

LOCAL NEWS.

HAVE YOU GOT ONE?—The city tax bills are being served, and everyone is looking correspondingly happy.

HAY CROP.—The Annapolis Times says the hay crop will be the most in that section of the country this season.

NEW BOLLER.—The Fleming foundry at St. John has completed a new boiler for the Fredericton water works.

KING'S COUNTY CIRCUIT.—The King's county court opened at Hampton on Tuesday, chief justice Allen presiding.

DIVIDED DECADE.—The Peoples bank has declared a dividend of four per cent on the capital stock for the past half year.

RIVER FALLING.—The river is falling gradually, and the Florenceville has been taken off the route, probably for the season.

BRIDGE FELL.—One span of the bridge across the Nashwaq, known as the Durham bridge, fell, one day recently. No one was hurt.

TO STOP THE FLOOD.—The city council has authorized road master McKay to investigate the cause of the flooding of the St. John street canals.

EXCURSION.—A cheap excursion to Riverview is being arranged. We do not know if tickets will be sold from Fredericton, but presume so.

CRICKET.—The Lennoxville cricketers arrived in Fredericton on Monday, and on Tuesday played the home team. The game resulted in a victory for the visitors.

A HEAVY STORM.—The heavy wind of Tuesday night was a tornado in Bangor and vicinity, doing a way great deal of damage to buildings, fruit trees and standing timber.

A VICTIM FROM THE COUNTRY.—Mrs. Harriet Clark, a widow, living near the portage Stanley was fined \$50 and cost, by the police magistrate, on Monday, for violation of the Scott act.

PUT ASUNDER.—Judge Wetmore has granted absolute divorce in the cases of Riley vs. Riley, and Brown vs. Brown. In the former case the husband applied for divorce, in the latter the wife.

BURIAL PERMITS.—At a meeting of the local board of health, a resolution was passed that the chairman take the necessary steps to put the burial permit law into operation on the first of August.

MARRIED.—Wesley J. Myles, a graduate of the university of the city of '86, was married at St. John last week. Miss Pidgeon, a daughter of J. R. Pidgeon, the well-known temperance advocate.

CAMP MONROE.—The troops in annual drill have found camp Monro to be the muddest place that could have been selected for a camping ground. The men in the field battery has drilled with great difficulty.

NEW BARN FOR THE JAIL.—At the last semi-annual meeting of the council it was decided to build a barn at the jail. The contract has been awarded to John B. Grievs and the work is being pushed rapidly forward.

DEATH OF A HORSE.—A horse owned by Patrick McCuskey, of Lower St. Mary's, was frightened by the train while passing the mill Monday afternoon, and jumped upon a picket fence, inflicting serious injuries which caused his death.

CENTRAL RAILWAY.—At the adjourned annual meeting of the Central Railway Co., held in this city recently, the following directors were elected: C. Ford Stevens, C. N. Skinner, Stephen E. Barker, John Debury, G. H. Lugin, F. E. Haas and J. P. Lisey.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURES.—Prof. J. W. Robertson, will deliver one or more lectures in Victoria county before returning to Ottawa, and Mr. Chas. will visit some of the French districts of the province to lecture on dairying as soon as his engagements in Quebec will permit.

IN BUSINESS DIFFICULTY.—George Stewart, formerly of Stewart & White, St. John, who has been in business in Montreal for a few years, has failed. He has gone west, but just where is not known. Mr. Stewart stood very high in the business community, and his failure will be much regretted.

GOOD TIME COMING.—The management of the Star Social club intend having a grand moonlight excursion on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst. The David Weston has been chartered for the occasion, and no doubt a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity for a fine sail down the river by moonlight.

EXCURSION COMING.—The Raymond & Whitcomb excursion party from Boston, left here Friday, and expect to arrive in St. Andrews to-day, (Saturday) about noon. There are over forty persons. They remain in St. Andrews the 12th, 13th, and 14th, and arrive in this city on the morning of the 15th. So says the Beacon.

