

OLD TIMES RECALLED.

A Glance Into the Local News of Fredericton Twenty-six Years Ago.

(Farmer files Jan. 19, 1882)

Col. Green, of the Grand Southern Railway, was in the city yesterday. Mr. John C. Brown, contractor for the Kent Northern Railway, is in town.

Yesterday was extremely cold, the glass registering 30 below at 7 a. m. Mr. Justice King and George W. Burdige, St. John, are registered at the Barker.

A vote on the water works question will be taken at the different ward polling booths on Monday.

The curlers will play the Thistles, and St. Andrews clubs, at St. John on Tuesday, and the Chatham club on Wednesday.

The new warden of York County, Mr. B. Close, of Gibson, "tips the beam" at 260 pounds, and is probably the weightiest gentleman in the province holding a similar position.

Mr. J. M. Doherty, youngest son of Coun. Doherty, of Pokok, has recently returned from Colorado, where he is engaged in mining. He proposes to go back in the spring.

"Deacon" Brown, of Bear Island, whose presence at the semi-annual meetings of the municipal council, is as regular and punctual as any of the members, has by common consent been elected chaplain of that body.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. H. Clarke, of Southampton, who recently suffered from the loss of two children, one from diphtheria, has also been bereaved of his wife by death. The deceased lady was interred at Temperance Vale last Sunday.

A number of teams that had gone to Vancaboro to haul bark for Shaw Brothers' factory, have returned to Springfield because it was impossible to procure oats. The substitute, being cracked corn, was not considered proper fodder by the owners.

The York municipal council met in semi-annual session at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, when Coun. Close, of Gibson, was unanimously chosen warden for the current year.

We regret to learn of the death by heart disease of Mr. S. F. Grosvenor, an old and respected resident of this city, which occurred at the Royal Hotel, Queen street early yesterday morning. The deceased was the father of Clarence E. Grosvenor, Esq., of Canterbury. Funeral tomorrow at 2.30 p. m. from the Royal Hotel.

There was a very pleasant time at the Free Baptist social Monday evening. The attendance was large, and the occasion passed off with refreshment, speech and song. The chair was occupied by James A. Vanwart, Esq. During the evening the handsome sum of \$205 was subscribed for church purposes. The pastor of the church, Rev. Jos. McLeod, was present, and warmly assisted in the festivities.

Ald. Wilson has been brought out in King's ward by a large and influential signed requisition, and his return would seem certain. It scarce seems necessary for us to say one word in his favor. Mr. Wilson's record at the council for the past two years is before the people, and by that he should be judged. He has been outspoken and independent in his course and deserves the warmest support of the electors of King's ward.

Coun. Thos. H. Colter, of Douglas, is carrying on extensive lumbering operations on the Little Madawaska river this season, for Messrs. Hayford & Stetson. He will get out 3,000,000 feet. Last Saturday one of Mr. Colter's men, Hugh MacDonald, of Antigonish, while at work fell on a snag and received such injuries as to cause his death. His remains were sent home for interment. Mr. Colter employs seventy men and twenty-two horses. There are only twelve inches of snow in that part of the country.

At noon on Tuesday in St. Mary's Episcopal church, Mr. John R. Maltby, barrister, of Newcastle, and Miss Annie Hanson, daughter of Edgar Hanson, Esq., of the provincial secretary's office, were united in marriage by Sub-dean Alexander, assisted by Rev. Mr. Jaffrey. The bridesmaid and groomsmen were Miss Dora Hanson, sister of the bride, and Mr. Oscar N. Nowlin, of St. John. The newly wedded couple left by the noon train the same day enroute to Winnipeg, their future home, and were followed by the best wishes of many friends.

Our friends of the municipal council we believe, are heartily enjoying their visit to the city this week, besides attending punctually and intelligently to their duties. On Tuesday evening, on the invitation of Warden Close and Coun. White, they drove to Gibson in the "Great Eastern" with four horse attached, and made a friendly call on those two gentlemen by whom they were hospitably entertained. On returning to the city the party sat down to an oyster supper given by Coun. A. McNally, the new and popular representative with Coun. Murch, of Queensbury.

Arrangements for the complimentary concert to be given by a representative committee of citizens to the Fredericton Brass Band on Thursday evening, Feb. 9th, are being completed. The committee in charge is as follows: Dr. Brown, chairman, C. L. Richards, secretary; M. Tennant, H. G. Estey, J. L. Richards, C. H. Hatt, Dr. Torrens, John Black, C. J. Thomas, R. Atherton, W. T. H. Fenety, Prof. Cadwallader, Dr. Currie, Geo. H. Davis, R. A. Estey, Ald. Wilson, A. W. Edgecombe, M. Lemon, C. A. E. Stamps, and Ald. Simmons. It is a great success, the concert will be a great success, the names of the gentlemen having the

matter in charge being a sufficient guarantee. The band will be requested to take part in the programme, and are preparing a number of fine selections. The leading singers in the city will also contribute.

The ratepayers of Long's Creek, district No. 6, Parish of Kingsclear, held their annual school meeting as required by law in the school house on the 12th inst. Mr. Thomas Slipp was elected chairman. Mr. Joseph Helyoke was unanimously elected as secretary by the trustees for the ensuing year. The accounts of the past year were read by Mr. J. Holyoke, and were readily adopted. The board of trustees for the current year are Messrs. Edwin Smith, Thomas Slipp, and George Barker, was elected to the honorable position of auditor for the current year.

CITIZENS' BRILL

New Parliament Buildings to be Opened With Social Function.

We are glad to be able to announce that the plan for the grand complimentary ball to be given at the opening of the legislature, first suggested by the Farmer, and warmly advocated by us in several issues, has at last taken practical shape. A general meeting for organization was held Friday evening. There was a large attendance of prominent citizens, and a resolution favoring the addition of a promenade concert was adopted.

