

THE N. B. VETERANS Decide to Take Active Measures to Secure Government Land Grants.

The question of government land grants was discussed at a meeting of the New Brunswick Military Veterans' Association held in Foresters' Hall, last night.

J. S. Brown, the president, read a newspaper clipping containing the report of the house of assembly, and quoting Hon. Mr. Tweedie as having said that there were more names on the petition than were contained in any record in possession of the government and it behooved them to move slowly because in trying to do right they might do the province injury.

Colonel Buchanan said that when their petition was first presented the government had promised that they would give the matter their most serious consideration. The best consideration of the government was to put the petition in the waste paper basket. They were not asking for any more than they had a right to when they asked for 100 acres. There was no manner of doubt that the Fenian raid veterans of Quebec would get their land grant at the next session of the legislature. The Ontario government had already granted land and prepared maps of each man's lot. He did not see why Premier Tweedie should insinuate that there were more names on the petition than there ought to be, he believed Col. Blaine to be a very conscientious man and he did not think that any fault could be found with the list as the government had it.

James Hunter said the association did not ask 100 acres but would be content with whatever the government would give them. The sending of the petition from their own association was in his opinion a mistake.

President Brown said that after the resignations of Hon. H. A. McKeown and Hon. A. T. Dunn from the government they had no one in the house to speak for them. The attorney general had never been approached on the subject, and as the members were mere puppets in Mr. Tweedie's hands it was useless to approach them. "What we have to do," he continued, "is to force the premier's hand on the question and this can be done only by continual agitation." The next move was to interest the St. John members and that, he continued, should not be a hard matter.

Mr. Hunter said he had been told by Mr. Tweedie that the possession of medals proved nothing. The governor of the province had one, he said, and as a matter of fact he himself had been offered one and he refused it.

Some more discussion took place on the subject, and it was resolved that next session would find them prepared to carry on a formal agitation. The meeting adjourned until the second Tuesday in May.

MISSION WORK. George Buskin on His Annual Visit to St. John.

George Buskin, of the International Evangelical and Colportage mission of Algoma and the Northwest, is making his annual visit to St. John, in behalf of the 22nd year's work of disseminating the scriptures and scriptural literature throughout the districts. The past year's work was greater and the journeys more extensive than any previous years, having visited 105 cities, towns and villages in the work, and in its behalf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, making many thousands of calls and leaving many Bibles in the homes of the people, the supplies were in ten languages. The Objav Indian dictionary published last year was very acceptable among the Indians, and the second part is also in demand, but \$600 is required to meet the cost of publishing it; 2,746 copies of Bibles and books were sold and given, and many not recorded, and thousands of tracts distributed. The paid expenses of the year were \$2,219, of which \$600 were for the missionary's subsistence there is a present indebtedness of \$3,000. The mission depot at 202 King Street, E. Toronto, is kept continually open to all comers, incurring a cost of \$600 annually. The missionary gratefully acknowledged \$21.50 contributed last year in St. John.

"MALONEY'S WEDDING DAY."

Dan Maloney celebrated his wedding at the Opera house last night and those who were present are sincere in the hope that the next time Daniel marries it will be in private. As an amusement provider "Maloney's Wedding Day" is a frost. The company presenting it numbers seven people, at least this is the largest number that appeared on the stage last night at any one time. If there were more they kept in the wings and this alone is probably a cause for thankfulness.

The play is billed as a "musical farce" in three acts each a little worse than the preceding one. The part of Daniel Maloney is played by Fred Manley. He was not as good as the traditional stage Irishman, Edmund Norton as Michael McNameara was an exaggerated type of the rough house order. His facial contortions and Irish comedy were funny but his part was very much overdone, although his ridiculous antics roused many a laugh. Miss Lamme as Katie Nolan was rather good to look upon and in her one song "Seminole," she did very well. Miss Wright played an exaggerated type of tough girl but somewhat redeemed herself by her solo in the last act. Miss Miller as the widow Nolan played an Irish character type. Mr. Wana's violin selections were exceptionally good and his imitation of a country fiddler brought forth much applause.

Altogether there are some bright spots in Maloney's Wedding Day but they are lost in the deluge of horse play and poor comedy. Most of the songs are old and the jokes should have been awarded long service medals many seasons ago.

Funke—"Katie is very happy; Mr. Foster, has asked her to marry him." Grace—"Let's see, who is this Foster—a manufacturer?"

