

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

W. MCGRANEY SPEAKS ABOUT THE SCOTT ACT IN HALTON.

He States Very Plainly Why It Was Repealed and What Was the Result Thereafter—The Union of the Colonies and Great Britain—Hear Mr. Parkin To-Night.

SYDENHAM, Feb. 13.—(To the Editor): In connection with the above canal scheme \$20,000 has been granted by the dominion government. The electors of Addington wish to know from Mr. Bell what has become of the money, and, if appropriated, where? As the people of this section have been neglected in the distribution of all public grants, it is reasonable and just that they should, as ratepayers and electors, raise their voices and ask from the government that consideration to which they deem themselves really entitled.—ADDINGTON ELECTOR.

Imperial Federation.

KINGSTON, Feb. 14.—(To the Editor): It is to be hoped that all who desire to understand the subject of Imperial federation in its present stage, will attend the meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the city hall.

It is stated that the meeting is to be addressed by Mr. G. R. Parkin, of New Brunswick, and his name is a guarantee for all that is fair and generous in the treatment of any subject handled by him.

No more true representative of the rising tide of Canada's energy, conscience, and trained ability, could be found, than this gentleman.

His recent article upon Canada, published in the foremost of the magazines of the United States, showed forth in clear words the aspirations and intentions of the Canada of to-day. His record has been a most distinguished one, and it is a fitting sign of the times that such a cause as imperial federation should be supported by such a man as Mr. Parkin; and as an orator it only needs to be said that he was president of the "celebrated Oxford Union."

R. CARR HARRIS.

Facts Touching the Scott Act.

KINGSTON, Feb. 7.—(To the Editor): Would you kindly insert the enclosed clipping from St. Catharines paper. We are to have a contest as to the repeal of the Scott act in Frontenac county, and a half dozen lines of facts are more powerful than ten columns of opinion and speculation. The letter of W. McCraney, ex M. P. for Halton, was addressed by request to the South Grimsby Scott act association.

MENTOR.

OKAVILLE, Nov. 22, 1888.

J. Anderson, Esq., Secretary South Grimsby Scott Act Association, Smithville.

Dear sir,—Your favor to me of the 12th inst. was received by me on my return from the north to-day. I shall endeavor hurriedly to answer your questions as intelligently as I can from my own observations and opinions. You ask

1. "What were the chief causes of the repeal of the Scott act in your county?" I answer, (1) Political complications. It has been stated frequently through the press, and has not been denied, that the McLeod defeat and Henderson election and repeal of the Scott act was fixed at the same time.

(2) The voters' lists. It is said there were some 600 electors disfranchised by it, mostly young men, a large majority of whom it is well known would have gone for the Scott act. (3) Falsehood and misrepresentation to the farmers and others as to the loss of revenue and cost of enforcement. (4) Extravagant expenditure of money for corrupt purposes to defeat the act. (5) The barley question was used by the wire pullers for all it was worth among the farmers. (6) The persistent and determined efforts of the liquor party in and out of Halton, who used every means and argument that the ingenuity of man or the evil one could invent to destroy the act, knowing that Halton was the chief keystone of the situation. (7) The constant fining and imprisonment of the law-breakers and violators of the act appeared to have begotten a false sympathy for the violators of the act on the plea of persecution and loss of trade.

2. "Did the Scott act increase the rate of taxation in your town or throughout the county?" No, it did not increase the taxation, but it did decrease the poor rates largely. The falling off of the poor rates largely compensated for the licenses had they been received.

3. "Did the Scott act injure business in your town or throughout the county?" No, but it improved all other businesses. It was easier to collect debts from those who were in the habit of drinking while under license. Now, of the money that should go to pay legitimate debts, considerable of it is spent for liquor. It is said there were fewer assignments in Halton while under the Scott act than in any county of Ontario of the same population that was under license.

