

LOCAL NEWS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE. - There have been three official dinners at government house this week.

ELECTION PETITIONS. - By consent of both parties the hearing in the Kent election petition stands over.

COMING. - Arrangements have been made by the W. C. T. U. with Mrs. Chant, to visit this city at an early day.

PLENTY OF ICE. - Messrs. Simmons & Burpee finish their ice cut this week. They have harvested a large quantity of excellent ice.

OVER THE FENCE. - On the 21st, the sun jumped the equator safely on the 21st, and the vernal equinox quietly resumed business at the old stand.

FOR ASSAULT. - A young lad named Samuel Jones has been sent to jail for two months for assaulting Andrew Lear of Dr. Torrin's office.

COMING HOME. - The lumber camps of James Yezka, on Mud and Cross lakes, were broken up last week, and his teams are on their way home.

DON'T GET LEFT. - Tuesday is All Fool's day. The usual sidewalk jokes will be on hand, and you are no doubt the "sells" will be made and many.

EASTER MONDAY. - The ladies of St. Dunstan's church are making arrangements for a grand entertainment in their hall on the evening of Easter Monday.

CALENDARS. - Frank I. Morrison, general insurance agent, has a new consignment of calendars. Parties requiring such will be supplied by calling at his office.

SCOTT ACT IN CARLETON CO. - Several Scott Act cases have been recently tried in Carleton Co. Five convictions have been made against S. Perkins of Centreville.

RECREATION SERVICES. - The festival services at Marysville under Rev. Messrs. Downey and McLeod are increasing in interest and much good is being accomplished.

TO THE FRONT. - David Buttrick, Centreville, Carleton Co., from 22 bushels sowing of Russia oats, the past season, threshed out 630 bushels weighing 34 lbs. to the bushel.

THE ROYAL TEMPLARS. - A large number attended the Star Council, R. O. T. M. in the social in the Temperance hall on Monday evening last. A fine musical program was rendered.

THE LAZARETTO. - The annual report of Dr. Smith of Newcastle, on the Tracadie Lazaretto, states that the institution now has 29 inmates. Five new patients were admitted during the year, and three deaths occurred.

CIVIC MATTERS. - All the civic committees are to meet on Monday evening for the purpose of considering the assessment, and passing bills. The regular monthly meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday evening.

SOLD EARLY. - The Bangor News says that the Moosehead Lake logs that go into the Kennebec waters are all sold. These sales have been made a month earlier than has been usual, and at an advance of fifty cents per M from last year.

AT ST. PAUL'S. - Rev. Mr. Mowatt delivered a preparatory sermon to a large audience last Friday evening. The right hand of fellowship was extended to eighteen members whose names were enrolled on the church register.

ALL STORED. - The ice syndicate, Messrs. Eesty, Thompson, George, Whitehead, & Co., have finished their ice operation. Somewhere in the vicinity of 6,000 tons have been hauled which they expect to ship to the New York market in proper season.

OBITUARY. - The remains of the late John Spafford, of Halifax, which weighed 500 pounds, were interred last week. The corpse was too heavy to be carried into the church and no horse large enough to contain it could be found in the city.

ADMITTED TO PROBATE. - Administration in the estate of the late Hon. B. R. Stevenson was granted in the Probate court, on Thursday. J. F. Stevenson and Kate Stevenson were appointed to administer the estate, which was entered at \$10,000.

A GOOD TIME COMING. - The president of the Legislative Council and the speaker of the House of Assembly are to give a grand ball in the assembly room of the parliament building on Friday 11th prox. The ball bids fair to eclipse anything of the kind held in Fredericton for some years.

ABOUT FINISHING. - Messrs. Simmons & Burpee, of Gibson, contractors for building the wharf at Upper Gagetown, are getting the work pretty nearly completed. They have already commenced the wharf at the last, and most of the farmers are engaged hauling stone for that purpose.

