

LOCAL NEWS.

OATS.—We are told that dealers in St. John have been unable to get quotations on oats in Toronto lately. It looks as though the price would go up.

ROAD WORK.—The sewer traps on most of the principal streets have been thoroughly cleaned out this week. The setting out of trees will be proceeded with should the weather be all favourable.

MORE BIG RAFTS.—James D. Leary expects to get out about 30,000 pieces of piling from his lumber yards in Queen's county for shipment to New York. Two tugs will be used to tow the rafts to port.

LEFT THE TOWN.—Major O'Malley and family left on Wednesday last for New York, where they will make their place of residence. Before leaving the Major was entertained by the officers of the R. S. I.

A CALL.—The Rev. Mr. Mowat's name was mentioned at a meeting of the Episcopalian church on Wednesday last at Montreal, and it was unanimously suggested that a call be extended to that gentleman.

THE SALVATION ARMY.—The officers announced special meetings for three days commencing Saturday the 15th inst., in commemoration of their fifth anniversary in this city. A grand banquet on Monday evening will wind up the proceedings.

ELECTED A SENATOR.—Frederick S. Heston, formerly of this city, was elected a senator to the state of Massachusetts last week. He is on the democratic side of politics, and formerly served in the senate during general Butler's governorship.

LOOKING FOR DAMAGES.—Jacob Barker, while working at the high water wharf some weeks ago and injured, and is now looking to the city corporation for compensation. The matter is now receiving the attention of the wharf committee.

GOLD BEARING QUARTZ.—James Humble who is in town Tuesday brought with him some remarkable specimens of gold bearing quartz, indicative of rich deposits of gold. The specimens came from the mine situated about four miles from Stanley village.

POTATOES FROZEN.—A snow load of potatoes, consisting of 16 tons, which had been brought to the city by J. Brown of Kingsclear on Thursday last, were completely frozen during the night. This was a serious loss, as potatoes are commanding good prices now.

BRUMMAGE GOODS.—There was much amusement on Phoenix square a few evenings ago, when several of the boys attracted by the tinsel of a peddler's eloquence, got bitten heavily. Brummage jewelry, sparkling and bright, sold like hot cakes, and the boys got out as well.

LUMBER OPERATIONS.—John Kilburn dispatched another large crew of men to the Quebec woods on Tuesday last. J. A. Morrison will send off another complement of men on Monday next. Messrs. Dunn and Dunlop have thirty men at work for Mr. Gibson at the head waters of the Nashwaak.

A SERIOUS LOSS.—On Saturday the 8th ult., a valuable horse belonging to Henry Burpee of Marysville was found dead in the stable. It appears that the animal, which had been tied by a rope round the neck, by some means or other tripped over its fastening and suffocated itself. It was valued at \$150.

OLYMPIAN MUSIC.—The production of Handel's Samson at St. John on Thursday evening last was a splendid success. The oratorio which was given at the Institute, was conducted by professor Bristowe of this city, who kindly came to the assistance of the society, during the illness of professor Morley.

THE CITY OF VANCOUVER.—Mr. Harry Johnston, son of W. E. Johnston of Nashwaak has published an interesting guide to the city of Vancouver. It contains a large amount of information relative to trade, buildings, and the substantial progress of the city since the fire of four years ago.

SHIPPING NOTES.—The Alice Maud has been loading for D. P. George, who is forwarding his last shipments of imports to the States. The "Pursuit" was in port Wednesday with a cargo of coal for E. H. Allen. The Florenceville has gone to St. John for repairs. Navigation will probably close in a fortnight.

A SOCIAL EVENING.—A dance was held in Forester's hall, St. Mary's, on Wednesday evening last. There were twenty-five couples present, and the music of Miss Wilson Cook, a very pleasant time was indulged in by all. S. Staples, W. Gray, and H. Hurt are to be congratulated on the success of these enjoyable meetings.

NOR HARMONIOUS.—The presbytery of Halifax at its recent meeting refused to sustain the call extended from St. Matthews church of that city to the Rev. A. J. Mowat notwithstanding the fact that 25 ballots were polled in favor of that gentleman at the congregational meeting. The reason for refusal stated by the presbytery was that the call was not harmonious.

AN URBAN.—On Thursday evening last as three of the down town boys were driving past government house, a turn was made to get out of the road of an approaching team, with the result that two of the boys fell out of the carriage. They afterwards drove to their hotel very much sobered and very thoughtful, and avoided all questions by proceeding straight "to bed."

A NEW LEGAL FIRM.—Messrs. Geo. A. Hughes and John W. Wetmore are about to open their new office in the Wiley building opposite the Normal school. Mr. Hughes studied law in the office of Mr. Wilson, M. P., and Mr. Wetmore was trained under the efficient guidance of Messrs. Barry & Barry. Both parties are favorably known and deservedly popular.

