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A PLEBISCITE WANTED.

The city council meets tomorrow evening, and is expected to deal with the proposed sewerage plebiscite. The leading citizens of Fredericton—the men who pay heavy taxes—the men who are deeply concerned with respect to the health of the city, are looking to the council to take the initial step on the sewerage question.

It is generally believed that the majority of ratepayers are in favor of the introduction of a sewerage system, and they want another opportunity of expressing themselves at the polls on the subject. When the last plebiscite was held there was a majority of only 50 against sewerage, but there has been a change in public sentiment since that time, and it is the City Council's plain and imperative duty to provide the opportunity for another expression of opinion at the polls. The majority of the aldermen are understood to be favorable to sewerage; then why should there be any hesitation in ordering another plebiscite.

The Herald has fully discussed the urgent need of a sewerage system and need not now revert to that branch of the subject. The people look to the council to act in the matter, and if anything is to be done this year let the aldermen address themselves to the question tomorrow night. There is no excuse for further delay.

With respect to the best time for holding a plebiscite, the Herald still holds to the opinion that a larger vote can be called out if the poll is taken on the same day as the civic elections, but this is a detail which can easily be arranged. Only let the Aldermen decide that a plebiscite shall be held within the next few weeks. That is their plain duty now, and the public will be disappointed if tomorrow night's meeting passes without the necessary action being taken.

A PECULIAR CASE.

A case entirely new in British courts of justice was decided at Toronto last week when a jury brought in a verdict of \$3,500 for T. J. Blain, of Brampton against the C. P. R. Anthony had a spite against the plaintiff and his opportunity came on October 10th when Blain was returning from Toronto's welcome to the Duke of York. Anthony, catching sight of Blain at Union Station assaulted him. Blain then notified the conductor that he wished protection on the journey to Brampton. After the train started, however, Anthony made two or three other assaults, the conductor being conveniently absent, as his sympathies appeared to be with the assailant. Prosecution for assault followed and Anthony spent two months in jail. The action last week was against the company for failure to protect Blain from injury as a result of which he claimed he is now permanently deaf. The case seems to have been established by previous no ice to the conductor.

The snow plowers made a bad start this morning and were late in getting down to business. Up to nearly noon one of the plows was reposing in a yard, while citizens were wading knee deep through snow on the sidewalks.

John D. Rockefeller proposes to donate \$1,000,000 to Harvard University, provided other friends raise \$500,000 as an endowment for the medical department.

The address in the House of Commons is to be moved by Mr. Campbell, who redeemed West York, and seconded by Dr. Bedard, of Beance.

The Montreal Star is not the force in that city or elsewhere that it used to be before it commenced turning political somersaults. The Star gave an unqualified support to R. Wilson-Smith for mayor, but he was snowed under Saturday by Mr. Cochrane who is not claimed by even his friends as an ideal man for the position.

St. John is making an effort to secure the location of the proposed C. P. R. workshops in that city, and should the scheme succeed great results would accrue therefrom. No doubt other places will make a strong bid for the works, and possibly the one that offers the greatest inducements will secure the plum.

Montreal citizens seem to have awakened to the fact that it was time the civic bosses were relegated to a back seat, and R. Wilson-Smith, their candidate for the mayoralty was snowed under on Saturday.

King's county Liberals are urging Col. Domville's appointment to the Senate vacancy, but York's claims can scarcely be overlooked.

A TRANSIT OF VENUS.

How It Was Observed by a Party of German Scientists.

On their way between Telriz and Teheran the members of an expedition sent to Persia by the German government to observe the transit of Venus met a solitary European lady riding in the opposite direction, a member of the English colony, who was as clever as she was beautiful. Having been long a resident in Persia, she was fearlessly riding alone a long way ahead of her caravan. The Germans marveled at such an apparition in such a dreary waste—wondered she wasn't afraid. Wouldn't she let some of them stand by until her servants and baggage came up? No, she was quite at ease, and usually in her travels was far ahead of her attendants, whose mules, more heavily laden, could not keep her pace.

"And now, gentlemen," she said, "who are you, and where are you bound for?"

They introduced each other. One was the astronomer, another the photographer, another the archaeologist, the naturalist, and so on, and they were going to Isfahan to observe the transit of Venus. The lady smiled, started her pony and waved her adieu, saying:

"To observe the transit of Venus? Ah, well, you can go home, now, gentlemen! Your duty is done. Goodby."

