

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

St. David's church Y. P. A. meets at 8 p. m. St. Stephen's Church Guild—Musical. Pauline at the Opera House. Lothesny and High school hockey teams meet in the M. Sayres cup series at Queen's Rink. Grand officers and propagation committee visits Gordon division S. of T. Chambers lodge A. O. U. W., meets in the lodge rooms, Orange Hall. St. John Social Debating club meets at the residence of Rev. A. M. Walker. Fortnightly club meets at the residence of William Bradie.

Local News.

Mrs. T. E. Arnold, and Mrs. C. E. Hazen, of Sussex were in the city today.

The ladies auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., will hold their regular meeting at the building tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The members of the Y. M. C. A. will give an "At Home" tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Sadie Lawson who has been visiting her parents on Princess St., returned to Boston Saturday night, where she will be one of the principals in a happy event to take place early next month.

The famous traveler, Alfred H. Ellis, purchased the first commercial travelers' ticket issued by the H. & S. W. railway at Bridgewater for Liverpool. Robert Dawson, of Bridgewater, purchased the first ticket from Bridgewater to Halifax and return.—Yarmouth Telegram.

The Young People's Association of St. David's Presbyterian church meets in the lecture room of that church this evening at 8 o'clock. The programme will be historical and will consist of papers and readings on Acadian and Japanese History and vocal and instrumental music.

MOLASSES HIGHER.

Up Two Cents Today, With Bullish Reports of New Crop.

Baird & Peters today advanced all grades of molasses two cents per gallon. The market is very strong, in sympathy with sugar.

A cable from Barbados on Jan. 20, reported that the market opened at 17 cents prime cost, with supplies small; but today, in reply to a cabled order at 17 cents word came that there was none on board and that planters would not sell and would not contract ahead, as they expect higher prices.

The New York Journal of Commerce says that recent advices received from Porto Rico report the new crop late, and that owing to the extension of the central factories the crop of Muscovado molasses will be only 13,000 packages, compared with 17,000 last year.

The situation is therefore very strong all round.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

Steamship Manchester Merchant, Captain Poale from Manchester, arrived today with a general cargo.

Furness line steamship St. John City, Captain Bovey has arrived from London with a general cargo.

Manifests for the following United States products were received at the Customs house this morning: 13 east cattle, two cars corn, one car poultry, and one car oatmeal, for shipment for United Kingdom.

A HUNGRY HORSE.

Ald. MacFarlane, of Moncton, has a decided objection to the eating propensities of one of the city horses. The horse in question is located in No. 2 fire engine house. According to the statement submitted by the alderman in question the horse is not troubled with indigestion. Hay was delivered as follows:—No. 1 Engine House for 3 horses 7 tons 1370 lbs; No. 2 Engine House for 1 horse 6 tons 880 lbs; No. 3 Engine House for 3 horses 7 tons 1810 lbs. The question asked is how do the St. John horses, comparatively speaking, eat hay.

DISTRICT DIVISION S. OF T.

The St. John Co., District Division S. of T. met in annual session with St. George's Division on Saturday evening and a very interesting meeting was spent. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—D. W. P., D. C. Fisher; D. W. A., H. W. Belding; D. Scribe, James Sullivan; D. Treasurer, Mrs. Metcalf; D. Conductor, Charles Hamilton; D. Chaplain, J. Gowlan; D. S. W. Barker; D. S. Y. P. W., Mrs. Christie.

TO BLOCK COTTON COMBINE.

A Montreal despatch says:—Attempts are being made to get together as many dissatisfied shareholders as possible of the companies entering the cotton combine to make an influential representation at Ottawa in favor of the government refusing a charter to the new company. George E. Amyot, coast manufacturer, of Quebec, is interested. In an interview today he said:—"It is too late to prevent the majority of the stock being transferred, we shall at least endeavor to upset the transfer by legal means. We will find out how far these American financing methods can be carried under Canadian law. We are asked to sell out, not for cash, but for stock and bonds of the company. We have tried time and again to get information about the most elementary facts concerning this Dominion Textile Company, and everyone we go to says 'I don't know.'"

MONTREAL POWER.

