

LOCAL NEWS.

THE OPERETTA—There will be a rehearsal of the opera in the city hall on Monday night, and St. Dunstan's hall on Tuesday night.

HE GOT THERE—W. H. Boyce is in England presumably as an emigration agent for the Dominion government, notwithstanding local conservatives denied his appointment.

STARCH FACTORIES—A subscriber wishes to know how many starch factories are in the Dominion, and where located. Can any of our readers supply him through THE HERALD, with the information.

WILL REMOVE—The proprietor of the Phoenix livery stable has leased the Barker House stables and will occupy them the 1st of May, John B. Orr, the present proprietor, retiring from the business.

NOT IN IT—Ald. Macpherson and Ald. Anderson, from Wellington ward, were the only members of the city council who voted for the former's resolution Tuesday evening to cancel the electric light contract.

PROFIT SHARING—Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education, presided at the University lecture Tuesday, and the subject was profit sharing. T. S. Simms of St. John delivering a very practical address.

AT PUBLIC AUCTION—The Hill & Berry farm to be leased by public auction on March 29th, for a term of five years, up to price \$85 and the fees and tolls of all the other wharves will be sold the same day, up to price \$400.

APPOINTMENTS—Major Henry Montgomery Campbell, 8th Princess Louise Hussars, to be an extra adjutant on the 1st day of the Lieutenant Governor, Alexander Rogers to be registrar of deeds for the county of Albert in room of George Calhoun, deceased.

NON-COMMITTAL—The Department of Militia, Ottawa, have written a communication to the civic authorities here regarding the city's proposal to purchase the military property, but no decision has been given of the government's intentions in the matter.

Denise Lynch a well-known lumberman resident in this city died at Glassville, Carleton county, Saturday night and his remains were interred here Tuesday afternoon. The deceased was a brother and partner of Timothy Lynch, also of this city and was very highly esteemed.

DECLINED THE OFFER—The R. C. C. I. authorities who will supply the guard of honor at the opening of the legislature Thursday, have declined an offer of the services of the 71st battalion band, and the buglers will do the blowing. Is the R. C. I. too tony to march behind the Ministers?

Closing of Estates—All entries for the Maritime Province coll stakes, promoted by J. W. Power, Halifax, must be made on or before Thursday, March 15. This is the fifth year of these stakes, and the great success which has attended them in the past should assure a larger number of nominations this year than ever before, more especially as the conditions are more advantageous than ever before, as only the name and address of the nominator has to be sent with the first payment, and coll not named until the third payment, July 14.

Runs in the Family—Says the St. Andrews Beacon: Our schenning, noisy friend from St. James, who is boring the Sun's readers with his windy epistles, for the hope of gaining a little notoriety for himself and getting somebody to talk back to him, must pardon us if we refuse to recognize him as an adviser, or aid him in his little schemes. When the Beacon feels the need of sound advice, it will seek it from some sensible and level-headed person, and not from such a loud-mouthed, conceited windbag as our friend has proved himself to be. [The party to whom the Beacon refers is Dr. J. G. Atkinson, brother of the ex-M. P. P. for Carleton.—Herald.]

To Amend the Charter—At the city council meeting Tuesday night the city clerk was ordered to prepare a bill to go before the legislature in amendment to the city charter. It is to provide that the city shall elect ten aldermen by the whole vote of the city and two shall be residents of each ward; that the municipality and aldermanic elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in March; and that the civic year shall close December 31st, instead of October 31st. The only dissenting aldermen were Macpherson and Anderson. The bill must however, be carried by a vote of the taxpayers before becoming law. A motion by Ald. Gilman to have biennial elections was voted down—Nays, Rosborough, Macnutt, Moore, Anderson, Macpherson; yeas, Farrell, Gilman, Golding, Estabrooks.

To Dorchester for Life—Wesley Van Wart, counsel for the prisoner Wherry, on Wednesday afternoon received official notice from Ottawa of the commutation of the prisoner's sentence, and Wherry was taken to Dorchester penitentiary yesterday, by Deputy Sheriff Hawthorne.

The Globe of last night says: Deputy Sheriff Hawthorne, of Fredericton, passed through the city on the C. P. R. express today en route for Dorchester with Edward M. Wherry, the Keswick murderer, in his custody. Wherry is a short, stocky negro who looks healthy and nothing more. His face has hardly a gleam of intelligence and indicated nothing but apparent contentment. Mr. Hawthorne told a reporter that Wherry had not the faintest idea of where he was going and he would probably have gone to the gallows with as much composure. When he saw the express train coming towards Fredericton Junction he started in a fright and would have run away had he not been restrained. He exhibited great wonder when he saw the harbor with the tug boats moving about, and appeared pleased at the sight. He gave Mr. Hawthorne no trouble at all. D. J. Stockford accompanied Mr. Hawthorne and assisted him to look after the prisoner. Wherry was handcuffed, but not shackled.

