not exceeded by any similar building in this province at least.

"The personnel of the Trustee board has undergone many changes since you first took a seat at it" ventured the reporter?

"Yes. In recent years I have been the only member who

was not in the Original Board, which was composed of the late John A. Morrison, the late John McDonald and myself, appointed by the government, and John Richards, Thos. Dowling, George F.



Gregory and Z. R. Everett, appointed by the city council. J. L. Inches was our first secretary. All these gentlemen gave faithful service, as have their successors from time to time.

"The school facilities in the early days of the free school law were rather inferior, were they not, Mr. Randolph?"

"They were indeed. We did not own a single building used for the service. We had in our possession the old collegiate school by an arrangement with the University Senate, the old military barracks on Queen street, and the Park barracks on George street. Later we acquired the Baptist seminary on York street; then we rented the Regent street school premises from the Roman Catholic authorities. Still later we were able to make a very satisfactory arrangement with the government for the occupation of the new model school premises. This was done without cost to the city, except for the part payment of some of the teachers."

"The excellent service they have so long rendered."

"Your fellow members with whom the DAILY HERALD has taken very much regret your resignation," the reporter suggested.

"Yes, replied Mr. Randolph, with a perceptible tremor in his voice. We have always retained towards each other the most kindly feelings. No doubt we have had some differences of opinion, and perhaps an occasional heated discussion, but we have always been able to meet one another in the most friendly spirit. I can assure you that I entertain a feeling of warm and sincere respect for every member of the Board, and I am sure I am not presuming too much when I say that I believe that feeling is sincerely reciprocated by them."

"The citizens feel grateful to you for your long and faithful service," quoth the reporter.

"However that may be Mr. Randolph replied, I can truly say that I consider any service I may have been able to render in their behalf and for the grand cause of education has been cheerfully given; has indeed to me, been a labor of love, and I only regret that it has not been more efficient. I have ever esteemed it

A Very High Honor to be chairman of the school board of so enlightened and progressive a city as Fredericton, and all the time and thought I have given to the service has been freely and unreservedly expended."

"You leave on your trip south very shortly, do you not Mr. Randolph," was the final query hurled at the genial ex-chairman, by THE HERALD scribe.

"Yes, Mrs. Randolph and myself expect to bid our friends in Fredericton good-bye and start for Pasadena on Dec. 6th. My daughters, who are at present in New York will join us there, and we shall spend the winter in California returning to Fredericton in the spring."

MR. INCHES TALKS.

A Herald representative sought out Mr. Inches that evening, and obtained his reasons for resigning his position on the school board. He said that he had been a member of the Board from the first, and part of the time held the position of Secretary. He was now getting advanced in years, and it would be surprising, therefore, he might very well ask to be relieved of the work, and so with Mr. Randolph he had handed in his resignation to take effect at the end of the year. Mr. Inches gave an interesting account of what had been accomplished by the city school Board since its organization in January, 1871. When they had made their first visit to the schools, they found them in a very extraordinary condition.

New rooms were a necessity in every case except the high school. They first had to procure suitable buildings and then find efficient teachers. Now, everything was in a satisfactory condition. The buildings are in good order and well suited for the purpose, and the staff of teachers is very satisfactory. It gave him great comfort to be able to say that things were in as good order as they ever were. The Charlotte street school was now in excellent condition. The interior had been repainted, and the ventilation of the outbuildings had been completed, and was thought now to be perfect.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Social, Personal and General Occurrences of the Week.

CRISP AND TO THE POINT.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanson of Stanley, are rejoicing in an addition to their family this week.

George Mitchell of Keswick, had a dressed hog in the market Thursday, which tipped the scales at 450 pounds.

Mrs. Carl Ellis, who underwent a painful operation at the Victoria hospital a few days ago, is rapidly recovering her strength.

The Scott case continued in the Police court from Tuesday, resulted Wednesday afternoon in a conviction, and a fine of \$50 and costs.

Alexander Boyd, the King street blacksmith, broke the horse-shoeing record Tuesday. He and two assistants shod 59 horses during the day.

About 200 yards of the main post road at Prince William, were washed out by Tuesday's rain, and travellers in passing that point have to take to the fields.

An Indian boy, son of Polypac Martin chief, was drowned opposite Campbellton Saturday. He was carried under the ice and the body has not yet been found.

Geo. W. Jones, of St. John, and R. G. Edwards Leckie, who have been on a hunting trip at the head of Newcastle river, Queens County, bagged three large caribou.

Rev. J. T. Parsons, pastor of the Free Baptist church at Gibson and Marysville, is holding a series of special meetings at Gibson this week, and the attendance is very large.

Captain Newell of the Salvation Army, Charlottetown, has challenged any captain in the Maritime Provinces, and as far west as London, Ont., in collecting the most money during self denial week.

Dr. E. Lawrence, the well known optician, has brought his family from Truro, and they will reside here this winter, the Doctor having leased the furnished house, recently occupied by Capt. Whittier, on Regent Street.

