

On Monday the electors will decide who is to be mayor of Fredericton for the present year, and they should have no trouble in arriving at a conclusion as to how they shall cast their ballot. On the one side is Mayor Beckwith, with his years of experience in the city council and chief magistrate's chair; with a civic record against which the breath of criticism has not been raised in the present contest; the candidate of no party, class, society or faction, Mr. Jordan, on the other hand, was brought into the field by a society which, for some reason not yet disclosed, is making strenuous efforts to secure control of the city machinery. He is without experience in civic affairs, and has no special claim for the position that should outweigh all other considerations urged against him. The HERALD cannot be accused in having any particular interest in Mr. Beckwith's personal success. He is nothing to THE HERALD; he is, indeed, and has been, entirely opposed to a man who might be regarded as friendly to this paper, but in the present contest we have given him support, because in surveying the field, we concluded he is best fitted for the position of mayor, having regard to his past course, and because he came into the contest independently, and has not sought to represent this or that body, but the public interest, and the electorate as a whole. THE HERALD, for these reasons, and others which it has put forward in the past few weeks, urges its friends to vote for Mr. Beckwith on Monday, and assure his election, by a good majority.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.
When all the facts are known, it will probably be found that some of our enthusiastic conservative friends are to blame for the extinction of the Infantry school band. General Herbert has stated, that one reason why he ordered the abolition of the band was that of late it had been exceeding its functions, and this is understood to refer to the band accompanying Hon. Mr. Foster and his political friends to a tonic picnic organized by Mr. Wilmot, M. P., at Belmont. Possibly the gentlemen who engaged the band, and thus dragged it into the political arena, believed the band, school, and all, were part and parcel of the tory machine, and not an organization which should have no place in partyism. It is very much to be regretted that the band is no more, but it is just as well to know who were the parties responsible for its extinction. If Mr. Foster, Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Temple wanted their praise blown through brass instruments without legs, they might have hired another band, and not placed the Infantry school band in a position which, according to General Herbert's interpretation, violated military rules, and resulted in disaster.

C. P. R. ENTERPRISE.
The Canadian Pacific railway company have entered upon a bold and rather novel scheme for colonizing their lands in the North West, and apparently feel that great success will attend the effort. Mr. Armstrong, manager of their colonization office at Montreal, has returned from a missionary tour of Western Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. With a pair of horses he crossed these states with many a detour from Chicago to Detroit. Everywhere among the farmers and artisans, he preached a promised land. He told of the unrivalled pasture lands of the great North-West of Canada. Mr. Armstrong says that the people of these states realize that the time is past when their sons can find places in the cities and towns. He met scores of young men who have returned from the city to the farm, having discovered that there is no room for them in town. There is a room for them in the country of the American west, not the east, nor the north, nor the south. The tragic rush of 300,000 men and women to get possession of some 17,000 farms in the Cherokee Strip was a striking illustration of the land-hunger seizing the people of the Republic. Then the collapse of the silver boom, through the repeal of the Sherman Bill, has brought disaster to irrigating farmers on the arid lands of Colorado. Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm - the refrain of the glad old song, is no longer true. The time has come, Mr. Armstrong says, for Canada's claims to be heard. And heard they were respectively in a hundred school houses and town halls of the west.

The C. P. R. railroad now offers to carry two delegates from every county in the states, through which Mr. Armstrong has passed, to the Canadian North-West. Every one of the delegates sent out from the Eastern States had reported favorably to intending emigrants. They said that the grass lands of the Saskatchewan and Peace River valleys are as rich as those of Kentucky, with a crop of oats thrown in. All this Mr. Armstrong told the school-house audiences, giving geographical reasons why Canada was thus favored.

A PROHIBIT I PLEBISCITE.
The popular vote in Ontario, Monday, on the question of prohibiting the liquor traffic, resulted in an overwhelming majority for prohibition, but whether this will have practical effect in futher the passage of a prohibition measure in the dominion parliament, is yet to be seen, Ontario is the third province to pronounce in this way, the question having already been carried in the same way in Manitoba and Prince Edward Island. It may also be noted here, that the New Brunswick house of assembly, two years ago, unanimously passed a resolution in favor of prohibition. Plebiscites and local legislative votes, however, will not give Canada prohibition. It is to Ottawa the people must look for practical work in the direction of prohibition.