4. "How did it affect the rate of expenditure for the relief of the poor in your county?" I have answered this in your second question, but I would say we had very few poor in Halton the last three or four years under the Scott act, but will have plenty of poor before spring now under license, probably more than we had the last four years under Scott act.

5. "Has drunkenness increased in your town and county since the repeal?" Yes, immeasurably. Some former anti say ten times, and another former anti was heard to say a few days ago that there was forty nine times as much drunkenness now as under the Scott act. It is said that two hotels in this town not long since got in fifty-five barrels of beer in one day, in this, one of the most quiet, law abiding towns in Canada, while under Scott act.

6. "Has roydism increased since the repeal?" Yes, in the same ratio that the drinking of liquor has increased.

7. "Was there as much crime in your locality during the period under the Scott act as in a corresponding period under the Crooks act?" No, not nearly as much; merely a tithe of the crime under the Crooks act.

8. "How did the Scott act affect bar-room drinking in your town?" The treating system was almost broken up under the Scott act. There was only a small fraction of treating done and liquor drunk as compared to the present under the Crooks act. It has been stated and not denied that there were twelve consecutive assizes in Halton while under Scott act in which the judges were presented with a pair of white kid gloves, probably unparalleled in the history of any county under license. These are my observations and convictions, and you can use them as you think judicious.—Yours faithfully,

WM. MCGRANEY.

A Brief Conversation.

"Are you in favour of imperial federation?" said one citizen to another. "I am not," was the reply. "Who are its chief advocates in the city?" was then asked. "The men who favour it most," came the reply, "are affected with a surplus here, (and he pointed to the brain), but the men who favour commercial union are those who want a surplus here, (and he touched his pocket). That's how this city stands."

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newspaper Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

Calico fair Friday afternoon.

Read Hardy's advt. for explanation of calico fair.

For genuine Scranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard. Remember the calico fair, Friday afternoon, at Hardy's.

The first freight from Cape Vincent reached the city yesterday. The ice is fairly good now.

The work of clearing a race track at the Millard Central fair grounds is nearly finished.

The collectors soliciting subscriptions for the coming horse races are meeting with great success.

While at the carnival in Montreal Mr. Macauley, of Picton, was robbed of a diamond pin and \$400.

A board of trade will be established in Brockville. The secretary of state has been applied to for incorporation.

For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street.

Special line of striped tweeds for trousers. Lovely goods and cheap as snow, only \$3, at Lambert & Walsh's, 110 Princess street.

South Crosby ratepayers will vote March 2nd on a by-law granting a bonus of \$10,000 to the Kingston and Smith's Falls railway.

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

The receipts of the Kingston and Pembroke railway company last year were over \$220,000. The net profit was about \$25,000.

Girls have been playing tricks on the members of the fire department. They have received some of the ugliest valentines in print.

Our flour—our bread flour at \$2.70 is very fine. Rolls of bacon, 11c; pigs' feet, 10c; British Columbia finest salmon, 15c. can. James Crawford.

There has just arrived at J. Campbell's wood yard, Ontario street, the best stock of sawed or unsawed maple, also the best of dry slab wood.

The carnival on the Big Royal Rink tomorrow night will be a grand affair. The rink will be handsomely decorated with flags and colored lights.

It is said that a meeting will be held here to protest against the dominion government's action in allowing the Jesuits' estate act to become law in Quebec.

The finest British Columbia salmon, 15c. can; pigs' feet, 10c.; rolls of bacon, 11c.; cooking apples, 20c. peck; gallon can plums, 40c. James Crawford.

Great factory sale still going on at R. McFaul's. We sell a grey cotton worth 7c. for 5c., and other makes in proportion. Come and see it. R. McFaul.

On Monday Jerry Dolan, an employee of the M. T. company, had his head cut accidentally. A large iron spike fell on him. Dr. T. M. Fenwick dressed the wound.

To-morrow night Queen's university council will meet to consider the subject of university matriculation. Principal Grant will open the discussion with a startling paper.

