

Local News.

Court Log Cabin, I. O. F. will hold a special meeting tomorrow evening, in Forrester's hall, Charlotte street.

Steamer Manchester Merchant, Captain Parry, arrived this morning from Manchester with a general cargo.

A bunch of keys found on the corner of Union and Charlotte streets, can be obtained by the owner applying at 144 Waterloo St.

The West India steamship Oruro, Captain Seely, arrived last evening from Bermuda, Windward Island and Demerara with a general cargo.

The monthly business meeting of the King's Daughter's Guild, will be held on Friday, at 3.30 p. m. A full attendance is requested for important business.

The tug Gracie M. which has been laid up at Marble Cove, for the past month, has been repaired. A new wheel house has been built, and her hull has been copper covered.

The steamer Clifton brought a large freight of vegetables down river this morning. The captain says that the farmers are rushing their produce down to the city, before the river navigation closes.

The St. John orchestra will give a concert in Union Hall, north end, next week. They will be assisted by Mr. Christie who was recently with the Jessie McLachlan Concert Co., and some of her local talent.

Hugh Aird, of Toronto, arrived in the city on Tuesday, and will take up his duties as manager of the Massey Harris Co's branch here.

Mr. Greig, the former manager, leaves for Toronto, on Monday.

The repairs to the railway bridge on Wall street are about completed. The southern end is finished and work on the northern end is now going on. It is expected that in a few days the barriers will be taken down and traffic resumed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphan Asylum was held this afternoon. The bills were passed and routine business transacted. Mrs. Geo. McLeod president being out of the city, Mrs. T. A. Rankine vice-president presided.

A horse owned by a Sheriff street teamster, got out of the barn, and ran in the direction of one of the polling booths on Main street. The owner of the horse, knowing that the animal's name was not on the voter's list, made it his duty to take him back to the barn.

Crossly and Hinder are to favor the East with their presence again for a month or two. They are to be in Cape Breton in January in union meetings with nine churches. They are now in Collingwood, Ont., where a wonderful revival is in progress. (Glace Bay, Gazette.)

Signor Marconi of wireless telegraphy, fame, is in Sydney. He will spend two weeks in Cape Breton in connection with the removal and rebuilding of his wireless towers. The four towers at Glace Bay are now about half down, and parts of them are being moulded to their new location near Port Morien.

At a meeting of the Associated Charities, held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Hall was again elected secretary. A balance of the board of management was also elected and is as follows:—H. C. Tilley, Dr. W. F. Roberts, Wm. Young, J. Hunter, White, Adulant, G. H. Hamilton, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. R. C. Elkin, Mrs. E. H. Gray, Mrs. J. M. Golding, Miss Margaret Reynolds and Miss H. E. Ellis.

Master Murray Ring, son of John W. Ring, of the post office staff, met with a rather serious accident at his home on Monday last. The lad was playing with a pea-shooter in a dark hall and in running, bumped into the wall, with the pea-shooter in his mouth, which was forced down his throat, inflicting a severe cut. The little fellow bled profusely, and serious results were feared. The injured boy is resting quite easily to-day however, and will probably be all right in a week or two.

POLICE COURT.

The police gathered in, seven prisoners, last night, all of whom graded the prisoner's bench, this morning.

William Burns, (colored) who was arrested on a warrant in which he was charged with assault was remanded until tomorrow morning. Burns pleaded not guilty.

Mary Beers, whom the police found reposing on the street, was fined \$8 or two months' hard labor.

Three common drunks were sentenced to four dollars or ten days each. James Gallagher and Peter Conner, who were arrested on suspicion of burglary, in the cooper shop of the late Michael Birmingham, were remanded for further hearing.

TIMES WILL GIVE RETURNS ON SCREEN.

The Evening Times has arranged to receive full election returns from all parts of Canada tonight, and with the aid of a stereopticon will throw them on a screen on the side of the building next to The Times' building on Canterbury Street, so that the crowd on the street may see them. Views will be interspersed, to entertain the spectators.

