

LOCAL EVENTS.

The News of the City and Vicinity

SINCE YESTERDAY.

General, Social, Personal and Political Items of Interest.

Prorogation.

It seems to be the general opinion that the Legislature will finish the business in time to prorogue this evening or early tomorrow morning.

Will Entertain Students.

Mr. Flemming, M. P. P., will entertain the Normal School and University students from the county of Carleton this evening at the residence of David Hatt, King street.

Woodstock Fire.

W. F. Dibblee & Son's hardware store at Woodstock, was badly gutted by fire last night. The loss is put at \$15,000. Insured. The proprietors are father and brother of Geo. Y. Dibblee of this city.

Enthusiastic Horsemen.

John McCoy and A. B. Wetmore have leased the Fredericton trotting park for the coming season. They intend putting the track in good condition and we will see some fine work there this summer.

This Morning's Fire.

An alarm of fire this morning was for a slight blaze on the roof of the Andrew Inches house on Waterloo Row, at present occupied by Frank Smith. The damage was slight and is covered by insurance.

The First Rafts.

The first rafts of bank logs of the season reached Springhill on Monday. There were about thirty joints in the lot, chiefly owned by James M. Scott. A number of rafts are expected down this evening. Bank logs are now worth \$10.25 a thousand.

Bank Change.

C. M. Manning of St. John, has assumed the management of the Bank of Nova Scotia agency in this city, and R. B. Rossborough has gone to Sussex to relieve Manager Freeman, who is off on sick leave.

Gathering in the Logs.

As a result of the great efforts made all along the river to gather in the floating logs, about 60,000 pieces are already boomed at the mills in St. John, and about 40,000 more are safely in booms up river awaiting transportation.

Former Frederictonian's Misfortune.

Carl Ellis, formerly of this city, but now employed in a bag factory at Rumford Falls, Maine, recently had his right hand badly crushed in some machinery. It is probable the member will be saved but the injury is serious.

No Truth in It.

A rumor published at Halifax that Colonel White commanding the Royal Canadians in that city had been appointed commandant of the Royal Military school at Fredericton, and D. O. C., for New Brunswick is officially stated to be without foundation in truth.

Will Receive Pay.

The bill authorizing the government to provide for the payment of the reviser appointed by the government, was agreed to in the legislature Tuesday. The amount to be paid to them is not to exceed the amount paid by the county council to the county revisors.

Firemen Meet.

At the quarterly meeting of the Hook and Ladder Company last evening the old officers were reelected for the ensuing year. A meeting of the whole fire department is to be held in the near future to discuss matters in connection with the proposed reorganization scheme.

Spoke at Boston.

Canada and Canadians and their relations with the United States were discussed at length at the annual banquet of the Canadian Club of Boston, held at the Copley Square hotel last night. The principal speakers were Hon. John V. Ellis of St. John and Hon. J. W. Longley of Halifax, attorney general of Nova Scotia.

Wants a Divorce.

John Wesley Hazelwood, of Marysville, was served on Monday with a summons issued out of the supreme judicial court of Maine to answer his wife, Mary Estella Hazelwood, in a plea of libel for divorce, which is to be tried at the sitting of the court at Calais on April 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood were married at Marys-

ville on October 24th, 1894, by Rev. W. W. Lodge, and have one child, now seven years old, who is in custody of his mother. They separated in May, 1899, and divorce is asked for on ground of desertion and refusal to support.

DIVORCE COURT LAW.

Amended by Legislature—Causes May be Tried by Jury and Elsewhere Than in Fredericton.

The house went into committee Tuesday on the act to amend the divorce act. The attorney general explained that the bill had the approval of Mr. Justice Gregory. It enabled a judge to refer questions of fact to a jury, and also provided for the holding of the divorce court in other counties besides the county of York.

