

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Our Large Butter Box. Is now filled with choice roll print butter, 23c; fine tub butter, 18c; and all of the finest quality. Jas. Crawford.

Meeting of the County Council. The county council begins its session tomorrow. The contest for the wardenship is between Messrs. C. Rattan and A. P. Vanluven.

Competent Judges. Pronounce Pomeroy's Petrolene Plasters superior to any other plaster coming under their observation. Of druggists and J. G. King, Kingston.

Roller Rink Notice. Now that Annie Bird and Prof. Reynolds are gone the roller rink will reduce the prices as follows: General admission, 10c; band night, 15c; afternoon session, children, 10c.

A Singular Deformity. A child was born this week, says the Napanee Standard, to Mr. and Mrs. James Fraser, North Fredericksburg, entirely devoid of arms. The deformity is a rare one and excites interest. It is thought the child will not live.

He Will Not Bet Again. John Leadbeater, salvationist, bet \$1 with A. J. Lee, barber, that he had a longer canary than any bird in Lee's shop. Leadbeater lost the money and on Saturday evening had to take another dip in the fountain. He will not bet again.

Representation of the City. Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick has taken the advice of his personal friends and declined to be a candidate for the city. The Tories are casting about for an opponent to Mr. Gunn. Capt. Gaskin is talked of as the choice of a good many.

Asking for Damages. An action has been entered in the county court by Sarah McGill, Union street, against the city corporation for damages by the flooding of her lands, for injury done them, and for an injunction to prevent the continuance of the flooding.

Hurrah! Hurrah! The great event of the season, the opening of the Tam o' Shanter toboggan slide tomorrow evening. Conveyances will leave McCammon Bros. livery, cor. Brock and Bagot streets, at 7:30, 8 and 8:30 o'clock. Fare only five cents; 14th Batt. band in attendance.

Working Away at It. The American pleasure steamboat company has not yet been fully established. About \$100,000 out of \$300,000 of stock has been taken up. The Mallory line company of New York is interested. Three boats will be put on the route, and one of the stopping points will be Kingston.

Who Were They? Late last evening three young men attempted to break into a house opposite the Kingston & Penaboke R.R. car works. Mr. Crowley, night watchman in the works, heard the men striking the door, and went to see what was the matter. He discharged a pistol and frightened off the visitors. They ran towards the city.

A Convict Now Pardoned. Greaves, convicted and sentenced for life to the penitentiary for complicity in an abortion upon Miss Burnham, of Brockville, has been pardoned and will leave the prison in a few days. Dr. Sparham, who was convicted at the same time, was pardoned some years ago. Greaves has been in the penitentiary for ten or twelve years.

Supporting the Poor. During his service last evening, Rev. Mr. Mavey, pastor of the Third Methodist church, said it was his opinion that the government of a country should make ample provision for the poor. It was a disgrace that the blind and halt should solicit alms from the public streets. There should be institutions for these people, and supported entirely by government, which could levy a special tax on the ratepayers to support them.

A Good City for Burglars. G. Morris, the ex-convict, captured a few days ago with a kit of burglar's tools in his possession states that because of the close proximity of the penitentiary to the city professional burglars did not care to operate here. Crooks did not stay away from Kingston because it was too vigilantly guarded, for to Morris' mind it was the cosiest place in Canada to make good and successful hauls in.

A Very Creditable Deed. The Sun Life Insurance Co. is a worthy institution, and no small credit to Canada. While other insurance men were coquetting regarding a combination to contest payment of policies, held on the life of the late J. S. McLaughlin, of Montreal, the Sun directors paid over promptly \$17,130, the full amount of insurance in their company. They positively disclaimed to consider technical excuses. Mr. Hill is the Kingston agent of this reliable company.

Called Home. The death occurred on Sunday of Michael Donoghue, brother-in-law of J. F. McDermott, after a long illness from consumption. The deceased was formerly a resident of Pittsburg, but a low state of health forced retirement from farming about a dozen years since. By the greatest care his life has been thus long spared. He was a most respected citizen, and being gifted with much amiability he bore the best of good-will towards everyone.

