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ADVENTURE WITH A WILD CAT.

(Victoria Co. News.)

Jan. H. Bradley, Game Warden at California Settlement, took a stroll through the woods Sunday to see that everything was all right, and quite close to the settlement he found a large wild cat caught in a trap by the hind legs. He undertook to kill it with his axe, but evidently in a somewhat careless manner, as before he got within striking distance the cat made a spring carrying the trap with it, and landed with its paws on Bradley's head cutting severe gashes behind his ears. He jumped back and fortunately fell out of the animal's reach when the chain stopped his cat's advance. When Bradley recovered himself he made a more careful advance and with a well directed blow ended the animal's existence. When skinned it measured 18 feet, making a very handsome No. 1 hide which he disposed of to F. D. Sadler. This is the eighth he has caught about the same place during the last two seasons.

FORMERLY OF ROTHESAY.

(Vancouver World, Jan. 21.) When F. Bradley, of Tupper, Peters & Gilmore's office, attended the Rotheray, N. B., collegiate school, he was one of the school star hockey players,

that is on ice. Since he came to British Columbia a short time ago, he has entered into the English game known as grass hockey, and it said to shine at that. In a recent practice Mr. Bradley was struck over the right knee and the blow was so severe as to lay him up, but he hopes to be about again in a few days.

HE IS NOT A HUNTER.

A Maine correspondent of the Boston Globe makes the remarkable assertion that the owners of Maine lumber lands desire that all game animals, footed and winged, may be exterminated as quickly as possible. Their contention is that with no game there will be no hunters, with no hunters no campers, with no campers no forest fires.

ANOTHER IMPOSTURE.

The Victoria Colonist says: "To those who have been interesting themselves in the Alaska mirage, the following telegram from a reputable party in San Francisco will prove of interest: 'Silent city story is a fake. That first mirage picture was really taken from an old plate of the city of Bristol, and it was exposed at the time. It was merely a photographer's trick. There is a mirage on the glacier, but it is childish to talk of it as a reflection of a city on the other side of the globe.'"

ACROSS THE SEA.

German Papers Object to Emperor William Honoring Lord Roberts.

Wilhelmina's Good Time — News From Various Parts of Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—It is rumored that Crown Prince Frederick William, of Prussia, will marry Princess Ena, of Battenberg, daughter of Princess Beatrice. It is asserted that the dowager queen is coming to London to visit Queen Alexandra, her sister.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, is confined to his bed, but expects to recover his usual health in a few days.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Emperor William has bestowed on Dr. Von Holleben, the German Ambassador at Washington, the crown order of the first class.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—At a banquet given at the Kaiserhof in honor of Queen Wilhelmina's wedding, the people of the Netherlands and Mecklenburg, 3,000 marks were collected for the imprisoned Boer women and children. The Transvaal hymn was heard with every mark of approval, the entire company standing. Christian Dewet, the Boer lecturer, is confined to his bed at Frankfurt-on-the-Main with an attack of appendicitis.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Former King Milan, of Serbia, according to a special despatch from Vienna, is suffering from pneumonia. His condition is pronounced to be dangerous.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A despatch from Portsmouth says the royal yacht Victoria and Albert has been ordered to be gotten ready to take King Edward to Flushing soon after the opening of parliament, when his majesty will return Emperor William's recent visit to England.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The report that Emperor William has conferred upon Lord Roberts the order of the Black Eagle, although not officially confirmed, is now accepted as true. A number of confirmatory despatches from London are published today. While the papers generally admit that if Emperor William gave decorations to any British officer, Lord Roberts could not be omitted, the public and press unanimously condemn the bestowal of the decoration as directly unfriendly to the Boers.

The Kreuz Zeitung says: "We fail to see why this Boer destroyer should receive such a unique mark of Emperor William's distinction and also why the emperor, after being horribly wounded by the Boers, should now show them marked attention."

The Hamburger correspondent, semi-official, also disapproves, declaring that a painful feeling has been caused in all parts of the country.

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 9.—The belief is held by well informed persons here that the Duke of Connaught will be appointed commander-in-chief of the British forces in India.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 9.—Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Henry had an enthusiastic reception at Apeldoorn Thursday night. The Loo palace was illuminated, and all the country round was ablaze with fireworks.

Yesterday morning they strolled through the park and visited the royal stables.

The weather continues frosty, but the people keep up the festivities with an enthusiasm that verges on boisterousness. Great preparations are being made at Amsterdam for the queen's visit.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Sportsman understands that for the coming season most of King Edward's race horses in training will be leased to the Duke of Devonshire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Discussing King Edward's visit to the continent, a London cablegram to the Tribune says:

Soon after the opening of parliament the king will go to Germany to see his sister, the Empress Frederick, and to visit the Kaiser. It is believed he will leave a week or two at the Riviera. Naturally the events of the last three weeks have affected him acutely, and he may recognize the wisdom of a short rest; but at the same time there is no truth in the report that his health is far from satisfactory.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The king presided at a meeting of the privy council at Marlborough house this morning to consider the terms of the speech from the throne at the opening of the first parliament of his reign, Feb. 14. Leveson Gower was among the privy councillors present.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Commenting upon the despatches of Lord Roberts, the Times says:

"The most vivid impression produced by that on his fighting side the British army need not fear comparison with any troops in the world. A second, and less agreeable, impression is that the army is less strong on its business than on its fighting side. Its splendid qualities have been largely neutralized by want of foresight, initiative, organizing abilities, common intelligence and common sense, the part of those whose business it was to utilize the fighting qualities to the utmost."

PAUL KRUGER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from the Hague, the London correspondent of the Tribune says:

"While Mr. Kruger has gone to Utrecht for treatment by an eminent specialist for his eyes, his general health is not good and he is showing increasing signs of feebleness. His heart action, as physicians attending him here have admitted, is weak and gives warning that he cannot live long."

T. BULMER DEAD.

Fell a Victim to Congestion of the Brain.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9.—The city was surprised this morning to learn of the death of J. T. Bulmer, the well-known barrister and temperance reformer. He had been ill for some days with congestion of the brain. This morning he rose from bed and moved about the house, soon after complaining of a pain in his back, he lay down and in a few minutes passed away. It was on Monday that he first took ill, when he fell on the street in a fit, at that time he remained unconscious for more than a day. Mr. Bulmer had recently started up new offices and he had renovated his fine library.

