

Many indications point to an early Dominion general election, and it is forewarned to be forewarned. The Toronto Globe says that in every constituency in the Dominion within the next two or at least three weeks the Liberals should choose their candidates for the approaching Dominion general elections, and this advice applies especially to York. From the present moment, whether a Liberal candidate has been chosen or not, every contemporary, no opportunity should be let slip to keep, by discussion, publication and distribution, the platform of the Liberal party prominently before the electors. A series of local meetings with these objects in view should not be held. Let candidates be chosen without further delay.

Although the ministers of the crown and Conservative members of parliament still cling to the statement that there will be a session before a general election, still the signs are in many instances in favor of the general election first. Dr. Montague, for instance, has made arrangements for the preparation and printing of the campaign literature. Then there is the activity displayed in the preparation of the voters' lists. This is most noticeable at the government printing bureau, where a room has been prepared for the hands who are to work on the lists.

A circular has been sent out by the Secretary of State to all the revising barristers whose lists have not yet been received, urging them to use expedition in having the revised lists forwarded to the queen's printer by the 28th of February—the last day prescribed by statute for closing the list. The revising officers are further reminded in this circular of the fact that the ordinary printing of parliament will tax the resources of the bureau sufficiently without the additional work of setting up voters' lists during the session.

The Toronto Empire gives effect to the belief that a general election is nigh, for it announces in a front page editorial that the series of meetings in Western Ontario which several of the ministers were holding at the time of Sir John Thompson's death, will be resumed on the 28th inst. Reading between the lines it is quite evident that the Empire is calling on the party to arm itself without openly declaring that the fight is at hand.

CANADIAN BUTTER IN ENGLAND.

The unfair competition of margarine with butter is receiving considerable attention in England just now, and the outcome of the agitation for more vigorous inspection will be watched with great interest by the Canadian exporters. This competition and the inadequate measures which have been taken for the detection of margarine have resulted in a considerable reduction in the price of butter. In France a bill has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies for the repression of fraud in the butter trade and the restriction of the manufacture of oleomargarine. In England sufficiently repressive measures are undoubtedly contained in the food and drug act, and all that is necessary is that these measures be made operative. Fortunately, there is evidence that the vigilance of the inspectors is really being aroused to the necessity of systematic analysis of margarine. A decision shows that in some of the stuff sold as butter, no less than 70 per cent. of it consisted of foreign fat, 15 per cent. of curd, salt and water, and only 11 per cent. of butter. Fines were inflicted of £10, and certainly a much larger fine will follow second conviction. This thoroughness on the part of the English officials will be of material service to Canadian shippers of butter.

EMBARASSING TO DR. STOCKTON.

Dr. Atkinson who has been returned to the Legislature in Carleton County unopposed is, according to a despatch in the Sun, "the happiest man in the county." It takes very little to make some men happy. His election by acclamation, however, was a considerable surprise. From the Government standpoint, it was no doubt regarded as a waste of effort to contest the election, where the administration already has a majority of two to one. He is a sick man, and no doubt the repeated appeals made for sympathy on the Doctor's behalf, deep touched the Government, and hence they did not lift a hand to prevent his re-entry into the legislature. Anyway, the Doctor can do no harm. We have no doubt the opposition leader would much prefer that his new colleague had staid at home. With Atkinson and Pitts both on his hands, Dr. Stockton will be more embarrassed than ever before.

Get His Money Back.

In the U. S. circuit court, Portland, Judge Putnam has sent down an order directing the U. S. marshal to hand over to L. A. Hopper, postmaster at Canterbury Station, N. B., a sum of money amounting to over \$150 and a few small articles, which were stolen from his store on the 11th of September last by James Lamb, John Coleman and John Powers. These men were tried and convicted at the September term of court of breaking into the post office at Danforth, Me., and are now serving a sentence of five years at Thomaston for the same. Mr. Hopper petitioned the court, through the U. S. district attorney, and having satisfied the court as to the identity of a greater part of the money taken, it was turned over to him.

A Peculiar Constituency.

