

RAVAGES OF FIRE.

Methodist Church at Chatham Badly Gutted—Other Conflagrations.

Chatham, Dec. 15.—The interior of St. Luke's Methodist church was badly damaged by fire yesterday morning. When the fire was discovered about 10 o'clock the ceiling around the furnace pipe was in flames. Then some hardwood piled near the furnace caught. From this the fire quickly worked up towards the belfry and the flames ran along the basement ceiling and the ceiling of the main church towards the rear of the building.

The walls and pews were considerably damaged and the pipe organ completely destroyed. The piano, in the basement was saved.

The firemen had much difficulty in saving any of the building, but after more than two hours' work the fire was put out.

The outside walls and roof are intact, but between fire and water the inside is about ruined.

It is not exactly known how the fire originated, but it is supposed to have been smouldering since Saturday, when smoke was noticed in the church. St. Luke's was a pretty church. It was built and planned by Architect Milligan, of Moncton, in 1885, and cost \$18,000. It was insured for \$8,000. Rev. W. H. Matthews of St. John, is pastor.

Quebec, Dec. 15.—The Victoria Hotel was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon and the loss will be more than \$100,000. The guests had narrow escapes. Two servant girls and one of the stokers have not been seen since the fire. Several of the guests had to jump from the windows to save their lives.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Stonewall Jackson cigar factory, a six-story brick building on McGill street was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The entire fire brigade fought the conflagration for 10 hours. The plant and stock which included a million cigars, will be a total loss. The damage is estimated at \$70,000 covered by insurance.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Fire in the Hatheway building, 208-218 Summer street, last night caused a damage of \$150,000.

RECENT ST. JOHN DEATHS.

Mr. M. McDade's Father Passes Away—Mrs. McMichael's Sudden Death.

The death occurred Sunday morning of James McDade, and old resident of St. John, and father of Mr. Michael McDade. Mr. McDade was 83 years of age, and for 52 years lived in St. John. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and came to Canada in early life. He was connected with ship-building and was a prominent figure in St. John in the days when wooden ships were constructed there. Latterly he made his home with his son. Mr. McDade had been ill for a long time. He leaves, in addition to his son, three daughters, two of whom, Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Goodwin, live in the Western States and the third, Miss Catherine McDade, is in Boston.

Death came with awful swiftness to Mrs. Charles E. McMichael, who died while sitting in a chair in her home in Orange street, St. John, about 12.30 Sunday afternoon.

She had been out during the morning and on returning home complained of feeling cold. She went into the parlor and sat down. A moment later, her husband, entering the house, found her dying. Medical aid was summoned with all possible speed but before it came Mrs. Macmichael was dead. The medical opinion is that death was due to a ruptured blood vessel.

Deceased was prominently connected with church and charitable organizations and was very highly esteemed.

She leaves a husband, Charles E. Macmichael, bookkeeper in S. S. de Forest's; two sons, Charles E., jr., of the firm of C. & E. Macmichael, and Harold H., and one daughter, Miss Helen Macmichael.

VENEZUELAN SITUATION.

And How it Hits Montreal Herald's Funny Man.

(Our Man in Venezuela.)

Caracas, Dec. 13.—The Anglo-German Ultimatum Factory, Ltd., took in 76 typewriters today, and soon hope to increase their output to one ultimatum a minute. Three new revolutions have sprung up, the English and German fleets have shelled the sea coast, all the Germans and English have been arrested again, yellow fever has broken out in 83 different places, and altogether it has been the dulllest, slowest day since the first ultimatum.

Arising at 8.06, Pres. Castro jumped out of his pyjamas and dressed rapidly.

"Let me see," he said to his head slave, "the latest style in ultimatums."

One was brought.

It was number 4681, marked down from 4,689. It read:

Castro, President of Troubleznels, From Bill II., Germany:

Prosit und Greetings—

Mine Freund Castro,—It is again yet mit pleasurements dot I ask ven you vil alretty pay der Jerman claim bof \$16.22, vich vith interest and commissions amoundts alretty once to \$16.37. Do not hurry quick. I haf twendy-three new ideas dot I keep for ultimatums vich I must work off on you yet.

