

Fredericton Man is Heavy Loser in Big Moncton Fire.

Moncton, Dec. 20.—The worst fire for several years in Moncton broke out shortly after six o'clock this evening in the basement of a gunsmith and hardware store, belonging to the estate of the late Charles Elliott, on Main street, and before it had been extinguished a frontage of about one hundred feet had been wiped out, including the Elliott store, M. J. Steeves' confectionery and fruit store, the five and ten cent store, owned by G. G. Lee, of Fredericton, H. L. Bass' shoe store, W. G. Jones' coal and insurance office, and Foster Keith's barber shop.

The total loss is about thirty thousand dollars—ten thousand in buildings and twenty thousand in stock. John O'Neill's dry goods store was saved with difficulty but his stock was somewhat damaged by water.

The fire is supposed to have originated from an explosion of gas due to a leaky pipe. The Elliott building was a mass of flames when the alarm was given, the force of the explosion breaking the plate glass windows and scattering the fire. The buildings were all wood, and the burned section was regarded as one of the most dangerous on Main street.

Under the city by-laws they must be replaced by brick or stone structures. Owing to the inflammable nature of the contents of some of the stores the fire burned fiercely, and it was hours before it was under control.

During the progress of the fire there were a number of explosions, and for some time cartridges in Elliott's gunsmith store kept up a continual fusillade.

The losses and insurance follows: Chas. Elliott estate building, stock and household furniture, loss \$6,000; insurance, \$4,500; Harvey L. Bass, stock, \$4,000, building \$3,000; insurance \$2,000 on stock and \$1,000 on the building.

The second story of the Bass building was occupied by I. C. R. Conductor J. F. Melanson, who was in the Sackville wreck on Thanksgiving Day and is now under suspension. He lost all his furniture, clothing, etc., and his loss is \$800 with no insurance. W. G. Jones who had an office in the Bass building, saved most of the contents.

The Fownes building, occupied by M. J. Steeves and Foster Keith, was owned by Mrs. Barbara Fownes. The loss is \$3,000 and the insurance is \$2,000. M. J. Steeves had \$2,000 worth of stock, and \$400 insurance. He saved part of the stock in a damaged condition. Foster Keith saved most of his barber shop furniture, the loss is covered by insurance.

The heaviest loss was in Lee's five and ten cent store. The building was valued at about \$3,000 and the stock at \$10,000, but Manager Parker, in the absence of Mr. Lee could not give the amount of the insurance. John O'Neill lost about \$1,000 damage to stock from water, and building scorched.

At midnight the firemen were still pouring water into the ruins. There was a report in circulation that the explosion resulted from natural gas, but this was not the case as owing to the accident to the valves at the Petitcodiac bridge, natural gas was not turned on today, as expected.

Quite a wind prevailed during the fire, and sparks and pieces of burning wood were carried a long distance, but the roofs of the buildings were covered with snow and ice which served to prevent the spread of the fire. Had it occurred in a dry time in the summer, the results would have been much more serious.

Mrs Catherine Clark

Fredericton Dec. 14.—The death occurred at the home of her son Wm Clark, Brunswick street, at an early hour this morning, of Mrs. Catherine Clark, widow of James A. Clark. The deceased was in her 77th year and death was due to the infirmities of old age. She is survived by two sons, William and John, of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Archibald Burden, of Woodstock.

LITERATURE FOR LUMBERMEN

The Supt. of Lumberman's Work will be very glad to receive any literature for the lumber camps, in the line of papers, magazines, etc. Kindly leave them at the store of H. E. Burt or C. Snow.

