

THE SMALLPOX SCARE.

The Measure That has Been Taken to Prevent the Spread of the Disease.

The outbreak of smallpox in the City—though confined to one case—has occasioned not a little anxiety among those who are supposed to safeguard the community in this respect.

A sailor introduced the disease and it was some time before the doctors agreed that it was smallpox. The man had a chance to mingle with the crew and the members of that body roamed here and there and met many people. Just how far the contagion may have spread remains to be seen. The authorities have awakened to the fact that the possibilities of the disease getting a start are quite within the bounds of reason and they are making strenuous efforts to check its course.

Mistakes are made in every case of this sort but the people do not care to excuse them when smallpox is in the question. To send a smallpox patient to the hospital in the ambulance that is in daily if not hourly use is not in the interests of those who look to the public physician to do things properly. It is said that the ambulance was used again without being fumigated, but Mr. Hamm, who looks after the ambulance vehicle says that he looked after the fumigation process. He deserves credit for doing so and if he had not looked after this work the opportunity for the disease to spread would have been very great considering the number of coaches and cabs in his stable.

The crew are confined to their vessel and all the houses they have been in are in a state of quarantine. This may seem a hardship, but it is necessary in the public interest.

The visit of the royal party in the course of two or three weeks and the presence of a large number of strangers in the city, makes it a matter of greater necessity that every precaution should be taken.

In Yarmouth there is a mild scare owing to the discovery of a case of smallpox which is described by the Herald as follows. The paragraph is interesting as it shows how prompt the measures were to prevent the disease spreading.

Yarmouth has a case of smallpox in her midst, the first for over a quarter of a century. Our citizens were startled late on Friday night and on Saturday morning when it was reported that Miss Maggie Meuse, 19 years old, daughter of Mr. Theophilus Meuse, proprietor of the Central House, was quite ill of the disease. It appears that she complained of being ill some days previously, and on Tuesday a physician was called. On Friday evening a consultation was held, when the disease was pronounced to be smallpox.

Dr. Fuller, town medical officer, as soon as the case was reported, took every precaution and placed special policemen to guard the house, who are still on duty.

On Saturday morning a meeting of the Board of Health was held at which strict resolutions were passed respecting the case, and measures adopted to prevent the further spread of the disease.

The patient has been removed to the pest house, Arcadia, which has been fitted up, and a nurse procured.

All the boarders at the Central House have been confined to the house, where they will remain until the expiration of the quarantine period. Two policemen guard the premises night and day, and Brown and Hawthorne streets have been roped off.

There is no cause for unnecessary alarm, but it is expedient that every citizen, young and old, should be at once vaccinated. Every precaution should be taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The doctors have been kept busy vaccinating patients since Saturday last. We are led to believe that there are yet large numbers of our citizens who have not done so. They should attend to it without delay.

MR. CHAPMAN'S CONCERTS.

Why They Were not a Success From a Financial Standpoint.

St. John, this week has had a rare treat. The musicians who have favored this city with their presence, are among the best

in the world. It is the first time, it may be said that such talent have visited New Brunswick.

Mr. Chapman under whose auspices the great efforts have appeared, from a manager's standpoint, who thoroughly understands his business, that his greatest undertaking here has not met with the financial support that it deserves is through no fault of his as a musician, but if any through lack of foresight in business management.

In this matter, let Progress speak plainly. Mr. Chapman has announced his intention of bringing to St. John in the future other leading musicians. It is but right to him and to those he intends bringing there to be acquainted with the true state of things.

In the first place Mr. Chapman or any of the celebrated artists who visited the City this week, have no right to judge the number of music loving people in this city from the poor audiences that attended the Opera House. Mr. Chapman has only to turn to the pages of History to find that when first class musicians have been brought to St. John they have been most liberally patronized. Mr. Chapman's artists are not at all inferior to those of former years, but Mr. Chapman, it is to speak to the point, has not gone the proper way to work to introduce his people to the public.