Seed Wheat Butler, of Sterling, who had some recent experiences near Kenneway, was once in the grocery business, and H. & W. J. Crothers, of this city, have an unpaid bill against him.

Our life-long business experience and practical knowledge enable us to give the best value possible for money in tailoring. We solicit a share of public patronage. Lambert & Walsh.

Yesterday we wrote that President Gildersleeve, of the Kingston and Pembroke railway company, intimated that the year's work was most satisfactory. In came out in print in another way.

A missionary meeting, held in All Saints' church last evening, was well attended. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Bogart, of Belleville, and others. Collection larger than that of last year.

Mr. Davies, sr., of the firm of Davies & Sons, contractors, at present at work on the Tay and Cornwall canals, says the Rideau canal can be deepened and improved to a depth of eight feet for \$1,000,000.

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

At the public meeting held in the Salvation army barracks on Monday evening Commissioner Coombs gave an interesting account of the progress of the Salvation army since its establishment in Canada.

The funeral of the late Archibald McConghy occurred to-day from his daughter's residence, Princess street. Representatives were present from the local Orange lodges, True Blues and Prentice Boys organizations.

Delightful programme at the Olive Branch mission entertainment next Monday night, city hall. Scenes in the North-West, China, and India portrayed. Representations of other lands also. Rev. J. Mackie will preside.

We are making more expensive preparations than ever for a large house furnishing trade this spring and in order to make room will sell carpets, oil cloths and lace curtains at sweeping reductions. R. McFaul's.

To-day the creditors of J. M. Hodgson, cheesemaker, Sunbury, held a meeting and decided to wind up the estate. The property will be sold at auction or by tender. Already two of the cheese factories have been sold.

It is declared by many that the population of Kingston at the present time is 20,000. It is said that students nor battery-men were not included in the census taken by the assessor, and on enquiry this was found to be the case.

Mayor Thompson says that after a cursory glance over the petition, asking for the reduction of the number of licenses, he can strike off two hundred names of young men under eighteen, of whom whose husbands are living, and non voters.

New dress goods arriving daily. All the new shades in Nile, apple, sea-green, strawberry, mahogany, red, &c. We are determined not to carry any over from this season, and have marked them at prices that will themselves. Inspection invited. R. McFaul.

A service memorial of the late Mrs. C. J. Warrick, mother of Mrs. Asselstine of this city, was held in the Methodist church at Almonte on Sunday evening. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. McCann, assisted by Rev. Mr. Wilson, formerly of this city.

The barge George Clinton has been sold by Thomas Ryan, Buffalo, to John Humbert and Thomas Folger, Toledo, for \$5,500. The George Clinton was formerly the schooner Pride of America, wrecked on Lake Ontario, bought last season, rebuilt, and Americanized.

Acknowledgment of Gifts. The ladies of the orphan's home gratefully acknowledge the following gifts: Mrs. Duff, cake; Mrs. Von Straubenzie, bag of apples; Mrs. Morgan Shaw, two cheese; Mr. Toye, barrel of apples; R. W. Shannon, books for children; Messrs. McKelvey & Birch, a tin box for papers; Mr. Galloway, four dozen felt hats for boys; the Royal Templars, a quantity of cake; Mr. Tindell, apples; Messrs. Crothers, barrel of broken biscuits; Mr. Baden, quantity of apples.

OUR WESTERN SUBURB.

INTERESTING ACCOUNTS OF RECENT EVENTS IN NAPANEE.

A Parsonage Opened With an Enjoyable Entertainment—Running Down a Thief—The Driving Park Association Getting Into Shape—A Budget That Will Be Read.