His worship the mayor presided, the city clerk was secretary, and the following committee to carry out the general arrangements was appointed, with power to add to its numbers:

His worship, the mayor, Chief Justice Allen F. B. Edgecombe, Jas. S. Beck, J. L. Inches, Sheriff Temple, George E. Fenety, Dr. McAllister, John McDonald, James S. Neill, W. A. Quinn, John Richards, A. F. Street, Ald. Simmons, W. W. Street, E. L. Wetmore, E. Byron Winslow, A. G. Beckwith, N. A. Cliff, Dr. Brown.

At a meeting of the committee in the mayor's office Saturday afternoon the mayor was elected chairman, the city clerk secretary, W. A. Quinn assistant secretary, and N. A. Cliff, treasurer. The following names were added to the committee:

The city clerk, A. F. Randolph, P. Dever, D. F. George, Ald. Leigh, T. B. Winslow, George H. Davis, Chas. H. Lugin, Dr. Atherton, T. G. Loggie, Prof. Harrison, Henry Wil, L. W. Johnston, W. K. Allen, John Babbitt, J. Douglas, Hazen, George Hatt, Jr., James A. Vanwart, Dr. Coulthard.

Sub-committees were struck as follows:

Invitation committee—John Richards, Sheriff Temple, J. S. Beck, A. F. Street, Dr. Brown, Ald. Simmons and P. Dever.

Music committee—A. G. Beckwith, T. G. Loggie, W. A. Quinn, J. S. Neill and N. A. Cliff.

Programme committee—A. G. Beckwith, A. F. Street, F. B. Edgecombe, Dr. McAllister, T. G. Loggie and Ald. Simmons.

Refreshment committee—E. L. Wetmore, E. B. Winslow, Ald. Leigh, Geo. H. Davis, L. W. Johnston, J. L. Inches, W. K. Allen, J. Douglas, Hazen, George Hatt, Jr., J. A. Vanwart, Dr. Coulthard and John Babbitt.

Preparation committee—A. G. Beckwith, T. B. Winslow, W. W. Street, J. Douglas, Hazen, J. S. Beck, T. G. Loggie, Julius L. Inches, G. E. Fenety, John Pickard, Ald. Leigh, John McDonald, N. A. Cliff, Sheriff Temple.

Reception committee—His Worship the mayor, the chief justice, and Sheriff Temple.

DEATH OF DR. BROOKE.

For Many Years Pastor of St. Paul's Church.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Brooke, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church in his 52nd year, occurred on Monday morning last. For several years past there had been a gradual decline of all his powers, but no one who knew the general state of his health imagined that when this year opened the end would come suddenly for him. He was, apparently, well and cheerful on Friday morning, and partook with good appetite of breakfast, but immediately afterwards sank into a state of unconsciousness, from which he never emerged.

Very many people, not only in Fredericton, but all over the province will hear with the sincerest regret of the death of the reverend gentleman. He spent the best and most useful part of his life in New Brunswick, and during that forty years he was in continual intercourse and communication with people of every age and every rank and calling in life and every religious denomination.

The Rev. Dr. Brooke was born in the parish of Bathgate, near Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 9th of August, 1856. He received the rudiments of his education in the school of the parish and at the University of Glasgow. After serving as tutor to several prominent families in Scotland, he entered the ministry and served for a time in his native land. In 1889, in the year 1839, the Rev. Mr. Brooke took, next to entering the ministry, the most important step in his life, and married Miss Isabel Stewart, daughter of Capt. Stewart of the merchant marine. At the instance of the Missionary Society in Scotland, the Rev. Mr. Brooke came to this

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country, and was inducted into the Presbyterian church of New Richmond, on the Bay of Chaleur. There he remained until he received a call to Fredericton, after the retirement from St. Paul's church of Rev. Dr. Birmeyre, in 1842, who in that year left Fredericton for Edinburgh. He was recommended to the St. Paul's congregation by the late Alex. Rankin, Esq., of the famous lumbering firm of Douglass, Rankin & Co., who had business connection and intimate social relations with the capital, and after having preached, he received a unanimous call in 1843.

The Rev. Dr. Brooke, after the death of Arch-deacon Coster, was appointed chaplain to the legislative council and he continued to discharge the duties of that office, some years after he retired from the active ministry. His retirement is dated from the year 1874, but he always remained senior pastor of St. Paul's. From the time his health began to fail he had assistance. His assistants successively were, Rev. Mr. McDonald, Rev. William Murray, Rev. Peter Melville, and the Rev. Mr. Halley. In the year of 1876 the Rev. Wm. Caven of Tillsonburg, Ontario, was inducted into St. Paul's. In two years the pulpit was again vacant, and it was finally filled in 1880, by the Rev. Mr. Mowate. After the induction of the present incumbent, Dr. Brooke was never able to take part in, or even attend the services of the church. Save to his inner circle of friends he lived retired from the sight of his congregation, and they last Sunday heard with surprise and awakened regret the announcement from the pulpit of the sudden threatening illness that had overtaken him.

The funeral took place this afternoon and was very largely attended. Services were held in St. Paul's church which was draped in black.

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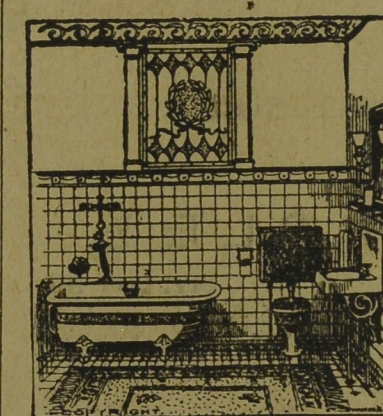
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