



Huntingdon, Que., March 12, 1908

NOTES OF THE WEEK

The spirit of flunkeyism so pervades our press and public men, that, just because it was the governor-general who tacked the battlefields proposal to the Champlain celebration, there is no outspoken dissent. Even Dr. Sproule and Colonel Hughes, who might have been expected to speak out, chimed in with the movement. Among the French it is well known they resent the governor's interference, yet only Mr Lavergne gave voice in the commons to their sentiments. He pointed out that, this summer 300 years ago, Champlain settled at Quebec and his compatriots were preparing to commemorate the event. While their preparations were going on, Earl Grey appeared on the scene and proposed they include in their program Wolfe's victory and Murray's defeat. Said Mr Lavergne—

Were Champlain to return to this life he would be surprised at the changes that have taken place in these 300 years but would be more surprised at the manner in which his festival is being celebrated. It seems that the hero of the feast has been forgotten, that the name of Champlain is placed entirely in the shade and that another scheme, of an entirely different character, has been brought forward, a scheme which would be quite in its place and which I would favor to the utmost in the year 1959. But we must not forget that we are now in 1908; that Quebec was founded in 1608 and that we are not celebrating the second centenary of the battle of the plains of Abraham, but the third centenary of the founding of the city of Quebec.

This is common sense. 1908 is the 300th anniversary of Champlain's settling at Quebec, and to that event the celebration should be confined. To haul in what happened 150 years after he landed is more than incongruous, for it asks French Canadians to dampen their celebration by recalling the conquest of Canada by Britain. Why that spectre should be evoked on what otherwise would be a joyful occasion, Earl Grey and his chorus in press and parliament can alone explain. It is significant that no contributions for the battlefields' funds comes from French pocket-books, not even the 10-cent bits asked from the children of their schools, and that the majority of French newspapers keep an ominous silence with a minority openly hostile.

Good progress has been made during the week at Ottawa. Several government measures have been introduced, the most important a bill amending the electoral act. The estimates of the department of marine and fisheries have not been submitted during the week, so the outcome of the 57 hours' sitting has still to be looked for. In the committee the opposition has been untiring in its efforts to uncover crooked deals.

The long looked for report on the fall of the Quebec bridge was presented to the house of commons on Monday. The cause of the terrible disaster was the defective design of the bridge, which was of such a blundering character that its falling into the river was inevitable. The design was prepared by an American en-

gineer in the employ of the Fenix bridge company of Pennsylvania, but as both his design and specifications were examined and approved by the engineer of the Quebec company, the Fenix company, who built the bridge, are apparently relieved of responsibility. The report brings out plainly that the Quebec company which held the charter for the bridge and were building it not with their own money but that of the government, were incompetent, and that had the federal government kept the project in its own hands, under the supervision of Collingwood Schreiber, the defects in design and specifications would have been rectified. It looks as if the Dominion will have to foot the bill that should be paid by the Quebec company. The commission reports that a bridge can be built that will be safe, but that it will contain more steel and be more costly than the arch that lies at the bottom of the St. Lawrence.

On the 3rd inst., when the house was in committee on the proposal to buy the plains of Abraham for a national park, the premier, in reply to questions, made two admissions. First, that of the land to be acquired the seminary priests own between 50 and 100 acres; second, that the government had given the Ross rifle company a 99 year lease of nine acres of the citadel property at a rental of a dollar a year. As the lease is renewable, Sir Wilfrid admitted it is practically a sale. Here is an instance of nine acres of valuable crown lands given away to a private corporation by the militia department. If this is not making ducks and drakes of the heritage of the people, what is it?

On Monday there was an altercation in the Quebec house between Leblanc and Devlin. Why Mr Gouin should have taken Devlin into his cabinet is past understanding. He will prove a source of weakness while he is in it. Mr Weir has introduced a comprehensive bill dealing with mutual insurance companies, both fire and life. The object is to give greater security to members, and to effect that the new conditions are well designed. Under it the present parish fire societies will have to re-organize, and to form new ones will be difficult. As to life of these societies will have to go to the wall, for to comply with the new conditions will be to stop new business. The majority of these societies, probably all, were started to enrich those who manage them, for it is impossible they could insure either for life or sick benefits at the rates they charge. We trust Mr Weir will resist all efforts to modify his bill, which is in no sense too stringent, and which will prevent many trustful souls from being defrauded. That there cannot be such a thing as cheap life insurance is again proved in the case of the Independent Foresters, whose board of directors have intimated to members a serious increase in rates, rendered necessary if it is to meet its obligations. The Mutual Reserve of New York, once trumpeted as having inaugurated a new era in life insurance, is in the hands of a receiver. The average duration of human life is so infinitely known