A FINE SELECTION. - The books selected by the Bishop Coadjutor for St. Agnes' Sunday school at Mt. Middleton, have just arrived at the Sussex Rectory from England. They were purchased by, and the gift of the congregation at Mt. Middleton, and the society for promoting Christian knowledge.

POUNCEING CASE. - Lizzie Stewart, the pouncing case at Charlottetown, was found Wednesday at Travers, and brought to town in the afternoon by policeman Bradley. She was taken before the magistrate who remanded her to jail until Tuesday next.

ANOTHER GUN FIBED. - G. I. Gunter's colosseum, containing about thirty Sauter's Army ladies and ladies, drawn by six horses, left here Friday afternoon for Kewick, where they bombarded the place and held a routing meeting. The army are establishing a number of outposts throughout the county as well as the city.

WHERE WILL THEY COME FROM? - The Bangor News says: It is estimated that there are 3,000,000 tons of ice harvested in Maine. This will call for 300,000 tons of 1000 tons average. Much ice is to be shipped at once on the opening of navigation and it looks as if the vessel problem might prove a sticker for a while at least.

NEW HIGHWAY. - It is suggested, says the Houlton Times, that a subscription be raised sufficient to put in a highway in the dam at Woodstock on the Melounekung stream, which has been advocated some time. The amount can be raised equally among the Yankees and the Province people, for the fishway would be of advantage to both.

SHORE LINE RAILWAY. - It is said that H. H. McLean, vice-president and managing director of the Shore Line, will leave for New York early next week, to meet Russell Sage, Charles Taintor and Richard J. Cross, the owners. Matters connected with the road will be discussed, and it is thought that steps will be taken to better its condition.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT. - The pupils of the High school will give a concert in the Old City Hall, on the evening of the 21st. A fine program has been prepared and as the proceeds are to be devoted to a most worthy object, that of purchasing books for the library, there should be a fine attendance of the friends of all the pupils of the school.

SCOTT ACT DENIED. - On the 16th inst., Charles Mooney of Enfield, was arraigned before Justice Thorne and Kirkpatrick at that place for violation of the Scott Act. The complainant was John A. Patterson, and the justice, after hearing the evidence, adjourned the case until the 22nd for judgment. On Saturday last the justices dismissed the case with costs. J. W. McCready appeared for the prosecution and L. A. Curry for the defence.

THE HORSE SALE.

Some lively bidding and a spirited sale. What was the most successful sale of the government horses came off on Thursday. The following is a statement of the names of the lessees and the prices paid:

Percherons. The Deacon. - St. Francis and St. Helier Agricultural Societies, Masawaka, \$500. Zephyr. - Agricultural Society No. 19, Moncton, \$715. Prefere. - Agricultural Societies 41 and 43, Carleton, \$300.

Clydesdales. Knight of Chester. - Agricultural Society No. 38, York, \$400. Balbougne Prince. - G. K. McLeod, Kent, \$275.

Simon Beattie. - Agricultural Society No. 34, York, \$325. Angus Chief. - Roger Flanagan, Chatham, \$300.

Cloverland Bays. Lord Standish. - Harvey (Albert) Agricultural Society, \$225. Duke of Edinburgh. - Agricultural Societies 31, 32 and 33, Sunbury, \$240.

Shires. Sweep. - W. Douglas, Charlotte, \$155. Mirfield Draughtman. - Agricultural Society 39, York, \$185. Gunboat. - G. R. Ketchum, Woodstock, \$150.

Cochs Horses. The Earl. - Albert Society, \$200.

Morgans. Aurora. - Dr. E. W. Stevens, Hartland, \$415. The thoroughbred, Sir Peter, was sold outright, to be kept for stock purposes in the province for three years and not recd. He was bought by G. R. Ketchum for \$210. The allowance was very large and the bidding spirited. E. H. Allen was the auctioneer.