Let it be stated more plainly. Mr. Chapman comes to St. John a stranger. He meets the Opera House people. The latter inform their genial visitor the papers he should use, as the medium by which to introduce himself to the public. In this list of papers, Progress is not included. The reason is plain. The Opera House people know and the public know that dis regarding any patronage Progress will speak its mind plainly.

The same cannot be said of all journals, and St. John people believe that no matter how poor a show visits this city it will be praised to the skies.

Mr. Chapman visited the papers favored by the Opera House and of course he received his elaborate advance notices and notices after the concerts were over, but these things are all taken for granted by the public. Mr. Chapman may bring Pauli and all the great singers that live here. The people of this vicinity know that his artists can receive no greater praise from some papers than those papers have time and again bestowed on the poorest dime shows that have ever come here.

Progress has nothing more to add; except to say that Mr. Chapman's artists whom he presented to the St. John public this week, are exceptionally clever and in saying this Progress feels that it is giving Mr. Chapman and his company a greater advertisement to the St. John and New Brunswick public, than they have yet had.

CARELESSNESS IN THE WOODS.

How Accidents Occur That Might be Easily Prevented.

The shooting accidents started in promptly with the opening of the season. The number of deaths from carelessness has been greater than usual. The regret felt for the loss of the bright son of the postmaster at Canterbury through the eagerness of an experienced hunter to fire at a mere disturbance in the bushes shows how easily a serious mistake can be made. In Maine such mistakes are considered seriously and a penalty is exacted. Imprisonment for ten years may be the result of gross carelessness. It was found necessary to make the law to make hunters exercise greater care. Here is a case in point showing how little care is taken when parties are eager for a little game.

Four men were on the watch for deer in the woods near DeWolfe Corner Charlotte Co. They had agreed on signals to be used in case they should come together, but the system did not work well. John Dismore one of the four, seeing something trailing near him, called out, thinking it might be

one of his companions as he had heard a whistle a short time before. He received no answer and calling out two or three times 'whistle or I will shoot' and still receiving no answer he pulled the trigger of the gun and Daniel McIninch received a bullet in his neck. Medical aid was quickly sent for and Dr. Dibble, of Moore's Mills, was soon in attendance. He found that the bullet had entered the neck near the windpipe and passing downward had come out near the shoulder. Mr. McIninch is reported as doing well and there is a good chance for his recovery.

A SUNDY SCOTIA STORY.

An Afflicted Mother Could not Bear the Loss of Her Son.

A sad story comes from Yarmouth, showing how an afflicted mother unable to bear the loss of a well loved son died a few hours later. The young man was a son of the late Capt. Norman Durke, formerly of Yarmouth, and was 27 years, 1 month and 24 days old. He was born in Hamburg, Germany, and came to the United States two years ago with the hope of recovering from the disease; but while it may be prolonged his life, permanent benefit was impossible. He was a bright young man and had the sympathy of the community during his illness.

His mother, Mrs. Theodosia B. Durke, was completely prostrated at the death of her son, and died at 4 o'clock on the Monday morning following, aged 57 years, 6 months and 6 days.

The devotion of mother and son to each other was very marked, and the final separation was more than the mother could bear. Her afflictions were exceedingly heavy, as she had lost her husband, a daughter and two sons within three years. There is one son still living, who is at sea.

A Successful Ball.

The annual ball under the auspices of the Neptune Rowing club, held in the Assembly room of the York Hotel on Thursday evening was a most enjoyable and successful affair. The room was extensively decorated and presented a very pleasing appearance. The club committee which had the management of the ball are to be congratulated on the very able manner in which they performed their duties. The programme of dances was enjoyed thoroughly by all present and the evening was a most fitting opening to the seasons social festivities. Owing to the lateness in the week in which the ball was held, Progress is unable to give a full description of the happy gathering.

A Much Esteemed Man.

