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If you intend decorating if only one room, call and see what we are doing and for whom.

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To-Night and Saturday

All trimmed Millinery at half marked price. This deep cut is made in order to clear out everything ready for stock-taking. We've had a good millinery year.

Jackets for $3.50.

By a special lucky purchase, we place a big table full of splendid New Jackets intended to sell for $5, $6 and $7, at the low price of $3 50. Remember these are new goods, not culls or leftovers.

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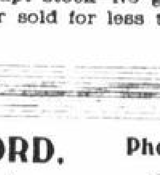

Alderman Behan

FOR MAYOR.

THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

THE TID-BITS GATHERED FROM THE WARDS.

Who'll Be Mayor, Who'll Be Aldermen, Who'll Be Trustees?—The All-Important Questions—Where the Polling Booths Will Be Located.

It is said a certain public school trustee, a candidate for re-election in one of the wards, will be knighted on Monday night.

Mayor Elliott was busy this forenoon swearing in the scrutineers who will do duty at the various polling booths on Monday next.

The veteran city clerk, M. Flanagan, has been present at every mayoralty nomination held in this city during the past fifty-four years.

Several aldermanic candidates have been trying to dicker for roosters to crow for them on Monday night. But the owners wanted too much cash.

Alderman Skinner tells the News that he "will certainly be mayor of Kingston for 1897," but the linotype slipped a cog and forgot to say "in his mind."

A meeting of the executive committee of the liberal conservative association of this city was held in alderman Skinner's office last evening to adopt a plan of campaign for the coming municipal elections.

The conservative who called the anti-monopoly coal oil aldermen "brainless" unconsciously paid a poor compliment to the party's candidate for mayor, alderman Skinner. He is their devoted ally on this question.

Mayoralty candidate Behan states that he has every reason for being satisfied with the prospect of a successful issue of his campaign, so far as such prospect can be judged by the assurances of support received by him in his canvass.

Yesterday alderman Skinner recommended the appointment of a certain ratepayer as scrutineer for the by-law at a sub-division in Cataraqui ward. Notwithstanding the fact that the position was already filled, Mayor Elliott acceded to alderman Skinner's request and appointed his nominee.

James Mallen, who is opposing Dr. Ryan for a seat at the council board for Cataraqui ward for 1897, is making a vigorous house to house canvass. He says he is in favor of changing the existing oil limits, so as to allow any oil company to locate here, and on that position will put up a fight to a finish with its opponents.

Mayor Elliott's term of office expired today according to the latest act of the Ontario legislature. Heretofore the old council held one meeting in January to wind up business, the mayor's term being extended to that time. But now all the business of one year must be finished by the council within the twelve months, extending from January 1st to December 31st.

Polling Booths.

No. 1, Sydenham ward—Mrs. Sullivan's house, corner of Gore and Wellington streets, E. Power, deputy-returning officer.

No. 2. Sydenham ward—Mrs. Miller's house, William street, Isaac Kelly.

No. 3, Ontario ward—Ontario hall, R. Hendry, jr.

No. 4, Ontario ward—T. Downey's house, Bagot street, J. E. Johnston.

No. 5, St. Lawrence ward—A. E. Elmer's barber shop, Princess street, T. H Bibby.

No. 6, St. Lawrence ward—A. McIlquham's livery office, Princess street, W. R. Dick.

No. 7, Cataraqui ward—Mrs. Staley's house, Queen street, Thomas Dunn.

No. 8, Cataraqui ward—Miss Curtis' house, Wellington street, R. Wright.

No. 9, Cataraqui ward—C. O'Neill's house, Bay street, James Mullen.

No. 10, Cataraqui ward—Mrs. McCluskey's house, No. 10, Lower Bagot street, D. Sullivan.

No. 11, Frontenac ward—W. J. Morgan's house, Princess street, John Anderson.

No. 12, Frontenac ward—G. Auchinvole's house, corner of Colborne and Clergy streets, A. E. Herod.

No. 13, Frontenac ward—R. Dugall's house, John Street, W. C. McDonald.

No. 14. Frontenac ward—R. Cowie's house, John street, W. Purtell.

No. 15, Rideau ward—Mrs. E. Pugh's house, Division street, George Young.

No. 16, Rideau ward—Mrs. Kennedy's shop, Brock street, John Walker.

No. 17, Rideau ward—Isaac Asselstine's house, Johnston street, Thomas Asselstine.

