

INTERESTING MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

When the Question of Closing Moving Picture Shows Was Thoroughly Discussed. A Large Attendance, Including Business and Professional Men.

A large and representative gathering filled the Council chamber yesterday afternoon when the meeting, called by His Worship the Mayor, to consider the advisability of closing the moving picture shows, was held. All sides of life were in evidence, including the business, professional, and ministerial.

The meeting opened at four o'clock with His Worship Mayor Prowse in the chair, and Health Officer Johnson on the platform.

Mayor Prowse stated that his purpose in calling the meeting, was to enable him to learn the opinion of the citizens of Charlottetown regarding the closing of moving picture shows, before presenting the matter to the City Council.

Bishop MacDonald was then called upon.

The learned speaker stated that in his opinion, from a moral standpoint, the shows in question were not what they should be. One sees children kept out by them, all hours of the night, which to say the least is very deteriorating to their minds and bodies. The shows should be stopped. They have not only done a great deal of harm in the City, but are continuing to do so.

The meeting was then thrown open.

Rev. George Ross, in an able and interesting manner showed how the ministry have been closely watching the shows. One strong objection he found was the lottery used in connection with them, such as every tenth seat being free, and money given in various forms. In principle, moving pictures were very objectionable. At first they were clean, and some of the pictures very good, but of late this has unfortunately not been the case. Our City, he said in conclusion would be morally benefited by their discontinuance.

A. W. Webster was the next speaker. His opinion was the same as that of the Rev. Mr. Ross. He said that the doors of children—be seen around the doors of the shows, begging for

money, some even resorting to fictitious stories—Their educational and religious life through these theatres are being sadly neglected.

His Worship the Mayor then read a letter from Rev. Mr. Harrison who expressed his regret at not being able to be present. His statements practically backed up what had already been said, though adding that he thought the daily papers were highly responsible, as they were the medium through which the news of the performances was circulated.

Rev. Mr. Thomas differed somewhat from those who had spoken. He thought the meeting had not all the knowledge of the matter it should have. "I have no doubt," he said, "that the shows in their present condition are degrading, but I do not favor closing them. What I would suggest would be a thorough inspection by a committee of our citizens of the pictures before they were presented to the general public. It would be a good idea perhaps to put restrictions on the attendance of boys and girls under a certain age."

Rev. D. MacLellan, thought the subject a most important one. He stated that he could bring parents to show that their children had actually lied and stolen money to see the pictures. Moral and spiritual benefit would be got in other places than those shown in concluding he stated that he favored the doing away of the pictures altogether.

Canon Simpson's remarks were of a most forceful nature, and were listened to with close attention throughout. He said, "This is an age when everything is given up to amusement of all kinds, as hockey in the winter, dime novels, etc. Parents are amusing themselves with Bridge instead of looking after home interests. I would ask if it is not possible to stop any kind of an entertainment which is objectionable from a moral standpoint. There are two points of view in the moving picture shows to be considered, firstly the cheapness of them, and secondly their long continuance."

Too much amusement of any kind weakens the minds of the children. Today, unfortunately nothing of real intellectual amusement is met with favor by young people. In concluding Canon Simpson remarked that he had had a conversation with the management of New Wonderland, and they had told him that they were perfectly willing to put on the rolls of films for the following week every Saturday night after ten o'clock and any that were objected to would be withheld.

Mayor Prowse then stated, in answer to a question of the last speaker, that while a show could not be prohibited, the license could be made so high as would practically put it out of business.

Rev. Dr. MacLellan—"A fair amount of recreation is good, but too much time is given to amusement. If the shows are immoral they should be closed. Parents are largely responsible for this waste of time. They must really control their children, no one else can do so. When they attend themselves, it is only natural that their sons and daughters should follow in their footsteps."

C. James—"I have never seen the pictures. In my opinion, children of tender age should not be allowed to go there. Children are there by themselves, without guardians or parents, and it seems to me a law should be passed that children under a certain age should not be allowed to be present at these shows without parental or guardian, as then the responsibility rests with those in charge of them."

J. D. Seaman—"I have never seen picture shows in Charlottetown, but have observed the effect of attending, shows, on children. It is for those highly intelligent children, who are constantly attending, are physically and mentally deteriorated. If parents did their duty, there would be no meeting here today."

Rev. Mr. Thomas then enquired as to who was responsible for the shows.

His Worship replied that the Mayor and the Council had the power to prohibit them.

Rev. Dr. Curran—"The first thing to do, is to decide whether the shows are detrimental to morality or not. In concluding he endorsed the remarks of Canon Simpson."

Dr. Conroy—"The whole question is in the proper censorship over the picture shows. A proper amount of amusement is needed. I look upon moving pictures as one of the first methods of education. All pictures are not of the right sort. However as a whole I do not condemn them, but back them up if they are properly conducted. Regarding children being there too much, I think the parents are responsible."

