

DIED IN THE WEST.

Body of Frank Dalton Brought Home from Seattle.

MIRAMICHI NEWS.

Two Presentations---A Pleasant At Home---Winter Sport ---Personal Notes.

Chatham, Jan. 9.—Mrs. J. Morris MacLean entertained the members of the W. P. M. S. of St. John's church at a much enjoyed reception at the manse Saturday afternoon. An interesting feature of this function was the presentation of half a dozen silver coffee spoons to Mrs. Joseph McKnight, a valued member of the Society, who removed to Loggieville a few months ago. The presentation was made by Mrs. William Anderson, and an address testifying to the Society's appreciation of Mrs. McKnight's faithful service in the work was read by Miss Margaret Mowatt. After the presentation refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Misses Margaret Mowatt and Laura Morrison. A gift in silver accompanied by an address has been sent to Mrs. Stephen Cameron, another valued member of the Society, who severed her connection from it a few months ago when she removed to New Glasgow, N. S.

The Misses Bentley, who have been spending their vacation at home have returned to Mount Allison Academy to resume their studies. Much to the regret of the trustees and rate-payers Miss Kate A. MacDonald one of our most successful teachers has tendered her resignation. Miss May Ryan, formerly assistant in the Grammar School, will fill the vacancy pro-tem. Miss Ida Haviland, who has been spending her vacation with her sister Mrs. P. H. C. Benson, has been granted an extra week's holidays and Miss Marion Fraser will substitute during that time.

Frank Dalton, formerly of Barnaby River, but recently of Seattle, Washington, died on Christmas Day, after a short illness of spinal meningitis. The deceased, who was 21 years old, and a son of Mr. Thomas Dalton of Barnaby River had been in Seattle two years, and his parents were expecting him home on a visit, when they received a telegram announcing his death. The body was brought home, and the funeral was held Saturday the large attendance including the members of the A.O.H. of Nelson and Barnaby River, besides many others, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held, and the deep sympathy for the bereaved parents and their relatives. The service was conducted by Rev. Father Campbell and the interment was in the Barnaby River Roman Catholic cemetery. Conspicuous among the floral tributes was a beautiful cross of carnations.

Misses Josie McNeil, and Clara Walls left on Monday for Fredericton where they will attend Normal School in order to obtain a higher license. Miss Ina Mersereau, B. A., of the MacDonald School teaching staff, Kingston, was the guest of Miss Helen D. Leishman on Friday.

The merchants of the town have decided to close their places of business at 6 o'clock p. m. every evening except Saturday during January and February.

At the last regular meeting of Court Fairland, I. O. F. Hardwicke village, the following officers were elected for the year:—John Mills, C. D. H. C. R., Charles C. Williston, P. C. R., Robert Noble, Jr., C. R., Henry C. Sinclair, V. C. R., Hugh M. Noble, R. S., A. G. Williston, F. S., George Mills, Sec-treas. Wood H. Williston, orator; William A. Mills, S. W. B. Jacob, Gough Williston, J. W. Andrew B. Mills, S. B., Charles S. Brenner, J. B.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. George E. Fisher gave a very delightful At Home, at her home, Woodburn, in honor of her sister, Mrs. John J. Benson of Montreal, who is visiting her. The dining-room looked very pretty, the floral decorations being white carnations and smilax. The guests were received by Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Benson, and Mrs. James Nicol. Misses Frances Snowball, Leonard Benson, Mamie Nicol, and Josephine Strothard, assisted in the dining room.

Robert Loggie, who for over twenty years has been in the employ of the J. B. Snowball Co., has severed his connection with that firm, and has accepted a position with the new pulp mill Co.

James Barnes, M. P. P., for Kent Co., spent part of the week in town. Dr. Annie L. Brown, of New York and her friend Miss I. Peterson of Boston, are visiting Dr. Brown's sister Mrs. William A. Loggie.

