

BOOMING HILL
FOR GOVERNOR

St. Stephen Liberal Club Adopts Resolution Favoring Him as Successor to Late Hon. J. B. Snowball---Candidate Also Nominated for Customs Job.



HON. GEORGE F. HILL

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Feb. 28 (Special)—A largely attended meeting of the Liberal Club, held last evening, a resolution was unanimously passed that it was the desire of the club that Hon. Geo. F. Hill should be appointed lieutenant governor of the province in succession to the late Lieutenant Governor Snowball.

The club also voted upon a successor to the late James P. Bixby in his Majesty's customs service. The names presented to the club were T. M. Vastone, C. N.

Vroom, Wm. Hawthorne, Geo. H. Sullivan and Ninian Hannah.

On the second ballot Wm. Hawthorne received a large majority of the votes and the nomination was then made unanimous.

It is understood that the nomination of the club is equivalent to appointment, and Mr. Hawthorne is receiving the congratulations of his friends. He is a popular young man, a native of the town, and a graduate of Belleville business college, and for some years has been a travelling salesman for James N. Clarke & Co., wholesale crockery dealers.

POLICE COURT

Today in the police court John Carlson was fined \$8 and Albert McCardiff \$4, and Charles Roberts \$4 for drunkenness. The latter denied the charge and officer McNamee stated that the prisoner at 11.45 o'clock last night, was trying to get into Brennan's store on Water street. Roberts was drunk at the time and had come in

contact with a large fist, for his nose was badly broken.

The family of Capt. George Finley—who with his crew was rescued yesterday from his sinking schooner, Morancy, by steamer Hektor, and taken into Portland, Me., have received word that he is well and will probably reach St. John tomorrow.

RUSHING BUSINESS THROUGH
IN UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Legislators Who Took Things Easy During Earlier Part of Session Are Now Working Overtime---Japan and the Philippines---Possible Presidential Candidates.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The last days of the session of Congress are busy ones and legislation which should have had weeks for consideration and discussion is being rushed through at a furious rate. The first weeks which could have been fully occupied by the matters before Congress were given over to the discussion of the Brownsville affair, the Smoot case, half-holidays and any other fancies that struck the minds of the leaders. For the first month one might have supposed there was nothing to be done or that there was an unlimited time in which to do it. But if Congress was not busy, those early winter days the lobbyists and the promoters were making hay while the sun shone, and their preparation for the final struggle on several great questions was being perfected gradually but surely every day. The result is apparent in the work now going on in Congress. Bills are turned out every day in which the hand of the lobbyist is plainly apparent and in their haste the most conservative of congressional forces are falling under the influence of the promoters. Washington hotels frequented by congressmen are fairly filled with representatives of interests involved in congressional legislation and involved in good fellowship and eloquence and persuasiveness and every other force is being skillfully employed to influence votes in both houses. After the passing of each bill there is a sudden flight of hotel guests who have been in the city since the opening of Congress, showing that successful or unsuccessful their work here is finished for the season. It would be a revelation to voters if they could see the manipulation of their representatives about this period in each short session and realize to what an extent their interests are jeopardized by the haste, the hurry and the indifference with which laws are railroaded through in the last days.

The public is still enjoying the remark of one of the United States representatives who suggested that we should go to war with Japan, whip them and then make them take the Philippines as their punishment for provoking the fuss and the general opinion of the public is that the Philippines should be loaded on our worst enemy. The president has lately

had it brought to him that some of the best friends of the Philippines, who a few months ago were all for keeping the islands under our parent wing, are now entertaining an exactly contrary opinion. The discussion of the Japanese question has brought the Philippine matter to the front again and in congress the majority believe that the United States must get out of the islands at no remote date, a protectorate on our part is believed to be poor policy and the consensus of opinion favors the granting of independence to the Filipinos and the payment by them of our expenditures in the island. Mr. McCumber, the senator from Washington, has proposed that the United States should take two permanent coaling stations in the islands; that two should be given to England and that for these two concessions the territorial integrity of the islands after independence. This would be merely a pledge of nations and would be no guarantee of protection in case of war. In this way Mr. McCumber believes that the nations would be deprived of any ordinary pretext for war and that the Filipinos would work out their own national future. The United States could keep control of the customs houses until all debts to this country had been paid. The retention of the Philippines is conceded in congress to mean a vast expenditure in fortifications and in additions to the army and navy. The question is one which is sure to come up in the next republican convention and the leaders of the party are working to get some conclusions ready for embodiment in the platform.