Carleton is a peculiar constituency in many ways. Its leading peculiarity is never to be satisfied with any government, local or national. It once had Hon. Wm. Lindsay as its representative in the government, but the old gentleman was so incensed with the Carleton disposition to agree with nobody, that he had to get out and "sit on the fence." Then, Mr. Connell was taken into the executive, and after he had led the government into several mistakes in his country, he resigned because that body would not cater still further to his idiosyncrasies. Mr. Connell is, in everything but politics, as sane a man as there is in the province, but the moment he breathes Carleton county air as an active politician, he is to be judged by his card to the electors, is Marcus C. Atkinson.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Social, Personal and General Occurrences of the Week.

CRISP AND TO THE POINT.

The Business college has seventy scholars. J. F. McMurray has kindly presented a handsome sewing machine to the Victoria hospital.

John Stewart the genial superintendent of the C. P. R., norther division, spent Sunday in the city.

The curlers leave for St. John Tuesday morning, and on Wednesday will play in St. Stephen.

The Thistle curlers of St. John defeated the St. Stephen club on the latter's ice Wednesday, 7 to 4.

Found—A pug dog with chain collar. Owner can have his property on enquiry at L. C. Macnutt's, St. John street.

The Victoria hospital is greatly in need of two easy chairs for convalescent patients, and is open to some charitable disposed person to contribute same.

The Truro Sun says that the Truro boys will likely score some with the curlers of St. John and Fredericton this season.

Willard Kitchen has presented to the Victoria hospital a lounge, which will be found very useful in the operating room.

St. Mary's parish Sunday School convention will be held at the Free Baptist church at the Mouth of Pennac on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8th.

A. R. Wetmore, C. E. of the public works department, and the editor of The Herald, went to St. Stephen today to be present at the opening of the new bridge.

Rev. W. J. Thompson, the well known temperance lecturer, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, St. Martins, to take effect on February 9th.

The liabilities of J. W. Tabor, grocer, who assigned Monday to H. E. Randolph, are stated to be \$8,000, while the assets are valued at \$3,000. There are no preferred creditors.

Messrs. McFarlane, Thompson & Anderson have kindly given to the treasurer of Victoria hospital, a receipted bill for work done by them to the value of \$26.50, which relieves the trustees of that amount of debt.

Hedley F. Staples, grocer assigned Monday evening to George Hatt. The liabilities are not known but the assets are made: People's bank, \$500; Bank of Nova Scotia, \$300; James Hodge, \$200.

Rev. Thos. Henderson, colored preacher of St. John, is under arrest charged with adultery and abortion at Morristown, New Jersey. An effort will be made to extradite him. Attorney-General Blair is acting for the Morristown authorities.

Joseph Alexander, late of Fredericton Junction, died on the 15th instant at Blaine, Maine, at the advanced age of 82 years. Mrs. R. H. Boone of this city is a daughter of the deceased, and was with her father for four weeks before his death.

The new steel bridge connecting St. Stephen and Calais is to be opened this afternoon with elaborate ceremonies. Prominent members of the local government including Hon. Mr. Mitchell and Hon. H. R. Emmerson, and Governor Charles of Maine, will be among the distinguished persons present.

Sunday evening the pastors of the Methodist, Free Baptist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches exchanged pulpits. Rev. Willard McDonald occupied the Methodist pulpit; Rev. John D. Freeman, St. Paul's; Rev. F. C. Hartley, Baptist; and Rev. Dr. Brecken, the Free Baptist pulpit.

The second series in the local rinks competition for the Coleman cup was played last night at the Curling Rink and resulted in Fowler defeating Murray, 13 to 9, and Mullin defeating Macnutt, 14 to 12. In the third series, Fowler is to play Wetmore, Mullin drawing the bye, and the final game will be between the winner in this series and Mullin.

Rev. Willard Macdonald has declined an invitation from St. Andrews church, Halifax, to occupy the vacant pulpit there for two Sundays, with a view to becoming a candidate for the position. The Rev. gentleman is evidently well satisfied with his church and people in Fredericton, and his declining to become a candidate for St. Andrews, has given great pleasure to his congregation. The salary in the Halifax church is \$2,500 and a name.

Judge Hanington is presiding at the adjourned session of the York nisi prius court in session this week. The first case taken up was Thos. Robinson v. Dr. Keith of Harvey for slander, and it is still unfinished. The Attorney General and A. R. Slipp are for the plaintiff and Geo. F. Gregory for the defendant. The gist of the slander against defendant is that he charged Robinson with being criminally intimate with his (Keith's) wife, which led to breaking up his home and his wife leaving him. Both are well known residents of Harvey, and Mrs. Keith is a daughter of Patrick Gray of Salisbury.

