

THE PACE IS STILL FAST AND FURIOUS IN VOTING CONTEST

High School Boys Succeed in Securing First Place to Date --- St. Mary's Band and Scots Company Boys Brigade Fighting for Second.

The severe weather of yesterday and today did not seem to interfere to any great extent with the public interest in the Evening Times contest, friends of the various organizations coming from distant points to cast their ballots for their favorite candidates.

An especial interest attached to the contest yesterday by the furious battle between St. Mary's Band and the High School A. C., which, after a prolonged struggle, resulted in the musicians and athletes being tied for first place.

The lads of the Scotch Brigade were not far behind the two chief contestants in the race for first position, easily capturing second place with a largely increased vote.

Today the High School boys have broken the tie and now have a lead over St. Mary's Band of 140 votes.

Another fierce battle is in prospect between the bandmen and the students with the latter likely to further complicate the situation.

"Sobor" has evidently stirred up the friends of the I. O. G. T. by his witty communications, for today's mail brings 32 votes for that order from a gentleman in Norton.

The Y. P. S. of Centenary church, as well as the Firemen's Relief Association are slowly but surely gaining ground in the contest, their vote the past two days being greatly augmented.

Court Yukon C. O. F. is another organization that is doing good work, their total vote showing a marked increase.

The Times was in a very low position on exhibition the prize of two hundred dollars in gold.

The gold pieces will rest upon a bed of green velvet with trimmings of scarlet, and arranged to form the words "Evening Times Voting Contest." The entire affair will be enclosed in glass, artistically framed and placed on public view this week.

The standing today is as follows:

High School A. C.	2900
St. Mary's Band	2850
St. Stephen's Scotch B. B.	2830
Court La Tour, I. O. F.	1910
La Tour Sec. T. of H. and T.	1780
St. Rose's L. A. D. Society	1681
Junior Beavers	1477
Marathon A. C.	1363
Portland Meth Y. M. A.	1109
Neptune Rowing Club	854
N. B. Lodge K. of P.	509
N. M. S. of St. Joseph	441
Court Yukon C. O. F.	427
Alex Sec. T. of H. and T.	298
Salvation Army	284
Mission Church Gym.	284
Firemen's Relief Ass'n	164
Ladies' O. B. A.	153
St. Andrew's Gaiety	146
St. Peter's Y. M. A.	145
Y. P. S. of Centenary church	138
King's Daughters and Sons	112
Ladies' of the Macabees	100
Marlborough Lodge S. of E.	91
Victoria Skating Club	84
Loyalist Dr. S. O. T.	77
Dom. L. O. L.	47
St. George B. B. Club	37
Military Veterans	36
Longshoremen's Ass'n	30
I. O. G. T.	33
Gurney Div. S. O. T.	26
N. M. S. of St. Joseph	25
Knights of Columbus	22
Clifton A. C.	22
St. John Prot. Orphan Asylum	20
Y. M. C. A.	19
Loyal O. S. York 3	15
City Cornet Band	17
Portland Lodge S. O. E.	9
Cham. McKenna	8
R. K. Y. C.	14
A. O. H.	6
Loyal Orange Society	6
Ladies' Aux. to Seamen's Inst.	6
C. M. B. A.	4
Compt. G. Wygodny I. O. F.	4
Ladies' of St. Mary's	3
Union Club	2

ST. JOHN STEAMSHIP ABANDONED ON FIRE AND WAS TOTAL LOSS

Battle Liner Nemea Abandoned at Sea and Afterwards Reported On Fire---Wm. Thomson & Co. Are Managing Owners of Vessel Which Sailed from Here October 16 With Lumber Cargo.

Messrs. Wm. Thomson & Co. have received cables advising that S. S. Nemea had been abandoned at sea in latitude 51, longitude 15, and the crew were on board the Johnston Line S. S. Vedamore, which will be due at Liverpool tomorrow. Further message says that she had been passed at sea on fire.

