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TOPICS TALKED ABOUT.

Stories of Interest to Progress Readers—Many Items of Public Interest—Read and Learn.

It should be Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Wm. Rennels, Divisional Superintendent of the I. C. R. between Campbellton and Moncton, died last week, having returned to Nova Scotia from a recuperating trip abroad. Candidates for the vacancy thus created are not wanting, but the choice ought not to be difficult to make if seniority in the service and undoubted fitness alone are considered. We understand that Mr. John S. Fleming, the well known station agent at Newcastle, seeks promotion to the District superintendency. His claims seemed to be the best any man can present. His service record is one of about thirty-four years. No one questions his competency or high character. His record on the road is without a flaw, and as there are few if any, Miramichi men in the higher offices on the I. C. R. the people of this part of the country, who know and highly esteem Mr. Fleming, feel that his claims cannot well be passed over in favor of any other man who may offer. He has well earned the promotion advance.

RETURNED FROM THE KLONDIKE.
Aaron Cross is the First Border Man to Get Back.

When the Klondike fever was at its height about three years ago a delegation was lured to the far off fields. The first member of the party returned home on Saturday last.

Aaron Cross, H Patton Cross and Edward Price of St. Stephen, Chris Falconer of Milltown and Ira Stinson of St. Andrews left on April 25th, 1898, and, after overcoming the dangers of the trail and the White Horse rapids, reached Dawson on July 12 h.

They were after gold and lost no time in getting to work. The Cross brothers took a claim on Bear Creek, while Price, Falconer and Stinson went up Hunker Creek.

They worked these claims for a year but neither party struck pay dirt. The party on Bear Creek sank one hundred and nine feet, in three shafts, and drifted double that distance.

The other party was equally industrious but luck was not with them.

In July, 1899 they were in Dawson where they remained a month. In the following winter Aaron Cross took a lay on Sulphur Creek and Price and Falconer went with him. Their labor produced no reward and, in the spring of 1900, they were all back in Dawson, dead broke.

Then Price, Falconer and Stinson, and Harry Knight of Musquash, who had joined the party, struck out for the newer gold fields at Nome.

Knight and Stinson returned in the fall and went to work on Bonanza Creek, where they had worked the winter before.

Mr. Price and Mr. Falconer remained at Nome.

The Cross brothers ventured further afield than in the previous winter and located on Jack Wade Creek in Alaska. Again their efforts were unrewarded and they returned to Dawson in the spring.

The only time that luck seemed to dawn upon the border men was when they were working together on Sulphur Creek. In one day they took out \$500 in a few buckets of dirt. Hopes ran high, and who can tell the visions that arose in those men's minds? But the little streak of gold was soon exhausted and after that their picks and shovels went through earth that was no more profitable than could be found in Charlotte county.

This spring Patton Cross established a restaurant in Dawson which he sold out this fall and then went to work in another restaurant at good wages. Aaron Cross was considerably troubled with rheumatism and decided to return east. He left Dawson on October 8th and arrived here on Saturday last.

Mr. Cross believes that the prospects in the Klondike are excellent and that ten years from now it will be a better country for the poor man than it is to day. The country has been grossly mismanaged by

the government officials and large sections of it are tied up by men of wealth and influence, and the prospector has been driven out. Mr. Cross feels confident that these conditions cannot be continued much longer and that the country must be opened to development. Governor Ross, who has recently been placed in charge of the country, has already restored a measure of confidence to the people, who look hopefully to better days under honest management.

One Charlotte county man ran up against a forcible illustration of the corruption that prevails. Harry Knight of Musquash came across what is known as a 'fraction' that gave good promise. He went to the commissioner's office and asked to have it recorded. He was informed that he must first have it surveyed and must prospect it. He put a surveyor on at a cost of \$52.50 and prospected it as directed. When he returned it to the commissioner's office to have it recorded. He was asked what his prospecting had revealed and, when he informed the commissioner that he had found paying dirt, he was calmly informed that the fraction had been recorded the day before for Alexander M. Donald, the Klondike king.

Mr. Knight knew differently, but realized that there was no redress.

It is such work as this by government officials that has handicapped the poor man in this golden country.