GUESSING CONTEST.—The Centreville correspondent of the Woodstock Sentinel writes: Dr. Lunn's vacated residence is being whittled very loudly to late the news of a happy event which is soon to take place. "Fredrickson's loss will be our gain" and vice versa the future and the past in double union. Wonderful! in the extreme is the "whirligig of time." Can you guess who the happy one is?

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THE OLD BOYS SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the old boys society was held in the Collegiate school on Wednesday evening last, a great number of the old members being present. The chair was occupied by E. L. Mitchell. The event of the evening was the presenting of the old boys prize to Miss N. B. Williamson, daughter of the station agent. This prize given for the highest number of marks obtained by any student from the Collegiate school at the matriculation examination, is for the special encouragement of higher education.

Prof. Duff in an eloquent and instructive address spoke of the advantages of higher education in connection with collegiate school work, and in neat complimentary terms presented the prize to Miss Williamson. The prize consisted of a very handsome collection of books, three volumes of Shakespeare works, four of Milton, and four volumes of Knight's Half Hours with the best authors, and form an elegant addition to a student's library.

The old boys next proceeded to the election of their officers for the year 1890-91, when the following were elected: President, B. C. Foster, M. A.; vice president, C. S. Everett, Robert Watson; Secretary, Miss M. B. Williamson; treasurer, Fred M. St. John Ellis, B. A. The executive committee consist of E. Brydon Jack, Charles E. Nell, Miss M. K. Tibbitts, and Miss E. Hunter.

It should be mentioned in conclusion that about \$450 has been given away in valuable prize volumes by the society for furthering the higher courses of study. Any person who has been in attendance at the school is eligible for membership on the payment of a nominal fee of \$1.00.

Police Court.

The assault case Hugh Edgar vs. Moses Elizabeth was settled by defendant paying damages and costs. On Monday last Thomas Doran was brought up before police magistrate March, and charged with disorderly conduct on the public streets. He was fined \$8, in default of which he was committed to jail.

A charge was laid on Monday last against A. Ross of Harvey Station who, it is alleged by certain parties in Wilmet's alley, stole two watches. Roberts was sent to arrest the doctor, but found the bird had flown. On Tuesday Roberts traced the Dr. to the Adams house, Chatham, where one of the stolen watches was recovered. It had been offered for sale to the bill of sale. While Roberts was communicating with the Northumberland authorities, in order to obtain an endorsement on his warrant, without which the arrest could not be effected, the doctor skipped, but was seen later on near Chatham Junction.

The second case to come to hand from Miramichi. It appears that the man's true name is Dereche, and he is a well known thief. At Harvey station he gave himself out as a mineral prospector, and succeeded in victimizing a great many people. At another place he posed as an evangelist. It is reported that several people have been taken in by him. The doctor is still at large and is supposed to be hiding in the vicinity of Chatham. The Chatham World says: "Monday evening officer Roberts of Fredericton arrived for his new home at the Adams House, and went out to get his warrant back. When he returned to the hotel his bird had flown, having recognized him or learned who he was. Roberts returned next day, and will next time arrest his man on sight and get his warrant back afterwards."

TWO BOY ADVENTURERS.

How They Travelled From Boston to Fredericton. Two young lads, aged about thirteen, Guy Anderson and Harry Furlong have arrived in this city, after a series of adventurous exploits which are not worth imitating. The former lad is a John Anderson formerly of this city but now of Boston, and his companion belongs to the latter city.

A few days ago these young lads resolved to run away from home, and with that intention proceeded to the north unaccompanied themselves under the cars, resting their bodies against the iron band. After riding in this perilous position for some distance, the car examiners discovered the two young worthies, and interrogated them, as to their destination, where they had come from, and other queries. The answers given apparently satisfied the officials, who left the lads in peace, but on arriving at Brunswick station, they deemed it necessary to telegraph along the line this information viz. that station agents were to beware of tramps.

Another long and adventurous journey took the two young lads on to McAdam, where the officials, playing no doubt the desperate condition, kindly gave them a soft seat in one of their luxurious cars, and forwarded them to Fredericton, arriving here on Friday morning.

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Did He Mean Anything?

During the progress of the Sun libel suit, Mr. Skinner proposed to ask a witness what his politics were, to which Mr. Vanwart interposed the objection that "it is the flowers that bloom in the spring trail," the witness' politics had nothing to do with the case. Mr. Skinner still pressing the question, the chief justice asked him why he wanted the witness to give the answer.

"Oh," said the changeable gentleman who represents St. John in the Commons, "we want to see whether the witness is on the light side or the dark side."

"And which side you consider the dark side now, Mr. Skinner?" queried the chief, with its usual just emphasis on the "now." Mr. Skinner smiled, and turned the matter off pretty readily by a reference to the completion of the witness, which he said was on the dark side; but the small audience in the court room saw a point in the chief justice's remarks, although not quite certain that the chief intended quite all that the question implied.