No. 18, Rideau ward—Mrs. E. J. Nicholson's house, University avenue, D. A. Shaw.

No. 19, Rideau ward—Henry Bailey's house, Princess street, J. H. Brickwood.

No. 20, Victoria ward—Mrs. Reynard's house, Barrie street, W. D. Muckler.

No. 21, Victoria ward—Mrs. Rogers' house, O'Kill street, Harry Bates.

No. 22, Victoria ward—Mrs. Nobes' house, Union street, F. Dunlop.

KINGSTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Its Diploma Is The Most Valuable Commercial Certificate In Canada.

The history of the now famous Kingston Business College should be very familiar to Kingstonians, and more especially to the one hundred representative business men who, some fourteen years ago, gave their influence and patronage, and were instrumental in the establishment of the college which has won so enviable a reputation, not only in the different provinces of the dominion, but in many states of the union for its superior course of study which is being continually acknowledged by prominent business men, colleges and school boards applying to the faculty of the college for office assistants and teachers of commercial work, shorthand and penmanship. It is a well-known fact that no similar institution in Canada in so short a time has furnished so many teachers of commercial subjects, thus proving to the citizens of Kingston that they have in their midst the leading business college in the dominion, and the only incorporated business college east of Toronto eligible for affiliation with the institute of chartered accountants of Ontario. Its charter of incorporation is a guarantee to the public of its stability and insures to the students and graduates a certainty in the fulfilment of its contracts and a more continuous and lasting influence than any ordinary private school, of which there are a number in Canada whose short existence and the roaming dispositions of their originators are not beneficial to a community and do not usually lead to the success of students attending them, besides the diploma issued by an institution with such uncertain life would be worthless as a certificate of competency. It is not only in Canada that the diploma of the Kingston business college is considered so valuable as a commercial passport, but it is also held in very high esteem in many of the large cities of the United States, where scores of young men have secured lucrative situations owing to the significant premium attached to this special diploma. Moreover, the friendly union that exists among the past students and graduates of the Kingston ... college is of inestimable value to ... [illegible] ... church choir and M ... Leonard ...

CITY AND VICINITY.

Don't Hesitate About It

But if you want anything in boots, shoes or rubbers call on Abernethy, 127 Princess street.

Undergoing Operations.

Manager Atkinson, of the vehicle works, ill in the general hospital with a serious internal trouble, was operated on this week. The operation was a success as far as it went, but the surgeons could not reach the seat of the trouble. Another one will be carried out next week.

The Coal Oil Limits May Not Be Changed

But to close out the balance of the stock at Offord's old stand I will sell everything on hand for less than manufacturers' prices. Call and see if we have anything you want in boots, shoes, rubbers, slippers or moccasins. A. Abernethy.

To Inspect The Minerals.

Archibald Blue, director of mines in Ontario, arrived in the city to-day for the purpose of inspecting the cabinets of mineral specimens prepared at the school of mines for the Ontario bureau of mines, and which will be located at different mining centres throughout Ontario for the benefit of prospectors and miners.

Christmas Furs.

What more suitable for a Christmas gift than some article of fur, such as a pair of gauntlets, a muff or cape, a storm collar or a mink or sable ruff for the neck? We think you will find the largest assortment and lowest prices in furs of all kinds at the store of George Mills & Co., 120 Wellington street, next door to Waldron's.

Says He'll Bring An Action.

Trouble is brewing in the neighborhood of Sharbot Lake. Two women, resident in that locality, have, it is said, been indulging rather freely in gossip about one of their neighbors, with the object of causing trouble between a man and his wife. The husband says he will seek the assistance of the law to silence the slanderous reports set afloat.

Won By The Cadets.

In Halifax on Saturday night a company of Royal military college cadets, holidaying there, had a hockey match with the military gymnasium club and winning the game by 9 to 6. Cadet Bennett knocked out five of the nine goals. The cadets were: Payzant, Uniacke, Weston, Bennett, Wilby, Francklyn and Leslie. On Monday night the cadets played the United Banks' team.

Was Only Slight Damage.

About noon yesterday some of the decorations surrounding the altar in the chapel at the House of Providence caught fire from the candles which have been kept lighted since Christmas. The fire departments were called out, but their services were not required, as the flames were extinguished by the use of hand grenades. The loss will prove trifling, but it gave the sisters and inmates a great scare.

Police Court This Morning.

