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Newcastle Societies.

MEET AS FOLLOWS—

NORTH-BRITAIN L. O. No. 17 A. F. & A. M., in the Lodge room, on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE DIVISION No. 453 of T., in the Temperance Hall every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

COURT MIRAMICHI No. 1631 O. E., on the evening of the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE BOARD OF TRADE, in the room in the Bannock building on the evening of the first Monday in each month at 8 o'clock.

DERBY. COURT HAPPY RETREAT No. 1501 O. E., in Foresters' Hall, Derby, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 o'clock.

Editorial Notes.

Silver has fallen to the lowest point recorded in history and according to market reports as published among the news items the silver in an American dollar is only worth 42 cents.

Serious reports come from various parts of Alaska in reference to the slight probability of parties bound for the Klondike reaching there before winter sets in. Some are wisely disposing of their outfit and returning to Seattle, Wash., or Victoria, B. C., where they will remain until spring and then make a fresh start. Others are reported in no bad a shape that they could not be worse. Two thousand people are at Dyea, Alaska, camping along the rocky shore with but practically few horses or pack animals to enable them to get over the Chilkoot pass to the lakes, and what will become of those without proper food and wearing apparel to stand the rigors of an Arctic winter is not difficult to imagine.

The New York World correspondent, writing from Skagway, Alaska, says:—A line of supplies four miles long is in sight here on the trail and the beach is crowded with merchandise. The crowd here numbers about 700.

The trail is not yet open beyond White Pass, but it soon will be. The miners must cut it or remain where they are.

Two hundred volunteers were called for today to go to work on the trail. Nearly every one responded.

Notices have been posted that 25 cents will be charged each passenger landing on the beach or wharf, and \$20 per 100 pounds is demanded for packing supplies over the trail by wagon or pack horses. About 500 horses and several wagons are now here. Small fortunes will be made with the wagons.

Many miners object to paying the landing fee on an open, free beach of a free coast, and if the committee attempts to enforce it they will be trouble.

It is difficult to see how the horses are going to be fed, say hay and grain are scarce.

They will make food for dogs and Indian packers if that is the case.

Those who contemplate a visit to the Klondike regions had better rest content where they are until next spring, when there will be a much better prospect of reaching the diggings safely without the danger of being frozen or starved to death. By that time the facilities for getting there will be greatly improved and much less danger of starvation.

Supernaturalism and Dismissals.

The work of removing office holders appointed by the former Government and appointing their successors is being proceeded with. In some cases it appears to be thought advisable to supersede rather than dismiss, thus largely increasing the cost to the country. In Moncton, Mr. T. V. Cook, general assessor of the U. S. C. R., has been superseded with an allowance of \$600 per year. Mr. C. R. Palmer has been appointed to the office at a salary of \$1600. There is no claim that Mr. Cook has outlived his usefulness as he is but forty-nine years of age, while the Times says his successor is sixty-four. The office was needed for a Liberal, and there being no charge of political partisanship against the former incumbent, it was charged against the only way to get rid of him was to supersede him. The great wonder is that charges of political partisanship were not trumped up against him as in many other cases.

Report says that W. C. Milner, Esq., Collector of Customs at St. John's, has had a hungry Grit appointed over his shoulders to the office without any notice of his dismissal being given him. An investigation made by one of the headmen appointed to find some evidence of offensive political partisanship failed in Mr. Milner's case, but the office was wanted for a supporter of the Government, and so the United States principal of "to the victors belong the spoils," an efficient officer has been removed to make a place for a political party.

The St. John's Post gives the following statement of Mr. Milner:—

"W. C. Milner when seen yesterday by a Post representative said he had not received any intimation from the department as to his dismissal. He stated the reports took him very much by surprise, as he had accepted in good faith the investigation made by Commissioner McAlpine, and considered when Mr. McAlpine had declared on many occasions that the charges of offensive partisanship had not been sustained, and that he had reported so, that the government would not override his report; otherwise he would not have appeared in Commissioner McAlpine's court. He knew there had been loud protests against any investigation by those who expected to profit by any dismissal they could force; they wanted offices, not investigations, but he believed the government was honest, and his declarations would protect the right of those working under the civil service act. He said he believed he was the first civil servant belonging to Westernland that had been dismissed since Confederation.

"He was gratified by the fact that not one of the business men of St. John's having business relations with the customs, on either side of politics, had made any complaints, or had shown themselves other than satisfied with his administration of the office."

The Moncton Transcript seems to be dissatisfied with some of the appointments made judging from the following from its columns respecting this and other appointments.

