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NEGLECTED HIS DUTY.

What excuse was there for the Solicitor General absconding himself from the conduct of the York County Court session when he was aware that criminal cases were to be tried demanding the attention of a Crown officer?

It is given out that he went to Madawaska to look into an alleged shooting case, but would not any ordinary constable be better fitted for a duty of that kind?

Has it come to this that a gentleman holding the responsible and dignified position of Solicitor General must personally take the trial for the apprehension of an alleged criminal while the work for which he is paid from the public treasury is handed over to a political friend who will doubtless send his bill to the government and receive payment for duty which the regular official should have performed?

Or perhaps the fishing is good near Madawaska at this season of the year.

The Solicitor General should have remained and personally conducted the criminal case in the County Court. He is paid for that duty and it was one of the charges made by Mr. McLeod and his political associates against the late government that they employed outside lawyers to conduct the criminal business of the country when their own paid officers should have done the business.

There is another view of the matter. The gentleman who was engaged by the Solicitor General to do the crown work in the York County Court, while Mr. McLeod went on his jaunt up river, is the professional partner of a member of the legislature accepting employment act, it is as Mr. Hazen and his friends in opposition professed to be very much shocked at members of the legislature accepting employment from the government thereby violating the independence of parliament act. It is the duty of the Premier to take cognizance of his Solicitor General's deal with Mr. Hanson.

There is yet another view. Had the Solicitor General remained here he might have secured material for his forthcoming volumes of "Acquittals."

DISGRACEFUL.

Some of the principal instruments which the local government used during the recent legislative session to carry on the persecution of Hon. Dr. Pugsley were men who if their personal conduct in the last few days they were here were exposed to their constituents they would be regarded as utterly unfit for the responsible duty for which they were elected to the House.

Mr. Hazen chooses men to inaugurate an alleged purity campaign, he should be careful to select none but those who are themselves above reproach.

It is little wonder that having in mind certain episodes of the session, temperance people are not much to blame for failing to present their claim for prohibition to the present dominant party.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is to be hoped Mr. Hazen will see that there is no pool selling in the Auditor General's office.

The Presbyterian general assembly which opened Wednesday at Winnipeg elected Rev. Dr. Duval of that city moderator.

The public accounts committee at Ottawa have discovered that a Tory M. P. had his private yacht repaired at the expense of the government. Awful grafters, these Tories.

Mr. Hazen's new highway act doubles the taxes on the ratepayers of the country, probably to provide for the payment of political pets to be appointed to highway boards.

When the tax collector travels

through the rural districts and demands double the taxes formerly paid then the tax payers will fully realize that Mr. Hazen has given New Brunswick a new highway act.

A new danger threatens Fredericton. Professional burglars seem to have got the impression that the change of government has made some people rich, and the cracksmen started their work in the safety vaults of the local graft organ.

The civil service employees whose pay is being held up by the Tory obstructionists would be justified if they went on strike. The business of the country would thus be fixed up and such a condition would soon bring the Tory M. P.'s to their senses.

The threatened great scandal in connection with the Central Railway has at least developed. It is announced that the Central owes the Intercolonial some \$9,000 for car service, etc. Awful, is it not? Do you suppose there is a branch road that does not owe the Intercolonial an unadjusted account?

It is considered a dull day for news in the office of the local graft organ if Mr. O. S. Crockett fails to wire something about his great doings at Ottawa. The York M. P. as conductor of a personal pilferage bureau, is a howling success, but the record of his achievements for his constituency might be written on one of his finger nails.

There is evidence that the Tory obstructionists at Ottawa are realizing the indignation aroused throughout the country by deliberate hold-up of the public business. Some progress is being made daily in voting the estimates and it is only a question of time when the obstructionists will have to give way. It is to be deplored that the public officials have to go without their salaries and they loudly denounce the action of Mr. Borden and his political associates.

Mr. John A. Young, M. P. P. whose first demand after being elected was a government office for his son, is said to be slated for a position in the public service, replacing a gentleman who was appointed by the late government. Such a rascally deal if consummated is likely to arouse a great deal of indignation among government supporters as it will shock the general public. Mr. Young was elected to sit in the legislature and not to employ his time looking up offices for himself and members of his family.

W M SOCIETY

This Morning's Session Taken up with a Workers' Conference.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon meeting of the Women's Missionary Society on Wednesday opened with prayer service, led by Mrs. C. W. Strong. The corresponding secretary, Miss Stewart, reported 93 auxiliaries, with 1903 ordinary members, and 195 life members, making a total of 2,098. The number of associated helpers was given at 123.

The total amount forwarded to the treasurer of the Branch was \$8,109.03, the amount sent to the general treasurer was \$7,840, and \$164.08 was sent to the rest fund treasurer.

