

HIGH SCHOOL AND BANDSMEN ARE TIE FOR FIRST PLACE

St. Mary's Band Now Even with the High School Boys---Scots Company Boys Brigade Second---Great Interest Being Taken in the Contest for \$200.

Excitement over the Evening Times voting contest reached its highest pitch yesterday when the High School Athletic Club and St. Mary's Band were tied after a furious and prolonged struggle.

The lads of the High School met freshmen worthy of their steel in the young musicians, who fiercely contested every inch of the ground in an effort to hold the advantage they had gained.

St. Stephen's Scotch Boys' Brigade is still keeping up the good work having turned in over 300 votes since the polls closed yesterday. For the present, the musicians, the students and the Kliffies will dispute the fight of each to occupy first position. The lads of the Scotch Brigade under the able leadership of Col. Buchanan are making a splendid effort to win that post of gold.

Court La Tour, I. O. F. have not allowed the ascendancy of the Scotch Boys and the lads of the High School to discourage them, but are seemingly determined to reach premier position in spite of the temporary odds against them.

La Tour Section T of H. and T. are also showing no indications of falling behind in the race, while many of the minor contestants are rapidly becoming prominent figures in the struggle.

An old friend, "Sobers," who is not without a sense of humor, sends another vote for the I. O. G. T. He remarks: "We caught Union Club last night. I trust this vote will place I. O. G. T. in the lead over Union Club. Vote for the cause."

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I. C. R. MACHINISTS TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT FOR INCREASED WAGES

MONCTON, Oct. 31.—(Spec.)—An important meeting of the executive of the International Association of Machinists, representing the machinists employed on the Intercolonial from one end to the other, will probably be held ere early in November. The object of this meeting, it is understood, is for the purpose of revising the present schedule of wages, with a view to an increase. Under the present schedule the maximum of wages paid to I. C. R. machinists is twenty-six cents an hour, and it is understood that the machinists' union, which is now a strong organization on the government road, will ask that the maximum pay be increased to thirty cents an hour, with the minimum wages commanded by machinists on the C. P. R., and other roads it is felt that the increase to be asked for is not excessive and only what I. C. R. machinists are entitled to.

A number of young machinists who left the I. C. R. recently to work for the C. P. R. in the west report that they are receiving four dollars a day and in some cases more. It is understood that the department of railways will be asked to grant more liberal wages. In view of the fact of a large surplus in the operation of the I. C. R. during the last two or three months, the machinists do not expect to have their request turned down. In fact they anticipate that their application for a share of the surplus will meet with a ready response. A. H. Champion, second vice-president of the I. A. M. with headquarters at Toronto, was here last week discussing the terms of the proposed new schedule with the local committee of the machinists' association, and is expected to return in a short time, when representatives of the order from all parts of the government system will probably be summoned to consider the question.

When the committee meets the members will probably also be called upon to deal with some local grievances with a view to bringing about a more satisfactory state of things than at present exists. William Anderson, son of Nelson Anderson, of Murray Road, West. Co., was brought to the Moncton hospital yesterday by Dr. H. R. Carter, of Port Elgin and was operated upon this morning. Neilson McNutt, of Botsford, who was operated upon in the Moncton hospital some time ago, has sufficiently recovered to be able to return home this morning.

The family of Rev. F. S. Bamford have arrived here from St. John and taken up their residence in the Baptist parsonage at Lewisville. Rev. Mr. Bamford will preach his introductory sermon at Dover and Lewisville next Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. John Hughes, the well known Baptist divine is in the city. Two very fine moose heads arrived in the city this morning from Fredericton for A. C. Chapman and F. W. Winter, having been secured in the northern woods and mounted by Emack Brothers.

Dr. H. M. Miller, of Amherst, has taken a position in the dental office of Dr. C. A. Murray, in this city. John McFarlan, district secretary of the I. C. R. Employees' Relief and Insurance Association, returned yesterday morning from a sixteen days' trip to Chicago and Milwaukee.

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE DIVORCE COURT AT FREDERICTON TODAY

FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 31, (Special)—The case of Pick vs. Edwards was continued in the equity court this morning. Mr. Currie finished the cross-examination of the plaintiff, after which City Treasurer Golding, Miss Annie Williams and James H. Myles testified.

