

BILL NYE AND NIAGARA.

THE RECENT BLIZZARD AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE FALLS.

Little Criticism to Make of the Big Waterfall—A Run Around the Most Picturesque Spots—The Governor is Interviewed on the Subject of the Weather—A Racy Letter.

Niagara Falls at present is practically free for all. You can go and look at them as you would at the the Aurora Borealis or the rich creamy contour of the unskum Milky Way.

We visited the Falls on the day of the blizzard which wrecked Reading and which wound up by tipping the Suspension foot-bridge at Niagara into the river below.

The day broke moist and mealy at Buffalo, but at noon the gray and choppy clouds scattered a little, and a patch of sky could now and then be discovered.

The storm now burst upon us in all its fury, and the rain descended in the wildest profusion, saturating the falls and rendering them well nigh impassable.

We now began the descent on the side of Goat Island looking towards the great Horse Fall. The rain fell in torrents, and as our umbrellas were turned wrong side out by the blast we were soon wet to the skin.

We next went down to the whirlpool and on the way a detachment of John Darms escorted us with an air of suspicion.

Here as we reach the brink of the cliff the blizzard struck us amidship, and the great Niagara which has assisted so many temperate lecturers in soaring to death the moderate drinker seemed to become silent in the presence of old Mr. Blizzard from the wild and unkempt west.

The storm was now at its height. The roof of the hotel gently lifted with the breeze, and through the fast falling rain we could see a surprised gentleman in his room just emerging through the neck band of a bright new shirt.

The storm now took off its coat and shrieked, while the whirlpool was lashed to its greatest fury, and at the whirlpool bazaar genuine Indian moccasins, made in Connecticut, went down to \$2 a pair.

"Monsieur toi heussel!" said the John Darms in pure Buffalo French, with a slight patois of the Rue de Main street.

Friday we visited Governor Hill at Albany and tried to mould the policy of the state. He spoke kindly of other things, but said he was doing his own moulding almost entirely.

bright and bon homme things which I had thought to say to him. I had intended to chirk him up with a few buoyant thoughts of which I am the parent, but I did not do it and I am glad now that I did not.

Governor Hill is one of our most esteemed coterie of bald headed men.

Some say that I resemble him a little, but people who have seen us together, talking over the future of our common country, say that they can readily distinguish the governor from me.

After holding the hand of the governor for quite awhile, and trying to think of something to say to him which would fix my face in his memory for four years, I said we were having a rather an open winter, it seemed to me, and then, gently but reluctantly I gave him back his hand, to do with it as he might think best.

BILL NYE.

THE CIVIC COMMITTEES.

That on City Property Has a Meeting—Its Action on Several Matters.

The members of the new city property committee have declared that its business shall be done openly. There were present at last night's meeting: N. C. Polson, (chairman), Messrs. Drennan, Creggan, Carson and McLeod.

The chairman stated that the Oldfellows were desirous of renting the city hall on the night of Feb. 13th for a ball, and the organ of the Sydenham street Methodist church, now in the hall was an obstruction.

After some discussion it was moved that the trustees of the church remove the organ not later than Feb. 8th.

Petitions were read from the Alert fire company asking for a refund of \$5, paid for the use of the hall for an assembly; from the Children of Mary, requesting a refund of the rent of the hall for three days, during which they held a bazaar, the proceeds of which were entirely devoted to charitable purposes; from C. Eggleton, secretary for the "Social Fire," desiring the city hall for dancing purposes one night per week for two months, and asking that the rental of \$9 per night be reduced. No action.

Mr. W. G. Craig, one of the managers of St. Andrew's church, asked if any arrangements could be made to light the Ontario hall steps better. He also complained that the light in the hall was insufficient. A tender was read from the Electric light company offering to supply two incandescent sparks for the city hall and Ontario hall steps for \$60 per year, the lights to burn every night. It was moved that two dozen gas burners be purchased for Ontario hall. Finally Mr. Campbell, of the Electric light company, offered to supply two incandescent sparks at 10c each per night, the lights to be paid for only when needed. Accepted.

A bill from Mr. O'Hara for \$10, for removing snow from the roof of the city hall, was then discussed. He was ordered to be paid \$5.

The chairman said that during soft weather a part of the roof of the fire hall leaked. He had ordered that the roof be repaired at once. Ald. Drennan considered that if a new fire hall was going to be erected in connection with the present hall, he also contended that any work done for the city should be tendered for. Ald. Polson agreed with Ald. Drennan on the principle, but he had ordered the repairs to be done because they were urgent.