Where they Can be Found. Nine conservatives sit in a row at the council board. They are, commencing on the right, Alds. McIntyre, McGuire, Hobart, Drennan, Muckleston, Snowden Smith, W. Robinson, Shannon. Next to these are the seats occupied by Alds. Wilmot, Downing, Hiscock, Wilson, Rees, Redden, Phelan, Thompson, Gildersleeve, Hartly, and that of McKay, now vacant. Ald. C. Robinson balances down the Tory side, by filling the first seat on the left of Ald. McIntyre.

Making Much Money. The Burgess family, of southern California, have sold considerable of their property at Etiwanda. One piece of land, for which they paid \$64, has been sold for \$1,000. An eighty-acre lot, which cost \$300, was sold for \$1,200, and twenty acres of land, set with trees and vines, for which Mrs. Burgess paid \$2,000 four years ago, has been disposed of for \$7,000. The family does not intend to return to Canada. An average temperature of 70° all the year round catches them all. During the past season Etiwanda turned out twenty-one cars of raisins. Oranges are now fit to eat, to-mato plants are in blossom, and bananas are in leaf.

AN INAUGURAL MEETING.

COUNCIL ORGANIZED—THE MAYOR DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE.

Mayor Whiting Puts the Chain About Mayor-Elect Carson's Neck and Tells Him of Pleasant Persons He'll Meet—Auditors Appointed—The First Blood—The Standing Committees.

At 11 o'clock this morning the mayor and aldermen-elect assembled in the council chamber and proceeded to organize. Mayor-elect Carson was sworn in by Police Magistrate Duff, and then Mayor Whiting arose and said it was customary for the retiring mayor to invest the mayor-elect with the insignia of office and to congratulate him upon his election. "During your term of office," said Mayor Whiting, "you will have an opportunity of meeting many pleasant persons. All the tramps from Quebec to London will wait upon you, both at your office and your home. You will meet the poor, the lame, the halt, the blind. Then you will have calls from many ticket sellers, as well as from all those who perambulate for subscriptions. You will have a really pleasant time." The speaker pointed out that during the year many important things would have to be grappled with. He was pleased that one so well qualified had succeeded him, and with the able and efficient council to uphold his hands good work would be accomplished. He wished Mayor Carson and the council God-speed.

There was applause after which Mayor Carson thanked Mr. Whiting for his remarks. He trusted that when his term expired he would be able to hand the emblem of office to another as untroubled as he had received it. The aldermen handed in their declarations of office and Mayor Carson delivered his message as follows:

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS. "Following the example of my predecessors I desire to say a few words to you as we begin together the work of the year. It is a source of very great pleasure to me to find that all of you are, I believe, my personal friends, and that most of you have already sat with me at this council board, and are gentlemen of experience in the management of civic affairs. With so able and efficient a council, and with officials so tried and capable as ours, I feel no anxiety as to the satisfactory and proper management of all civic business during the current year. As mayor I shall endeavour to discharge the duties of my office courteously and impartially, and shall look to you, gentlemen, to give me your kind consideration and assistance in all matters that may tend to advance and promote the interests and prosperity of this city. I feel sure that each and every one of you, as members of this council, will assist in useful measures, and, at the same time, endeavour to curtail the expenditure as much as is possible in the city's interests. I trust that throughout the year a friendly feeling will exist among all members of this council, and that all business that may come up will be debated in a friendly spirit, and that the members will adhere to the rules and orders so that the business will be more rapidly dispatched and the council will be able to adjourn at an earlier hour than it has done in the past."

"We enter office with a floating debt of \$15,933.91, or about \$16,000, which is an increase of about \$4,000 over last year. This is due chiefly to the demand upon us for extra school accommodation and better drainage for the city. We are paying interest at the rate of five per cent. upon this amount. "When the debt was consolidated in 1872 the total debt was \$470,000, of which \$105,950 has been paid up to the 1st of January, 1887, leaving the consolidated debt at that time \$364,050, which bears interest at the rate of six per cent. To meet this debt six mills of the taxes go each year towards paying it off, so that the city should pay off the present debenture debt in about fourteen years. Although we are carrying a pretty heavy debt, and paying a large rate of taxation, we should not forget that our debt is lighter, in proportion to our wealth, than that of any other city in the province, that during the last year the population has increased about 800, and that a large number of new houses have been erected. The increase in the assessment for the year has been \$278,635 over that of last year. This speaks well for our city, which, I trust, may continue to grow and prosper more in the future than it has in the past."