LIVELY DOINGS. Salvation Army Metropole the Scene of a Brisk Row Last Night.

There was quite a disturbance at the Salvation Army Metropole last night, and for a time Adjutant Thompson and his assistant had their hands full. For some weeks there has been a steady run of transient trade at the Metropole. All classes and conditions of men have stayed a night, or taken their meals and paid for them without comment. Last night, a seedy-looking old customer, dropped in and asked for a meal. He totally ignored the adjutant's demand for ten cents, and seating himself at the table, began to eat his supper. When the dime was again demanded, the grizzly visitor, informed the adjutant that it was bad manners to talk to a man when he was eating, and was left to finish his meal in silence.

When, for a third time, the money was demanded, he refused to pay. Adjutant Thompson pretended to be in fighting trim, and, seizing the old chap by the whiskers, was just going to show him out, when the door suddenly opened, and Mr. Nash tumbled in. Trouble arose between him and the stranger, in which Nash came out second best, receiving a swinging blow that sent him spinning into the corner, where he remained until the trouble was over. The stranger paid his ten cents and was put to bed. Before Nash could be disposed of, a third man wandered in, and asked to be at once attended to. The assistant was obliged to keep him within bounds until the adjutant re-appeared, when both Nash and the third arrival were hustled into a sleeping room, put to sleep in opposite corners, and the light extinguished to prevent their fighting.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION. Royal Commission Submits a Report on the Scotch Churches Dispute.

London, April 14.—The report of the royal commission appointed to inquire into the Scotch churches dispute, recommends that the Free Church should hand over to the United Free church all the property it cannot itself adequately administer. It is admitted that the former can only utilize a small proportion of the churches' manse and money handed over by the recent decision of the courts. The recommendation, if accepted by the government will mean the restoration of a large part of the property to the limited Free Church. Legislation will be necessary to give effect to the recommendation, but little if any opposition is expected to it.

THE JAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

The interior arrangement of the jail recommended by the grand jury will hardly be acted upon until the municipal council holds its regular meeting next month. The jury, it will be remembered, suggested that incandescent lighting be substituted for the present gas system, that the lower floor of the dead house be used as an additional store-room, and that the upper floor, being more central, be used as a night-office for the turnkey, instead of the present office. It is altogether probable that these suggestions will be carried out.

The young English couple, who were married at the Evangeline Home on Wednesday, will in a few days, begin housekeeping in a suite of rooms, in the Metropole. Oliver Hancock the husband has succeeded, with the help of the army, in securing steady employment for the summer.

After the Car Ride—Dumley—"I was awfully glad to see that man get up and give his seat to that tired-looking old lady." Kate—"Yes, but I noticed you held on to your own seat." Arthur—"Of course, I admired the act, don't you know; that showed my superiority over one who was only capable of a practical exhibition of courtesy."

Uncle Charles—"You'll excuse me, Hatie, but I think those shoes are too small for you." Hatie—"Don't you know, Uncle Charles, that a pair of shoes are never too small for a woman?"

Feared Winter's Storm and Cold

But New Strength, Vigor and Power to Resist Disease Came Through Using

PSYCHINE

"Pronounced Si-keen"

Mr. George Pratt, a farmer, Clarkston, Ont., writes a recent letter regarding the recovery of his son, from threatening Lung Trouble. During the winter of 1902, Mr. Pratt spent many anxious months caring for his son, who was then in a very precarious condition.

"PSYCHINE is indeed a wonderful tonic. Two years ago my son, Wilbert was run down, thin and emaciated. We thought he was going into decline, and we feared for his safety during the winter months. Often I thought he'd never see twenty-one. He suffered much with Coughs and Colds and Pains in the Lungs. Fortunately I procured PSYCHINE for good results. Today my son works hard with us on the farm, and if anything is more able for it than any of us."

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CORDIAL INVITATION ADDRESSED TO WORKING GIRLS

Miss Robitaille Tells How Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Helps Working Girls



Girls who work are particularly susceptible to female disorders, especially those who are obliged to stand on their feet from morning till night in stores or factories. Day in and day out the girl toils, and she is often the bread-winner of the family. Whether she is sick or well, whether it rains or shines, she must get to her place of employment, perform the duties exacted of her—smile and be agreeable.