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THE YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND. The following amounts of \$1 each have been collected at the Queen hotel, on the 5th inst. by the Young Memorial Fund: J. Sherman, H. B. Schofield, W. T. Whitehead, W. P. F. Leavelle, F. P. Thompson, N. A. Chief. The St. Paul's Sabbath school have donated \$2 to the fund, the result of a collection among themselves. A PRANTEE PARTY.—On Tuesday next an interesting musical pastime will be given by the girls mission band of the church of England at the church hall. This novelty which may be termed truly unique is under the management of Mrs. John Black. A VERY PLEASANT TIME IS ANTICIPATED.

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THE LABEL CASE.

Close of the Case for the Defence.—The Rebutting Evidence. On Monday last the first witness examined was L. A. Curry, who said: On the 7th, Oct. 1889 I visited Judge Steadman in this city, in reference to my proposed examination of the applications connected with the revisions of 1889-89. The Judge accused me of writing the articles in the Sun. I was not in St. John at the time. There was a considerable amount of feeling in the country against Babbitt's appointment. In 1889 a large number of conservative applications were refused on technical grounds only, a great proportion of these came from Canning and Wickham. I have never abused the Judge in any way whatever. At the court of revision in 1889, I examined a large number of applications at Gagetown.

The applications were then examined and identified and the marks in Babbitt's handwriting referred to by witness. The court then adjourned for luncheon.

On the re-assembling of the court, L. A. Curry, continuing, gave evidence respecting the rejected conservative applications, and admitted that Babbitt had acted in a partisan manner.

John Welton of St. Mary's the next witness, stated that Babbitt told a man Ferguson in Burpee's store at Sunbury that all things would go right for the party in Queen's, as he was clerk to the revising officer; "subjected to by Mr. Vanwart, but allowed subject to the objection, as his honor said the value of this witness' evidence depended upon what Judge Steadman said, and no positive charges against Babbitt were brought before his notice."

The case was then closed for the defence by Mr. Skinner who went into a minute criticism of the witnesses examined by the court. On Thursday morning Mr. J. A. Vanwart addressed the jury on the subject of the rejected applications, showing clearly that Judge Steadman had acted entirely within the requirements of his office.

Chief Justice Allen in charging the jury summed up the facts of the case at considerable length. He took as a basis of his charge the following questions: 1st. Whether the articles published in the Sun or any of them are only a fair criticism on plaintiff's proceedings in revision of the electoral lists in the year 1889. 2nd. If the articles published exceed the limits of fair criticism, do they bear the meaning which plaintiff puts upon them in his declaration; that is do they or any of them charge plaintiff with acting corruptly and dishonestly in making up the electoral lists, of deciding in favor of and putting on the lists the names of persons supporting one political party, and excluding names of persons supporting the other political party.

3rd. Did plaintiff, in refusing to enter upon the electoral lists the names of certain applicants in the parishes of Hampstead and Peterborough or other parishes, do so with an intent of favoring the liberal party in the county, or did he do so in the honest belief that he was acting according to the law in the decisions which he made? At four o'clock the jury retired, and returned at six o'clock a verdict for the plaintiff for \$2500.

A GREAT AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

The Success of "The Century" and its Plans for 1891. The Century Magazine is now so well known that to tell of its past success seems almost an old story. The N. Y. Tribune has said that it and its companion, The Atlantic, are read by every one in thirty of the country's population, "and large additions of both are sent beyond the seas. It is an interesting fact that a few years ago, when the Century was sent to the C. P. R., has been spending a couple of years in England in its "Who reads an American book?" "Who does not read the American magazine?"

A few years ago the Century doubled its circulation with the famous war papers, by General Grant and others, adding many more readers later with the great history of the Russo-Turkish war, and the Siberian Electric System. One great feature of 1891 is to be: "THE GOLD MINES OF CALIFORNIA," describing that remarkable movement of the gold fields in '49, in a series of richly illustrated articles, written by survivors, including the narratives of men who went to California by the different routes, accounts of the gold discoveries, life in the mines, the work of the vigilance committees (by General Sherman), the gold rush, etc., etc. General Fremont's last writing was done for this series. In November appears the opening article, "The first migrant train to California—crossing the Rockies in 1841 by General Hays," written by a pioneer, "Thousands of American families who had some relative or friend among the 'Argonauts of '49' will be interested in these papers."

MANY OTHER GOOD THINGS ARE COMING.—A description of an American's travels through that unknown land Tibet (for 700 miles over ground never trod by a white man); the experiences of escaping War-Prisoners; American Newspapers described by the great London journalist, accounts of the great Indian Fighters, Custer and others; personal anecdotes of Lincoln, by his private secretary; "The Faith Doctor," a novel by Edward Eggleston, with a wonderful description of the journey to the pole, by a novel of the leading writers, etc., etc. It is also announced that The Century has purchased the right to print, before its appearance in France or any other country, extracts from advance sheets of the famous Talleyrand Memoirs, which have been secretly preserved for half a century—to be first given to the world through the pages of an actual time account in serial form, eagerly awaited by the publication of this personal history of Talleyrand—greatest of intriguers and diplomats.