The Halifax Chronicle says it is understood that a big city firm intends to reduce the price of bread from four to three cents per loaf, and preparations are being made for more new ovens and other modern appliances for bread making.

Tuesday night's storm had a bad effect on the highways. David Richards, who drove in from Cardigan this morning, said the road was full of gullies, and he had to alight from his carriage at least a dozen times to get around them.

Mrs. Mary Welch, and Master Harry Welch of Stanley, N. B., are enjoying a visit in this city, the guest of Miss Kate Welch. Mrs. Welch is the widow of Thomas Welch, a former employe of the postoffice in Calais—Calais Cor. Bangor News.

At the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Wednesday, Thomas Hayes, the well known hotel keeper, and Miss Magie Hayes, daughter of Frank Hayes, were married by the Rev. J. J. Ryan. Their numerous friends wish them every happiness.

Tuesday night's rain was, without doubt the heaviest experienced here for years. Lieut. Macdonnell, of the R. C. I., who was on duty at the barracks, says there was a cloudburst just before 2 a. m., and the water came down as if projected from a mill sluice.

A committee of the Royal Arcanum met in Dr. Conthard's office Tuesday evening to arrange for Prof. Roberts' lecture, which is to be delivered under the auspices of that organization. It was decided to have the address delivered on Monday evening, Dec. 9th, in the City Hall.

During the visit of Prov. Sec. Mitchell and Surveyor General Tweedie last week they each signed their names to a license to timber land in the Crown Land Office. Mr. Tweedie dashed off his signature at the rate of 640 per hour, but The Herald has not heard Mr. Mitchell's record.

A portion of the corporation drive, which had been frozen in at Bear Island, was set free by the recent rains, and passed down river Wednesday morning. The booms have been taken up for the season, and it is probable that the logs will pass right on to St. John, and be caught there.

Wm. G. Falkins, a Blissville, Sanbury Co. man, now engineer of a big shoe factory at Lynn, Mass., recently moved into his new residence which was presented with a handsome parlor suite by a number of his friends. Mr. Falkins is a brother-in-law of Elijah Davis of Fredericton Junction.

Richard Webb, a highly respected resident of Blissville, Sanbury county, died on the 20th inst. after a long illness of consumption, aged 61 years. A widow, two sons and one daughter, Mrs. Andrew R. Hoyt, survive him. Deceased was a deacon of the Baptist church for twenty years.

Quite a serious landslide occurred Tuesday night on the line of the Canadian Eastern railway, a short distance this side of Covered Bridge. The railway track was blocked for a distance of one hundred feet, and the trains to and from were delayed about three hours in consequence of the accident.

The programme for the 71st. band concert to take place in the City Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 11th has not yet been completed, but it will include Morton L. Harrison, the well known violinist of St. John, Miss Bailey and Miss Babbitt, on the mandolin, and Frank L. Cooper in a vocal solo.

Archibald Frank of Nashwaak, who had been an inmate of the Victoria hospital for the past week, undergoing treatment for an abscess on the shoulder, had the misfortune to fall on Carleton street Tuesday morning, injuring his sore shoulder quite severely, and causing him considerable pain for a time.

Rev. F. D. Davidson, the energetic pastor of the Gibson Baptist church, has been holding special services recently, and all the meetings are largely attended. On Sunday morning he baptised seven candidates, and in the evening gave the right hand of fellowship to nine others. A number of others are to be baptized next Sunday.

Tuesday night's heavy rain caused a big washout on the line of the Gibson branch railway, a short distance below Spring station. A heavy embankment of earth 60 feet, long and 20 feet deep was washed away, leaving the rails and sleepers suspended over the immense gully created. The Woodstock train was compelled to return to St. Mary's Wednesday morning.

Dr. Bridges of the University had engaged to assume the position of principal of the St. John High School, January 1st, but was prevented from keeping his appointment, by the University senate declining to accept his resignation in the middle of the term. The St. John school board, however, has come to the Doctor's relief, and have granted him leave of absence until next June.

PLEASANT SOCIAL GATHERING.

The Epworth League Entertains their Friends in the Methodist Vestry.

The commodious vestry of the Methodist church was filled with a happy company Monday night. It was an literary and musical social gotten up by the Epworth League. Shortly before eight o'clock the gathering was called to order by J. J. Weddall, president of the League. In a brief address he welcomed all to the social, and said the members of the League would do all in their power to aid their guests in spending an agreeable evening. During the successful labors of Hunter and Crossing in Fredericton many additions were made to the membership of the different churches, and the League adopted the present plan to form the acquaintance of those who have become attached to the Methodist church. He claimed that as an adjunct of the Methodist church, the League is doing much good, and he hoped many present would lend their aid in accomplishing even greater things.

Pastor Tippet, always a favorite with his people, was here, there, and everywhere, seeking to promote the pleasure of those present.