Closing Exercises in R. E. Estabrooks Room, Grade VIII

- PROGRAMME.
- Song, Birth of Christ.
 - Reading, Christmas Bells.
 - Reading, Hazel Atherton.
 - Reading, Frost.
 - Willard Hayden.
 - Song, Skating Song.
 - Reading, Making a Man.
 - Kenneth Doak.
 - Reading, The Christmas Question.
 - Mary Balmain.
 - Reading, 'Tis Christmas Day.
 - Ada Troy.
 - Song, Santa Claus.
 - Reading, John's Observations on Christmas.
 - Bessie Kennedy.
 - Reading, The Artist Visitor.
 - Wilfred McManus.
 - Clarinet Solo, Kenneth Doak.
 - Reading, The Man Who Wins.
 - Frank Risteen.
 - Reading, How the Chipmunk got his Stripes.
 - Ralph Holyoke.
 - Reading, The Overworked Elocutionist.
 - Bertha Sprague.
 - Physical Exercises.
 - Reading, The Christmas Gift.
 - Mabel Colpitts.
 - Reading, Hilda's Christmas.
 - Bertha White.
 - Reading, The Christ Child.
 - Mabel Clark.
 - Song, Old Fashioned Candy.
 - Dialogue, The Best Day of the Year.
 - Carol, The Christmas Star.

Alarm in North Shore Woods

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec. 20.—Some later developments in the circumstances surrounding the death of James Lynch, on his way out from the lumber camp at Little River, 37 miles above Newcastle, seem to point to the fact that this county is threatened with an outbreak of that dreaded disease cerebro spinal meningitis, which is both fatal in attack and contagious in its spread. Dr. Desmond and Col. Maltby left yesterday for the camp and their report will be awaited anxiously. Owing to the break in the telephone service caused by the installing of a new switchboard, it was not possible to get into communication with either of these gentlemen at Newcastle or farther up river. The facts so far gleaned are these. A brother of Ernie Stewart was in this camp of Mr. Ritchie's early in the fall, and then went home suffering from this disease, and he is now recovering from its effects. Mr. Lynch went into the camp and was occupying the very bunk young Stewart slept in. Lynch's sudden illness and death bear the likeness of the stamp of spinal meningitis and young Stewart, who succumbed Saturday night, occupied the very next bunk. He was taken ill on Saturday and at five o'clock some of his companions started to take him out. When four miles away from the camp he died, and the others arrived with his dead body at Newcastle the next morning. Two others are reported sick and one dead. The members of the camp party took fright at this strange and appalling attack, and all are said to have fled from the camp and made their way home. Whether any of them are in a state to spread the disease is not known, and what the disease is cannot be known until the investigators make their report. People in Nelson contend that the county board of health should at once have called a post mortem examination of the body of Mr. Lynch and learned by this means just what the disease is. Mr. J. W. Vanderbeck, of the Board of Health, was in town last night. He was waiting to hear from Col. Maltby and Dr. Desmond. He says the board has its plans all ready to move when they know what the disease is, but as to what these are he would not state. Col. Maltby and Dr. Desmond reached home last night about midnight. They thoroughly fumigated the camp and supplied the men with new blankets. They found the camp an ideal one, they said, and what men were left were healthy specimens of manhood. While the circumstances point to meningitis, they could find nothing in the camp to corroborate their suspicions. The Messrs. Ritchie are doing everything possible to facilitate the work.

Mr. Robert Buchaman was in town yesterday and brings word of robbers at lumber camps on a scale never before experienced in the history of this county. Three camps were robbed—those of Mr. George Buchaman, Strang's camp and Stymiest camps, all near Trout Brook, about twenty-five miles down the river, the nearest settlements to which are Allainville and Legacy's. In all cases the camps were rifled of their contents while the men were away in the woods. When they came back for supper they found all the goods and the cooking utensils stolen, the looting being very complete.

Fort Fairfield Fire Does About \$25,000 Damage

Fort Fairfield, Me., Dec. 20.—The entire business section of this town was threatened by fire this morning, which destroyed the retail grocery, bakery and candy manufacturing plant of H. N. Goodhue. The building was situated between the Frontier Trust Company and the Fort Fairfield Drug Company and the firemen were barely able to save these buildings. The loss will amount to \$25,000.

