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HE WILL DECIDE THIS AFTERNOON

Magistrate Marsh Unable to Give Verdict in Emmerson-Crocket Case This Morning As He Had Not Received Stenographer's Depositions.

FREDERICTON, N. B. June 3—(Special)—There was a big crowd on hand at the police court this morning expecting to hear Judge Marsh's decision in the Crocket-Emmerson libel case but they were doomed to disappointment. His honor announced that he had not received the depositions from the stenographer therefore he would not decide the matter until three-thirty o'clock this afternoon.

Three boys named Harry Allen, sixteen; John Ryan, and George Kitchen, each thirteen, pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering the warehouse belonging to R. Chestnut & Sons, and were remanded until Wednesday for sentence.

Judge Wilson will open the June term of the York county court tomorrow.

A. E Brock will retire from the management of the Royal Bank agency here tomorrow and will leave shortly for Montreal to which place he was lately transferred.

A large pane of plate glass in M. E. Doohan's grocery, Regent street, was smashed last evening by a brick thrown by some person with malicious intent. Doohan's store is next door to a Chinese laundry, the proprietors of which, during the evening were entertaining the public to Chinese music on a graphaphone and it is believed the brick was intended for them.

Elijah Yerxa, deputy registrar of deeds has resigned to engage in the grocery business and will be succeeded by Miss Nellie Cliff of Kingsclear.

The Scott Act case against Frank Hayes of Tay Creek was dismissed by Col. Marsh this morning for want of evidence.

Ex-Mayor John A. Lindsay, of Woodstock and Miss Mary McCain, daughter of Robert McCain, of Burton, will be married at the bride's home on Wednesday morning. The honeymoon will be spent in the old country.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY CASE IN COUNTY COURT TODAY

Wm. Golding on the Stand Declares He Had Nothing to Do With Taking Mrs. Wood's Satchel---Sharp Passages Between Judge Forbes and Daniel Mullin

The robbery case against Joseph London and William Golding was resumed in the county court this morning. The evidence for prosecution was concluded and the case for the defence opened.

Policeman Robert Crawford, who was under examination when adjournment was made on Saturday last, was recalled to the stand. Crawford, on Saturday, gave testimony relative to an admission London made when he was arrested. Daniel Mullin, K. C., acting for the defence, contended that this evidence should not be allowed. The point was settled and his honor stated he would settle the dispute in counsel at this morning's session.

Mr. Mullin, this morning, cited a number of cases in which the evidence of a confession was submitted and was not allowed.

His honor observed to Mr. Mullin that he had better confine his remarks to his address to the jury, as he had taken up considerable time last Saturday and today. Mr. Mullin said he had a duty to perform to his client and he wanted to take time and do it seasonably.

His honor told Mr. Mullin that he (Mr. Mullin) had already quoted all his authorities which would have more weight with him than the counsel's personal opinion. Mr. Mullin insisted on continuing his argument and was allowed to do so.

His honor said he would finish out the case if it took to midnight.

His honor allowed the evidence referred to to be admitted. Recorder Skinner said he would not press the matter.

To Mr. Mullin witness said he took up the case on Friday night between 9 and 10 o'clock. On that night he saw Mrs. Wood, who told him that one of the men was tall and the other short. Witness would not swear Mrs. Wood told him that the taller of the two men referred to was six feet tall. He stated also that he had been told by Mrs. Wood that the purse had been taken from her and described the men who assailed her, and then hurried to hunt up the men. Witness then told of seeing a young man named McLean at the Windsor Hotel. He was in bed at the time. Witness did not remember reading in the papers the following morning an item stating that a brother of Jack McLean was in St. John and under suspicion. Crawford said he did not always read the papers.

Mr. Mullin. "Don't you read about your own exploits?"

Witness: "I had no exploits."

Here his honor told Mr. Mullin that he must stop that sort of thing and treat the witness properly. His honor observed that Mr. Mullin smiled sarcastically when questioning the witness.