S. S. CONVENTION—Program of the N. B. S. Association for the Parish of Gibson—The committee of the N. B. S. Association for the parish of St. Marys, have completed all necessary arrangements for holding the convention at the Methodist church, Gibson, on Tuesday, the 26th. Following is the program:

Afternoon Session—Devotional exercises with appropriate bible reading by Rev. J. T. Parsons. Greeting by the president. Reading minutes of last session. Roll call of Sunday schools—Our record of winter Sunday school work—Five minute reports by superintendents or other officers. Music.

Appointing time and place of next meeting. Election of officers. Collection. "Our responsibility for the religious condition of our parish," led by Rev. Mr. Davidson. Address by provincial officers. Five minute talks by superintendents and other officers.

Evening Session—Devotional exercises with bible reading, led by Rev. Mr. Davidson. Reading minutes of last session. Normal lesson by Mr. George C. Hatt. Music. Announcement of next meeting. Collection and questions. Teaching next Sunday school lesson, —Rev. Mr. Lucas. Music. Addresses by provincial officers. Closing.

It is expected there will be a large number present to take part in this most important work.

A PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENT.

Governor and Mrs. Fraser at Home Thursday Afternoon.

The At Home at government house Thursday afternoon was a very pleasant affair, and stamped its honor and Mrs. Fraser as excellent entertainers. The event was from 4 to 7 o'clock, and during that time the handsome drawing rooms of Farraline received a very handsome costume of black broad silk, with honiton lace and natural flowers, and it was remarkable that the Governor showed great improvement in health. Major Gordon, A. D. C., assisted in the reception. Hank's orchestra played a programme of music, and songs were given by Mrs. H. S. Bridges, Miss Fisher, Mrs. John Black and H. V. Bridges, and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Bridges. Miss Fisher also gave a piano solo, and the accompaniments were played by Mrs. Macnutt.

The following is the list of invited guests: Mr and Mrs A F Street Mr and Mrs F A H Stratton Mr and Mrs H S Bridges Miss Reed H V Bridges Mrs Wm W P Flewelling Mr and Mrs J S Beck Mr and Mrs E Byron Winslow Mr and Mrs T B Winslow Mr Temple, M P, and Mrs Temple Mr and Mrs F S Hillyard Dr and Mrs Inch Rev Dr and Mrs Brecken Mr and Mrs W Lemont Mr and Mrs Bailey H B Rainsford Mrs Geo J Ellis Mr and Mrs Robert Wetmore Col and Mrs Manssall Mr and Mrs T G Loggie Mr and Mrs W G Ingle W K Allen, M P, and Mrs Allen Mr and Mrs W B Phair His Worship the Mayor Mrs Godkin Mrs Bursdale Capt. and Mrs Wadmore Mrs Hazen Surgeon and Mrs McLearn The Misses Ferry Mrs John Robinson Mrs W H and the Misses Robinson Mr and Mrs Brydon Jack Hon P G and Mrs Ryan R D Whitton, M P, and Mrs Whitton Mr and Mrs L C Macnutt Mrs Shuttleworth Mr and Mrs Eldon Mullin Mrs Talor Senator, Mrs and Miss Mark Miss Coburn Mr G E, Mrs and Miss Penney Rev Mr and Mrs Woddall Rev Dr Saunders Mrs Minchin Gordon The Hon W L W Mr and Mrs Geo N Babbitt Mr and Mrs O Crookshank Mr and Mrs F G Gregory Mrs E W Miller Judge and Mrs Steadman Mrs Wm W P Flewelling Mrs Geo and the Misses Thompson Mr and Mrs M A Akery and Mrs Geo P Gregory Mrs W D Gordon Mrs J John Black Mrs A S Phair Mr F C D Bristowe Mrs Povy Mr and Mrs H C Creed Mrs Wm W P Flewelling Miss Wilmot Miss Wilmot Mr and Mrs H D Creed Mr and Mrs H D Creed Mr Adams (St John) Mr and Mrs Geo C Hunt Mrs Dimock

THE SKATING CARNIVAL—Over One Hundred Persons in Costume—The Prize Winners.