The children of the town are mourning the burning of the building even more than the proprietor. It has been the custom for Mr. Goodhue, who is a cripple, to visit his store on Dec. 20 of each year and personally present to the children of the town a bag of candy. This was the day set apart for the carrying out of this idea but on account of the loss of stock Mr. Goodhue will be unable to follow his custom.

Bangor & Aroostook R. R. Loses Heavily

Houlton, Maine, Dec. 20.—Nine locomotives were destroyed early today in a fire which burned the roundhouse of the Bangor and Aroostook railroad here. Five locomotives were removed before the flames made it possible to enter the structure. The blaze started from an unknown cause in a small office connected with the roundhouse, and both buildings were destroyed.

Mrs. William Browning

The death of Margaret Hurst Browning wife of William Browning Sen., occurred at her home River de Chute on Friday Dec. 22nd. after a long illness of paralysis aged 77 years. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, five sons, William Browning Jun., James Bradford and Hanford, of River de Chute and Robert, of Mars Hill, Me., and three daughters, Mrs. Heber Lane, of Fort Fairfield Me., Mrs. P. F. Hefferman, of Perth, N. B., and Miss Bertha at home. Mrs. Browning was one of the oldest and most respected residents of this community coming here from Middle Simonds over forty years ago. The funeral which was one of the largest seen in River de Chute for many years was held on Sunday. After a prayer at the house the remains were taken to the Episcopal church at Bairdsville where service was conducted by the Rev. M. Hopkins. Interment was made in the family lot at Bairdsville. The pallbearers were five sons of deceased and son-in-law P. F. Hefferman.

BORN

HENDERSON—On December 2, 1911, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson, New Westminster, B. C., formerly of Windsor and Upper Woodstock.

MARRIED

MCQUARRIE-BOYD.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Richmond St., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th, by Rev. H. C. Archer, Bliss A. McQuarrie and Minnie G. Boyd. The happy couple left on the late train for their home at Upper Kent.

CLOWES-MOONEY.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Woodstock, on December 20th, Joseph B. Clowes to Janie Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mooney.

DIED

BROWNING—At her home, River de Chute, after a long illness of paralysis, Margaret, beloved wife of William Browning, aged 77 years.

Wife and Children are to Remain at Shiloh

Durham, Dec. 21.—The wife and children of Rev. Frank W. Sandford the Shiloh leader, who was placed behind the bars in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Wednesday night to serve a ten year sentence, will remain at the Shiloh colony for the present, at least, it was learned from a reliable source, Thursday. The possibility of the family moving to Atlanta so as to be near Sandford while he is in prison has not been considered as far as known.

Reimposes Duty on Canadian Pulp and Paper

Washington, Dec. 20.—It is likely that the United States Customs Court of Appeals will be obliged to settle the question of payment of duty on wood pulp and print paper made from wood cut on unrestricted land in Canada.

Until further notice collectors of customs will continue to collect the former rate of duty upon wood pulp and print paper from foreign countries.

President Taft and his advisers feel that there is some question whether congress in enacting Canadian Reciprocity law actually intended to make Section 2 of the act operative independent of the fate of the measure.

Mrs. Catherine Mulherin

Mrs. Catherine Mulherin, widow of the late Matthew Mulherin, of Plymouth, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 21, aged 82 years and 5 months.

She had been a great sufferer for the past year and a half from the effects of a fall and fractured hip, but although being unable to walk and in constant pain, she never lost her cheerful disposition and took great pleasure in meeting old friends and recounting the occurrences of earlier days, when she and her husband first settled in Plymouth, 60 years ago, and made a home for themselves and family.

She always had a pleasant word and a "may God bless you" for all. She leaves as near relatives to mourn her loss two sons and three daughters. Henry, of Montana, Albinus, of California, Mary, wife of Wm. A. Brackett, Isadora, wife of Allan Daley and Helena Mulherin, of Woodstock, and two brothers, John Wall, of Brighton, Mass., and Peter Wall, of Australia, besides a host of friends who will sadly miss her cheerful face, and kind words.