The first Japanese newspaper was published in 1863 and contained news translated from Dutch newspapers. Today Japan has over 1500 papers, and several of them are in

RECORD CROP IN AROOSTOOK.

Gross Yield of the Potato Crop, and Yield Per Acre Largest Ever.

Presque Isle, Me., Nov. 2.—Harvest season is over. October was a bad month and September was but little better—wet, wet and cold—but Aroostook's crop is large, in spite of the disagreeable fall months. Then, perhaps, all things considered, the season was of the best, as a yielding season. Because of the enormous crop last season, a larger acreage was contemplated for last spring's planting, but last spring was cold and the spring rains continued later than usual, curtailing the number of days within which the planting could be done. As it was, however, more acres were put under cultivation than last year, and very much more phosphate was purchased during the past winter for the intended larger increase in acreage. The consequence was that a more liberal quantity was supplied to the potato land than otherwise would have been done. In many cases the extra quantity was an afterthought, farmers deeming it better to put the phosphate intended for other acres which they were unable to plant on the already planted, during the first hoeing and from doing so, the idea is prevalent that it is the better way to divide the application, putting one-half of the phosphate in the ground when planting, and applying the other half while hoeing. As the hoeing could be done with the planter, it becomes a simple and easy way to do so.

Then again, because of the greater yield, last season, where the Portland mixture, six pounds of vitriol and 12 pounds of lime to a barrel of water, the usual formula though the quantities are varied by some, was freely used, spraying machines purchased by those who did not own them, consequently but few acres went without being sprayed. Yet, those not sprayed grew equally as well as those that were and as no rust made its appearance, many argued that the whole cost of spraying was a sacrifice and not needed. However, as tidings of the rot from any states and counties came to hand, there comes the consolation for the expense of spraying in the fact that none of Aroostook's crop was touched by rot.

Some frost bitten potatoes that were in the ground at the time of the October freeze, constitute the only loss, which is very small. Spraying now has a double value until such time as other conditions prove to the contrary.

Large as the crop was last season (and none expected to ever see it beaten) the gross yield and that per acre is larger than last year. Cony C. Carter of New York, contracted with the farmers by the acre last spring, calculating to get 20,000 barrels. They are obliged to make room for 40,000 barrels, building new store houses and hiring others so that at the present time they are shipping from 14 potato houses.

The George Robinson Co. is doing a like business. The farmers' cellars are brim full; many possess potato houses of their own which are full, barn floors were piled full during digging time and it is doubtful if such potatoes can all be disposed of in time to avoid losses by weather.

The cry of the shippers is for more cars. The B. & A. is nearly swamped with freight; it is simply impossible for the road to handle the business offered. The road should be double tracked and the number of freight cars trebled. There are two farmers in this town who raised 1800 barrels of potatoes and the average yield of the town is quite close to 100 barrels to the acre. Hay and grain have yielded equally as well as potatoes. The presses are busy, the quality fine. The railroad is fairly groaning under its burden of business. Fair Aroostook has no equal in the United States.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED.

William Kerr of Chatham Was Suddenly Called Away.

Chatham, N. B., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—George, son of William Kerr, was found dead in his bed room this morning. He was about 21 years old and was up town in his usual health last night.

SUCCORED BY THE SALVATION ARMY.

Destitute Family Cared For at the Army Home Last Night.

The Keating family who were reported in last night's Times as being in a destitute condition are still at the Salvation Army home. Mrs. Keating has given up her rooms on Sherif street, and no effort has as yet been made to place the children in homes. The mother and two older children are in comparatively good health, but the baby is not strong.

Prospects are that they will remain at the Army home for some little time, or at least until employment can be found for the mother.

Another Anniversary.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 3.—12.59 p. m.—There was little attempt to-day to celebrate, except in a perfunctory way, the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas. The imperial family attended a Te Deum at the Kasan cathedral, and there were services in all of the churches. Later the troops were paraded, the theatres gave free exhibitions to the school children and there was music and other holiday displays in the parks. But, on account of the war and the anxiety regarding the situation at Port Arthur, everything was on a small scale.