John J. Benson, of the Bank of Montreal, in Montreal, and Mrs. Benson, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Fisher, expect to return home this week.

Skating, hockey, and curling are the principal amusements here this winter. Good ice, good music, and a big crowd are to be found at the skating rink every evening, and many also attend in the afternoons. The first skating carnival of the season will be held Thursday evening, and judging from the great interest manifested there seems no doubt of its success.

Miss Agnes Wilson, who has been spending her vacation at home, has returned to Fredericton to resume her studies at the U. N. B.

The annual congregational business meeting of St. Andrew's church, will be held Wednesday evening.

Wallace Copp, formerly of Chatham, but now of Halifax, is in town.

COMMISSION APPOINTED.

City Council Names the Men Who Will Consider New Assessment Act --- Salvation Army Grant Turned Down.

The common council yesterday appointed T. H. Estabrooks, W. E. Staver and J. H. McRobbie as the commission on city assessment. The appointment was confirmed by a majority of one vote. They will receive \$2,000 among them and pay their own expenses.

Places of amusement are to be notified that if the requirements of the report on adequate fire protection are not complied with their licenses will be withdrawn.

The question of enforcing the law against steamship companies in respect of destitute cabinmen, is to be looked into by the recorder and a report made. The council confirmed the treasury board's refusal to grant \$200 to the Salvation Army. The reports of the boards and the police report were adopted.

On the reading of the second section of the treasury board report, recommending the refusal of the grant to the Salvation Army, Ald. Christie moved its adoption.

Ald. Robinson moved as an amendment that the \$200 be granted. He thought the city could not afford to spend that sum when the army were doing so much.

Ald. Macrae seconded the amendment.

Ald. Bullock reminded the council that a year ago Canon Richardson and Mr. Miller had appeared before them and \$200 had been voted for a similar purpose. This had never been taken up. The Salvation Army were the first to apply; they had never asked the city for any other sum and he would be glad to see them receive this grant. Ald. Christie had referred to the poor people keeping the loafers but there were many good immigrants who on landing were ready to work. This class were deserving of assistance. He was prepared to pledge himself that no further grant would be asked for.

Ald. Bullock then read details of civic grants to the army in other cities.

Ald. Lewis was in favor of the grant. In a Christian country, men could not be left to starve and there was urgent need for some steps. Ald. McGoldrick thought other institutions should be assisted as well. As regards the cattlemen there was a law that could compel the steamship companies to send them back to Europe and if there were extra police there would not be so much begging. He moved that the old Ladies' Home, the Home for Incurables, the Protestant Orphan Asylum, the Catholic Orphans and the Salvation Army receive \$200 each.

Ald. Christie seconded this. He had never heard Ald. Bullock do so well before and had observed he had had his eye on him all the time. He was of opinion that loafers and thieves should not be encouraged to go out and prey on the public. If they were fed with the assistance of the city's \$200 they would be better able to do it. They should be driven out of the country to where they belong. Ald. Bullock was known as a philanthropist; let him give his millions. As for himself if he thought he would get the entire support of the Salvation Army at the next election he would not support the grant.

Ald. Frink referred to the recorder's opinion that the chief of police should make an example of one of the loafers. There were men now at Sand Point who came in the first ship of the season and would not leave till the last.

Ald. Hannay thought many were led astray by agents on the other side and should not be classed as loafers and thieves.

Ald. Daily said it would establish a bad precedent and the city had no right to give to such a purpose. Ald. McGoldrick's amendment to the amendment was lost. Ald. Robinson's amendment was also lost. Ald. Robinson, Macrae, Maxwell, Lewis, Bullock and Hamm voting for it. The recommendation of the board was then adopted.

The reports of the boards of works, safety, water and sewerage and that adopted on the sale of the fisheries were adopted.

The report of the special committee to deal with the new assessment was taken up and given much consideration. Finally the commissioners as already named were appointed on a division with one majority vote. Police and other matters were then discussed.