A requiem high mass was offered by Rev. J. F. McMurray, Saturday morning

Florence Mary Bell

At River Bank, N. B., on Sunday, Dec. 17, Florence Mary, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell, aged 4 years and 7 months. The funeral services were conducted at East Florenceville Baptist Church by Rev. J. A. Cahill.

Beckoning hands of a little one see, Baby voice calling, O Parents for thee; Rosy cheeked darling, the light of our home; Taken so early, is beckoning come.

Boyer--Pitt

A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday morning at six o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Clifford Dalling, when Geo. W. Boyer, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, was united in marriage with Miss Alberta M. Pitt, daughter of Dr. Thomas S. Pitt, of Boston, Mass. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frank Baird. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a navy blue travelling suit with hat to match. After the ceremony breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer left on the 7.30 train for Halifax, N. S.

On account of the recent death of Mr. Boyer's father, the only out of town guests were Dr. Thomas S. Pitt and Mrs. Pitt, of Boston, Mass.

Miss Mildred Jamieson, East Florenceville, was the guest part of last week, of Miss Alice Boyer.

Truro Agricultural College

Every progressive farmer in New Brunswick should remember that the free Short Course of instruction at the Truro Agricultural College, opens on Tuesday, January 2nd., inst., continuing for two weeks, when experts conversant with farm conditions in the Maritime Provinces, will give the latest and best information on the selection, breeding, feeding and care of different classes of farm live stock, on fruit growing, on soil cultivation and seed selection.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture offers to refund the railway fares of all who take this Course, as a special inducement for New Brunswickers to attend.

A two weeks' Course for ladies, in Domestic Science, including Dairy Work and Poultry Raising, is conducted at the same time, and the same arrangement in regard to refund of railway fares applies to the women as well as to the men.

The tuition is absolutely free, and the only expense to New Brunswick people taking this Course, will be their board on route and while at Truro. This need not exceed \$10.00 for the whole term.

Buy a single first-class ticket for Truro and ask the agent for "Standard Certificate" which when properly filled out at the College, will be accepted by the ticket agent at Truro.

When certificate of attendance at the Course and a receipt for the money paid for railway fare is sent to the Department of Agriculture at Fredericton, with an application for refund, a cheque for the amount stated in the receipt will be issued.

Rev. Pr. Elmore Harris Victim of Smallpox.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Rev. Dr. Elmore Harris, Baptist, one of the chief shareholders of the Massy-Harris Company, founder of the Bible Training School here, and Governor of McMaster University, died at Delhi, India, yesterday, of smallpox; contracted while attending the Durbar festivities. He was on his honeymoon, having started friends here about two months ago by marrying a young lady aged 24 and starting on a trip around the world, and just before sailing from New York donating \$30,000 toward a new church building, a memorial to his first wife, Ruth Sheustone. He came into great prominence about a year ago in his attacks against professors at McMaster, alleged to have unorthodox views. He was about 60 years of age. He leaves a widow, one daughter and three sons. Mr. Burton Harris, of Montreal, is a son.

German Princesses Face Ban On Marriage

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—A caste war is being waged in Germany. The particular storm centre is whether it is better for the high-born German Princesses to remain spinsters or to marry "beneath" them.

That is what it has come to, for there are not enough husbands to go round in the upper grades. It must be explained that there are at least three distinct classes of nobles here; those who are descended from what were formerly sovereign houses, the higher nobles, and the common or garden nobility.

The old school of aristocrats declare that lifelong spinsterhood is preferable to lifelong degradation, and they insist on keeping up the old caste lines. The reformers, among whom is the Kaiser's kinsman, Prince Ratibor, are in favor of a democratization to a limited extent.

Over 100 barrels of lobsters came through the Narrows last Thursday, in two Grand Manan boats, bound for Eastport, for shipment west. At the prevailing prices, this was a cargo about as valuable as could be carried in the same space.

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Mrs. Donald Connell and Miss Sara Nicholson are visiting their mother Mrs. W. D. Nicholson.