No action was taken in reference to the matter of securing a site in the upper part of the city for a fire hall.

Ald. Drennan spoke regarding the insurance on the portraits of the ex-mayors in the city hall. Mr. Lanagan said they were worth \$7,000. The clerk said the pictures had been insured for \$4,900 a long time ago. Matter to be discussed at a future meeting.

A special meeting of the committee will be held to consider this scheme and that of enlarging the city offices.

Chalmers' Church Social.

A number of the ladies of Chalmers' church ladies aid society held a social in the lecture room of the church last night, and made a success of it judging from the size of the programme which was as follows:

- Opening remarks—Rev. Mr. Macgillivray. Piano Duet—Misses McMahon. Solo, "Out on the deep"—W. Middleton. Piano Duet—Misses Dick and Laidlaw. Solo, "The Monarch of the Woods"—Mr. Crumley. Recitation—T. G. Marquis. Solo, "Kerry Dance"—Miss Reynier. Solo, "King David's Lament"—Mr. Galloway. Address—W. Smith. Solo, "The Soldier's Grave"—Mr. Savage. Piano solo—Miss L. McMahon. Solo, "Protestations"—Mrs. Galloway. Solo, "Neonians Wedding Song"—Mr. Macalister.

Death of Mrs. Clark. Mrs. B. Clark, of Camden East, mother of Mr. Percy Clark, of this city, died last week. She left a husband and three grown up children. Not one of the latter was able to be present during her illness and death, her son, Percy Clark, being absent in Manitoba, and her eldest daughter, Mrs. C. Fraser, Trenton, having gone to Jamaica to spend the winter in visiting her only sister, Mrs. A. D. Cadenhead, who resides there. Mrs. Clark was a consistent member of the Methodist church.

The Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the British American Hotel—E. S. Batcheller, New York; G. B. Watson, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, Quebec; J. Thomson and wife, Newburgh; E. Roast, Berlin; J. G. Fitzgerald, D. J. Flynn, Toronto; H. Fair, London; W. Sills, Chicago; J. B. Mackinnon, W. G. Lewis, W. Grose, A. Vogel, B. Jamieson, Montreal; G. A. Cliff, Napanea.

Police Court—Saturday.

J. Murphy, drunkenness, \$10 and costs or three months in gaol; Joseph Taylor, drunkenness, \$2 and costs or one month in gaol; Robert Dowley, drunkenness, \$1 and costs or fourteen days in gaol; James Willis, furious driving over Catarqui bridge and refusing to pay toll, adjourned until Monday.

EUROPEAN RAMBLINGS.

REV. A. H. SCOTT, OF PERTH, ENTERTAINS A LARGE AUDIENCE.

He Talks to Them of Foreign Soils Trodden by Him—His Descriptive Powers were Remarkably Keen—A Peroration that was Brilliantly Delivered—He Deserved the Thanks he Received.

In response to a request, made by one of the societies of Queen's university, the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., of Perth, delivered a lecture last night on his recent visit to Britain, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

Mr. Scott suitably prefaced his address by asserting the needfulness of rest as the after part of honest toil, and by showing the economy of a breathing spell. Kindly allusion was made to the companionship on the Atlantic of Dr. Watson, a well-known Kingston solicitor, and his estimable lady, who were passengers with Mr. and Mrs. Scott from Quebec to London.

In an interesting manner he described the English scenery and commented upon places and persons of note suggested by the passage through the English country. An account of a stay in London was next presented, and personal and other information given of the Pan Presbyterian and Pan Anglican councils that was held last July in the British metropolis.

From Stockholm the audience was taken to Copenhagen when among other things they viewed the tomb and statuary of Thorwaldsen the Danish sculptor. Then across the Baltic to Germany and down through Holland the trip was extended until, having crossed the North sea at Flushing, the lecturer and those who followed him were brought by the London, Chatham & Dover road to the British metropolis, and thence via Liverpool on an Allan steamer they were brought back to their Canadian home.