Mr. Hazen objected to the bill because its tendency was to make divorces easier. There was no complaint against the present act, and if the government were going to allow the court to travel all over the province and allow juries to try issues of fact, it would make divorces easier to obtain.

The attorney general—We are going to make them less expensive to suitors.

Mr. Hazen thought it very doubtful if allowing juries to try questions of fact would be an improvement. A judge accustomed to weigh evidence is better able to decide than a jury. In this country in commercial cases juries are very little used. In divorce cases juries would likely be influenced by feelings of sympathy. He felt that this bill was a step in the direction of the American system.

The attorney general said if the leader of the opposition had read the bill carefully he would not have said that we are tampering with the divorce law. Nearly all the sections of the bill are taken from the Imperial acts. The fifth section, which allows the reference of questions of fact to juries is taken from the Imperial act. In England they found it proper to relieve the judge of the burden of having to decide all issues of fact. Throughout the British world it has always been recognized that a jury is the best tribunal to determine questions of fact. As to the judge going to the out counties, if it is desirable to have a divorce court at all, surely it is not unreasonable that they should be available at the least possible expense to the suitor. In all other cases the judge has to go on circuit and it would be considered unreasonable to require every litigant to have his case tried in Fredericton. Why should a different method prevail in the divorce court? The leader of the opposition states that there is no demand for the bill, but it was favored by the judge of the divorce court who had had a large experience.

Mr. Hazen said he wished it to be understood that he objected to the fifth and sixth sections of the bill.

An amendment was added authorizing the judge to try a cause which had been left unfinished by the previous judge, although he had been counsel in the case, all questions of fact should be referred to a jury. The bill was agreed to.

A Good Idea.

Major Crocket and Ald. Farrell, chairman of the road committee, interviewed the York county members of the legislature yesterday, and asked them to make application to the government on behalf of the city for the use of the Government steam street roller for a short time during our summer road making operations. The representatives promised to attend to the matter. Ald. Farrell afterwards accidentally met Hon. Mr. LaBillois, and that gentleman said he would take the application into consideration and possibly a favorable answer would be given. The roller is now at St. John not in use.

The Normal Students.

The Normal students will occupy the gallery of the city hall at tonight's concert, it having been purchased for their use by a syndicate composed of Col. Loggie, Major Chipman, Mayor Crocket, R. F. Randolph and Capt. McLeod and Hawthorn. The Business College, students had seats provided for them by a number of city merchants.

To-night's Concert.

The advance sale of seats for the 71st band concert at the opera house this evening has been large, and the affair promises to be a great success. The program, in addition to a number of high class selections by the band will include vocal solos by A. E. Massie, Mrs. O. S. Crocket and others. Plan of hall may be seen at McMurray's book store.

Death at the Hospital.

The death occurred at the Victoria Hospital yesterday afternoon of James Eldon Lockhart, aged 25 years, leaving a widow and two sisters, Mrs. Ezekiel Thorne and Mrs. John Lobb, both of St. John. Funeral at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Salamanca, service by Rev. Willard Macdonald, interment at Forest Hill cemetery.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.

No Railway Bonds to be Guaranteed This Session.

A government caucus held in the executive council chamber last evening was attended by all the government supporters now in the city, and lasted from 11 o'clock p. m. until 2 a. m. The proposition to guarantee bonds for the Canada Eastern Railway and several prospective lines was discussed at considerable length and was finally rejected by a two-thirds vote. This means that the question will not come before the legislature this session.

A proposal was also made that the government pay the rental of the Beckwith house used as an official residence for the lieutenant governor, but this was also voted down by the caucus.

Among other matters considered was a proposal to have the government guarantee 70 per cent. of the bonds of the N. B. Cold Storage Company, but the caucus did not approve of this being done.

Steel Bridges for Oromocto.

In the legislature Tuesday, Hon. Mr. LaBillois said that in looking over the province he had not lost sight of the Oromocto bridge. The engineer of the department had reported the Oromocto site to be a good one for a permanent bridge, and within the next three or four months plans will be prepared for a steel bridge at that point.

