

NOTES FROM KINGS CO., N. S.

Apple Growers Are Doing Some Hard Thinking.

WEDDINGS

Principal Patterson's 75th Birthday--The Fruit Growers' Association--Personal Notes of Interest.

Kentville, Dec. 16.--The schooner Benoit, owned by Capt. Wm. Baxter of Canning, and commanded by Capt. Falkner, arrived in Halifax on Wednesday of last week from Cape Verde, after a passage of 67 days.

Madia Seminary, Wolfville, is this year offering for sale a pretty souvenir in the form of a calendar. The outside is decorated with a splendid picture of the University grounds.

The marriage of J. W. Balcom of Wolfville, and Miss Abbie Vanbushkirk of Auburn, took place at Auburn, on Dec. 14.

Mr. Galletly, engineer of the Elder-Dumster line steamer Atlea, was in Wolfville last week. His vessel was at St. John, from which port she sailed for South Africa.

Mr. Marshall Black of Wolfville, has lately purchased a handsome automobile. It is fitted to carry four passengers, and is a stylish and well equipped vehicle.

On Wednesday of last week, Principal A. McN Patterson of Acadia Villa School, celebrated his 75th birthday, and appears as hale and hearty as he did ten years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Annand of Halifax, who have been visiting in Canning, returned to the city last week. Mrs. Annand's mother, Mrs. D. M. Dickie, accompanied them.

Mrs. S. Bleckhorn and family of Lower Canning, expect to leave in March for Winnipeg. Mrs. Bleckhorn's farm has been purchased by Mr. Hervey Woodworth of Canning.

The farmers of Kings county are paying good attention to the statements made by writers in some of the city publications as to the method of disposing of Canadian fruit in the English markets. The statements are made little by the representatives of the English firms, who are still in Nova Scotia, but the farmers are deeply thinking over the apples, packed by themselves which were reported to arrive in "deplorable condition", and the small returns that have come for them.

The marriage takes place on Dec. 25th, of Miss Loretta Jackson, of Delhaven and Horace J. Bentley, of Sheffield Mills.

Baxter Newcomb of Canning, returned last week from Saskatchewan, where he has spent the past three years.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Wickwire took place from the residence of her son, George Wickwire, Canning, Dec. 9th. The body of the deceased was brought from Dorchester, Mass., where for some time she had been residing with her son. A grandson William Wickwire, accompanied the remains to Canning, where the body was interred beside that of her husband.

The Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst, has been attended by a number of Kings county men, and some of the prizes on stock have come to this part of the province. Among the prizewinners are: E. S. Coughdon, Waterville, D. S. Collins, Port Williams, and Blake Eaton, Canning.

The marriage of Miss Violet McEwen Lamont and Mr. Alfred Patterson Skinner, was celebrated at Woodville, Dec. 7.

The death occurred last week of Mrs. Benjamin Palmer, of Welsford, at the home of her son Arthur Palmer. She was 95 years of age.

A large number of Kings county men attended the Fruit Growers' Association at Windsor, held last week. The meeting is reported as one of the most interesting in the history of the association. Interesting addresses were given by Dr. McNeil and W. S. Fraser of Ontario, and among the other speakers were R. S. Eaton, Kentville, C. O. Allen, R. W. Starr, and President Hannah of Kings College. The president for the coming year is R. S. Eaton and S. C. Parker, Berwick is Sec'y.

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LIVED FORTY-TWO YEARS ON PARTRIDGE ISLAND.

James Wilson of West End Has Had an Interesting Career--The Veteran Engineer Tells Interesting Tale of the Early Days.

James Wilson, of the west end, tells an interesting story of the forty-two years during which he was a resident of Partridge Island.

Having been engaged by an agent in Glasgow, Scotland, to take charge of the St. John Gas Works for one year, he embarked in the ship "Imperial" under command of Captain Moran, and landed here fifty years ago last fall.

While in the employ of the Gas company he placed the gas fixtures in the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Waterloo street, which was then a new building. Some time after that he left the employ of the company, and was engaged by the late Robert Fowles, inventor of the steam fog alarm to fit up the gas works for the Union Point saw mill, known as "Godards". Late in the year 1857, Mr. Fowles asked him to go to Partridge Island, to take charge of the gas works in connection with the light. Mr. Wilson hesitated, but was urged by Mr. Fowles who said that he would be the loser if he refused. In 1859 the steam fog alarm was built by the late Geo. Fleming, and in the following year was placed in its present position which was chosen by Mr. Wilson, who was appointed engineer, which position he held until his retirement (about four years ago), having been a resident of the Island for forty-two years and eight months. Mr. Wilson is the oldest classed engineer in Canada.