The Nemea was a fine steel screw steamer, built at Port Glasgow, in January, 1902, by Messrs. Russell Co., and was one of the latest boats of the Battle Line. She was 341 feet long by 47-1/2 beam, moulded depth 26 ft. 1 inch, gross weight 3,400, net 2,250, and dead weight capacity about 5,700 tons. She was constructed according to the three deck rule.

She was originally commanded by Captain A. Norman Smith, but the present master is Captain Aaron Shaw.

She sailed from St. John on October 16 for Manchester with a cargo of deals loaded at West Bay and here, shipped by the John E. Moore Co., Ltd.

The vessel is owned by the Nemea Steamship Company of Rotterdam, her managing owners are William Thomson & Co., of this city. Captain Shaw is well known at this port and was for a number of years in the employ of the D. A. R. Steamship Co. His friends in this city are numerous. He is known to be a very careful man aboard ship.

The crew could not be ascertained here, as they were shipped abroad and remained by the steamer for this trip.

Captain A. Shaw had his wife with him. Both of them belong to Yarmouth, N. S. The first mate of the Nemea was Edward L. Brinton, who belongs to Shelburne, N. S. The vessel and cargo are about covered by insurance.

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SEAMSTRESS GETS A VERDICT FOR \$1000 AGAINST POLICEMAN

Jury Gives This to Toronto Girl as Salve for Broken Heart in Breach of Promise Case --- College Students go on Strike.

TORONTO, Ont. Nov. 1.—(Special).—Miss Lizzie A. Fallis, seamstress, obtained a verdict at the Assizes yesterday for \$1,000 against Geo. Wilson, a policeman, on the Toronto force, for breach of promise, to marry her. Mr. Justice Mace presided at the trial which occupied a considerable portion of the day. The defendant denied having promised marriage, but admitted having given the girl a ring and many other things, including a bicycle.

The judge's charge bore somewhat against the defendant and the jury took only about twenty minutes to decide on moving the plaintiff's verdict.

LONDON, Ont. Nov. 1.—(Special).—The third and fourth year students at the

Western Medical College here have gone on strike over their lectures from Dean Moorehouse. A committee recently waited on the dean, informing him his lectures were unsatisfactory and asking that the matter be taken up by the faculty. The result was that the dean ordered the lectures to be given by the faculty. The students, however, the examiners would prevent them from entering any other Canadian college.

Since October 23, not one student of two years has attended the dean's lectures. Dean Moorehouse has lectured on the practice of medicine for 24 years and is widely known not only as a dean, but also as the president of the Ontario Medical Association.

DESERVING OF SUPPORT

Entertainment and Tea in St. John's (Stone) Church Schoolroom This Afternoon.

An affair that deserves especial encouragement from citizens will be held this afternoon in St. John's (Stone) church school room from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. It will be in the nature of a tea, the proceeds of which will go towards maintaining a cot in the Orphan's Home in Labrador, which was instituted by Dr. Grenfell.

Great preparations have been made for the tea, and it is anticipated that people of all denominations will be present as Dr. Grenfell has been supported in his good work by both Catholics and Protestants.

At the opening of the tea Rev. Mr. Lang will deliver a brief lecture, in which he will state that there are now eight children in the St. Anthony harbor orphanage. He will also explain that the object of the tea is to procure enough money to support one child, which sum is \$10 per annum.

Miss Helen Robertson, whose work as secretary during the past year has merited much praise, has retired from the office and Miss Constance Smith will be her successor. She will be very grateful to receive children's clothing and warm bedding particularly. Toys of any kind suitable for children will be thankfully received for the Xmas tree, as they will be a novelty to children in Labrador. The secretary will also be pleased to get subscribers for the magazine which is 50 cents per annum, and fully explains the work of Dr. Grenfell.

In connection with the tea a musical entertainment will be given between five and six o'clock. The programme will include solos by Mrs. Herbert Schlofeld, Mrs. Carter, Miss Costane, and Miss Sadler. Mr. Fox will act as accompanist.

