

TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENT.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST. THE Brethren of Minden Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 253, are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Annual Communication of the Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Hall, King St., on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., for the installation of the Worshipful Master and the investiture of the officers elected and appointed to serve during the ensuing Masonic year, and for the transaction of general business.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST. THE Brethren of Catarqui Lodge, No. 92, A. F. & A. M., are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Annual Communication of the Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Hall, King Street, on TUESDAY, 27th instant, at the hour of seven o'clock p.m., for the installation of the Worshipful Master and the investiture of the officers elected and appointed to serve during the ensuing Masonic year, and for the transaction of general business.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST. THE Brethren of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, to be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at the hour of 11:30 a.m., for the installation of the Worshipful Master and the investiture of the officers elected and appointed to serve during the ensuing Masonic year, and for general business.

AUCTION SALE OF 10 FRAME BUILDINGS, WITH STORES, ON CORNER OF YONGE AND DIVISION STS. ALSO 4 PLASTERED DWELLINGS ON THE WEST SIDE OF GORDON STREET. I will sell single or in lots to suit purchasers. This is a rare chance for any one to secure a cheap home. The above buildings are all in good repair, and will be sold by Public Auction ON JANUARY 5th, at 12 o'clock, on premises, Division Street, by WILLIAM MURRAY, Auctioneer.

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STOCK OF THE LATE JOHN A. GRIFFITH, OF PARHAM, amounting to \$3,331.66, consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Ready-Made Clothing, Hardware, Etc. TENDERS for the above stock will be received by the undersigned until FRIDAY, 29th DEC., at Noon. Terms - One third cash; balance, 2 1/2 and 6 months endorsed notes with interest. Stock Book can be seen at the office of Macne & Minnes. JOHN LLETT, P.O. Box 1100, Dec. 17th, 1887.

PUBLIC SCHOOL READING COMPETITION CITY HALL, FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 23rd. Admission - 15 cents. Seats may be reserved at Henderson's Bookstore without extra charge.

RESIDENCE FOR SALE. TENDERS will be received addressed to the undersigned up to the 20th day of January, 1888, for the purchase of that elegant residence on Mac street, opposite Victoria Park, Kingston now occupied by Professor Carr Harris. The premises are open for inspection any afternoon, and the plans can be seen, and any information as to terms given at the office of the undersigned, Ford's Block, Brock street. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Envelopes to be marked, "Tenders for house on Mac street." A. R. MARTIN.

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THE DAILY WHIG. "Opifer per Orbem Decor."

EDITORIAL NOTES. The New York commission appointed two years ago to investigate the method of inflicting capital punishment has agreed to report in favor of substituting the electric shock for the rope. Hanging is certainly, a repulsive manner of life-taking, especially since amateur executioners in the United States and Canada invariably bungle their work. The voice of public opinion is not against the death penalty, but against the horrors that attend it. The plant for The Empire was purchased, it seems, in Scotland and the United States, and that after the manufacturers had subscribed many thousands towards the "endowment fund." In this practical way the management shows how much it believes in the National policy, and the motto of the party, "Canada for the Canadians." Report has it that the conduct of the new election in Queen's county, N.B., is not to be given to Mr. J. R. Dunn. Did he not act to the perfect satisfaction of the government in the last election? Was his action, unrighteous as it seemed, not endorsed by the government, and by parliament at the government's suggestion? To ignore or reject him now, when an opportunity arrives for showing confidence in him, is the height of ingratitude.

POLITICAL DISFAVOUR. The Montreal Star has been at some pains to ascertain the feeling of the people generally towards the present political parties, and by its analysis of a huge mass of correspondence, representing the opinions of thousands of persons, it concludes that a disruption is at hand, and that when it occurs there will be an end to existing party divisions. Politics are undoubtedly unclean. There are few who can touch them and not suffer defilement. Knowing this there are some who will have nothing to do with them. It is certainly true as the Star alleges: "There are clergymen who feel that they would imperil their religious influence were they to identify themselves with any political movement. There are merchants who feel that their reputations and their business would suffer were they to betray an interest in the public affairs of the country. The reading men and thinking men say, 'we leave politics to the politicians.' And these politicians form a distinct class in the community. Incidentally they may be lawyers or journalists or contractors, but for their bread and butter they depend upon politics. For the most part they are a needy lot, they cannot afford to have any political principles that will interfere with their party interests. Such are the men who form the governing class in this Canada of ours."