John Thomas Bulmer was one of the most interesting and impressive characters in the circle where he moved. He had a way of interesting people in the cause he advocated, and threw himself with wonderful energy and enthusiasm into any movement that appealed to him. He is better known, perhaps, as an active leader during several years of the political prohibition party in Nova Scotia than in any other relation.

Mr. Bulmer was born at Nappan, Cumberland County, fifty-three years ago, and grew up on a farm. Educated at Amherst Academy, under Mr. J. T. Mellish, he studied the preparation of the bar, and became a barrister in 1875. Before that he had become interested in temperance work, and was one of the principal organizers of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars. After his admission to the bar he became greatly interested in local history, and was made secretary of the Nova Scotia Historical Society.

Through the instrumentality of persons interested in the same studies, he received the appointment of librarian of the Nova Scotia legislature, and in that capacity ransacked the whole province for books and files of newspapers published in the province. As a result of his activity the Nova Scotia legislative library is exceedingly rich in files of provincial newspapers and Mr. Bulmer himself obtained, perhaps, the largest private library of Canadian publications to be found in the Maritime Provinces, with the exception of that of the late T. B. Aiken, which is now a part of the Nova Scotia Historical Society collection.

He was an unsuccessful applicant for the position of librarian of the Canadian parliament; but produced very strong recommendations for that position.

Mr. Bulmer did not allow his historical studies and interests to interfere with his temperance enthusiasm. In his early career in Halifax he was an active conservative, but finding neither of the political parties sufficient advanced in temperance matters to suit his views, he assumed an independent position. In 1887 when Sir Charles Tupper returned to Canada from England to become a candidate in Cumberland, Mr. Bulmer ran as a third party prohibitionist, and he was also a supporter of Mr. Casey and Mr. Elderkin, when they ran in the same interest. He was one of the founders of the Prohibition Society of the Maritime Provinces, of which his old school fellow and comrade, Rev. William Brown, became the president. In the election of 1896 Mr. Bulmer issued one of his vigorous manifestoes against the late government, which he condemned on temperance and other grounds. A few years later, after the treacherous conduct of the liberal party in the matter of the plebiscite, Mr. Bulmer became a vehement opponent of the same, and published in a great number of papers issued in Canada, are well remembered.

During the last few years Mr. Bulmer gave his attention more to his law practice, and was said to have established a profitable business. Mr. Bulmer was married soon after he settled in Halifax and leaves a family.

TO ISSUE NEW RIFLES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The war department is making arrangements to replace all the United States magazine rifles, calibre 30, 1892, now in service, with later models of 1898 and 1899 of the same rifle. A circular was issued today in regard to the subject, which says that requisitions for rifles of the '96 and '98 models should be made in all classes where the old model of '92 (not converted to model 1898) is still in hands of the troops.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

HONG KONG, Feb. 9.—A despatch from Canton says four men who had been arrested for attacking Germans near Kunchuk have been executed. The same despatch announces the arrival of the new viceroy of Canton.

The native newspapers approve the appointment, stating that the new official belongs to the progressive party.

WILL GO TO EUROPE.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Hon. Chas. Langstaff has acknowledged the truth of the rumor that he will shortly leave for Europe to make a study of the archives of Paris, London and St. Petersburg, in connection with the subjects of the Alaskan boundary and Behring sea fisheries questions.

AN OLD SCHOONER.

The oldest coaster in the Machias district, in Maine, is the schooner Clement, built in Vinalhaven, 1871. Despite the fact she has sailed with the winds and storms a longer period than is allotted to most craft, her owner, Edmund Alley, can see no reason why the Clement cannot celebrate her diamond anniversary, as she is still in good trim for service.

LONDON LETTER.

The Opening of Parliament Will be a Brilliant Affair.

Some Interesting Note and Comment Concerning the King and Queen.

(Special Cable Letter.)

LONDON, Feb. 9.—In all the homage paid to King Edward, Queen Alexandra is little heard of. "Proclamation by the king," in big black type, parades itself curiously on the London boardings, and the young blood of England is fired by the idea that a manly, almost martial, ruler once more controls their destinies. There exists something of that feeling with which the London apprentices hailed the accession of the last Edward. So there is little wonder that Queen Alexandra, for the present, comes in for but the small part of this virile enthusiasm. A diplomat thoroughly conversant with court details informed a representative of the Associated Press that her majesty assumes her increased responsibilities with a feeling almost akin to regret.

"I am growing so old," she said the other day, "that I almost feel unable to face the arduous duties before me." The queen's appearance belies her words. It is her growing deafness which is likely to prove her greatest handicap. Before long, it is feared, she will have to use an ear trumpet. In other ways she is not so strong as formerly.

The rumor that King Edward is suffering from cancer (promptly denied by Sir Felix Semon, physician for diseases of the throat to the national hospital for epilepsy and paralysis, through the Associated Press) probably arose from the fact that Sir Felix Semon is attending Queen Alexandra for sore throat, to which, recently, she has been extremely susceptible, though there are no traces of serious disease. Lord Wolton, the Associated Press informant says, is only too glad if destiny had permitted her to finish her days in England as Princess of Wales, the greater freedom and simplicity of the minor title being preferred by this woman, who by her kindness and goodness, has endeared herself to her adopted people. Since the death of Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra has frequently expressed herself as determined to carry out as far as possible the old time public and private customs which made the rules of the court so different from any others in Europe.

According to report King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit the Devon and Cornwall coast in March, and will spend Easter at Copenhagen, with the King of Denmark. But, if this programme is carried out it will be done in the quietest way.

Speculation is rife as to the date of King Edward's coronation, some people maintaining that it will occur as early as September. But probably the year of court mourning will be strictly observed, the coronation not occurring until February, or later, in 1902. The curious fact of the king's birthday coinciding with Lord Mayor's day, November 9, may cause an alteration in the date of one or the other of these celebrations in the immediate future. King Edward's time is busily taken up. The most important event, of course, is the opening of parliament February 14th, which, next to the coronation, is likely to be the most brilliant spectacle of his reign. Peers and others are clamoring for places in the house of lords, whose seating capacity is so limited that only a few can hope to be successful. Whenever the king has previously appeared in the upper house it was as an attentive auditor of the debates, sitting on the ordinary benches. The only time he voted was in favor of legalizing marriage to a deceased wife's sister, which he has constantly but futilely supported.