Rev. Mr. Woodroffe, stated that not only were the pictures to be considered but the cheap vaudeville run in connection with them. This needed most careful consideration. The speaker warmly favored the plan of appointing a committee to look into the matter, and then after that had been done if censure was needed by all means to give it. He concluded by thanking His Worship for calling the meeting, and stating that without doubt the vaudeville was far worse than the pictures."

Dr. Kelly, agreed with Dr. Conroy entirely, and backed up Rev. Woodroffe in his statement that the vaudeville was more harmful and degrading than the pictures.

Dr. MacLellan spoke along the same lines and was followed by Health Officer Johnson. This gentleman said he had attended a show last night, and while there had taken notes. The vaudeville he had found to be first class, and without a touch of the immoral. Some of the pictures were good but a couple pertained to the burlesque, and shady side of life. The holding was clean and good order prevailed. The kind of show in his opinion depended largely on what class of people attended. Among other remarks he stated that the vibration of the pictures was very hard on scholars eyes. In his opinion outdoor amusement was far better than recreation in a close stuffy room.

The business men being called upon, R. C. Goff responded in an able manner, stating among other things that the chief thing needed was a proper amount of control over the shows.

Addresses were given by J. E. B. McCready, and James Paton, the latter among other things, telling how two children in the city had in one day by begging made \$1.70. He thought the moving pictures a splendid idea, if properly conducted, but this being on the outside, and demoralizing pictures and vaudeville on the inside must be stopped.

Councillor Stewart, stated that one of the terms in the lease on the Market Hall is that if anything objectionable is shown, the building can be closed. Till the vaudeville came the pictures were good.

The meeting was then brought to a close by the Mayor thanking those present for their attendance, and the instruction they had given him. His idea of what the meeting should be was realized and the matter would in due time be laid before the City Council.

GASOLINE BOAT WAS CAPSIZED

Ten Passengers Thrown in the Water and Seven of Them Were Drowned.

VICKSBURG, May 26—(Special)—The gasoline boat Doris with ten passengers capsized in the Yazoo Canal during the storm last night and seven persons were drowned.

SECTION MAN MET HIS DEATH

In Sight of Windsor Station. Had Been Warned of the Danger.

HALIFAX, May 26—(Special)—Sydney Shaffleburg, a section man on the I. C. R. was killed today by the Boston Express.

Shaffleburg was working at Windsor Junction and the accident occurred within sight of the station. Shaffleburg had been warned by the foreman to look out for trains, but he neglected the warning.

The unfortunate man was badly injured about the head and his death was almost instantaneous.

Deceased leaves a family of six children. His wife died a short time ago.

OLYMPIC GAMES NOT FOR BERLIN

The Big Stadium Cannot Be Ready And Stockholm Will Be Chosen.

NEW YORK, May 26—(Special)—A special from Berlin says the question of holding the Olympic Games here in 1912 has become settled in the negative, there being practically no chance of completing the stadium in time.

It will therefore be proposed at the conference of the Olympic committee to hold the next games at Stockholm.

Delay in finishing the stadium is ascribed to the indifference of the big German cities, which are devoting their interest and subscriptions to building airship stations.

N WHO CAPTURED LOUIS REIL IS DEAD

REGINA, May 25—Thomas Houris, at one time a resident of Regina, died at Dawson City a few days ago of heart failure. The capture of Louis Reil, the famous rebel, was due to the cleverness and tact displayed by the deceased, who was of gigantic stature, standing over six feet, five inches in his stocking feet.

ENJOYED LONG LIFE

WOODSTOCK, N. B., May 25—John Graham died at Kirkland, this county, today, at the extremely old age of 109 years. Mr. Graham was probably the oldest person in the province. He was born in Coleraine (Ireland), in 1800, and arrived in St. John when 25 years of age. Shortly afterwards he came to this country where he married. He was a prominent Orangeman and took a leading part in the annual 12th July parades held in different parts of this county and York. Thompson Graham, of Kirkland, is a son of deceased.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

OTTAWA, May 26—Some two hundred candidates are running in the Civil Service competition examinations at various points for city vacancies in the second division.

In the latter division only twelve candidates are writing, as the examination papers prescribed by the Commissioners practically demand university students. As the salary given is only \$48.00, the position does not appeal to enough candidates to fill the vacancies.

The Commissioners have evidently set too high a standard, and new examinations with a lower standard will have to be held.

About 75 per cent. of the candidates are women.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, May 26—(Special)—
 May Wheat 118
 May Corn 701
 June Wheat 1331
 June Corn 751
 June Pork \$18.75

NEW JUDGES FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

What Their Duties Will Be. Protestant Party Proposed in Ontario. Capital and Labor Coming Together in London.