IRA D. SANKEY IS BLIND

But at Eventide "The Ninety and Nine" is Heard Again as Memories Are Awakened.

Fearful of the effects of the Northern winter the relatives of Ira D. Sankey, famous singer of gospel songs, are preparing to hurry him to the South in the hope that his life may be prolonged.

"I have just had a letter from mother," said Allen I. Sankey, of No. 369 Park place, Brooklyn, to the New York Herald, this week, "and we have decided to send father to the South. We hope the warmer breezes may preserve him to us. He is now up the State, just where, I do not care to have published because he is so sensitive. We have hoped that his eyes would improve, but I may now say that he is blind. He will never see again."

In his decline the knowledge that he is blind forever depresses him. He who sang in front of thousands now shrinks from the gaze of sympathetic friends. In seclusion he spends his days waiting his end. Occasionally in the evening on the pleasant countryside the notes of an old hymn awake a memory. Then the wandering rustic hears again as with an old world echo the song of "The Ninety and Nine." It is Sankey singing his old favorite. Then the venerable singer seems to forget his blindness.

ANNAPOLIS.

An Interesting Election Wager—Ordination Service—New Schooners.

Annapolis, N. S., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—A story comes from Port-Clyde of a novel wager laid between a lady and gentleman in that vicinity. If Mr. Ritchie is successful in the election the gentleman is to wheel the lady one half mile in a wheel-barrow, and if not the lady is to wheel the gentleman a quarter of a mile across Clyde Bridge on the morning following the election.

A Baptist ecclesiastical council was held at Clementsport on the 24th ult., a large number of reverend gentlemen and lay delegates being present. A. H. Saunders was ordained to the ministry and inducted into the pastorate of the church of that place. The Clementsport church is to be congratulated in securing the service of such a capable and efficient pastor.

The new tern schooner at Granville Ferry for L. D. Shalmer of Bridgetown will be launched on Saturday. She will be named "B. W. Mills" and will load lumber here for Sagua, Cuba, shipped by Pickels & Mills. Capt. Albert Mailman will command her. The new schooner Invictus, built in Digby County for Capt. Munro, and loaded with lumber at Westmouth, sailed this week for Cuba on her initial trip.

FAVOR BAPTIST UNION.

At a largely attended meeting in Main St., Baptist church Tuesday evening, a motion was passed favoring Baptist Union. Rev. H. H. Ronch and Rev. J. H. Hughes were the principal speakers.

On the motion of W. H. White, seconded by E. N. Spragg, the resolution was adopted as follows: "Resolved, that this church accept the basis of union as adopted by our convention and the Free Baptist church at New Brunswick at their late annual meetings, and that we favor the organic union of the churches of the Baptist and Free Baptist denominations."

POLICE REPORTS.

The door of James Collins' grocery store was found open by the police, last night, and secured with rings and lock.

The police were called into Charles O'Neil's house, in a yard off Brussels street, to quell a disturbance between him and his wife.

The door of Fred McLean's department store on Main street, was found open by the police, who secured it.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Miss Mary Leighton who has been visiting relatives in Massachusetts returned to St. John on Tuesday on the steamer St. Croix.

L. P. D. Tilley went to Petitcodiac yesterday.

Dr. W. L. Ellis returned yesterday from Quebec.

Rev. I. N. Parker is in the city.

Rev. T. W. Street and Mrs. Street, of Fredericton, are at the Victoria Hotel.

W. B. Ganong, of the Cedars, is at the Dufferin.

Dr. Gillmor, of St. Martins, registered at the Royal yesterday.

Daniel McLean, of Trevelyan (P. E. I.), registered at the Victoria Hotel yesterday.