The president has signed the new immigration bill and the interest now centres in the men who will be appointed to serve on the commissions provided for in the bill. The president has said he would appoint no extremists, by this meaning those persons who are known by the extreme or eccentric views on the subject of those identified with organizations either for or against immigration restrictions. The bill provides for one commission of nine persons to study and report upon the immigration problem. Three of these are senators to be appointed by the president, and three are to be appointed by the Speaker of the house. The remaining three will be named by the president and their salary will be fixed

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ALEX. GIBSON SERIOUSLY
ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

New Brunswick's Cotton and Lumber King in a Critical Condition --- Consultation of Physicians Held.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 28 (Special)—Alexander Gibson, the lumber and cotton king of New Brunswick, is seriously ill at his home in Marysville from an attack of pneumonia. He has not been enjoying his usual good health for several days, in consequence of an attack of la grippe, and going out on Tuesday against his physician's advice, he contracted more cold and pneumonia developed.

As Mr. Gibson is in his eight-seventh year it is feared that he will not be able to survive his present illness.

Dr. Fisher remained with him the greater part of last night and this morning Dr. Atherton was called in consultation. They regard the patient's condition as quite critical.

AN INTERESTING CASE

A. M. Philips the Plaintiff in Civil Court Suit Today.

Another interesting case was heard in the city court this morning and one which at one time threatened to end in J. Oliver Munde, formerly of this city but now of Boston, being charged with forgery by Alex. M. Philips, broker on Prince Wm. street.

Mr. Philips brought suit against James W. Munde, of the west side, for \$8.

The plaintiff stated that over a year ago Mr. Munde's nephew, J. Oliver Munde, came to him and asked if he could borrow \$50. Not knowing the young man, Mr. Philips refused, but said that he could get his uncle to attach his name.

That was satisfactory and young Munde came back with five notes of \$10 each, each bearing the signature of James Munde and J. Oliver Munde.

This morning the defendant said that the notes were forged but he had paid them all but \$6 on one. He did not wish the case exposed on account of the family. J. Oliver went to Boston and \$6 was still owing, so then Mr. Munde refused to pay. The latter went to Mr. Philips and the plaintiff says that Mr. Munde said to him "Don't take any more notes with my name signed, but I'll see that this money is paid." Mr. Munde denied that, and stated that he would try to get the amount for Mr. Philips. The latter stated then, in court, that had he known the circumstances, he would have had the young man arrested for forgery.

At this juncture, the court suggested a settlement, which was effected.

The church edifice, which was built for the Unitarians, and recently purchased by Louis Green for the use of the Jewish people as a synagogue, has undergone a number of changes, and will no doubt be a very creditable church home for the local Hebrews.

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserves, decreased, £211,000. Circulation, increased, 264,000. Bullion, increased, 734,000. Other securities, unchanged, 784,000. Other deposits, increased, 250,000. Public deposits, increased, 280,000. Notes reserves, increased, 192,000. Government securities unchanged.

The proportion of the bank's liability this week is 47.22 as compared with 45.90 last week.

Chalmers Jack of this city, who has been in the Bank of Nova Scotia service at Glouce Bay and Sydney, and returned thence to St. John, has been transferred to Toronto. He will leave this evening. This makes four St. John boys in the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto, the others being L. McLann, A. Clark and W. H. Belding.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A PROUD MOMENT

Perhaps the proudest moment in the lives of Mayor Sears and other members of the city council will be when they are waited upon next week by five hundred happy children who have enjoyed the skating on the free, open-air rink on the Weldon lot this winter.

It has been to the children a great educative experience, since they enjoyed the skating in their minds only.

It will be remembered that the sum of \$100 was granted at the beginning of the winter to prepare the Weldon lot for open-air skating, and that several times since it has been announced that the work

THAW'S LETTERS SHOWED
MENTAL UNSTABILITY, IS
THE OPINION OF DR. EVANS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The immediate future in the Thaw trial shows nothing but expert testimony. Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the asylum at Morris Plains, N. J., will resume the stand today and District Attorney Jerome will continue the searching cross-examination which took up practically all of yesterday's session. Today Dr. Evans will tell what signs of melancholia he found in Harry Thaw's letters, and the will which bears the date of April 4, 1905, the day on which Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit were married.

Perhaps the most interested man in the courtroom yesterday was Dr. Charles G. Wagner, superintendent of the state insane hospital at Binghamton, N. Y., whose cross-examination will follow that of Dr. Evans. He occupied a seat close to the rail and listened intently to every question and answer.

Beside Mr. Jerome during the cross-examination sat Dr. Carlos MacDonald, Dr. Rhine, and Dr. Wm. Mabon. They made voluminous notes and Mr. Jerome conferred with them constantly. It is said all three of these alienists will go on the stand in rebuttal.

While the district attorney has stated that he will call Dr. Alan McLane Ham-

ilton to the witness stand, it is probable that the rule of physician of patient will be invoked by the defence. Dr. Hamilton was retained by the defence soon after the killing of White and saw Thaw in the Tombs at the request of Thaw's lawyers. When he examined Thaw it was as a physician in Thaw's employ. There is little chance that the court will now allow him to testify for the prosecution without a specific waiver on the part of the defence.

