

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

"ARE YOU READY?"—Read Beer Bros. ad

CAROL CLUB meeting tonight at 8 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A.—New York city is to have a new Young Men's Christian Association building which will cost \$500,000.

MEETING—There will be a meeting of the Y's in their parlour on Great St. at 4 o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon.

THE STANLEY BRIDGE from London today, and the mails and passengers will be taken in the afternoon at 4:15 this afternoon.

NO TALK THERE—The general public observe with regret that there is no improvement in the condition of the town clock.

FORESTERS' ATTENTION—Regular meeting of the Foresters' Association tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Initiation of candidates and installation of officers.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE—The Grand Division, S. of T., of P. E. I., will meet in quarterly session at Scarborough on Wednesday, 26th inst., commencing at 11:30 a. m.

PRESENTATION—The Rev. R. B. McDonald, parish priest of St. Augustin's church, I. C. I., was recently presented with a beautiful tologian driving sleigh and robes.

MASONIC—A regular communication of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., will be held at Lodge Rooms, Masonic Lodge, this (Tuesday) evening at 8 p. m. Visitors welcome.

A GOOD YEAR.—The Montreal Star says: "Despite the cry of 'hard times,' the retail trade has been heavier this year than the year previous. The retail merchants, when questioned about it, all say that it is much better than in 1893."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—The officers of the Christian Endeavor Society at Georgetown are as follows: President, Mrs. Knight; Vice-President, Mr. John Dalziel; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Henry; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ethel Knight; Treasurer, Mrs. McLaren.

Chicago's drainage canal, designed to furnish an outlet for the sewerage of the city into the Mississippi, is probably the most extensive engineering work now actually under way in the world. This outlet is through the Chicago, Des Moines and Illinois rivers into the Mississippi.

DON'T FORGET IT.—What? The basket social in the Levee on tomorrow evening. An interesting programme has been made ready, and those who attend are assured a pleasant evening. The money realized will go towards the relief of the poor. The proceedings will begin at half-past seven.

POLICE COURT.—This forenoon, the docket consisted of two assault and battery cases. In one case, that to which reference was made yesterday, the defendant was dismissed, the prosecutor not appearing. The other case was adjourned for further evidence till 10th January.

NOT SATISFIED.—It is announced that an official of the Standard Oil Company has written a book to show that the gravitation theory of Sir Isaac Newton is impossible. It has long been understood that the Standard Oil Company owned the earth, but we believe it ought to leave the law of gravitation alone.

THEY HAVE PASSED.—Messrs James McCarron and John McLeod, engineers respectively of the Steamer Hillsborough and Jacques Cartier, who presented themselves for examination for higher grade certificates in August and July last, have received word that they have been successful and are now being congratulated by their many friends.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—The first of the series of prayer meetings was held last evening in the Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Chicago, Des Moines and Illinois Protestant clergy were present and held seats on the platform. Rev. Mr. Suttler and spoke on the subject of "Humiliation." At the close of his discourse, prayers were offered. There was a large congregation present.

THE REMOVAL OF SNOW.—One or two summonses have been served on persons charged with depositing snow on the streets of the city. It is said that when one of the men seen in the streets was remonstrated with by a person in authority he strongly advised the aforesaid person to go to a certain country the climate of which is decidedly torrid and the inhabitants of which are not very much agitated over the removal of snow from their premises.

CLEANLINESS AND ECONOMY.—There are now fifty-five towns and cities in England which destroy their garbage and solid refuse by burning, using an average of about ten furnaces each for that purpose. The combustion of the material is used for the generation of steam, by which the streets are electrically illuminated, and other cities are reported to be considering the propriety of reducing their municipal expenses by this means.

COUNTY COURT.—Since our last report the following cases have been disposed of: Patrick Trainor vs. John J. Trainor, action for slander. Judgment for plaintiff for \$10 and costs. Malcolm D. Matheson vs. Robert C. McLeod, judgment in favor of defendant. John A. Mann vs. Francis and Thomas Power—an action of repleas and trover for two maple trees. Judgment was further reserved until the next March term of the court at New London.

OF FOREIGN PARCENTAGE.—According to recent census returns, 33 per cent. of the population of the United States are of foreign parentage. In 1870 it was only 28 per cent., which goes to show that the proportion of persons of foreign parentage is gradually increasing. The same return illustrates well the fact that the native population of the New England States is moving westward and that their places are being taken by foreigners. Philadelphia, long known as the most American of American cities, has 55.58 per cent. of its population of foreign parentage. In the Southern States, on the other hand, the proportion is very small, sinking as low in North Carolina as seventeen per cent. of one per cent. South Carolina has 1.53 per cent., Georgia, 1.78 per cent., and Virginia, Mississippi and Alabama each less than 1 per cent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MEN AND PARTIES.