NAPANEE, Feb. 13.—It may not be generally known to your readers that the Western Methodists, of this place, the past season erected a parsonage on the lot immediately west of the church. Such is the case, and a most comfortable, convenient and commodious home it is. It is built of red brick, and tasty in design. Not only have the people erected this splendid edifice, but they have furnished it throughout in an elegant manner, the whole at a cost not exceeding \$3,000. It is a "marvel of cheapness," and reflects great credit upon the building committee, who, led by their indefatigable pastor, Rev. E. N. Baker, carried the undertaking through. The heartiness with which the congregation responded to the call for aid in the erection of the edifice, making needed repairs to the church building, and wiping out \$1,000 of the indebtedness, has been marked. It shows that the people are alive to the interests of their cause and ready to assist the pastor in every good work. The parsonage was opened to the public on Friday night last when the Y.P.A.'s held a social. The house was in spite of the upper rooms to the cellar by nearly every one, all expressing delight. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was presented and well rendered. Mr. A. L. Morden, C.C.A., who has very acceptably filled the position of recording steward for some time, acted as chairman. After an opening hymn, in which all present joined, the Rev. A. B. Chambers, of the Eastern Methodist church, offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. E. N. Baker gave an address of welcome and later Mr. Chambers made some very appropriate remarks. Considering the large number present, filling almost every room in the house, the attention was good. The addresses were excellent, a loyal strain to the cause of God running all through. There was no admission fee, but a "willing offering" made by those present, the gift of each being placed on a plate sitting inside the front door. Over \$25 were realized.

For some time different residents of the town have missed articles from their clothes lines. How and by whom caused serious thought. Within the past few days suspicion rested upon Mrs. D. Vandy, who has her residence in the western part of the town. Monday a warrant was issued and a number of articles found on her premises. In all seven persons have identified one and another piece of linen as belonging to them. The above woman, and a young girl by the name of Kelly, were placed under arrest, and in the afternoon appeared before the police magistrate, who remanded them to goal until the crown was ready to go on with the case.

In addition to the clothing a quantity of liquor was found on the premises. The house has borne a none too respectable name for some time, and it is hoped the arrests may have a wholesome effect upon its general character.

Our former townsman, Mr. R. R. Elliott, now of the Uxbridge Times, is one of the leading lights of the knights of labor in the west. Last week he was a member of a delegation that waited upon Sir John regarding matters affecting labor.

Many expressions of thankfulness have been given the past week that the roof of the opera house did not fall in while the theatrical troupe were giving their performance. Had it so happened to-day Napanee would have been in deep mourning, as there were representatives of a very large number of families in attendance. It is rumored that Mr. Briscoe intends rebuilding.

Our obliging deputy sheriff, Mr. T. D. Pruyn, has been named as returning officer in the Scott act appeal contest for this county. The selection gives general satisfaction, as Mr. Pruyn makes a very efficient officer.

Chief of police Allen has been confined to his house for some time through illness. He is, we understand, on the mend and able to be out.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good" has been proven in the falling in of the opera house roof on Friday, since many persons have found employment shovelling snow off the roofs.

A change has taken place in the captaincy of the Salvation army here, a lady being once more given charge. Bertha Smith is the captain, who has for her assistant Lieut. McLennegan.

The exodus from this section to the west gives promise of being greater this spring than for some time. Last week Messrs. John Cliff, L. Saul, Alf. Rendell and W. Bell left for British Columbia. This week Messrs. J. Gleason, A. Thompson and E. Maines leave for Manitoba. A number of others expect to leave on the first colonist excursion on the 26th, and others later on.

Rev. W. Miller occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church on Sunday last.

The several churches in town have young people's organizations, who hold regular entertainments. At each a good programme is rendered, and nice sums are added to the respective treasury "pile." The Presbyterians held theirs for this week on Monday night, and the Anglicans' theirs on Tuesday.

The many friends of the Rev. W. H. Emsley, of Brockville, will be pleased to hear him here again. He preaches in the Eastern church on Sunday, 24th inst.

The friends of Miss Butler note her marriage to ex Mayor Carsen. All trust that the best of happiness may follow the couple through life.

The congregation of St. Patrick's (R. C.) church have made home comfortable for the new pastor by furnishing the Presbytery throughout with new furniture. Father Hogan has taken hold of the work here with a determination to push it, and is winning his way nicely in the affections of the people.

