

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

Grand Lodge, F. O. A.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the F. O. A. commenced in the evening of the 14th inst. at 8 o'clock last evening. Delegates from all parts of the Province were in attendance.

Some Skating.

The Woodstock Press says that a young man named Baker, of that place, skated 125 miles in 9 hours and 55 minutes, and that Smith, another youth, finished in 24 miles and 71 seconds in 9 hours and 57 minutes. Next!

Committed for Trial.

William Russell, who was arrested for stealing from the premises of R. A. Eley, Esq., on the night of the 1st inst., was committed for trial at the County Court, which meets on the 18th inst. Application for bail was refused.

St. John Board of Trade.

The winter port, and the Maritime Railway or Short Line Route, are questions at present agitating the St. John Board of Trade. At the next meeting, the president, Sheriff Hadden, delivered an interesting and exhaustive address on these subjects.

Millionaires in our midst.

It said that the late H. Van derbilt, Esq., the Railway King, will be amongst the American sportsmen present at the annual sale of the Fishery Lands, which takes place at the Crown Land's office, on Thursday the 21st inst.

Death of an Old Resident.

Mr. Robert Rosborough, an old and respected citizen died Friday last. He was the father of William Rosborough of this city, and Andrew Rosborough who so tragically lost his life by drowning two or three years ago.

Military Snapper.

The Sergeant Major (Capt. McKenzie) of the Infantry School Corps, entertained the Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the corps at an officer's supper, last week. After supper, speech-making and music brought a very pleasant gathering to a close.

The Bonfire Games.

The Chatham curlers beat the St. Andrew's Club of St. John, in a game of curling on Monday last. After a score of 15 to 10, on Monday last. After a score of 15 to 10, on Monday last. After a score of 15 to 10, on Monday last.

Police Elections.

In the election for Mayor of the Town of Moncton, yesterday, Mr. H. T. Stevens was elected after an exciting contest.

Mr. Randolph K. Jones was on the same day elected Mayor of Woodville, by acclamation, a circumstance of very rare occurrence in that town, and, therefore, all the more complimentary to Mayor Jones.

Dynamite.

Several rumors of dynamite plots are going the rounds of Fredericton at present, but when traced are found to be utterly without foundation. In one case the alleged dynamite "head" proved to be a poor old man from Orono, Me., who had been about the Parliament buildings, soliciting subscriptions to enable him to go to St. John for the purpose of having a surgical operation performed on his eyes.

New Company.

A new company for the manufacture of agricultural implements, with a capital stock of \$75,000, is to be started in Moncton about the first of April next. The operations of the company will be at present confined to the manufacture of three articles, viz., a spring-tooth harrow, broad seed sower and cultivator, a combined fanning mill and separator, and a non-freezing pump. The name of the company will be "The Moncton Agricultural Implement Manufacturing Company."

Death of a Youngster.

Mr. Glazier died at his residence in Lincoln, Sanbury county, on Monday last, aged 64 years. The deceased was for many years associated with his brothers, Hon. John and Stephen, in the lumbering business, and by his fair dealing and integrity gained an enviable reputation as a business man. Under the name of D. Glazier & Son, he and his son Parker Glazier, carried on a large business in the tugboat line, their fleet of tugboats consisting of the "Admiral," "Lincoln," "Ana G.," and "Little G." The firm were also agents for the Fredericton Boom Company.

Carling.

The match between the Newcastle and Fredericton curlers, on Wednesday evening last, part of the score of which we gave in our last issue, resulted in a victory for the city club by the following score: Fredericton 45, Newcastle 24.

The day were over, the visiting club were entertained at a supper by the Frederictonians at the Queen Hotel, and the next afternoon took the train for St. John, where they were also defeated by the St. Andrew's Club by a score of 71 to 62. The Northern men are good curlers, and only require a little practice to compete successfully with their Fredericton and St. John brethren.

Justice Beware!