Sir,—It is gratifying to know that Hon. Donald Ferguson's ability and integrity have been so recognized by the Federal Government. Though without a portfolio, I fancy the day is not very far distant when he shall have one. Men of ability and integrity are always in demand. He has risen to a position of honor and trust, and we know that he will be of great service to his Island Province, notwithstanding the low squibs of the Patriot to the contrary.

I will now pass to note some of our ablest men whose ability and integrity have not as yet been fully recognized, because the people have not as yet had an opportunity of knowing them, but who are now coming to the front. I may, in the first place, refer to Doctor R. McNeill, of Stanley Bridge, who, without any doubt, is one of the ablest men we have in this Province. He is a physician of high standing, has lived in West-Queen's for upwards of a quarter of a century, is thoroughly versed in politics, and has always taken a very prominent part in local and Dominion affairs. He has always worked faithfully for the Liberal-Conservative party, and I ran a few local electors at a time when success was not to be expected, but, notwithstanding that he was not elected, his name is well known and appreciated. There is no one in West-Queen's that knows the wants of the people better, and no one better fitted to push our claims if only in a position to do so. Should West-Queen's be fortunate enough to have such a representative in the Federal Parliament we might rest assured that our claims would receive due consideration at his hands. If elected, as I believe he will when the people have an opportunity of knowing his ability, in a few years thereafter there would be a branch railway to Stanley Bridge and a subsidized steamer running to New London harbor. The benefit of both would extend to the whole Province, but especially to New London and its surrounding vicinities. Over thousand lives annually would be saved by the Stanley Bridge, and half of that amount would be saved in the daily mail service. A subsidy to a steamer would secure a great amount of traffic to the railway. This is a great needed public work, and if Dr. McNeill were elected I feel confident he would be able to secure needed public works for his Province. Mr. Richard Hunt, of Summerside, is a man of much ability, too, and one who, when elected (as he will at the next general Dominion election) will work hard for his Province.

There should be a branch railway to Murray Harbor, too, and I fancy that after the next general election, when Messrs. McLean and Martin are the eastern representatives, this will no longer be a matter of conjecture, but will become a reality. It is needless to enter particularly into the different planks of the Liberal platform, as I fancy it is well-known to the people of this Province. It is like a corduroy bridge over a bog—the planks or longer are broken in the middle, with the ends sticking up. It is difficult to see what they mean by their tariff reform. If the present tariff is likely to leave a deficit it would be interesting to know how they could raise a sufficient revenue by removing it. Doubtless, the United States' manufacturers would paralyze all our industries.

Hon. L. H. Davies wishes to return to a fifteen per cent. tariff on all articles, and thus discriminate against the poor. Under the present tariff the greater part of the necessities of life are admitted into Canada free of duty, thus affording the necessities of life cheap to the poor, while the rich, on the other hand, have to pay a higher price for all luxuries, as the tariff on luxuries is very high and a revenue must be raised by a tariff or direct taxation—and no one in his sane mind would want free trade as in England—while which would simply mean direct taxation. Yet this is the policy advocated by the so-called Liberal Party, led by Messrs. Laurier, Davies and Cartwright—a mongrel policy of "Free Trade."

Direct Taxation, and sometimes a fifteen per cent. tariff, to make luxuries cheap and the necessities of life high.

There was a time when Canada was a fragmentary country of scattered provinces, but the fathers of Confederation conceived the idea that no country can become great or possessed of the elements of perpetuity without a closer alliance by means of inter-communication. The great Pacific Railway, by which the waters of the Atlantic were made to kiss the Pacific, is one of the means to carry into perpetuity united Canada as a country no longer divided ethnographically or geographically.

I will not say until the tunnel is completed under the Straits of Northumberland and then this Province, made to triumph over its isolation and winter barriers. In the last generation it required a month to travel from Ellensburg to Naples or from Boston to San Francisco, or from P. E. Island to British Columbia—a journey which is today accomplished within a week. When P. E. Island is geographically connected with the railway system of Canada, then will we be able to reap the full benefit of that union, and we are a people who do not calculate wisely when we oppose the existing Government at Ottawa by sending opposition representatives. The policy that has made Canada a country and has built its great public works, is the policy that is deeply rooted into the solid affections of the people, notwithstanding what grit declaimers may say. The men who are continually shifting their base, with a multiplication of words in meaningless terms called a Grit Policy, are men who will never reach the kingdom.

Mr. Davies and his grit contingent in this Province, even if they should be elected here will perish in the grit wilderness. With Mercier dead, Wiman disgraced in the toombs, students of history must learn the inevitable, that so long as we send grits to Ottawa, the longer will branch railways and geographical unity be retarded. Perhaps more anon. Yours truly,

CLTOWN, Dec. 28, 1894.