"Now that the contract for lighting the city by electricity has been arranged I hope it will so improve the appearance of the city as to fully compensate it for any extra outlay caused by the change. "There may be some important measures brought before the council this year which will require your most careful consideration. First, the question as to the advisability of our owning and assuming the management of the water works. I have no doubt that you are aware that already an arbitrator has been appointed on behalf of the city, and also one on behalf of the company, and that a third is likely to be appointed, and that matter may be taken up within the next few months. Should the city acquire the water works a large outlay of capital will be required, and the council will have to provide for the same if carried into effect. Secondly, the question of a bonus to the Napanee & Tamworth railway. I believe if the city could get railway communication with that part of the country through which their line would run it could not but be beneficial to the commercial interests of the city. This being the terms of the line, should the company require assistance to build the road I think it would pay the city to favorably consider any proposition that they make to assist them in that respect. Thirdly, the consolidation of the city debt, which I trust the government will sanction, so that we can extend the time for payment at the present low rate of interest. I think it would be wise to have the whole debt consolidated, as I have no doubt the rate of interest could be got lower now than for many years past, as there is lots of money seeking safe investment at a low rate of interest. There might be a large saving in this respect. If the city should take over the water works, and decide to assist the Napanee & Tamworth railway, the consolidation of the city debt would be a necessity."

"The construction of drains at the present time is giving work to a number of men who would otherwise have been unemployed and has to a great extent relieved a lot of distress among the labouring classes in the city. When the system of drainage now under construction is completed, Kingston will be one of the best drained and healthiest cities in the province. "In conclusion I shall ask your indulgence for a few seconds to make a personal explanation. Instead of following the usual custom of inviting the aldermen and friends to a dinner, I propose to give the amount that the banquet would cost to some of the charitable institutions of this city. I shall

therefore send a check to each of the following: Ladies' Relief association, St. Vincent de Paul society, and house of industry."

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Ald. McIntyre named, as the special committee, Alds. Drennan, Downing, Muckleston, McGuire, Redden, Thompson and McIntyre.

The division on the amendment was as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Drennan, Hobart, Muckleston, McGuire, McIntyre, W. Robinson, Shannon, Smith, Snowden—9.

Nays—Mayor Carson, Alds. Downing, Gildersleeve, Hartly, Hiscock, Phelan, Redden, Rees, C. Robinson, Thompson, Wilmot and Wilson—12.

Ald. Hartly—"The first blood!" Then the council adjourned for fifteen minutes.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES. At 12:30 o'clock the council resumed its session, and Ald. Gildersleeve presented the following report of the committee appointed to strike the standing committees:

Finance and Accounts—The Mayor, Alds. McIntyre, McGuire, Shannon, Hartly, Gildersleeve, Redden.

Streets and Improvements—Ald. Thompson, Muckleston, Wilson, Hobart, Downing, C. Robinson and Drennan.

Court of Revision—Ald. Shannon, Drennan, C. Robinson, Thompson and Hiscock.

Fire, Water and Gas—Ald. Gildersleeve, Wilson, Phelan, Wilmot, C. Robinson.

City Property—Ald. Hiscock, Rees, Smith, Snowden, W. Robinson.

Markets—Ald. McKay, Downing, McGuire, Wilson, Snowden.

Licenses—Ald. McGuire, Downing, Smith, Wilmot.

Schools—Ald. McIntyre, Shannon, W. Robinson, Rees, Wilmot.

Wharves and Harbors—Ald. Wilson, Muckleston, Smith, McKay, Phelan, Thompson, Hobart.

Parks—Ald. Redden, Hiscock, Hartly, McIntyre, Snowden.

Printing—Ald. Phelan, Drennan, McGuire, McKay, Gildersleeve.

House of Industry—The Mayor, Ald. Rees, Muckleston, McKay.