Regret was expressed at the absence of Rev. Dr. Becken, who was attending the W. C. T. U. anniversary.

There was considerable singing during the evening, all from the Songs of Salvation, and Miss Lillie Hogg presided at the piano.

The pledge of the active and associate members of the League was read by Miss Vandine, and Miss Sege took the names of several new members.

The vestry was prettily decorated, and the general success of the evening is much to the credit of the Epworth League.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Formally Organized by the Young Presbyterians

The young people of St. Paul's church met Monday night and completed the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society.

The meeting opened at 7.30 with Mr. R. Blackmer as chairman.

After prayer and singing, the minutes of Friday evening's meeting were read and approved. The constitution of the Y. P. S. C. E. was then read and adopted, and names of members registered.

The society starts out with a membership of twenty-eight, of whom twenty are active members.

Officers were elected by ballot (only active members being allowed to vote) with the following results: Pres, R. Blackmer; Vice-Pres, Mrs. H. H. Pitts; C. and R. Sec, Miss Wark; Treasurer, Bedford Green.

A committee consisting of Miss Wark, Miss Coburn, Miss A. Harvey, Miss J. Harvey and Mr. H. Fraser were appointed by the president to nominate members for the various committees in connection with the society, with instructions to report at next meeting.

The society will meet in future on Friday evenings in the vestry of the old Kirk.

CROWN LAND SALE.

Some Lively Competition Wednesday.

The weekly sale of timber lands took place at the Crown Land office at noon today.

A block on the North-west Miramichi, containing 2 1/2 square miles, applied for by George Burchill, went to Ernest Hutchison at \$23 per mile.

A two mile berth on Shin creek, Sanbury county, was sold to R. B. Smith, went to the applicant at the upset price.

A block of the same size on a branch of Salmon creek, went to G. G. King at the upset price.

A block at the head of Mamosek river was sold to the applicant, A. F. Randolph, at the upset price.

Two three-mile berths on the south branch of the Nigadoo river were sold to F. G. Mann at the upset price.

A berth of 2 1/2 square miles at the mouth of the Nigadoo, after a short competition was knocked down to the applicant, A. F. Randolph, at \$22 per mile.

A berth of 6 miles at the head of Nipisiguit Mill stream, applied for by W. H. Chapman, was sold to A. F. Randolph for \$18 per mile.

The sales aggregated \$440.

Died At McAdam.

John Mowatt, who at one time resided on Sunbury street in this city, but of late years a resident of McAdam, where he was employed in the C. P. R. workshops, died at that place on Sunday after a lingering illness of consumption, aged 43 years. The remains are to be brought to this city for burial, and will be accompanied by members of the Foresters' lodge of McAdam, of which deceased was a member.

They were buried in the cemetery here, but the western train was three hours late and consequently did not connect with the train from Fredericton Junction. Interment will take place at the rural cemetery, where the deceased's wife was buried a few years ago. Mrs. Phoebe, a sister of deceased, lives at Kingsley.

The remains of the late John Mowatt of McAdam, arrived here Tuesday evening for burial, and were placed in the old Kirk for the night. Twenty members of the Foresters' lodge of McAdam, accompanied the remains of their late brother to this city. The funeral took place at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, Rev. J. A. McLean of Harvey, conducting the services. Interment was made at the rural cemetery.

SURPRISED HIS FRIENDS.

Mr. James Dever Married to Miss Seery at St. Dunstan's Church.

Mr. James Dever the well known and popular dry goods merchant, gave his many friends and the public generally, a large staid surprise Wednesday by his marriage to Miss Minnie Seery, a cousin of his deceased wife.

The ceremony took place at St. Dunstan's church at 7 o'clock, Rev. Father McDewitt officiating. The bride was attended by Mrs. E. A. O'Brien, and Mr. Dever had the support of Mr. E. A. O'Brien. The ceremony over, Mr. and Mrs. Dever went to their home on York street, and Mr. Dever is at his business as usual.

Mrs. Dever is a native of Ireland, but has been a resident of Fredericton for the past two years, keeping house for Mr. Dever since the death of her cousin, the late Mrs. Dever. Last summer she paid a visit to her home in Ireland, taking two of Mr. Dever's children with her, returning about a month ago.

To Mr. Dever and his bride. The Herald offers the most sincere congratulations and good wishes.

An Extensive Pork Raiser.

George Slipp of Queensbury is probably the most extensive and successful pork raiser in York county. Last week he butchered nine hogs, the aggregate weight of which when dressed was 3,800 pounds. The largest tipped the beam at 665 pounds, and the smallest weighed 330. Mr. Slipp expects to have 6,300 pounds of pork this season, all of which will be salted and sent to the lumber camps.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Will ask Engineer Chipman of Toronto,

TO VISIT FREDERICTON AND GIVE THEM A REPORT ON THE SEWERAGE QUESTION.