Ald. Maxwell read a list showing the time lost during the past year by members of the police force incapacitated through illness at various times. The report showed a total of 374 days off duty and the half pay amounted to \$359.93.

In connection with the new ferry the mayor suggested that it be called the Champlain. Ald. Frink thought Allan MacLean would be appropriate. No action was taken.

Debentures were ordered for various improvements to the amount of \$5,200.

Ald. Robinson gave notice to borrow \$3,000 for the water service in Ludlow street and Rodney street, west end.

The question of the fire protection was discussed.

The appointment of the assessors for the ensuing year was referred to the treasury board to report.

Ald. Macrae, for the bills and by-laws committee, asked for authority to advertise the bills to go before the legislature. This was granted and the council adjourned.

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WAY FOR THE NORTHWEST WHEN PARLIAMENT MEETS.

(A. B. Hannay in Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The country is likely to hear a good deal about the Northwest during the coming session. In fact, the pending gathering of the law makers promises to go on the annals of Parliament as the "Northwest Session." Preparations are being made for the admission of the Territories to the Confederation of Provinces. The passage of the bill enacting that intention will furnish the opportunity for every member of the House to tell all that he knows or thinks that he knows about the region to the west of the Great Lakes. There are members (not a few) who have never been known to let such an opportunity pass without availing themselves of it. Some of them were numbered among the misanthropes after the battle of November third. The stalwarts, however, are all coming back and with them new members with old reputations for briskeness of tongue, and in Provincial Assemblies or in previous Parliaments.

But the chief figures in the Northwest debates will be the members from that portion of the Dominion. There are more of them than ever before. The representative from the Northwest is a type distinct from the remainder of the occupants of places in the Green Chamber. He comes from a newly settled portion of the earth. He has new subjects to talk about. Generally he has a new way of debating them.

The Old and the New.

The problems of Eastern Canada have been pretty well threshed out. For the last thirty-seven years Parliaments have struggled chiefly with questions which had their origin and application in the East. Many of these have been solved and passed into custom, tradition or oblivion. Those which defied solution and survived the attacks of time, such as the tariff question, are so familiar in every aspect to parliamentarians and the people that they will not attract a great deal of attention at the coming session, of the house. The fact that the next election is four or five years in the future will have a chilling influence upon old controversies. But the West is just being made. Man and nature are getting together out there. A good deal of legislative adjustment is required to facilitate the process. Where the English language is spoken there has never been legislation without discussion.

All Bucking Bronchos.

The members who have represented the Northwest up to the present have been the poorest "back-benchers" imaginable. They have not been the meek and lowly kind who have been willing to give silent support to the measures proposed by a Government if it did not suit them to do so. They have not been conspicuous followers of any leader or opinion, provided his policy of criticism of ministerial measures infringed on the interests of the prairies. On both sides of the House they have been known as "kickers." There is no indication that the enlarged legation the Northwest is sending to the Capital is going to differ from those who have been here before. In fact, most of the members of the last Parliament who sat for the Northwest are to be here again. That fact may be taken as an evidence that the West has not changed its style of representative.

A Difference of a Score.

When next the Speaker's gavel falls he will be facing a House in which

CANADIAN MAGAZINE.

The Canadian Magazine starts the New Year with a new serial story, the scenes of which are laid in the war of 1812. It is entitled "The Builders," a most apt title for a story which deals with the struggles of those who helped with the foundations of Canada. The author is a Canadian, a resident of Toronto. The other features of the January number are also worthy of consideration. G. M. L. Brown, a Canadian traveler of note, writes interestingly of Curacao, one of the most important of the smaller West Indian Islands. The editor reviews the new life of Sir John Beverley Robinson, and this contribution is accompanied by an unpublished picture of the late Chief Justice, and an unpublished pencil-sketch of Government House Peterborough, built in 1826. James Johnston writes of turbines under the heading "The New Method of Propulsion." Doctor Drummond contributes one of his famous habitant poems. Cy Warren's satire "Dog Eat Dog" will interest the people of the West who have recently suffered from a lumber combine. Professor Cappon's article on "Roberts and the Influence of His Time" is the first of a series of four on the same subject. There are the usual short stories, poems and departments—each depicting some phase of our national life. The national tone, which has given distinctiveness to this publication, was never more in evidence than in this issue.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