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THE A. O. U. W.

The Ancient Order United Workmen Installation of Officers.

On Thursday evening D. D. G. M. Alex. Robinson, of Chatham, installed the following officers of Elm City lodge, No. 4, A. O. U. W., for the ensuing year:

- H. C. Creed, Master Workman
Jas. D. Fowler, P. M. Workman
W. S. Carveff, Foreman
Austin Daughy, Overseer
J. C. Miller, Recorder
J. D. Perkins, Financier
H. G. Winter, Receiver
S. A. Chase, Guide
F. C. Williams, Inner Watchman
Jas. Torrence, Outer Watchman

After conferring of degrees and installation were gone through with, Mr. Robinson proceeded to read a list of 23 members, with good prospects of many more being added thereto for the life certificate of \$2,000 and the many benefits the A. O. U. W. surround its members with.

Deaf and Dumb Institution.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Deaf and Dumb Institution was held Thursday at the rectory, Rev. Willard Macdonald in the chair. There were present Rev. Cannon Roberts, Secretary; Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Wm. Tippet, J. W. Sparden, H. Chestnut, G. T. Whelpley, H. C. Creed, J. G. McNally, C. H. B. Fisher, and Prof. Woodbridge.

The names of Rev. Dr. Brecken and J. D. Freeman were added to the list of directors.

Prof. Woodbridge's report showed that there had been thirty-two pupils at the institution during the year, eighteen boys and fourteen girls. There were twenty-eight in attendance at present. The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$11. The amount received during the year was:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Collections \$2,907, County grants 1,100, Government grants 500, Paving pupils 336, H. Chestnut, treasurer for the government grant, showed in his report, a balance on hand of \$157. The institution has a floating indebtedness of about \$1,100.

Revising an Office.

Nearly three years ago Mr. Mitchell of Newcastle, a brother of Hon. Peter Mitchell and at one time sheriff of Northumberland, was forced to retire from the office of inspector of lights for New Brunswick on a superannuation allowance of \$480 a year. The reasons given for Mr. Mitchell's retirement were "Age and abolition of office." Mr. Mitchell at the time of his retirement was sixty-six years old, and was quite as competent to perform the duties of his office as he ever was. Of course, if the office was not necessary it was proper to abolish it. Mr. Costigan, however, since he became the head of the marine department has discovered that an inspector of light-houses is needed, and he has appointed ex-alderman John Kelly, of St. John, to that position.

FROM RURAL DISTRICTS.

Pennac.

Jan. 1.—We now have snow enough to make good traveling, and as a consequence there is a rush of business. All the men with their teams are engaged getting logs, lumber, cordwood, etc.

John Gibson has bought a large quantity of lumber and wood from our farmers and has several parties of men getting it for him. One party has taken his wood cut right into the woods where he saws the wood into stove lengths by means of horse-power.

Richard Donald has been laid up with a sore hand. Dr. Sharp was sent for and lanced the hand since which time it has improved, and the patient is able to resume his work.

Three pack peddlers entered this settlement yesterday. Two of them have been in this country but a short time and cannot speak English intelligently.

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AROUND THE WORLD.

The News of the World in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

The government is reducing the North West mounted police force to 800.

Bill Cook, the outlaw whose gang has been terrorizing the Indian territory for months past, has been captured.

The Fraser valley, in British Columbia, is again flooded, very warm weather having prevailed on the Pacific coast for the past few days.

For the first time since the Municipalities Act came into force, in 1877, Jas. Russell, M. P., is not a member of the Charlotte County Council.

Vice Admiral James Elphinstone Es-kin is to succeed Sir John Ommannoy Hopkins, whose command of the North American station soon expires.

The Halifax Board of Trade has passed resolutions favoring the idea of conducting Canadian favoring by way of the Canadian railway and steamship lines.

The Supreme Court of Canada has given the decision that making laws for the prohibition of the liquor traffic is not within the power of the local legislatures.

It is idle, observes the Toronto Globe, to discuss the relative merits of Scott and Stevenson as romance writers until the claims of the authors of the Canadian census have been dealt with.

The newly appointed bishop of St. Boniface, Montreal, is circulating a petition to be signed by all Catholics, asking Lord Aberdeen to interfere in the Manitoba separate school question.