As a specimen of the lecturer's diction the following from the peroration may be taken: "I never came back from a holiday with profit so great as that from the weeks spent abroad last summer. It is something to become indoctrinated into the need of getting at a distance occasionally from one's own home and work in order to see both in their true light. It is a good thing to appreciate healthiness in mind and body by a longing to return to regular duty and a hungering for your appointed service. The harvests you reap in other lands contain a fruitage that is brought back to the place at which you began your tour. The rough edges are likely to be rubbed off when we brush shoulder to shoulder with our fellow men. If we imagine that man was made to be carried on with the tide of influence, or the willfulness of others, we greatly err. Trust in self and the 'upward look' are our secrets of success. Other lands have their attractions, along with their counterbalancing disadvantages. But the sun shines as bright on our young dominion as on the most favored spot of God's creation, and with some of us, after careful examination, preference to all other places is accorded to our Canadian home. Man's interest in man, disclosed through conference, convention and council lifts me toward Him whose interest in mortals brought to this earth the God-man. The history of other lands is of interest and ought to be studied. Earth's science is of deep importance, and the world's philosophy is deserving of our time and careful study, but as the days go by I become more and more impressed with the history of inspiration, the science of the cross, and the philosophy of redemption."

At the close of the lecture Mr. Scott was presented, on motion of R. V. Rogers, of Kirkpatrick & Rogers, with the kindly acknowledgments of the audience for the lecture of the evening.

Tobacco And Women.

Joel Benton, in a pleasing article on the history of tobacco smoking, says: "On a small salver in a German restaurant on which cigars are dealt out I have read this motto: 'He who doth not smoke hath either known no great griefs or refused to himself the sweetest consolation next to that which comes from heaven.' 'What? Sweeter woman?' says the young reader. Young reader, woman teases as well as consoles. Woman makes half the sorrows which she boasts the privilege to soothe. Woman consoles us, it is true, when we are young and handsome; when we are old and ugly woman snubs and scolds us. On the whole, then, woman is in this scale; the weed in that. Jupiter, hang out thy balance and weigh them both, and if thou givest preference to woman all I can say is, the next time Juno ruffles thee, O Jupiter, try horse-shoe cigars." For sale only at the Horse-shoe, King street, Market Square.

Retiring from Business.

Johnston & Co. having decided to go to Manitoba in April, open their big slaughter sale to-day. See their new adv't.

JOHN CARSON HAS A GO.

His Numerous Friends Felicitate Him On His Marriage and Tender a Present.

Last evening ex-Mayor John Carson was presented with a fruit epergne of handsome design and the best wishes of many friends for his future happiness. The presentation occurred at the Colliery house and, with the elegant supper enjoyed, engaged the attention of the donors until midnight.

Among those who surrounded the elegant garnished tables were Messrs. John L. Whiting, J. Redden, A. Chadwick, J. Crawford, John McKay, F. Gilen, M. Mallen, C. Livingston, G. Crawford, E. Crumley, W. Middleton, A. H. Elmer, J. Galloway, Capt. Crawford, H. M. Mowat, T. W. Moore, J. G. Elliott, G. Power, J. Marshall, W. H. Van Tassel, R. J. Eilbeck, T. Moore, C. Smith, J. G. Campbell, C. Wright, R. J. Reid, W. C. Martin, R. Carson, T. Carson, John Smith, R. Newlands, S. H. Fee, J. McCammon and P. McLaughlin.

After the banquet ex-Mayor Whiting asked a friend to uncover the gift that they could look it in the face. It was found to have a base and column of oxidized silver relieved by gold figures surmounted by a silver statuette. A gold cross bar, representing a rope, bore up two handsome dishes of Serves ware in pink and gold. "We will imagine Jack in one side and the missus in the other," remarked Ed. Crumley in his droll way. This was the beginning of an endless amount of fun.

Ex-Mayor Whiting said that everyone present, except Ex-Mayor Carson, knew what they were present for. For the enlightenment of the guest of the evening he intimated that many of his friends learning that he was about to assume the duties, responsibilities, pleasures and privileges of married life had met to mark their esteem for him and to cheer him up for the risky and doubtful venture he was about to take, to give him a remembrance so that when he was old and gray and rheumatic and a grandfather he could look upon it and recall when he was one of the boys. He dwelt on the uncertainty with which the latest rumor was received. It had proved unreliable so many times before. But when rumor was found to have told the truth many were relieved and a load of anxiety, fear and trembling lifted from their hearts; that instead of risking his life at railway crossings and in other ways he would now devote his life to more calmer ways. He congratulated him upon drawing so valuable a prize in the matrimonial market, one whose beauty and grace were calculated in the words of the now famous Balbock "to charm the heart and paralyze the intellect." He intimated that twice well that Mr. Carson had caught the fire for had he not be (Whiting) might have fallen a victim himself. He wished both Mr. and Mrs. Carson to be all the good things that come in this life.