Among the other functions which are shortly to be performed by the king is the reception of a loyal address from the corporations of the three counties of the United Kingdom, which will be presented at Buckingham palace.

Every prison in the United Kingdom is in a state of keen expectation for the inmates hope the king will signify his accession by issuing some pardons. The friends of Mrs. Florence Maybrick are taking new heart. By giving up the Duchy of Cornwall to his son, King Edward sacrificed an income of over £1000 a week, though he now receives what is estimated to be about £1000 a day.

Queen Victoria has not been dead a fortnight, yet advertisements are appearing in the papers advising the public to guard themselves against possible loss by insuring against the death of the king. It is said the insurance companies are rapidly approaching the limit of the risk they will accept on King Edward's life. One of the redeeming features of what was naturally a dull week, socially, was a dinner given by Sir Richard Wyatt, the government parliamentary agent, in honor of his American son-in-law, J. C. Barrett, who has just been admitted to the English bar. Mr. Barrett was formerly a member of the New York bar. Among those present were William Court Gully, speaker of the house of commons; Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador; Lord Ceteridge, H. H. Asquith, the former home secretary; Sir John Gorst, Sir William Grantham and other notable men. Out of compliment to the New York bar the legal authorities took off six months of Mr. Barrett's period of probation.

As a result of the visit to Cowes to attend the naval parade of the German war vessels, H. H. Wilson (honorary editor of the Navy League Journal) is writing a series of articles, de-

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claiming that the personnel and management of the German navy are superior in many points to the British. His articles are creating no little comment. It is believed the navy will soon undergo a public overhauling, somewhat similar to that inflicted on the army.

Engineering comments lengthily on the report of Rear Admiral George W. Meville, chief of the bureau of steam navigation, United States, on naval boilers, and hopes his arguments will not be utilized by the British admiralty, declaring that the water tube boilers being placed in American ships today will be outclassed before the vessels run their course.

THE JOINT SMASHERS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Kansas City "joint smasher," attended by a delegation of Topham supporters and admirers, arrived here late this afternoon and tonight she addressed a fair sized audience at the Academy of Music. She said it was not her intention to attack the saloons of Kansas City. Later she took a train for Des Moines, Ia.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 8.—Mrs. G. Bremford led 20 women in a crusade at Clearwater today. All the jointists purchased immunity by promising to abandon their liquor business, which they did. But the women now demand that they give up their billiard and pool tables also. This they refuse to do, and the women threaten to smash them. A raid is expected, and the town is excited.

THANKS TO MCKINLEY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The British ambassador called at the White House today and presented to the president an acknowledgment from King Edward of his appreciation of the president's courtesy in attending the memorial services here and of the feeling of sympathy of the people of the United States.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

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CHANCE FOR THE TELEGRAPH.

Complaint has been made that the authorities at Ottawa are neglecting their duties in failing to ensure that goods sold in this market are what they are represented to be. A particular complaint at present has reference to molasses which, of course, is an article of common consumption. It is stated on what seems to be very good authority that mixed molasses is sold in this market and branded as pure Porto Rico. The law requires that such goods shall be branded for just what they are. In connection with this case there is a large field for the reforming energy of the valued Telegraph. It will be remembered that a number of years ago the question of adulterated molasses excited a great deal of interest in trade circles in this city. Mr. A. E. McIntyre, analytical chemist, was called upon to analyse samples of the alleged adulterated article, and proved himself to be a greater expert than those in the department at Ottawa. At all events Mr. McIntyre had decidedly the best of the argument. This is a matter of common history. If the Telegraph would now invite Mr. McIntyre to compare samples of mixed molasses with pure goods he would no doubt be able to do excellent work in the interests of the consumer, and then the Telegraph itself could call upon the department at Ottawa to insist upon the enforcement of the food inspection law.

A FRENCH-CANADIAN ANNEXATIONIST.

"There ought to be only one flag on this continent, and that flag is the stars and stripes." So says Louis Frechette, the French-Canadian poet. Dr. Frechette adds that he regards annexation to the United States as the ultimate destiny and the desire of the French people of Canada. These statements were made to a reporter of a Buffalo newspaper yesterday. Dr. Frechette is a clever writer, and his poems have been read with a great deal of pleasure by Canadians both of English and French descent. How far he may be the interpreter of the feelings and desires of the French-Canadian people we do not know, but we are reminded that a time when Canada will wish to sever its relations with the mother country. Dr. Frechette and his compatriots have been well treated in Canada under British rule; and one of them is today premier of the Dominion. In fact, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier as prime minister and Mr. Tarte as master of the administration, it may be said that French-Canadian influence is today paramount in the councils of Canada. It is greatly to be regretted that one of that nationality, so well known as Dr. Frechette, should now make a declaration which can only have the effect of causing great irritation among the English speaking people of the country. We had thought there was an end to all this talk of annexation to the United States. Dr. Frechette evidently does not think so; and doubtless believes that he speaks for an influential section of the French-Canadian people. If there be such a section, and if they entertain such views, then whatever may be in their power to do to set Canada and England at variance, and tend to draw this country closer to the United States, they may be expected to do. The Star hopes to hear from influential French-Canadian sources a prompt and unequivocal repudiation of the views expressed by Dr. Frechette. A man who goes from his own country to another and tells them that he thinks his own country should be absorbed by that other is no patriot, but a trouble breeder, and if a stronger term were used, it would hardly be out of place. Dr. Frechette, however much his fellow-citizens may admire his genius, has certainly lost the respect of the English speaking people of the Dominion of Canada. The destiny of Canada is not annexation. Even if the time should come when the connection between this country and England should be severed, there would be no reason at all for throwing ourselves into the arms of the United States. To suggest such a course is to suggest that Canadians are not able and will never be able to stand alone. But what Canada really desires to do and what is in the best interests of the people that she should do, is to remain as now an integral part of the British empire.

THE DRILL SHED.

The resolutions adopted by the officers of the 3rd Regiment and 62nd Regiment relative to the new drill shed for St. John express the views of the majority of the citizens. In fact no public objection to the proposal has been made, and it is stated, a petition is circulated, it will no doubt be signed very generally. The subject has been discussed a great deal during the last few years, and the events which have done so much to stimulate the military spirit among our young men have also emphasized the importance of securing a good drill shed, centrally located. The minister of militia, when in St. John last year, expressed his willingness to come to some agreement with reference to the matter, and doubtless the city council will be able to make with the government satisfactory terms.