PETERBORO, May 26—(Special)—The formation of a Protestant political body is to be proposed by the British Columbia delegates to the meeting of the Orange Supreme Grand Lodge of B. N. A.

The first session of the Grand Lodge was held today.

Dr. Sproule, M. P. is again in the field for Supreme Grand Master.

OTTAWA, May 26—(Special)—J. H. Barry of Fredericton, till now Judge of Probate and H. A. McKeown, late Attorney General were appointed judges of Supreme Court of New Brunswick at a meeting of the Government today.

It is presumed the duty of administering the divorce law in New Brunswick will be assigned either to

EARTHQUAKE IN WESTERN STATES

Illinois and Iowa Disturbed, But No Lives Lost or Serious Damage.

CHICAGO, May 26—(Special)—A distinct earthquake shock was felt throughout Northern Illinois today.

The motion was from north to south and lasted half a minute.

The earthquake was reported especially noticeable in and about Elgin, Ill., and as far west as Davenport, Ia.

No one was killed, none injured, nor did the reports show any save minor damage, such as breaking dishes and ornaments, thrown from mantelpieces.

DIPHTHERIA IS NOW EPIDEMIC

Doctors, Nurses and Patients in An Insane Asylum Under Quarantine.

BOSTON, May 26—(Special)—An epidemic of diphtheria has spread through the female section of Austin Farm, the institution for the Insane at Mattapan.

Three nurses and two doctors are under medical treatment and fifty patients and attendants have been found carrying germs.

The entire female section has been put under quarantine.

LOBSTER INDUSTRY RUINED BY STORM

LIVERPOOL, N. S., May 26—Practically the whole lobster industry of the South Western shore of Nova Scotia was ruined by the gale that swept the coast on Sunday and Monday.

WOULD NOT TAKE CARNEGIE'S MONEY

DENVER, Col., May 25—"Let Rockefeller and Carnegie alone—go into your own pockets for college endowments," was the advice of Dr. J. C. Stedden, of Dubuque, Iowa, in an address before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church this afternoon.

SPLENDID SERMON AT ALEXANDRIA

At Alexandria last Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Erb preached a plain, yet logical, and uplifting discourse, from the 37th Psalm, 3rd v. "Trust in the Lord, and do good."

This Psalm is a collection of precious gems, ingeniously clustered together.

It was probably written by David in old age, and contains his own experience in reference to the Providential dealings of God with men.

He acknowledges the prosperity of the wicked, but places in sublime contrast the life, and destiny of the Godly, and proved conclusively, that the righteous have little cause to envy the wicked.

The text, is one gem in the necklace, and contains a two fold exhortation of supreme importance in the life of Christian service.

We are exhorted first To a life of simple trust in God.

There are three Hebrew words translated trust, The root meaning of one is to cling, another is to lean, and the third means to run for shelter.

Putting these meanings together we get the Biblical meaning of the word trust.

Many make the fatal mistake of trusting in something apart from God, but we are exhorted to make the Lord our shelter in life, and

TEMPEST RAGED NEAR BILBAO

Many Fishing Craft Foundered and Their Crews Met Watery Graves.

BILBAO, Spain, May 26—(Special)—A violent tempest has been raging on the Bilbao coast.

Over sixty vessels of the fishing fleet have foundered and it is estimated that not less than one hundred fishermen have been drowned.

KING EDWARD WINS THE DERBY

His Colt Minoru Outpaced Fourteen Contestants. His Victory Very Popular.

EPSOM, May 26—(Special)—The Derby stakes of 6,500 sovereigns for colts and fillies foaled in 1906, the blue ribbon event of the English racing season, a distance of a mile and a half, was won by Minoru, owned by His Majesty, King Edward.

St. Martins fell during the race and dropped out.

The victory of His Majesty's horse was exceedingly popular and was greeted with the great enthusiasm.

Raphael's Loviers was second and William Fourth third.

Fifteen horses ran in the great event.

BANK PRESIDENT SHOOTS HIMSELF

Wound Not Serious and Supp. sed to Have Had an Object.

ST. JOHNS, Q., May 26—(Special)—P. H. Roy, former President of the defunct Banque St. Jean, now on trial on a charge of sending false returns to the Government, tried to shoot himself this morning while in bed.

He did not inflict a serious wound and will be able to appear in court.

The trial is drawing near its close. Roy shot himself in the foot, and the purpose in doing so was to delay the end of the trial.

Condensed Advertisements

WANTED, girl for general housework. Enquire at 265 Grafton St. East. 5-27d4i.

WANTED, About the 12th of June, a girl for general housework. Apply between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m., at 253 Richmond Street. 5-27d3i.

ANY young girl who would like to hear of a situation should apply in writing to X. Y. Z. Guardian. 5-27d3i.


