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LETTER FROM BOSTON.

Recent State and Civic Elections.

CONTRAST IN THE WAR NEWS.

Social and Personal Items of Interest.

Boston, Dec. 17, 1899.—State and city elections have come and gone; the Hub of the Universe is once more pursuing the even tenor of its way. After one of the closest contests in its history, Boston for years held up as a model for Democrats, elected to its chief office a former successful aspirant.—Hart, Republican, by about 2,000 majority. There was probably more mud-throwing and dirty linen washed in this contest than for many a long day in Boston's civic history. General Collins and John R. Murphy had been in nomination on the Democratic ticket, and in the caucuses for choice Collins won out by a fair margin. Murphy blamed the so-called Board of Strategy, and smarting under his defeat by Collins bolted the Democratic ticket and avowed his intention of voting the Republican ticket. Then the trouble started. Everybody took a hand in and the result was personalities galore. The general belief before the election on Tuesday was that Murphy had made the mistake of his life in bolting the ticket and that his friends to a man would stand by their Democratic principles. But the result showed that it was greatly due to Murphy and many of his men bolting that Hart, the Republican candidate, won out. There promises to be widespread decapitation around City Hall at once, as Hart's strong plank was to cut down unnecessary expense and lop off the great number of civic employees who have been barnacles on the local body politic. Already the little axe has been sharpened and Murphy's shouters and helpers have been given notice that they must make greater efforts to "earn their bread by the sweat of their brow." Wm. L. Strickland and Wm. Curtis, both formerly of Charlottetown, were elected to the Common Council, the first rung on the ladder of political fame.

The cause of the wide discrepancy of telegraphic news in Charlottetown and American papers is hard to diagnose. There is a woful difference. But then one is on the Canadian side of the line and the other on the American. Then there is a great science in the modern newspaper in being able to keep the readers guessing from day to day. It certainly is slightly mystifying to come home in the evening and proceed to tackle a home paper and then the Boston or New York product. In the former we are gladdened by a three column scare-head, that flags are flying, men congratulating one another, that "Lady-smith has been at last relieved and 10,000 Boer captives"; the American sheet says that Buller, who was to eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria, "has been whipped by the Boer farmers, has lost 11 guns, 1,000 men, and had to retreat." It is gradually dawning upon England that Kruger knew what he was talking about when he said that the "price of conquest would stagger the world." Here's that the brave boys from Canada may make a name for themselves and all share in the welcome home which a grateful country will give them.

The wave of prosperity is making itself feel in great shape. Almost every branch of industry is feeling the effect, and business in general is better than it has been for years. Factories everywhere are increasing the pay-roll of employees, and help is at a premium. Of course there is the usual extra Christmas business, but the general prosperity is something more than transient. It certainly will be a happier and a merrier Christmas than has been known around these parts for some time. Right in the midst of the general rejoicing over the return of good times comes the assignment of John P. Squire & Co. the pork dealers of Cambridge. As a result of the failure some of the banks of Boston are in trouble. The Globe National pulled through all right, the clearing house people issuing enough certificates to have them "made good." But the doors of the Broadway National are closed tight since Saturday morning. Squire was president of the Broadway. Buying for cash and selling on time is given as the cause of the failure. Squire says he can pay dollar for dollar. The business is running as usual, and it is expected the firm and the Broadway National will pull through all right in a few days.

The big department stores already present a gala appearance, and remind one of a big fair, so tastefully are they arranged. Happy throngs of people crowd them, intent upon Christmas purchases.

The weather is just glorious. There has not been snow yet. Shirt waists were in evidence a fortnight ago, and last week an overcoat was an unnecessary luxury, so mild was the atmosphere. But when it does come!

Catholic Union Hall on Thursday evening looked like a miniature reunion, on the occasion of the Maple Leaf's first whist party and dance. The ladies and gentle men instrumental in the affair should feel proud of their efforts. Quite a snug sum was realized.