Mr. Henry B. Rainsford, Secretary Treasurer for York County, has given notice to the magistrates of York that they are immediately required to make to the County Council a return in writing under their hands and solemn declaration stating whether or not any convictions have been made by them during the twelve months previous, and if any, name or names of the presenter, and the name or names of the defendant or defendants, the nature of the charge, date of conviction, amount of fine or penalty imposed and received, and the date of receiving and the manner of disposing of the same together with such explanatory notes as may be necessary. The penalty for any Justice neglecting or refusing to make any such return is a fine of not less than twenty dollars for each act of neglect or refusal.

Snow Six Feet Deep.

The snow storm of this morning has been the worst ever known on the Northern Division of the I. C. R. The snow fell from a monotonous railway official this morning. Two years ago there were four very heavy snow storms which gave a great deal of trouble, but this winter there have not been two successive days entirely free from snow. There is six feet of snow on the level. Wiggins' big storm was very severe and its effects are still felt. Snowdrifts occur in the cuts and a warm spell always has the effect of causing some of the immense banks piled up near St. Flavie and also at a point 20 miles above Campbellton to topple over on the track. They cover the track to a depth of nearly ten feet and it is almost impossible to shove the plough through them. The trains have been uniformly late, but the only wonder is that the mails have not been even more delayed. Probably the cost of clearing the I. C. R. of snow this winter on the Northern Division alone will amount to \$25,000.

Taxation of Dominion Officials.

It appears that our neighbors in Moncton are experiencing the same difficulties in regard to the taxation of Dominion officials that we are. The Globe of correspondents the place writes—

"It is expected that at the session of the Supreme Court in Fredericton, judgment will be given in the Moncton Assessment Appeal. A little over a year ago the employees of the I. C. R. shops and works in Moncton refused to pay the income tax to the Town on the ground that they were in the civil service and were not liable. The town contended there were no such exemptions, and the employees were arrested and locked up, but subsequently paid the amount under protest and got out. The two parties agreed to get up a petition which was circulated and largely signed, for the purpose of contesting the case, placing the matter in the hands of Mr. W. W. Wells of Dorchester. The latter informed the constables to receive only taxes imposed on real personal property and to give receipts for the same, which has since been done. The result will be anxiously awaited."

PROVINCE.

Several parties in the city are laying in large supplies of ice for the hot season.

\$6,305.97 was the amount realized by the Provincial Government, last year, from marriage license fees.

The number of recruits in the Military School was eighty-eight.

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Public Meeting.

His Worship Mayor Fenwick will shortly call a meeting of citizens, to take into consideration the various railway matters now agitating the people of the Province generally.

Dramatic.

The Albin Dramatic Company composed of local amateurs, gave an entertainment in the City Hall last evening to a fair sized house. Their success in this, their first venture would warrant them in giving the public more of such entertainments.

Obituary.

Mr. Nicholas T. Walton for many years one of Fredericton's best known citizens, died at the residence of one of his sons in Boston on the 2nd inst. He was an Englishman by birth and came to this city nearly half a century ago, and was employed by several book-binders of Fredericton.

Wedding Bells.

On the fourth instant, the Rev. A. J. Mowatt united in marriage the Rev. A. J. Mowatt of Willow Park, Halifax and Miss Jessie N. daughter of the late Andrew Blair Esq. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the Attorney General who is a brother of the bride.

Where was Wiggins?

If that old prognosticator had had his eyes open, he would have had a splendid chance to spread himself on the storm which set in on Saturday morning last. It proved to be a north-easter and has completely blanketed the country roads so that traffic between country and city is next to impossible. Oh Wiggins, you have missed it!

Maritime Union.

Mr. Langley M. P. P. for Annapolis has given notice in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly that he will move a resolution to the effect that in the opinion of the House, a Union of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island into one Province on an equitable basis, would be advantageous to the common interest of all.

New Legislation.