The K. K. Y. C. clubhouse at Millidgeville was closed yesterday for the winter. The order of Viscountess A. R. Armstrong acting in the absence of Commodore Robt. Thomson.

There was quite a number of the members present, despite the disagreeable weather, and the ceremonies were carried out with due solemnity.

A salute of eleven guns was fired in honor of the commodore and one gun marked the hauling down of the flag.

The bugler from the yacht Louvina assisted in the ceremonies. Cheers were given for all the officers, from the commodore down.

The boats have all been hauled out and are garbed in their canvas covers for the winter.

SUTTON DEFEATS SCHAEFER

BALTIMORE, Md. Nov. 1.—George Sutton last night defeated Jake Schaefer at billiards 18-7, 500 points, in the 33rd inning. Schaefer's score was 429. The latter's 73 in his 7th inning was the highest run of the evening. In his 32nd inning Sutton ran ten and missed the shot that would have made his score 500. Schaefer's score at 418 was unable to score more than 11 towards closing the gap however.

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NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Six Inches of Snow Fell at the Capital Last Night.

FREDERICTON, N. B. Nov. 1.—(Special).—A sewerage laborer named John Syrom pleaded guilty at the police court this morning to a charge of stealing two umbrellas and was remanded until Monday for sentence. He told the court that he belonged to New York and that this was his first offence.

The case against G. A. Worth, accused of damaging a sporting car at Magaguadavic Lake, has been further postponed until next week.

The customs receipts at this port during October totalled \$4,860.34, against \$3,894 for the corresponding month last year. The value of the imports was \$36,169 against \$31,530 for October of last year.

News has been received here of the death at Brooklyn, New York, on Oct. 18, of George Washington Beverley, son of the late Francis Beverley of this city. He had been a resident of Brooklyn for nearly thirty years and was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company and the China and Japan Trading Company. The Misses Beverley of this city are sisters.

This city has a decidedly wintry appearance this morning. Fully six inches of snow fell during the night, but the soft weather is causing it to disappear rapidly.

The reports of the civic tax commission, which has been at work for nearly a year, on a new system of assessment, will be laid before the city council at the regular meeting on Tuesday.

LOST CONTRACT BECAUSE THEY WERE IN COMBINE

TORONTO, Ont. Nov. 1.—(Special).—The question of accepting tenders for repairs to the roof of St. Lawrence market gave rise to an interesting decision at the board of control yesterday.

Three tenders were received, from A. Matthews, A. B. Ormsby Co., and Douglas Bros., but Douglas Bros. was the lowest, the amount being \$6,218. In answer to Controller Ward, it was stated that all tenders had been reported by Judge Winchester as being in a combine and were now committed for trial on a charge of conspiracy.

Controller Ward said he would never consent to give a contract to any firm reported against by Judge Winchester until they cleared their skirts of the charges. The board agreed and no contract was let.

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FELL DEAD ON CHURCH STEPS

Ottawa Man Falls a Corpse While Entering Catholic Church.

OTTAWA, Ont. Nov. 1.—(Special).—T. Kelly, who does business on the Byward Market, while going into St. Bridget's church this morning to attend early mass, fell on the steps, dead. He was carried into the basement by Church Canon Sloan. The pastor was saving mass and could not go to Kelly but Canon Plantin was sent for and was on hand a few minutes after the sad occurrence.

FIVE PERSONS SCALDED

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—Five persons were scalded to death by a column of escaping steam from a broken boiler drum in a sugar house near Vacherie, La., yesterday. The scene of the tragedy, the Shell Hill plantation, is remote from telegraph communication and details of the explosion reached here tonight.

A hole two feet square burst in the boiler drum, which stood near the sugar house. The sugar house was filled with steam and when found the victims, three men, a little girl and a negro, were still alive but fatally burned and in intense suffering.