The first-while house was a wooden structure, erected by two carpenters, named Wood and Petingill, and measured twelve by twenty feet.

In 1866 Mr. Wilson was granted three months leave of absence by the late Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, and with Mr. Wilson visited the old country. The steam fog alarm on Partridge Island was the first of its kind in the world--bells or small horns being generally employed--and was for seven or eight years in operation before others were built; during which time it was visited by United States officials previous to placing similar alarms on the American coasts.

Some years before the steam fog alarm was installed, mariners were warned by a large bell, over a thousand pounds in weight, which was placed in a wooden tower sixty feet high, and operated by a pendulum escapement which was wound up every four hours.

For some years it was never used unless the fog alarm became disabled; and the memorable night of the Saxby gale was blown down. There were three hospitals on the island when Mr. Wilson first took up his residence there: two on the southern portion, and one near where the whistle house now stands. Mr. Wilson reported that this one

interfered with the sound and it was torn down. There was also a dead-house, ten feet square and a graveyard. The late Dr. George Harding was then in charge of the quarantine station.

At the time small-pox was epidemic in the city over thirty years ago patients were sometimes taken to the island. Previous to 1836 Partridge Island boasted of but one dwelling house which was situated at the northern end, and occupied by the light-keeper, Mr. Reid, father of Alexander Reid, who is now living at Chatham, N. B. At that time Dr. George Harding lived in one of the hospitals at the southern end.

In the early days of immigration from the old country to New Brunswick, the island was first used as a quarantine station. In the year of the Irish famine, 1847, thousands of paupers were shipped to the shores of North America. Typhoid fever was raging at the time throughout the old world, and found many victims among the starving Irish.

It was estimated that in that year the population of Ireland was diminished over two million by immigration and death. Hundreds flocked to New Brunswick in passenger ships. One ship left Ireland with one thousand two hundred paupers from Sir George Booth's estate, nearly all of whom landed on Partridge Island. Most of the passengers were children in charge of old women. The mortality among them was terrible. Dr. William Harding and Dr. Collins went to the island to assist Dr. George Harding. Both were taken ill, and Dr. Collins died in the house once occupied by Mr. Reid. Dr. Harding recovered and left the island, only to return and find Dr. George Harding ill, and forty bodies lying in the dead-house. Nearly all the nurses and working people had succumbed to the plague, and there were not enough left to bury the dead. Forty uncoffined bodies were thrown into one immense trench and covered with earth.

Again, in April, 1854, the quarantine hospital had to be opened for the reception of cholera patients. This deadly plague made its appearance here in the ship "Blanche" which brought out a consignment of German immigrants. The disease was confined to the ship and to Partridge Island, until June, when, in some old clothes, it found its way to the mainland. The first person to contract it was a policeman named Daley who lived on Mecklenburg street; then a sailor from the "Blanche" who boarded in "Cooper's alley."

There have been a number of wrecks on the island, among them being the brig "Mary," with a cargo of spices from the West Indies, which many years ago ran ashore, and became a total loss, also the ship "America" which was wrecked on the south shore of the island.

MONCTON DEMANDS

A Reduction in the Rate of Fire Insurance.

THE FIREMEN.

They Are Charged With Using Rooms For Amusement Not Allowed by the Regulations--Messrs Townsend and Alperson.

Moncton, Dec. 19.--Moncton having complied with the demands of the St. John insurance underwriters in reference to putting in a second water main and procuring a chemical engine, will now ask for a reduction in the insurance rates. A short time ago the rates were increased ten per cent, and soon the underwriters are to be asked to keep their promise and reduce the rates to this extent, since the city has carried out all the Board's recommendations. At last night's meeting of the city council the greatly improved water service upon the completion of the second main and the increased fire protection came up for discussion. It transpired that the underwriters had made one further slight request and that was to have horse and driver permanently located in No. 2 fire station. In this connection it was stated that no reduction in insurance rates would be made until this was done. This rather nettled one of the aldermen who sharply asked who was running the town Peter Clinch or the council. Other aldermen rather resented the attitude assumed by the underwriters in making so many demands. The recommendation made by the underwriters, however, was carried out and now the city will go after the reduction.