Crawford said Beckwith told him that Golding and London had committed the robbery, divided the money between them and he (Beckwith) had helped them to drink it up.

Up to this point there had been an occasional passage at arms between his honor and Mr. Mullin, with some little dispute as to what was proper treatment of the witness. Crawford, too, was inclined to be irritable and was reminded by his honor that his (Crawford's) interests would be looked after.

This closed the case for the prosecution, and E. S. Ritchie, London's counsel addressed the jury arguing the defendant was not in the vicinity of Leinster street, at the time the plaintiff claimed he was. He started for home from the corner of Clarence and Union streets at 8.30 o'clock, went from there to the Every Day Club. Later he met Golding on Brussels street.. Mr .Mullin acting for Golding said that although Mrs. Wood had identified Golding as the man who snatched the satchel from her on the night in question; she was mistaken and the case was one of mistaken identity.

At or about nine o'clock that evening, Golding was lying on the lounge in the room of his invalid mother. She told that she had asked Willie what time it was when he woke up he said 9.20 o'clock. Later that evening he saw Beckwith at the Every Day Club but said nothing to him. He went out of the club and met London near McAvity's store, Brussels street; then with London he went to the Victoria Hotel where he met Willie McLaughlin and his father from whom Golding borrowed a quarter.

Golding was then placed on the stand and swore that he got home to supper at 5 o'clock on Good Friday evening. He got his mother's supper and his own, then went out. He returned home about seven o'clock. Bertie Duffee was still in the house.

He went into his mother's room where he lay down and went to sleep and on awakening in response to a question from his mother, lit a match looked at the clock and told her it was twenty minutes past nine. At 9.30 he again started out and went to the Every Day Club. Golding flatly denied having had any conversation with John Beckwith at the club referred to and no mention was made of a satchel, watch or $10 bill.

Leaving the club he met London on Brussels street opposite McAvity's later on. Then they went to the Victoria Hotel and had some drinks. There he met McLaughlin. From McLaughlin he borrowed 25 cents, as he had spent the 45 cents he had when he went in there. He left the hotel with London about 11 o'clock and they started for home. The two went to his (Golding's) home, and he went into his mother's room, went to a stand, took a pocket book out of a stand drawer, opened the pocket book, took out three bills and later with London, went up town and finally went out the road with younk Keefe. This was about 11.30 o'clock. They got home at four o'clock the next morning.

Mr. Skinner objected to Mr. Mullin's query as to whether Golding's mother heferred to the money the next day.

Witness said he was not at the corner of Princess and Sydney streets or at the corner of Leinster and Sydney streets on Good Friday night, nor did he snatch a satchell from Mrs. Wood on that night. He had been drinking somewhat on Good Friday and could not say just how long he slept when he lay down in his mother's room.

Wm. Golding was still under cross-examination when adjournment was made till two o'clock this afternoon.

RUSSIA HAS NOT YET SEEN THE END

Leader of Famous Finnish Revolutionary Organization Predicts More Riot and Bloodshed---Chased Half Over the World by Russian Secret Police.

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NEW YORK, June 3—Capt. J. Kock, leader of the famous Finnish Red Guard, the revolutionary militia of Finland, although searched for by the secret police of Russia over the whole of Europe, arrived here and is staying with friends on the east side, says the World today.

There is a price of many thousands of roubles on his head, but Capt. Keck declares that he will continue his work for the liberation of Finland, and that uprisings greater and more terrible than those of the past will confront the Russian government. The Finnish Red Guard consists of 10,000 men and 5,000 women, all armed with the latest model Mauser rifles, well drilled, and capable of being mobilized at a moment's notice. In an interview, Capt. Kock said:—The best soldiers in my army were the women. I had a division of women led by women officers and they did splendid service and were sometimes braver than the men. I rejoice to think of my women troops. They were the best shots and runners. The women soldiers in the Red Guard were the working women, domestic servant, and peasant girls. We had a strong army which was excellently although secretly equipped."