The Women's Council, which held its annual meeting yesterday, is an organization whose work along lines of social and civil reform is bearing good fruit. There are many women's organizations in the city, and the council referred to enables them to concentrate their efforts and influence to good purpose when there is important work to be done.

The Star quotes today a portion of the paper read last evening by Dr. Bayard, touching typhoid fever and the St. John water supply. It may be added that the doctor's views relative to the relation of the fever to the water supply were not fully shared by two other medical men, members of the city council, who were present at last night's meeting of the Women's Council.

HONOLULU.

HONOLULU, Jan. 30, via San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Honolulu has seen the last of the round-the-horn fleet of sailing sugar vessels. A large fleet of sailing vessels has been employed every summer for years past to take the sugar round the Horn. It is reported that the new company will put eleven large new steamships on its New York-Honolulu-San Francisco line, running a steamer every two weeks, to make the trip from New York here in 34 days via San Francisco. News of the death of Queen Victoria was brought here on the steamship Sonora. Though expected, the news profoundly shocked the community. Flags were placed half-mast and number of business houses closed their doors. Many Japanese and native workmen on the islands of Maui have formed an association. They claim \$28 a month, with quarters, fuel, etc. free, is due them.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Among the passengers on the steamship Bishop Bismarck, from Mexico, was Bishop B. J. McQuaid, of Rochester. He said he was glad to be home again. He declined to say anything about his visit to Pope Leo XIII.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The Atlantic and Western Telephone company demands \$30,000,000 from Bell Telephone company in a suit filed in the United States court yesterday. The Atlantic and Western company was incorporated in 1892 with a nominal capital of \$5,000,000, but never put in any instruments or did any business. It did, however, acquire certain patent rights, claimed by Henry C. Strong, a Chicago electrician, and these patents are asserted to cover the basic principles on which the Bell telephone is operated.

GOLD IN CARLETON CO.

(Victoria Co. News.)
W. J. Miller, of Munroe, is going to develop "Prof. George Bailey's gold mine at Bigger Ridge. He has now a dozen men at work erecting long-ditches at the place and will, it is understood, put in mining machinery. Recent assays have shown the ore to be worth \$40 per ton in silver and copper. It is just within the bounds of possibility that this may develop into a Klondyke on a somewhat reduced scale. There is much mineral in evidence in that section of the country and doubtless some of it can be worked to profit.

SERVANT GIRLS FROM BRITAIN.

(Winnipeg Free Press.)
Mrs. Sanford, who is leaving on her third trip to Britain for domestic servants, will be glad if ladies desiring girls will advance fares; \$5 will pay the passage of one of this party from England, Scotland or Ireland to Winnipeg. The girls sign an agreement to stay with the lady advancing her fare until the same is repaid; \$10 a month is promised to girls who have had experience in service before. The party may be expected early in May, and will include English, Irish and Scotch girls.

NEW CATTLE ACCOMMODATIONS.

The live stock accommodations on west side are to be improved and made equal in convenience to the stock yards of the Grand Trunk railway at Montreal. John Sheridan, a prominent Toronto horse and cattle shipper is in the city at present inspecting the Sand Point cattle sheds for the Dominion government. He will recommend that they be modernized at once. This will include enlarging, roofing, separate compartments for each shipper's cattle; a carload of cattle for each compartment, etc. This is what has been needed for long. It is just what is needed to be hoisted along from season to season, but that it will be done at once.

Wise is the man who does of his own free will that which he would otherwise be compelled to do.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Annual Meeting Yesterday—
Encouraging Reports From
Various Societies.

New Officers Appointed—Interesting Papers Read at Evening Session.

The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women was held yesterday afternoon in Orange hall.

At the afternoon session Vice-president Mrs. S. D. Scott occupied the chair in the absence of the president, Mrs. Robert Thomson, who is in Bermuda on account of her health.

After the united rendering of the Lord's Prayer, Miss Peters, in the absence of Mrs. Chisholm, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were received and adopted.

Miss Murray read a communication from Lady Aberdeen, expressing her pleasure at the steady growth of the Council in Canada.

Mrs. Scott, occupying the chair, expressed great regret at the absence of the president, and suggested that a vote of thanks be presented to her for her faithful work.

Miss Murray moved and Mrs. E. A. Smith seconded a vote of thanks to Mrs. Thomson.

The treasurer's report, read by Miss Leavitt, showed total receipts for the year of \$277.28, expenditures \$196.25, leaving a balance on hand of \$81.03. In addition to the above balance the council has on deposit in the Bank of Nova Scotia the sum of \$81.30, which amount was raised and held for a patrol wagon.

Miss Peters read the report of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the S. P. C. A., reporting a satisfactory condition.

Forty-five dollars had been donated to the parent society during the past year.

The Ladies' Society of St. Stephen's church reported through Mrs. Campbell good attendance and subscriptions during 1900.

The Home for Aged Ladies reported that every room was filled and affairs in a very encouraging condition.

Mrs. H. A. Austin reported that the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. had had a prosperous year.

Through Mrs. Bullock the St. John W. C. T. U. reported that the coffee room had been successful, and arrangements were being made for a large room in connection with the jail was doing an encouraging work.

Mrs. Gray for the county W. C. T. U. said particular attention had been paid of late to jail reform, and resolutions in respect to this had been placed before the county council.

Mrs. McAvity for the north end W. C. T. U. reported a busy and prosperous year. Many visits had been made to the poor and sick and relief given in many cases of destitution. A bed room had been provided for the Home for Incurables and visits made to the same. A large amount of reading matter had been sent to the lumber camps throughout the province. Comfort bags had been sent to the Seafarers' Mission. The work of erecting a drinking fountain had progressed time of the Union since August. A bazaar is planned to be held in April to provide funds for this.

The missionary society of the Brussels street Baptist church, through Mrs. Oliver, gave a report of the progress of the work among the Telegus.

The W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's church, through Mrs. J. H. Thomson, reported encouragingly of the work done during the past year.

Miss Leavitt, for the Women's Home Mission Society of the presbytery of St. John, sketched the work of the past year.

Mrs. D. C. Skinner reported for the Wednesday evening club. She said the year past had been a most interesting one. This fall the club had celebrated its twentieth anniversary.

Miss Agnes Carr reported that good work had been done by the High School Alumnae Association. Among other things \$100 raised at Dr. Drummond's lecture had been contributed to the Catholic fund.