The Montreal stock market provided more of interest in the way of developments last week. Sir Alexander Lacoste rendered judgment in the case of Edmund A. Robert v. Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co., condemning the company to pay \$200,000, the sum that Robert had claimed in view of an uncancelled option to purchase Business Point, held by the company. Business Point is believed to be a good location to develop power for the St. Lawrence, in Beauharnois county. Leave to appeal was granted. This incident appears to have been the cause of some fluctuations in price. The company say they will appeal. The stock declined a little on announcement of the court's decision but quickly rallied. The Witness says that at the present price it will yield a return of 5 per cent.

THE STORM.

The N. B. Southern is Blocked—Other Traffic Delayed.

The effects of last night's miniature tornado, as far as the branch railways are concerned have not occasioned any serious trouble with the exception of the New Brunswick Southern railway, which is temporarily held up. As far as can be learned the road will be open for traffic tomorrow. The hold-up is between here and Spruce Lake. Early this morning an engine, snowplow and flanger started out but the drifts proved impenetrable.

It is expected that the road will be open to traffic tomorrow.

Notwithstanding that the storm was somewhat terrific in this locality along the C. R. generally, it did not impede traffic. The snowfall west of St. John was accompanied by a high wind, and the snow naturally drifted into heaps.

From the east there was no interruption, whatever. The trains were nearly all on time on arriving here and there was little or no delay.

From the western division, however, there is some delay. The storm was fierce and drifts were met with all along the line.

The Boston express this afternoon was over an hour late and the Atlantic three hours, the delay in both cases being due to the storm.

The street railway had the usual amount of hard work, which generally falls to their lot, when there is a big storm, and men were kept on the line all night with sweepers and plows.

The line was fairly clear this morning and the cars are running on schedule as near as they can, although owing to the immense amount of snow on both sides of the track this is extremely difficult, as the teams which are constantly crossing and recrossing the tracks, carry the snow back on them as soon as it is cleared off.

The telephone and telegraph companies are not effected with a storm of this kind, there great enemies being sleet, wind and rain. However, while many are inconvenienced by the great fall of snow, it is a boon to the teamsters and shovellers, and hundreds of men are given employment.

Moncton, Jan. 23.—(Special).—The Maritime express was three hours behind time this morning on account of the storm. The road is being plowed out ahead of the express.

BREAD AND FLOUR.

The Price of the Former is Likely to Advance Soon.

Present indications point to a rise in the price of bread. It has been reported that a number of the smaller bakers will have to close up their business and that one or two have already done so, claiming that they cannot afford to sell at the present price of six cents, with flour so high.

One of the prominent bakers said this morning, when asked as to the present conditions, that no baker could buy flour at the present price and sell a two pound loaf of bread for six cents. He would have to put in less weight or lose money. A short time ago the price was raised to seven cents wholesale, but owing to the action of one of the bakers in selling for six cents, the price was again lowered. Since then flour has again advanced, and according to some of the wholesale dealers, it is likely to advance still higher.

OBITUARY.

John Dunlop.

John Dunlop, the well known ship builder, died Sunday morning, at his residence, corner of Waterloo and Golding streets, after an illness of nearly three years. He was one of the best known and oldest residents of the city, and was born at Glenhall, near Coleraine, (Ire.) in the year 1832. His parents moved to this country the same year, and he has resided here ever since. He was associated for many years, with his brother, the late J. K. Dunlop, in the shipbuilding business.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late Gavin Rainnie, sr., and four children, John R., William J., Fred T. and Miss Jennie E. Dunlop; also one sister, Mrs. William Rainnie, of this city, and one brother Thomas A. Dunlop, now a resident of South Africa. The funeral will be from his late residence tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A service will be held in the house at 2.30.

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.

The Presbyterian ministers of the city and suburbs met this morning in the parlor of St. John Presbyterian church. There were present Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, chairman; Rev. A. M. Hill, secretary; Rev. D. Lang, A. A. Graham, E. A. Wicher, A. H. Foster, J. W. A. Nicholson, and H. R. Reid. It was agreed that a monthly exchange of the Presbyterian pulpits of the city be arranged. This was carried unananimously, and a provisional programme was drawn up which will be printed. Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Rev. D. Lang, and Rev. E. A. Wicher were appointed a committee to arrange for a programme of monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held on February 13th.

It is some years now since the Presbyterian pastors of the city held such meetings.

PAULINE TONIGHT.

Pauline the hypnotist who played such a successful evening at the York Theatre last evening has been prevailed upon by the management of the Opera House to remain in St. John a few days longer and will open his second week at this popular play house tonight. Pauline is booked on the Cahn-Grant circuit, beginning Feb. 6th at Augusta, Me., consequently he is in a position to continue in this city somewhat longer than originally intended.

