

Events of a Day

THE SESSION.

It is understood that the Local Legislature will be called to meet for the dispatch of business on Thursday, February 14th.

CARR-TILL.

Mr. Arthur Carr and Miss Elizabeth Till both of Burton, were married, at the Brunswick street Baptist parsonage this afternoon by Rev. J. H. McDonald.

SLIGHT FIRE.

The firemen were called out at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for a burning chimney at the residence of Mrs. Amos Mitchell, Charlotte St. It looked rather threatening for a time but was suppressed without any damage resulting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

The local government met here last evening with all the members present, and continued in session until after ten o'clock. The schedule was taken up and a lot of routine business was disposed of. This morning was taken up with hearing the argument in the sewerage case, and this afternoon the board of education is in session.

CURLING NOTES.

The first game in the series for the Shute cup was played last night, Smith vs. Farnsworth, the former winning by a score of 10 to 7.

The first points match is in progress this afternoon and will be continued this evening.

The Fredericton club will not be represented at the Amherst bonspiel, but at least two cinks will play at the Montreal bonspiel.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Provincial Normal School reopened this morning after the Christmas holidays. Sixty-four new students entered for an advance of class, thirty-eight for Class I and twenty-six for Class II. Of the new students, forty-three are females and nineteen males.

APPLES.

A large stock of Bishop Pippin and Northern Spy apples. A few barrels of No. 2 Bishop Pippins to sell at \$2.75 per bbl. at G. T. Whippley's—d.

Mr. J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., of St. John, is among the guests at the Barket.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Last Night's Service Well Attended—This Evening's Topic.

There was a good attendance last night at George St. Baptist church. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. A. Riddout, presided, and Rev. W. L. Macdonald, of St. Paul's delivered the address of the evening.

The meeting this evening will be in the Old Kirk with Rev. J. W. McConnell, the speaker. The topic for prayer will be missions.

Thanksgiving for progress made during last year, new stations opened and churches strengthened, for protection of missionaries in peril and fidelity of native Christians under persecution, for educated young men and women volunteering for the mission field and for the growing richness of churches to combine their forces in the field.

Prayer that the church may realize its vocation to preach the gospel to every creature; that public events may be overruled to further the spread of Christian agents, native or foreign, for young churches and recent converts, their growth in holiness, unity and zeal, for Zenana, medical and educational work, and for those who superintend such works at home. Also prayer for home missions for every effort wisely put forth to carry the gospel to the destitute places in our own land, to safeguard the observance of the Lord's Day, to arrest intemperance and gambling, and to purify and brighten the homes of the people for a reawakening in public conscience with respect to the guilt of sin.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in whom our Readers are Interested.

Mr. Charles A. Miles of the N. B. Foundry has been taken to the Victoria Hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

Premier Tweedie arrived in the city last evening and is a guest at the Queen.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, attorney general arrived from St. John last evening and is a guest at the Queen.

Hon. W. P. Jones, solicitor general and Hon. F. J. Sweeney, surveyor general, are guests at the Queen.

Chief Commissioner LaBillois arrived from Dalhousie last evening and is registered at the Queen.

Hon. C. N. Skinner, of St. John, is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. J. Arthur Freeze, formerly of this city, now a barrister at Sussex, has resigned the position of town clerk and is succeeded by A. Bowman Maggs.

THE GENIS WON.

Beat Out the Fair Sex in Bowling Match at Queen Hotel.

A rather interesting bowling competition between ladies and gentlemen took place at the Queen Hotel alleys yesterday. There were six players on a side and three strings were rolled resulting in a victory for the gentlemen, who scored 1855 to the ladies 1849. The play was quite exciting at times and some very creditable scores were made, as the following will show:

LADIES.		
Mrs. Richey	128	88 93
Mrs. H. R. Rabbitt	90	111 123
Miss N. Babbitt	120	128 90
Miss Sterling	123	98 88
Miss Palmer	87	96 106
Miss Winslow	63	116 101
Total	611	637 601

GENTLEMEN.		
W. P. Flewelling	129	97 105
S. W. Babbitt	86	125 126
P. Babbitt	86	97 73
C. H. Allen	113	88 114
D. B. Winslow	123	149 120
C. F. Randolph	86	121 108
Totals	623	677 655

PRESENTATION.

Mr. James White, bandmaster of the 71st regiment band was last evening presented with a morris chair and a complimentary address. The pleasant incident took place at Lindsay's restaurant where the members of the band and several officers of the corps enjoyed an oyster supper. The address which referred in flattering terms to Mr. White's success as leader of the band, was read by Lieutenant Guthrie. Mr. White replied in suitable terms and speeches were also made by Major McLeod, Capt. Pringle, Capt. Grey and others.

THE PICK CASE.

