

Board of Works 2nd May 1901

TOPICS TALKED ABOUT.

Some Interesting Stories—Items Gathered From Various Parts

The departure of the Duke and Duchess was followed by the smallpox scare and the people have had something to think about and talk about since. The cases are not numerous and but one has resulted fatally in the city. The authorities are taking all reasonable precautions and the citizens are assisting them by coming forward willingly for vaccination.

IT IS SURPRISING.

There is still room for some more Education.

In connection with the recent murder trial in St. Andrews there was one circumstance the Beacon points out that awakened painful surprise. It was the acknowledgement on the part of several young men who had grown up within reach of the free schools and under the shadow almost of such an enlightened community St. Stephen, confessing on the witness stand that they could not even write their own names. Had there been only one such individual the circumstance would not have been so remarkable, but when three or four out of the same community made this humiliating confession it excited considerable comment. One gentleman was overheard remarking that he had never favored compulsory education but after witnessing this pitiful exhibition he would

be an advocate of it hereafter. The matter is one that would seem to call for inquiry on the part of our educational authorities. In these days of enlightenment there is no reason why there should be such illiteracy in any community in this broad dominion.

THE HUNTING SEASON.

Accidents Have Been Few in This Province.

While hundreds of sportsmen have been hunting in the moose forests of New Brunswick this season an exchange draws attention to this fact. It is worthy of remark that not a single accident has resulted from a hunter being mistaken for a wild animal. In the adjoining State of Maine eight "accidents" of this kind have occurred, several of them resulting fatally. The immunity that we enjoy in this respect is probably due to the fact that the men who seek for big game in our woods are true sportsmen who understand the use of the weapons they carry, and to the further fact that they have careful guides. The latter is a very important feature in hunting. The careful guide soon gets the measure of his party and governs himself accordingly. If he finds that he has any reckless spirits among them, he either con-

trives to leave them at the camp or else places them where their recklessness can do little harm. A too generous supply of intoxicants at sporting camps is a fruitful cause of "accidents." Some years ago, the writer had the good fortune to form one of a party of sportsmen at a famous fishing resort in Nova Scotia. A venerable woodsman had been employed to guide the party. He was very affable until he discovered in the party's baggage several heavily laden champagne baskets. On reaching them he struck at once, and absolutely refused to accompany the party until he was informed as to the contents of the hampers. Asked his reasons, he sententiously replied that he had gone down the lakes with just such baskets the previous season. The owners of them had got gloriously drunk and one of them while suffering from the d. t.'s. had tried to shoot him, declaring he was a bear. To guard against a like experience in the future he had decided that his proper policy was to stay at home when he found that his party had liquor with them. Not all guides are as careful as this one, but a little care in this respect would save a multitude of trouble—and, perhaps, some lives.

MISSIONARY WORK.

An Interesting Conference that Was Held This Week.

The missionary conference that was held during the week in Trinity Sunday School room in this city proved a most interesting as well as instructive meeting. Many of the addresses delivered were of a very high order. Among the best given

CAUSES SOME EXCITEMENT

A Bank Manager Meets With Difficulties—Fredericton has a Sensation.

was those of Thursday evening when the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, a Japan missionary, and the Rev. Mr. O Meara of Trinity church, Toronto, occupied the platform.

Mr. Kennedy's description of life in Japan and the doings and customs of the inhabitants of that country, was highly interesting throughout.

It was of great importance, said Mr. Kennedy, that Japan should be supplied with the latest magazines and religious literature, for the Japanese were both intelligent and of progressive spirit and acquiescent in the teaching of Christ's word. It was the speaker's hope that a library would become established in Japan's interior, and that the Japanese youth would find there all the nourishment which his developing and expanding mind required. Already assistance for this purpose had been received from one of the Ontario dioceses.

The subject of the woman of Japan was treated by the speaker and in considering the complaint which had arisen regarding the presence of missionaries' wives in foreign lands, he said that, in order to teach the Japanese proper deportment toward their wives, they must show practical examples. He dwelt eulogistically on the noble share which women had taken in missionary affairs.

Certain circles have been somewhat stirred up this week, and especially in Fredericton over banking difficulties. The branches of the British North America at the capital has come in for much publicity the first few days.

About six months ago Mr. Jeremy Taylor had made himself very popular with the Fredericton people and though everyone regretted Mr. Taylor's removal, yet it was with the same time all were pleased at his well deserved promotion. Mr. Harley was given charge at the Celestial and during his short sojourn there had become well liked and so a few days ago the announcement came, as a surprise that the new manager had got into difficulties with his employers. All kinds of stories were soon afloat and everyone had a version.

It transpired that Mr. Harley wanted to raise something like \$60,000 and in order to do so he gave Mr. Edward Moore, the Bank's check for the amount. Mr. Moore is a man of considerable means, he is a son of Mrs. Moore who formerly lived at the Junction and whom it will be remembered inherited a large fortune from the old country a few years ago. Mr. Moore advanced the check in presenting this check, the clerk in the bank refused to pay it, and it is said that this clerk took it upon himself to let the office at Montreal or Halifax, know of the circumstance.

This is the story as given out.

The head office heard of the transaction anyway and immediately named Mr. Harley to Montreal. The result was that suspicion followed. Mr. Harley went from Montreal to Halifax. To the latter City also travelled the York County Deputy Sheriff, around it was given out with a warrant for arrest.

Deputy Sheriff Hawthorne returned from Halifax Thursday morning. The criminal proceedings against Mr. Harley had been dropped by arrangement, and the Deputy Sheriff's services were not here after required. Mr. Hawthorne will say little, or nothing as to his mission in Halifax. He did his duty and returned, and that is all Mr. Hawthorne has to say about it. Wednesday a civil action was entered against Mr. Harley to recover the \$60,000 which was due Mr. Moore. It was understood that when this action was instituted that Mr. Harley's friends would pay the amount, and that further proceedings would be unnecessary, and already a settlement has been made and Mr. Harley has been relieved from custody. Mr. Moore will get his money. It is said that Mr. Harley's shortage was not due to speculations having their initiative in Fredericton, but to speculations in Ontario before he came here.

Mr. Harley is well connected. His wife is a Miss Bauld of Halifax. His friends are numerous and have come to his rescue.

It Is Not Correct.

The Montreal Star of the 26th, among its event, of 'This date 30 years ago,' chronicles the following: 'John Livingston proprietor of the St John N B Daily Telegraph and Journal sells his interest to William Elder for \$30,000.'

Editor Stewart of the Chatham World claims that the above paragraph is not correct. According to Mr. Stewart Mr. Livingston did not sell his interest in the paper for \$30,000, but he sold the whole concern for that amount—subject, of course, to the claims of creditors. The paper in bank, and other liabilities, were assumed by Mr. Elder, and then the balance due to Mr Livingston was a poor reward for the time, money and energy he had expended in carrying that order.

'American ideas are making great progress in England.'

'Yes, confound 'em,' said the man with his trousers rolled up. 'They get me all confused. A lot of the papers over there have almost quit printing the point of a joke in Italics.'