WANTED, a girl for general housework, good wages and no washing. Apply to Mrs. S. R. Jenkins, 57 Grafton St. 5-27d3i.

WANTED at once a girl for general housework. Good wages. Apply to 116 Cumberland Street. 5-27d1i.

OST, in City gold cuff link initial. G. G. W. Funder please leave at 18 Upper Prince St. 5-27d3i.

OST, May 14, ladies' brown and gilt belt. Funder rewarded by leaving at Prowse Bros. 5-26d3i.

OST, hard felt hat at railway crossing near pork factory. Initials W. K. J. O'R. on inside. Funder please leave at Prowse Bros. 5-26d3i.



Money Well Employed

There are opportunities to put your surplus funds to profitable use without indulging in dangerous speculations.

An ad. in our Classified Want Columns will put you into communication with borrowers who have good security, and who are willing to pay good interest for accommodation.

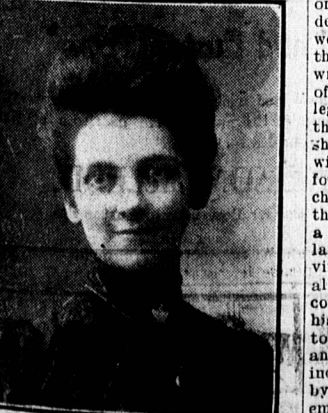
Ask for Minard's and take no other.

STANDARD SET IS TOO SEVERE

OTTAWA, May 25—Some two hundred candidates began writing today in the Civil Service competitive examinations at various points in Canada for the City vacancies in the third division of the Inside services and the thirty-five vacancies in the Second Division. In the latter division only twelve candidates are writing, as the examination papers prescribed by the Civil Service Commissioners practically demand university standards and as the salary to begin with is only \$800, the position in view of the entrance requirements does not appeal too enough candidates to fill the vacancies. The Commissioners have evidently set too high a standard and new examinations with lower standard will have to be held. About seventy-five per cent. of the candidates are women.

LITTLE GIRLS SAD DEATH.

ST. ANDREW'S, May 26—Edna Pendlebury, the eleven year old daughter of Thomas Pendlebury, died from burns. With other children she had been setting off fire crackers. While thus engaged her clothing caught fire, and she was terribly burned about the body.



(Photo By Cook.)
MISS BELLE MCKINNON,
 Pleasant Grove,
 one of the popular young ladies from "Queens County District" in the Guardian's Big Free Trip contest to New York City and return.

There is hardly any need nowadays of pointing out the immense benefit it is to a young woman to possess a thorough business education—such an education as will be within reach of the winners of The Guardian's Scholarships. A generation ago a young ladies' accomplishment consisted of music, singing, dancing, etc., all very nice out of what use to the girl who might be cast forth through force of

TORONTO'S FIREMEN HAD STRENUOUS DAY

TORONTO, Ont., May 25—Victoria Day was anything but a holiday for the Toronto firemen. Nearly a dozen day, fire crackers and rockets being responsible for half a dozen of the fires. The most serious fire of the day was at the southeast corner of Hayter and Teravay streets occupied by several manufacturing firms. The fire started in the building, and after literally flooding the building with water, but not before \$30,000 damage had been done.

LABOR DAY PREPARATIONS.

MONCTON, May 26—Labor Organizations here are planning a monster demonstration for Labor Day and the committee are actively engaged in making the necessary arrangements.

Every Labor Organization in the City is co-operating in the movement and it is proposed to make it the biggest thing of the kind ever held in the Province.

The committee waited on the Board of Trade and asked the co-operation of that body as well as the City Council and all the Citizens in assisting in the demonstration.

MANY ADVANTAGES OF THE BIG FREE TRIP PRIZES

circumstances to earn her own living or of what benefit to those who desire to make their own way in the world. Three scholarships, are for the complete courses in the Typewriting and Shorthand departments of the Charlottetown Business College—such courses as will equip the three lucky winners of the scholarships with a business education that will enable them to go forth armed for the battle of life with every chance of winning. The principal of this Institution, I. B. Miller has had a long and varied experience with the largest business concerns of this province. The success of his graduates all over the world is a sufficient recommendation of the thoroughness of his system of teaching. He can point to scores of young ladies at home and abroad who are honorably and independently maintaining themselves by their own work—happy in their employment trusted and honored by their employers. In fact, the advantage of a girl acquiring a business education cannot be estimated. These who are qualified for taking a position in a business house always get their chance, while their sisters and friends, not qualified for such work have perforce to continue in the old rut. The reputation of the Charlottetown Business College stands high. Mr. Miller at the head of the Business Department, and Mr. Taylor, at the head of the Shorthand Department are a sufficient guarantee that the winners of The Guardian's Scholarships, when they have passed through their hands will be well qualified to fill responsible and lucrative positions.