In telling how his country was relieved of Russian oppression by general strike and without bloodshed, Capt. Kock said: "We disarmed the Russian police, and soldiery and banished them from our country. The women played a most important part in this work. Our women are great and brave."

Capt. Kock says he organized the mutiny in the Sveaborg fortress but failed in his project there because the navy did not join and bombard the works. For his part in this enterprise Kock had to leave the country.

MEMORIAL TO MRS. McKINLEY

Services in Her Old Church Yesterday Were of Special Nature.

CANTON, Ohio., June 2—The services at the First Methodist Episcopal church today were a memorial in honor of Mrs. McKinley, who was a member of that church. Rev. E. C. Buxton, D. D., who conducted the funeral services of Mrs. McKinley Tuesday delivered the address. The McKinley pew, which, until recently, has been draped since the death of President McKinley was reserved for the immediate relatives of Mrs. McKinley. The church edifice was crowded. A draped portrait of Mrs. McKinley was placed in front of the rostrum. American flags, carnations and potted plants were the decoration.

The hymns were "Lead, Kindly Light," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and other numbers which were favorites of Mrs. McKinley. Dr. Buxton said of Mrs. McKinley.

"Her knowledge of men and measures was superior and often the president referred to her judgment. But her confidence in his abilities and her faith in the integrity of his character were remarkable. She felt that he deserved success and the generous people would not withhold it when it wass well earned."

Every choice of evil, great or small, where there exists a right alternative, is one of the trap-doors of perdition.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning Thomas Keating, charged with drunkenness and violently resisting the police, was found guilty and fined $4 or ten days on the first charge and $16 or two months on the second.

In court today Mrs. Keating made an effort to procure her husband's release.

Paul Jeans, a Russian, who was arrested in the Union Depot on a charge of drunkenness, complained that $16 had been stolen from him, and he also expressed anxiety over some baggage he had with him. Jeans had a ticket for Boston and about $10.50. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence of $8 or two months and sent along with I. C. R. Policeman Collins, who made the arrest, to hunt up the missing property.

Cornelius Lange and Herbert Mullin forfeited deposits of $8 each for drunkenness.

For the fourtieth time David Hennessy was sent into jail for being drunk. This time he was fined $8 or two months, and his honor expressed the hope that when Hennessy's term was up that he would leave town, and thus avoid evil associates.

His honor, referring to Keating's case, said that not only could a person supplying liquor after hours be fined $100, but they were liable for the penalty imposed on the prisoner for an assault committed by him.

Judge Ritchie declared that only recently a gentleman had said to him that he had never seen so many young men drunk.

In the eyes of history the great men are not the Harrimans and the Morgans.

BAD FIRE ON OCEAN LINER

Fire on S. S. Oceanic Raged in Steerage for Two Hours---Much Damage Done.

NEW YORK, June 3—The fire on the steamer Oceanic which was discovered in the steerage shortly after one o'clock this morning was not brought under control for 2 hours. The crew was called to quarters and did what it could to extinguish the flames but when they spread to the cargo outside aid had to be called. In the after hold were 1870 bbls of gluecose, which burned like oil and that part of the cargo was aflame. It was below the water and there was nothing spectacular about the blaze. The crew closed the after compartment and then the firemen drowned out the flames. All the bedding and other perishable fittings of the steerage were destroyed in addition to a quantity of freight. Among the cargo was some theatrical scenery belonging to Forbes Robertson who recently left for England after a successful season in America and this is said to have been burned or damaged. The origin of the fire is unknown but the suspicion was prevelant today that it was the result of incendiarism. The loss will reach several thousand dollars. It was stated that the sailing of the steamer on Wednesday will not be delayed.