Mayor and Mrs. A. I. Teed, of St. Stephen, announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Miss Margaret Alberta Teed, to George Wilson, of London (Ont.). The wedding will take place in the early part of December. Miss Teed is one of the most popular young ladies on the St. Croix, handsome, accomplished, and of a genial sunny disposition.

E. H. MacAlpine returned to the city yesterday from his campaign in Queens county.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Irving Bridges returned from their wedding trip. Mrs. Bridges (nee) Miss E. Vaughan Plewelling, will receive at 59 Carleton street on November 16th, and 17th.

Halifax Mail: Dr. George Kerr Thomson has returned from a visit to Newcastle, N. B.

A VISITOR FROM JAPAN

Talks of the War and Other Things in the Land of the Mikado.

B. Winslow Lawrence, of New York city, who has represented the Krupp firm of gun-makers, in the United States for several years, was in the city for a few hours yesterday on his way through to Montreal, where the Krupp firm contemplate the establishment of a Canadian agency.

Mr. Lawrence has made several trips to Japan in the interests of his firm and he has a number of very interesting stories to relate of his experiences while in the land of the Mikado.

He was in Japan in June, and sailed from Hong Kong on one of the C. P. R. steamers for Vancouver.

While in the flowery kingdom he failed to see where the death struggle between Russ and Jap was creating any undue excitement throughout the Empire. In Tokio, where he spent six months, one would hardly know that anything out of the ordinary was going on. If it were not for the troops one constantly sees on the streets, evidence of military operations would be entirely lacking. There is no noise, no confusion, and even when the result of a Jap victory reached Tokio, the citizens showed no enthusiasm. They regarded victory as a matter of course, and accordingly showed no surprise when it came.

Mr. Lawrence says the war had not interfered with the industrial progress of Japan in the least.

Factories were kept running the same as usual, and Japanese commercial travellers were sent to the commercial marts of the world with the same unflinching regularity.

As to the outcome, he expresses the opinion that Japan will surely win the second campaign as easily as she won the first.

Port Arthur, though remarkably well fortified, must fall soon, and when it does, he thinks the backbone of the Russian campaign will be broken. Industrially, Mr. Lawrence says he believes that Japan has as good a future as any nation on earth. The Japs have always been eager to adopt the latest ideas in every line of effort and while their civilization is without an individuality of its own yet, he does not think it will be less lasting on that account, as it really represents the best of western progress, tempered with eastern conservatism and moderations.

DEATH OF MRS. A. SEELY.

Former Saint John Lady Passes Away at Fredericton.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. Seely, wife of Alired Seely of St. John, died at her home here at 2 o'clock this morning, after a month's illness of typhoid fever.

Deceased was a daughter of Geo. N. Robertson, St. John, and is survived by her husband, three sons, one at St. John, one at Montreal and one home, and two daughters, Mrs. F. M. Wortman, Campbellton, and Miss S. Seely at home. The funeral will be at 3 p. m. Saturday. Interment will be made here.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Royal—Captain Farqueson, Parrsboro; Allen Baggs, Toronto; Dr. Gillmour, St. Martins; T. Cheese, London; J. H. Ewing, London.

At the Clifton—F. H. Lingley Boston; Thos. Trotter, Wolfville.

At the Victoria—F. W. Johnson, Truro.

At the Dufferin—E. G. Brown, New Glasgow; S. S. Spence, New Glasgow; E. W. B. Scott, Montreal.

At the New Victoria—Richard Whitley, Kentville; Jonathan Bainford, Annapolis; Walter Ramsley, Berwick, N. S.; Thos. Whites, Boston; Arthur Hazlett, New York.

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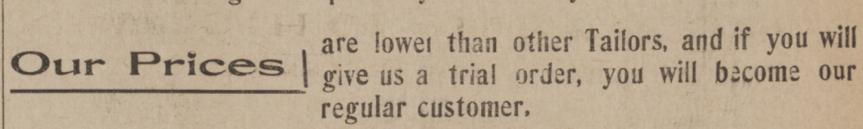
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