In the police court this morning John McKechnie was fined $5 and costs with the option of going to jail for one month, on conviction of having been guilty of begging on the streets. James Bolan was given a similar fine for having been drunk. Several citizens were charged with infraction of by-laws. In two cases the charges were withdrawn, one was adjourned until Monday and another for two weeks.

A Happy New Year

Is what the Y.M.C.A. wishes all. A big reception will be given at their building to-morrow. Read the day programme in another column. In the evening the following artists are billed to appear: Mrs. Callfas, Misses McCartney, Bailey, Singleton, Walker, Brock, E. Bailey and Mills and Messrs. J. B. McKay, Jacobs Bros., Orr, Ellis, O'Connor, Spence, McBride and Morgans.

Stock Taking Sale.

Great reductions in every department. Everything offered at cost price. Buy your new carpet now, we have some splendid patterns left and will sell at big reductions to clear them out before stock-taking. You will make far more than three months' interest on your money. Dress goods reduced thirty per cent., cloakings at cost price, blankets and comforters reduced. Everything cheap at R. McFaul's stock-taking sale.

Gave Them A Warm Reception.

The members of the McGill college glee club took a trip over the electric street railway belt line yesterday. In order to advertise their performance they chose the roof of the car as the most suitable place from which to make their observations. Things went smoothly until their car entered Portsmouth, when the visiting students were assailed by a crowd of hoodlums, who pelted them with hard substances until the car passed out of range.

Funeral Of The Late Mrs. Henderson.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. P. R. Henderson took place from her late residence, William street. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. A. W. Richardson. The remains were carried by five sons of deceased, John, James, George, Lawrence, Norman and her son-in-law, T. Alexander. The cortege which followed the remains to their last resting place was a lengthy and representative one.

New Year's At The Y.M.C.A.

To-morrow will be a busy day at the Y.M.C.A. In the morning a boy's reception will be held to which all parents are cordially invited. The afternoon a reception will be given the young men of the city with a varied programme of gymnasium exhibition, basketball games, music and refreshments. The evening has been set aside for a grand concert, which is open also to lady friends of the association. All Free. Read the talent in another column.

Looking For Troublers.

A police constable from Whitney, Ont., has been in the neighborhood of Sharbot Lake for several days past, engaged in a search for four men, two of whom are residents of Olden township, one a Hinchinbrooke man and the fourth a resident of Kennebec. The four men, it is said, broke into a private house at Whitney, where a dance was in progress, smashed the furniture, assaulted the proprietor and otherwise outrageously misconducted themselves.

Canadian Foresters Unite.

Courts Stanley and Macdonald, C.O.O.F., amalgamated Tuesday evening. The united body will be known as court Stanley. It now has a membership of more than one hundred. The installation of officers for 1897 took place after the amalgamation had been consummated. Those named below will hold office during the incoming year: C.R., R. D. Baker; V.C.R., Thomas Cook; S.W., George Leader; J.W., J. A. B. Smith; treasurer, H. F. Wilmot; chaplain, J. Perryman; recording secretary, A. E. Smythe; financial secretary, H. Hawley; S.B., T. Atkinson; J. B., J. Francis; delegate to high court, R. D. Baker.

First Of The Season.

H. Hora, son of A. Hora, Barriefield, had a narrow escape from death by drowning a couple of days ago. He was taking a spin in his new ice yacht, the North Star, on the St. Lawrence near his home. The yacht struck a weak spot in the ice and crashed through carrying the young sailor into the water. He succeeded in retaining a hold on the boat until his father, who, fortunately, was on shore at the time, and who witnessed the accident, made his way to ... and rescued him from his peril ...

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the People Are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who Are Taking Notes.

Happy New Year!

Tub butter 15c. J. Crawford.

Frog in Your Throat? 10c. Mitchell's.

Come to Silver's and see how cheaply clothing can be sold.

The WHIG will not be published to-morrow.

Bell's gallery, Market Square, will be open to-morrow all day.

Fancy goods, novelties, etc., at your own price. E. C. Mitchell.

The past year is gone. How will you fare next year?

Raisins, figs, dates. J. Crawford.

Band at big Royal rink New Year's afternoon. Ice in splendid condition.

The Christmas offering at St. Mary's Cathedral amounted to over $1,000.

Seltzer bromide for headaches, 10c., 25c. and 50c. bottles. E. C. Mitchell.

Hear Tommie O'Connor in his comic songs at the opera house New Year's night.

The 'Prentice Boys' ball will be held in the WHIG hall on New Year's eve. Tickets 35c.

Nuts, table raisins, figs, dates, fruit syrups. J. Crawford.