The Women's Emancipation Association, through Mrs. Platt, reported that the past year the scope of its ideals had been broadened. The society stood for all social and political reform.

Mrs. Macmillan, from the King's Daughters, gave a description of the valuable work done by this society in the city. In connection with the guild there was an employment office, where applications for work were received and attended to. There are now in the guild nine boarders. Donations had been received from citizens which it was hoped would be increased until the guild was out of debt.

The scrutineers here returned and announced the following officers as elected: President, Mrs. J. V. Ellis; vice-presidents, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Dever, Miss Murray, Miss Leavitt, Mrs. Brock, Miss Skinner; treasurer, Miss Carr; corresponding secretary, Miss Peters; recording secretary, Mrs. Chisholm.

A report from the Victorian Order of Nurses was read by Mrs. McLeish, showing an encouraging condition of affairs. During the past year the nurses of the order have been employed by 25 doctors, have attended 137 patients and made 3,051 visits. They had 85 medical cases, 23 surgical, 56 maternity and 19 chronic cases, which 76 had been paid and 62 free cases. A room has been fitted up in the public hospital for two nurses.

Mrs. Ellis, the new president, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. McLeish for valuable assistance rendered to the society. The meeting here adjourned until eight o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session Lady Tilley presided.

The secretary's report was presented, showing the work done during the past year. At the time of the fire in Hull, a large amount of children's clothing was forwarded to the sufferers. Serious attention had been given

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PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—Parliament sat but one hour today. The premier paid an eloquent tribute to the late queen.

The following address to the king was moved by Sir Wilfrid, seconded by Mr. Borden, and unanimously adopted:

After expressing the faith in the King, Laurier moved the following address to His Majesty:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty: Most Gracious Sovereign—We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the senate and house of commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach your Majesty with this expression of our deep and heartfelt sorrow at the demise of our late sovereign lady Queen Victoria.

In common with our fellow subjects in all parts of the Empire, we deplore the loss of a great ruler, whose manifold and exalted virtues have for three generations commanded respect and admiration in the world.

As representatives of the Canadian people, we mourn for the beloved sovereign under whom our dominion first rose into being, and to whose wise and beneficent sway are due in no small measure its growth and prosperity.

May we venture to add that above and beyond these sentiments which the sad occasion naturally calls forth, there has come to each one of us a sense of personal bereavement, which, we say it with all possible respect and duty, makes your Majesty's sorrow our own.

We pray that the God of consolation may comfort you, Majesty and the members of the royal family in their affliction.

It is with feelings no less deep and sincere than those to which we have just given utterance that we hail your Majesty's accession to the throne of your ancestors. We beg to assure your Majesty of our devoted attachment to your Majesty's person and government, and to express our unclouded confidence that the glory and the greatness of the British Empire abroad, and the happiness and the well being of your Majesty's people at home, will suffer no diminution under your Majesty's gracious rule.

PORK PACKING BUSINESS.

Visit of English and American Capitalists to Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 7.—Sir Wm. B. Forwood and J. Brown, of Liverpool, England, directors of the firm of Fowler Bros., pork packers, Chicago, which concern has a controlling interest in the Lawry & Sons pork packing establishment here, are in Hamilton on a business visit. The plant is being thoroughly inspected. It is probable the output here will be vastly increased at an early date. The visit of the English directors, who were joined here by the American capitalists interested, was for the purpose of considering the advisability of investing another quarter of a million dollars in the plant here, the purpose of the concern being to secure control of the refrigerated dressed beef trade of England and other European countries.

A young man may die, but an old man must.

to the alleged impurities of the drinking water of the city, and a committee had been appointed to interview the chairman of the board of health and the board of works. The subject had been freely discussed, and the advisability of purchasing the lands adjoining the reservoir suggested. This land had now become the property of the city. Another matter attended to was the placing of new and improved wheels on the ambulance. A sale had been held at which some hand work of the Doukhobor women had been disposed of, realizing \$67, which had been forwarded to them. A health committee had been appointed to memorialize the city council regarding the matter of expectorating on the sidewalks and in public buildings, and the council had promised it their serious consideration, and measures were already being taken to remedy the evil. A resolution had also been passed affirming the necessity of a workhouse in connection with the city.

His worship Mayor Daniel was present and expressed his gratification at the good work being done by the council, which had done much to ameliorate the morals and manners of the city. He spoke of their share in Dr. Bayard then read a valuable paper on "Water in Relation to Disease."

The paper was ably discussed by Drs. Olding and White, and a vote of thanks to Dr. Bayard was moved by Mrs. Geo. McLeod and seconded by Mrs. D. D. Scott.

Mrs. Manning after a few introductory remarks read the following resolution:

Resolved, That since the great need of a work-house in connection with the jail has been strongly expressed, that the matter be also more urgently before the public.

Resolved, That the Local Council of Women be called to discuss the question before the next quarterly meeting, in order to be able to submit a statement, or definite plan of action at its annual meeting, when all discussions naturally come before the public.

Dr. J. H. Saunders, the general opinion that the punishment of law-breakers should be conducted in a different way. The jail would soon be inspected by an architect with regard to its improvement. A bill would also soon be brought before the legislature to give the city permission to let the prisoners work anywhere in the city limits.

Concerning the workhouse, Mrs. Manning made some suggestions as to the improvement of the present system.

Mrs. Bullock heartily approved of the action of the municipality toward reforming the jail. Miss Peters presented a sample of a rug made in a Detroit workhouse, which was made self-supporting by this work.

Mrs. E. A. Smith moved a vote of thanks to Drs. Olding and White and to Mayor Daniel for their contributions to the success of the evening, seconded by Miss Peters and heartily carried.

Before the close of the meeting Miss Murray read a resolution expressing the sorrow of the council at the death of the Queen, and their gratefulness for her noble life work. This was seconded by Mrs. McLennan, and the session closed with the singing of God Save the King.

PERSONAL.

Miss Ada E. Penna, St. John, is the guest of Miss Roberta Murchie, St. Stephen.

R. J. H. Saunders, who has been visiting relatives in St. John, returned home—Calais Times.

Sir Adolphe Caron has gone to Florida with his son. Lady Caron and Miss Caron will reside in Ottawa.

Rev. J. Burt Morgan, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Aylesford, N. S., and well known in this city, took part in the memorial services in Nelson, B. C.