REPAIRING THE WHARVES.—The high water wharf from Phoenix square down to the bridge is being widened and refitted with hemlock lumber. The wharf in the rear of the officers' square will also get a new front, as the line of wharves from the square up to the bridge. There are all much needed improvements and will improve Fredericton wharf accommodation.

DEATH OF MRS. GILBERT.—Mrs. John Gilbert, of Sheffield, died suddenly on Wednesday morning at the home of her brother, Charles Murray of Kingsclear, where she had been making a visit. The deceased lady had only been ill a day or two. Her husband and one son survive her. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon from Mr. Murray's residence.

AMPUTATEE.—After suffering some length of time with a disease of the arm, William McDowell, of Marysville, had that member amputated by Dr. Shaw on Wednesday last. He is doing as well as can be expected. On Wednesday evening an ice cream festival was given near Jas. Gibson's residence for the injured man, which was largely attended and receipts were quite large. The Marysville band attended.

THE HOTEL.—Mr. Edwards broadened the air of freedom again Tuesday morning, and now only Messrs. Coleman and Grievs are left behind. They will come out next week. Mr. Edwards says the hotels will not be opened till August 1st. Both the Queen and the Barker house have been undergoing thorough repairs, and have been repainted from top to bottom, and will present an attractive appearance when opened to the public.

NEW ORANGE LODGE.—On Monday evening last county master W. H. Anderson, assisted by the officers and members of the county lodge of York, opened a lodge called Victoria L. O. L., No. 93, on a very favorable circum- stances and elected and installed the following officers: Calvin Boyce, W. M.; Dr. Alexander Campbell, D. M.; Robert Currie, Chap.; Charles Hawkins, Recd. Sec.; Charles Allen, Fin. Sec.; Thomas H. Colter, T. R. Burton, A. O. T.

ROYAL TEMPLARS.—At a meeting of the R. T. of T., the following officers were elected: W. T. L. Reel, G. C. J. A. Thompson, G. V. C.; Rev. W. Vass, G. chaplain; G. C. Freese, G. secretary; F. White, G. treasurer; W. L. McFarlane, G. auditor; Mrs. J. A. Young, G. H.; T. B. Boies, G. G.; Lewis R. Baker, G. S.; Wm. Swin, S. P.; and J. J. Fox, G. trustees; J. A. Thompson, Wm. Quinn, J. W. McCready and Luke Lawson delegates to the dominion alliance, David Richards and W. T. L. Bruce, alternates.

Spots for Tourists to Visit.

A more dilapidated looking spot, a place that at one time was kept in the pink of beauty, does not mar our fair city, than the officers square at the present time. The centre with its velvety surface is bordered with grass and weeds two feet high having the appearance of a deserted, and useless barnyard plot. In the name of common decency now that our hotels are about to again open their doors, which will not be followed by an influx of summer tourists, some one had better hire a grubber and mowing machine, or raise a "frolie" and pluck the square as near as possible to its possible normal condition, or else the military had better hire it out for a cow pasture.

Our present buildings and grounds are pointed to visitors with pride, but just at the present time our citizens are few who care to guide strangers, then, knowing the ornaments that have been placed along the bank as a lasting memento to Fredericton's taste for the beautiful. Here and there, and in fact along the whole front, can be found the scrapings of backyards, with now and then a few old decayed bushes surrounding the whole, in that artistic taste known as "rustic."

As the visitor moves along the river from the ornamentation becomes more rustic, until he is struck with wonder and amazement at the grand (?) scene before him, with now and then the gentle breeze wafting to his organ the smell of the odors of some animal that has long since ceased to exist in this celestial city. Then, again, he may be wrapt up in enthusiasm at the manner in which the trees along the avenue are guarded. To see how each tree is watched and tended with such zealous care so that the future generation can sit under their shady limbs and watch the majestic river flow on and on, gives an excellent idea of how not to do it. The celestial city is indeed a wonderful place of beauty and tourists cannot but carry to their homes the remembrance of that square and the ornamentation of Fenwick avenue.