Once Again Yet Prosit,

BILL II.

"That," said Castro, as he lit his cigar with the ultimatum, "is what I have to put up with. And the worst is not yet. When this affair is over, every officer on the German and English ships, will be writing a book about it."

S. TEADY LYRE

TO PROMOTE TEMPERANCE.

Organization of St. Dunstan's Total Abstinence Society Completed.

St. Dunstan's Total Abstinence Society was successfully launched at a large and enthusiastic meeting held in St. Dunstan's Hall last evening. Ald. Patrick Farrell occupied the chair, and the address was made up of people of both sexes. The committee appointed at a previous meeting to prepare a constitution for the society, submitted a report which was unanimously adopted after some discussion.

Officers were chosen for the ensuing year and installed as follows:

President—W. H. McGinn.
Vice-President—Hugh O'Brien.
Recording Secretary—Thomas L. Cain,
Secretary-Treasurer—Wm. McManus.
Sergt.-at-Arms—Fred L. Cook.

Speeches were afterwards made by the officers elected, Rev. Father Carney, Chairman Farrell and others.

The society starts out with a charter membership of 139 with every prospect of a large increase in the near future. Commencing on the 30th inst. a meeting will be held at St. Dunstan's hall every Tuesday evening.

The new temperance organization is the outcome of the very successful mission lately conducted here by Fathers Burke and Daley of New York.

GIBSON NEWS.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Dec. 15.—At the morning service in the Free Baptist church yesterday the pastor, Rev. A. D. Paul, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon, in his usual earnest manner. The reverend gentleman chose his text from Matthew VI, part of the 10th verse, "Thy kingdom come." The singing by the choir was a feature of the service, at the conclusion of which one sister was baptized.

The Women's Sewing Circle in connection with the Free Baptist church is to meet next Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Next Saturday afternoon there is to be a service for children in the Free Baptist church.

The many friends of Miss Bessie Ricker will be pleased to hear she is much improved after her recent severe illness.

At the Methodist church last evening Rev. James Crisp preached an able sermon from Matthew XII, 30: "If you are not for Him you are against Him." At the conclusion of the service an after prayer meeting was held and was well attended.

Dairying Industry Increases.

(Woodstock Dispatch.)

In the Counties of York, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska the output of creamery butter for the season of 1902 was considerably larger than in 1891. In Carleton County the output fell short, but Victoria and Madawaska both increased their output materially. A new factory was started at Stanley in York county, which did a large business. There had been a cheese factory there before and the creamery received last season over 40 per cent. more milk than the cheese factory did the year before.

The make of cheese at the New Denmark factory rose from \$0,000 pounds in 1901 to 100,000 in 1902. The make of cheese in York also increased last season, while in Carleton it did not increase.

The creamery and butter factory at New Denmark, in Victoria county, is one of the most prosperous dairy industries in the Maritime provinces. The managers make cheese from June to November and butter from November to February. They intend to operate the plant the year round after this.

Contract Awarded.

John B. Hawthorn, proprietor of the Star Laundry, has been notified from Ottawa that his tender for washing the bedding, blankets, etc., at the R. C. R. for the ensuing year, has been accepted.

George C. Rough, of Montreal, is among the guests at the Queen today.

Christmas Trees

Are not complete without some of our boxes of candy. This year we have them in the shape of automobiles, pianos, desks, horseshoes, bells and other novelties. Home-made candy and an apron table. Also a tree of wonder bags for the children. Through the kindness of Canon and Mrs. Roberts the Sunday school teachers at the mills will have this sale at the rectory, George street, on Tuesday, December 16th, from 3.30 to 9 p. m.—Dec. 13, e21.

Ordinance of Baptism.

Rev. F. C. Hartley administered the rite of baptism to one candidate, a young lady, at the close of the service in the Free Baptist church last evening.

On Hand.

Nice P. E. I. oysters, also Bay du Vin oysters, 60cts., and 80cts., per quart at Parsons' Restaurant, Regent St.—Nov., 29 dtf.

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