Observatory—The Mayor, Ald. W. Robinson, McIntyre.

Board of Health—The Mayor, Dr. Phelan, John McKay, Principal Grant, R. T. Walker, W. R. McRae, Prof. Carr Harris, Felix Shaw and E. H. Smythe.

Ald. McIntyre intimated that in committee he had strongly urged the appointment of Ald. Muckleston upon the finance committee, but the change was not accepted. He referred to the appointment of Ald. Thompson as chairman of streets and trusted that that gentleman would not this year, as last, indulge a little theatrical by-play and make the council go down upon its knees and urge him, when he resigned, to come back. He believed the only man who laughed in his sleeve at the council was Ald. Thompson.

Ald. Thompson—Hear, hear.

Ald. Hartly, in reply, pointed out that other aldermen had gone back on their tracks, that years ago when his (Ald. Hartly's) name was placed upon the finance committee Ald. McIntyre had raised an agitation, had charged the majority with heaping indignity upon the council by proposing such a thing. Ald. McIntyre had changed his position and now wanted done that to which he formerly objected.

The council unanimously adopted the report.

ELECTING HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES. Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick gave notice that Drs. Sullivan and Clements had retired from the collegiate institute board, and that the vacancies in the board should be filled.

Ald. Gildersleeve moved that ex. Ald. R. J. Gardner and Dr. C. A. Irwin be appointed to them.

Ald. McIntyre moved that the retiring trustees be reappointed. There was some discussion. Ald. McIntyre appealed to the aldermen not to endorse the change.

Ald. McGuire urged the majority not to use its great strength in the performance of an unjust act.

Ald. Gildersleeve and Hartly claimed that the honors should go around, that while the services of the retiring trustees had been appreciated there were plenty of men in the city who could do just as well. It would be a graceful act to appoint the retiring aldermen to the vacancies.

Ald. McGuire said that Ald. Clements was a retiring alderman.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Talking Notes.

See advertisement of Tam o' Shanter club in another column.

Eight steamers will run on the Chicago and Ogdensburg line next year.

The installation of the officers of the Royal Arcanum occurs this evening.

A ball was held at Robert's hotel, Sharbot Lake, on Saturday evening.

Rathbun & Co. will light the steam barge Resolute with electricity next season.

J. H. Leonard, of Glenvale, has secured a Canadian patent for his railway signals.

The store of McKinley & Co., Clayton, was broken into and \$200 worth of goods stolen.

Miss J. Sanderson, a fancy goods' dealer of this city, has assigned for the benefit of her creditors.

On Saturday evening Mr. Jerry Bastow, plumber, had the top of one of his fingers severed by a safe door closing on it.

People left the salvation army barracks yesterday with their clothing marked by paint which came off the seats.

Fine Golden Russets, North Spys, and all kinds of fine winter apples; choice print and roll butter. Jas. Crawford.

The ice bridge is the poorest ever known after so much cold weather. The heavy snow blanketed it effectually.

J. Walker, of this city, had a race on skates with George McKeel at Campbellford a few days ago. McKeel won by a lap.

Redemptorist fathers began mission services at Tyendinaga yesterday. They were at Centreville during last week.

A Toronto firm are engaged in putting machinery into the Picton canning factory for the manufacture of gelatine.

Swedish turnips, 50c bag; potatoes, 75c bag; Spanish and Canadian onions; fresh print roll and tub butter. Jas. Crawford.

Battersby's Canadian railway guide for January (Montreal) is a marvel of cheapness and condensed information useful for every traveller.

Over 7,000 lambs have been entered at the port of Cape Vincent during the last six months. Nearly all were shipped from Kingston.

A poultry and pet stock show occurs at Ottawa, commencing to-morrow. A number of bird fanciers, of this city, have made entries.

The owner of the burned propeller Nipigon is effecting a settlement with the insurance companies. It is probable the boat will be rebuilt this winter.

Walt Whitman and the Rev. C. A. Bartol contribute papers on the powerful and original Boston sailors' preacher, Father Taylor, to the midwinter Century.

There are twenty-three shareholders of the Bank of Montreal holding \$59,600 of stock, valued at \$143,040. The whole amount of stock, at present value, is \$28,800,000.