The Twelfth of July. The David Weston had on board about 400 persons when she left her wharf at 10 o'clock on Friday evening for St. John. She was met by the Orange and the excursionists to the bi-centennial of the Battle of the Boyne which is being celebrated in that city to-day (Saturday). The Orangemen to the number of about 125 marched in procession to the steamer headed by a band. Representatives of the following lodges were in the line: Graham, No. 20; Rossmore, No. 21; Anderson, No. 25; Walker, No. 35, and the Great Britain, No. 45.

The men presented a very handsome appearance in their new and striking regalia and the march elicited very many compliments from the hundreds of people who thronged the street to witness it. It is said that fully two thousand members will be in line, in the procession in St. John and in addition several bands of music, and the procession will be one of the largest and grandest of the kind ever seen there. Nearly all the lodges will turn out in new regalia.

Speeches will be made in the Lansdowne rink by prominent members of the order, Grand Master Armstrong, Messrs. George W. Fowler, W. Wilson, H. A. McKeown, T. A. Kinnear, and Rev. Messrs. Thomas and Flewelling.

New Brunswick Prize Winners. The Montreal Witness announces the award of the provincial prize for New Brunswick in the Canada prize competitions for the story entitled "An Adventure on the Ice," by Edward J. Dobson of Sackville, Westmoreland county, and mentions the following stories by the writers named as worthy of first preference:

"A Genuine Flood," by Francis Ferguson Barpee of Sunbury county Grammar school.

"The W. O. Baker of 1847," by Wm. L. Estabrook of Centreville school, Carleton county; and "A Biography," by Emma McIntosh of River Charles school, Restigouche county. "The Glorious Family," by Miss Kate E. Sewell, Charlotte street school, won the prize for the city of Fredericton. For the York county prize Beverly C. Ingraham of Queensbury, district No. 3 school, Bear Island was the successful competitor, "A Loyalist's Experience" being the title of his essay. The Sunbury county prize is awarded to Francis F. Burpee, Sheffield Academy, "A Genuine Flood" being the subject of his essay.

The Crops. In response to a question as to why the spring bulletin was delayed, the secretary for agriculture said that he thought the reports, like the crops, would be the better for a little sunlight, and therefore he had not sent out the usual circular during the wet weather, but had delayed it until the signs of clearing up were unmistakable. Reports from the correspondents of the department are coming in rapidly, and he hopes to have the bulletin out in a few days. "While it is too soon to express a positive opinion, the reports appear to indicate that the season is at least two weeks behind ordinary years, and that there will be some falling off in the acreage in crop. The only crop concerning the yield of which any very definite information can be given at present is hay, and as to this reports are conflicting. In some localities a good crop is reported, in others a superior crop and again in others a poor crop. So far as the reports go, but the great majority of them are yet to be heard from. The season gives fair promise as to the yield of fruit.

Marriage of a City Teacher. There was a pleasant social gathering at the residence of Mr. H. Porter, Brunswick street on Wednesday morning at 6.30 o'clock, when her eldest daughter, Miss Maggie H. Porter, recently a popular teacher in the Charlotte street school, was led to the matrimonial altar by John R. Morgan, B. A., a former resident of Fredericton, and a young gentleman of distinguished educational ability. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. J. Crawley, assisted by Rev. G. R. White of Yarmouth. The bride wore a lovely charming in a grey traveling suit, was attended by her sister, Miss Grace Porter and the bride's brother, Harry Porter, supported Mr. Morgan. The ceremony over, the bridal party sat down to luncheon, and left by the Weston for St. John, en route to Halifax and Cape Breton, followed by the best wishes of their friends. The bride's large array of valuable presents testified to her popularity among her friends, who part from her with very much regret.