Peter Petropoulis, the King street shoe shine artist, states that the amount stolen from his cash box on Friday night last was about $50 instead of $15 or $20 as previously published.

NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND

P. E. Island Railway Decides to Instal Its Own Water System.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. June 3—(Special)—Owing to a dispute between the railway department and the water commissioners of Charlottetown over the rates the former have decided to abandon the city water and instal a system of their own. The application was made by W. B. McKenzie chief engineer of the I. C. R. to the city for permission to lay a pipe line from a source of supply just outside the city to the railway works. This application was discussed at a special meeting of the city council on Saturday. The councillors condemned the action of the water commissioners in not coming to terms with the railway as a revenue of $1200 per year will be lost to the city, but the meeting passed a resolution stating as the city affords fire and police protection free to the railway property within the city, that permission should not be granted to the railway to lay a water pipe line through the city property.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor Joseph Smith of Quebec who has been instructing artillery in St. John has arrived here to instruct the fourth regiment.

Contractor Robert Maxwell has about twenty or thirty men engaged in excavating for the new Y. M. C. A. building along side of the old Chipman house.

Will the one who took a No. 2. fireman's hat, the property of J. S. Mann, from the fire on City Road, Friday night, kindly return at once and save further trouble.

HOW ST. JOHN MAY SECURE HIGH CLASS ART GALLERY

Woman's Art Association to Consider Suggestion of Craven L. Betts.

How may St. John secure an art collection worthy of a city of over forty thousand people? Craven L. Betts, in a letter from New York to the president of the St. John branch of the Woman's Art Association suggests a method. Mr. Betts is a former St. John man, and has many friends as well as some relatives hereabouts.

The St. John branch of the Woman's Art Association have called a public meeting to be held in their studio, 140 Union street, this evening at 8 o'clock, to discuss the whole question in connection with the letter of Mr. Betts. Any citizen interested in art, or who would like to hear the matter discussed will be welcomed at this evening's meeting, and there should be a general response from the art-lovers of St. John. The letter from Mr. Betts is as follows:—

Salmagundi Club, Fourteen West Twelfth St. New York.

Dear Friend:

I am in New York with a lame foot, having had a mishap on the Subway. While inactive, I have been thinking over a proposition which Mr. Nagle, the portrait painter, has suggested for me. It is not in the measure of an experiment, but a bona fide proved thing, having been thoroughly tested and proved a success. Briefly it is this:—

Mr. Nagle went to Watertown, N. Y. a city of some twenty-five thousand souls, and made a proposition to an art society there. In this he told them that if he was advanced $100 for expenses, he would guarantee them, for the town, an oil painting approved by the citizens. They asked him how this could be done. He said "Hire a hall and I will send two first class pictures by the foremost New York artists for selection. There will be an admission of 10 cents, everyone in the town having a vote, school children and all." The thing was arranged. Mr. Nagle went to Watertown, gave three addresses, got the thing talked about in the papers, got his two pictures, exhibited them, and the people went by thousands to see and vote on them. In all some $600 odd was paid in in ten cent admissions, the papers every day giving the attendance and the vote. A great interest was excited in the town over the matter, and more than enough money was raised to buy the picture selected. Mr. Nagle went to the two painters having the biggest vote and an arrangement was made, whereby the city of Watertown got the two pictures for the $600, each man taking less than his price for the picture. The thing has been a great satisfaction to the city, as they have the neucleus of an art gallery already formed, the property of the city. It is the intention every spring and fall to have an exhibition run on the same lines, and one or two pictures got for the gallery at each event. Nothing can be more beneficial to a community than a proposition like this. The educational value of it is immense, and the return for the money is substantial. Just think of it. In ten years a city like St. John could have a collection of thirty or forty pictures by the best artists in America. And the value to the children in giving them an interest in art would be incalculable. I wish you would take the thing up seriously, and see if you cannot arouse an enthusiasm about it in St. John. Call on Scott of the "Sun", who knows me, and get his support. I will have time this summer to carry the thing through, but I will have to see the artists before their summer flitting. You know I am a member of this club, half of whom are painters. I know all the best of them, and can secure any ten of them I choose, for they all will be glad to submit pictures for such an exhibition. Write to me and give me your ideas on the subject, and how you think I can go about it. The board of trade, the board of education, the city government, or some wealthy man might put up the preliminary $100. This I would want for my own time and labor in the matter, which might take a month. The expenses of the hall, etc. would be defrayed by the admissions. The whole thing outside of the selection of the pictures, the hiring of the hall, the keeping of the cash record, etc., would be in the hands of the committee. I would merely place the pictures in your hands, with what effort I made hereafter being under their consideration. I think it would be advisable to follow Mr. Nagle's programme, which had such an unqualified success. If your committee would think me capable, I would give an address or perhaps two, Mr. Nagle gave three, on the advantages of an art education, and its practical application to life, etc., winding up with an exposition of the present scheme. If your committee preferred, I would depute one of your own members to do the work. I do not seek self-glorification out of the thing. I would be content not to be known in the matter at all, and let anyone who liked get the credit. I am, however, desirous of doing something for St. John in an art way, and this is both extremely interesting and practical.