Although the ice at the curling rink was covered with water, Wednesday night's skating carnival was quite a success, over one hundred persons appearing in costume. The list of characters represented included the following:

Ladies—Mamie Baxter, actress Bertie Smith, two kisses Cora Tibbits, Lillian Beckwith, tamborine girl Allie McFarlane, do Mary C. Gibson, girl Miss Gulon, buttons K. Ross Jean Nell, fruit dealer Florence Wilson, student Lillie McKean, nurse Mary Gunter, tamborine girl Emma Johnston, student Blanche Fraser, waiting maid Annie Tibbits, student Grand Grunter, snowflake May Welsh, fruit girl Elsie Mackey, Indian girl Della Massey, wall paper May Earle, snow Cora Ross, crazy work Ella Whitaker, Spanish gypsy Nell Thompson, tennis Mabel McKean, archery Jessie Schleyer, Columbia Quenee Edgcombe, Fredericton curling club Nellie Johnston, tug club Violet Fiewelling, knowledge Miss Godkin, G. P. S. club Mabel Sewell, French girl Mand Beckwith, tamborine girls Ethel Beckwith, co-education Miss McKean, two Little Girls in Miss Methewell, Blue Elsie Grace, butterfly Carrie Winslow, Japanese Gracie Winslow, sewer girl Mabel McKean, co-education Nellie Whitehead, dust maid Florrie Whitehead, nothing after all

Genrs—Fred Hatt, hoo-doo Master McKee, Yale George Darlington, Hurdles and wife Charles Foster, Alex Staples, cow boy The Leo, Indian Geo Goodine, good-night A Gator, stage boy Fred Colter, court Percy Edgcombe, clown Mabel McKean, fireman Norman Woodbridge, knight Howard Woodbridge, Hamlet Willie Black, school boy Geo Pollock, buttons Harry Stephenson, clown Edward Beattie, German pedlar Robert King, Jackson-Croft fight S. McKee, do Bruce McFarlane, cow boy Geo McKee, pancakes Thos Barber, Spanish chief J. McCree, officer Frank Shute, Turk J. M. McKee, Hunter Guy Sewell, Buffalo Bill Guy Morrison, Highland dress Arthur Lewis, hoo-doo A. McKee, fancy dress T. Blaine, Squire Big Lump W. Welsh, student Fraser Winslow, laundry Joe Delaney, Indian chief and squaw Jas Cary, politician Geo McLaughlin, fresh gentleman C. Coleman, Turk Fred Dewar, biggest frog in the puddle The judges were Miss Bessie Babbitt, Miss Bessie Logan, D. E. Crowe and L. Fenety and they awarded the prizes—\$4 each—to Nellie Johnston and Quenee Edgcombe, representing the Fredericton Curling Club, and to Geo. McKee, "Griddle-Cakes".

The 71st Batt. band played an excellent programme during the evening, and the carnival was much enjoyed by those who took part, or were present as spectators.

Death Roll—Mrs. Geo. Foster, mother of Rev. G. W. Foster, F. Baptist minister at Keswick, died at her son's residence on the 24th ult., aged 70 years.

Benjamin Butler, father of Martin Butler, editor of Butler's Journal, died at Brookton, Maine, Feb. 24, aged 77 years. He leaves a wife and two sons in this city.

Mrs. Phair Shields died very suddenly yesterday afternoon at her home on Charlotte street, in this city, leaving an infant only a few hours old.

Dorothy Randolph, the infant only child of R. F. Randolph, died at Hon. G. Blair's residence, St. John, Monday morning, and his remains were interred at Forest Hill cemetery Wednesday. Universal sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Randolph in their great affliction. Deceased was fourteen months old.

PROPERTY SALE—Ald. Duffie has sold his property at Salmon Falls to E. Smith, of Phoenix lane, and will move to Exhibition lane.

FROM RURAL DISTRICTS.

Interesting and Spry Goings from Our Active Correspondents.

CLEANINGS FROM YORK.

Keswick Ridge. MARCH 5.—The month has entered very mildly, and if the old adage proves true, we may look for storms and cold weather before its close.

The roads are almost impassable, on account of the continued mild weather making them soft.

The long talked of oyster supper came off on the 28th ult. A goodly number assembled. The proceeds amounted to \$21.35.

On Wednesday, 28th Feb, a smoke house belonging to Oscar Jewett caught fire and burned to the ground. A large quantity of hams were stored in it at the time, and all were lost, as the place also was discovered too late to get any of them out.

Mrs Jacob Grant, who has been confined to her room for some time with a bad cold, is able to about again, and she has discovered late to get any of them out.

Robert Vanbuskirk and John Stoad, two aged residents of this place, have been confined to their rooms the greater part of the winter, and their recovery is somewhat doubtful.

Tempo. MARCH 5.—The doctors & Candelmas, in having his winter in one year, has certainly been fulfilled. We have had a bountiful supply of the beautiful this winter.

We saw some very fine trout which were caught in the Doherty pond a few days ago, some of them weighing two and a half pounds.

Miss Ella Grant is expected home on a visit from Lewiston, Me.

Moses Hillman and wife, and Mrs. Longstaff and family intend moving to Woodstock to keep boarding house. May success attend them.

Without Dowd intends putting up a nice ferry at the place known as the Clare ferry, early this spring.

We are very glad to have the family of Thos. Hagerman situated among us again. Mr. Hagerman has bought the homestead of his father, Charles Hagerman.

A new little girl has come into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Grant.