It is understood that the government has instructed the attorney general to take the necessary steps to excheat the Mount property in this city, which the judge in equity lately decided belonged to Mr. George H. Pick of Moncton. It is said that since the suit was decided, Mr. Pick has sought out the lawful heirs of the property, who live at Yarmouth N. S., and has obtained a deed from them. The attorney general is to take the matter up at St. John tomorrow.

ABLE ARGUMENT.

Hon. C. N. Skinner, K. C., in a Clever Address Presents Fredericton's Side of Sewerage Case to Government.

UNREASONABLE THAT SUNBURY PEOPLE SHOULD WANT CONTROL OF THE RIVER.

Argument of counsel in the Fredericton sewerage case was commenced before the Lieutenant Governor in council at ten o'clock this morning. Hon. C. N. Skinner, K. C., spoke on behalf of the city occupying the whole forenoon. He made a very able and convincing argument and was most attentively listened to.

The spectators in attendance included Mayor McNally, Ald. Scott, Dr. Irvine, Coun. Henry Wilmut, Coun. Perley, Rev. H. E. Dibblee, Dr. Peake, and George W. McEwin and Dugald Burpee.

MR. SKINNER'S ARGUMENT.

Mr. Skinner took up the evidence of the different witnesses who testified at the first enquiry conducted by the board of health and commented on the same at some length. He argued that in deciding the case the government should do what was best for the general good. The Sunbury people could by filtration save the water for domestic use and not depend on the river being kept pure. Mr. Skinner based his case on the theory that the water of the St. John was for drinking purposes, and that all other interests must stand aside. Both of the experts having agreed that the water is undrinkable now, then surely the city of Fredericton should not be put to an almost unbearable expense in purifying its sewage. Fredericton is now taking steps to filter its water supply, and it is only right that the people further down the river should do likewise. It has been shown that filters suitable for family use can be purchased at small cost.

Mr. Skinner next pointed out that sewage from the town of Woodstock and Grand Falls flowed into the river and that there were tributaries on the American side, over which the New Brunswick government had no control, which are now and always will be a source of pollution. It is the custom in all civilized countries where river water is used for domestic purposes to filter the same. As a matter of fact only the people living on the intervals below the city will be affected as below that point the water is brackish and unfit for use. It is unreasonable for the people represented by Mr. Hazen to put forth the claim that the water must be regulated in a manner to suit their wishes. They are so entirely taken up with what they want themselves that they actually think that the whole river is flowing for their benefit and should not be interfered with by others. He contended that it would be much easier and less expensive for the down river residents to undertake to purify its sewage. So far as Gagetown is concerned the people of that section have an ample supply of good water and do not find it necessary to use the river water for domestic purposes.

Mr. Skinner in turn quoted from the evidence given before the board of health by Mr. Gilbert, Dr. Murray Robin Cropley, C. F. McLean, C. J. Burpee, George Perley, Dr. Atherton, Patrick Glasie and others and commented upon the same length.

Mr. Skinner contended that it was ridiculous to say that because a river was pure once, it could be kept pure for all time. The Hudson river was pure when discovered by Mr. Hudson but all the armies and navies of the world could not keep it that way in view of the wonderful growth that had taken place along the banks. Yet the same argument that Mr. Hazen put forth in reference to the St. John river being kept pure, applied with equal force to the Hudson.

Mr. Skinner next referred to the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers and mentioned the recent outbreak of fever at Montreal and Westmount. In regard to Prof. Starkey, Mr. Hazen's expert, he lived on the banks of the St. Lawrence and used his own filter plant, and even brought it with him on his visit to Fredericton. It would not be putting the people of Sunbury to any great restraint to compel them to filter their water in the way that it is done by their expert Prof. Starkey. The people of Sunbury had certainly given to extremes in presenting their case, and had made river water look like such a terrible thing that one would almost wish that the creator had left it out when he created the world. It looked to him as if the case so far as the people of Sunbury are concerned is one of exaggeration.

Continuing, Mr. Skinner contended that it would be absolutely impossible for Fredericton to purify its sewage, the cost being so great as to put it absolutely out of the question. The position taken by the Sunbury people is a very extreme one and at variance with the give and take principles of civilization. The remedy they propose, viz., purification of sewage is not radical anyway and could not possibly accomplish its object by making the water sufficient-

ly pure that people would be justified in drinking it without filtration. Mr. Skinner next looked up the evidence of Mr. Fuller, given at the hearing before the government, and quoted from it in support of his argument.

In comparing Mr. Fuller's evidence with that of Prof. Starkey, the Montreal expert, called by the people of Sunbury, Mr. Skinner claimed that the latter was a theorist and dealt with things as they ought to be, while Mr. Fuller gave the executive the result of his own observations and experience as a sanitary expert. Purification plants are only used where sewage is discharged into small streams and is liable to become a nuisance. Conditions of this kind, Mr. Skinner agreed, did not arise on such a large river as the St. John, hence a purification plant was not a necessity here.