FUNERALS

The funeral of the late William Scott took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his residence Milkish. Rev. D. Hutchinson read the burial service and interment was made in the old family lot at Milkish.

The funeral of the late John J. Walsh was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his residence, 161 Erin street, to the Cathedral, where the burial service was read. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of the late Miss Bertha C. Evans was held this morning at 9.30 o'clock from her residence Duke street, W. E. to Cedar Hill cemetery, where interment was made. Rev. G. S. Scovil read the funeral service.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie Crombie was held this afternoon at three o'clock from her son-in-law's residence, Duke street, W. E. to Cedar Hill cemetery where interment was made. Rev. Thos. Deinstadt and H. R. Reid read the funeral service.

The funeral of the late Thomas Stevenson was held at 12 o'clock today from Fairville Station to Cedar Hill cemetery, where interment was made. Rev. Mr. Pinkerton read the burial service.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Bertha A. Brittain will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from her sister's residence, Mrs. Paterson, Market Place, W. E. to Cedar Hill cemetery, where interment will be made. Rev. M. G. Fletcher will conduct the funeral service.

WEDDINGS

Baillie-Chesley

A quiet wedding took place in Trinity church this morning at 6 o'clock, when Miss Mary Garfield Chesley, second daughter of John A. Chesley, Canada's commercial agent in South Africa, was united in marriage to Alexander Hamilton Baillie, son of Charles Baillie, of this city.

Rev. R. A. Armstrong, rector of Trinity, performed the ceremony, only the immediate relatives of the young people being present. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Harry C. Chesley, wore a travelling costume of grey cloth, with hat to match. There were no attendants.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Baillie left on the 6.45 train for Boston, after which they will go to Montreal, where they will reside. Mr. Baillie is employed on the staff of the Dominion Bank at Montreal.

Both parties have a host of friends here, who will wish them every happiness.

Miss Annie B. Cogsley, of Queen street, leaves tonight for Montreal. On her arrival there she will be united in marriage to Paul McLeod, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Montreal. Rev. J. A. Gordon, D. D., will perform the ceremony, which will take place at the parsonage, 125 Hutchinson street.

REV. MR. FLETCHER STRIKES OUT HARD

Comments Strongly on "Wine Women and Graft" in the Course of His Sermon.

A sermon which has occasioned much comment today was delivered last evening by Rev. M. E. Fletcher in Charlotte street Baptist church, west end. The preacher took as his text: "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked."

In his sermon the preacher said that among other reasons which determined the psalmist in his choice of a humble place in the house of his God was his observations of the careers of wicked men. He had seen men of great natural talents who might have been of great service to their country make shipwreck of their usefulness, their reputations and their souls by yielding to the temptations of "wine, women and graft."