NO PROSPECT OF A FIGHT

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 31.—Advices received by army headquarters here late this afternoon from Major Grierson in command of the detachment of the 10th cavalry, which first took the field in pursuit of the Utes in Wyoming, say that there is no prospect of a clash between the troops and the Indians. The latter are quietly hunting in the mountains near their camp on the Powder river instead of moving toward the Cheyenne reservation, as reported. Major Grierson expects to have a conference with the chiefs of the band in a day or two.

CLEVER BOY FOOLED CARNIVAL JUDGES

How a Bright Young Man Secured a Prize at Last Night's Victoria Rink Carnival for the "Best Ladies' Costume."

Probably half the young men skaters of the Halloween carnival in the Victoria Rink last evening, lost their hearts to "Miss A. E. Crowley," who represented Sweet Caporal cigarettes and was successful in winning first prize for the best ladies' costume. The cigarette girl's costume was a very striking one, being an exact counterpart of the big familiar advertising posters. The pale blue tights, knee boots, red cape and hussar's cap were all used in the make-up and the beautiful flowing golden tresses with diamond ornaments were the admiration of all the males present.

Ladies were heard to remark, "Isn't she sweet?" and on every hand the dainty little figure was viewed with admiration. But, oh, if they only knew! That winsome, cute little lady was not a lady at all, but a nice looking young man, who masqueraded as a female and succeeded in winning the ladies' prize right under the noses of a lot of fair damsels

ERECTED A CELL IN HIS CELLAR

And Lived on Bread and Water Eight Years---Now Asks for a Pardon.

ROME, Oct. 31.—A wealthy land-owner of the name of Raimondo Pace was sentenced in default in 1898 at Foggia to ten years' imprisonment for murdering a servant. Pace could not be traced, and it was supposed that he had emigrated. The police a few days ago heard a rumor that he was hiding in his own house at Foggia. They raided the place, and found Pace safely locked up in a cell he had built in the basement of his home, where a servant had served him with bread and water once daily. The prisoner declared, and the servant confirmed the statement, that he had not left the cell for eight years. He intends to complete the ten year's imprisonment imposed on him in this cell and then to petition the government to pardon him. Unfortunately, the law does not recognize self-punishment, and Pace must serve ten years in a jail.

MOTOR CONTEST POSTPONED

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The governors of the Automobile Club of America, decided yesterday to postpone the motor wagon contest of the club scheduled for November 7 to 10 inclusive until next spring. A number of entries for the competition had been received but a general canvass of the makers of commercial vehicles showed that the proximity of the two New York shows which will be followed by those of Chicago and Boston would render it difficult for them to prepare for the contest.

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HUSTLED FOR GROOMSMAN WHILE HIS BRIDE WAITED BEFORE THE BRIDAL ALTAR

Only a few nights ago a bride-to-be with her attendant, stood by a clergyman's side anxiously waiting for her intended groom to arrive with his best man. The time had arrived for the nuptial knot to be tied. It passed by, but still the would-be groom did not arrive. Anxiety and even anguish were depicted upon the countenance of the pretty bride-to-be, as she stood by the side of the minister who was both solemn and repentant.

While the scene at the clergyman's residence was going on the would-be groom was not idle. True to his agreement he had procured a coach and drove to the residence of the gentleman who had promised to act as best man. The latter, however, perpetrated a mean trick upon the man to be eloped by absolutely refusing to support him in spite of all manner of entreaties.

Finally that the time for the wedding had arrived, and that he had no attendant, the young man, (for such he was) jumped into the coach, and on his arrival on one of our leading streets stopped the coach, and enquired of a passer-by if he would not act as his groomsman. He even begged of him to do so, but to no avail. The one asked, though, directed the groom-to-be to a store, where two young men were busily engaged in their daily work. He entered, and immediately was the mark for the eyes of the two young men, who beheld an excited young man dressed in a costly black suit and wearing a white tie. Beads of perspiration trickled down his face and fell upon the floor of the store. In a second he spoke. It was "I am going to be married. Will you be my best man?" The statement was directed to the young man dressed in a light-colored suit and a

