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Society

The season of warm, mild weather which offered a final opportunity for outings and another chance to don summer attire has been all too brief and with the cold, bleak winds and chilly evenings suggestions of indoor functions are renewed. The week just closing has been comparatively quiet, a condition of affairs which can be readily accounted for when one considers that much of the time has been occupied in making ready the city home, for the social obligations of the coming winter.

The weekly tennis teas which proved so delightful during the summer months, have been discontinued, the final one for this year having been given last week. The golf tea which was to have been given yesterday afternoon was postponed owing to the rainy weather.

Up to the present very little has been learned with reference to plans for the winter and, while it is true that several pretentious functions will take place, they are still in embryo.

Miss Hegan entertained at a small tea, yesterday afternoon, at her home, Garden street.

An event of interest to St. John society circles was the marriage of Miss Edythe Kerr, daughter of William Kerr, to Roy A. O. Skinner, which took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mount Pleasant.

As already announced, the affair was of a very quiet character, the ceremony having been witnessed only by relatives of the contracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner have a large circle of friends who unite in wishing them all the happiness of wedded life.

A team of male players from the St. Croix Golf Club, of St. Stephen, are expected in the city next week to play the local team:

Mrs. Andrew Jack is entertaining at a small tea this afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Magee, Mrs. J. C. McAvity and Mrs. Andrew Jack were to have given yesterday afternoon's tea at the Golf Club. The event, which was postponed on account of the weather will be given next week when the same ladies will probably be in charge.

Mrs. Ward, of Richmond street, will entertain at bridge next Wednesday afternoon.

D. J. McLaughlin and family have returned from a visit to Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Babbit, of Fredericton, are visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. (Dr) Anglin, of Kingston, Ontario, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. (Dr) J. V. Anglin, at their home, Lancaster Heights.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Curling Club will be held Monday at 3 p. m., when officers will be elected and plans discussed for the coming winter

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, of New York, are at the Royal.

Mrs. James Jack is visiting friends in Boston.

Miss Barker has the honor of being the winner of the handicap golf matches for the cup presented by George McAvity.

This is the first year the cup has been played for and Miss Barker is to be congratulated on her success.

Friends of Miss Thomson are pleased to learn that she still remains the international champion of drive golf.

Miss Ena Maclaren, daughter of J. S. Maclaren, is attending the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Halifax.

Halifax Recorder: Miss Evelyn Greaney, of St. John, is on a visit to Halifax, the guest of W. J. Power, 82 Queen street.

Halifax Echo: Rev. Father McRory, of Chatham, N. B., is in the city, the guest of R. E. Finn, M. P. P.

Sydney Record: Alex. McKay, of Caledonia, left Wednesday on a two weeks' vacation to Halifax and St. John, N. B.

Mrs. Masson, of Fairville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Worrell. St. Andrews Beacon.

Mrs. Harold Grant Taylor will receive at 40 Summer street on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

NOVA SCOTIA NOTES.

The military ball given at Kentville, N. S., on Friday last was a most successful function, and was very largely attended, the list of guests numbering fully 150, including several from St. John.

Usually the tennis or quadrille clubs have given the dances, but this time the officers of the various line regiments were "at home" to their friends, which included the two clubs, who have always before extended their hospitality.

The hall was prettily canopied in flags, and the officers in charge of the decorations are masters in the art of constructing cosy corners, which were more than comfortable.

The music furnished by the 75th Regimental band was most inspiring and greatly enjoyed. During the evening Pipe Major Baillie gave two stirring selections on the pipes.

Later the pipes furnished music for a set of Lancers and one simply had to dance whether they wanted to or not. A great number of out of town people were present, many coming in for the event.

Among the guests from St. John were Miss Frances Hanington, Miss Olive Stone and Miss Perkins.

Following is a description of the gowns worn by the St. John guests:

Miss Frances Hanington, black crepe de chine, with white flowers.

Miss Olive Stone, palett green silk with white chiffon.

Miss Perkins, white silk with green trimmings.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD AND INSURANCE INQUIRY

Toronto, Sept. 27.—Proceedings before the insurance commission today were tame, after the striking disclosures of the recent sessions. The Woodmen of the World were under investigation and little of interest transpired in the evidence of W. C. Fitzgerald, head clerk of the institution. Before proceeding with the business of the day, Mr. Shepley called attention to the fact that an erroneous impression had been created that the I. O. F. benefited to the extent of $750,000 from investments in land and lumber. He explained that the statement was put in simply for the purpose of showing the meritorious nature of the investments from a financial standpoint. The profits from all the investments enumerated, however, will not accrue to the I. O. F. as they were not interested directly in some of the lands.

Sir John Boyd supplemented his statement of the previous day by the further explanation in which he made it clear that he had not in any way endorsed the proposition that the syndicate composed of McGillivray, Foster and Wilson, having put nothing into the transaction, should receive $95,000 profit on a turn-over of the Pope-Fowler lands and afterwards share in the profits of the sale of the lands. His understanding all along was that they were paying their proper share of the concern, and their right to get profits would be only based on the money they put in out of their own pockets. The idea was never communicated to him that the trust company should advance the whole money and that the gentlemen who put nothing in should reap the profits. That was a transaction he could not have sanctioned in any shape or form.