that insurance rates partake of mathematical certainty. The debt of the province has been reduced by the C.P.R. paying the 7.1-2 million dollars it was due for the railway between Ottawa and Quebec. There are still amounts due on that railway which will be available, some day, towards reducing the debt, which stands at 251-2 million dollars, absorbing 1.1-4 million yearly to pay interest upon it. Mr Weir gives the revenue of the past year as half a million more than its expenditure. The chief items of revenue are these— Federal government subsidy.....\$1,243,165 Lands and forests..... 1,201,027 Colonization, mines and fisheries..... 157,891 Registration stamps..... 97,817 Liquor licenses..... 892,315 Taxes on corporations..... 464,382 Duties on successions..... 568,278 Taxes on transfers of stocks, etc..... 38,654

The butter famine in England did not last long. The high price wrought a cure in two ways, by fetching supplies from unthought of quarters and by decreasing consumption. Day by day quotations fell until butter is cheaper in London than it is in Montreal. Cheese continues to rule steady. Tho the supply is known to be limited, the demand is so small that prices do not improve. The inflammability of English prejudice against Continental powers has been illustrated anew. The London Times affirmed it had information that Emperor William had written a letter to Lord Tweedmouth, suggesting a reduction in the number of new ships proposed to be added to the British navy. Public sentiment at once rose to fever heat. That when parliament was sitting and had before it the naval estimates, the Emperor of Germany should write the minister of the admiralty giving his advice as to what he should do, was intolerable. Interference in British affairs by a foreign Power was to be resented, and far and near there arose an unreasoning cry. Lord Tweedmouth could not deny having received such a letter nor that he had answered it, but as neither were official, it would be a breach of all that is decent to print private letters without the consent of the Emperor. In this the leader of the opposition agreed so that, so far as parliament is concerned, the incident is ended. Not so with the general public, who are more convinced than ever that the ruler of Germany is plotting the downfall of Britain. The war Germany is waging in South Africa was known to be remorseless in its cruelty, but the world was not prepared to learn of the means used to bring it to a close. It seems the natives were driven into a barren section when a cordon of troops was drawn round them, and their starvation to death calmly awaited. It was stated on the floor of the German legislature that 75,000 thus perished, and the members of the government did not deny the statement. What the natives of Africa have suffered at the hands of Europeans forms the blackest page in the world's history; of all their violations this last by Germans is the most awful.

There is a dispute between China and Japan that may end in war. A Japanese steamship anchored off Hainan. She was

boarded by Chinese officers, when in her cargo was discovered a number of cases of rifles and boxes of cartridges. Suspecting these were intended for revolutionists, the vessel was seized pending investigation. So far all was correct. Unfortunately the captain of the Chinese man-of-war regarded the seized vessel as already condemned, and ordered that the Japanese standard be hauled down from her masthead and replaced by the Chinese. This has given mortal offence to the people of Japan. China was within her rights in detaining the seized ship until examined, but her treatment of the Japanese flag was a national insult. An apology has been demanded, and unless given it is possible Japan may declare war. The Chinese, generally, are averse to any apology, claiming that Japan is the wrong and that she fomented revolution by supplying arms to rebels.

ORMSTOWN Rev. Mr McFarlane, of Levis, held special services in St. Paul's church every evening for the past week, which have been largely attended, all denominations joining on Sunday evening. The church was filled to overflowing. Sunday morning St. James pulpit was filled by the Rev. C. E. Jenkins, rector of Huntingdon. Mr Asch taking the services there. J. C. Cottingham's Farmers' Friend dairy factory was sold by auction Thursday for the benefit of the creditors, when John Darby bought it for \$2500. It will be run by John Darby, whose ability as a maker is well known to the farmers of this locality. After three years' play the ladies' curling club, donated by Mr A. McDougall, has been won by Miss Cleland.

The final end for the McDougall cup, between Ormstown and Tatehurst, was played last week, when the former won by 7 shots. This is the third year Tatehurst has come down to the finals and were defeated, after close, hard games. With such a record a win by Tatehurst would have been popular to the other clubs competing, and it is hoped they will be in the finals in 1910.