Rev. Father O'Leary has completely recovered from his recent illness and was at 7 o'clock mass at the Basilica, Quebec, last Sunday.

A. H. Chipman, formerly business manager of the Messenger and Visitor, but now connected with Davis and Soule, Boston, is in town.

Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath, of Vancouver, preached an eloquent sermon to his old congregation of Christ church, Winnipeg, last Sunday.

Chas. H. Lagrin, editor of the Victoria Colonist, in company with Lieut. Bandy, R. E., also of Victoria, passed through Winnipeg last week on their way home after an extended stay in the east.

Miss Sadie McVay, who has been spending a month in St. John, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur C. Smalley, has returned to her home in St. Stephen.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING.

The proposed meeting of the St. John local union of Christian Endeavor will be held on Tuesday evening next, 12th inst., in the Brussels street Baptist church. The programme as previously arranged will be carried out.

D. A. Morrison, ex-president, lately returned from South Africa, will be present and address the meeting, telling some of his experiences.

It is related of Misses that whatever he touched turned to gold; nowadays if you but touch some men with gold they will turn to anything.



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Men's Collars

four ply linen, 50c. quality, for 50c. each. Size 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. Bear in mind these are actually 50c. collars; but they are lined with our dropping, and the price is broken.

Ladies' Collars

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PROBATE COURT, City and County of St. John, To the Sheriff of the City and County of St. John, or any Constable of the said City and County-Greeting:

Whereas, the Administrators of the estate of Charles A. Palmer, deceased, have filed in this Court an account of their administration of the said deceased's estate and have prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of Law.

You are therefore required to cite the heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all of the creditors and other persons interested in his said estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of St. John, at the Probate Court Room in the Post Office Building, in the City of St. John, on MONDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY NEXT, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to attend the passing and allowing of the said account as prayed for and as by Law directed.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court this Fourth day of January A. D. 1901. (Sgd.) ARTHUR I. TRUHEMAN, Judge of Probate. (Sgd.) JOHN MCILLAN, Registrar of Probate.

LOCAL NEWS.

The I. C. R. pay car arrived in the city today.

The drapings are being taken down off the public buildings today, as suggested in the Star yesterday.

The members of Johnston L. O. L. are requested to meet this evening. See advt.

Four rinks of the Thistles will probably go up to Fredericton next Thursday, to play the curling club there.

The Mission Band of the Leinster Street Baptist church will give a concert some evening next week.

Reverdy Steeves, who was badly injured some time ago by the explosion of a boiler, is recovering.

Spencer's Assembly takes place tonight. Beginners' Class meets Monday night.

The writs for the Carleton County election have been issued. Nominations Feb. 15th; polling Feb. 26th.

Registrar Jones reports nine marriages during the past week and twenty births, eleven being females.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cameron's remains were interred in Fernhill this afternoon from No. 74 Queen street. Rev. Ira Smith was the officiating clergyman.

Officer James Gossline, who was attacked by the Lake Champlain's unruly stokers on Thursday night, is unable to attend to his duties. He is laid up at his home, King street west.

Chief Justice Tuck, Judges Barker, McLeod and Landry, and a number of lawyers and others, about twenty in all, are snowbound at Fredericton. The capital is cut off from the world except by wire today.

The treasury board will meet Monday afternoon, and the north end library board will meet Tuesday afternoon and will take up the Reed's Point repairs matter.

There were three drunks at the police court this morning. Fanny Higgins, arrested on suspicion of stealing jewelry, silverware, etc., from Dr. McIntyre's home, in north end, was again remanded for three days.

La grippe has a strong foothold in the adjoining town of Fairville. In three instances it has developed into pneumonia, congestion and other more serious maladies, but no fatalities have yet occurred.

The members of Johnston Lodge, No. 19, Ladies' Orange Eminent Association, will hold a musical and literary entertainment of real interest in the Sons of England hall, Germain street on Monday evening.

Landlord Higgins, of St. Patrick street, was trying to get his rent from a tenant this morning, and for a while the constable who was trying to make a charge had a hot time of it. The police were called in to preserve the peace.

Owing to the late storm and the delay of the trains the cattle for the Manchester Importer have not arrived, and the big boat could not get away this morning. It will now be tomorrow evening's tide before she departs. The cattle number 357 head, 34 horses, and 295 sheep.

Officer Totten reports the small house of Mrs. Dunn, on Brussels street, nearly opposite Clarence, an occupied by P. G. Locke, the Chinese laundryman, to be in a dangerous condition. It is projecting over the street and is of unsound timbers.

R. C. Hubley of Sussex, one of the returned soldiers, is about to publish a book dealing with the experience of the first Canadian contingent in the Boer war. Mr. Hubley contributed a very interesting series of letters to the Sussex Record, and the publication of his book will be looked forward to, no doubt, with pleasurable anticipation by many people.

A very pleasant and highly interesting afternoon party was held at the home of S. T. Vaughan, Main street, north end, yesterday; about forty ladies, married and unmarried, were present and the few hours were pleasantly spent in the illustrated song, picture and conundrum competitions. Misses Patton and Misses Hunter won prizes.

The special evangelistic services in the Fairville Baptist church, which have been held all this week, have been well attended and productive of good results. Next week Rev. Ira Smith, of Leinster Street Baptist church, in the city proper, will assist Pastor A. T. Dykeman in his labors. Special services will soon be commenced in the Douglas Avenue Christian church.

The annual turkey dinner of the Lumberman's Aid Society, which is rather an inappropriate name for a party of Indian town young men, will be held at the society's camp, back of South Bay, tomorrow. The members of this organization, which holds but one meeting a year in the depths of the forest, have arranged everything for tomorrow's gathering.

Miss Alexis Balloch of Germain street died suddenly this morning. Miss Balloch had conducted a first-class private boarding house at her home, opposite Howard street for several years, and was well and favorably known. She was a daughter of the late Alexander Balloch, an old-time resident.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE PREVENTED. Between one and two o'clock this morning Officers Crawford and Sullivan of the police force went into A. Alts Freeman's house, corner Germain and Bettina streets, to quell a disturbance between the proprietress and William Thompson. Another breach of the peace was prevented by Officers Baxter and Cobby between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, when they ejected Wm. Nairn and Maud Tucker from Mrs. William Campbell's house on Summer street.

THE PARKS COTTON MILLS.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 8, 1901.