The ecclesiastical court which sat on Rev. Mr. Little's case has found him guilty of making false statements against Rev. J. Roy Campbell of Dorchester, and he has been deposed from the ministry.

J. R. Murphy, who was defeated Monday in the Woodstock mayoralty election, said he had all the churches holding prayer meetings praying for his defeat. They even desecrated the Sabbath day, and prostituted the house of God, holding political meetings in order that my defeat might be brought about.

A couple of thousand unemployed again visited the city hall, Montreal, Friday, clamoring for work or bread. The city has no means to aid them, but the mayor proposes to try and get the Canadian Pacific Railway to start work on their new station. A subscription fund has been started by individual citizens.

While a party of young folks were returning from the wedding of Jacob Ross and Miss Mary Overlee, at Pueblo, Colorado, their sleigh was struck by a passenger train on the Montreal Railway at a crossing. The bride was killed instantly and the bridegroom died in an hour. The other occupants of the sleigh were all badly hurt.

The demonstration of the unemployed turned into a small riot about half-past one Friday in Montreal. The crowd, which had spontaneously gathered, obstructed the electric car track and when ordered away by the police refused to move. The police then charged them and a short but not very severe fight followed, resulting in the dispersing of the crowd and the arrest of ten leaders.

Dr. Atkinson was elected by acclamation in Carleton county, Thursday, to the vacant seat in the House of Assembly. A despatch to the Telegraph says that, very little interest was taken in the proceedings. When the notice of election was first given it was supposed that Fred. Moore would be a candidate, but his personal interests prevented him running an election. Had he done so there is little doubt of his success.

A fire occurred in the Butte, Montana, Hardware Company's warehouse Tuesday, in which giant powder was stored. The fire department was at work on the fire when an explosion took place, killing a number of people. While efforts were being made to remove the dead and wounded a second explosion occurred, wiping out the entire fire department, including the chief and all the horses. The killed number at least 70 persons. Three policemen were among the killed.

Wm. Yeo, a well-to-do farmer near Summerside, P. E. I., who has been ill for some time, is now in a dying condition. A few days ago he instructed friends to have made a cedar coffin, covered with sheet lead and made perfectly air-tight, and this body to be placed in it, and the coffin to be hermetically sealed. He also ordered a vault to be built on the ground merely large enough for the coffin, and to be bricked inside and out and covered with a large stone.

A great spirit of unrest is felt in New South Wales, Australia. The number of unemployed men is daily increasing, agitation has begun to assume threatening tones and the Government must take action at once to alleviate the distress or serious consequences are threatened.

The revenue for November last showed a startling decrease. Though the intentions of the Government are undoubtedly known, the ministers have hinted that they will shortly raise funds for the purpose of carrying on public works to afford relief.

Miss Murray, who resides near Hamilton, Ontario, reported to the police that her house was broken into last on Saturday night by three men, and that they had stolen money from her. On replying that there was very little in the house the burglars made her take off her shoes, which they examined for bills, without success. The thieves then ransacked the house and found about \$4. Not satisfied with this, they threatened to place Miss Murray upon the stove if she would not tell where her money was hid. Finding that they could obtain no more money, they went away with the \$4, a roast of beef and some eatables.

Sheffield.

Jan. 9.—The annual meeting of the Sheffield branch Bible society was held in the Temperance hall, Jan. 3rd. After short devotional exercises led by Pres. Rev. J. M. Austin, the secretary and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. This branch has long been noted for its liberality, and the treasurer's report showed that, notwithstanding the financial depression, the deep interest which is still taken in this society, the amount raised this year being nearly \$120. After various resolutions were passed excellent addresses were delivered by Revs. Freeman, Howie and McLaughlin. Meeting closed by singing doxology.

The Reading Circle met at the residence of Hon. A. Harrison, Manguerville, last Friday evening. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather, a large number availed themselves of the four-horse drive, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The circle had the pleasure of listening to two beautiful songs by Miss Helen Miles of Amherst, and some excellent music rendered by Miss Mamie Harrison and Frank Harrison.

Miss Lizzie Bridges, who has been teaching stenography at St. Martin's Seminary the last four months, has gone to Carleton Place, to resume a former situation.

Mrs. Fidelity, of Hampton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Bridges.

Thomas Harrison has been quite ill since his return home. A number of his friends have not had the pleasure of seeing him yet, but it is hoped he will be able to be out in a few days.

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