TORONTO, Sept. 27 (Special)—When the case of the Woodmen of the World was taken up before the insurance commission, Mr. Luscombe, representing the order, asked for a further adjournment on the ground that when Mr. Edwards, the actuary of the commission, last night saw the ledger, which had been opened, he was not satisfied, and further delay was desired in order to comply with the request of the actuary.

Mr. Tilley, who was conducting the examination, insisted upon going on, and W. C. Fitzgerald, head clerk of the order, was recalled. He stated that a set of books had been opened up which was satisfactory to the order. Details of the system upon which the order was conducted were explained by the witness. One of the benefits included in the policy was that a monument of not less than $100 in value was to be erected on the grave of each deceased member. Originally, when the member's family did not desire the monument the money which would have been expended on the monument lapsed into the insurance fund. Later a monument account was opened in which the receipts and payments on account of that fund were recorded. When the family of a deceased member did not require a monument the amount saved was transferred to the expense account. Prior to opening up of that special account the money was transferred in the same way under similar circumstances.

Under the charter of incorporation annual meetings were held at London, but in 1898 a change was made by which "statutory" meetings were held at London in odd numbered years, all legislation of the order being done at meetings held on even numbered years, at such places as the Grand Camp decided.

The expense account had an overdraft of $4,000 at present, for which a note bearing interest at 5 per cent. had some time ago been given to the bank. They were only getting 3 per cent on their deposits in bank of which there might be $250,000 or $300,000 to the credit of the insurance fund at the time they borrowed to square the expense account. This policy was followed in consequence of the rules of the order requiring the funds to be kept separate.

Mr. Fitzgerald was questioned at length by Mr. Tilley in reference to the accounts of the order. Totals of the debenture and other accounts as shown by the ledger were not in accord with the returns to the government. Mr. Tilley asked the witness to account for the discrepancy, but after figuring for some time he was unable to reconcile the different statements. He was positive, however, that the discrepancy was only apparent, and that both the ledger and the report to the government were correct.

Among the loans made by the society was one of $4,500 to T. H. Luscombe, head banker of the society, who also represented it before the commission. The property upon which the loan was made was valued at $7,000.

In 1906 the members refused to sanction an increase in rates for the $1,000 policy from $7.84 to $10.80 at the age of twenty and from $8.16 to $12.48 at the age of 25, as compared with $13.66 at the age of twenty by Hunter's table. It was also proposed to increase the rates for other ages in proportion. Mr. Fitzgerald admitted that if attention were paid to the actuaries the existing rates are not high enough, but declined to express any personal opinion upon the question other than that the society was getting along very well.

Geo. Edwards, accountant for the commission, said the subsidiary books such as the cash book, were excellent, but there was no general account. In order to be able to ascertain the position of the society he must have an account showing every dollar that was received and every dollar disbursed in the same way.

The bookkeeping had been carried on very well until a certain point, but had stopped short of a complete system.

The investigation will be continued tomorrow.

REV. DAVID HUTCHINSON LECTURES ON THE WEST

A very interesting lecture was delivered last night in Main street Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. David Hutchinson, who spoke of his impressions of Canada. He said that Nova Scotia was easily first from the standpoint of fisheries, New Brunswick a good second and Vancouver came third.

Quebec people, he said, had shown more confidence in their province than we did, her public men investing their money at home.

Speaking of the provinces further west, Mr. Hutchinson told his hearers that he was particularly impressed with the class of men chosen in civic affairs. They were far-sighted and enterprising and most of all were endowed with the faculty of keeping down taxation. In Winnipeg, he said, in spite of the fact that large sums of money were being spent every year, taxation was much lower than here and people were not groaning under the burden of taxation. He was not surprised at the fact that many of the maritime cities were standing still and others going into decadence, because of the stamp of men chosen in management of affairs. Then manufacturers, he said, had no inducement to do business down this way. The lecture was listened to by a large number. The proceeds are for the new organ fund.

A Talmudic Tale

Now when it was come to the time of the harvest the Ruler of the elders, even he that weareth the Purple Robe with Fur Border, called unto him his faithful Scribe, even the old man who sitteth daily at the receipt of license fees, and spake unto him thus:-

"My faithful Slave, fearing lest thou faint from much toil, it hath pleased me to grant thee a rest from thy labors for a space of time. How many canine licenses therefore hast thou written, and how many chariot licenses?"

The Scribe answered and said unto him: "Oh, Ruler! Of a verity I am very weary with my task. Behold of the former I have prepared four score, and of the latter two score."

Then said the Ruler unto him: "Well done, oh faithful Scribe. Truly thou dost deserve a rest from thy labors. Take, therefore, thy garments in sacks and go hence into the wilderness for a space of half a moon. For men say thou art a mighty hunter,—even a second Nimrod, and my servants have said that game is very plentiful, even as the sands of the sea shore."