Freight traffic on the different lines of railway centering in this city is almost at a stand still.

Come and have a laugh with O'Connor's variety company New Year's night.

Begin the new year by paying your debts. Pay what you owe and get money into circulation.

Raspberry lemon, pine apple syrup. J. Crawford.

O'Connor's variety performance on New Year's night will be up-to-date with new specialties.

Kingston has lost quite a few noble citizens during 1896. May their sons prove as true and loyal as they were.

A carload of sheet iron, to be used in the manufacture of steam boilers arrived at the G.T.R. freight sheds here this morning.

Go to Wade's for the Maximus standard horse and cattle remedies, consisting of condition powders, cough and colic cure, gall cure, liniment hoof oil and absorbent blister.

Along with the other twenty thousand inhabitants the WHIG staff will enjoy the holiday and cease from toil. No WHIG to-morrow.

Tickets 10c. and 25c. for O'Connor's variety company New Year's night at Martin's opera house.

The ballot-boxes, ballots, etc., for use at the municipal election, on Monday, were distributed to the deputy-returning officers this morning.

Oranges, lemons, table raisins, figs, dates, French creams, fancy chocolates. J. Crawford.

Members of the Catholic church will observe the abstinence from meat on New Year's day the same as on any other Friday of the year.

The Brockville Times jubilantly declares that "Dr. Moore will be mayor of Brockville for 1897." Monday night we will know Moore about it!

Farm stock sale, at C. H. Diamand's one and a half miles east of Odessa on York Road, on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, at one o'clock by J. W. Denyes.

Resolve next year to be a better citizen than you were the past year. If all agreed to do this there would be a great elevation in the public tone.

The young ladies of Mrs. Hemsley's establishment presented her with an elegant perfume case filled with choice French perfume on Christmas eve. It was much appreciated.

This afternoon the convicts in the Kingston penitentiary were treated to a musical entertainment by local talent. No doubt the unfortunates appreciated the kindness of the entertainers.

To-night! To-night! Go and hear the "Coming of the King," which so many enjoyed on Tuesday evening last, will be repeated in Sydenham street church to-night. Collection at door, 10c. up.

We are not going to let our customers suffer because money is scarce. We have put the price in reach of the depleted pocket-book and are giving better bargains than ever. B. Silver & Co.

A visitor to the city says the horses in use in the city, both by wealth and otherwise, are very poor specimens. The best horses he has seen were drawing a hack.

Since the list of collections in aid of the general hospital was published these came in: Cataraqui Methodist church, $3.68; Odessa Methodist church, $3.60; Amherst Island Anglican, Rev. Mr. Tighe, $15.

New flooring has been laid in the G.T.R. station at Kingston junction. Two of the new Baker heaters have been put up and are being used, and a number of men from Brantford are putting the others in position.

To-night the cantata, "Coming of the King," sang with so much success on Tuesday evening, will be repeated in Sydenham street church at 8. Collection at door, 10c. upward.

Our own improved Liver Pills are peculiarly adapted to those suffering from too much Christmas cheer, whether taken in solid or liquid form, and would respectfully advise all such to try a box, 25c. each. E. C. Mitchell.

Within the past twelve months C. J. Graham has improved property in Victoria ward to the extent of $21,[illegible]. Within the same period he erected $9,000 worth of houses in Rideau ward.

The new wing at Rockwood hospital for the insane is completed, with the exception of the heating system, the contract for which has not yet been given out. This part of the work will not likely be finished until next spring.

Hear Mrs. Martin, of Montreal, sing to-night at the repeat of the "Coming of the King," Sydenham street church. Silver collection at door.

City treasurer Ireland reported to the city council Monday evening as follows regarding the collection of fees on market No. 1: Amount previously reported, $940.20; collected during past fortnight, $95; total, $1,035.20.

During our cheap sale we will offer a splendid range of fine overcoats, made the same as order work, in beavers, meltons, French nappe and frieze, at prices to defy competition. Z. Prevost, New York Clothing Store, Brock street.

Lieut.-Col. H. R. Smith and officers of the 14th battalion have received New Year greetings from Lieut.-Col. Ruttan on behalf of the officers of the 90th battalion, Winnipeg, and from Lieut.-Col. Worthington, on behalf of the 53rd battalion, Sherbrooke.

R. J. Wilson, manager of the C.P.R. telegraph agency here, has received from the Commercial Cable company, in New York, a unique and very pretty Christmas card, bearing a fine cut of the company's head office which is over twenty stories high, and the front of which is solid marble.