We observe that Hon. George E. Foster has been interviewed on the result of the Ontario vote and the finance minister is reported to have remarked in this wise: "The vote on prohibition is certainly a remarkable one, the majority being large and uniform in the city. I think we may take the actual vote as the fair relative voice of the electorate. If this be so, the call is a strong one. It, of course, does not decide the question for Ontario, as the matter voted on is not acknowledged to be within the jurisdiction of the province, but it may be fairly taken to indicate the position of Ontario on the larger question."

make no mistake. Personally I have no doubt, and never have had any, that if the waste, expense and ruin entailed by drink were done away with, the country could well afford to pay three times the taxes in a different way."

POSSIBLE EUROPEAN WARS.
A usually authentic cable writer to the American press, says, that there is quite a general conviction on the other side of the Atlantic, that the present year must see a European war. He says that in looking over an expert diagnosis of the military situation for the past five or six years, it is curious to note the number of reasons they gave connected with the changing of weapons, completion of fortresses, and so on, for the belief that nobody would be ready to fight until 1894. Everybody studying Europe's vast preparations for the struggle, seems to pitch upon this as the date when they will come naturally to a head. Now that we are on the threshold of this year of prophecy, we discover that it is also a year of abundant messages and provocations on its own account. But not the wisest of the prophets foresee the most characteristic and significant feature of all which is the situation of 1894 to develop. That is undoubtedly the three Anglophobias which are now taken such powerful hold on the French mind. Englishmen who habitually visit France at mid-winter, return not shaking their heads. While there has been no overt discourtesy, they have been conscious this time of an almost universal feeling of being taken in by a well. They say that even in the years immediately following 1871, the Germans in France never experienced such an apparent and general hostility as the English now encounter. War is not made on grounds of this kind, the writer adds, but we know well enough that national sentiment of this sort exerts a prodigious direct influence on the conduct of French international relations, and we know that practically all of France's outstanding disputes are with England. There are Egypt, Siam, Newfoundland, Madagascar, West Africa, and Morocco, to mention no more, any one of which contains the potential seeds of rupture. Before that Russian squadron steamed around into the Mediterranean, these vexed questions were at worst, difficult. As France feels now, they become dangerous.

The province of Manitoba has evidently gone out of the immigration business for the present. Speaking to a reporter about the future intentions of the local government in regard to the subject, Premier Greenway said the government would not do much this year in the way of advertising the country or assisting settlers. He thought Manitoba had been well advertised in desirable parts of Europe, and small farmers here were placed in a better position, principally in the matter of a reduction of the present tariff, there would be little use for further expenditure of money to induce settlement. The true method was to make the farmers of Manitoba the best advertisers, and government members would devote their time and attention to improving the condition of the farmers at home.

GUYSBORO, N. S., must be a poor soil for the production of political candidates. Thursday, the liberal convention nominated D. C. Fraser, of New Glasgow, for the Dominion seat - for which he will be opposed by J. Gordon Forbes, barrister, of St. John, and John H. Sinclair, barrister, of New Glasgow, and D. H. McKinnon, barrister, of Guysboro candidates for the provincial assembly. The conservative will probably import their local candidates from Halifax.

At Kingsport, N. S., Dec. 29th, Rev. Mr. Austin, Congregational minister at Sheffield, to Lucia Tupper.
At St. Marys, Dec. 29th, by Rev. William McDonald, D. G. Gillison, to Rebecca Kerr, both of Williamsburg.
At Truro, N. S., Dec. 28th, David H. Coffin of Sydney, C. B., to Sadie Bubar, formerly of Nashua.
In the city, Jan. 1st, by Rev. P. C. Hartley, Richardson Boone, J. P., to Maria Alexander, both of this city.
At Fredericton Junction, Dec. 27th, John L. Maynard of Fredericton Junction, to Ada P. Treacy of the same place.
At St. Ann's church, in this city, Jan. 2d, by Rev. Canon Roberts, rector, William John Douglas of Stanley, to Tessa W. Humble of the same place.
At New Westminister, B. C., Dec. 14th, M. F. Eddy, formerly of Bathurst, N. B., to Lottie R., daughter of Martin Emmerson, formerly of Oranooko.