DEAR EXAMINER,—I perceive from your correspondence on down on the Medical Act and claim Frank Rossin to be a great man. If Frank Rossin be the son of Maurice Rossin the lunatic—if Maurice be 50 years and Frank 20—how old was Maurice when he became father to Frank? If Maurice was never married and left no daughters, could Mr. Irish be married to Frank's sister? The things that I have kept prove I believe to be the most, I believe that one apple is sour and another one sweet, but I will

give any highly educated man a span of miles who will tell me what makes them so. Employment is the great locomotive of life, a man with nothing to do is not half so interesting as a ripening turnip. Whenever you come across a man who distrusts everybody you have found one whom it is safe for everybody to distrust. It is a wise man who profits by his own experience but it is a good deal wiser one who lets the rattlesnake bite the other fellow. A man with a very small head on him is like a pin without any, very apt to get into things beyond his depth. Young man, set down, and keep still, you will have plenty of chances yet to make a fool of yourself before you die. Man was created a little lower than the angels, and he has been getting a little lower ever since. The world all praise the philosophers, but how they penny into the caps of the monkeys. Lasting reputations are of slow growth, the man who wakes up famous some morning, is very apt to go to bed some night and sleep it all off. The man who never makes any money is a very nice piece of machinery—that's all.

I never try to settle other people's quarrels, I have seen men try to do this and get badly whipped by both parties. If there were a perfectly happy world in this world, it will be the one who has got but little, and don't want anything more. The man who knows a thing and can tell it in the fewest words, is the hardest kind of a man to beat in a knowledge of things. It is bad envy to be a first-rate monkey, but to be a third-rate one is more utterly disastrous than to be an idiot. Canadian is a good thing for a man to have, but when he has got so much of it that he is afraid to touch a hard iron lion for fear it will bite, ignorance is what's the matter with him. Guessing and lying are fast enemies, the man who gets into the habit of guessing at all things, will soon get into the habit of lying about many things. Take all the pools out of this world, and there wouldn't be any more than a thin profit living in it. Sarcasm is a keen weapon, but in handling it many people take hold of the blade instead of the hilt. There is no sure cure for laziness, but I have known a record wife to hurry it up. Males are like sun men, after you have studied their karakater for 5 years class, the best thing you can do, is to get an average on them. There is nothing so scarce as originality, even an original fool would be a great relief to us now. Ten match-branes is a hindrance rather than a help to a simply honest man. Look out for those phobias who are familiar on short notice, they are like hornets, they sting. Man by nature lives society and the moral natural virtue he possesses; the most vicious among the animals are those who live the most secluded. It is the excretory thing in the world to make a blunder and the hardest thing to do, when a man measures glory for himself, he always loses it. There is no man in this world than there is a wicked one, unless you know the least always arger the most, and such is my opinion of the men who talk and write about the Medical Act. Yours sincerely,

JOHN BILLINGS.

Am'ty, Dec. 4th.

Y. M. C. A.—The annual meeting of this institution was held last evening, and was very encouraging and enthusiastic. The canvassing committee reported that they had raised \$1,037. As the matter now stands there has been a sufficient amount raised to clear off all the floating debts and to pay the interest up to next June. The affairs of the institution are in a more satisfactory condition than they have been within the last twenty years. The following officers were elected: President, Percy Pope; Vice-Presidents, Hon. D. Farquharson, Hon. D. Laird, W. C. Turner, S. C. Moor, L. E. Prowse and J. Pittblado; Treasurer, H. J. Cundick; Secretary, H. D. Johnson; Executive Committee, Messrs. H. E. Fingerald, Thomas May, J. D. Seaman, J. H. Ayers, Mr. Balman, B. F. Messervey, J. K. Rice, A. W. Steens, D. A. Bruce, J. T. McKenzie, B. C. Goff, A. C. Duchemin, E. Stewart, A. E. Morrison, R. H. Campbell and F. Heales. Votes of thanks were tendered the retiring President, the canvassing committee, the Ladies' Auxiliary, those who assisted as teachers, the clergymen, the lecturers, the leader of the Mock Parliament and the subscribers to the present fund.

NEW ADVERTISING SCHEME.—The Summerside correspondent of the Guardian writes: A popular east end drug clerk has an advertising scheme on hand which he purposes putting into operation as soon as his plans are perfected. There is a certain red cow—the property of a well known citizen—that fears neither pound master nor policeman. She wanders where her feet will lead her. The wide-awake druggist is having a canvas rug made. He took the measure of the cow and such legends as the following will be inscribed thereon—"Hood's Sarsaparilla," "Soothing Syrup," etc. "Go to the New Medical Hall." As a circulating medium he believes this cow will be a success.

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