The nice sheet of ice that filled the western portion of the harbor was driven out into the lake this morning by the action of the north-east wind. All the harbor is open from Macdonald park west. It is a pity the rough ice which fills the channel east of this point was not also driven out.

Oats are being marketed in large quantities by farmers of this district just at present, and as a consequence prices are very low. The top price is twenty cents a bushel, but as low as eighteen cents is ...

QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

The Whig Has Passed the First Quarter as a Liberal Journal.

To-day the publisher of the WHIG completed twenty-five years of proprietorship and extended the life of the paper to the ripe age of sixty-three years. Year by year the record of the paper has been becoming more unique, in that it has had only one change of owner in all that period. It has the satisfaction of ending its first quarter of a century as a liberal journal far stronger than it has been at any period of its existence, and yet when it raised the liberal banner it was a most depressing time for city newspapers. The local reform organ had, after several years of vigorous fighting, gone down into the limitless pit which seems to be prepared for three-fourths of newspaper publishers, but the WHIG seems to have inherited some of the grit which made its founder in 1834 a notable characteristic personage, and it also probably inherited some of his force, his love of manly fair play and his abhorrence of hypocrisy and double-dealing. It has felt that its best service to the reform party was to make reform politics more generous towards opponents than had been the custom, while not sacrificing one grain of true principle. It has striven to have the public feel that its judgment was founded on fair play and discretion, that its local news was based upon what each member of the staff believed to be fact, and its general tone has been guarded for the healthfulness of its readers. To the public who have responded to its efforts to deserve support it is sincerely grateful, and endeavors, day by day, by its kindliness to all classes to give expression to that gratitude. It has a circulation which its founder would have considered a miracle and has surroundings which he did not so much as dream would be the good fortune of the paper he had struggled for many years to maintain against more than ordinary discouragements. It starts on the second quarter with hopefulness of increasing the great strength it has attained, confident in the future of Kingston and in the generous spirit of its citizens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

He Is Still In The Field.

KINGSTON, Dec. 31.—(To the Editor): In the News of the 30th inst. appeared an item stating that mayor Elliott and aldermen W. H. Carson and W. H. Robinson intend retiring from the municipal contest. If by "W. H. Robinson" the News refers to me, the report is untrue, and I would have taken no notice of it had it not been industriously circulated about town during the past few days. It may be that the rumor went out from the fact that I have not canvassed the electors of Cataraqui ward.

Now, Mr. Editor, it was not my intention to be a candidate for municipal honors this year, as I have had enough of public life during the past forty years to satisfy any man. But a large number of the electors urged me so strongly to be a candidate on account of the position I have taken on the coal oil limits and other questions, that I consented, with the understanding that I was not to canvass. To this agreement I have strictly adhered, and I am entirely in the hands of the electors. I am aware that several members of "the combine" have threatened to "sweep me out of the ward," but let them come on. I am not frightened, and am quite content to leave myself in the hands of the voters of Cataraqui ward. — WILLIAM ROBINSON.

A CHARMING WEDDING.

A Popular Young Couple United in Wedlock Last Evening.

An unusually pretty wedding took place last evening at the residence of William Keyes, Bath Road, when his daughter, Mary E. Keyes, was united in marriage to Arthur Day, son of P. W. Day, of the same place. The bride, who was escorted by her father to the beautiful arch under which the ceremony was performed, looked charming in a marine gown with lace trimmings and bridal veil, and wore also a beautiful crest of diamonds, the gift of the groom. Miss Ethel Keyes, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and wore a most becoming gown of pea-green trimmed with lace. In the position of bridesmaid, none could have filled it more charmingly. W. J. Taylor, of Tweed, cousin of the groom, ably filled the position of best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Holmes.

The spacious rooms of the cheerful home of Mr. Keyes were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The number of beautiful and costly presents, admired by all, testified to the high esteem in which the popular bride is held. There was a very large attendance of relatives and immediate friends, including some from Montreal and New York. Mr. and Mrs. Day left on the midnight train to spend their honeymoon in the eastern provinces.

A Resolution Of Regret.

At a special meeting of the Kingston library board last night the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the directors: "Resolved, on motion of Rural Dean Carey, seconded by deputy-surgeon-general Neilson, R.C.A., that while accepting the resignation of secretary T. G. Marquis, B.A., this board desires to express its deep sense of the great loss the public library sustains by Mr. Marquis' removal from Kingston. During his term of office his gratuitous services in behalf of the library were invaluable. He gave his time and rare talents most ungrudgingly in its best interests.