Among this class the symptoms of female diseases are early manifest by weak and aching backs, pain in the lower limbs and lower part of the stomach. In consequence of frequent wetting of the feet, monthly periods become painful and irregular, and frequently there are faint and dizzy spells, with loss of appetite, until life is a burden. All of these symptoms point to a derangement of the female organism which can be easily and promptly cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Miss Alma Robitaille, 78 rue St. Francois, Quebec, Quebec, tells what this great medicine did for her. She writes:

"Overwork and long hours at the office, together with a neglected cold, brought on a very serious female trouble until finally I was unable to go to work. I then thought of a friend who had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound when her health was in the same condition that mine was, and straightway sent out for a bottle. I finished that and took two more before I really began to improve but after that my recovery was very rapid and I was soon well and able to go back to work again. I certainly think your medicine for sick women worthy of praise and am indeed glad to endorse it."

It is to such girls that Mrs. Pinkham holds out a helping hand and extends a cordial invitation to correspond with her. Her long record of success in treating woman's ills makes her letters of advice of untold value to every ailing working girl, and from her wide experience and skill she quickly points the way to health. Her advice is free, and all letters are held by her in the strictest confidence. Address, Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

A CADET BATTALION.

A meeting was held Wednesday evening at the office of the district staff adjutant, Captain Marshall. When it was decided to organize a cadet battalion. Lieut. Col. McLean has accepted the position of honorary cadet colonel. The positions of colonel, major, adjutant and quarter-master will be filled from officers of the different companies. The battalion colonel will be appointed from Trinity corps, major from St. David's corps, adjutant from Stone church company and quarter-master from Carleton company. The appointments will be gazetted at once.

St. David's Bearer Corps, which goes to camp, will drill chiefly with No. 8 Bearer Corps, under Major McLaren.

The battalion will probably enter the rifle competitions held by the British Empire League. For this purpose, the government agrees to issue ten rifles. The cadet corps, and Bearer Corps, will probably use the rifle range this summer.

Battalion drills will be held during the summer. At the meeting on Wednesday, Trinity Co. was represented by Capt. W. H. Harrison, Carter Titus and Harold Raymond; St. David's by Messrs. McGowan, Malcolm and Milligan; Stone Church Co., by Captain Smith; Carleton Co., by Mr. Gardner, and St. Andrew's by Stanley Smith and Hugh McLean.

ICEBERGS AND ICE FIELDS.

In the vicinity of the Grand banks there is one of the biggest ice fields that mariners of the transatlantic course have met for years, a crunching mass, dotted with innumerable icebergs, stretching over a great area.

The Warren line steamship Sagamore, Capt. Alexander Fenton, which arrived at Boston Wednesday from Liverpool fully 26 hours late, had a most thrilling experience. When she reached the banks a dense fog prevailed, but the change in the atmospheric conditions warned the officers of the close proximity of ice, and the steamer was run at slow speed.

A break in the fog revealed enormous bergs on both sides of the ship. She was literally surrounded, and when the fog shut in again there was apprehension among officers, as there was grave danger of striking one of the bergs. Capt. Fenton ordered the engines to be stopped, and for 16 hours the vessel was a prisoner among the ice. When the fog lifted the monster bergs still blocked the steamer's pathway. She resumed her passage, dodging among the bergs and heading slightly to the southward. More than 100 bergs were passed, while to the northward a great field of ice extended as far as the eye could reach. Some of the bergs were hundreds of feet long and very high. Several seals and a walrus were seen on one berg.

The ice extended from lat. 44 degrees N., lon. 46 degrees W., to lat. 42 degrees, 30 N. lon. 50 degrees west. Just as the Sagamore rounded clear water a large four-masted steamer and a German tanker were seen emerging from the ice. They were both bound to the westward.

George Buskin, of the International Evangelical and Colportage mission of Algoma and the Northwest, is making his annual visit to St. John. The past year's work, according to Mr. Buskin, was the most successful he has yet had. He visited 105 cities, towns and villages, in the work, and in its behalf.

A milkmaid's entertainment was given last night in the Congregational church. This was rather a novel entertainment, about twenty of the young ladies who assisted, being dressed as milkmaids. There were also a number of rural scenes, to which appropriate songs were sung.

ANNAPOLIS.