Knights of Pythias. At the regular meeting of Fredericton lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias, held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term, by D. G. C. Jas. D. Fowler:

Samuel Mackey, C. C. A. D. McPherson, V. C. Alonzo Staples, I. P. C. James D. Fowler, (P. C.) P. A. J. Fowler, K. of R. and S. John Talbot, M. P. Wm. Storey Hooper, M. E. George Bookhout, M. at A. John Palmer, I. G.

Geo. A. Hughes, (P. C.) O. G. One candidate was initiated during the evening. At the close of the lodge the C. C. and V. C. entertained the boys to ice cream and light refreshments.

U. N. B. Students at Edinburgh. Geo. K. Grimmer, a former university student of the class of '87, has finished his third year in medicine at the Edinburgh university, and won the senior medal in Sir William Turner's anatomy class.

W. D. Hankin, '88, has taken a distinguishing course in Edinburgh, and will graduate in arts in August.

W. C. Murray, '86, the Gilchrist scholar, has won several scholarships during his undergraduate course at Edinburgh, and will graduate in arts in August.

KNELED ON THE RAIL.—A young man named Stack, son of Timothy Stack of Acton Settlement in this county, was killed on a railway in Pennsylvania on the 6th inst.

PERSONAL.

Concerning People Known to Most Readers. Robin Cropley has gone to Boston.

Burton Beckwith, son of A. G. Beckwith, C. E., is home for a vacation. R. K. Jones and Mrs. Jones, of Woodstock, were in the city during the week.

Mrs. Robert Elkins, of St. John, has been on a visit to her relatives in this city. H. H. Pitts, of the Reporter, and Mrs. Pitts have gone to New York on the Valencia.

President and Mrs. Harrison, of the U. S. B., have returned from a pleasant trip to Halifax. Mr. Barbour, who is successfully operating a butter factory at Sackville, was in the city on Friday.

Miss Nina Carriette, of St. John, has made a successful bid in grand opera in London in Carmen.

John McBeth and his sister, Mrs. McGinnis, formerly of Fredericton, are on a visit to the city. Surgeon Brown, of the R. S. I., has returned from his trip to the United States in improved health.

John B. Hudson, of New York, an old Frederictonian, is paying his annual holiday visit to his family here.

Mrs. Markwald of New York is visiting Mrs. A. G. Beckwith, of this city. She is accompanied by her daughter.

E. Bayard Fisher has returned to Edinburgh university, where he is taking a medical course, to spend his vacation.

C. H. B. Fisher, who is at present at Intracombe, a watering place on the Bristol channel, is much improved in health.

The Bishop of Nova will preach in the Cathedral on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The Bishop of North Dakota is in the evening.

Miss Anderson, the popular operator of the central office of the telephone company, has gone to St. John on a well-earned vacation.

Mrs. Maud Foster, daughter of G. W. Foster, of Marysville, left Wednesday morning to pay a visit to her friends in St. Stephen.

Miss Nellie Lipsett, and Miss Vandine, have gone to Montreal for a short visit. They will be the guests of Mrs. Jas. McCausland.

Jeremiah Meagher, of the Regent street school, and his son Fred, of the Collegiate school, are spending their vacation in Nova-Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heron, of Boston, are visiting their friends and relatives, and enjoying the pleasant weather and shady nooks of the celestial.

Joe Jefferson, the famous actor, and a party of friends, passed through the city Thursday on their way to their fishing grounds on the Miramichi.

The friends of Mrs. James Robinson, of Marysville, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, will be pleased to learn that she is much improved in health.

Harry M. Lemont, now of Duluth, brother of Messrs. William and Martin Lemont, is here on a visit. Mr. Lemont is engaged in the real estate business at Duluth.

Messrs. Alfred and Asa Black, of St. John, who have been recently visiting Marysville and this city, are to leave for New York on Monday to take positions in that city.

City clerk Beckwith left Thursday morning for the country with his family to spend his vacation. During his absence his office will be in charge of deputy city clerk Calder.