reddish red tie. Naturally the one addressed was somewhat startled, and made no reply for a minute, but the would-be groom went on to explain the situation and begged the young man to go with him as he was. His entreaties brought some "There was I waiting at the church" and immediately his sympathy went out to the afflicted one and the girl at the church. He answered in the affirmative, and when the response sounded upon the ears of the one in wedding costume, a smile seldom seen passed over the countenance of the young man. He arrived, and the groom entered at this stage, and his brother employee asked him if he would remain and let him off for a while. "What for?" said he. "I want to go around the corner to stand up with this fellow," was the answer. A look of perplexity went over the countenance of the man, who had just arrived, and he gazed upon the man with the white tie sitting on the chair; but before he could recover, his fellow workman was in the coach and away.

Red tie and light suit made no difference, the groom and groomsman arrived, and the wedding proceeded with the contracting parties. Not so with the clergyman, however. He was suspicious, but was assured that it was not a run-a-way match.

As soon as everything was in readiness for the ceremony to go on, the groom, who had forgotten to put on his gloves, was very nervous, and when the minister said to him: "Are you single or a widower?" he replied: "No I am only 22." Subsequently a desperate struggle through all of his pockets, found the ring and then the interesting proceedings terminated, and the individual with the red tie and light suit went back to work.

ADMIRALTY COURT

Suit for Salvage on Ship Marjorie

J. Sumner Will be Heard November 20.

In the admiralty Court this morning the case of Albert C. Elkin, and Chas. Wm. Elderkin, of Advocate Harbor, N. S. against ship Marjorie J. Sumner, was set down for hearing before Mr. Justice McLeod; but on application of the defendants was postponed till Tuesday, November 20, at 11 a. m.

In this case there is a claim by the plaintiff of \$2000, salvage and a counter-claim by the defendants of \$4000.

The vessel, the Marjorie J. Sumner, went ashore near Advocate Harbor, about two months ago, and on the following day, the plaintiff, with several others, went out to the vessel in a steam launch and towed her around to Advocate Harbor. They claim \$2000 salvage.

The Sumner was loaded with lumber. The defendants on the other hand, contend that the plaintiffs were not salvors, but wreckers, and placed the vessel in such a position that she broke in two and sustained other damages. Their counter-claim is stated above as \$4000.

Weldon & McLean for the plaintiff and Stockton and Price for F. W. Sumner, of Moncton, owner of the schooner.

COUNTY COURT

In county court chambers this morning, before Judge Forbes, the case of Frederick A. Jones against the Empire Club an organization of about forty members, was concluded. The action was brought for the recovery of a bill of goods (furniture) sold and delivered to the club.

The case was tried without a jury and the judge gave a verdict for the plaintiff of \$104.65, the amount of the claim. W. B. Wallace for plaintiff, and S. E. Morrill for defendant.

TO INVESTIGATE COTTON SUPPLY

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The committee of the British cotton manufacturers sent to this country to investigate the future supply in a broad sense of the raw material, arrived on the Cunarder Caronia yesterday. It consists of H. W. McAlister, the chairman of the committee of six that came over in the spring, and W. J. Orr, who also was a member of that committee. These gentlemen are that country accompanied by A. N. White, their secretary, and B. F. P. Hollins, son of a large manufacturer, who is accompanying the committee on his individual account. The visitors will probably remain here for a day or two and meet American spinners and will then start on a systematic trip throughout the south to watch the picking methods and round out their practical investigation of the growing problem which began during the planting season last spring. Mr. McAlister quite fully and frankly explained the object of his visit yesterday. The supply of raw material was he urged the question of first importance to the British cotton manufacturers and the manufacturers he represented, 15 in number, were trying to inform themselves as to the practical manner on the conditions affecting the production. Mr. McAlister said also that the handling and the railway transportation of cotton would also be looked into.

The case of Mackay vs. the City of St. John was resumed in the circuit court this morning, and Wm. Mackey, son of the plaintiff, James Bryant,