"While regretting Mr. Marquis' departure from among us, the members of the board desire to congratulate him most heartily on his well-deserved promotion in his profession, and on his attaining the high position of principal of the Brockville collegiate institute. The directors, as well as the community in general, sincerely wish Mr. Marquis God speed and every success in his future life."

A Happy Evening.

A jubilant band of children crowded St. James' school room last night for the usual Christmas entertainment. A very attractive programme of songs and recitations, supplied by the children and adult members of the congregation preceded the distribution of the gifts. Special mention must be made of the grammophone which Harry Breck was so kind as to operate to the great amusement of all. Brock Meredith's performances upon the banjo with mouth organ accompaniment were much appreciated. A veritable Santa Claus direct from Labrador, then distributed the gifts from the tree to over 200 expectant children to whom the whole entertainment was an evident treat from first to last.

Chosen Friends Officers.

At the last meeting of Kingston council, No. 217, C.O.C.F., these officers were elected for the ensuing year: P.C., J. Daly; C.C., J. Harrigan; V.C., R. Beaupre; recorder, T. Ronan; treasurer, N. Parent; prelate, Miss Greaza; marshal, D. Staley; warden, Mrs. Clayton; guard, J. Mosier; sentry, F. O'Reilly; delegates to grand council, T. Ronan, J. Daly.

Wanted A Temporary Appointment.

A young countryman, about twenty years old, and six feet six inches in height, ...

RETAIN THE FAIR GROUNDS.

THIS IS THE ADVICE OF A FORMER MANAGER.

Abraham Shaw Points Out Reasons Why the City Should Secure the Grounds—He Gives Strong Reasons for the Purchase—A Good Investment.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 30.—(To the Editor): I see by the Kingston papers that the by-law for purchasing the Midland Central fair grounds is to be voted upon next week, also that many of the merchants have given expression to their opinions thereupon. Having been asked to give an opinion, as a former manager, I desire to say that in case the grounds are not held for exhibition purposes the loss will be materially felt for the following reasons:

1. Financially. If the people would look at the matter from a purely financial standpoint they would see that when the fair was held, between $5,000 and $7,000 was spent at the grounds, taking government grants, gate receipts, etc., so that not less than 15,000 strangers came into the city during the week, who would surely spend not less than fifty cents each, thus leaving in the city $7,500. Is not that worth considering? Some may say the money is all spent in the hotels, while I cannot agree with such, yet suppose it is, who receives the benefit? The baker, butcher, grocer and farmer, while the profit made by these parties is usually spent in the city. Therefore, if the fair brings $7,500 into the city, is it not wise to support the by-law?

2. Sports. There ought to be a place in the city where all classes of games could be engaged in, or that satisfactory arrangements could be made for bicycle tournaments, baseball, football, etc., and I am of the opinion that satisfactory terms could be made with the athletic association so that all sports could be concentrated in one place.

3. Management. There is no reason, if the fair grounds were properly managed, but that a revenue would be derived directly from such. Other cities consider such to their advantage, and with our proximity to the United States and Thousand Islands there is no reason why the fair should not be a success.

Hoping that the by-law may be carried I am yours truly, A. SHAW.

Buy It For The City.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec., 31.—(To the Editor): A sale of the fair grounds to a syndicate would mean that eighty odd quarter acre lots would be offered for sale at about half their value, and every owner of real estate in the upper part of the city would be seriously affected by the reduced values. By all means let the city be the purchaser of a property which can at any time be sold at a good profit on the price to be paid.—A TAXPAYER.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of the People—What They Are Saying and Doing.

Norman Devlin, Perth, is the guest of ex-mayor Wright, Colborne street.

E. W. Brooks, St. John, N.B., traveller for S. Oberndorffer, is in the city on business.

The Misses Pretty, Princess street, entertained a number of their young friends last evening.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman will preside at a New Year's entertainment at Battersea tomorrow night.

Rev. Jacob Freshman, formerly a Methodist minister in Canada, has taken up his abode in Buffalo.

F. A. Bickley, Montreal, one of the travelling representatives of Macnee & Minnes, is in town to-day.

John McSweeny and Mrs. McSweeny, of Detroit, Mich., are visiting Charles Oliver, Barrie street, this city.

Robert Weir, recently appointed a member of the local police force, will commence duty as a police constable to-morrow.