The young folk had a pond party last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Grant and Miss Pike were married on the 6th inst., at the home of the groom by Rev. J. Noble.

York Mills. MARCH 9.—We are having most delightful weather; the air is so warm and springlike. The roads are getting quite impassable. There is not much frost in the ground, and the snow is melting and underneath, making hollows under the roads, and where the horses break through the thin crust, it is not easy getting out.

Mr. Robinson, of Lawrence, Mass., has been here looking after his property.

York Mills has a new industry. Messrs Robert and James Little, have just completed setting up the machinery for the manufacture of butter tubs. They expect to more than supply the home market.

There is less than the usual quantity of lumber piled on the banks owing to the unusual depth of snow in the woods.

The council of T. B. H. gave a free entertainment in the hall at Little Settlement last evening, which was very well received. At the close, the officers proceeded to organize a council at Little Settlement.

The new council consisted of forty-four members, quite a good beginning. All the young people from York Mills joined, and the several teachers in the vicinity.

Most of our young men have returned from the lumber woods.

Hampton. MARCH 2.—La grippe, that dread disease which has been making such ravages in other sections of the country, has at last put an appearance here. The family of Mr. William Steen were all prostrated with it, but are on the mend at present.

James Saunders, of Woodlands, is at present engaged here hauling wood to Fredericton.

Joseph Richards has arrived home from the woods. He expects to return to Hovey Brook in a few days to build dams and clear out the stream preparatory to the driving of the logs in the spring.

Miss Nellie F. Evans, who for the last five years has been teaching in the school of this winter from her arduous labors, she stopping with her mother at Royal Road.

David Saunders is doing quite a business here this winter cutting logs on his place and hauling them to the sawmills to be drove to market in the spring.

W. Cliff, proprietor of River View hotel, Nashwaak, is still doing a large business in the lumber line.

The school house at Royal Road, which for the past four years has been in the course of construction (the former one having been burnt) was declared ready for occupancy on January 31st, when the school was opened under the management of Miss Colter of Keswick.

Mrs. Robert Evans, who has been visiting her mother on Nashwaak, has returned home.

Lower Prince William. MARCH 5.—Two little strangers, girls, have arrived in the place, one at Luke Bell's and one at the residence of Mr. Rev. Mr. Baker arrived here on Saturday and preached in the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. At the close of the morning service the ordinance of baptism was administered to two candidates, making twelve which have been received into the church during the past two months.

A donation was held last Wednesday at E. D. Estabrook's for Rev. Mr. Wallace. The reverend gentleman was presented with a purse containing \$7 in cash, and \$30 worth of goods.

Rev. G. W. Foster has been holding special services in the Free Baptist church during the past two weeks.

Miss Georgia McAdam of Nashwaak, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Miss Della Smith is visiting friends at Old Town, Maine.

Nearly every resident of this place has been ill with grip. Some have died and the others are slowly recovering. On the 2nd inst. of a gripe, Hamilton, son of Luke Kelly, aged five years. On February 13th, Moore, aged 19 years. She leaves a father, mother, sister and two brothers to mourn their loss. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Wallace at the Long's Creek church, on the 15th ult. On the 10th ult. of a gripe, Nelson Price, aged 74 years. He leaves a wife to mourn the loss of a kind husband. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. W. Foster on the 21st, in the Free Baptist church.

Miss Maria Wallace has gone to the city to learn dressmaking.

Rev. Mr. Wallace, who has conducted revival services here during the past two months, has gone to Doaktown.

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On the night of the 23rd ult. Edward Bateman, an old hunter of about seventy years, was lying in the woods about eight miles from Bathurst on the Miramichi road. It being very cold, Bateman went to chop enough wood to do him for the night, but when he was in the act broke his axe-handle. He, however, gathered some, made a small fire and lay down beside it, where he fell asleep. When he awoke he found part of his clothing had burned and his feet were frozen. He nearly died from exposure before getting to the nearest house, three and a half miles distant. At last accounts he was in Bathurst in a very critical condition. His feet were so badly frozen it was feared amputation would be necessary.

Personal Mention. Lee Street has returned to his situation in the engineering office of the city of Malden, Mass.

Hon. A. G. Blair was in the city Wednesday attending the funeral of his grandchild, Dorothy Randolph.

Miss Sumner's re-election in Moncton is being opposed by H. A. Whitney, the superannuated mechanical superintendent of the Intercolonial Railway.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, and Miss Mitchell arrived from St. Stephen Thursday, and will remain until the close of the legislative session. They are stopping at Mr. Barker's, Brunswick street.

THE SICK.—Ex-Ald. Geo. H. Parker, for many years a doorkeeper in the legislative buildings, is so seriously ill that his friends have abandoned all hope of his recovery. Isaac Simmons, the well known tanner, who has been suffering for months from an abscess, does not show much improvement.

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