The following shows the prices brought at the three previous sales: The Earl, 1887 1888 1889 \$205 210 415

Table with 4 columns: Name, 1887, 1888, 1889. Includes entries like Lord Standish, Duke of Cleveland, Balbougne Prince, Prior, Knight of Chester, Simon Beattie, Gunboat, Zephyr, Prefere, Deacon, Aurora, Mirfield Draughtman, Angus Chief.

Married in the West. The Missoulian of Missoula, Montana, of the 19th inst. contains a lengthy account of the marriage of Tyler B. Thompson, a resident of St. John, and well known in this city, but now in the employ of the Missoula Mercantile Company. The bride was Miss Jessie Stone, daughter of Judge Stone.

The groomsmen were Harry Thompson, brother of the groom, and Harry Keith, the latter a Kings county boy, while T. T. McLeod, also a native of King's county, was one of the ushers. The wedding ceremony took place in the Presbyterian church, which was elegantly decorated with evergreens, fragrant plants and appropriate flowers.

Immediately in front of the pulpit an arch was formed of evergreens and flowers, from the center of which was suspended a ball made of white flowers. The pulpit, in the words of the Missoulian, "bore a border of geraniums, hyacinths and other fragrant house plants. The church was crowded to excess, and many were unable to gain admission. The twenty-fifth infantry orchestra furnished music for the occasion. After a reception and dinner at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left on a tour to cities of the Pacific coast.

A Popular Dispensary. An elegant and well equipped drug store is always an ornament to a business street in any city, and Fredericton is especially fortunate in this respect. George H. Davidson at the corner of Queen and Regent, has lately been making important improvements, both externally and internally, and the result is very gratifying to the eye.

Outside, a showy decorated front, fresh from the painter's brush, prepares you for the great beauties of the interior, which in its arrangements and ornamentation, much taste and regard for the convenience of customers. Especially noticeable is the ceiling, covered with one of the most beautiful of the newest styles in fresco painting. In the north window Mr. Davidson has set a fine show-bottle - the very latest thing out - whose ornamental brass fixtures are a vast improvement over the older styles. New counters replace the old, and a full stock of superior drugs, medicines, fancy goods, etc., along with a large assortment of the best brands in cigars, complete the stock of a popular dispensary.

Intending purchasers in any one of the above lines, will be sure to find ready satisfaction.

A Frederictonian Abroad. Edward K. Todd, son of George Todd, recently on introduction to Fredericton people. His home is now in Brooklyn, where he is junior manager editor of The Evening Record, a weekly paper published by a branch of the Epworth league, and in the interests of church work. The Record thus refers to him: "The Junior Editor has gone to Washington with the excursionists. We are glad of it. He needed an outing, and we hope he will have a good time. His absence gives us an opportunity to say that he would not allow us to print if he knew it. Mr. Todd is a 'diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.' We know of no layman anywhere more faithful in all his duties than he. His work with 'Army' on the Record, in the Sunday-school, in the class-room, and in general church work, ought to be and is appreciated by all our people, and especially by the Senior Editor."

His Washington letter is nicely written and shows that in graduating from the composing room Mr. Todd was trained in the school that makes the best journalists.

A Close Call. John Cornell, one of the most prominent residents of Dorchester, while using a drawing knife to cut a knot off the threshold of a door at his house on Saturday, 16th inst., inflicted a gash in his leg at the knee, severing a vein from which the blood flowed profusely and could not be stopped. The roads were so snow-blocked that a horse could not come to Chatham to bring a surgeon for a doctor, but two young men started on snowshoes for the residence of Father Morrissey for advice. The distance is about eight miles, and it took them from Saturday afternoon until six o'clock Sunday morning to get there and return with directions in the case. Meantime Mr. Cornell had lost a great deal of blood and had the messengers been much longer delayed he would no doubt have lost his life for the bleeding did not cease from noon on Saturday until Sunday morning - Chatham Advance.