An informal meeting of the City Council was held last Wednesday for the purpose of selecting an engineer to prepare preliminary plans for a complete system of sewerage. There were present His Worship the Mayor, Alders Lemont, Gilman, Adams, Everett, Limerick, Babbitt and Anderson.

The Mayor announced that the City Clerk had written McDougall & Son of Montreal, as directed by the Council at the last meeting, but had not received a reply. They had received a communication from Mr. Chipman, and also another from Hedenburg & Kinsey. He then proceeded to read to the Council the communications that had been received from different engineers, from time to time.

Mr. Chipman offered to prepare plans, together with an estimate of the cost, of a system that he thought would be the best adapted to the City.

For the sum of \$425, he to pay all traveling and other expenses, and the city to pay for printing, lithographing, etc. If the city accepted his offer he would arrange to come here about the 9th of December, and remain two full weeks. Mr. Chipman appended a number of very flattering testimonials from places where he had been employed, and also communications from Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. R. Emerson, and William Chandler, city solicitor of Montreal, all speaking very highly of his work in connection with the recent Moncton arbitration.

The other offers that had been received, were from Mr. Coffin of Boston, \$500; Mr. Potter of New York \$550, and Messrs. Hedenburg & Kinsey, for \$200. All of these gentlemen furnished references.

Ald. Gilman was very favorably impressed with Chipman's offer, and the very lucid manner in which he had presented his views.

Mayor Vanwart said that after they had employed an engineer and obtained his report, they would only have one man's opinion. He was in favor of securing the best man obtainable, get his report and then get a second engineer to examine it and report upon it. He would not for the sake of a few hundred dollars, have said by future generations that they had blundered in this work. He would therefore ask some expert engineer to look into the matter, and say what he thought of it.

Before the Work Went On.

Ald. Babbitt rather liked the mayor's suggestion, and wanted to know if the St. John engineer would not do.

Ald. Lemont thought they might as well have the opinion of our own city engineer. If they were going to employ any second engineer they might as well have an expert.

The Mayor thought that after the first report had been prepared they could get a man to examine it for about \$250.

Some of the aldermen thought they had better get the cheapest man for the first report, so as to leave a margin for the second.

Ald. Lemont did not think much of cheap men, and did not think that from the Woodstock references of Hedenburg & Kinsey would be able to give them much information on sanitary matters.

The Mayor read over a list of the names that several of the other applicants had furnished as references, and said they did not seem like the kind of men he would go to for information in a matter of this kind. Potter had furnished better references than the other men. His Worship liked the way

Chipman had stated his case; everything was so plain that it could be understood by all.

Ald. Babbitt had heard Chipman very highly spoken of in connection with the Moncton arbitration.

After some further discussion, it was moved by Ald. Gilman and seconded by Ald. Babbitt, that Mr. Chipman's offer be accepted.

Ald. Babbitt wanted to know if they had not better have Chipman come down, so they could see what he was like, before accepting his offer.

Ald. Gilman thought it would not be fair with the other applicants to do this.

Ald. Lemont could not see where anything was to be gained by bringing the man here first.

Ald. Babbitt admitted that he thought the man was all right, but he did not want to bind the Council.

He thought it was better for them to have the whip hand.

After considerable discussion, in which all the aldermen took part, it was finally decided to have the City Clerk write to Mr. Chipman, and state to him that the Council had favorably considered his proposal, and without committing themselves to any course, would invite him to come here between the 1st and 9th of December, and if they failed to come to terms, the city would pay his travelling expenses.

The Mayor announced that a communication had been received from Edward Jack, C. E., in reference to granting exemption from taxation for the proposed new pulp mill. No action was taken in the matter, but the Mayor and all the aldermen expressed themselves as favorable to the scheme.

To Remove to St. John.

Before Dr. Bridges knew that the University Senate would not release him from his engagement with them, to permit him accepting the principalship of the St. John High School, January 1st, he had engaged a residence at 77 Orange street, St. John, and was preparing to remove his family thither. Now the Doctor will not be able to take up his abode there until next June, and in the meantime, Mrs. Bridges and the children will remove to St. John at once—probably week after next, and will occupy the Orange street house. Dr. Bridges during the winter will board with his mother, Mrs. Henry Bridges, Waterloo Row.

Officers Nominated.

St. Dunstan's branch, No. 242, of the C. M. B. A. held a meeting Wednesday evening, nominated the officers for the ensuing year, and also the delegates for the grand council which meets at Ottawa next August. The names selected last night are to be balloted on at the next meeting to be held December 11th. This order has only been established in this city a short time, but it already has a large and increasing membership. The C. M. B. A. is considered one of the safest, and best managed insurance companies in Canada.