The city of Moncton has come into the possession of a small legacy left by some party unknown to whom a cheque was issued some thirteen years ago. In 1891 a cheque for the sum of \$3.60 was issued to some one whose name is not now known, but the party it seems never presented it for payment. The balance of \$3.60 has been standing in the bank to the credit of the city in a way that it could not be received. After thirteen years the amount has now been taken charge of by the city and will go to the miscellaneous fund.

Some of the city aldermen are finding fault with the firemen for the amount of light and fuel used in the different fire stations. It is charged that some of the rooms are utilized by the firemen for amusements that are not allowed by the fire by-laws and it is supposed to take the matter up and inquire into it. Some friction has been created between the fire committee and some of the firemen by letters sent to the different companies cautioning the men not to tamper with the gongs in their houses, and also admonishing them to adhere to other rules of the department. More is likely to be heard of the matter.

The Campbellton express was delayed between one and two hours near Barnaby river yesterday afternoon, as the result of the engine blowing out her cylinder head.

Anthony Harkness, the man who was found lying on the Sledsick road last Sunday morning, after laying out all night, is said to be suffering very little from his terrible experience. With the exception of his hands and feet being in rather bad shape from freezing, he is said to be little the worse of the exposure. He may possibly lose some of his fingers and toes, but no serious consequences are anticipated.

W. R. Townsend, manager of the Kent Oil Co., left today for New York with his wife to spend Christmas. Boring for oil at Beersville by Mr. Townsend's company has been suspended for the winter. Before returning to Moncton, Mr. Townsend expects to visit the Pennsylvania oil fields and get pointers on the latest boring rigs and when he resumes boring operations next spring he intends being equipped for doing more effective work. Mr. Townsend has sub-leased from the N. B. Petroleum company, territory in Albert and Westmorland and expects to bore near Moncton next summer.

Col. Alperson, manager of the Vernon copper mine, left yesterday for Danville, Ill., to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. H. B. Goodrich who has been spending some weeks at her home here, left yesterday for Galveston, Texas, where her husband is geologist for a large oil concern. Mr. Goodrich was with her in N. B. Petroleum Co., some three years ago.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson left last night for Ottawa.

ANOTHER BURGLARY

James Lord's House, West End, Visited by a Nocturnal Rambler and \$15 Stolen.

James Lord's residence on Water street, west end, was broken into at an early hour yesterday morning and a sum of money stolen. The burglar employed the same methods for entering the house as have been used in the west end on several previous occasions. Holes were bored in the outer and inner doors at the rear of the house, and the locks unfastened. The thief entered a room only a few feet from Mr. Lord's sleeping apartment, broke open a chest and stole about \$15 in cash.

Mr. Lord is of opinion that the theft took place about 4 o'clock this morning, as the discovery was made shortly after that time. He followed the burglar's tracks in the snow for about fifty feet into Water street, where he lost track on the hard ground.

Sergeant Ross was informed of the break and is working on the case.

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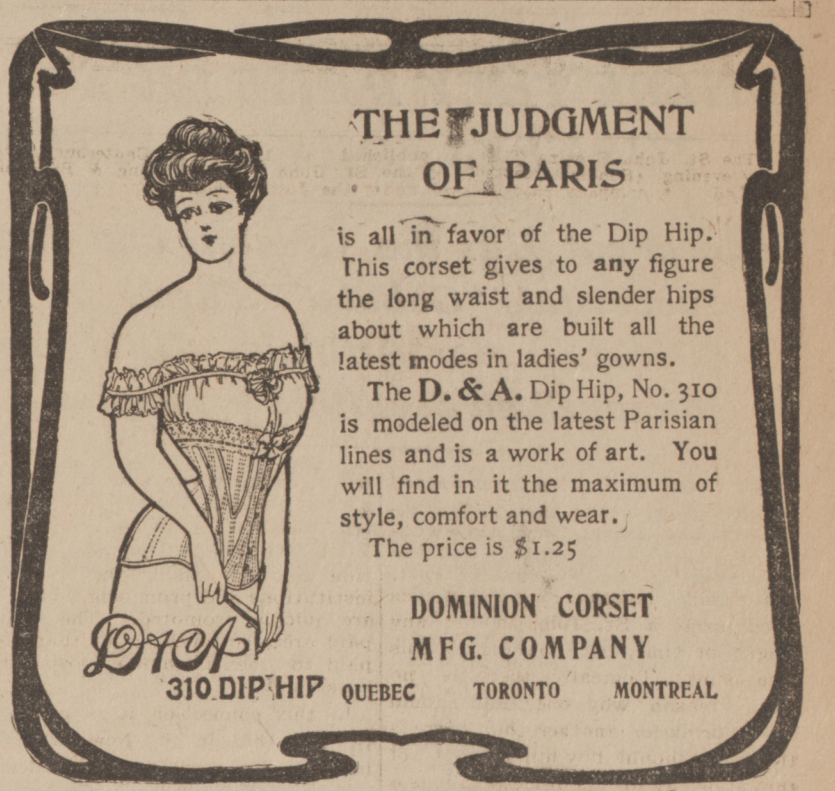
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ANNAPOLIS.