"The Annapolis Press has nothing worse to say of J. F. Annapolis. Asking for a collector of customs at St. John's, he claims to the office line in the fact that he has always been an unflinching Grit. Judging from some of the appointments made during the last year the recognition of this claim would seem to be somewhat of a novelty."

## Presbytery of Miramichi.

At Harcourt and within the Presbyterian Church there on the 9th day of August 1897, which time and place the Presbytery met and was constituted.

Rev. Joseph McCreedy was called to the chair. The ministers present with him were Rev. T. G. Johnston, Dr. McKay, Rev. Wm. Aitken, Rev. J. D. Murray, and Rev. J. K. McClure and Mr. Alex. Munroe, elder.

The first business was the proposed re-organizing of stations in Kent County. Commissioners had been appointed by the several sessions as follows:

1. Harcourt—James Brown, Thomas Ingram and Andrew Dunn.

2. Mill Branch—Jas. Irving, Joseph Little, John Dunn and David Carver.

3. Bass River—Robert Murphy, Jos. Miller and Duncan Campbell.

4. Nicholas River—Alex. Munroe, Murray and Doherty.

5. Kingston and Richibucto—James Lawson, John P. Bell and Thomas C. Girvan.

These commissioners were all present except Messrs. Doherty and Lawson. They were all duly sworn, and the Presbytery, reporting the views of the several sessions in reference to the proposed plan of re-organization. After prolonged conference and deliberation the following motion proposed by Rev. J. D. Murray and seconded by Rev. J. K. McClure was adopted unanimously: That having heard the commissioners, and carefully considered the representations they have made, the Presbytery allow the several congregations to remain as they now are, that is, Kingston and Richibucto; Bass River and West Branch; and the understanding that no supplementary grant can be given them, and Harcourt and Mill Branch with such supplement as may from time to time be obtained.

Rev. Wm. Aitken submitted a petition from Kingston and Richibucto praying for consideration in a call. Mr. Aitken was appointed by-resolution in a call at Kingston on Tuesday, the 31st August, at 11 a. m.

Rev. J. K. McClure was appointed interim Moderator of the session of Bass River, &c.

A report of committee appointed to visit Black River was submitted by Rev. J. K. McClure. He reports little prospect of labor in the contributions of late years. The report was received and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to the committee.

Mr. McCreedy left the chair, which was taken by Mr. McClure and submitted the report of committee appointed to visit Tabernacle. An increase in local support was secured in this field to full amount. The report was received and the committee thanked for their efforts.

A letter from Rev. W. H. Hannon was read, intimating that he had attended to the duty of declaring Bass River and Nicholas River congregations vacant.

Rev. Joseph McCreedy submitted his resignation of the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, and asked that the next step be taken to terminate the pastoral relation. The Presbytery regarded this step with very great regret, ordering the resignation to be laid upon the table till next meeting, and the resignation of Mr. McCreedy to be carried out by Mr. McCreedy, on the second Sabbath of September, and ask the congregation of St. Andrew's church to appear for their interests at the next regular meeting, which is already appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Chatham, on the last Tuesday of September, at ten o'clock (standard time).

A very touching expression of sympathy with Mr. McCreedy was adopted in the following terms:—The members of this Presbytery of Miramichi, since last meeting, have learned of the great loss and bereavement, which has come to our brother, the Rev. Dr. McCreedy, in the removal of his beloved wife by the hand of death. We take this opportunity, therefore, to express to him our sincere sympathy and condolence. Having been spared together so long and so happily, and having become all the more tenderly attached to one another by the prolonged illness of Mrs. McCreedy, when the shock of bereavement came, though not unexpected, it was none the less severe to her loving and devoted husband and family. For the many excellent qualities of hand and heart possessed by the deceased, and the lovely life she lived, and the Christian example she set to her family and friends, and for the comfort of hope in her departure, we return thanks to God.

We pray that our brother and his family may be sustained and comforted in this time of their trial and sorrow, and enabled so to live when the life of the departed has been so long and so happily spent together in the Father's house on high.

When this resolution was read by Mr. Johnston and touching support by all the brethren, Dr. McCreedy was too much overcome to make an extended reply. He simply thanked his brethren for their kindly sympathy and asked to be excused.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet as provided for above, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

## Appointments.

The vacancies in the post offices of Chatham and Newcastle have at last been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. Wilson in Chatham and Mr. W. P. Harriman in Newcastle. Mr. Harriman was sworn in on Monday, and was placed in charge of the post office on Tuesday, by W. C. Wattaker, Esq., Assistant Post Office Inspector, who arrived from St. John yesterday afternoon.