A. B. Morine, K. C., Sir E. P. Morris, K. C., Sir James Winter, K. C., M. G. M. Furlong, K. C., and R. A. Reid, L. B., of Nova Scotia bar, passed through here yesterday en route to Toronto. They are the counsel engaged in the case of the Reid Newfoundland Co., vs. the Government of Newfoundland. The claim against the government is upwards of \$3,000,000.

The case is being heard by arbitrators who will resume their sittings in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. The arbitrators are Hon. Edward Blake, K. C., M. P., of London, (Eng.), D. Macmaster, K. C., of the Montreal bar, and P. S. Archibald, C. E., of Moncton (N.B.) J. Fox, of St. John's (Nfld.), is secretary to the arbitration.

There are ten more members from the west and ten fewer from the east than there were in the last House. This change might not seem to make much change in a membership of two hundred and fourteen. But men who have watched the House at work and at play know that it will make all the difference imaginable. There will be a great change in the atmosphere of the House. There is going to be a lot more snap and vigor in the proceedings. There may be a good deal more fight, for the man from the west, though generally a good fellow, is not always the most amiable individual in the world when debating a subject which is dear to his heart, and in which he is opposed by another member from another part of the country, and one whom the westerner has an impression has no business in the debate at all. Parliamentary rules to the contrary notwithstanding, the western representative is liable to tell the other fellow what he thinks of him, in a way that will not conduce to the quiet life. Ten more of these members will certainly add materially to the volume of sound in the House descriptive of the demands and desires of the west.

A Universal Opportunity.

The provincial autonomy bill will give the members from the west a chance to distinguish themselves. Hereafter their quarrel has been chiefly with the railroads, who took their lands, and failed to give them in return the service they believed the west entitled to. Another sore spot has been the custom of the eastern representatives of skipping off home on Friday afternoon and not returning to the Capital until Monday afternoon. This practice has shortened the number of business hours in each week, and consequently has lengthened the number of weeks in each session. As it takes a week to go west and get back again, the men from the plains have been compelled to spend their time in Ottawa long after they believed they should have finished the work of the session and reached proration day.

Some Little Problems.

These matters will be heard of during the coming weeks, and with them will be the questions of provincial subsidies to the newly created members of the Canadian family; there will be the questions of schools, of courts, of control of the public lands, of payment for lands given for railway subsidies, which the Westerners regard as federal works. There will be discussion on the control of the swamp lands, on Indians, on lunatics, on convicts and on all the thousand and one matters which come to the front when a change is to be made in the government of any part of the country. The testing of the Hudson's Bay route for the carriage of grain to Europe is likely to take the form of a motion. Some wise man of the West recently suggested that an export duty should be placed on going to the United States. This was discussed in the press, and approved in some quarters. The members from the West will probably take the first occasion offered to them of informing the country that if it wants another Northwest Rebellion, the placing of any restrictions on the sale of the products of the plains is just the way to get it.

Altogether the East, which has had the eye of the Speaker most of the time since Confederation, may as well make up its mind to sit back for one session and give the West a chance. It has some things to say. It is sending down the men to say them, and they will not be denied.

HAPPY NEWSBOYS.

Three Hundred and Fifty of Them Enjoyed a Turkey Supper at York Theatre Last Night.