Ex-Mayor Carson found the wind knocked out of his sails. He had hoped to send off others; now when his turn came he hadn't a word to say. He wanted to be one of the boys, and he would ever prize the gift tendered to him.

R. J. Eilbeck, a boon companion of Ex-Mayor Carson, made one of his peculiar, interesting and amusing addresses. He traced the history of the forlorn bachelor from the time he was a child, and he did it so well that the company was convulsed. He praised John for his abilities, his winning ways, and promised that a great future was before him.

Mr. Elliott spoke, briefly felicitating Ex-Mayor Carson upon his good future. He looked on John's capture as the result of leap year persuasion, for the gallant fellow's modesty and bashfulness were proverbial. His self-abnegation was mentioned. Golden opportunities in municipal and political life he foretook for domestic joys. No longer will horses and fur coats be his fond pets, but graceful little blossoms will secure his favors, and a bright eyed, winsome creature will be the possessor of caresses and attentions that hitherto have been wasted on less lovely objects. He only hoped that the bank book and bakery would be equal to all the requirements of the butter.

There were happy addresses from benefactors and bachelors, nearly every gentleman speaking. There were numerous songs with rattling choruses, and at midnight the company went on a tour of inspection of the ex-Mayor's Princess street mansion, now ready to receive its mistress. Mr. Carson will be married on Wednesday to Miss Butler, of 90 Close avenue, Parkdale.

CIRCLE OF THE CHURCHES.

A Call to Father and Son—The Filling of the Pulpits To-morrow.

The Presbyterian church at Westport will be ready for occupation about the 10th. Nearly \$10,000 has been subscribed for the new Methodist church at Merrickville.

Rev. G. A. Anderson, Mohawk reserve, was presented with a valuable fur coat last week.

Rev. H. V. Tremayne, Anglican, Shanouville, is meeting with much success since his appointment.

Rev. J. W. Spurling will preach at both services in the Sydenham street Methodist church to-morrow.

To-morrow Rev. T. C. Brown, Brockville, will preach at both services in the Third Methodist church.

A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Leeds county will be held in Gananoque on the 26th and 27th Feb.

Rev. Fr. O'Connor, on leaving Perth, for Prescott, was tendered a gold headed cane by the C.M.B. association.

Rev. S. G. Bland in the morning and Rev. R. Whiting in the evening in Queen street Methodist church to-morrow.

Rev. John Ferguson, B.D., of Chesley, a graduate of Queen's, will be called to St. Andrew's church, London. The people there admire his pulpit efforts.

Rev. K. L. Jones and Dr. E. H. Smythe, speak at a missionary meeting at Lansdowne to-morrow. Rev. W. B. Carey goes on a similar mission to Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Williams, general superintendent, is ill and cannot preach a dedicatory sermon in Sydenham street church next Sunday. Another popular clergyman will be secured.

To-morrow the feast of the purification of the Virgin Mary will be observed in St. Mary's cathedral. The solemn and impressive ceremonies, according to the ritual, will be carried out previous to high mass.

Surprise, but of a gladsome character, was created this morning when it was learned that Rev. H. F. Bland, of Perth, and his son, Rev. S. G. Bland, of Queen street Methodist church, Kingston, had been invited to the Quebec church as joint pastors. They have accepted, consequent on the approval of the stationing committee. It will be pleasant for father and son to be together, and we are satisfied that it will be of great advantage to the Quebec people. A more popular, modest, or painstaking clergyman than Rev. S. G. Bland does not reside in Kingston. Heartly congratulations will be extended to him.

The Pathway of Life.

The new work edited by Rev. Dr. Talmage, "The Pathway of Life," is one of the most elegant now published. It is beautifully illustrated and bound, and its letter-press is most select. The city will be canvassed for the work. Its sale will be very extensive.

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 Taking Notes.

"A" battery band at the Citizens' ice rink this evening.

For genuine Scranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard.

We were shown a very fine cross fox bought by W. Baker. He pays good prices for furs.

By special request Mother Goose will appear in the opera house, Friday, February 8th. See adv't.

The train on the R. W. & RR. now leaves Watertown for Cape Vincent at 10:25 a.m. and arrives there at 11:25 a.m.

Hay, \$14; oats, 80c. per bag; bran 90c.; chop, \$1.25; flour, \$2.65; choice winter apples, \$2 per bbl. at W. F. Baker's.

Breck & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the fuel line at their yard.

Capt. Scott, of the propeller Persia, is not going to build an uptown mansion as reported. Nor has he thought of doing so.

Hello! Where did you get that good hay? Baker's. Who is Baker? The man that sells the Manitoba bran on the Market Square.