Your correspondent made a mistake in chronicling the death of Mr. Paisley, grocer, of this place. It was Nathaniel instead of Samuel, who was carried off.

The ice harvest has begun here. It is not nearly as thick as other years, but fully as good.

As yet there has been no paper served in connection with Reeve Parks, of North Fredericksburg. It is thought that nothing more will be done in the matter. A "saw off" between the political parties is supposed to have taken place. Was that against Mr. Parks pressed it is altogether likely that against Mr. Lapum, reeve of Napanee, would be pushed for all it was worth, even to disqualification.

Our townsman, Mr. James H. Gallagher, has returned from his trip to the old country looking none the worse for a toss up on the big pond. Jim was not able to kiss the blarney stone of "Auld Ireland," but did London up in good shape.

For some time Rev. E. N. Baker, of the Western Methodist church, has been preaching Sunday evenings on the commandments. The discourses have been listened to with much attention. Last Sunday evening he dealt with the fourth, "Remember the Sab-

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bath day," etc. He set his face against Sunday visiting and pleasure driving, his views throughout meeting with the approval of more than strict Sabbatarians. The speaker deprecated the running of trains on Sunday, and said that citizens should not leave on the early train Sabbath morning to attend the funeral of a departed friend. Going this far brings to the front the question of Sunday funerals.—If ministers are so set against the "doings" quoted why don't they put their foot down once and for ever on Sunday funerals. "Let the dead bury the dead" will apply about as well in one instance as the other.

The first general meeting of the Napanee driving park association was held last week, Judge Wilkison presiding. Reports on the working of the company for the year and the treasurer's statement were read, each being quite satisfactory. They showed that considerable work in the way of fitting up had been done, and still there was a nice balance on hand. Messrs. A. L. Morden, and T. D. Pruyn were appointed auditors. The by laws as passed by the directors were read and approved. The following directors were elected: Judge Wilkison, president; W. N. Doller, vice president and manager; A. T. Harshaw, treasurer; S. Gibson, secretary; W. F. Hall, John R. Scott, R. H. Potter, William Miller, and T. G. Carscallen. The association has secured thirty two acres of what is known as Hunt's woods, in the western part of the town. It is a very beautiful property with fine grove. They have had a pleasure drive and speed track built. A splendid cricket crease has been put down, and other necessary improvements for the pleasure of the townspeople will be made. In the spring it is the intention to build a residence for the caretaker and cricket trainer. The affairs of the association are in the hands of good, live, responsible men, who will spare no pains to make the spot a most enjoyable rendezvous for pleasure-seekers.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Mrs. McMillan, Brock street, received a paralytic stroke last week. She is now very ill.

Henry George, the land tax reformer, will lecture in Kingston before the flowers bloom in the spring.

Rev. Manly Benson, of Toronto, will preach in Sydenham street Methodist church next Sunday.

Rev. Hartley Carmichael, Hamilton, has received a call from one of the Episcopal churches in Richmond, Virginia.

Frederick Villiers, the intrepid war artist and correspondent of the London Standard, will probably lecture here about 30th inst.

Walter Hoppins, stenographer, is located in New York, and will be brought to his home here. He is suffering from Bright's disease.

F. H. Cowan, the well known London conductor, has received \$5,000 for half a year's service as musical conductor of the Melbourne exhibition.

Mayor Dan Derlyshire, of Brockville, was seen to-day passing the second story of the British American hotel. Though a genial fellow he carries his head higher than anybody we know of. He is within five inches of seven feet tall.

Rev. John Learoyd, of Bridge street Methodist church, Belleville, has been invited to Windsor. Rev. J. M. Hudson, B.D., Windsor, has accepted the call to the Bridge street church. He is a son in law of Police Magistrate Curry, Picton.