St. MARTINE Friday afternoon we had the most surprising storm of the winter. Between 4 and 5 o'clock the wind became so strong that it was dangerous to venture on the street. The nuns kept the young girls till the parents came for them. Close to 5 o'clock we had lightning and thunder that frightened many people. There were heavy snow squalls, piling in drifts, so that on Saturday the morning mail from Montreal did not get here until half-past ten. Theodule Doure, farmer, of St. Clement, but born in this parish, is coming to spend his old days in his native village. He has sold his farm and had a sale of his stock and implements on Monday. In spite of feed being so dear, horses and cattle brought good prices, but vehicles and implements went for little.

BEAUHARNOIS The Star Iron works foundry opened for work Monday morning. The Dominion woolen mills are closed down altogether for an indefinite period. The cheese factory has been sold to Mr Reid of Chateauguay; reported price \$5000. Ash Wednesday was observed by evening service in the Episcopal church and by morning and evening services in the R. C. church. At a meeting of the session of the Presbyterian church, it was decided that two more elders were needed in the church. A ballot of the members was taken, and Mr W. W. Kilgour and George

VALLEYFIELD The financial statement of the city for 1907 has been printed and to the ratepayers is an interesting document. It bears evidence of having been carefully prepared and gives details of funds which no previous report contained. The net ordinary revenue was \$60,000; the ordinary expenditure \$62,267, leaving a deficit of over two thousand dollars, against which has to be placed some \$17,000 of taxes uncollected. In addition to the ordinary expenditure, \$10,000 was spent on permanent improvement of roads and sidewalks, paid out of the proceeds of debentures sold. The debt of the city stands at \$587,000, the interest on which absorbs \$26,000 yearly. The report shows a vast improvement has been made in the financial position, for all liabilities have been met during the year and a cash balance left of \$4,400, yet it is plain the council must be careful. Its unavoidable expenditure is \$60,000 yearly, and against this it has a revenue from direct taxation of only \$56,000. To place the city's finances on a sound basis, and stop the custom of temporary loans and of floating debentures, new sources of taxation must be found. Arrears of taxes due appear to be immoderately large. There may be a satisfactory explanation, but to judge by the bare figures given, it must be said either a large number of ratepayers pay when they please or else the city is carrying on its books from year to year a large amount of arrears that are not collectable and which should be struck out of the assets. A return that out of \$48,000 taxes due only \$30,000 were collected at the end of the year indicates something that needs to be put right.

Huntingdon curlers visited Valleyfield Friday night and did our boys up by a large score. The game lasted several hours. Luncheon was served in the club room. The interview our city officials had with the post-office department at Ottawa, encourages the expectation we shall have, in the near future, direct mail service over the New York Central R.R. with Huntingdon, and thru it with Franklin, Herdman, and other places adjoining, which at present, altho only a short distance from our city, not over 15 to 18 miles, letters take two and sometimes three days in reaching their destination. The subject of license is already troubling quite a few heads. Four have been asked for in the parish of Ste. Cecile which formerly granted only three. We hear rumors of a new hotel to be built on the Dion property, at the corner of New York Central

and Salaberry st., opposite the court house. The announcement of a hockey match, to be played Friday night, between the employees of the Montreal Cotton Co.'s shipping department and the McDonald & Robb staff, brought a good crowd to the rink. McDonald & Robb—Goal, Chas. Irwin; point, J. A. McDonald; c. point, W. M. McDonald; rover, P. Wishart; centre, W. J. Marier; r.wing, John Logan; l.wing, W. Germain. M. C. Co.—Goal, W. H. Parkinson; point, J. Klinghan; c. point, Alex. Gowan; rover, D. Lowe; centre, J. Sullivan; r.wing, H. E. Clark; l.wing, G. Hall. Those who had looked for a buffer and duffer match were rather disappointed. It is true that one of the goal-keepers could not skate much, but he was wise enough to keep close to goals, and hold on for support. Clark was the star man on the teams, winning most of the games for the Montreal Cotton Co. team. In the first half honors were fairly even, 4 to 3, but in the second half the dusty laddies showed evidence of under training, allowing the M. C. Co.'s team to win by a score of 7 to 3. Mr Bert Gurnham kept the teams well in order. After spending a pleasant evening with some of his aged friends, participating in a game of checkers, Paul Desparois, who had been a bailiff in this town for over 20 years, retired to bed Friday night. In the morning he was found unconscious, struck with paralysis, dying Sunday morning. He was 80 years of age.