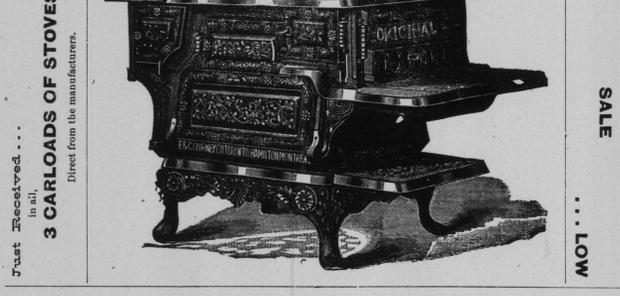
The Baptist Church at Lower French Village is undergoing extensive repairs. New doors and windows are to be put in, and the building is to be given a thorough overhauling both inside and out. James Jewett has charge of the work.

COOK RANGES! COOK STOVES!

PARLOR AND HALL, DINING ROOM,

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JAMES S. NEILL.

MR. INCH OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL. Brings an Action against the School Trustees, Claiming Arrears of Salary.

George S. Inch of the Normal School teaching staff, has commenced an action against the city board of school trustees to recover a month's salary, which he claims has been due since 1893, when he was in the employ of the board. He had been on the city school staff some eight or nine years previous to the opening of the new school building on York street, and during that time he had been principal of the York street school.

When the old building was removed and the new one erected and made ready for use, the grammar school was removed from the old college school to the new building; and Mr. Inch was informed that his services were no longer required as principal, the head master of the grammar school being given that position.

During the summer of 1893 Mr. Inch was given a position on the grammar school staff, but the salary that was named by the board, in connection with it, was \$742 pupils.

Not Satisfactory to Mr. Inch.

He declined to accept it. Negotiations were carried on for some time, and a few days before school re-opened after the holidays, Mr. Inch changed his mind and decided to accept the position. This was on the last day of August, 1893. He continued to teach up to the end of the year, and then severed his connection with the board.

The trustees understood that they owed for Mr. Inch's services from August 31st up to Dec. 31st, and they accordingly paid him five months' salary. In this action he is guided by the 4th section of regulation 2 of the Board of Education, which is as follows:

"And it is mutually agreed that for part of a school term the teacher is to receive such a proportion of the yearly salary stated in the contract as the number of days actually taught bears to the whole number of teaching days in the school year."

Mr. Inch claims that according to a written contract, which had been entered into at the time he was appointed to the High School, he was entitled to receive six months' salary for the term, and consequently brought suit against the board to recover the month's salary.

J. H. Barry has been retained by Mr. Inch in the case, and a writ has been served on the board on behalf of the plaintiff, Inch.

The case will be argued on Monday next, and Mr. Inch is expected to be a very interesting one.

Mr. Inch was seen by a Herald reporter, but declined for the present to make any statement.

SUDDEN DEATH AT KINGSCLEAR.

Mrs. Jonathan Cliff setted with Paralysis and Expires in Two Hours.

Mrs. Cliff, relict of the late Jonathan Cliff, died very suddenly at her son's, Lower French Village, Wednesday evening of paralysis. She had been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ranney Murray, at Spring Hill, and intended remaining there for the winter. Tuesday evening she drove up with Mr. Murray to her home in order to get a few articles of clothing. Just as she was preparing to return, she felt a sort of numbness coming on, and in a short time she was seized with violent headache. She was put to bed, and soon after relapsed into unconsciousness, in which state she remained until her death, which occurred at eight o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Seery was summoned from the city, but when he arrived on the scene he found that the dead messenger had preceded him.

Mrs. Cliff had a very large circle of friends, and her death will be a great loss to her family. She was 66 years of age, and leaves two sons and one daughter. The sons are Frank, who with her mother, and Menzies, now of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Ranney Murray of Kingsclear, is a daughter and Mrs. T. H. Collier of Mouth Kewick, and Miss Barberie Cliff of Kingsclear, are step-daughters. Edwin Good, proprietor of the Albion hotel of this city is a brother of the deceased. The funeral took place to-day, Saturday at 11 a. m.

Park Directors Meet.

There was a meeting of the Fredericton Park Association Wednesday evening at the Queen hotel for the purpose of winding up the season's affairs. A proposition was received from Mr. Ellis, a prominent horseman of Lewiston, Me., the manager of Messrs. Briggs & Son's large breeding farm at that place. He is desirous of securing a lease of the park. Nothing definite was decided upon by the directors, and they still have the matter under consideration.

Gypsy Encampment.

The ladies of St. Paul's church working band are to have a novel entertainment in the old Kirk on Jan. 22nd. A gypsy encampment will be the attraction, and ladies are to meet every Thursday evening in the old Kirk vestry to make fancy work for the occasion. All the ladies of the congregation are wanted to assist in the enterprise, which promises to be a novel and interesting one.

The news of Fred. Moore & Sons' financial difficulties, exclusively published in Monday's Daily Herald, made a sensation around town, especially in lumbering and banking circles. It is said that the People's Bank of Halifax is the only banking institution interested in the failure. The law suit instituted by the bank will be watched with interest, and will involve a very large expenditure of money.