Invitations are out for the mid-winter dinner of the Prince Edward Island Club at the United States Hotel, which will be held on the evening of January 4th, 1900. The election of officers and other important business will be transacted. The affair promises to be most enjoyable. The annual ball and reunion of the Prince Edward Island club will be held this year on the evening of February 15th, 1900.

The club is making extensive preparations for the event, and it looks as if the affair will be even more successful than last year. The reunion is coming to be a recognized social event of the season for provincialists in Boston and the surrounding cities.

PERSONALS.

"Gil" Rankin is with Savage, the real estate agent.

Alonzo Edmonds is on the reserve force of the Globe mechanical staff.

Samuel Turner, formerly of Charlottetown is with the Boston Elevated.

The Misses Lucy and Sara Callaghan are at present visiting in Providence.

"Eddie" Hughes is with Billy Leclair, a popular Washington Street boniface. He is still growing.

Frank Mellen, at one time in the coasting trade in the Island, is a contractor and builder in Cambridge.

George Godfrey has been one of the few provident pugilists, and now teaches aspiring boxers the game of hit and get away.

Mrs. K. J. Ledwell is interested in several charitable organizations in the South End, and takes a more practical interest than ever in the good work.

Lieutenant James U. Campbell, of the Oregon volunteers, now home from the Philippines, was in Boston lately on a visit to friends and relatives. He formerly belonged to Argyle Shore.

AN ENTERPRISING FIRM.

Sketch of the Progress of a Well Known Business House.

Thirty years ago, the 21st of December, 1869, Edmund Horne and Thomas Pierce commenced business on the corner of Queen and Fitzroy Streets, Charlottetown, dealing in grain and flour. At this time Mr. Alexander Horne acted as clerk. After a year's experience their warehouse was found to be inadequate for their rapidly increasing business, and the first building was moved back to the rear of their lot and a new one erected at the front, thus doubling their capacity. They then built a large three story double tenement brick house on the corner where the wooden building was moved from. This building had a store in one part of it. Two years afterwards a similar building was built on Queen Street. Each tenement was rented at \$200 a year, the tenants paying the city taxes. Now the same tenements rent at \$130 a year and the tenants do not pay the taxes. But finding that they were still short of land space they purchased the remaining lots of the estate of the late Paul Mabey, containing in all seven building lots, the whole measuring 186 feet on Queen street and 150 feet on Fitzroy street.

In 1872 Mr. Alexander Horne was taken into partnership, and became manager of the business. A large grocery trade was now carried on in addition to the grain and flour business, and the sale of farm machinery, under the name of Horne, Pierce & Co. This continued till 1884, when Alexander Horne bought out Thomas Pierce's interest and the name of the firm was changed to A. Horne & Co. But the business was further expanded and it was necessary to add to their large warehouse. In 1890 therefore an addition was made to the existing structures, making the building 70ft. x 70ft., with a floor space of 14,700 feet.

Their business steadily grew from year to year, and again space became cramped. Land was unavailable adjoining their premises and store room had to be rented for their goods during the shipping and summer season.

They have recently purchased the R. C. Macleod block on Kent Street, 125ft x 42ft., three stories high with a basement the full size of the building, seven feet deep and walled with Nova Scotia freestone. There is also a wooden building on the same lot 70ft x 35ft at the rear of the brick building; and three smaller buildings. The floor area of the brick warehouse is 21,000 sq. ft., of the wooden building, 10,000, including the basements. The floor space of the three brick warehouses is 8,000 sq. ft. The total space on Kent Street is 40,000 feet and on Fitzroy Street, 14,000.

That the firm is very energetic is shown by the progress they have made. They certainly deserve a full share of patronage.

PERSONAL.

Mr. A. J. Biffin left this morning on a business trip to Montreal.

Mr. William Campbell, M. L. A., Sea View, is in the city. He is a guest at the Hotel Davies.

