

The annual conference of the Liberal Conservative Party in this Province will be held in this city, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. A large attendance is expected.

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THE MAYOR'S REPORT.

We have not yet had time to look carefully through the statement of the civic accounts for the past year as submitted to the City Council last evening. But we publish a full report of the Mayor's annual address. It is pleasing to note that his Worship makes public acknowledgement of the ability and zeal displayed by Mr. Davison, our efficient City Clerk, and by Mr. Van Iderstine, the City Collector, upon whom the labor of getting in the money and preparing the accounts for presentation within ten days of the close of the year has devolved. If it is important to have a good City Council, it is equally (perhaps more) important to have and keep efficient and honest officials; and it is but right that the Mayor, representing the citizens at large, should make special mention of official conduct which is worthy of commendation. We should like to see our civic officials vie with each other as to who among them will give the most zealous attention to the interests of the town.

The fact that Victoria Park roadway has cost, close upon \$13,500 will surprise many persons; and we have no doubt that the accounts in that regard will be rigidly scrutinized. Certainly the work has effected a great and permanent civic improvement. But that is not a good reason for unduly adding to the cost of the work, and we hope that investigation will prove that this has not been done. What his Worship says concerning the necessity of finishing the work and improving the condition of government pond is well said. We hope that his suggestion will, ere long, be carried into effect and the Pond, as well as the Park, made attractive and creditable to Charlottetown. Of course, all such improvements will cost money for which the citizens of the future as well as of the present, will receive full value if only the money be economically expended.

That our civic financiers have managed to make ends meet, notwithstanding several considerable extraordinary expenditures, is gratifying to the taxpayer—though it is, on the other hand, a pity that the small surplus is made up by the premiums on a sale of debentures issued upon capital account. If the debentures had not been sold at a premium, there would have been a small deficit. Strictly, we think, the little windfall ought to have gone to reduce the debt.

MERCHANT'S BANK OF P. E. ISLAND.

The annual report of the Merchant's Bank of P. E. Island, published today, reflects great credit upon the President and Directors. Such a marked increase of business as is exhibited, in the face of strong competition, cannot have been obtained without careful management and strenuous effort upon their part, as well as upon that of their efficient cashier.

Moreover, the fact that no losses have been made and that there were no overdue bills in the bank at the end of the year, speaks volumes as to the credit, honesty and sound financial condition of the community.

We congratulate the bank upon the election of Senator Prowse to fill the vacancy on its directorate. With Senator Prowse upon the board, it can no longer be said with the same colour of truth that the bank is "a grit institution," and there is an additional guarantee for careful and business like action in the conduct of its affairs.

The following quotation from New Ideas will be appreciated by those of our readers who are troubled with runaway horses. The device mentioned seems to be both effective and simple:

"A man from Paris, Zimmerman by name, has invented an apparatus for stopping runaway horses. It looks like a muzzle, and does the work by closing the horse's nostrils, thus shutting off his wind. It extends over the horse's nose from just above the mouth to where the bridle crosses at the top. It is connected by bands to the reins and when the horse starts off on a mad career the reins operating the muzzle is seized, and the animal's nostrils are thereby compressed, while his mouth is closed. He may take the bit between his teeth with a view to having his own way in the matter, but when the prospect of suffocation and pain makes him aware of his speed and consents to go at the moderate rate chosen by his driver. This device commends itself especially to timid ladies, who no longer need fear to drive an obstreperous horse if the new muzzle be used."

One tableful of dress goods worth up to 50c your choice for 15c at Paton's big sale one at once.

SITUATION IN AFRICA.