ATHELSTAN The Rev. Mr Reid, the newly-inducted minister of Rockburn and the Gore, preached here Sunday morning to a large and appreciative congregation. The announcement, that the Rev. W. G. Brown would preach in the evening, brought out an unusually large congregation. The storm on Friday seems to have spent its fury in the vicinity of Beauharnois and Chateauguay, where one freight train, two passenger trains, a snow-plow and a flanger were stalled all night. Those who left Athelstan at 8 o'clock in the evening did not get to Montreal till about 8.30 next morning. The snow drifted into the cuttings, got packed solid by the rain that fell later, and when the track was cleared the snow was as high as the windows of the coaches. The Canadian and American customs officers had to stay at Valleyfield all night, comforting themselves by lying on the soft side of a hardwood plank.

TROUT RIVER The death of James Marshall severs the last link between the present generation and the Dalhousie settlement, which was made at the lake-front, below Port Lewis, in 1820. There were 17 in the party, and of all their families James Marshall, then a boy, was the last survivor. The events connected with that settlement, the first in Huntingdon west, are related in the 8th chapter of the History of Huntingdon, while James Marshall gives some notes of his early days on Trout river on page 379. He was a healthy man, retaining his faculties to the end. His wife, still vigorous, survives him at the great age of 89.

KENSINGTON The Kensington C.E. society held a successful basket social at the home of James Goodfellow on Friday evening. The program consisted of a short address by the pastor, Mr Jones, a duet by W.W. Jones and Miss Brownson, a recitation by Miss Busby, a solo by Miss Vaughn, and a recitation by Miss Bella Murdoch. After the program the selling of the baskets was proceeded with, D. H. Brown being auctioneer. The bidding was spirited, the range of price wide, from 15c to \$1.10. Many of the baskets were very pretty. The sum of \$17 was cleared. Several farmers are busy drawing stones to the Massam farm for road making. An effort will

be made to macadamize the road from White's corner to Kensington next season, which would be a great boon to the public, as it is an extremely bad bit of road.

HUNTINGDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Met Monday evening; all present. A number of accounts connected with the power-house were passed. The mayor said he had a complaint that the lower bridge was bare of snow and teams had stuck that day.

Coun. Will agreed to see to this. Coun. Kyle moved that in future the electric light shut down at 1 o'clock and start at 5 so long as there is no daylight then. His reason was, that by shutting down early half a ton of coal, at least, would be saved.

Coun. Will—How long would this rule last? Coun. Kyle—Until the three months' test is up. Coun. Will—I supposed the test was to be to find out what it cost to run all night. Coun. Crawford—To run the light 12 hours takes 2 tons of coal, which is 335 pounds an hour. This shows we can save 1675 pounds of coal each night by reducing the period of light by 5 hours, making a saving of \$4 a night not to speak of wear and other expenses. To run to 12, starting up again at 5 when dark, and raising the present rate one-third the village would operate the plant without loss. We cannot run all night without doubling the rates. To shut off the lights at 12 o'clock would inconvenience hardly anybody.

Coun. Kyle—By shutting down at midnight we can save \$300 in the 3 months, and he was not for throwing that sum away. Coun. Will—Did we not agree with those who took the light to give an all-night service? Secretary—Chambers did, but the village is not required to assume his obligations. The council can make its own terms. Mayor Philips objected to Coun. Crawford's figures, which he held to be only guesses. The coal was not weighed on a scale, but guessed at by the barrow-full, which might hold 120 pounds or 160 pounds. He wanted an accurate test to show what was the difference between the cost of an all-night service and of a service to 1 o'clock.

Coun. Kyle—Do you mean to say that shutting off at 1 would not be a saving? Mayor—There would be a saving but I want to know exactly what that saving would amount to. I don't believe it would be so large as Coun. Crawford's figures show.

Coun. Cogland—You can't get behind the fact that the engine at its best, uses 300lb. of coal an hour. Coun. Will supported the mayor's suggestion that the coal be weighed. At the Truro factory every pound fed to the boilers was first weighed. Coun. Kyle having withdrawn his motion, another was submitted that an accurate test be made of an all-night service and of a service to 1 o'clock—each test to last a week.

The secretary said he had been notified that one of Chambers' creditors was about to issue a saisie arret of any funds in the hands of the council due Chambers. The council was not due Chambers, but, on the contrary, he was due the village, namely, \$145 value of coal on hand when he took over the power-house on Nov. 1, and \$800 for the old dynamo, which he had bought from the council. As it would be necessary in the council's declaration to give a detailed statement, he asked for instructions regarding the order on the council given Mr Woodley by Chambers before his failure.