Thomas A. Edison's forty-second birthday was celebrated on Monday by the presentation from his employees of a two thousand dollar outfit of laboratory furniture and conveniences, including an elegant photograph in gold, silver and steel, and embodying a new autometric arrangement that Mr. Edison himself completed only on Friday last.

TEMPERANCE CONCERT.

An Enjoyable Event With the W. C. T. Union at Cataract.

The concert, on Tuesday evening by the W.C.T.U., Cataract, to raise funds for the Scott act cause was very successful. Dr. Anglin presided. The Olissa orchestra band, accompanied by Miss Cooke on the organ, and Master Willie McKim on the piano, furnished the instrumental music; Miss Greenwood, Miss Orser, the vocal part, accompanied by Mr. McGill. Speeches and readings were given by the chairman, Rev. J. Simpson, and Mr. Macgillivray. The last named made a stirring speech in which he said that the appointment by the government of so many persons to fill positions in connection with Scott act work, such as license commissioners, inspectors, etc., who would rather hinder than further the cause was throwing cold water on the cause of temperance and prohibition. The performers were entertained by the officers to coffee and cake before leaving for their homes.

IT WAS VOTED OUT.

Ald. W. Robinson's Motion Was Voted Out by an Amendment to It.

It has been held by some that the resolution of Alderman William Robinson, presented at the last meeting of the city council, petitioning parliament to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of liquor, was not voted out, even though the motion was, by a vote of 14 to 5, decided to be reconsidered. Mayor Thompson, questioned on the subject, said that when the reconsideration was decided upon, the motion of Ald. W. Robinson's came before the council as a simple resolution again and that the passage of the amendment of Ald. Muckleston, that the petition be not sent to the license committee, but be voted on at once, wipe out the motion of Ald. W. Robinson as well as all other amendments before the council.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

The Grand Lodge Meets at Ottawa—A Successful Year is Reported.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the grand lodge of the Sons of England benevolent society is in session in Ottawa with about one hundred delegates in attendance. From the annual report it is learned that the total membership on Feb. 1st was 6,300, an increase of 1,070 in the year. The year's contribution amounted to \$129,446; \$6,204 was paid to sick members, and \$5,421 in surgeons' fees. There is a handsome sum of \$31,223 in the bank, and \$3,974 in the hands of the treasurer. The amount paid in funeral benefits last year was \$3,254. The officers-elect are: Grand president, J. W. Kemping, Barrie; grand vice-president, Ald. W. R. Stroud, Ottawa; grand secretary, John W. Carter, Toronto; grand treasurer, B. Henchcliffe, Toronto.

Citizens' Ice Rink.

Carnival for children only on Friday evening, Feb. 15th, and presentation of prizes for the last carnival. "A" battery band present. Admission, children 10c.; parents admitted free.

11c. Rolls or Half Rolls Bacon. 11c. Sugar-cured roll bacon, 11c.; pigs' feet, 10c. B.; bologna, 10c.; canned salmon, 15c.; raspberry jam, 12c. James Crawford.

THE ODDFELLOWS' BALL

IT OCCURRED LAST NIGHT AND WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Decorations of the Hall Were Simply Superb—Dancing Was Hugely Enjoyed—Beauty Was Markedly Present—The Oddfellows Worthy of Congratulation.

One of the most successful balls held in the city in many years, occurred last evening in the city hall. The ball-room was beautifully decorated, but the attraction there was one hundred of Kingston's most amiable maidens dressed in costume the most charming. But while expatiating upon the appearance of the ladies, the young men must not be forgotten. They were of course all good looking, and attired becomingly.