After the reports had been read and adopted there was an interesting and helpful discussion on the following topics:

The Old Member,
The New Member,
The Timid Member,
The Critical Member,
The Spiritual Member,
The Business-like Member,
The Spasmodic Member,
The Shut-in Member,
The Faithful Member.

A number of questions were asked by the delegates in reference to the work, and were replied to by the president and other prominent workers.

Miss Cunningham, returned missionary from Japan, and Miss Charlotte Lawson, missionary elect to China, were introduced to the convention during the afternoon, and made short addresses.

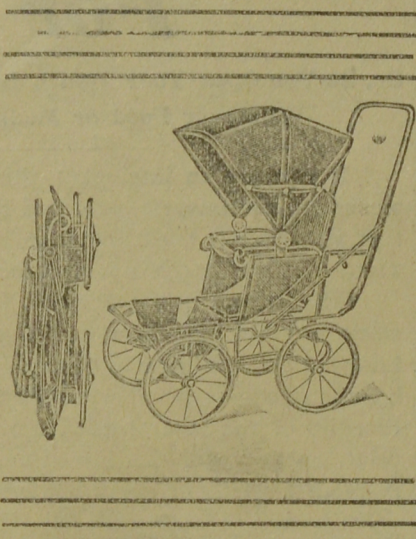
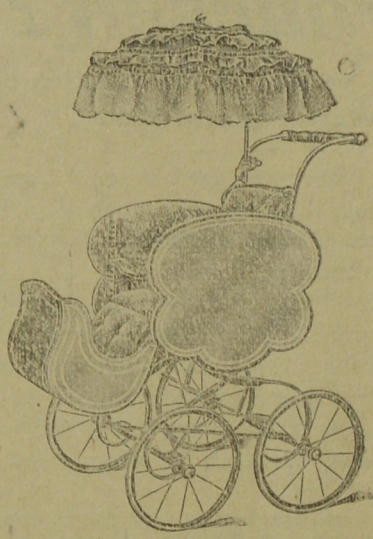
At 5.30 o'clock the delegates were entertained to luncheon in the lecture room by the ladies of the Fredericton Auxiliary.

A large number of visitors were present during the afternoon, the number including Mr. John A. Humble of Stanley.

In the evening a well attended and very successful public meeting was held in the Methodist church. The president, Mrs. Chipman, delivered her annual address, in which she reviewed in an entertaining manner the work accomplished by the society during the past year. She spoke very hopefully for the future and urged the auxiliaries and members to greater efforts.

Miss Lawson, who is to leave next fall for Western China, to engage in missionary work, also delivered an

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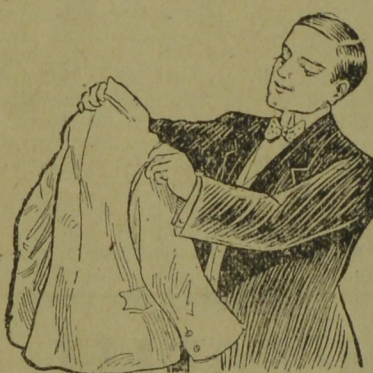
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address, which was listened to with much attention. A splendid musical program was carried out.

At this morning's session of the Women's Missionary Society, the band secretary, Mrs. F. Williams, of Marysville, submitted her report, which was read and adopted. It was shown that there were forty-two auxiliaries in the conference with a total membership of 4,532.

The great part of the morning session was taken up with the workers' conference on methods, led by Mrs. W. B. Coulthard of this city. The devotional exercises at the opening were led by Mrs. E. S. Baker of Mount Allison College.

At the public meeting to be held this evening there will be an illustrated address by Miss Cunningham, a returned missionary from Japan.

THE STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, June 4.—(Special)—Prices of stocks were inclined to somewhat decline and offerings were limited in amount.

Union Pacific was an exception, large blocks coming out at an extreme decline of over a range of 1 in the simultaneous prices. Declines

ran to a substantial fraction in a few other marked leaders. Delaware and Hudson rose 1 1/2.

ACADIA PROFESSOR

Appointed to Important Position in Brown University.

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 4.—Dr. Raymond C. Archibald, formerly of the staff of the Ladies' College here, but latterly professor of Mathematics at Acadia, has accepted a position on the faculty of Brown University, one of the leading Universities of the Eastern States. He will take up his new duties at the beginning of the college year.

Mr. Archibald is a graduate of Mount Allison University class of 1894.

STUDENTS TO ENTERTAIN.

The students of the Normal School have issued invitations for an entertainment to be put on in the Assembly Hall to-morrow evening to mark the closing of the term. A splendid program has been prepared and all who attend are assured of a good time.

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