Moved by Cogland, seconded by Rip, that Mr Woodley be paid the amount due Chambers for pumping water at the time of his failure. Carried, Kyle and Will dissenting.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY COUNCIL

Met on Wednesday; all present. Coun. Madden Stewart, mayor of the township of Havelock, was appointed Warden. Couns. R.W. Blair and Philips were appointed delegates. W. S. MacLaren was appointed auditor. The following special officers were appointed— James Watson, Beaver creek Arthur Moore, Spring creek Jas. O'Reilly, McGibbon diach. S. J. Dunsmore, Cunningham and Biggar brook David Moriarty, Moriarty diach. John Arnold, McPhee discharge James Grant, Frazer discharge Richard Pringle, Schuyler diach. Gordon Davidson, Long discharge Joseph Smallman, Brunson creek Francis Delorme, East branch of elver LaGuerre

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ELGIN COUNCIL

Met on March 2nd; all present. Moved by Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Bell, that the following officers be appointed— Valuator—J. D. McIntosh, W. R. Stewart, and F. L. Brown. Road Inspectors—No. 1, Walter Patterson; No. 2, John Dear; No. 3, George Busby; No. 4, W. Seaward, Jr.; No. 5, John Taylor; No. 6, J. S. Elder; No. 7, A. E. Lanktree; No. 8, Donald Brims; No. 9, Wm. Sayer; No. 10, Daniel Morrison; No. 11, John Mack; No. 12, Alex. Small. Rural Inspectors—W. S. Clyde, John Graham, J. T. Elder. Pound-keepers—John Conway, Alex. Elder, J. W. Moore. Auditor, Geo. E. Small. Special officers over water-courses— McIntosh creek and branches, J. T. Elder. Spring creek, John Graham. Petion discharge, A.E. Lanktree. Hamilton discharge, Wm. Seaward. Murray discharge, Wm. Seaward. Mack discharge, Archd. Bell. Bell discharge, Archd. Bell. Levers discharge, Archd. Bell. Special Officers. Stott discharge, James Grant. Russell discharge, J. A. Barrie. Hoyle discharge, James Bell, snr. Shearer discharge, Robt. Baird. Stewart and Bell discharge, Norman Paul. Road Committee—Levers, Anderson, and Gilmore.

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lowed to make any arrangements they deemed necessary. A. Melions had been engaged as engineer and electrician for 3 months; at \$75 per month, and Arthur Chambers as assistant at \$1.25 per day. The Mayor reported receipt of a letter from the G.T. superintendent stating it was not the intention of the company to block side-roads with trains and steps would be taken to prevent more complaints.

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The following officers were appointed valuers: Geo. Townsbrough, Wilfrid Lacasse, and F. E. Proper.

Road Inspector, Wm. Ryan. Rural Inspector, Robert Curry. Constables: Henri Horrie and James McDowell.

Couns. Keddy and McCann were appointed road committee.

On motion of Coun. Keddy, seconded by Coun. Noel, the secretary was authorized to collect from A. J. Steinburgh, \$4 business tax for the year ending April 30, 1908.

On motion of Coun. Keddy, seconded by Coun. Noel, the thanks of the council were given to Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Robert Curry, and Miss Keddy for their services.

Omeme, March 6.—Forty years ago Thomas McNearney, now of Iowa, was injured by a threshing machine in Emily township, the accident causing the loss of his right hand.

North Portal, Sask., March 6.—Immigration from the United States to the Canadian west has started in earnest.

Winnipeg, March 6.—The Canadian Pacific railway completed track-laying on its line from Lanigan to Saskatoon, and the road is now open through to Winnipeg.

Quebec, March 7.—Mr. Honore Mercier, member for Chateauguay, had an important interview with Hon. L. A. Taschereau, provincial minister of public works.

Buchanan, Sask., March 8.—Peter Veregin visited the few remaining Doukhobor communities in this section a few days ago and told them that from that time on they could again resume the consumption of tea, coffee, sugar and eggs.

Ottawa, March 9.—The number of militia who will be mobilized at Quebec the last week in July for the tercentenary celebrations depends upon two things, one of the department of militia, the other the camping capabilities of the transportation companies.

The Pennsylvania railway has been fined \$350 for damages done to an electric battery in transit because the sign "this side up" was disregarded.

Bloodthirsty Mexicans tried to kill every American at the Santa Rosa mine, Sonora, Mexico. They succeeded in blowing 15 men thru a roof with dynamite.

The cotton depression in the New England States has not, it is said, been materially relieved by the curtailing of 25 per cent of the working time, and a general reduction in wages of the operatives is regarded as inevitable.

caused by forcing huge steel tubes through the sand far below the bottom of the river.