John Bullis left for his home in Toledo, Ohio, yesterday, after having paid a visit to relatives in this city and on Wolfe Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Bovaird, Shannonville, and Miss Leonard, Westbrook, are guests at the residence of Jacob Gardiner, Princess street.

Capt. T. Donnelly, steamboat inspector, has been granted leave of absence for a few days and will spend his brief vacation in Buffalo, N.Y.

Miss Annie Lindsay, a graduate of the shorthand department, has secured a position as stenographer in the office of the News, Toronto.

Harry Small, late street railway motorman, has returned to the city to spend a few days with relatives. He is located at Deadwood, S.D.

Mrs. Weese was able to return to her home in Ernesttown township to-day. She was deeply affected on hearing of her husband's death.

James H. Bawden, visiting here for the past ten days, will leave for Chicago on Monday next to resume his occupation there with Gormully & Jeffray.

Dr. Charest, with his wife and two children, from Lamberton, Miss., arrived in the city last night on a pleasure trip. They are guests at the British American.

James Anderson, manager of the Rathbun Co's local flour store, ill for some weeks past with bronchitis, is able to be around again and to-day resumed his duties.

Miss Edith Knapp, public school teacher on Howe Island, has given up her position and will take an advanced course, entering the collegiate institute when classes resume.

Captain C. M. Strange, of the 14th batt., P.W.O.R., left for Montreal yesterday to resume business, after having spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

Miss Annie Aikens, daughter of Patrick Aikens, Ordnance street, received as a Christmas gift a handsomely worked handkerchief from her cousin, Miss McAnee, of the county Tyrone, Ireland.

The Misses Anderson, public school teachers at Bedford and Donaldson's Mills on the line of the K. & P. railway, are enjoying the Christmas vacation at the home of their parents, Johnston street.

Rev. Richard Bamforth, B.A., and Mrs. Bamforth, of Chisholm, also Mrs. J. E. Shibley and children, from Harrowsmith, are in town to spend New Year's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lake, Queen street.

R. P. Spratt, Lindsay, brother of Rev. Fr. Spratt, Wolfe Island, is attending the bedside of his brother, who is ill in the House of Providence. Fr. Spratt may take a trip to Florida. If so he will be accompanied by his brother.

Captain and quartermaster Rawson of the 53rd battalion, Sherbrooke, is a native of this city and before leaving here held a lieutenant's commission in the 14th battalion. He joined in heartily with the officers of the 53rd regiment in wishing those of the 14th battalion a happy new year.

The Pumping Engine Test.

The second test of the new water works pumping engine was completed at a quarter before eleven this morning. As far as could be judged, the probability is that the engine has performed the full duty required by the specifications.

The test was much similar to that made some time ago, with the exception that the water pumped, instead of being measured by meter, as at the first test, was in this case, weighed. It required the constant service of an expert to carry out this part of the test, and George A. Walkem, graduate, in science, of McGill, college, was given charge of the work. Contrary to his original intentions, W. ...

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—St. Lawrence (upper) — Northwest to northeast winds, fair, turning much colder.

Keeping Up The Interest

Business is not allowed to slump in the big store, even though the rush of holidays is over. We have other plans to interest you, and it is because of this newness in all seasons that dull days are not known here.

Stock-taking is ahead of us in the early New Year, and we will aim before that event takes place to clear departments of many important lines. There will be a short term of buying just the goods you want in this colder weather at prices lower than have ever been reached before.

OUR "FREE TRADE SALE"

will continue as advertised until January 10th. In the meantime every article of Dry Goods is selling at bargain prices.

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M'GILL BANJO CLUB.

A Capital Entertainment That Was Appreciated By All Who Heard It.