The decorations were more expensive and novel than usual. The hall was resplendent with hundreds of colored lights. Lanterns, with painted glass, hung in all the windows, and the platform was arched with lights which shone through beautifully colored globes. Emblems of the order, "I.O.O.F.," and the three links made of iron tubes, were illuminated with gas, and were pleasing decorations. The lights had the effect of exhibiting, in a satisfactory way, the magnificent furniture on the stage, loaned by Ald. W. M. Brennan. The stage was undoubtedly elegantly furnished, and two figures, in the rich uniform worn by members of the incampment, added greatly to the general effect. At different parts in the hall banerettes of the order were suspended. The ceiling and walls were draped with bunting of many colours, and flags of all sizes, tastily set, were prominent. The entrance to the ball room was concealed by flags and curtains, and in front of them was erected a brilliant star made of swords and scabbards. This was much admired. Figures of earthenware, representing various kinds of vessels, were in prominent places. The floor was in excellent condition for dancing, being covered with canvas duck, loaned by the K. & P. RR. Mutual Aid association.

At 8:30 o'clock Mr. Thomas Elmer, the promoter, called the first item on the programme. Those present arose to their feet and were soon whirling to the dreamy and fascinating music of the Kingston serenade club. At midnight the dancers repaired to the Ontario hall where they had an excellent supper. The caterer was Mr. F. Doolan. The decorations were very fine. The bill of fare gave entire satisfaction, and those who were present gave Caterer Doolan great praise for his efforts. After midnight dancing was resumed and continued until this morning.

Among those present were visitors from Gananoque, Odessa and Napanee. It is estimated that there were about 150 persons present. They all expressed themselves delighted with the affair, and hope that the members of Kingston lodge No. 59, I.O.O.F., will hold a ball every year.

The committee of management was composed of Capt. J. Saunders, chairman; N. P. Joyner, secretary; R. Elliott, T. Donnelly, J. Polly, J. McWaters, F. Pugh, A. T. Smith, J. Donnelly, jr., and Capt. Marshall.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

KINGSTON MARKETS

KINGSTON, Feb. 13.—The recent heavy snow storms have put the country roads in a bad state, and farmers living a long distance from the city cannot reach it conveniently. Consequently the markets are poorly attended, and supplies needed by the citizens have got to be purchased from the stores at prices in advance of those asked by farmers.

Good beef is going up in price and finds a ready sale. The best hind quarters are sold at from \$5 to \$7 per cwt; mutton, 6c to 8c per lb by the carcass.

Sausages are from 12c to 12c per lb. Breakfast bacon and hams, 14c to 15c per lb; farmers' sides, 10c to 11c per lb; barrelled pork, \$18 to \$19.

Turkeys, 10c, 11c and 12c per lb; geese, 9c to 8c; fowls, 50c to 75c per pair.

Hides, 3c, 4c, and 5c per lb; sheep skins, 80c @ \$1.25; deacons, 25c @ 35c each; calf skins, 40c @ 50c each; wool, 16c @ 18c per lb; rendered tallow, 5c @ 6c.

Oysters, 5c and 6c per quart. It will soon be season for fish, and then the prices of them will go up. White fish and salmon trout, 10c per lb; pickerel and bass 8c per lb, and pike, 6c.

Everybody likes wholesome butter, and the very best is now sold reasonably. Pound prints, 20c and 22c. Eggs are 25c and 30c per dozen, fresh.

The vegetable market will not vary much in prices until the new vegetables are expected. The prices are: Potatoes, 45c to 50c per bag; parsnips, 50c per bag; carrots and turnips, 40c per bag; beets, 45c per bag; cabbage, 40c per dozen; beans, \$1.75 per bushel, and onions, 80c to \$1 per bushel.

Apples, \$1.50 to \$2 per bin; oranges and lemons, 20c to 30c per dozen, and cranberries, 10c per quart.

Wheat, \$1.05; barley, 50c; oats, 34c to 36c; rye, 55c; buckwheat, 40c; corn, 58c for old; 55c for new.

Flour, \$5.50 to \$6 per bbl; oatmeal, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per bbl; cornmeal, \$1.40 per cwt; buckwheat flour, \$2.25 per cwt; bran, \$18; shorts, \$24; chopped feed, \$28 per ton; pressed hay, \$16 to \$18 per ton.

Not much wood brought in during the past week.

MONTEAL STOCK MARKETS.