Engagements Announced--Recent Deaths--An Accident--Personal Notes.

Annapolis, Dec. 17.--The death of Mrs. Samuel Ryder of Marine Section, Lower Granville, occurred at that place on Monday last. She is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters, the latter residing in the United States.

The death of Mrs. Matilda C. Foster, a former resident of Lower Granville occurred in Lynn, Mass., on the 2nd Dec. She was 60 years of age. Deceased was the daughter of the late Stephen Crossop, who formerly resided in Karsdale removing with his family to Lynn in 1867.

A very interesting meeting in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held on Thursday opening, presided over by Judge Owen the president of the Annapolis branch. A very interesting and instructive address was given by Rev. Foster Almon, Agent of the Society. Speeches in reference to the work and claims of the society were also given by the resident clergymen.

Frank Miller has installed a system of compressed air for use in his tonorial work. Miss Pauline Manning of Palmouth N. S., met with a painful accident on Thursday morning by accidentally falling and straining the tendons of one of her arms severely.

The engagement of Lillian, daughter of Colonel J. C. Stewart and W. B. A., Ritchie of the law firm of Borden, Ritchie & Chisholm of Halifax is announced. Miss Stewart is now in Winnipeg, and will probably not return till spring. Mr. Ritchie, is a native of Annapolis and carried on his profession here for a period of years.

The marriage of A. D. Irvine, formerly of Granville Ferry, and Miss Adeline Robertson of Calgary, Alberta, is announced to take place on Dec. 27th. Mr. Irvine is a son of H. M. Irvine, of Granville Ferry.

Dr. James Fletcher, entomologist and botanist of the department of Agriculture, Ottawa, was in town the first of the week, the guest of E. D. Arnaud.

Captain Samuel Potter and Captain Amos Burns of Clementsport, have returned from a trip to St. Louis.

A social held at John Howe's Moschelle, on Wednesday evening in aid of the Anglican Sabbath School, proved a success, the proceeds amounting to \$43.52.

Wealth has its penalties, said the philosopher. Yes, answered Mr. Cunrox, it's pretty hard for a man to have to go guessing through a French menu when he would rather have pork and beans. Knicker--And was the love letter Exhibit A? Bocker--No; Exhibit Jay.

THE SEASON'S FIRST SNOW.

Yesterday's Downfall Gave the City a Decidedly Christmas-like Appearance.

Yesterday's snow storm was the first of any consequence that has visited the city this season. The wind, which during the day, changed from northeast to north and northwest, caused a good deal of drifting, and during the morning reached a velocity of from thirty to thirty-two miles an hour.

The street railway sweeper was at work from early morning until about 8 p. m., when the storm ceased. Very few attended church in the morning, owing to the unpleasant state of the weather.

The first snow storm of last year was on November 29th, and lasted until the following morning the depth being five inches, as compared with three this year.

From the 10th of December until the last of the year, the city was free from snow, Christmas day was bright and pleasant during the morning, but a slight snow storm came on towards evening.

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THE HYPNOTIC CHURCH FAIR.

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JUST AS GOOD. Mrs. Conny-suer--What a fine collection you have of old Roman war knives? Mrs. Upstart--Yes, aren't they great. I inherited them from my grandfather. He used to be a butcher.

UP TO THE RABBIT.

Seth--Do you think you can hit a rabbit. Josie--Depends where the rabbit is when the gun goes off.