It was humiliating in this fair dominion of ours to contemplate such charges brought against prominent men.

It was hard to learn that in the city of St. John a prominent firm had discharged five of their employes for robbing them.

The saddest part of a career of wickedness, however, is the fact that the criminal does not alone suffer the punishment. Parents, sons and daughters have hung their heads in shame because of the bad character of some who should have appreciated better the sacrifices made in their behalf and the pride taken in their success.

THIS EVENING

The Every Day Club meets.

George F. Hall, in The Gibson Girl, at the Opera House.

New bill at the Nickel.

Cygnet Co. No. 5, U. R. K. P. will meet in their armory at 8 o'clock.

Victoria Roller Rink.

A meeting of the board of fire underwriters was held this morning, when the appraisers who have been adjusting the loss on Macaulay Bros. & Co.'s stock by the recent fire, submitted their report. The matter has not yet been settled up and the amount of the total award has not been decided.

MAY BE AN ART TREASURE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 2—Edward Sells of St. Louis, believes he has identified a painting he purchased a year ago for less than $100 as the famous "St. Jerome" painted by Titan about 1531. No trace of the painting has been had since 1627. Sells purchased the picture from Allison K Stewart, a St. Louis mining engineer, to whom it was given in 1900 by a padre in the mountains of Honduras after Stewart had given him a liberal offering of silver for his poor.

The change from the winter to the summer timetable on the C. P. R. went into effect today. The change on the I. C. R. will not take place for about a fortnight. The Boston train now arrives at 10.40 and the Montreal at 11.20 a. m. instead of coming intogether at 12.05. The evening train from Boston arrives at 11 o'clock. The morning train for Boston lleaves at 6.45 a. m.; the Fredericton express at 5.05 p. m., the Montreal express at 6.40 and the Boston at 6.55. The suburban service is the same as last year.

Prof. T. B. Kidner, superintendent of manual training, passed through the city today on his way to Chipman, Kingston and other manual training schools. In reply to questions as to his recent visit to the Riverside Consolidated School, he said it was doing very well indeed, not only inside but outside.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Allison Taylor, daughter of Joseph Taylor, of the Canadian Express Co., to Howard Pearson Booth, of Montreal, has been arranged to take place at the home of the bride-to-be on June 12. Mrs. W. L. Taylor of Halifax and young daughter, are the guests of Joseph Taylor.

In the probate court this morning, letters testamentary in teh estate of the late Mary Caman Wheatley were granted to A. L. Law and Jas. N. Morris, the executors named in the will. The estate values at $4850 personad. All property goes to Dr. McMorris. W. H. Trueman proctor.

The dining room at White's would not hold all who sought to attend the luncheon at White's at one o'clock today, addressed by the Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) on Some Canadian Ideals.

Inspector of Hulls Isaac Olive and Inspector of Boilers Charles Dalton have gone to Campbellton on a tour of steamboat inspection for north shore ports.

The bread of life never comes from the bread and butter parson.

RALPH CONNOR'S SOUND ADVICE TO EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

Rev. Chas. W. Gordon Addressed Monthly Meeting of City Ministers This Morning.

The Evangelical Alliance met in monthly session this morning at 10.30 o'clock in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church parlors, Rev. David Lang presiding.

After Dr. Wilson had opened the meeting with prayer the minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.

The secretary next, read the minutes expressing regret at the departure of Rev. W. S. Pritchard and a copy of the minutes was ordered sent to Rev. Mr. Pritchard. The latter was chaplain of the Boys' Industrial Home and a committee of five has now been appointed to chose his successor.

The sum of $10 was voted to the sexton for his services during the past year.