Mr. Cross considers the prospects better there than when he struck the country. An improvement in administration is noticeable and much is hoped for under

Governor Ross. There is plenty of gold for all.

Well, Hall, a son of Eben Hall, has two good claims on Dominion creek and is doing well.

On his way home Mr. Cross spent a few hours in Vancouver, where he met Albert Smith, Ralph Daggett, Elwell DeWolfe, Will McLeod of Scotch Ridge and other Charlotte county boys.

He has not yet determined on his future plans, but may return to Dawson in the spring.

Painters and Decorators.

The painters and decorators at a recent meeting installed the following officers: Geo. Hay, president; Geo. Maston, vice president; Ross C. Carr, recording secretary; Charles Hay, financial secretary; F. Bettle, treasurer; Geo. Bartleon, conductor; F. McLean, warden; Allen Nixon, sentinel; J. H. Campbell, Herb Ebett and Fred Kinsman trustees.

The next meeting is called for Monday, Nov. 11, when a large attendance is desired.

Commencing Monday next the international steamers will make but two trips per week between St. John and Boston, leaving Esport for Boston every Monday and Thursday. For the present the service will be performed by the St. Croix and State of Maine.

In making arrangements for next week don't forget the ceramic exhibition of the Women's A. Association, which will be held in the studio, Palmer's Chambers opening Tuesday 12 h, at 2 o'clock.

It is expected the work of stripping the salmon in the fish pond at Carleton will be completed Saturday. Already 1,000 fish have been handled. Three million eggs have been sent away and over a million are held at Carleton. The other two hundred will be got through with this week.

SMALLPOX

The Disease is in St. John its Spread is the Cause of Alarm Among the People.

Twenty-five cases of smallpox. That is the total record on Friday morning. There is no denying the fact the disease is in St. John and that it has settled down in the midst.

It is now serious and it becomes every day to see that every precaution is taken to stamp out the enemy. It is the duty of everyone to be vaccinated. Let there be no delay, no putting off. It is really a serious matter.

Though the disease has been greatly on the increase, yet it is gratifying to know that all the new cases have sprung from quarantine quarters. The general public hospital is accountable for most of the cases reported. This is regrettable and there is no wonder that there is much criticism. There is something wrong, and people are asking what is the matter?

The cases developing in the hospital were those reported as suspects. They are Miss Bertha Knapp, aged twenty four daughter of I. W. Knapp of Sackville, admitted to the hospital October 8th, Miss Julia O'Keefe, eighteen years of age, belonging to this city, admitted September 16 h, and Miss Mabel Melanson, of 306 Carmarthen street, admitted October 5th. Miss Knapp and Miss O'Keefe have been isolated for the past two or three days, and Miss Melanson has also been watched. These three patients were all inmates of ward C which contained thirteen patients, instead of twenty two as stated in an evening paper. The removal of Miss Melanson from the ward leaves twelve patients now in it, and as yet none of these have shown any symptoms of the disease.

The houses already under quarantine are responsible for seven more cases. These are Louise Debow, aged twenty, and Stanley Debow, aged seventeen, of 232 City road; Maggie Fawcett, aged sixteen, of 245 Waterloo street; Rose Parker, aged eight, and Bertrand Parker, aged twelve, of 35 Marsh street; Joe Hamilton, aged three, and John Hamilton, aged fourteen months, of 95 Marsh road. All of these, except Rose Parker and the younger Hamilton child, were removed to the epidemic hospital, where there are now three patients from the Hamilton house, four from the Parker family, three from the Fawcett house and four of the Debows.

All of Mrs. Debow's family are now stricken in addition to the daughter who died. Mr. Debow is left alone in the quarantined house, and is reported as being ill, although small pox is not yet reported in his case.

Miss Julia Odell, aged seventeen, sister of Mrs. John Shea, of Old Station street, Fairville, who was named as a suspect on Wednesday was yesterday reported by Dr. Morais as a definite smallpox case. The house was placarded for the disease, and last night the assistant inspector went over to secure guards to enforce the quarantine. Mr. Shea and his wife and child were vaccinated. A family who occupied the lower portion of the house, which however, was not connected with the infected upper floor, left before its quarantine was declared and reported to have gone to Musquash. But for the crowded condition of the epidemic hospital Miss Odell would have been taken there.