FREDERICTON SCHOOL BOARD.

And the Progress of the Schools Under Its Management.

The resignation of Messrs. Randolph and Inches from the Fredericton school board, recalls the first institution of that body, and the progress made in common and high school education in this city. To Mr. Sampson, the Hon. Mr. Harniss is indebted for a glance into the minutes of the board's meeting and for some figures which speak for themselves:

The first meeting of the board was held in the Mayor's office on Sept. 13, 1871. Present—A. F. Randolph, chairman, and Messrs. Richards, Dowling, Morrison, McDonald, Everett and Gregory.

Mr. Gregory acted secretary of the meeting. Applications for the office of the school were read from J. L. Inches, A. McLaughlan, E. C. Press, George Roberts. Mr. Inches was elected.

Just previous to the opening of the common schools, the official returns show that in the parish and other schools in Fredericton there were 640 pupils. The public schools were opened with 100 and 12 female teachers. On the 11th November 1872, everything was in good running order and the trustees had in their employ 24 teachers, and an enrollment of 958 pupils, whose average attendance was 67,420 pupils.

The enrollment of pupils in July 1895 was 1217 pupils, with an average attendance of 1007 pupils. The teaching staff now numbers 25.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MISSION.

Prominent Workers to Address Meetings in Fredericton Next Week.

Eugene Stock and H. Perry Grubb, delegates of the Church of England missionary society, who have recently been addressing large meetings in Montreal, will arrive at St. John Saturday, and will speak at a series of meetings to be held in this city.

On Tuesday the delegates will visit this city, and Mr. Stock will address a missionary meeting the same evening, and possibly the University students in the afternoon. It is believed that a number of citizens outside of the Church of England will welcome the opportunity of hearing the delegates of this great society, whose only object in coming to Canada is to stir up missionary zeal. They travel at their own charges, and ask for no offerings. They wish any collection taken at their addresses, to be sent to the treasurer of the Canadian C. M. S., Rev. F. H. Du Verney, Toronto Junction, to be used for Canadian missions. Very important statements are expected on the state of missions throughout the world, especially with regard to China, whither the C. M. S. has just sent a large missionary reinforcement.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

To the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of William J. Wiggins, late of the Parish of Queensbury, in the County of York, in the Province of New Brunswick, farmer, deceased, and Isabel his wife, and all others whom it may in any way concern.

NOTICE is hereby given that under and in virtue of a Power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the Fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety and made between the said William J. Wiggins, and Isabel his wife, of the first part, and the undersigned, Alexander Calder, of the second part, and recorded in the York County Records, Book 130, 2, page 782, 783 and 784, on the fourth day of July, A. D. 1895, there will for the purpose of satisfying the money secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, at the City of York, on

MONDAY, the 2nd day of MARCH next, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the land and premises mentioned and described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:

"A L. E. tract, piece, or parcel of land, situate in the Bayville settlement, in the Parish of Queensbury, in the County of York, in the Province of New Brunswick, and New Brunswick and Company, and bounded as follows: Beginning at stake placed at the north-west angle of a lot of land owned by Charles Cobble, thence running by the margin of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, south forty-one degrees and twenty minutes, and one hundred chasms, thence south, sixty-nine degrees and twenty minutes north to the right angle being twenty chasms, thence north to the right angle being twenty minutes west, one hundred chasms, to a stake placed at the side of the Bayville settlement road, thence all along the said road, south forty-one degrees and twenty minutes east, twenty-nine chasms and thirty-eight links to a stake of cement. Continuing thence by hand of acre more or less. The land having been a part of the said William J. Wiggins by James A. Macdonald, by deed bearing date the 11th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five."

Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and the privileges and rights in any manner appertaining.

Dated this Eleventh day of November A. D. 1895.

ALEX. CALDER, Auctioneer.

WESLEY VANWART, Solicitor for Mortgagee.

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By the author of 'A Forbidden Marriage',  
'That Pretty Young Girl', etc.

## CHAPTER XIII. THE PAIN OF PARTING.

### CONTINUED. CHAPTER XI.

#### FATE SETTLES THE MATTER.

It will be the saddest blow he has ever received when you have to tell him that, replied the duchess, for I repeat, he is sure to ask you.

Would to Heaven he may never ask me, murmured Irene, fervently; it would grieve me so much to inflict pain upon a human creature.

Of course if you do not love him you cannot help it, my dear, returned the duchess, ruefully; love goes where the Lord sends it, to be sure, but it is such a pity to see a life wrecked for love as I feel sure Victor will be.

Do not say so, replied Irene, as he is good and manly, he will be brave; he will learn to live and forget. The time will come, she added in a low voice, "when he will see why he should not have loved me. If I have ever given him one look or one word of encouragement, Heaven forgive me I did not know it."

They passed on, leaving the young man, who sat rigidly upright against the tree trunk with a face as pale as death and a heart as cold as a stone.