The Silent Salesman.

The silent salesman at Edgcombe's will contribute very much to your enjoyment tomorrow night. Everyone likes to be well dressed at these functions, and spotless white dress shirts, white tie and reliable white kid gloves, etc.—will contribute much towards a faultless toilette. The "Salesman" has a fine display of these goods—d.

Surveyor General Dunn, who was called to St. John by the death of his brother, R. C. John Dunn, returned to Fredericton by this morning's train.

MARRIED.

At Deer Lake, York Co., April 5th, by Rev. Jos. E. Flewelling, rector of Canterbury, Thos. J. Kain, of McAdam, to Minnie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Adams.

WANTED.

A good salesman to represent a first-class Insurance Company for County of York. Apply evenings between 7.30 and 8.30 to

H. E. WILSON, Inspector, Queen Hotel.

April 9—dli

WANTED.

We have an opening for a boy who is anxious to learn the Dry Goods business. No boy who smokes cigarettes need apply.

JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON.

April 7—dtf

TO LET.

From 1st May next that desirable cottage on St. John St., at present occupied by Wm. Black, Esq. Good barn on the premises. A tenant for two or more years preferred. Terms moderate. Apply to

A. R. SLIPP.

April 4—dtf

TO LET.

The store in Coy's Block now occupied by C. Rich. Possession to be given on the first day of May next. Apply to

HAVELOCK COY. Barrister.

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WANTED.

Immediately Coat, Vest and Pant Makers, highest wages to first-class hands.

Apply to J. A. McKINNON, Pitts Building, York street.

April 3—di

MONEY TO LOAN.

Large sum of money, in amounts to suit applicants, to invest in Real Estate security at lowest term of interest.

R. W. McLELLAN, Carleton St.

Feb. 14.—dwtf

MEN WANTED.

The undersigned wants men to work on his Prince Edward Island Railway contract. Parties wishing to go will be furnished a free passage to the work, providing they remain or three months.

For information apply to

THOMAS NILES, Fredericton Steam Laundry,

or by letter addressed to WILLARD KITCHEN,

Orwell, P. E. I.

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ESTATE NOTICE.

All persons having any claims against the estate of Henry E. Sypher, late of the city of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to file the same duly attested, with Havelock Coy, Barrister-at-Law, of the said City of Fredericton, within three months from this date and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the said Havelock Coy.

Dated this 31st day of March, A. D., 1902.

JARVIS G. SYPHER, Sole Executor of the last will and testament of Henry E. Sypher, deceased.

April 2—dw&s 3 mos.



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For Ladies and Gentlemen.

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JOHN G. ADAMS, THE VETERAN UNDERTAKER

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As used in the LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL for Throat Diseases.

These Pastilles are invaluable to Singers and Public Speakers and will give immediate relief in all cases of Hoarseness and Sore Throat.

25c. a box.

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In every detail our Undertaking and Funeral Directing Service is beyond criticism. An ample assortment of caskets and funeral requisites, modestly priced.

GEO. W. ADAMS, Undertaker and Embalmer, Queen Street, uptown. Almost opposite People's Bank.

Grand Special Clearance Sale

Now going on at the

Dry New Goods and Clothing Store

and to be continued during the month of April.

Sale commenced Saturday, March 29th, and our store has been thronged with buyers since. All are astonished to find goods at such low prices. The goods are all laid on counters and marked in plain figures where you can inspect them and see prices. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.—Our immense stock of Suits, Pants, Vests and odd coats are marked down to prices that are sure to interest you. Dress Goods, Shirt Waists, Wrappers, Prints, Flannelettes, Tickings, Curtains, Room Paper, Oilcloths and Window Shades, all of which were bought at a great reduction and will be sold at almost your own prices for cash.

THE NEW DRY GOODS STORE.

PETER FARRELL & CO.