Emery Currie, of New York, formerly of Kingsclear, with Mrs. Currie and child, who have been on a short visit to his sister, Mrs. Wm. Babbitt, returned home by Friday morning's boat.

Thomas Bolan, formerly station agent of the N. B. railway at Gibson, and now located at Presque Isle, has returned from a two months trip in Canadian and United States north-west.

A party consisting of the Bishop of Dakota, wife and niece, and the Bishop of Iowa and wife, arrived in this city on Tuesday by boat. They are the guests of Bishop Kingdon at the Queen hotel during their stay in this city.

Wm. Jarvis, accompanied by Mrs. Jarvis, have been visiting his old home after an absence of ten years. He holds a responsible position in a leading hotel and shoe firm in Boston. They return home this (Saturday) morning.

Dr. E. P. Peake, arrived home Tuesday, having finished his course at the Boston Dental college. After remaining a few days with his friends in this city, he returns to Natal, South Africa, where a position awaits him.

After thirty years absence, Dawson Hayward, who formerly manipulated the leaden messengers on the Reporter in Hog's hole, has returned to his old position as a reporter on the Amherst N. S. Gazette, a position he has held for a number of years. He returned by Friday's boat.

A fortnight since Messrs. Charles A. MacDonald, Douglas Hagan and Dr. Murray McLellan, of St. John, and John Black of Fredericton, returned from the Tabernacle after enduring the disappointment of three days incessant rain, which raised the water "bank high" and made fishing impossible. —Chatham Advance.

Death of Alonzo Smiler. Just as the jolly party of pleasure seekers was embarking on the Weston on Friday night a scene of a far different character was being enacted a little more than a hundred yards away. Mrs. J. B. Grievs, desiring to open the safe in the office of the Waverly House, and not knowing how to do it, sent a messenger for Alonzo Smiler, whose saloon was very near, asking him to come and help her. Shortly after he came, and going behind the counter sat down upon a stool to unlock the safe. Mrs. Grievs gave him the key; he tried the lock, but failing to move the bolts, he turned back the key, saying "I can't unlock it," then attempted to rise to his feet; but fell over upon the floor and expired instantly. There was not the slightest appearance of a struggle, although some blood flowed from his mouth. Dr. Francis M. Brown, who was summoned, but there was nothing that he or any person else could do to restore life. Mrs. Smiler was at that time at the wharf watching the excursionists, and did not enter the railway house; but the chief requested the station porter to make an exception in favor of his distinguished visitors. The railway men complied. The doors were all locked, the avenues were securely guarded. Escape was impossible. The people outside were more excited than ever when they saw all these precautions. Then the box car door was unfastened and the police with revolvers cocked anxiously peered in.

The whole thing was so good that even the most disappointed man laughed in spite of himself. Messrs. Vandine and Phillips resumed the search this (Saturday) morning.

Victoria Lodge Officers. The following officers were duly installed Monday evening in Victoria Lodge by district deputy Richards, P. G. F. W. Nicholson, N. G. G. W. Nicolson, V. G. G. J. F. Richards, R. S. C. A. Sampson, Treas. J. McCreedy, I. G. J. M. Torrens, O. G. J. Fowle, C. J. Limerick, R. S. N. G. J. Adams, L. S. N. G. A. Tweedie, I. G. T. Wattman, R. S. S. Staples, L. S. S. J. H. Taber, L. S. V. G. H. B. Clark, P. G.

After the installation, the members visited J. H. Taber's store and enjoyed some strawberries and ice cream.

TWO INVISIBLE TRAMPS.

FREDERICTON TAKES A FULL HAND. ROBERTS' CLOSE CALL. Now You See Them, Now You Don't.