All in a moment his love dream was shattered, and his hopes lay in ruins around him. For a moment he was stunned past realizing it. The great shock, the terrible sorrow, had come upon him so suddenly, so unexpectedly that he found himself unprepared to face it.

The words he had heard seemed to him but the cooing of some horrible nightmare from which he should awake presently.

Slowly it all came back to him word for word. He repeated it to himself over and over again, as though drilling the words into his benumbed heart.

By midnight, he had paced up and down under the trees until the midnight bells tolled. He had decided the mastery over his sorrow. He made the decision to quit London by midnight and without seeing Irene.

### CHAPTER XII.

#### NO ROSE WILL BLOOM WITHOUT A THORN.

With the morning's light, Victor Ross' resolution was that he would leave without seeing Irene again, he vowed.

Why should he deny himself the privilege of looking once more on that girlish face that had been the lead star of his life; hereafter he would see it only in his dreams.

They allowed a dying man to look as long as he could at the sun; why should he not linger by his side a few brief moments to say farewell. It would not hurt her, and it was his last glimpse of happiness. He would go away then, it did not matter where. Life would be no longer sweet for him when it did not hold Irene Middleton.

He knew if he waited long enough in the rose arbor, he should see her walking in the garden among the roses, as was her usual morning custom.

Irene was an early riser; it was not long ere she made her appearance on the terrace.

She had proceeded but a short distance ere she was startled by a tall figure emerging from among the tall flowering shrubs, and standing directly in the path before her.

The second glance showed her it was Mr. Ross.

I knew you would be here, Miss Middleton, he said, I have been watching for you.

Irene gave a perceptible start, glancing uneasily at the white, haggard face confronting her, the duchess' words occurred to her.

I have come to say farewell to you, Miss Middleton, he said. I leave London this morning.

Leave London, this morning! repeated Irene, in wonderment. Why, is it possible? Is it not rather sudden?

Yes, he answered, hastily.

Where do you go? she asked.

That I have not determined yet. My one desire is to get as far away from here as steam will take.

She held out her slender, white hand to him and he clasped it, eagerly bending his pale face over the girl's.

I am going so far away that in all probability you may never meet again, he said wistfully. But there is one thing I should like you to remember, and that is, that my life will always be at your service. If ever the time should come in which you require a true and steadfast friend, with a strong will and a brave heart, will you remember me?

Yes, she said, gently; and in after years those words came back to her. And thus they parted, little dreaming under what circumstances they were destined to meet again.

Without another word, Victor Ross had turned and left her, carrying away the picture with him of that tall, slim figure, standing in the early glow of the morning sunlight.

He turned when he reached the brow of the hill and took one glance back. Irene was still standing amidst the roses, one white hand shading her dark eyes from the sun's level rays as she watched him out of sight, and a line of two of poetry drifted through his mind, and he thought how true it was:

"Whom first we love, alas! we seldom wed,  
Time rules us all. And life, indeed, is not."  
The thing we planned it ere hope was dead."

The sudden departure of Victor Ross caused considerable consternation among the young ladies, for he was a general favorite.

He had left a written note for the duke and duchess, as an apology for not remaining to bid them good-bye.

She guessed immediately why he had gone, Irene must have refused an offer of marriage from him. Her surprise was great to learn from Irene that he had made no such offer; that he had simply bidden her a hasty good-bye, telling her he was going away.

The duchess was mystified. She could not understand it. Did he mention where he was going? she asked.

No, replied Irene.

Or when he would return?

He said he might never return.

Perhaps he has not gone at all, but took that way as a ruse to find out if you care for him or not, said the duchess, thoughtfully.

I think you will find that he has really gone, replied Irene. John, the coachman, drove him to the railway station to catch the outgoing express.

That is certainly proof positive, returned the duchess.

Emmond felt greatly relieved when he learned that his rival had beat an ignominious retreat, and left the field, as it were, to himself.

People began to smile meaningly at last when they were seen together, and it was settled as a matter of course wherever Miss Middleton was, there Mr. Emmond was to be found.

Everyone noticed his devotion to her, strange to say, except the young lady herself. Irene drifted on with the tide, content that in his presence she could forget the dark past; she thought never came to her that she was sweeping on, as a leaflet in the stream, toward a precipice. While with him she never once remembered the hidden skeleton, the page of the dark past that was never to be read by human eyes.

It spoke volumes for Irene's innate purity of mind that no thought save that of friendship filled her mind.

She realized this, only when they were to gather she cared for no other society. If she did not see him for a day, she missed him strangely, dull, Oh! foolish!

the roses, reading legends from the old masters, and poetry from the world's gifted poets, and discussing them. Oh, beautiful summer evenings spent over the piano or harp. Irene never thought of the time when they must cease.

The duchess watched in silence; she could not clearly make out whether Irene cared for Frederick Emmond or not.