Mr. John Mann, aged 69 years, a resident of Montreal street, died last evening. He was a native of England and has lived in the city 35 years.

Where is Henry Hughes this cold weather? At No. 12 Market Square, expounding the merits of \$14 hay and Manitoba bran. Call and see him.

The Hamilton press speaks in high praise of the elocutionary ability of Prof. S. H. Clark, late of Kingston. Mr. Clark intends residing in Hamilton in future.

Look out for the grand fancy dress carnival on the Big Royal rink on Friday evening next where there is plenty of room to show your costumes off. Particulars later. Grand skating to-night.

The new I. O. F. court, Brockville, will be known as "Court Island City." The Times says Mr. H. Bawden, the organizer, was complimented on the success of his work by Supreme Ruler Oronohytkha.

A high endorsement—Your flour at \$2.70 is the best in Canada. 3 lbs. green peas 10c., evaporated sweet corn 10c., Cambridge sausages 12c., spy apples 2c. peck, spice roll 12c. James Crawford.

R. Davis is building a steam pleasure yacht for Mr. Davis, of Gananoque. It will be 60 feet long, have a beam of 11 feet, and be 5 feet deep. A compound engine is being made for it at the Kingston foundry.

The standing committees of the Ontario legislature have been struck. J. H. Metcalf is on that in standing orders, privileges and elections, and railways. Hugh Smith is on standing orders and private bills.

Ladies' half, whole and quarter wigs, bangs, switches, hair chains, rings, made to order. Dress and mantle making. Cannif corset, best ever made, over Walsh & Steacy's, 105 Princess street, Kingston.

This morning Mr. Leadbeater, one of the men employed in building the new water tower, slipped off a scaffold forty feet high. He caught the planking as he was going down and saved himself from injury.

Where are you going my pretty maid. Going to Crawford's store she said—To buy spy apples 2c. peck, tomatoes 10c., fresh haddock 5c. lb., 3 lbs. green peas 10c., evaporated sweet corn 10c. James Crawford.

The Times is waging war upon the Ontario legislature on account of "Mr. Mowat and his crowd." So long as they reign there in the local house as amount to nothing. It's another case of "Says the ant to the elephant who are you shoving."

Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick has lost no time in giving notice of his intention to introduce a bill providing for reciprocity in wrecking. Mr. Kirkpatrick is the first private member to give notice of legislation outside of the ministerial programme.

New embroideries at prices that will beat anything ever shown in Kingston at R. McFaul's. A job lot of new, all wool, cloth dress goods, wholesale price 22c., will be sold for 15c. at R. McFaul's. The greatest bargain ever offered the public.

E. R. Martin sold a number of city lots yesterday. On Alice street Mr. Hill purchased two, paying \$400 and \$415 for them. On Collingwood street, six lots, 41 feet frontage, and 96 feet deep, were sold as \$190 to \$200. The purchasers were J. E. Jones, C. Millan and Ald. Adams.

Thursday night Hiram Weeks, Lyn, imagining that he could beat sports at poker staked \$600 and lost. On the following evening he was bled for \$200 more. Smarting under the loss he had warrants issued for the sports. The matter was compromised by the sports refunding \$320.

Last evening the Portsmouth Y.M.C.A. held an "at home" and extended a welcome to about forty friends. A programme was brought forward consisting of solos and duets by Messrs. Atkins, Halliday, Wishart, readings by Messrs. Graham and Henstridge. H. Bannister, C.E., astonished his friends by producing excellent music upon the violin which called forth an encore as did a harmonica solo by W. Kerr. Alex. Milne presided at the organ with ability. Refreshments were served by the ladies and afterwards the galvanic battery was brought out to shake them down which, it did most effectually.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—12 noon.

Table with columns: STOCKS, ASK, OFF, D. Rows include Bank of Montreal, Ontario Bank, Bank du Peuple, Moisons Bank, Bank of Toronto, Banque Jacques Cartier, Canada Pacific RR., Merchants Bank, Quebec Bank, Union Bank, Bank of Commerce, Imperial Bank, Montreal Telegraph Co., N. W. Land Co., Rich. & Ontario Navigation Co., City Passeng RR., Montreal Gas Co., Canada Pacific RR., Canada Cotton Company, Dundas Cotton Co., Hochelaga Cotton Co.

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Weather Probabilities.

Moderate to fresh south and west winds, partly cloudy and milder, preceded by light snow or sleet in some localities, mild to-morrow.