Mr. Delmas stated yesterday that he expected to finish the defence's direct case this week, the sixth of the trial. If this is done, it is likely that the case will go to the jury within two weeks thereafter.

Dr. Evans was recalled this morning and his cross-examination resumed by Mr. Jerome. Last evening Dr. Evans was given copies of Thaw's letters, will and codicil, that he might be prepared for cross-examination on his theory that these documents contain evidences of an unsound mind. He read them again in court this morning.

"Do any of those letters show that the writer was insane?" asked the district attorney.

"Some of them, in my opinion, show signs of mental instability."

"By mental instability do you mean insanity?"

"Not insanity in the sense that he would remain permanently insane."

CAN THESE MEN
BE SENT BACK

Arthur West, aged 27 years, Edward Farr, aged 24 and Albert Finby, aged 21 years, all of London, who came out on the Lake Champlain and got into trouble here were charged this morning by Chief of Police Clark and Officer Lee, with carrying a revolver and having brass knuckles in their possession. Chief Clark stated that Assistant Superintendent Robertson, of the immigration department, said that the men would be deported and he asked Judge Ritchie what would be done in the matter.

The case comes up this afternoon at 2 o'clock when Mr. Robertson will be present.

The immigration people allege that the men are their prisoners and they have the power to deport them. The judge on the other hand stated this morning that the men according to the evidence came across the city and bought revolvers and there fore were landed and he had yet to learn what authority the immigration people had to deport them.

All three men were bound for Winnipeg and have contracted to work for J. D. McArthur on the Transcontinental Railway for \$2 per day.

A PICTURE OF
OLDEN TIMES

Restored to the glory of by-gone days, the old Chipman House will present many attractive features to those who gather within its historic walls to attend the farewell banquet to be given by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Seamen's Mission this evening.

The quaint old drawing rooms have been entirely transformed. Bright fires have been kindled in the spacious old-fashioned grates, carpets have been laid upon the floors and pictures and tapestry hangings complete the transformation. The winter carnival and Mrs. Wigg's cabbage patch are about ready to be visited by the public, and last, but not least, the king's chamber, where the banquet will be served presents a festive picture, with decorations of flags and bunting. The tables also have been tastefully adorned, and the menu is the best that the season affords.

Prominent among the decorations is the Irish flag that floated over the stake-bait at the last great international yacht race.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—(Special)—The market today was very dull. Dominion Coal was neglected with quotations ranging between 68 and 69. So were Dom. Iron issues. The street hears that Toronto peacemakers between the two concerns have some kind of holding company scheme which will be sprung at the annual meeting of the Dominion Coal Co. and which may account for some of the recent strength in that issue. Some issues showed an easier tendency notably Nova Scotia Steel at 77 to 77 1/4; Montreal Power, at 99 and Bell Telephone at 141. Magdalen Island Development issues were firm at 31 for common, 71 for paid and 92 1/2 to 93 for bonds. Mexican bonds changed hands at 82 3/4.

E. M. Sippell left yesterday for Toronto to attend the annual meeting of the Mutual Life of Canada.

A HORRIBLE
OCCURRENCE

BATTLEFORD, Sask., Feb. 28.—(Special)—A horrible occurrence has been revealed by investigations of the police following the rumor of a tragedy near Eagle Lake in the German Settlement. A settler named Kucher had both feet frozen and while being treated in the house of a neighbor named Ryder, went insane through suffering, having no medical attention.

He attacked Ryder with an iron bar while the latter was asleep and nearly murdered him, beating him so terribly that he will be disfigured for life. The arrival of neighbors saved Ryder's life, and the maniac was overpowered and bound. Kucher was taken to another house and his sufferings were so terrible that a man named Stubbart who was nursing him, but dared not free him, also went insane and blew out his brains. Kucher afterwards also died.

There will be a Burns night on Tuesday, March 5, in the Queen Square Methodist church, and a programme suitable to the memory of the Scotch poet is being arranged. The best musical talent and reciters have been secured and Rev. G. M. Campbell will address those present on the life of Robert Burns.

Michael J. McCullough, who is night watchman in the L. C. R. depot, is critically ill with pneumonia at the American hospital where he resides. His physician does not think that he can survive today. Mr. McCullough is an elderly man and is very well known in the city. He has been a life-long member of the L. L. & B. Society.

James Allen, aged 30 years, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen on a warrant from Montreal, which charged him with aggravated assault. Chief Clark received word last night from Detective Carpenter, of the Montreal force, that an officer with the required warrant would leave Montreal tonight for Allen.