Gen. Wingate will act as Sirdar of the Egyptian army during the absence of Gen. Lord Kitchener.

We are glad to see Mr. W. F. B. Carvell out again after a fortnight's confinement to the house by a severe cold.

Mrs. Alex. Anderson, Miss Anderson, and Messrs W. A. Weeks, Benjamin Heartz and J. M. Davison were among the passengers by the western train this morning.

Misses Poole, Phillips, Darrach, and a number of other students at the Ladies College, Sackville, returned to Charlottetown last evening.

Rev. A. N. Simpson, pastor of the Cross Roads Church, was a few evenings ago presented with a new writing desk and an address. The presentation was made at the residence of Mr. Henry McGregor, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

Oranges 15 cents per dozen and up, at the Victoria Row Grocers'.

Choice apples, or oranges, lemons, figs and grapes and in fact every thing you want in the grocery and confectionary line, at Sandersons & Co's.

Local and Other Items.

A. O. B.—R. u. n. m. in. z. tonight at 7.30.

CITY SCHOOLS.—The city schools close today to re-open on January 3rd.

THE PROBS.—Variable wind; fine & cool today. Lighter temperature tomorrow.

C. O. F.—Court Charlottetown meets tonight at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall. Election of officers.

NORTH CAPE LIGHT.—In consequence of the breaking down of the revolving gear of the North Cape light, the light will be discontinued for the balance of the season.

THE HALIFAX BOAT.—The steamer City of Guent arrived about half-past twelve today, bringing a general cargo. She sails on return to Halifax tomorrow forenoon.

LITTLE HOPE FOR P. E. ISLAND.—Although so many of our Islanders are applying to Colonel Moore for places on the second Canadian Contingent it is very doubtful if they will be accepted, mounted troops and field artillery being required. About twelve have volunteered already.

FULL ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.—The Full Electric Light Company, at a meeting last evening was reorganized. Instead of a managing director, as formerly, a board of directors was elected consisting of Messrs. G. D. Longworth, F. W. Hyndman and A. E. Morrison. Mr. A. A. Bartlett was appointed Secretary. Mr. Dickieson is retiring and will shortly leave the Island.

WINTER TIME TABLE.—The winter arrangement of trains on the Island Railway goes into effect on Tuesday next. The morning train for the west leaves at 8.15, and the afternoon train at 4.10. The train for the east leaves at 3.10 in the afternoon. The train from Summerside will be due at 10.45, and the Tignish train at 3.10. The train from the east will be due at 11.10. The foregoing figures are local time.

HANDSOME WORK.—There was an exhibition at Reddin Bros. drugstore last evening one of the handsomest specimens of hand-painted chinaware that has come under THE EXAMINER'S notice for a long time. The article on exhibition was a punch-bowl with pedestal, and the floral decorations were as tasteful as they were artistically put on. The work was performed by Miss Annie Reddin, to the order of a New York gentleman who wishes it for presentation purposes. This gentleman, while visiting Charlottetown last summer, was so pleased with Miss Reddin's work in this line that he made several purchases, which were greatly admired by connoisseurs in New York. The punch-bowl was forwarded to its destination today.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A very successful concert and basket social was held in the hall at Indian River on the 18th instant. The object was to supplement the building fund of the new church. The programme consisted of instrumental music by Misses Alice Bryanton, Birdie Moynagh and Mr. J. F. McLellan, recitations by Miss Annie Howatt, songs by Miss Jean Howatt, Messrs. T. N. Donahoe, McLellan, Ready and Ready. All the performers did their parts well, while the Misses Howatt did exceptionally well and added much to the success of the entertainment. Messrs. A. Bowness and I. Carter sold the baskets. In connection with the concert was the drawing of prizes for the lottery. It was watched with keen interest and several of the spectators went home happy possessors of prizes. The results will be published.

Canned goods in galore at our store, including peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries and pineapples.—Sandersons & Co.

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