A BIG RAFT IS ADRIFT. The Big Hawser's Breaking And a Serious Charge Preferred by the Owner. New York, Dec. 22. - A mountain of timber weighing 9,000 tons, or 18,000,000 pounds, is adrift on the ocean in the direct path of navigation, without beacon light or anything to warn passing vessels of its dangerous presence at night, threatening destruction to everything which may come in contact with it. The great raft broke loose from the str. Miranda on Sunday morning about eleven miles off Nantucket. Captain Leseman, of the str. Miranda said: "We left Two Rivers, N.S., on Dec. 9th. No difficulty was experienced with our monster tow until the 11th, Sunday, when there came up a southeasterly gale, with a heavy cross sea. "Finally the fifteen-inch hawser parted with a noise like the report of a cannon. The steamer immediately forced ahead and the extra strain on the ten-inch hawser and the bit to which it was attached pulled the latter clear out of the deck, ripping up the flooring for a space of fifteen feet. There was a heavy fog at the time, and the raft immediately drifted out of sight. We did not spend any time in looking for it, but steamed away as rapidly as possible to avoid any chance of collision." The raft was valued at about \$50,000, and was uninsured, no underwriters being willing to accept the risk at this season of the year. Mr. James D. Leary, the owner of the great raft, was very indignant at the failure of the steamer to bring it safely into this port. He said: "It seems that when the Miranda left Port Joggins she was only provisioned for a seven days' voyage, and, in consequence, on Thursday last there was but half a barrel of flour on board for thirty men. "For three days the men were on half rations and when the hawser broke, instead of waiting in the vicinity of the raft as Captain Leseman was instructed to do in case of such a contingency, he immediately came to this port, as the men were half starved. Another fact which made it necessary to put into port was that the oil on board gave out and the machinery had to go without oiling for some time. There was a scarcity of light on board, which is also attributable to the same cause. "I contracted with Bowering & Archibald to bring the raft to this port for a certain sum and they tried to do it too cheaply. I sent the agents a note last night instructing them to dispatch a steamer immediately to search for the raft, which they refused to do. I will charter the first suitable steamer I can lay my hands on and if she fails to find the raft I will bring suit against Bowering & Archibald for the whole cost \$32,000. "I am convinced that if proper care and discretion had been exercised the raft would have arrived in safety. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. - Secretary Whitney has instructed Commodore Gherardi, in command of the New York navy yard to send a naval vessel on a cruise after the Nova Scotia lumber raft adrift in the path of European vessels, to warn them of its presence, and, if possible, to tow it to a place of safety. If you want something useful, ornamental and cheap, for a present, buy our fancy platform rockers, from \$2.50 to \$7.50, at James Reid's. Cheapest underwear at Rattenbury's. Real "Josephine" kid gloves at Laidlaw's Ives iron foundry, Longueuil, destroyed by fire; loss heavy. Malaga Grapes, Dates, Table Figs, Mixed Caudies 12-1-2c lb., Oranges 20c doz., Lemons 20c doz., Sweet Corn 12-1-2c lb., Green Peas 4c lb. - CRAWFORDS.

NO NEED OF STRIKES. Mr. James Gordon Brown, though retired from journalism, cannot refrain from writing for the press. Of course his themes are non-political. His last article to the Week is on the subject of strikes, of which he says: "Seeking a remedy, the wage earner has hitherto adopted only two remedies for his condition, the most effective of which is combination to raise wages, by means of unions bound to refuse work at lower wages than agreed upon by the majority. These societies are very numerous and powerful in Britain, and have undoubtedly achieved success in improving the condition of working-

men and their families. All authorities agree that the English wage earner is now better lodged, fed and clothed than he was thirty years ago, in spite of increasing competition in the foreign and home markets, and to the trades unions the improvement is largely owing. In North America also these societies are very influential, and they are increasing in number and power throughout continental Europe. It is easy to raise an outcry against these associations, to denounce strikes which fail to secure an increase in wages as injurious to trade and to the strikers themselves, to describe the officers of the societies as agitators making a living out of the weakness of their followers. But experience shows that wherever trades unions exist wages are higher and strikes fewer, and that workmen are shrewd enough to guard against the self-seeking of their leaders. A strike may not accomplish its immediate purpose. The object aimed at may be unreasonable and impossible of attainment, yet it may show the strength of the union and give irresistible emphasis to a more reasonable demand at another time. Certain it is that the great employers of labour in Britain have learned to respect strikers and to dread strikes, and readily submit to arbitration differences between themselves and their workmen. They do not now say, 'Take what we offer or starve.' They pay due consideration to the cost of living, as well as the condition of trade and the profits which they are making, and the results are beneficial both to employer and employee. In America also employers will learn in time to adopt this wise expedient and find profit in it.

In Canada there have been fewer disagreements between the employer and the employee in recent years than formerly, and there will be fewer still when the interests of capital and labour are better understood and intelligently acted on. There must be, in all readjustments of wages, as Mr. Brown intimates, a due consideration of circumstances. There must be common sense in all things; there must be friendliness in the attitude of man to man, in order to have an amicable settlement of differences that may arise between them. Moreover the workmen must have greater faith in the good will of their employers. Instances have occurred in this city where large bodies of men have feared to treat with their employers, expecting that a discussion of the wages question would lead to difficulty, and they have been astonished to find that their requests have been not only met with cordiality but followed with a liberality they little dream of. In only one important case has arbitration been a failure; that is it was not pursued to a legitimate end, and so did not remove the causes of dispute. But the objects aimed at originally by the men affected by it have been almost realized and so the soreness of disappointment is not experienced. The union of workmen in Kingston has not been provocative of strikes; indeed, as the great organizations are constituted there can now be no strikes until all the resources of reason have been tried and failed, and diplomacy has not been unsuccessful in a single case.

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