To Editor of Star:

Sir,—It would be a terrible calamity, dear sir, to St. John to have the Parks' factories closed down for all time. Just figure up the amount paid out in wages yearly. Surely the city had better grant a loan or assist in some way to keep the business in operation. I see our council are contemplating assistance to steel ship-building. Let them show consideration in Parks' business. It is not only the employees but all the tax paying public will be effected by this great loss of employment, as well as the property owners of St. John. Ask the Parks Co. to show up how much is paid yearly in wages and compare it with some of our old shipyards. St. John has usually held back from helping to establish local employment. Now's the time to take hold and help out our own citizens before they go outside.

Yours, etc.,

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SNOW-BOUND AND HUNGRY.

A telephone message to the Star from Hillsboro this morning states that the correspondent, a St. John man, is snowed up at that place. The train left Hillsboro for Salsbury on Monday, and did not arrive there until Wednesday. She will probably not get through to Albert before next Tuesday, and is not expected to return to Salsbury before the end of next week. The Star's informant, who is a commercial traveller, says that he has been in some pretty bad storms on the North Shore, but he never saw so much snow fall in as short a time and cause such terrible drifts as are now to be seen everywhere in Albert county; he and another will try to get through by team to Moncton today, but they have no certainty of getting there.

DEATH OF ROBERT WILLS.

Robert Wills, an officer in His Majesty's Customs, a prominent Orangeman and an indefatigable worker in the cause of temperance, died at his home, 110 St. James street, this morning, after a somewhat protracted illness. Mr. Wills was born at Norden, near Corfe Castle, Dorsetshire, England, on March 24th, 1835, and came to Canada when a youth of nineteen years. He carried on a blacksmithing business here for some years previous to his entry into the government's service in connection with the customs department. As an Orangeman the deceased citizen was at times quite prominent. He had the interest of the order at heart, and worked earnestly for it. In the Sons of Temperance he was a past grand worthy patriarch. Mr. Wills's family surviving consists of a widow, four sons and two daughters. Three of the sons reside in the United States, but the daughters are living in this city. As a citizen, a friend, a member of the fraternal organizations to which he belonged, and also as a blacksmith, Mr. Wills was greatly esteemed and respected.

MAGIC HEALER.

But the greatest of these is faith; is the opinion of Bayard Crawford, who for over a year has been curing diseases by the laying on of hands. The patient's faith is of course a good thing, but the healer himself is possessed of the requisite quantity. While practising the laying on of hands is not altogether a new treatment people still look with grave suspicion upon it.

Mr. Crawford is a young man, about twenty years of age, who has a peculiar ability only a short time ago. Feeling that the virtue which heals was within him he has since that time practically devoted his time to the sick and suffering. Some marvellous cures have resulted. Dr. Crawford's specialty seems to be rheumatism, and many bowed down by it have risen up and walked. The pecuniary results ensuing have not been large. He once hired a team and drove a distance of several miles in the country, headed a woman who had lain in bed for more than a year, and was given twenty-five cents by the joyful husband, who nearly had a fit when he saw his wife walking and clothed in her earthly garments.

A week or so ago Mr. Crawford came to this city by request, and he has left a trail of good works wherever he has gone. The halt and the lame now are able to leap for joy, and one old man, long racked with rheumatism, celebrated his freedom by doing the high kick. The north end fairly teems with stories of cures. There seems to be nothing too great for him to do. His faith is sufficient for all. Miss Bessie Lingley, Main street, who has been unable to move from her bed for a number of months, was, after treatment, able to partly sit up. Beverly Black and Edward Dalton have been benefited by the magic touch of the healer's hands.

Today there was a procession of invalids down Main street to the house where Mr. Crawford boards. They had all diseases and a desire to be whole. A Star reporter was accosted this morning by an old man bent with weight of many seasons and chronic rheumatism.

"Where does this healer live?" said he. The reporter gave the necessary information and asked the "What seek ye?" question.

His surmise as to rheumatism proved to be well founded. There were so various other diseases common to all after reading a patent medicine advertisement. Have you any to help you, asked the reporter, mindful of his scripture, for purchase some one will step in before?

The old man did not seem to understand, and passed along, with the hope of putting off the ills that flesh is heir to and arising a new man.

TYPHOID FEVER.

Our Water Supply and Its Relation to the Disease.

Extracts From a Paper Read by Dr.

Bayard Before the Women's Council.

In his paper, read before the Women's Council last evening, Dr. Bayard dealt particularly with water as a carrier of germs of typhoid fever, and discussed at length the source of St. John's water supply. Quoting from the report of the engineer, he drew the inference that the so-called reservoir is nothing but a "settling basin" for the debris and germs that flow down the river. Passing then to a description of the typhoid fever germ and how the disease is spread, giving conclusive evidence on the latter point, Dr. Bayard continued:—

We have means of knowing the general death-rate in this province. But when we compare the typhoid death rate of St. John with those of similar climates, having good water, we find—as I have already stated—that the death rate ranges from 3 to 8 per 100,000 living. While, within the last 11 months we have had in St. John, with its 40,000 inhabitants, 74 cases, with 10 deaths. The proportion of deaths to the number of the cases, but this may be accounted for by all the cases not having been reported. One case occurred in January, one in May, five in August, sixteen in September, seventeen in October, and thirty-four in November. The cases were located in various parts of the city.

From the above report it is clear that there are more typhoid deaths yearly in this city than there should be if the town had 100,000 inhabitants. It may be claimed that the water should not be credited with all the cases. It is possible that a convalescent from the fever might introduce the germ into the community, and the files and carelessness cause its spread. But in such cases the disease could be traced to its original source, and it would not be distributed over the town, as in the present instance.

Throwing aside the humanitarian consideration, and reasoning from a monetary standpoint, the question may be asked, What are those 10 lives worth to the city? Lives, as they generally are, taken at the most active period, between the ages of 15 and 40. It has been computed that each adult life in this country is worth \$1,000 to the state. Allowing 30 years of sickness to each case, we have a money loss of thousands of dollars for deaths and sickness that can and should be prevented.

Assuming that the increased death rate in this city is caused by the character of the water distributed to its people by the authorities, who do not forget to charge heavily for it, which they sell, the question may be asked, are they not bound to furnish a wholesome article? It will not solve them from responsibility to say they are doing the best they can with the means at their disposal. If they appreciated the danger I well know they would seek a remedy. What is that remedy? It consists in the slow and thorough filtration of all water for drinking purposes through layers of sand, before it is distributed to the people. The necessity for such filtration is appreciated, as appears by the millions of money that has been and is being spent for the purpose. We know of no town in England, or on the continent of Europe receiving its water supply from such a source as ours that the water is not filtered before it is distributed.