Britain and France in the Nile. New York, Jan. 9.—The London correspondent of the Evening Post says: The Chamberlain spirit is very noticeable in this week's developments of the British policy in the Nile country. England's little army would not, especially in this moment of anxiety in China, India and South Africa, be called upon to supply four battalions to proceed up the Nile to Halfa, and probably to Berber, unless serious state reasons required the step. The natural inclination is to connect the move with the probability of accurate reports of a French occupation of Fashoda, above Khartoum, but below the junction of the Bahr el Ghasset with the main stream of the White Nile. The occupation seems nothing more than what the Spectator calls today "A French try-on." The strong British protests, which are certain to be made on the line of the official declaration in the house of commons in 1895 that England would regard the foreign occupation of any post on the Nile as an unfriendly act probably will produce the French reply that it is merely a French semi-official scientific expedition against which England cannot reasonably protest, seeing that she does not pretend to occupy the whole Nile valley. Suppose, however, as the Spectator suggests, that England were to get into difficulties within the next year or two, and be unable to take a firm line with France the expedition might be come strictly official, with the view of helping on French dreams of a French line across Africa, from the Atlantic to Obok, cutting across the Nile waterway. Hence the importance of England's resolve to make an immediate forward move up the Nile. The despatch of British troops also probably means that the British taxpayer, not Egypt, must be prepared to pay the bills. "For the forward policy in Egypt the best thing that could happen for England would be for the Khalifa to attack Berber, which is so impregnable that General Kitchener would be able to deal a decisive blow to the Dervishes and to Myhidism."

PERSONAL.

Mr. John McLean, of Souris, is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Hon. Wm. Richards, of Bideford, is among the latest arrivals at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. K. J. Martin, barrister-at-law, Summerside, is in town. He is at the Hotel Davies.

SALE.—The annual auction sale of the reviews, magazines, weekly and daily papers, regularly received at the Y. M. C. A. Reading Room, will take place at 8 o'clock this p. m. Come and secure the best literature at your own price.

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N. B.—Our stores close at 9 o'clock each night except Saturday.

SUPREME COURT.

The Hilary term of the Supreme Court opened this forenoon. The Chief Justice presided, and delivered his charge to the following Grand Jurors:

James Paton, foreman, James J. Wisner, Richard Vessey, Robert Bearisto, Daniel Mullin, W. W. Clarke, W. H. Enman, Lemuel C. Hayden, John Horne, John McEachern, Thomas B. Alchorn, Wellington Mutch, Cyrus Crosby, W. A. Stewart, Thomas Handrahan, John Higgins, James Shaw, George Tweedy, Pope Fletcher, Maurice Duffly.

The Queen vs. William E. Barron—On motion of Attorney-General the court ordered that the recognizance taken before the Magistrate be estreated.

Young vs. McIsaac. The sea-weed case. On motion of Mr. McLean Q. C., the court extended the time for moving for a new trial till Thursday next.

Big discount sale begins at Weeks & Co's., today and continues for two weeks. The discounts are large from all departments. Colored dress goods 25 per cent. Black dress goods 20 per cent discount. Silks, satins and fancy silks 25 per cent. All furs 25 per cent discount, jackets half price, trimmed millinery half price, and discounts of all goods until January 22.—W. A. Weeks & Co. 7 2i.

We would ask all our friends to whom we furnished accounts last week, to kindly favor us with a settlement at as early a date as possible.—Stanley Bros. 8, 3i.

Blankets at Stanley's.—10 pairs \$2.25, for \$2.50 a pair, 2 pairs \$3.50 for \$2.95 a pair, 1 pair \$4.05 for \$3.50, and a pair \$7.25 for \$6.50.—6, 3i.


Colorado expects to receive not less than \$6,000,000 from the state's big fruit crop this year, the greatest which the centennial state has ever known.

One of our seven first prizes taken at the Provincial Exhibition was for the Sovereign Flavoring Extracts. They win on their merits.

DIED.

In this city, on Monday Jan. 10th, Margaret Barnard, beloved wife of John Whear, in the 68th year of her age, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

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- Aprons
- Beaver Trimmings

Goods at 33 1-3 per cent. discount.

- Floor Oilcloth
- Felt and Hemp Carpet
- Lace Curtains
- Table Covers
- Window Hollands
- White Muslins
- Hearth Rugs and Mats
- Carpet Squares
- White and Colored Blankets
- Bed Comforts
- Cocoa Matting
- Balance of Tapestry and Brussels Carpet at Special prices.

Goods below at 25 per cent discount.

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- White Sheetings
- Domestic Sheetings
- Fleecy Cottons
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TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until Friday, 14th, noon, from all parties wishing to contract for the repairing and fitting of the floor, walls and ceiling, of the Assembly Hall of the Y. M. C. A. building, of this city.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the Association Rooms. Lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

S. N. ROBERTSON, President.

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