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**Provincial**

**WEDNESDAY**  
Stephen Ackland of Hampshire, has gone to Amherst, N. S., to be present at the ordination of his brother Lemuel Ackland, B. A., who is at present pastor of the Baptist church in the same city.

The schooner *Aurore*, Capt. Allan McLean, which left Victoria last Wednesday for Pictou with a cargo of oats, potatoes, etc., has laid up there for the winter. The crew including George Gamble of Victoria, arrived home by the steamer *Minto* yesterday. This is perhaps the latest record of any schooner attempting this port for some years.

James Walker, Kelvin, was a passenger through this City yesterday from Murray Harbor where he has been visiting for the past week. On return home, Mr. Walker has sold his farm in Kelvin and intends going to the North West in March where he has purchased a valuable farm. Mr. Walker has a brother and sister residing in the same place and he goes to join them.

Edward F. Perry appeared at the Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of assault on his wife on the twentieth. Three children of the defendant, Percy, Harry and Blanche Perry, aged respectively 10, 12 and 14 years were examined, also officer Walker. The Marshal asked for and obtained an adjournment until Thursday the 24th to enable him to produce defendant's wife, who is at present unable to attend Court.

The steamship *Parthenia* of the Donaldson line, Captain Stitt, arrived in St. John, Sunday, after a long and rough voyage from Glasgow. The vessel left Glasgow on Dec. 5th and met with big seas and heavy gales throughout the whole of the voyage. There was on board the *Parthenia*, thirty one stock horses for this Province. Those on board say it was one of the worst trips the vessel has ever had.

William and Mrs. Martin of this City leave this morning for Toledo, Ohio, where they will in future reside. Yesterday Mr. Martin's fellow workers at Paton & Co's waited on him and presented him with a black silk watch fob with a handsomely engraved pendant as a memento of the kindly feeling they held for him. The Guardian wishes Mr. and Mrs. Martin bon voyage.

W. H. Collett of Bishop, Calif., arrived yesterday on a three months visit to his father Aran Collett of Victoria. He was accompanied by R.C. McVittie of Westmoreland who will also remain in this Province for some months. Miss Collett remains at college during her father's visit. There are a great many Provincials in Bishop including two brothers and one son of Hon. Matthew Smith, Hampton.

The Guardian regrets very much to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Edward Skerry of Fitzroy St east of pneumonia which occurred yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. She leaves her husband and six children to mourn her demise, two of her daughters being married in Malden, Mass., while Edna, Elsie and Lillian reside at home. Her only son John H. resides in Malden. The Guardian extends sympathy to Mr. Skerry and family in their very great bereavement.

Under favorable circumstances Pearley Stream Division, No. 200, S.O.T. Granville met on Tuesday last and the debate was further discussed. The mover and seconder delivered able speeches in favor of their respective sides, and each was supported by several of the members. On a vote being taken by the Division the debate was decided in favor of Mass being the architect of his own fortunes rather than a creature of circumstances. A question box was proposed for next meeting.

As the *Minto* came into port yesterday she had in tow the schooner *Blanche M. Coburn*, Capt. J. Lord, loaded with coal for this port. The schooner had cleared from Georgetown and as it was reported that this Harbor was clear, her captain decided to make it and succeeded, until he came to the three tides. In this harbor where she was obliged to stay over Monday night and in the morning was flying a flag of distress. In docking the *Minto* stopped suddenly and the *Blanche M. Coburn* bumped into her breaking two small pieces of rail, but doing no other serious damage.

Robert Judson Wood who died in this City on December nineteenth in his fiftieth year was the second son of the late William Wood of Alexandria, where the fifth generation on Island soil are now growing to maturity. William Wood some sixty-three years ago married Maria Judson of Alexandria and they became the parents of nine children, all of whom are living except Robert Judson Wood above named. The surviving brothers and sisters are: Mrs. William O. Pratt, of Wheaton, Illinois; Mrs. F. H. Campbell, Pownal, P. E. I.; M. Pope Wood, New Bedford, Mass; Mrs. Levi Langill, Charlottetown; Mrs. Samuel Cole, Fairmont, Nebraska; Mrs. E. E. Gridley, West Chicago, Ill.; William B. Wood, New Bedford, Mass and J. Bamford Wood, on the old homestead at Alexandria. It is remarkable that so large a circle of brothers and sisters should have remained unbroken till the youngest is in fifty-fifth year.

There was a good market yesterday turkeys were scarce at from one fifty to two dollars and geese plentiful at one dollar to one twenty-five each. Chickens sold at fifty to seventy-five cents per pair, ducks at seventy-five cents to one dollar, black oats at forty to forty two and white at thirty-eight to forty cents per bushel, potatoes at twenty-two and turnips at fourteen; eggs at twenty eight to thirty, butter at twenty five and twenty six, loose straw at twenty five and thirty cents and loose hay at forty five and fifty. Pressed straw at five fifty a ton and pressed hay at eight fifty per ton.

**THURSDAY**  
Albert Harper appeared at the City Police Court yesterday morning for being drunk and disorderly on the 12th and was fined \$2 or 10 days.

The schooner *Freddie A. Higgins*, Capt. Doucette, arrived here from Rustico, P. E. I., Monday with 4200 bushels potatoes, and 1000 bushels oats.—Halifax Chronicle.