The people of this town have not suffered from the delay in filling the office of Postmaster because very efficient assistance from St. John have attended to the duties since the removal of the former postmaster.

Mr. A. W. Reid, of St. John was the first officer sent here and since about the middle of December last acting Postmaster has been Mr. A. E. Wilson, and both these gentlemen's courteous and obliging services have been appreciated by the people. Miss Beattie Robertson has been acting as assistant Postmaster for more than a year, and shares with them the good will of the inhabitants.

Mr. Harriman is well known in town and many old friends are glad to see him appointed to an important office, one which all think he is well qualified to fill. We join with many others in congratulating him on his appointment.

## Base Ball.

The Red, White and Blue of Newcastle, Capt. Quinn, suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Capt. Jack Pullen's team of Chatham, on Wednesday last. The game did not get into a very exciting and brilliant play, but nevertheless the game was exceedingly close.

Newcastle's defeat resulted from their inability to bunt hits and on the costly errors of Maloney and Morriay in the field. In pitching London had a shade the better of it, but had Capt. Quinn showed better judgment in putting "Tot" Murphy in the box a few innings earlier the score might have been different.

The batting of Ferguson, Quinn and Dalton, and beautiful running catches by "Trips" and Quinn were the features of Newcastle's play.

For Chatham, Cassidy excelled at the bat, sending ball over the bank for two home runs. Pullen's pitching and the catching of Hayes were the features of their work. The teams lined up and the batting in the following order:—

Newcastle.

Ferguson, 2nd B.

Quinn, 1st B.

Russell, S. S.

Stutart, 1st B.

Dickens, C. F.

Murphy, 3rd B. and P.

McKown, L. F.

Maloney, S. S.

Ahearn, R. F.

Ross, 3rd B.

Hayes, C.

Dalton, L. F.

McCabe, C. F.

Score by N. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—14.

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## Klondike Schemes.

NEW YORK, August 16.—The Klondike gold excitement has affected several of the leading merchants in Sixth avenue, and they have decided to send a party of experienced gold miners to look over the ground. The leader among these merchants is Samuel Adams of the firm of Adams & Co. Associated with him is A. C. Canneyer and other well known business men. Mr. Adams spent many years in the Klondike, and he has been successful in managing some of the best mines in the States, among them being the property of the Adams Mining Co., which paid out over \$600,000 in dividends. When the value of silver is depreciated to such an extent that it was no longer profitable to mine it, Mr. Adams, with many other persons engaged in mining, abandoned the Klondike. Among his employees who remained were many experienced miners. When the present plan was decided upon, Mr. Adams telegraphed to three of them, asking if they would go to Dawson City.

On Monday last, Mr. Adams started for New York last Thursday, John Flanagan, of Adams and Co., told me yesterday that the party was to carry out the undertaking in being an expedition solely by Adams and gentlemen associated with him. They themselves will advance the means required to locate claims and explore the country. If a satisfactory report is received companies may be formed to prosecute the work on claims located. Mr. Adams is a brother of Hon. Michael Adams, who is Senator from the Province of New Brunswick. Another of Mr. Adams' brothers is extensively engaged in the lumber business in Canada.

Mr. R. B. Adams, the postmaster of Chatham and brother of Mr. S. Adams, we understand has gone to the Klondike as the representative of his brother.

## Oddfellowships Meeting.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORDER AT PICTON.

PICTON, N. S., Aug. 11.—Picton town is alive with Oddfellows, over 200 delegates being present at the annual convocation of the grand lodge last evening. The lodge exemplified the Rebekah degrees and afterwards a reception was tendered by the Rebekahs to the visiting Oddfellows. A splendid programme of music, speeches and songs was carried out. The town was alive early this morning and at 9 o'clock the local Oddfellows assembled and escorted the grand lodge to the Academy. At the grounds Mayor Watson, past grand master, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Picton.

Grand Master Grady, thanked the mayor in a short well chosen address. The relief statement shows 337 members were assisted at an expenditure of \$4,343.63, and 24 widowed families assisted to the extent of \$897.31. The amount paid for funerals was \$669, and for special relief \$401.63, making the total expenditure \$5,872.49.

The total receipts of the year he reported as \$28,088.63. The amount paid for expenses was \$17,140.80. The proportion of the receipts paid for relief was 24.40 and the proportion of expenses 64.20. The widows' and orphans' fund is \$27,971.16, and the invested funds and cash amount to \$88,103.68.