McGill university colors were very noticeable in the city yesterday afternoon, and one would think that the football season had again opened. This was occasioned by the presence of the McGill college glee and banjo club, which is at present making a tour of Ontario, and which appeared at the opera house last evening. The audience, although not very large, was, nevertheless, an appreciative one, and it is to be regretted that many more did not take advantage of hearing an excellent concert. The programme consisted of fifteen numbers and was well varied. The opening number was a chorus, "Students of McGill," by both clubs. The glee club gave three selections, "Comrades in Arms" (Adam), "Medley" (Shattuck), and "A Wet and Flowing Sea" (Lloyd), all of which were well rendered and encores called for in each case. The numbers of the banjo club were: "Mountain City March" (Parker); descriptive music, "Darkies Revel" (Parker), and Spanish Dance, "Zingarella," (Burns). The club is composed of brilliant players, and was encored in all the numbers. In Roland Paul the club has an excellent tenor singer, who possesses a sweet and clear voice. He gave two selections, "Blue Eyes" and "Come Into the Garden Maud," both of which were fully appreciated. This singer also appeared to splendid advantage in the glees rendered. P. T. Moore, leader of the glee club, sang several comic selections in a taking manner. He has a good bass voice. A quartette, consisting of banjo and guitar and another of mandolin and guitar, rendered several selections, the inter-mezzo by the latter being particularly good. The banjo solo, theme and variations of "Home Sweet Home," a very difficult piece, was admirably rendered by J. H. Parker, who was obliged to appear before the audience several times. This gentleman is instructor of the banjo club and handles his instrument in an able manner. The vo[cal] quartette, composed of Messrs. Paul, ... rison, was ver[y] ... perfectly. Th... bers on the ... Packard and ... both of whic[h] ... numbers on ... encored and ... the conclusi[on] ... yell was vig... declaration ... It is regrett... away from t... would have ... had they be... appear in ... and Brockv...

Revs. D... take part ... Queen street Methodist church ... to-night.

At St. James' church the usual New Year's eve service will be held to-night at a quarter to eight o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Revs. G. R. Beamish and S. H. Gould, the latter soon to go as an ordained medical missionary to Persia. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Crossing Needs Repairing.

The crossing at the corner of Earl and Division streets urgently requires the attention of the board of works. The boardwalk is very narrow and a plank has been laid beside it to increase the width, but has not been fastened down. The greatest care is necessary on the part of pedestrians to pass over safely. Last evening a lady tripped against the edge of the loose plank and fell, causing a severe and painful injury to her ankle. A suit against the city for damages may be the outcome.

New Year Address.

The annual WHIG carriers' New Year greeting is both artistic, typographically and meritorious in a literary way. This makes the sixty-third annual poetic salutation of the WHIG staff and again its friends perform essential service of weaving into symmetry the thoughts of the muses. The kindly hand this year is that of Rev. Dr. Burrows, of Ashtabula, Ohio, a gentleman warmly regarded here.

25c. Pure Apple Juice Cider. 25c.

Finest apple cider 25c. gallon, raspberry lemon syrup, table and cooking apples. J. Crawford.

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MARRIED.

MARSH-NORTON-TAYLOR — ... December, 1896, at St. G[eorge's] cathedral, Kingston, by the Rev. ... Bogert, assisted by the Very Dean ... Dean of Ontario, Capt. H... Marsh, R.A., eldest son of the ... Augustus Marsh, H.M. 55th ... to Ethel Lucretia Jean, eldest ... of Col. Norton-Taylor, late R... grand-daughter of the late Sir ... Hoyles, chief justice of Newfou[ndland].

SIMMONS-SMITH—At the residence of the bride's father, Capt. James Smith, ... liam street, on the evening of Dec. ... by Rev. S. Houston, M.A., Charles ... mons, son of Capt. William Simm[ons], Bay street, to Annie, youngest daugh[ter] of Capt. Smith.

DIED.

KILLEEN—In Kingston, Dec. 30th, 1896, Patrick Killeen, aged 86 years.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, Russel street, to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to St. Mary's cathedral, where a libera will be sung. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

BAKER—At Marysville, Wolfe Island, Dec. 31st, Edward J. Baker, aged 68 years.

Funeral from his late residence on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

BETTS—At Hales' cottages, King street, this morning, Marguerite Mary Clive, ...

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An Apology Offered.

The WHIG endeavored to boom the poultry show and started handsomely. But press tickets were not forwarded, and yesterday a reporter had to present himself without one. He was refused admission, and yet the door-keeper was a local boatbuilder who has received many kindly local notices, and ought to have possessed some spark of respect, if not of gratitude, for the press. Therefore, the exhibition received no long notice yesterday, and the WHIG was not the sufferer. When the officials heard of the incident they tendered an unreserved apology.

15c. Butter. Butter, Butter, 15c.

Choice tub butter 15c., choice roll butter, creamery butter. Jas. Crawford.

M. Antoine Ernest Hebert, Paris, the artist and member of the institute, has been made a grand officer of legion of honor. He has been commanding the legion since 1874. M. Hebert was born in 1817.

As a peaceful omen the Russian budget for war and marine in 1897 shows no extra warlike credits.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

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