To-night will be "ladies night", so designated by Pauline, as is his custom in every city where he plays an extended engagement so that all who attend the Opera House tonight will find his entertainment more interesting than ever.

TIMES EMPLOYEES MADE A MERRY PARTY SATURDAY.

The First Sleigh Drive and Dinner at Newcombe's Was a Most Successful Outing—A Good Dinner, Good Speeches and a Happy Time Generally.

The Evening Times employees held their first sleigh drive and dinner at the Clairmont house, Torryburn, on Saturday afternoon, and a merrier party never left the city.

Just as the Times presses had finished the regular edition of the paper one of Dave Watson's big sleighs was ready at the Times office door and the employees, from the editor to the office boy with several invited guests, soon found seats. No not all of them, for the sleigh was found too small to accommodate the entire party so a second sleigh was secured to convey the "over flow" on the seven mild drive. Mr. Watson did not send a driver for the second sleigh but none was needed for the abilities of the Times employees are not confined to getting out a newspaper. They can drive horses in a way that would make Ed Geers green with envy. The veteran shipping editor undertook to "navigate" the second team and in this he was ably aided and abetted by "Jerry" Sullivan. The shipping editor drove while "Jerry" made the faces. All went well until the party reached the Marsh road, speedway.

There were several alleged fast horses doing "workouts" on the Marsh but when the shipping editor saw them (he it understood he also has "spitting" blood in his veins) he ordered full sail set, and the way that team attended to the speeders was a caution. There was nothing to it but the "Times" all the way. Whenever a rival piece of horseflesh approached too near, the rear end of the Times' sleigh, which was very seldom the request "I beg of you" was usually sufficient to bring them to a realization of the futility of attempting to pass that outfit.

Arrived at Newcombe's dinner was served at six o'clock. Two large and handsomely decorated tables sufficed to seat the guests.

A. M. Belding presided at the main table while Francis C. Cooper, business manager of the former "Gazette" occupied the vice chair. Arch. Tapley, of the Times business staff, presided at the second table with W. R. Croke of the writing staff in the vice chair. Fred Jordan of the Sun staff and J. H. Beazley of the Star were seated on the right of the chairman of the main table.

Host Newcombe had provided the following excellent menu to which the party did ample justice.

- SOUP. Vegetable.
- FISH. Kennebecasis Cod.
- ROAST. Turkey Sirloin of Beef
- BOILED. Ham Chicken
- VEGETABLES. Mashed Potatoes Turnips Beets Lettuce Radishes
- SAUCE. Chow Chow Mixed Pickles Worcester Sauce
- PASTRY. Apple Pie, Mince Pie, Plum Pudding
- DESSERT. Assorted Cake Doughnuts Fruit Cake Walnut Cake Tea, Coffee, Oranges, Milk, Ginger Ale

After the usual complimentary toasts had been honored to the king and the Governor-General, the chairman proposed the toast of the Times coupled with the names of A. E. McGinley, city editor; W. H. McDonald, of the composing-room staff; R. J. Finlay, press-room foreman and Arch. Tapley of the business department. All the gentlemen re-

turned and Mr. Tapley proposed the health of Mr. Cooper, Responding. Mr. Cooper, referred to his long connection with the Gazette and expressed the opinion that the Times was bound to become the popular evening paper of St. John.

Our contemporaries was proposed by Mr. Belding and Mr. Beazley and Mr. Jordan made excellent responses in the course of which they took occasion to say some complimentary things about the Times.

W. H. McDonald sang several coon songs and A. E. McGinley a recitation.

W. R. Croke proposed the health of the ladies, and in a speech which was a marvel of eloquence placed the duty of championing the fair sex upon the broad shoulders of W. E. Hopper, Harold Taylor, Geo. D. Macaulay and W. H. Campbell. All of these gentlemen made remarkable speeches. The chairman proposed the health of the chaperones, Mrs. A. E. McGinley and Mrs. W. H. McDonald, which was acknowledged by Mr. McGinley and Mr. McDonald. Charles F. Oliva proposed the health of Mr. Belding, the Times editor, and that gentleman made a pleasing reply.