The grand treasurer, J. H. Balcom, reported the balance on hand from last year was \$1,187.05, and the receipts \$2,540.84, making a total of \$3,637.89. The expenditures reached \$2,370.94, leaving a balance of \$1,266.95.

## A Former Chathamite.

Mr. S. D. Scott, of the St. John Sun, who has been touring in the West, in one of his letters thus speaks of a former well known resident of Chatham:—

"Mr. R. B. Bennett, of the law firm of Longhead & Bennett, is a native of Albert county, who formerly practiced in Chatham. N. B. The firm does by far the largest law business in the Alberta district, and Senator Longhead has long been one of the most prominent lawyers in the Northwest. He owns now property in Calgary than any one else, and has shown his faith in the town by the erection of a number of substantial stone buildings. His own residence is probably the finest building between Winnipeg and the coast. It is built of stone and furnished elegantly, having all the conveniences and appointments that one would expect to meet in Montreal or Toronto. It may be remarked here that Calgary is fortunate in the possession of an unlimited deposit of the best building stone. Senator Longhead is happy in having his partner & associate in well qualified to fill. We join with many others in congratulating him on his appointment."

## Strange Women Found in Salmon Nets.

THIS morning about ten o'clock Mr. Alexander Dunn, of Tide Head, found the body of a woman in his salmon net. Dr. Jenner was telegraphed for and soon appeared on the scene. The body was covered about a yard of salmon. The remains proved to be the body of a woman about 40 years of age, medium height, dark brown hair, black dress, black cloth cap trimmed with two rows of black lace. The pocket was found to contain a Catholic Manual (English) with fly-leaf torn out, a baggage check Montreal to Campbellton, a pair of silk gloves and some lace. Deceased apparently had no money. Nobody could identify the body and it is supposed she is a stranger in these parts. Some of the residents of Tide Head claim to have seen a woman answering this description walking up the road yesterday afternoon and Mrs. Alex. Leffrey says she saw her go down to the river twice and the second time she sent to find what she wanted but the fishermen could not find her. This was a short distance above where the body was found. These movements would almost indicate a case of suicide more especially on account of the fly leaf of the book being torn out only a couple of letters of the name showing. A square tin trunk in the baggage room here bears the same number as that found in the pocket but contents have not yet been examined.

## On Examination of the Trunk Letters.

On examination of the trunk letters found addressed to Miss Jane Hennessey which name corresponds to the part of a name found in the prayer book.—Editorial Note.

## Two Men Drowned.

A sad and thrilling accident happened to Logan's boat while crossing from the beach to the mainland this afternoon at a place twelve miles north of here known as Kouchichewin Gully. The occupants were Hugh Stewart, his two younger brothers and Fred Williams, nephew to Rev. Father Patenaude of St. Margaret's. A heavy squall caught the boat, precipitating the men into the channel. Hugh Stewart and Fred Williams sank while the others clung to the bottom of the boat until rescued. The bodies have not yet been recovered. Williams was a married man, a native of Montreal and was over 50 years of age. Patenaude's frame of mind was very peculiar. He was a man beloved and respected by his community at large.

## Personal.

THE UNION ADVOCATE invites all its readers to send in their names to the head of "personal." If you or your friends are going away on a trip, or if you have friends visiting you drop a card or line to this office.

## Your Eyes.

Mr. J. E. Brown, Optical Specialist, of Toronto, will be at the Dispensary of N. B. Mackenzie, Newcastle, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 25th and 26th. Mr. Brown has, in his several visits, given the best of satisfaction in fitting his customers to glasses.—2v.

## Charged with Robbery.

ALAN JONES, charged with robbery of \$115 in cash from the house of Wm. Underhill, Blackville, said him being the property of Wm. Bennett a boarder in Underhill's house as was Alan Jones. The preliminary examination was held on Tuesday, 17th August, before John Niven, Esq., police magistrate, and the prisoner was committed to trial at the Supreme Court sittings to be held in September next, unless he demands a trial under the speedy trial act.

## Arleigh's Race.

At Sussex on Monday, George Cravill's Spectator and W. H. Fowler's Arleigh N. B. Mackenzie, Newcastle, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 25th and 26th. Mr. Brown has, in his several visits, given the best of satisfaction in fitting his customers to glasses.—2v.

## Up to Date Laundry.

St. John is now being represented here by James Lyder and ought to be well patronized.

## Blank Forms.

Bills of sale having the necessary affidavits as required by law in New Brunswick and the form of the agreement according to the School Law of 1892 can be obtained at the UNION ADVOCATE OFFICE.

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