The death of Mr. William Barnhill which occurred at his home early yesterday morning removes from our midst one of the best known and most highly respected residents of Lunenburg. Mr. Barnhill who was born in 1827 at Truro, N. S. came to St. John when a young man and engaged in the lumbering business in which undertaking he has engaged in ever since. His career has been a most successful one, the result of industry, perseverance and honesty. He was a gentleman who was much thought of, his genial disposition and popular manner making friends with all whom he came in contact.

They Made Excitement.

The people of St. John have taken considerable interest in the big yacht races. During the days of the racing the bulletins were eagerly scanned by hundreds as they were posted in front of the newspaper offices. Anyone could tell by the expression on peoples' faces which yacht led. As the Shamrock lead for considerable of the distance in both contests, persons got very hopeful and excited, and when the news came that the Columbia won, the disappointment was very great. It is now the general opinion that Sir Thomas will have to build another yacht.

Successful Festivals.

The session of the Presbyterian of the Maritime Provinces held this week in St. John was very well attended and the various discussions that have been carried on by that body have proved most interesting even to those not of that denomination. The debates have been exceptionally well conducted and show that the Presbyterians of these provinces possess very learned and able men. The convention has been most successful in every particular.

TO WELCOME ROYALTY.

The Preparations That are Being Made for the Visit to St. John.

It is less than two weeks, before the Duke and Duchess will be here, but the town does not appear to have become very much enthused yet. Two weeks is a very short time in which to make preparations and it is beginning to look as if everything was going to be rushed at the last moment.

It is said that the people to learn that the Royal party will take more than a passing glance at St. John on their way to Halifax. It was said at one time that this City might even be passed over, but happily affairs have turned out all right. Major Maude has learned that some respect is due the city of the loyalists, but it reports is true it took some little time and some little persuasion to get the Major to meet the wishes of some of our representatives. A visit of nearly two days is somewhat respectable, but an afternoon and evening as formerly planned would not have been very acceptable to the people of this Province.

It does not do, however, to say too much about the length of the visit or just what may yet happen. Progress pointed out some time ago that the programme had been changed so much, that the public could not rely on any information for any length of time. Within the past two weeks the order of events has been changed no less than three times and as there are nearly two weeks yet to come, several changes may still occur. First the announcement was made that their Royal Highness and party would stay a day and a night in St. John and put up at the Jones and MacNutt houses. Then Presto there was a change and it was heralded forth that the distinguished visitors would reside upon their own while here. Then another change and the visit was reduced to a single afternoon and evening, when behold still another change and everything has become lovely again. They will stay at the Jones and MacNutt houses and they will stay nearly two days.

As a magician, Major Maude has played his part well. Let the acting close now. The public is satisfied. Any more changes will spoil the whole performance.

Regarding the programme that has been arranged for entertaining the big guests while here, it is a little early yet to speak with accuracy. Some of the events marked down will no doubt prove highly interesting, while others perhaps will not be looked upon so favorably. The fire works are always a pleasing part of all St. John's celebrations and if they are as good as they have been they will on this occasion be satisfactory. No dress suits will be required to see the fire works. All alike can witness them, the high and low, the rich and poor, the small and tall, one and all.

The authorities have announced that only those properly dressed and supplied with two cards will be admitted to the reception. Onlookers will not be allowed to view the proceedings from the gallery. This limits the number of people in this free and enlightened country who would like to view their future King and Queen. The poor and humble citizen must submit to a custom that only permits those who dress in fashion to see the great people. It is a tail end of an ancient custom that still remains in the old country and which Canada tries to imitate, just the same way as some cities try to copy some of the dresses and actions of the Lord Mayor of London. It is in this respect that the United States is a little in advance of our people. If President Roosevelt for instant was to hold a reception here, he would ask all to meet him whether they were wearing swallow tail coats or hayseed jackets.

Then think again what the people are missing in not being able to view the presentations from the gallery. Some of those who were present at the reception to Lord and Lady Minto, and they should know, say that it surpassed many shows ever produced at the Opera House. It that was so, then, how much greater will be the entertainment when the Duke and Duchess are at the head. Probably those intending to be presented are in better practice now than those were when the

Governor General was here, but still with some people it will take a good deal of practice to make perfect.

