

BOSTON LETTER.

More Nova Scotians Figure in the Divorce Court.

The Duty on Lumber Not Growing Any in Popularity.

Uncle Sam's Unfortunate Warships—Deaths in a Week—The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From our own correspondent.)

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Francis E. Pearce, a Nova Scotian, obtained a decree of divorce from his wife, Lavina A. Pearce...

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The secretary-treasurer of the hall trustees, A. J. Armstrong, submitted a lengthy report, showing the finances of the district to be in a healthy condition, having received over \$1,400 from all sources during the year.

The mortgage on the hall was considerably reduced. Two new additional members were added to the board of trustees, viz., N. J. Morrison and Wm. Rodgers.

The retiring district master, Joseph A. Johnston, in his address dealt with many matters of interest to the association, and spoke of the successful manner in which the members carried out their part of the jubilee procession.

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ST. JOHN W. C. T. U.

The Reports Submitted at the Annual Meeting.

A Review of the Year's Work in the Various Branches—The Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the St. John branch of the W. C. T. U. was held on the 11th inst., at their rooms, Orange hall, the retiring president, Mrs. Allen, in the chair.

Reports were submitted from officers and committees. The secretary's report was read by Mrs. Scott.

The report of this society regards itself from year to year. Years ago the line of work was arranged, and although there have been many changes, the original workers, many of them, having gone out, yet the system remains the same.

The meetings are held regularly every Tuesday in the week, one for business, the next for prayer, and the following are also held the first Tuesday in the month.

The public meetings for the year have been of an exceptionally high order. Mrs. Barney is an eloquent speaker of all sorts, who has spent years in travelling and lecturing in the interest of the W. C. T. U.

Her favorite topic is jail and prison work, and her personal experiences as police matron and as a constant visitor to prisons of all sorts was a revelation, as well as an impetus to those interested in that department of the work here.

The Rev. E. O. Taylor, scientific temperance lecturer, was judged by those who heard him to equal any temperance speaker ever heard in this city.

The union has not attempted to carry out all the departments of work prescribed by the world's executive, but has confined itself to evangelistic, saloon, literature, press, world's, W. C. T. U. coffee room, exchange and Little Girls' Home.

The last three named have their own report. With regard to the evangelistic work could be said. Every week the jail visited by a committee of two or three ladies, and the inmates are, many of them, personally known, and again and again is the chance for a better life offered them.

Again and again are they clothed and assisted, and if the task seems a hopeless one, yet the divine example is followed. Another committee is detailed to visit the hospital, and weekly reports are received from that. An interest is kept in the Salvation army Rescue Home, and individual help is given where needed.

A year ago a committee was appointed to keep a book containing a list of all those who were assisted in any way, either with coats, money, food or clothing. When help is required this committee is requested to look into the matter, find out the merits of the case and report accordingly. In this way it is hoped that only those in necessity will be reached.

The society is grateful to W. W. Turnbull, who has most generously and liberally donated \$50. The demand for help has already been great for this year. Last week six loads of coal were sent out, and every load comes with a request for clothing and yet with all the vigilance so exercised by this society and the many others in this city, it is possible that such shocking cases occur as that of the poor woman frozen to death, recently reported in our press.

The Ladies' Home has been regularly visited, help has been given in the Sunday and week day services and literature distributed as much as possible as was needed. A wreath was offered that was accepted. Literature has also been distributed in the market, fire stations and other places. A temperance column has been conducted in the Daily Sun and has distributed news not only of this society but of the work of the W. C. T. U. generally throughout this province and the Dominion.

The meetings were formerly held in a room on Canterbury street. Last May it was decided to move to German street. The hall there, known as Orange hall, is pleasant and comfortable in every respect.

The society regrets that many whose names appear on the books are not regular attendants, nor do they take an active part. Consequently the work is somewhat crippled. However, there is every cause for thankfulness, and it is with a spirit of gratitude and modest pride that we record the fact that a very large indebtedness has been successfully reduced, and that we trust another year of careful work and economy will see a debt of one thousand dollars cancelled. Perhaps no other organization of the same size has made a better record in the same time.

The membership is about 80. The yearly dues are \$1. This amount if regularly contributed will meet the rent and the provincial affiliation fees. When these requirements are met it is necessary to find money for evangelistic and benevolent purposes, as the aims and purposes of the society are so well known and it has so many generous friends that it has never been wholly destitute.

The treasurer's report submitted by Mrs. Patterson showed that the receipts for the year were \$150, and the expenditure \$144. Reference was made to the bequest of the late Mrs. Stevenson of \$1,000, including \$500 for the Little Girls' Home.