State prohibition came into force in Georgia at the first of the year. In Atlanta during the month of January, 1907, there were 1,663 persons before the magistrate for various offences.

Three hundred and forty-one of these were charged with drunkenness. In January, 1908, there were 738 prisoners, of whom only 64 were charged with intoxication.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., March 6.—The annual report of the superintendent of public schools in this province, which has just been presented to the legislature, contains a rather remarkable proposal for the advancement of education, which has been retarded by the attitude of ratepayers who are not sending children to school.

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Many farmers are willing to send but the high rates asked by the railway have so far prevented them. A renewed attempt to get a rate that would leave milk-shippers a profit, has been successful in getting a reduction on former demands, but it is doubtful if the reduction is sufficient.

The offer of the company is to carry, by its freight train, milk from Carr's Crossing and Whites to Huntingdon at the rate of 12c per 100lb, and from St. Agnes for 15c.

This includes carriage of empty. From Dewittville the rate is 12c and Ormstown 15c.

The circuit court opened on Saturday. Of the 4 cases inscribed none were gone on with, for reasons that satisfied the Judge.

The court was adjourned until the regular term, 8th May.

The Waterous company sent from their workshop a Mr Dean to examine the steam-engine at the power-house and place it in best order.

He found so much that needed readjustment that he was kept busy five days, leaving Friday afternoon, when he was convinced the engine would give satisfaction both in running and in small coal consumption.

In conversation, he stated there were many villages in Ontario as small as Huntingdon with electric plants operated by steam which were self-sustaining, but he knew of none that gave such a service as had been attempted here.

All of them, he said, gave light only from dusk to 12 o'clock; one shut off the current at half-past 11; all had their street lamps wired separately, which were not lit on moonlight nights, thereby saving coal 8 nights, a month.

Huntingdon could not make its steam-plant pay with an all-night service, but he saw no difficulty in its doing so with lights on to midnight and no street lights during moonlight.

Ten minutes before 12 the man at the power-house gave the signal he was about to turn off the current by rapidly jerking out the lights 3 times. A man for day service and another for the night was all Huntingdon needed. Mr Dean is a most intelligent man and a thuro mechanic, so that his advice is valuable.

The failure of the N.Y.C. train from the city Friday evening to arrive caused surprise, as there seemed to be nothing to block it in the weather here.

However what prevailed in this vicinity was no indication of the weather 20 miles east. Late in the afternoon a snowstorm set in between Laprairie and Valleyfield which piled in drifts so deep that a freight-train going west got stalled near Beauharnois.

The New York express met a similar fate near it. The engineer tried to run the train back to Chateauguay but the blanket of wet snow clogged the wheels.

The conductor announced they were stalled for the night, and many of the passengers took berths in the sleeping-car. At daylight a snow-pow and a gang of men got to work and raised the sledge. Saturday morning the Massena train was delayed nearly 3 hours from the snow.

Friday morning Sheriff Lamberge came from Valleyfield to place a seizure on the steam-engine and dynamo at the power-house to cover a claim by Andw. Bailey of Montreal for coal he sold to Chambers. This drags the General Electric and the Waterous company into court to prove that the machinery seized belongs to them and not to Chambers.

Mr Anderson has sold the property still known as the MacAdam residence to Dr Elder, who gets possession 1st May. The rumored price is \$3000.

The Rev. C. E. Hand, B. D., one of the staff of Wesleyan college, Montreal, preached the annual educational sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday. He had good congregations, that of the evening being especially large.

The following lands were sold for taxes at the county building on Thursday—

Hemmingford—lot of Henry Davis and that in name of the Leahy heirs bought by Robert Ellerton, who paid \$21.75 for the first and \$16.20 for the second.

Village of Hemmingford—lot of heirs of Julien Beaudin, bought by R. Ellerton for \$19.40.

The lots in Franklin were not put up having been settled for. Athelstan—The property of Jno. H. Tyler was bought by Dr Walsh M.P. for \$35.95.

St. Anselm—The lot 187a and lot 562, both owned by unknown parties, were sold, the first to Almo Brun for \$15.28, the second to L. N. Mason for \$16.05.

Sunday evening, in St. Andrew's, the Rev. T. Woodley delivered an address to a good-sized congregation. He is the oldest son of Mr Woodley, manager of the Truro Co.'s factory, and has just returned from the East Indies. What his work was in that hot country he explained in his address. He told of how missions in India were organized at the beginning of the last century, and the pushed with much zeal resulted in so few conversions that missionaries lost heart and advised that the field be abandoned as hopeless.