Dr. H. G. Addy, one of the board of hospital commissioners for the month stated that the board could do nothing to provide additional accommodation now that the hospital was full. A report of the condition had been prepared and placed with Dr. Bayard to bring before the provincial board of health. Dr. Bayard later said that the provincial board had nothing to do with the matter yet. If the present epidemic hospital were full the responsibility of providing further and necessary accommodation for patients rested with the civic board of health. A meeting of the provincial board will be held this evening.

Another boy in the Parker family is strongly suspected of having contracted the disease. He is about seventeen years old. Mr. Beyer of Waterloo street is also ill, but small pox is not yet suspected.

All the cases in the epidemic hospital were reported as doing well. Another nurse from the General Hospital, Miss Winifred Flislor of this city, will go to the epidemic hospital today to assist the staff there. Two women for general washing and cleaning there are wanted at once. Applications should be made to Miss Mitchell at the gate of General Hospital.

The nurses of the Victorian Order, who have been quarantined in their room in the General Public Hospital, have volunteered for general hospital work.

The case of Mrs. Herbert McKinnon at Cedar Grove threatens to become more serious than was expected at first. Some of her children have been attending the school there the teacher of which has been boarding with relatives of the infected family. Consequently the school was closed yesterday. The children have also been attending Sunday school and it is stated that while Mrs. McKinnon's disease was supposed to be slow fever a large number of the people of that district placed themselves within reach of infection. The case was yesterday morning reported to Dr. Wetmore of Hampton, who visited the place later in the day, but what action was taken has not yet been ascertained here.

A FEAST FOR EYE AND EAR.

Next Week's Musical Spectacle To Be a Delightful Affair.

Everybody is looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to next week's production of the great spectacular musical piece, Siballa. From reliable sources it is learned the production will be musically artistic, and from the standpoint of a beautiful scene, the best ever known to St. John.

The plot of Siballa is laid in the kingdom of Comus, and woven around a secret talisman or amulet, the possession of which was supposed to perpetuate the reign of King Cole, at that time ruler of Comus. This talisman through the intrigue of Rodriguez, Counsellor of the King, and Carrabas, Captain of the Forty Thieves, is stolen from its hiding place in the Temple of Comus, and the King prevailed upon to offer a munificent reward and the hand of his daughter Marian in marriage to the man who should restore it. Jack Horner, a Captain in the Royal Navy, who is secretly betrothed to Marian hears of this and surmising that Rodriguez is in possession of the secret, he solicits aid from Siballa, Goddess of the Woods, who assists him to wrest the talisman from the thieves and restore it to the King, bringing just retribution upon Rodriguez and Carrabas and winning the hand of Marion for his reward.

Beside twenty songs and choruses there will be the following dances: Dance Venetian, the May Dance, Loin du Bal, Revels of the Sun, the Fairies, Frolic of the Frogs, the Spiders, the Batterflies, the Fireflies, the Footcastle Crew, Grand March of the King's Hussars, beautiful allegorical pageant, and grand Dance Ensemble.

Seat plan opens 10 o'clock this morning.

The Dog's Fire-Escape.

As an offset to a large loss by fire James Ross, a colored farmer living near Blackwood, New Jersey, is inclined to rate his dog. Ross's house and barn were burned, but, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, his dog escaped.

The dog was chained to the barn, but when the heat got unbearable the sagacious animal dug a deep hole and hid himself in it. The post to which the dog was chained fell over the hole and protected him. After the fire the dog was found not even singed.

It is interesting to note that other holes had proved less friendly to human members of the family. In fact, the fire was caused by Mr. Ross's son falling through a hatchway with a lighted lantern.

OUR KING.

Today is the Anniversary of King Edward's Birth.

God Save Our Gracious King,
Long Live our Noble King,
God Save the King;
Send Him Victorious,
Happy And Glorious,
Long to Reign Over Us,
God Save the King.



Albert Howard,
Prince of Wales.