As a rule, Mr. Skinner said, boards of health did not take action until after something had occurred. If the boards did their duty he believed the country would be rid of disease. He did not wish to criticize the school system, but would call attention to the fact that nothing was taught in the schools about sanitation, and when the pupils leave they know as much about themselves as they do about the planet Mars.

Mr. Skinner contended that there was no other way of disposing of human excreta except by rivers, and the Creator had never intended that it should be disposed of in any other way. The habit of using large rivers for drainage purposes is universal, while in the case of small streams it is frequently found necessary to install purification plants. The progress of the courts cannot be stopped and, therefore, somebody has got to give in. To ask that the St. John river be kept in its pristine purity is a challenge to civilization and if an attempt was made to comply with the request, it would seriously interfere with the progress of the country.

Mr. Skinner next referred to the action of the Sunbury people in sending samples of water to Montreal to be analyzed, and contended that their failure to sterilize the bottles made the analysis valueless. The experience of people living on the banks of other large rivers in the province showed that the primitive conditions that the Sunbury people were asking for could not be enforced.

Regarding Prof. Starkey's statement that the Fredericton system of sewage was not a modern one, Mr. Skinner said that the weight of evidence was against him. In both America and England it was not considered necessary to purify sewage, only in the case of small streams and in no case is a purification plant in use on a river the size of the St. John. Mr. Skinner next quoted from Prof. Starkey's evidence to show that drip filters for family use could be purchased at from \$8 to \$10. It would only be necessary, he said, to filter the water used for drinking purposes. Mr. Skinner read from the journals of the New England Waterworks Association to show that the freezing of water was a process of purification.

Mr. Skinner concluded his argument at one o'clock, and it was announced that an adjournment had been decided upon until four o'clock, when Mr. Hazen would reply.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION

THE CITY OF FREDERICTON, at the next Session of the Legislature of New Brunswick, will present for enactment the following Bills:

1.—To amend and consolidate the laws relating to the levying, assessing and collecting of Taxes in the City of Fredericton.

2.—To enable the City of Fredericton to issue Debentures to take up certain Debentures falling due in the year 1907, and to authorize the issue of \$20,000 of Debentures to provide for the completion of water improvements.

3.—To amend the Act relating to the Administration of Justice in the County of York by providing for the appointment of a joint Committee of three for such purpose, two of such Committee to be appointed by the County of York, and one by the City of Fredericton and by striking out the words "Clerk of the Peace," in the fourth Section of said Act.

4.—To amend the Acts relating to Police Establishment in the city, by vesting the appointment of Policemen to be known as the Chief, of Police in the City Council.

Dated this eighth day of January, A. D. 1907.

J. W. MCCREADY, City Clerk.

Jan. 8—dtf.

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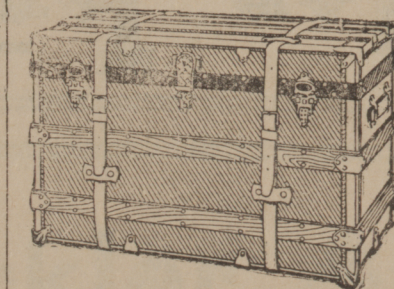
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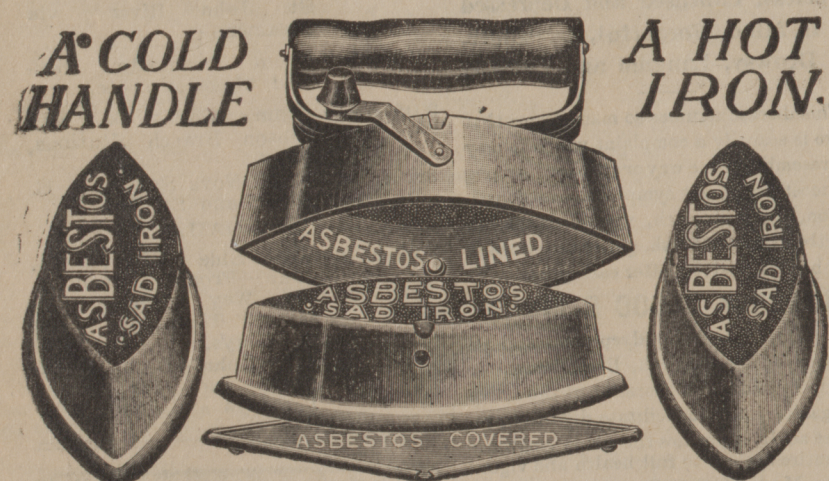
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