The union had also received \$20 from the lieutenant governor as a jubilee offering. Sixty dollars has been paid out this season from the relief fund, leaving \$20 still on hand.

Mrs. Hoar submitted the report of the Women's Exchange. The statement was not complete, as the books are not yet closed. The report showed a considerable increase in receipts, and indicated an encouraging improvement in the position of the exchange.

The report of the Little Girls' Home was submitted by Miss Hutchings. There are six little girls now in the home. The receipts for the year be-



The most critical period in a woman's life may be properly called "blossoming time." It is the period when she blossoms from girlhood into womanhood.

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The coffee room report was submitted by Mrs. Scott, as follows: The W. C. T. U. coffee room was not organized for the purpose of making money, but to furnish a cheap and attractive temperance restaurant.

This we have been able to accomplish, we trust, somewhat to the satisfaction of the public. Indeed, the patronage that has been given us is an inducement to continue the business another year.

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The Meeting of the Farmers' Institute on Saturday.

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CAMPBELLTON, Jan. 8.—The meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held today in the Court House at Dalhousie and was well attended, notwithstanding that the roads are very badly drifted.

Practical addresses were delivered by the different speakers and were attentively listened to by the audience, many questions being answered.

At the morning session, Mr. Mott, M. P., was elected chairman and made a few appropriate remarks on the importance of the work being done by the institute in thus instructing the farmers in the most approved methods.

The first speaker was W. S. Blair of the Nappan Experimental farm on the planting and management of orchards and small fruits. It was a thoughtful address.

Col. McCrae's address on Tuberculosis was of great interest to the farmers here. The speaker explained that the disease is exactly the same as consumption in man, and is caused the same, and has the same effect. It is not a new disease, as laws were enacted 400 years ago to prevent the spread. He was of the opinion that it is not dangerous to use the meat of cattle infected by this disease, unless the meat is cooked, and is not dangerous to human beings. He also advised strongly the boiling of all milk, as it is better to be safe than sorry.

In the afternoon, Mr. Hubbard gave an address on the selection of dairy cows; also drawing attention to the proposal to start a pork packing establishment in the province, and advising the farmers to raise pork in connection with their dairying, as it was a profitable branch of the business.

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THE N. B. UNIVERSITY.

Associated Alumni Address—Late Hon. Mr. Mitchell—Dr. G. R. Parkin to Deliver Oration.

The semi-annual meeting of the Associated Alumni of the University of New Brunswick was held on 11th inst. in the equity court, the president, J. D. Hazen, Q. C., presiding. Among the others present was the secretary, Inspector Bridges.

The president announced that at a meeting of the council of the association two weeks ago, Judge Barker was elected to represent the society on the university senate in place of the late Hon. James Mitchell, of whose merits and devotedness to the university Mr. Hazen spoke in warm terms.

The president announced that Dr. Geo. R. Parkin, principal of Queen's college, Toronto, had been invited to deliver the oration on behalf of the association at the next convocation.

A resolution was moved by Dr. MacLaren, seconded by L. A. Currey, Q. C., expressive of the deep regret entertained by the association at the death of the late Hon. James Mitchell, of whose services to the university and character and ability, both gentlemen spoke of in the highest terms.

A number of new members were elected, considerable routine business transacted, and it was decided to hold an alumni dinner in Fredericton during convocation on June 2nd.

BLONDE ROCK.

A Spot That Has Acquired an Unenviable Reputation.

Named After the British Man-of-War Blonde, Which Was Wrecked There Over One Hundred Years Ago.

The recent loss of the Genova of the Thompson line and the loss, not very many months ago, of the Assaye, have familiarized the readers of our daily papers with the name of Blonde Rock.

This rock, which has acquired an unenviable reputation, has a little more than two miles of a half south of Seal Island, and about twenty miles west of Cape Sable, the extreme southwest point of Nova Scotia. It is uncovered at low water and has from seven to ten fathoms of water around it. On this rock the British man-of-war Blonde was wrecked May 10, 1782, and from this circumstance the rock takes its name. The Blonde was a ship equipped under Admiral Sir George Collier during the Revolutionary war in the month of June, 1779, with a force of 530 troops under General McLean to capture the American post at Penobscot. In this undertaking the English general succeeded with little difficulty, but shortly after the return of the ships to Halifax, he was himself besieged by a force of 2,600 men, supported by a fleet of sixteen war vessels, under the command of General Mifflin, with the aid of some Loyalists, who had joined him, gallantly resisted the assault of the enemy, and, although greatly outnumbered, bravely defended his fort for several weeks, when the British merchant ships from port to port, and sometimes in more active and aggressive operations. His armament comprised thirty-two twelve pounders. She was one of the frigates sent from Halifax on the 12th June, 1779, with a force of 530