A chimney in the building occupied by Tweedell, tailor, Princess street, got on fire about 11:30 o'clock last evening. The blaze was put out without any damage having been done.

Three young men went into the Palace hotel last evening and stole a Persian lamb cap, belonging to Mr. Gray, a boarder. The cap was found on Ontario street by a policeman.

Officer Snodden was engaged to-day in notifying citizens to clear the snow off the board-walks in front of their premises. It is to be hoped that people will readily obey the law in this matter.

At the races at Picton last week there was a lively contest in the 2:34 class. Laura C., of Belleville, won in three straight heats. Nettletop, Roan Tom, Lewis D. and Sweden won in the order named.

What is the use of coughing, morning, noon and night? When a dose of Wilson's Cough Balsam will cure you up all right! Only sold at "The Pharmacy" by W. J. Wilson.

Men have begun repairs to the Rideau Canal at Davis' locks near Newboro. All repairs will be completed this winter so that there will be no delay in opening navigation in the spring.

There was great applause in the council chamber this morning when Mayor Carson announced his intention of granting sums of money to the various institutions of the city.

There was a large attendance of ex-aldermen and defeated candidates at the council meeting this morning. "Lord Raglan" and R. J. Eilbeck were greeted with applause when they appeared.

The water works system at Napanee, introduced by Sir Richard Cartwright, is a success. The motive power is a sixty-seven horse power and will propel three electric machines, as well as the pumping machinery.

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Meyer, of this city, and Gibson, of Metcalfe, will preach in the Third Methodist church. On the 30th inst. educational sermons will be preached in the same edifice by Rev. S. D. Chown, of Sydenham.

In St. Mary's cathedral yesterday high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Kelly. An eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Twomey on the marriage at Cana in Galilee where the first miracle was performed by Christ. The discourse is highly spoken of by the members of the congregation.

L. Jeff Milbourne & Co., advertising agents, Baltimore, have issued the handiest and neatest diary of the season. It is a model of compressed information and convenience. No firm, without a distinguished middle name, could afford so handsome a presentation souvenir.

The Rev. E. A. Enos, anglican, of Bridgeport, Conn., received a complaint from a small part of his congregation regarding changes in the tariff. He at once resigned as it was a principle with him not to be a party to a church quarrel. This, we may add, is not the Kingston anglican style.

Surveying the Shoals. Last week cadets of the Royal military college surveyed the shoal upon which the propeller Myles struck and sustained serious damage. A copy of their chart will be placed in the Wigo office for inspection. We learn that a survey will be made of a dangerous shoal below Cedar Island. This service by the cadets cannot be too highly commended by the people in general and by the mariners in particular.

The Hotel Arrivals. Arrivals at the British American Hotel—W. C. Cunningham, Chas. S. Ellis, George Leigh, Toronto; Jas. Sheagor, D. Bremner, Montreal; D. Barry, New York; I. Simpson, Rockwood; H. M. Chapman, Rochester; Geo. Switzer, Defiance, Ohio.

PRINCE EDWARD ELECTION.

The Desperate Tactics Used by the Tories in Ameliasburg.

A correspondent, writing to the Picton Times, says: "Without a doubt Prince Edward county has never witnessed before a provincial election so keenly contested by the Tory party as the one just passed. Here in Ameliasburg, where Mr. Anderson could not have polled a majority of 60, everything was brought to bear and he rolled it up to 114. 'Twas not his popularity nor the no-popery cry of his henchmen that did this. At the Carrying Place, where a number of men are employed on the Murray Canal and C.O.R., every string was pulled to bear, money freely spent, whiskey available to all, and men depending on their positions for maintenance were threatened. Electors going into the polling booths were offered \$5, \$10 and \$15 to go home and not record their vote against Mr. Anderson, men having reformed and doing well for their families being offered the temptation which they could not resist, remaining under the influence of liquor for days. It is needless to ask where the means came from or what influenced Ferry Poff the way it went. "Mr. Sprague is to be congratulated, having led his party on to victory, coming out of the contest with clean hands, having fought the strongest man in the Tory ranks, and of all the victories lately achieved Prince Edward should stand at the head. Had the agents of the dominion government been more thoroughly watched Mr. Anderson would have been left farther in the minority than he was. I have witnessed many contests and I never wish to see such influence brought to bear again, and in the coming contest for the dominion I would advise the liberal party to be ever watchful; keep an eye on American contractors and sons-in-law, and the Tories cannot possibly exhibit 114 again."