Two desperadoes committed burglary at Bloomfield, King's Co., a little over a week ago, and when constable Charles Sheek and another went to arrest them they shot Sheek, inflicting a serious and fatal wound and escaped. A description of the second rick was sent to all the stations on the I. C. R., and a lively chase began. They were sent to enter St. John by the Marsh road through the time King's county being unassailed; and the next he heard of them was from driver Campbell of the N. B. R., who says the Sun, reported to sergeant Watson, on duty at the I. C. R. depot, that when coming along about one mile this side of Westville station he saw two men walking along the track answering in every particular to the men.

The sergeant immediately proceeded to the central police station and gave information to chief of police Clark. Fifteen minutes later the chief, with officer Baxter, was on his way to Westfield in a light wagon. The road was somewhat heavy, but good headway was made, and before E. Bayard Fisher was reached.

The horse was put up and after making inquiries the chief, who was in plain clothes, and Baxter proceeded along the line of rail way on foot in the direction of Westville. They had not gone very far when two men were seen a short distance ahead.

The chief and officer Baxter quickened their steps, and when a few yards away the chief hailed the men. They made no answer, but put on a more rapid gait. The chief and Baxter started to run, the former at the same time calling upon the men to halt or he would fire on them. The two men started toward the chief and the chief shot the men left the track and the chief fired two more shots after them in rapid succession, but they were off into the woods in an instant and in a brief time all trace of them was lost.

The firing of the pistol shots was heard by people living in the neighborhood and the news soon spread around that the burglars had been seen in the vicinity of Westville. The chief and officer Baxter returned to Westfield where the inhabitants had congregated to listen to the chief's story of his pursuit of the burglars.

Persons arriving on the accommodation train report great excitement at Westfield over the presence of the burglars in the locality.

In obedience to a telegram from the chief of police, Mr. Mackie left the city for the Fredericton express and are now at Fredericton Junction to head the men off in case they strike into that place by way.

Sheriff Freese, of Sussex, arrived by the I. C. R. last night, and on the morning of the Pacific express train fifteen minutes later for Westfield in consequence of having received the following despatch:

WESTVILLE, July 8. "Sheriff Freese, Sussex. Come on. The burglars are around here. I sighted them this afternoon and fired three shots at them, but they escaped to the woods in the vicinity of this city. Chief of Police."

Sheriff Freese in reply to an inquiry touching the condition of Charles Sheek, said he left the man's house at nine o'clock and he was still alive. He was gradually sinking and his death is almost any moment would not be unexpected.

Capt. Rawlings and detective Ring, who left in a team from Hann's stable on Monday returned late Tuesday night sighted the burglars in the vicinity of the village of Robbessy, or Hampton, they had left there before Monday. They searched every place between St. John and Hampton where the men were likely to see in the game and they could get no trace of them.

It would appear that the two men officer Smith saw Monday morning in the vicinity of the Marsh bridge and the two men wanted.

The burglars were seen in Pallis, South Bay and other places and there is no doubt they walked across the city and made their way to Fairville and proceeded along on the line of railway.

Early this morning word was received that the desperadoes had got out of the so-called cordon of police which had been thrown around them and were making their way up the Nerepis road. Officers B. B. and J. B. were sent to the Nerepis road, and the chief of police wired to Fredericton to marshal Roberts to be on the look out for them. Roberts and sergeant Vandine, about six o'clock, went down to the Victoria Mills to see if the game was still there, and met them coming towards the city. On finding their movements observed the men made towards the railway track. Roberts and Vandine started in pursuit, and the desperadoes, who were on the look out for them, saw them and the moment they saw him one of the men drew his pistol and began to shoot.

An unexplained revolver shot at Roberts, the ball passing through the officer's hat. It was a close call. Roberts did some shooting and kept up the pursuit, Vandine following him, but the fellows got away and made towards the woods in the rear of the mill, where they probably spent the night. While this thing was happening here the officers were still looking for the fellows in King's county, where, according to some reports, they are still at large, and hiding. They were also reported to be in St. John, and the Globe tells the following story:

The police authorities received word from some telegraph station up the line, that the burglars were entrapped.

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