The Aldermanic Elections.
Some interest is being taken in the aldermanic elections which are to take place on Monday, the 22nd inst., and probable candidates in the different wards announced so far are:
Wellington - Aids. Vandine and Macpherson, and W. H. Anderson. Alonzo Staples has retired.
St. Ann's - Aid. Gilman, Elijah Estabrooke and Fred Quartermann.
Carlton - Aids. Farrell and Everett, Israel R. Golding and Walter S. Fisher. Aid. Farrell and Mr. Golding are running together and are regarded as a winning team.
Queens - No opposition is yet announced against Aids. Moore and Macnutt.
Kings - Aids. Block and Duffie and Wm. Roelborough.

Another Exhibition.
The annual meeting of Agricultural Society, District No. 34, was held Saturday afternoon at the Queen Hotel, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John A. Campbell, president; John M. Wiley, vice-president; A. S. Murray, secretary; W. T. Whitehead, treasurer; D. F. George, J. S. Neill, John C. Murray, John Camber, Mayor Beckwith, M. Tennant, Albert E. Kilburn, Hubbard Niles, Isaac Peabody, directors; J. W. McCready, F. B. Edgewood, and D. J. Thomas, auditors. The meeting decided on holding the annual exhibition on September 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1894, and a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a large permanent building.

Personal Mention.
Prof Murray of Dalhousie college, was here over Sunday.
John Anderson, ex-M. P. of the Barony, was a visitor to the city this week.
George W. Allen, barrister, is in St. John taking a hand in the celebrated Stafford case.
Mrs W. T. Whitehead has been called to Hampton by the death of her father, George Crawford.
Rev J. R. Kerr, son-in-law of Malcolm Ross, water works engineer, spent New Year's with his wife, who is spending the winter at her old home here.

THE ROARING GAME.
Matters of Interest to the Jolly Curriers - A Protracted Meeting.
The Fredericton Curling club is booming this season, and the members look to a very successful winter's sport. The membership has largely increased, and the financial standing of the club is good.
The Christmas and New Year's matches between the president and vice-presidents' rinks, started up play, and every afternoon, and often in the evening, the ice is occupied. The match on Monday resulted in favor of the vice-presidents with the following score, by rinks:
PRESIDENTS. VICE-PRESIDENTS.
J. S. Neill..... 5 J. B. Grievs..... 7
T. G. Loggie..... 6 G. W. Hoegs..... 10
R. Barker..... 12 J. H. Hawthorn..... 17
E. H. Allen..... 12 H. G. Carter..... 14

The most important meeting of the club during the season is the annual one on Wednesday night, when president Nell has taken the chair, smoothed out his whiskers and adjusted his glasses, he looked out upon a gathering of curriers that packed every inch of space in the room. And there was a warlike feeling in the air; there was also much tobacco smoke, and later, some oratory. After the routine business had been run through, the re-organization of the by laws was effected, the changes being numerous, but not important. When new members were admitted, A. R. Wetmore, D. E. Crowe, Roy Van Wart, T. B. Blair, J. E. Rogers and Dr. Bridges, receiving the right hand of fellowship. Next the matter of resistance, the motion of E. H. Allen to change the mode of selecting rinks for foreign matches, came up for discussion. The custom has been that such rinks were chosen by the committee of management and the skips, but Mr. Allen proposed that the skips alone should who are to play with them, and each skip should individually select his own rink. Mr. Allen made a very eloquent and convincing (?) speech in support of his contention, but it did not carry. Secretary Barker came to the front with an amendment, that the rink was to be selected by the committee of management and the skips, but Mr. Allen proposed that the skips alone should who are to play with them, and each skip should individually select his own rink. Mr. Allen made a very eloquent and convincing (?) speech in support of his contention, but it did not carry. Secretary Barker came to the front with an amendment, that the rink was to be selected by the committee of management and the skips, but Mr. Allen proposed that the skips alone should who are to play with them, and each skip should individually select his own rink. 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