The supper that the newsboys have been looking forward to for many days, became an established fact last evening. About 350 boys who sell newspapers and carry telegraph messages were given a grand tuck-out in the assembly rooms of the York Theatre. Edward Sears who was the promoter of the scheme had the rooms tastefully decorated and the tables heaped with all the good things imaginable. The bill of fare included turkey, ham, hot vegetables, cranberry sauce, pie, cake, coffee etc. About six o'clock the feast began and if any boy did not get enough to satisfy him it was his own fault.

As the boys finished they took their places behind a vast stack of cardboard boxes near one corner of the room. Here was fruit, candy and other refreshments and as each lad presented his slip he was given a box of confections, a box of fruit and nuts and a jackknife.

Among those present during the evening were Ald. McGoldrick, Lewis, Bullock, W. C. R. Allen, and Richard O'Brien. Mr. Sears' committee of management consisted of S. W. Wilkins, David Belyea, Chas. Nevins and W. McLellan. Mr. Sears and the committee waited on their guests and among those assisting were Ald. Bullock, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Taylor, and Frank Courtonay.

The York Theatre staff also gave valuable assistance. They were Jack Johnston, J. Bryden, W. Campbell, Harold Sulis, M. Harrigan, Jas. Sugrue, C. Wilson, Roy Hannah, H. Farmer, James Dunlop, John Adams and Joe Fitzgerald.

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A VALUABLE RING.

(January Canadian Magazine.)

Combined with a real fund of inextinguishable humour, Rev. J. E. Stackhouse, Baptist Missionary for the Northwest, possesses the feeling and magnetism that so often go with real humour. He was preaching recently in the Jarvis Street Baptist church at Toronto. His subject was Consecration.

"A year ago, when I was in Aylmer," he said at the close, "I was speaking on the needs of missions in the Northwest, and met a motherless little deformed girl. Her father, in the West, was unable to support her, and in spite of her deformity, she was making her own living. Moved by the appeal, she offered me her diamond ring—the gift of her dead mother. I refused to take it, but she insisted. Finally I took it, and went to a jeweller's with it. He offered me twenty dollars for the ring, but this I refused. No—" he broke in, suddenly, producing the ring in the pulpit and holding it up to the light. "I determined that, instead of selling this ring, I would raise \$2,000 with it for Western Missions. Already I have raised over \$1,900. Perhaps I shall get the balance of the \$2,000 here to-night."

And when the service was over donors came forward by the score, and the total amount put in the plate held by Mr. Stackhouse was \$288.

The ring was returned to the little girl the next day.

Verily, "How great a matter a little fire kindleth."

WAITING FOR A FAIRY TALE.

Little Clara—Mother, tell me a fairy tale.

Mrs. Gayboy, (glancing at the clock)—Wait until your father comes home, dear, and he will tell us both one.

SPECKS BEFORE THE EYES.

Seeing Things In The Day Time.

There are thousands of persons afflicted this way. Ninety-Nine Times Out of One Hundred It Is Caused by Either the Liver, Stomach, Bowels or Digestive Organs.

In no part of the body are the effects of constipation more quickly noticed than in the condition of the eyes. They quickly respond to the poisonous elements which are absorbed into the blood in chronic cases of liver torpidity and sluggish bowel action. When you see a yellowish tinge in the whites of the eyes it shows quickly the biliousness which pervades the whole system; but it is the specks and flitting objects in the vision itself that are even more quickly apparent. Thousands of people see things in the daytime; their vision is blurred, spots come between them and other objects which seem quite intangible, almost imaginary, and as they turn their heads they vanish as with a flash. Such conditions can always be traced to a torpid liver and a congested condition of the bowels, yet can always be cured by the well-advised use of Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills, which cure constipation as if by magic. They regulate the functions of the liver, cleanse the poisons from the blood, remove the bilious elements from the circulation and strengthen the nerves. If your eyes are clouded without an appreciable cause, if you have specks and floating objects before your vision, use Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills and get the poisonous elements out of your blood. Remember they always cure sick headache, constipation and biliousness in one night. 25 cents, all dealers. All genuine signed by W. F. Smith.

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