The obstacle of caste appeared to them unsurmountable. The ruling caste is the Brahmins, whom they were unable to approach. At this juncture Alex. Duff appeared. He observed the Brahmins had a great thirst for learning and he proposed the advance towards them be taken indirectly. He organized a college for natives, where professors gave them a training that qualified them for obtaining university degrees.

Brahmins and Mahometans sent their sons to the college, and while no overt attempt was put forth to make them Christians they were imbued with western learning and instructed in what the Scriptures teach. Where Dr Duff led others followed, until to-day there are 80 mission colleges on a like plan, averaging 250 students to each. He (Mr Woodley) was principal of one of these colleges in Calcutta, and could testify to the great work they were doing. As to the charge, that the unrest which had sprung up in India being due to giving the better class of natives a superior education, it was only true of the government colleges which were purely secular. The students they turned out had the learning of the west but were kept entirely ignorant of the spirit which had given birth to that learning and which animated our civilization.

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St. Patrick's Night GRAND CONCERT AND RECITAL

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Mr ERNEST KERR, Montreal Organist Crescent Street Presbyterian Church and Miss MARJORIE DUSTIN, Soprano Miss PAGE, Contralto Mr C. J. LAWRENCE, Tenor.

of the 1st Congregational Church, Malone, N.Y. Assisted by St. Andrew's Choir Admission 25c; children under 15 and Academy pupils, 15c. Under the auspices of the Choir, in aid of Church debt.

WE, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the late Mrs. C. Bruce, widow of Lewis McR. Fortune, M.D., certify that they are entirely satisfactory, and that the estate has been administered in an efficient and honorable manner by the executor, Mr. J. C. Bruce.

(Signed) Duncan McCormick, K.C. Louise D. B. Fortune A. R. Leduc, N.P. Huntingdon, Que., 7th March, 1908.

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To be sold by C. A. GAVIN, Auctioneer On WEDNESDAY, March 18th, at residence of Robert Elder, 2 miles west of the village of Huntingdon, on the Trout river road: 2 brood mares, 1 filly rising 3 years old, 18 milch cows, double wagon, dump cart, milk wagon, buggy, stone wagon, mowing machine, horse rake, seeder, cultivator, disc harrow, iron harrows, 2 plows, bobbeighs, milk sleigh, wagon box, whiffletrees, horse-power, ensilage hay rack, set of double harness, set of single harness, double stove, crosscut saw, dairy utensils, aerator, Montreal cans, and other articles. Sale without reserve as Mr Elder has rented his farm. 8 months' credit. To begin at 1 o'clock p.m.

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Province of Quebec Municipality of the Township of DUNDEE Notice is hereby given that all arrears of Commutation taxes not paid by the first of June next, will be given in for collection. T. W. Fraser, Secy. Treas. March 2, 1908. 17

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NOTICE All parties outside of regular patrons desiring butter from the Huntingdon Creamery will please bear in mind that butter is strictly cash. R. E. Cogland

HOWICK A competition of curiers for Mr Martin's cup is still proceeding, and will likely be finished this week. James Angel, Jr., secured the medal offered for competition to new clubs. The blocks, given as a prize by W. B. Shanks, owing to sickness of some of the competitors, may not be awarded till next season. A friendly match between two rinks from Howick and the St. Lawrence members took place in Montreal last week and resulted as follows—

On St. Lawrence Ice St. Lawrence Howick Jas. Meldrum J. W. Logan A. Bremner D.G. MacKeracher John Allan J. A. Logan John Laing James Angel skip-9 skip-9

W. F. Martin Dr Cooper J. Henderson Thos. Gebbie R. Allan J. D. Stewart D. C. Drysdale W. Roy skip-19 skip-9

Majority for St. Lawrence, 11 shots.

The Howick players came home delighted with the hospitable entertainment given on this, their first visit.

The Dorcas society met at the residence of Mrs W. Brown, English River, on Wednesday. There was quite a number present and a good afternoon's benevolent work was done.

A largely signed petition was presented to the county council asking it to annul the act of our local council, the latter having amended the process-verbal of Mr Winter, so as to retain the part of the Fertile creek discharge, where it is alongside the road. The petitioners maintain that the proceedings were illegal.

The Georgetown guild held a most successful meeting in the basement of the church Tuesday night, when the members went through a mock trial, which proved highly entertaining.

BORN At New Erin, on the 5th March, the wife of Matthew Rankin, of a son. DIED At Newfoundout, on March 7, Mary, daughter of James Finn, aged 40 years.