This same uncertainty filled the mind of Emmond himself. He only awaited the right opportunity of declaring his love. He had told himself over and over again that he could not live without her; that every wish and hope of his life was centered in her. He would have told her so long since, but that she frightened him; he had so much at stake he feared to risk all. What if she should send him away as she had sent young Ross?

At length, telling himself he could endure the suspense of uncertainty no longer, Emmond determined to settle his future that very evening.

With this purpose in view he accepted an invitation to a tea given by the duchess.

As the evening passed, he was almost in despair; he could not find an opportunity of exchanging scarcely a word with Irene, every effort was always so eager to converse with her. She was charming, in conversation, seeming intuitively to understand what topic each one preferred; discussing "high life" with Lady Aymer, "home affections" with a young bride, and "church politics" with Dr. Mead.

Emmond listened with charmed ears. How clear and brilliant were her eyes! How self-doubtfully whether or not he would ever be fortunate enough to win this lovely, peerless girl, who might mate with a lord or a duke, if she so wished.

Much to his relief, the duchess joined the group and while their attention was attracted for a moment to her, Emmond managed to whisper to Irene: "Will you come out on the terrace, and see how the moon is shining? resist it if you can."

She laid her little white hand on his arm, and they walked away together.

How beautiful the night was, the sky was ablaze with stars, the moon which was at the full, poured a flood of silvery radiance down upon the pretty fountains tossing up their white spray, upon the myriads of roses, sweet myriophytes and hyacinth whose odorous breath filled the summer air. It was like an evening in Southern Italy.

It was the very time and place for a declaration of love, but now that the all important moment had come Emmond felt as nervous as a schoolboy.

Not one of the pretty speeches, he had so carefully prepared came to his mind; his lips seemed almost stricken dumb.

What a pity, said Irene, breaking the beautiful silence, that summer could not last forever, it is so delightful. I cannot imagine why, she went on, but this summer seems to me the fairest I have seen yet.

I can say the same thing, he said, looking down into her dark, dreamy eyes.

Here they were, the opening he had been looking for, he caught the little hand in his, that lay on the cold stone brim of the fountain.

Listen while I tell you why this summer has been the fairest I have ever known, he whispered, because it has been passed by your side, and because I love you.

She drew back with a low cry of pain and amazement, snatching her hand from him, her eyes wide with something very like horror, and that look seemed to freeze the words on his lips; was ever a confession of love received in this fashion before?

Frederick Emmond drew nearer the slim girlish figure who stood so silently by the fountain, her face persistently turned from him.

He was young and impulsive, with youthful blood bounding through his veins, and a warm heart beating in his breast. At that moment he would have bartered every dollar of his worldly possessions for love.

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Irene, have I frightened you? he asked, humbly. I thought you knew, that you understood I cared for you. I loved you from the first moment I saw you.

Hush! she cries, in such a startled voice, that he pauses and looks around to see what has frightened her so.

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Her sharp cry of distress, and the strange expression which had flashed so suddenly into the great dark eyes embarrassed him in spite of all his easy nonchalant grace and self-assurance. His handsome face flushed, he was almost at a standstill as to how to proceed with his wooing, when her face was turned so persistently from him in something very like dismay.

I thought we were married, only that and nothing more, she murmured, incoherently, adding slowly: There can never be any love between us, only friendship.

Friendship, he repeated, striving manfully to crush the great disappointment that almost overpowered him. There can be no such thing as friendship, Miss Middleton, after love has once entered the heart. Could I look into your eyes, feel the touch of your little hands and simply care your friendship? No, a thousand times no! Do not be angry at my presumption, Irene, he cried, if I tell you that I believe that you do care for me, and you are only trying to tease me. Look into my face and tell me you will send me away.

Irene shrunk from his outstretched arms with a low cry. Oh, if he only knew the truth, the tortured young heart sighs to itself. Would he not despise me if he knew that I am already bound by a cruel tie to another, and that other, one whom I abhor from the depths of my soul, and like a flash the sudden thought struck her heart keen as a sword thrust, of the sweet possibilities that might have been, if she were only free. God pity her! all too late the startling truth forced itself to her whirling chaotic mind; she loved Frederick Emmond. Oh, the pity of it all, what had she done, that fate should weigh down her young life with such heavy, galling chains. Yes, she loved him with the depth of love that comes to a woman but once in a lifetime, and they were parted just as surely as though one of them lay in the grave.

Will you take time to think this matter over, Irene? pleaded Emmond, earnestly. I will be very patient if you will but give me hope.

She shook her head, with a gesture of entreaty.

I pray you to say no more, she faltered, it can never be, never!

Will you answer to me one question truthfully and in all solemnity, Irene? he asked, gravely.

If I can, she replied, in a voice from which she vainly attempted to repress the sobs.

Will you deny that you care for me?

No—I will not—the answerer faintly.

Then why, Irene, are you sending me from you? he questioned, earnestly.

She bowed her head on her hands, and he saw the slender frame shiver as with sudden chill.

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