The case of Winslow vs. Richards was continued in the equity court this morning and the examination of Mr. Russell was continued. Mr. Gunder was also on the stand, and R. W. McLellan, of Fredericton, will go on this afternoon. Argument of counsel will be heard tomorrow.

A most remarkable thing at this season of the year is that Finan haddies and haddock are very scarce in the fish market. This fact is owing chiefly to the severity of the weather. The prices today are as follows:—Cod, 5c. per pound; cod steak, 10c. per pound; halibut, 5c. Smelts, 12c. flounders, 8c.; mackerel, 15c. to 20c.; gas peraux, 7c.; salmon, 15c.

Dr. Bridges when asked today regarding the school attendance and general health of the pupils during the cold weather, said that while no definite figures were available as yet, it was safe to say that the teachers with very few exceptions had attended regularly even though some had suffered from severe colds. There had been a falling off in the general attendance of pupils, and this had been particularly noticeable in the primary departments.

In deciding to grant the lady teachers an increase of \$25 per year in salary the school board made a very nice calculation. Had the sum been made \$26 it would have been an even fifty cents per week, but that would seem so enormous an increase that it might fit the recipients with a haughty pride, ill-befitting their humble station. Therefore the figure was placed at 48 1/2 cents per week.

NEW SUNDAY LAW
IN FORCE MARCH 1

The Lord's Day Act of 1906, Will go Into Effect Tomorrow---Some of Its More Important Provisions --- Chief Clerk Instructs Police on It.

The Lord's Day Act goes into force tomorrow, and on Sunday next the police officers will begin their work of watching closely for all offenders. Chief Clerk last night finished instructing the men on the act, when he visited the north end station and there read and explained the act to the north end division.

The following is a brief summary of the act—the more important sections being alluded to:

Sec. 1. (a) "The Lord's Day" means the period of time which begins at 12 o'clock Saturday afternoon and ends at 12 o'clock on the following afternoon."

Sec. 2. "It shall not be lawful for any person on the Lord's Day to sell or offer for sale or purchase any goods, chattels, etc., or to do or employ any other person to do on that day any work, business or labor."

Sec. 3. This section allows any person on the Lord's Day to do any work of necessity or mercy which includes:

(a) Any necessary or customary work in connection with divine worship.

(b) Work for relief of sickness and suffering, including the sale of drugs, medicines and surgical appliances by retail.

(c) Necessary, transmitting or delivering telegraph or telephone messages.

(d) Starting or maintaining fires, making repairs to furnaces and repairs in cases of emergency, etc., and another subsection including "The conveying of travellers and work incidental thereto."

Sec. 5. "It shall not be lawful for any person on the Lord's Day, except as provided in the Provincial Act, or law now or hereafter in force, to engage in any public game or contest for gain or for any prize or reward, or to be present thereat."

Owing to the very severe weather lately the street railway company has not made very rapid headway with the building of the new car shed on the west side. Construction work is however well advanced and the structure will be completed in the early spring, in plenty of time for the increase in traffic during the summer months.

Charles McKelvin, formerly with the International Harvester Co. in St. John, is now with the Massey-Harris Co. in Calgary, having gone there from Toronto.

BELIEF IS THAT TWEEDIE
CAN HAVE IT FOR ASKING

Question of Who Will Be Next Governor is Now Attracting Attention --- Understood That Mr. Emmerson Favors Premier Tweedie.

In the realm of local politics the appointment of a successor to the late Hon. Jabez B. Snowball as lieutenant-governor of this province is the paramount subject of street talk and rumor, just now.

The appointment of a lieutenant-governor is made by Earl Grey, on the recommendation of his responsible advisors. In the case of the province of New Brunswick the wishes of Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, and leader of the liberal party in this province, would doubtless prove a large factor in the selection of the lieutenant-governor. It is understood that Mr. Emmerson strongly favors the appointment of Hon. L. J. Tweedie, the present premier, to the vacant gubernatorial chair, and in the event of his acceptance of that office the provincial government would be reorganized with Hon. William Pugsley as premier and attorney-general. Through a fortunate combination of circumstances, Dr. Pugs-

ley is now prepared to devote more attention than ever to political pursuits and he would bring to the office of premier a keen knowledge of political affairs and a large following.

Premier Tweedie is a comparatively young man and it may be that he would not be prepared to relinquish the successful activities of provincial leadership for a comparatively restful career as lieutenant-governor. However that may be, there is little doubt in the mind of the man on the street that the present premier can have the honor if he will take it, and his friends aver that he would mightily become a new Windsor uniform.

Meanwhile the names of Senator Ellis, Hon. A. R. McLellan and Hon. L. P. Faris are also mentioned, while, as will be seen by reference to another portion of this issue, Charlotte county has just launched a large sized boom for Hon. Geo. F. Hill.



HON. WM. PUGSLEY



PREMIER TWEEDIE