Mr. McGinley proposed the health of "Our Host" and Mr. Newcombe in response said that although he had entertained many sleighing parties at the Clairmont he had never had his dining room graced with such a handsome assemblage. This remark almost raised a riot for every man in the place claimed ownership of the face from which Mr. Newcombe drew his inspiration. The host straightened matters out by explaining that he meant the ladies and that words failed him when he attempted to describe the physical attractions of the male contingent.

Songs were rendered by Miss Minnie Irvine, Arch. Tapley and Jeremiah Sullivan and Auld Lang Syne brought the dinner to a close.

After dinner the party enjoyed themselves in various ways. The dining room was cleared for those who cared to dance while in the other rooms whist, euchre and forty shaves seemed to make the evening pass pleasantly. Several members of the party secured a toboggan and enjoyed that sport to the utmost.

During the evening the editor issued a bold defi to the city editor to dance a jig. At first the challenge was accepted but after the custodian of the copy desk had seen the intricate steps which "the chief" could execute with consummate ease he fled rather than brave the disgrace of defeat. The city editor's place was however, taken by Jerry Sullivan who performed a most marvellous dance. Several members of the party who remembered Carmencita in her palmy days said the dance was modeled after hers. Another, who traces his lineage back to Bruce and Wallace said he had heard his grandfather tell of a similar dance performed by the dwellers in the Grampians years ago. Jerry, himself, refused to tell where the dance originated but agreed to repeat it. The company fled. W. R. Croke and W. H. Campbell alternated in providing dance music and gave every satisfaction. They were grand to be seen.

The party returned to the city shortly before midnight and today every one was at work as usual. So successful was the affair that already 7862 requests have been received for a repetition of the drive with the understanding that the citizens generally be permitted to participate in the festivities.

HOW TSI ANN LOOKS.

Tsi, An, the empress of China, is vividly described by Lady Susan Townley, in her Chinese Note-Book; She sat upon a divan covered with figured Chinese silk of a beautiful yolk-of-egg color. Being low of stature, her feet (which are of natural size, she being a Manchu) barely touched the ground, and only her head and shoulders were visible over the table placed in front of her. She wore a Chinese coat of a diaphanous pale-blue silk material covered with the most exquisite Chinese embroidery of vine leaves and grapes. Round her neck was a pale-blue satin ribbon studded with large, lustrous pearls, pierced and sewn to the ribbon. Her complexion is that of a north Italian, and being a widow,

her cheeks are unpainted and unpowdered. Her piercing dark eyes roved curiously about among her surroundings. Her age is 68, but her hair being dyed jet-black and most of it artificial, her appearance is that of a much younger woman. Her hands are long and tapering and very prettily shaped, but they are disfigured by the curious national custom of letting the nails grow inordinately long. The nails of the two smaller fingers of the right hand were protected by gold shields, which fitted over the finger like a lady's thimble and gradually tapered off to a length of three or four inches.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

C. F. A. Gregory, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Barrie (Ont.), is here visiting relatives.

M. D. Pride, of Amherst, returned home Saturday.

Wm. H. Ross, of Oxford (N. S.), was registered at the Dufferin Saturday.

H. S. Cowan, J. F. Adams and J. Adams are here from Toronto and at the Royals.

Miss Edith Nugent and Miss T. Crandall, of Moncton, returned home Saturday after a brief visit here.

Victor Dubruel, of the department of labor at Ottawa is in the city. His visit here is in connection with departmental work.

W. G. Smith, of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., and B. R. Macaulay of Macaulay Bros. & Co., will leave this evening for Europe on their annual buying trip. A. V. Branscomb and W. L. Robson of M. R. A. Ltd., are at present in Paris. Chas. Love, another M. R. A. buyer has just returned from New York and Montreal.

Dr. T. H. Lunney's friends are welcoming him after his illness with la grippe in the hospital. He was able to be at his office again yesterday.

G. Wilford Campbell, left today on the Atlantic express on a business trip to Halifax.

Frank L. Peters returned from Montreal Saturday.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER.

The Times new reporter is not on duty today. He waited in his boarding house for the civic snowplow to clear the sidewalks, and is still waiting, although it is possible that he will secure snowshoes before tomorrow. If he waits for the plow, he will be home until spring.

He telephoned in, however, that Mr. Jamesy Jones's condition was unchanged today. Some anxiety was caused by a slight redness, which it was feared was the beginning of another boil on Mr. Jones's neck. It proved, however, to be only an accumulated elevation of the cuticle, commonly known as a pimple.

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