NEW PRINTS NEW SHIRTINGS NEW COTTONADES NEW TICKINGS At PRINGLE, STARK & CO'S

At the Montreal cattle markets receipts were rather small but the quality of the stock on the whole was much better than it has been of late, in fact a large percentage of the offerings consisted of good to choice beefs. Altho supplies were smaller they were ample to fill all requirements as the consumption of beef during the Lenten season always decreases. Choice beefs sold at 5 to 5.1-4c; good at 4.1-2 to 4.3-4c; fair at 3.3-4 to 4c; common at 3.1-4 to 3.1-2, and inferior at 2.1-2 to 2.3-4c per lb. The supply of sheep was small. A few small lots of choice lambs sold at 6.1-2 to 6.3-4c; good at 6 to 6.1-4c; fair at 5.1-2 to 5.3-4c; while choice sheep brought 4.1-4 to 4.1-2c; good, 3.3-4 to 4c, and culls 3.1-4 to 3.1-2c per lb. The season for calves is now on and it is expected that within the next week or two supplies will increase materially. The demand is good for all fair to choice stock offered, and sales were made at \$2 to \$6 each. A somewhat firmer feeling developed in the local hog situation on account of smaller offerings, and prices were a trifle higher. The demand from local dealers and packers was good, and an active trade was done, with sales of selected lots at \$5.75 to \$5.80 per 100lb, weighed off cars. Cable advices from all the leading foreign markets on Canadian bacon continue to be discouraging to exporters as prices have been steadily tending downward, and are now at the lowest level for some months past.

MONTEBAL WHOLESALE FLOUR—Straight roller in bags \$2.25@2.35. Rolled oats, \$3.05 to \$3.12 per bag. Cornmeal, \$1.68@1.75 per bag. Oats, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4 @ 34lb. Bran 3 tons, Manitoba in bags \$22.00@23.00; Ontario in bags \$23.00@23.50. Hay, No 1, \$15.00@16.00; No 2 \$14.00@15.50; clover \$12.00@12.50 ton in car lots. Cheese, both white and colored, 13 1/2c. Butter, 29to30c. Eggs, new laid 28to29c. Abattoir dressed hogs are quoted \$7.75 heavy to \$8.00 100lb for light

In the Montreal hide market the situation is unchanged. The demand is dull, local leather makers are well stocked and prices are easy. No. 1, 67; No. 2, 66; No. 3, 65.

On MONDAY, March 16, at residence of Joseph Casa, near the cheese factory, Newfoundout—horses, 15 cows, young cattle, vehicles, implements, oats, hay, &c. Also the household furniture, 7 months' credit. To begin at noon.

On TUESDAY, March 17, at residence of Arthur Miller, one mile south of St. Agnes station: 1 6-year old driving mare, 2 5-year old driving mares, 1 5-year old horse, 1 4-year old bull, 15 milch cows, 1 2-year old bull, 1 brood sow, 8 fall pigs, 10 tons of hay, 1 new double wagon, 1 new set of harrows, 1 cook stove. To be sold without reserve as Mr Miller is giving up his rented farm. To begin at 1 o'clock p.m. 8 months' credit.

On THURSDAY, March 19th, at residence of Samuel Graham, two miles west of Anderson's Corns: 1 brood mare, 1 work horse, 1 yearling colt, 10 milch cows, 2 2-year old heifers, 1 2-year old bull, seeder, reaper, mower, new threshing mill and circular saw, double wagon, horse rake, buggy milk wagon, cart, bobbeighs, cutter, double, single, cart, and milk harness, plows, harrows, cultivator, corn sheller, robes, hay rack, 4 creamery cans; dairy and other utensils. Household Furniture, comprising sideboard, extension table, bedsteads, sofa, cooking stove, box stove, double stove, &c. Sale without reserve as the farm is rented for a term of years. Over \$5, 6 months' credit. To begin at 1 o'clock p.m.

On FRIDAY, March 20, at residence of Walter McGibbon, two miles east of Casaville: 1 driving mare 6 years old, 1 mare 4 years old, 1 2-year old colt, 6 milch cows, 1 3-year old bull, 5 2-year old heifers, 8 yearlings, 1 brood sow, mower, reaper, horse rake, seeder, disc harrow, sulky plow, other plows and harrows, double wagon, truck wagon, hay rack, hay fork and rope, 2 sets double harness, horse power, circular and drag saws, and other farming utensils, 150 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of barley, and a quantity of hay, also a lot of household furniture. The whole to be sold without reserve as Mr McGibbon has rented his farm 6 months' credit. To begin at 1 o'clock p.m. 15

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