The mobilization of sixteen hundred troops in this city should prove an interesting sight. It will not be as large a gathering as in Halifax, but the mobilization of such a force here will be more of a novelty to our people than to the sister city.

It is estimated that some forty thousand persons will visit St. John. If this turns out a fact there wont be many vacant beds about. The hotels and boarding houses will have to wake up. To provide for such a large number of guests is no easy matter. Everything points to a busy week and St. John will no doubt resemble for the time being a little New York. The decorations are expected to be on a grand scale and everyone will decorate.

If there are no more changes made in the programme, all well and good. The Duke and his Royal wife should enjoy themselves, barring of course those addresses. The people will do their part well. St. John knows how to take care of itself on occasions of this kind and the coming visit will prove no exception to the rule.

EXHIBITION AND RACES.

The Sussex Fair Was a Success—Some Horse Race Comments.

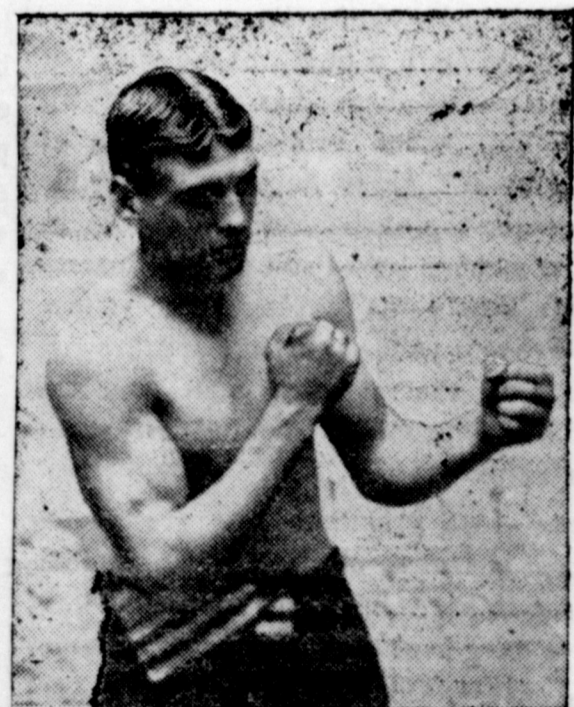
The Exhibition and horse races at Sussex were successful from every point of view. The story of the races has been told in the daily papers but there were some incidents Progress may comment upon. The events were all interesting but especial notice was taken of the free for all pace in which Mr. Willis had Walter K entered and Mr. Carke the mare Happy Girl. The speed she showed at Fredericton made the admirers of Walter K. somewhat anxious but the mare was not in good form and Mr Willis' horse was an easy winner. Happy girl, just to show that she can pace a dead heat with the Sydney horse and took second money.

Mr. John M. Johnson of Calais whose reputation for swiftness on the turf can not be excelled made a bad break Wednesday when he permitted Tutrix to pass him on the home stretch while his horse was joggling in. The error was not intentional and the judges should have given his horse Keanon the heat instead of Tabrix who had skipped a good part of the distance, but judges are not infallible and certainly the gentlemen in the stand at Sussex were far from the line of perfection. The same can be said of the timers the first day who seemed afraid to give the correct version to the public. If they insist upon clean records for the horses and drivers they should be just as careful not to search their own reputation.

THE FALL FISTIC EVENT.

A Picture of one of the Boys who Will Spar Oct. 14th.

A week from Monday evening is the date fixed for the boxing tournament in Victoria rink under the management of William Keefe whose reputation as a lover of good sport and whose work as a ring referee has won him the respect of those who love to see honest sport. One of the boxers to



come here is the well-known Al Weing who is to box fifteen rounds with Jack Bonner of Philadelphia. There will be other bouts of course but this will be the principal event. Progress gives a picture of Weing who stands in an attitude of defiance. He is a muscular looking young fellow and looks as if he knew something of the fistic art. His record says that he shows a good deal about it.