Now when the Ruler had spoken, the ancient Scribe bowed low before him, even bending his head to the very ground, and spake unto him and said:- "Oh Ruler, thy goodness is great; yea, thou art noble and there is none like thee. 'Tis true that I am most weary from my toil in much writing and searching ancient records, and the chase will revive me."

So the Scribe rose up and packed his garments and went afar off into the wilderness, even into the land of Holy Martin, which is called by the people Quaco.

Now it came to pass that when he had arrived there the Ruler of the place, even he whom they call "Squire," said unto him: "Welcome mighty hunter. We are pleased to have thee with us again, for the inhabitants are in great terror. Mighty Bulls of Bashan swarm in vast numbers, and are devouring our people daily, and unless something be done quickly there will be none of us left. But be thou warned, oh mighty Hunter, not to hunt or kill our Sacred Ram, whom our people worship, and who is named Baa Baa Black Sheep."

Then spake the Scribe and said: "My Lord Ye, need have no fears in this matter. I will go forth in my strength and kill these Bulls of Bashan, but I will not harm your Sacred Ram."

Now it came to pass on the morrow that the Scribe arose and girded on his garments and took his bow and arrows and departed into the wilderness.

Now it came to pass about noon that the eyes of the Scribe grew weary, and he said unto himself: "I will even rest here awhile and fancy I am chatting with the ancient engineer whom I left behind me in the great city."

And he did so. But it happened that the old man was very tired, and he fell asleep and slept for the space of two hours. When he awoke and opened his eyes, lo! there was a great mist, and he saw before him through the mist a huge monster, which he took for a Bull of Bashan. Then he drew his bow, and lo! the arrow struck the monster, and the groans of the monster went up even unto the village of Hampton.

And while the Scribe was shivering and shaking, lo! the mist was carried away by the wind, and lying on the ground before him was the dead carcase of the Sacred Ram, even Baa Baa Black Sheep. Then the Scribe arose and fled towards Hampton. For he feared the wrath of the people.

And thus ended the quest of the faithful Scribe for the mighty Bulls of Bashan in the place which is called by the people Quaco.

TO PREVENT AMERICANS FROM FISH POACHING

Canadian Minister of Marine Will Put First Class Cruiser on Pacific Coast.

OTTAWA, Sept. 28 — (Special)—The minister of marine and fisheries has authorized Col. W. H. Anderson, chief engineer of the marine department to act in conjunction with the International Waterways Commission in deciding upon and buoying a boundary line in the centre of Lake Erie.

P. G. MacPherson, M. P., Vancouver, had an interview with the minister of marine and fisheries yesterday and Mr. Brodeur assured him that he was to place a first-class cruiser on the Pacific waters to stop the poaching of United States vessels for halibut and other fish in Canadian waters.

Two additional puisne judges have been appointed to the supreme court of the North West Territories. They are C. A. Stuart, of Calgary, and T. C. Johnstone, of Regina. The appointments were put through at yesterday's meeting of the cabinet. At present the court comprises a chief justice and five puisne judges. For the future it will be a chief justice and seven puisne judges. Messrs. Stuart and Johnstone are men of excellent legal attainments and have been highly recommended.

CHILDREN'S DAY

"Children's Day" throughout the Dominion will be celebrated in the Presbyterian churches next Sunday, and the Sabbath school committee of the general assembly have prepared an order of service for that day entitled, "Looking unto Jesus," consisting of singing, responsive readings and an address.

The order of service will be carried out in St. David's church at 2.45 p. m., when the five Presbyterian Sunday schools in the central part of the city, St. Andrew's, St. Stephen's, St. John's, Calvin and St. David's, will hold a rally in unison.

The address will be given by Rev. L. A. McLean of Calvin church. A chorus of sixty boys and girls will render three selections.

An offering will be taken up on Sunday for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the general assembly Sabbath school committee, and to aid in supplying literature to new or needy districts.

PICTURE SHOW COMING

The Dominion Moving Picture Company, under the direction of Meyer Cohen and Leonard J. Mack, both well known in the provinces, will appear at the Opera House on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday matinee and evening of next week. They have just closed a very successful tour of the provinces with the San Francisco earthquake pictures, and now have formed a company which has for its purpose the giving to the people of the provinces the very latest and very best subjects in moving pictures.

The pictures to be shown at this time will include a trip around New York in fifteen minutes. In this picture may be seen the elevated trains, the Broadway cars, the shopping district, the big department stores, Herald square, the theatrical district from 34th to 42nd streets, showing the Metropolitan Opera House, showing Times square, Hotel Astor, passing Shanley's Restaurant and Rector's, both well-known eating houses in New York.

Boston, Sept. 27—Austin Conrad, a farmer of Lunenburg (N. S.), was floored by two strangers today when about to board the steamship Prince George, of the Dominion Atlantic line, for Yarmouth. He accepted a check for $750 drawn on the First National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, as security for $15, he loaned two confidence men, who wanted, they said to pay a freight bill. The check was worthless.

The marriage of Mrs. Jane Stewart and Oliver J. Emery, both of Carleton, will take place Saturday afternoon. There will be no attendants. They will sail on the steamer Calvin Austin for a trip to Boston, after which they will reside in King street, Carleton.

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