Neil Currie, mail carrier from Rocky Point, brought the mails over on a handsleigh by the ice yesterday. He had to make a slight detour up West River.

Yesterday forenoon an unknown man crossed the harbor from Southport to this City by a somewhat round about route. Later several women also crossed. They are the first this season.

Charles Holman and daughter Jennie of Strassburg, Sask., arrived in the City Tuesday and will spend a couple of months here visiting their many friends and relatives in this Province.

Captain Lord and crew of the schooner *Thorburn*, speak in highest terms of the courtesies extended to them on Tuesday by Captain Finlayson, officers and men of the *Minto*, in towing them into port from their perilous position.

John Frederick Morris of this City is the best-looking and healthiest baby in Canada so says the Borden Eagle Brand Condensed Milk Co. of Montreal in a telegram received by T. W. Morris, father of the boy, yesterday. The contest has been open for some months and thousands of babies' pictures were received.

Tuesday evening near North River Bridge a load of straw being driven by a man from Cornwall upset and as he had no help to right it or reload it he left it till yesterday morning, but on returning he found it loaded sleigh and all. This is no trick at all but a mean, low, cowardly act and the party or parties should be brought to justice.

A large and enthusiastic Temperance meeting was held at Long River on Friday the 18th inst, when the G. W. P. assisted by Samuel Bernar and District Secre Profit instituted a new Division of the Sons of Temperance to be called *Striking Div. No. 270*, the night of the meeting to be Thursday. The following efficient staff of officers were elected for the current quarter:—W.P. John Bernard; W. A. Mrs. Penzie Montgomery; R. S. John Campbell; A. R. S. Carrie Paynter; F. S. James Johnston; Treas., Wm. Paynter; Con., Jasper Bell; Asst. Con., Jennie Marks; I. Sent., Bruce Bell; O. Sent., Archy Johnston; Chap., Mrs. Rout; McLeod; P. W. P. Preston McLeod; Supt. of Y. P. W., Rosella Paynter; Deputy, John Bernard. This Division situated in one of the most flourishing communities in this Province has no doubt bright prospects for the future.

The first congregation of church meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Movement held in this City since the Union gathering, was held in the Baptist Church last Sunday evening. The meeting, which was one of much interest and profit, was conducted by laymen. The choir sang missionary hymns and a strong and most appropriate anthem. The service was well conducted by A. F. Webster. The first speaker was H. H. Jenkins, who gave in ten minutes a clear and instructive account of the "History and Progress of the Laymen's Movement." J. P. Gordon followed and crowded his ten minutes full of facts and figures, and by the aid of the "missionary chart" showed clearly that this generation of Christians could and should give the Gospel to this generation of heathens. The speaker cleared away many of the old-time objections and showed the task possible. Canada's part in this great work was the next subject, speaker, J. K. Ross, who said forty million heathens and about two million non-christians at home, was Canada's task in this world movement. Though it was a great task, it was still possible, and in view of the fact that Canada was the first country to organize for the campaign, he felt sure she could do all her duty—and the many good reasons assigned made the audience feel the same assurance. The last speaker A. W. Sterns, had for his subject the "home trust"—the duty of our Church in this great movement." This touched the vital point, the practical thing, the individual. The speaker, in his own clear and concise manner, pointed out the part we, as a church, should take, and the way we should do it, by means of the weekly offering, using the duplex envelopes, which have been supplied by the church for this purpose. It was shown that while a small part of our people gave last year for missions almost half the required five dollars per member, that with a small increase and a general canvass of all our men, the amount could easily be made up the coming year. After a few well chosen words by way of review by the leader, this profitable, initial, church meeting, in the interests of this world-wide "movement," closed with the singing of Francis R. Havergal's hymn—"Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Andrew Doughart of Long River, has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Paton & Co. of this City.

The members of Blooming Hope Lodge I. O. G. T. of Alexandria paid a fraternal visit to Excelsior Lodge, Pownal, last Monday evening. After the visitors were received the Chief Templar of Blooming Hope, upon invitation took the chair, and ably presided during the evening. The members of the visiting Lodge furnished a very excellent program to the delight of all present. At the close of the program refreshments were served and the exercises of the evening came to a close all feeling that a very enjoyable and profitable evening had been spent.

A deep gloom was cast over the vicinity of Sturgeon on Wednesday, December 9th, by the receipt of the sad news of the death of John Kearney, Sr. at the advanced age of 88 years. The deceased was in his usual good health until two weeks ago, when he was stricken down by an attack of Bright's disease and notwithstanding all that medical aid could accomplish, his soul departed, after he had received all the privileges of the Roman Catholic Church. He leaves a widow, four sons and five daughters, to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father. The sons are: John, on the homestead; William and Walter at Murray River, and Bernard at Sturgeon. The daughters are: Marcelina in Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Peter McCabe, at Fort Augustus; Mrs. Mathias McDonald, at Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Thomas Conlin, at Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. John Slavin Boston. The funeral took place on Thursday morning to St. Paul's Church, followed by a large concourse of people, where the last rites of the church were performed by Rev. J. F. Johnston, and the body was interred in its last resting place.

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