Annapolis, April 13.—At the last meeting of the Annapolis Royal Board of Trade, a committee was appointed to carry on the arrangements for the Annapolis and Kings county exhibition, to be held the first week in October. Following is the committee: R. L. Hardwick, A. M. King, W. C. Healey, G. O'Dell, F. C. Whitman, Wm. Armstrong, Walter Purdy, Rev. H. How, and John Lacey. The prize list will be published shortly for the benefit of intending exhibitors.

A branch of the Fruit Growers Shipping association was organized at Belleisle on the 4th April with the following officers: Herbert Bent, president; John B. Gasner, vice-president; Archie F. Troop, secretary; Charles Wade, treasurer. The object of the Fruit Growers Shipping association, is to reduce the cost of transportation of fruit etc., from the time it leaves the producer until it reaches the consumer.

The death of Frank Martin occurred at Melvern Square, on the 2nd inst. of consumption. Deceased was well and favorably known.

Nonparel apples have been picked up this spring under orchard trees in the Annapolis Valley in a perfect state of preservation, having been kept in "cold storage" under the snow during the winter.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Lillian Morse, daughter of David Morse of this county, to L. C. Shaw of Avonport, Hants county, on the 19th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will reside in Bridgetown.

Wm. Herbert Phinney, of Lawrencetown, Annapolis county, has been appointed a justice of the peace. J. A. Bancroft, M. P. P., of Round Hill, who has been attending the legislative session at Halifax, has been suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas and heart trouble. His condition has been critical, but he is now somewhat improved and it is now thought that he will be able to return to his home in a few days.

The many friends of J. W. Beckwith, of Bridgetown, have learned with regret of his being laid up with an attack of pneumonia. From the severe onset of the disease on Saturday much anxiety was felt, but his attending physician now considers his condition as favorable as could be expected.

Leister Strothard, son of Rev. Jas. Strothard, of Chatham, (a former pastor here) who was compelled to resign his position in the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Bear River, on account of his health, is now somewhat improved and is visiting friends in the county.

John Wagstaff, of Granville Ferry, who has built a number of vessels at that place, leaves on Monday for Vancouver, B. C., to work there.

A. B. Gamster lately of Annapolis N. B., arrived here on Wednesday last to accept a position in the Annapolis Clothing Hall, conducted by A. M. King.

Walter Davis left here on Monday for Bridgetown to enter the employ of A. W. Covert of that place.

DEBEC

Debec, April 13.—J. K. Fleming, M. P. P., has finished sawing his lumber in the Debec mill. Mr. Fleming's crews have been at work in this place for the last four months.

J. F. Ivey's saw-mill seems to be doing good work this spring. Several of the schools near here have been vacant during the winter, owing to the scarcity of teachers.

Jas. O'Donnell still continues seriously ill. Mr. O'Donnell went to Boston during the early part of the winter, but does not seem to have received much benefit from the hospitals which he visited.

J. H. Crawford has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid-pneumonia and has returned to his work on the C. P. R.

The interior of the Catholic church has been undergoing repairs during the past few months and now presents a fine appearance.

More potatoes have been shipped from Debec, and the adjacent sidings, this winter than during any previous winter, yet there are many carloads still to be shipped.

Mrs. Jas. Connell of Debec, died at her home on the 30th of March. Deceased was in her 90th year. Three sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss. The three sons live in Montana, but the daughters, Mrs. Thos. Griffin and Miss M. Henderson, are residents of this place.

Mrs. Wm. Carter of Elmwood, passed away on the 2nd of April. The residence of Wm. Martin was completely destroyed by fire on the 1st of April.

The Limestone school was closed for a week this spring on account of the illness of the teacher.

CHATHAM

Chatham, April 12.—The contract for the new Hoffman block has been awarded to Messrs. John Macdonald & Co. The building is to be 40 by 68 ft. and when complete, will be one of the handsomest in town. The lower and part of the second storey will be used as a general dry goods store, and the front of the upper storey will be fitted up for offices.

J. Ken Breen, is having a new up-to-date barber shop erected on the site adjoining his old stand on Cumberland St.

George Keyes, President of the Miramichi Pulp and Paper Co. was in town a few days ago. The Chatham Choral Union under the superintendence of Prof. Clarke, propose giving the Cantata Joseph in a few weeks. F. C. Capon of Montreal will take the part of Joseph.

W. S. Loggie M. P., returned to Ottawa yesterday. Ernest Ross now of Brownville, is visiting relatives here. Among the candidates for aldermanic honors, are: William Wyse, Geo.

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