The fair vision disappeared at a canter toward the horizon, and it was said that the Germans did not see the joke till a long time after Venus had disappeared from their ken.—Life of Major General Sir Robert Murdoch Smith, K. C. M. G.

THE NEW MANAGER.

Why He Did Not Discharge a Certain Railroad Conductor.

Among the first railroads built in the United States was a little line about twenty miles in length. In the course of time a big tunnel line was constructed through the same country. The original line became merely a branch. For many years it was run in a cheap way, with one locomotive, one engineer and two or three freight cars.

Finally a new general manager was appointed. He had been in the office but a week when he sent for the one lone conductor who had held the position ever since the road was built.

"I would like to have your resignation," said the general manager when the conductor appeared.

"My resignation?" inquired the conductor in astonishment.

"Yes, sir, yours."

"What for, pray?"

"Well, I want to make some changes and get new blood in the line," was the general manager's reply.

"I won't resign," answered the conductor.

"Then I will be compelled to discharge you, a step which for your sake I had hoped I would be saved from taking."

"Young man, you will not discharge me. I own a controlling interest in the stock of this railroad and elect the president and board of directors. I shall have you fired."

The old conductor did really own the majority of the stock and, as he said, put in his own board of directors and president.

Lion and Eagle.

An English paper notes it as a curious fact that although the eagle is the national bird of the United States and therefore deserving of peculiar honor, yet, in point of fact, the bird is nearly always ruthlessly killed when the opportunity offers.

This statement seems to be impressive until it is remembered that whenever they have a chance Englishmen ruthlessly kill the lion, which symbolizes the greatness and power of the British empire.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Movements of Persons in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

William Richards of Boiestown is a guest at the Barker.

Mrs. W. R. Dunbar and child have joined her husband here and they are guests at the Waverly House.

W. M. Thurott, traveller for the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Works, spent Sunday at his home in Mangerville.

Ex-Mayor and Mrs. Beckwith leave for Boston this week to make quite a lengthy stay and may make their home there.

Mrs. William McKinley, arrived from Woodstock Saturday, having been called by the illness of her daughter, Miss Maud McKinley, who is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

F. L. Shaw and M. F. Miller, students of the Normal School, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Miller's sister at Riasagornish Station, skating all the way there via the St. John and Oromocto rivers and French Lake.

LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Jan. 30.—The Garden Creek bridge, which was torn away with the ice jam last spring, is being rebuilt. Mr. Banks, of Lincoln, Sunbury Co., who has the contract, has a crew of men at work and will push the job along as fast as possible.

John Kelly, jr., who recently acquired a fancy matched team, is now considered to hold first rank among the fast flyers of Burden.

Messrs. Lyons and Moody are hauling spruce logs from Harvey and browing them just west of Burden village.

A few of our most prominent farmers were in the city this week attending the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association.

A few river logs, have been taken out of the ice in this vicinity and banked; others will be taken out later on.

The school in District No. 1 is in charge of the former teacher, Miss Patience A. Ballentine of Lake George. The village school is also being taught by its former teacher J. Steeves of Marysville.

NEWMARKET.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Jan. 30.—Daniel Burgoyne, a popular young farmer of this place, and Miss Nellie Kingston were married at St. Ann's church, French Village, Jan. 15th, by Rev. Father LeBlanc. Miss A. Burgoyne, sister of the groom was bridesmaid and George Stack was best man. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to their future home here.

The weather has been very cold here for the past week.

John Carlin, merchant, passed through here yesterday.

Children for Adoption.

Parties wishing to secure children for adoption should call on Mr. J. W. Sporden for forms of application. It is desirable that all applications be in the hands of the secretary of the committee before April 1. See adv. in another column.—d&w61.

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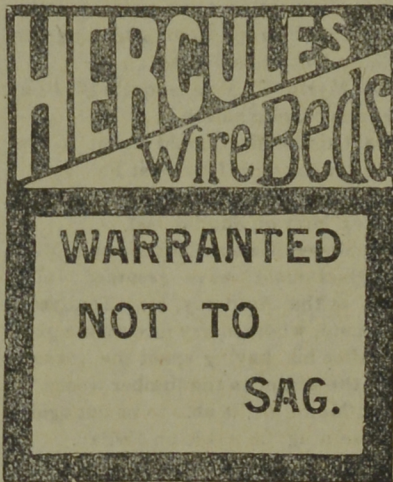
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