FOLLOWED BY FRIENDS.

Memorial Services in St. James' Church—A Lamented Death.

Yesterday morning at St. James' church, at the conclusion of an sermon upon the uncertainty of life, the certainty of death, and the personal duty of holiness, the Rev. B. B. Smith referred particularly to the death of Frederick C. Voigt, a sincere mourner for whom was apparent throughout the congregation because of his value to the church, to his family, and to the community. His devotion to the two former, and his life among the latter, were exemplary and it was among the mysterious dispensations of providence that such an one should be taken. But providence did all things well, and would comfort and strengthen the bereaved in their trial. The hymns at morning and evening service were of a memorial character.

In the afternoon the funeral took place from the residence of Mr. H. C. Voigt, Johnson street, and was very largely attended, especially by the young men, among whom the deceased was a great favourite. The body was conveyed to St. James' church, for the funeral service, the choir being present and singing the beautiful hymns "Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid," and "On the Resurrection Morning." The officiating clergyman, in a short address, paid tribute to the christian virtues of the deceased, who had been a very willing worker in St. James', a loving devoted son and brother, and a pattern to young men generally. The body was then conveyed to Catarqui cemetery. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, especially those from the clerks of the post office department at Ottawa. The post office clerks of Kingston attended in a body.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Lewis Hoppins, Deseronto, son of A. Hoppins, of this city, is very ill.

Ald. John McKay is confined to his house. He will not be able to leave his residence for some time.

Rev. Father Stanton, Smith's Falls, has been presented with over \$400 by his congregation.

Mrs. Patton, jr., sang "Dark Calvary" at the salvation army barracks last evening. Her voice is as sweet as ever.

L. A. Fell, a graduate of the Dominion business college, is giving stereopticon exhibitions in the eastern counties.

J. E. Clark, who has been city auditor for many years, is confined to his house through illness. He has been a sufferer for nearly two months.

A. P. Booth, of Odessa, has been elected president and Alexander Henry, of Napanee, vice-president, of the Lennox conservative association.

A SKATER'S CONCLUSIONS.

Skating on the Decline—None Now-a-Days as Expert as Some in the Past.

"Toronto," a correspondent of the Star, takes the management of Victoria rink, Montreal, severely to task for the selfishness with which it has managed its skating competitions in order to retain the prizes in Montreal. The result has been the great injury of fancy skating. "Where," he asks, "are to be found skaters of the skill and grace of Jackson Haines, the Meagher Bros., John Powers and Robert Deacon. Nowhere! Even the professional skater of to-day is but a mediocre tanglelegs with head bowed and eyes fixed on his toes, with an area of movement not greater than a wash tub." He speaks of the death of grace, style, daring, originality and almost every other quality that makes skating the poetry of motion. The compliment he pays to Kingston's former skating stars is a solid one; the city certainly lost distinction when it allowed skating to decline. Without a rink for over fifteen years no wonder its fancy skaters have passed out of service without new ones arriving to take their place.

R. Laurance's Spectacles.

The only sure aids to perfect vision, at J. G. King's drug store. Buy none other. See every pair is stamped "R.L." Imitations abound. The frame may sometimes be closely imitated, the lens never.

Weather Probabilities.

Strong winds and gales, veering to west and north-west; cloudy, milder weather with snow, or in the southern portions sleet, followed by colder weather to-night and clearing decidedly colder to-morrow.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 17.—A terrible snow storm set in here on Friday, and has continued to the present time. The storm is general throughout the west.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—Snow commenced to fall heavily early this morning and still continues. On Saturday 7.7 inches was recorded at McGill observatory, making a total for the two days of 20.2 inches. The fall from Jan. 1st to the 16th is nearly equal to the largest on record for the whole month.

WIND

SNOW

COLD