Rev. Mr. Appel said that the registrar of births and marriages had been speaking to him and had asked the alliance to bring up the question of the work of the ministers in connection with the registration of births and marriages. At present they have to apply to four officials to get their fee of five cents. The registrar suggested that he be empowered to pay the five cents and then send in the receipts of such payments in a bundle to the county treasurer. The motion to that effect was made but Rev. Mr. Raymond said he did not consider it wise to meddle in provincial matters as the government was quite competent to deal with it's own affairs. He thought that the move would be principally for the registrar's accommodation and that the alliance if it took any steps about this matter might also bring up the question of the poor quality of paper that the registrar is giving out for the marriage certificates. The question was then dropped.

Heretofore the regular business was not allowed to be taken up until 11 a. m. but on motion of Rev. Mr. Appel today it was decided to take up other business before 11 o'clock hereafter, if the regular business had been disposed of.

The secretary informed those present that today's would be the last meeting before the autumn

It was 11.30 when Rev. Dr. Gordon arrived. Rev. Mr. Lang stated how busy Rev. Mr. Gordon was and then eulogized the learned visitor. He said that Ralph Connor was as good as his books. Rev. Mr Gordon was received with applause.

The speaker said that the ministers of the gospel had more to do with the making and building up of Canada than any other body of men. He said that there was a feeling if a city went wrong the ministers should jump into the hole and pull it out. "That," said the speaker, "is true to a certain extent, but I believe that it is the duty of the citizens to get into that hole and pull it out. There is now a feeling in the west, particularly in Winnipeg, that if a minister heads a moral crusade the people say that it is not a sane idea, and not a practical commonsense idea. That sort of feeling should be wiped out." The speaker said that he considered it a disgrace to allow mature men to escape and permit young men, women and children to do the work of any church. The excuse of "too busy" coming from a mature man should not be accepted.

Rev. Mr. Gordon referred to how busy Canadian men of business standing were when a religious conference was being held, while in the states bank managers etc., attend those conferences and are not too busy to be present.

Rev. Mr. Gordon referred to foreign mission work in the west, and said that men settle now on the prairie and, not having any one to suggest to them their spiritual wants, they lose their religious feeling to a great extent. "Although that perhaps is bad doctrine for a Presbyterian to preach," said the speaker, "yet it is more or less true."

Rev. Mr. Gordon said that if the churches worked together more good could be accomplished in the west. He thought, however, that would not be brought about.

In concluding Rev. Mr. Gordon said that he thanked the Alliance and also the citizens of St. John for their kindness and courtesy.

On being asked, Rev. Dr. Gordon said that ministers in the northwest of all denominations were very scarce.

On motion of Dr. Sprague, seconded by Rev. Mr. Graham, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Gordon for his address.

After it had been decided to have the next meeting on the first Monday in October, Rev. Dr. Raymond closed the meeting with benediction

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

SOCIAL BETTERMENT.



The lovely Miss Birdie McWhat informed the Times new reporter this morning that she is not at all surprised at the number of feeble-minded women reported from this province. Birdie holds very pronounced views on the subject, and is eager to institute a reform movement. She is convinced that if the Golf Club would form a Feeble-Minded Women's Auxiliary and have it inaugurated at a golf tea in the club house, it would prove a great boon to that class, and a notable forward step for social betterment. From observations, at recent bargain sales in this city, Birdie is convinced that it only requires an inducement or a stimulus of some kind to develop a physical energy which must inevitably react and produce great vigor of mind.

To the new reporter's somewhat indiscreet remark that his wash-lady might be cited as an illustration of combined vigor of mind and body, Birdie somewhat haughtily replied that persons of that sort are never distinugished by mental feebleness, which is peculiar to persons of the leisure class, who do not play golf.

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The dead trees in Queen Square are still dead. The fact grows more apparent every day, when the vigorous ones flaunt bud and leaf on the summer air. It is understood that the safety board will have a memorial day celebration on Dominion day, when each dead tree will be decorated with a tablet, with inscription stating in what year it died. Such information would be of great value to tourists, especially to those interested in tree culture.