It is well known that typhoid fever is prevalent in country districts; this is largely caused by the water from shallow wells. A farmer builds a house, digs a well 20 feet or less deep, regardless of its proximity to barnyard or privy, and possibly on low ground than either. He accepts the water because it is bright, clear, and good in taste—a fallacious test—because the water may, nevertheless, contain germs. It should be taught that the location of the well is of the first consideration; it should be placed on elevated ground, so as to prevent the possibility of leakage from barnyard or privy into it. As I have already said, typhoid germs have been conveyed under ground into wells, so polluting the water as to cause disease. And the well of every vendor of milk should be inspected before he obtains his license, as well as the water with which he washes his milk-pails, or that which he may add to the milk, may, without his knowledge, be so polluted as to cause typhoid fever, or tuberculosis.

As I have already explained, the common house fly, having visited latrines containing the excretions from a case of the disease, may carry the germs on its feet. Hence, when the disease is in a house, they should be excluded from all kinds of food. The neglect of this precaution probably accounts for the spread of the disease in filthy districts. Attendants upon the sick cannot be too careful in observing the strictest cleanliness. Soiled clothes should be boiled, and all water used for drinking should be boiled, placed in sterilized bottles, corked with cotton-wool and kept in a cool place.

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, let me say to you that in bringing this subject to your notice, I have no wish or intention to cast any reflection upon those who are responsible for the character of the water distributed to the people in this city. Doubtless they accepted their charge as they found it. So as to a duty pertaining to my position as a member of the Provincial Board of Health.

While all agree that the members of the board of management of the water supply have performed their financial duties faithfully, let me say to them that they embrace but a fractional part of their responsibility. Money can be replaced, but life cannot. If it is true—as I have claimed—that lives have been lost in consequence of the character of the water, which should not have been lost, then the responsibility must fall upon those in charge of the supply, a heavy one indeed. If my conclusions are doubted, all I ask is that they study the subject and seek further advice. The matter is of too much importance to be passed over with the assertion that it is a fact of Dr. Bayard's, the day has passed for such a conclusion, proving, as it does, ignorance, prejudice, or want of study. This subject has been before the authorities for years, nothing has been done, while death, sickness and misery follow in the wake of neglect. And we have a right to assume that nothing will be done until pressure has been brought to bear upon them. And, may I ask you to aid in bringing that pressure to bear upon the subject, and if you believe what I have said, educate your neighbors to the same belief.

DRILL SHED WANTED.

Resolutions Passed by the Local Officers of Militia

Urging That the Federal Government be Memorialized on This Important Question.

The resolutions quoted below were before the council yesterday, and, referred to the board of works. It is understood a petition will be circulated for signature by citizens, favoring the erection of a modern drill shed up town:—

Resolution passed at the annual meeting of the officers 2nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, January 29th, 1901:

Whereas, the drill shed in this city is very much out of repair, and a new building must soon be erected or a large amount of money uselessly spent to maintain the present structure; and

Whereas, the military grounds are most inconveniently situated, being far removed from the homes of the militia of the city and from public thoroughfares, rendering recruiting most difficult and drilling in winter an impossibility; and

Whereas, the strength of both city regiments has lately been increased, and it is imperative that a large modern drill hall should be provided, properly heated and lighted, and such as all other cities in Canada already have; and

Whereas, such a building would be of infinite value to the militia of this city, providing space and facilities for modern drill and shooting galleries, and revues for which are now paid by the officers in the city, and such a building would also be of great use to the city for public functions and gatherings, if erected in the heart of the city; and

Whereas, it has been intimated by the militia that a new drill shed would be erected on the present site, or if the citizens wish, in a central locality, provided a site is furnished by the city; therefore

Resolved, That the Common Council of the city of St. John be memorialized by the regiment to open negotiations with the government as soon as possible, with a view to obtaining possession of the military grounds in exchange for a central site to be purchased by the city, and transferred to the dominion government for the erection of a modern drill hall, suitable to the requirements of the militia of St. John.

AT A STANDSTILL.

Except Over the I. C. R. and C. P. R.

Passengers and Mails Snow-bound All Over the Province.

The mail service all over the province, except on the lines of the C. P. R. and I. C. R., is practically demoralized. The trains for passengers and mails that left Salsbury on Thursday is stalled at a place about six or seven miles from Hillsboro. All efforts to get the train through the heavy drifts were found to be impossible. Yesterday an attempt was made to reach Hillsboro by team. But the cold was so intense, and the wind blew so violently that the attempt had to be given up. Another effort will be made today. The stage roads, however, are in a very bad condition, and travel over them is almost an impossibility. There is not much chance of rail communications being opened up for some time in that direction.

Last night's train for Fredericton ran off the track at Ruisagornish and teams had to be sent down from Fredericton to bring in the mails. The Caracquet road has been closed since last Wednesday, and the probabilities are that it will remain in that condition for some days.

Communications were opened up with St. Andrews last night, after a stoppage of some time.

The postal authorities have done their best, and with success, to give a daily mail over the Shore line. Mail matter is sent to Lepreau, from there it is taken to St. George and then to St. Stephen.

The postmen having charge of mail delivery in country districts are also having their own troubles. The roads have been blocked since Thursday, and the work is practically at a standstill. The storm was one of the worst experienced in the province in this regard.

A lady who has been a widow three times said a good place to get a husband is by the sea.

AT THE INSTITUTE.

The performance of Richelleu by Edward D'Olive and his company at the New Mechanics' Institute last evening was greatly enjoyed. Mr. D'Olive is a clever actor, and his impersonation last evening was characterized by great strength. The support was good. This evening the company play Don Caesar de Bazan.

AUCTION SALES.

At Chubb's corner this morning the property belonging to the Ross estate at Upham, was sold for \$590 to Geo. McKean. The property No. 122 Britain street, was sold to S. H. Davis for \$400, and a farm with outbuildings at Chapel Grove went to the same gentleman for \$290. Three thousand shares of Big Five mining stock bought 14 cents a share; 2,000 of Gold King, 55 cents, and 500 Monarch 14 cents.

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