The revising Directors of the Central Bank of New Brunswick, have by their Solicitors given notice, that they will apply at the present session of Parliament for an act authorizing them to appoint a President, dispose of the Bank property and wind up the affairs of the Bank generally.

Mr. L. W. Pond, Agent of the Steer Boom Improvement Company will apply at the present session of the Local Assembly for an Act giving them the right to drive all the logs, timber and lumber that may come down the Saint John River from above the Grand Falls and down the Aroostook River from the Boundary line to the upper limits of the Fredericton Boom Company, and to levy tolls for the same.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, March 5.—Mr. Charlton introduced a bill to prevent Sunday excursions.

Mr. Foster moved a resolution declaring right and most effective legislative remedy for the evils of intemperance, to be found in the enactment of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. He spoke at great length, quoting various authorities for prohibitory legislation.

At six o'clock the Speaker left the chair, so that resolution will hardly come up again this session.

After recess, a number of private bills were passed through committee.

Mr. Charlton's bill to punish seduction and like offences was then taken up and after some discussion passed through committee.

Mr. Foster moved to refer it back to the committee for the purpose of making special provision for prevention of stock marriages.

Sir John Macdonald moved the adjournment of the debate, which was carried and the House adjourned.

OTTAWA, March 6.—Mr. Casey resumed the budget debate, criticising the Government's fiscal policy from a farmer's point of view. He compared the finance minister to Professor Wiggins, who claimed when storms he predicted did not come to time that it was not his fault, that his prophecy was all right but that something must have gone wrong with the elements. Sir Leonard Tilley's N. P. had proved a disastrous failure, but the ministerialists had not the manliness to admit the fact and retrace their steps; their great panacea for commercial ills had failed, and now they were admitting that the depression which they were powerless to prevent prevailed throughout the land. The late finance minister had been described as a "fly on the wheel," because he was unable to create prosperity in times of commercial stringency, but the present government had to confess now that they were equally powerless, and instead of doing "fly on the wheel" were described very properly by the member for Lambton (Mr. Fairbanks) as skippers in the cheese, while distillers and starch manufacturers were allowed to rebate on the corn imported for manufacturing purposes, but the farmer who imported corn to feed his stock had to pay the full duty and got no drawback. It had been stated that the distressed persons in the country were newly arrived immigrants; but was it not true that these immigrants had been brought into the country by the Government. The Tory stock-in-trade in 1877 and 1878 had been to magnify and falsify the condition of the country at that time in order to damage the Government of the day, and only a few days ago Tilley had done his best to destroy confidence in the banking and manufacturing institutions of the country by declaring first that all our banks were in a semi-insolvent condition, and also that our iron, cotton and sugar manufacturers were unable to compete with foreigners in their own country, and then heavily bonused the country treasury.

Mr. Benson spoke on behalf of the Government, claiming that the starch manufacturing business, in which he is engaged, had been greatly benefited by the present tariff.

Hon. Mr. Vail followed, showing by figures that the taxation of the Maritime Provinces was much higher under the present tariff than appeared by the revenue or trade returns. He dealt fully with Sir Leonard Tilley's broken promises that the taxation and expenditure would not be increased if he was entrusted with power. The election of 1882 had been sprung upon the country, and the victory of the Government candidates in Nova Scotia was no test of popular opinion there in respect to the result of the present tariff. High duties imposed upon provisions, clothing, and machinery used by coal miners more than counterbalanced any benefits which that class could possibly derive from duty on coal. Resuming, after recess, he stated that if, as the Tories contended, Canada was being made a slaughter market for American goods in 1878, the Lower Provinces were now being made a slaughter market by the manufacturers of Ontario and Quebec. These manufacturers were now instructing their agents to cut prices to customers in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, in order to crush out what ever local industries had been established in these provinces. The junior member for Halifax felt this competition in connection with his rope factory. If American reports refer in regard to arrivals from the Upper Provinces, they did not exaggerate the exodus from the Maritime Provinces.

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