Golding swore that the property had been assessed in the name of the James Mount estate, J. A. Edwards agent, since 1873. This closed the case for the plaintiff, and the defendant was on the stand when the court adjourned at one o'clock. Judge Gregory held an adjourned sitting of the divorce court this morning and finished taking evidence in the case of Joseph Holmes vs. Elizabeth Holmes, and Ida Lotzmer vs. Robert Lotzmer.

In the Holmes case Rev. Charles Stirling, of Wicklow, Carleton county, was called and proved the marriage. The hearing in the Lotzmer case was finished at the March term, but the judge later expressed a desire to hear further evidence. The plaintiff was called this morning and told of the trip made two weeks ago to New York in company with her brother, in-law, H. E. Allen, of Providence. They called at the defendant's home and were informed by wife No. 2 that her husband had lost his position and was on a spree. Mr. Crockett stated that he had endeavored to secure the attendance of the New York policeman who had accompanied the plaintiff to her husband's home on a former occasion, but had been unsuccessful.

The judge questioned the plaintiff sharply as to why she had delayed so long in bringing her suit and insisted that the law did not favor such stale applications. With tears in her eyes the plaintiff replied that she did not have the means to commence proceedings earlier and her father and brothers were unable to assist her.

The court reserved judgment in both cases until the February term. W. B. MacKenzie, chief engineer, of the I. C. R. and H. J. McGrath, masonry inspector, are here today after an inspection tour of the Fredericton branch.

The case of Willis vs. the St. John Iron Works Co., was resumed this morning in the circuit court before Judge Landry. The jury announced that they had found for the plaintiff, and on their answers to the thirty-one questions placed before them last night, his honor granted a verdict of \$500 damages for Howard Willis, the plaintiff.

In closing the case Judge Landry commented on the evidence at considerable length. In the case of John Mackay vs. the City of St. John, A. Wilson moved for trial. His motion was granted and a jury sworn. Mr. Wilson opened the case, after which the court adjourned to allow the jurors to view the premises.

In this case Mr. Mackay claims damages against the city for alleged carelessness in the construction of a sewer from Burpee avenue to Spring street, where the pipes burst and the contents of the sewer flooded under the plaintiff's house, undermining the wall.

C. N. Skinner will appear for the city. Sargeant Baxter, found I. H. Mutch of Dartmouth, N. S., wandering on Prince William street this morning and took him to the train to have him transported to his home. Mutch is an elderly man who last summer received a sun stroke, and since that time his mental faculties have been affected. When afflicted, Mutch was employed as a civil engineer west of Boston, where he earned a large salary. This morning Sargeant Baxter made arrangements with Conductor Rennie to have the unfortunate man taken to his home.

Last evening a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dumfield called at their home, 122 Waterloo street, and took them completely by surprise. After spending a very enjoyable evening, E. W. Patterson on behalf of those present, presented Mr. and Mrs. Dumfield with a very handsome solid oak secretary. Luncheon was served and the company broke up in the wee small hours of the morning.

A team representing the Fredericton High School were in the city this morning and went out to Rothesay at noon to play the Rothesay College football aggregation this afternoon.

With the advent of the new superintendent of the street railway company, there have been a number of surprises for the motormen and conductors, and new regulations are being introduced almost daily. The new timetable which is to be enforced, is a pill that many of the men find hard to swallow.

The new man, according to all reports, is making his presence and his power known in many ways and the men are constantly kept guessing as to what will come next.

Willard Crawford, one of the conductors who has been in the service of the company for some time, was informed on Monday by Superintendent Callahan, that his services were no longer required and when he asked the reason for this action he was informed that he simply wasn't needed any longer. This struck Crawford as peculiar, as he knew of no reason for his dismissal, so he went to one of the directors, and asked if he knew anything about the matter. The reply he got was that he was charged with being an agitator. Some discussion ensued as to what constituted an agitator. It was agreed that it meant to stir up, to disturb or excite, etc. It was intimated that Crawford had been talking too much about some of the superintendent's new rules, and as a result he lost his job. Crawford has secured employment elsewhere, and now some of the other men are wondering whose turn will come next.

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