THE AROOSTOOK RAILWAY. - The Calais Times has spoken as follows: There is lots of railway talk up in Aroostook county, in which the Canadian Pacific railway is manufacturing considerable activity. The people of Aroostook county want a new road, and want it badly, but they do not want a branch of another powerful foreign company, thus placing them in the hands of a monopoly. On the contrary they want a strictly American road with American interests and one that can aid in building up the country instead of leaving a heavy tribute upon every merchant and farmer who comes from necessity within its grasp.

BOUND TO HAVE PEACE. - A Brewer, man and his wife couldn't agree, so they were divorced. The husband married again, hired wife No. 1 as housekeeper, and now everything is as peaceable as a duck pond.

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PROF. ROBERTSON'S LECTURE.

A Fine Discourse on Agricultural Matters.

Prof. J. W. Robertson of Ottawa delivered two agricultural lectures here on Thursday and won unbounded praise. To say that he won universal praise is to state the simple truth. He is a keen, logical speaker, apt in illustration, marked by a humor and good sense that are not to be met with in many of our lecturers. On Wednesday afternoon he spoke in City Hall, chiefly on dairying, his central idea being that farmers should strive to cheapen the cost of production rather than to aim at high prices.

In the evening he addressed a large gathering in the new departmental buildings. Col. Blair of the experimental farm, Peleg Smith of Hamstead, many members of the legislature, citizens and farmers were present. Secretary Logie introduced the speaker, who opened by thanking the members for their complimentary remarks.

In the presence of the farmers of New Brunswick his theme was Co-operative and Agricultural Education, prefaced by a resume of his afternoon lecture. On the wall was a chart illustrating the benefits of co-operation. The man, the ruler, he put at the top of the chart, above his food and his animals. The farmer, he explained, must keep animals adapted to produce food for him at a profit. The world's market is glutted with the best food. Everybody regulates his consumption of bread by the quality of the butter spread on it. As men learn to improve the quality of products they will increase the demand and price. A also costing \$70 was a necessity in New Brunswick, a fine corn growing country. A farmer must provide food for his plants; they can't roam after it. No man can afford to use patent fertilizers till he has learned to save his barnyard manure. The soil is mainly a storehouse for plant food. The man who uses nature's method of treating his soil will succeed. Fall plowing and surface cultivation in the spring are nature's method. You can always cover a planter's roots down as far as you put its food. A man does the chores in farming, the Lord does the work. To do them well he requires co-operation and education. In illustrating the benefits of co-operation by showing that six times the labor was expended in making butter at home in ten pound lots than in making 100 pound lots in creameries, he showed how people would reply home labor costs nothing. Many men, the professor, here their wives for a life time just for their board.

Relieve the woman from this unprofitable work and fewer boys would leave the farm. By co-operative dairying we supply England with 34¢ per lb. of her cheese, and we could supply her with as much better by the co-operative dairies. Uniform high quality makes a steady demand for Ontario cheese. New Brunswick should organize a dairymen's association and the government should liberally subsidize it. It would give the farmers more enthusiasm. Proximity to a creamery increases the value of the farm. The educational value of co-operation was well illustrated by the lecture. He showed that the cheap beef from Chicago was raised at a cost of \$100 an acre, with help at \$45 a month and cattle fed on ensilage at 25 cents a day. The better the farm the cheaper the cost of production. He believed we could yet compete with Chicago in beef and bacon, and he did not despair of raising grade beef in New Brunswick. Run cheese in the summer months and creameries in winter, raising the best calves in winter, thus combining the three industries at a good profit. On these three lines it will pay to co-operate. Butter is the best food for man or cow. There is no nerve tonic like it or cranio cream. Butter is materialized sunshine. It is carbon charged with the energy of the sun. Ostrich eggs are the best food in the French lunatic asylums because they made the patients more violent, while the genuine article soothed them.

Prof. Robertson exhibited a sketch of a section of a cow's udder and described how the animal manufactures milk. The composition of the average milk was stated: