

WOODSTOCK ARMOURY

Southern Portion of Big Building And Half of Drill Hall are Consumed In Wednesday Afternoon Outbreak

Blaze Originates in Furnace Room and Baffles Efforts of Firemen
to Hold it in Check; Huge Columns of Flame Make Scene
a Spectacular One

BATTERY GUNS AND TECHNICAL STORES SAVED

Northern Portion of Structure Saved After Hard Battle; Militia
Guard Posted Over Salvage; Two Firemen Slightly
Hurt.

As a result of a disastrous fire on Wednesday afternoon the southern half of the Woodstock armoury is lying in ruins, only piles of bricks and rubbish, twisted girders and collapsed roofing marking the place where a substantial building stood a few days ago. The fire was one of the most disastrous here in many years. Large sheets of flame breaking their way through the walls and roof of the burning structure made the blaze a spectacular one and had there been any wind it is probable that other buildings in the vicinity would also have been destroyed. No announcement as to rebuilding has yet been made, but as much of the structure was saved it is regarded as probable that restoration work will be undertaken soon. Crews of men were put to work Thursday morning clearing away the debris.

Damage to the extent of many thousands of dollars was done by fire which broke out at noon and was not brought under control until about six o'clock in the evening. The southern section of the building was destroyed together with about half the big drill hall. The remainder of the drill hall and the northern part of the building were saved after desperate efforts on the part of the fire department. Firemen were still playing water on the ruins late into the night while a militia guard patrolled the vicinity to protect large stores of furniture and supplies removed to save them from the flames. The building was erected in 1905 at a cost of about \$50,000 but would take several times that sum to replace.

The blaze broke out about 12.15 and is supposed to have started in the furnace room and to have caught a large pile of wood used as fuel before it was discovered. It was first noticed by George Aliotti and Walter McBride who turned in an alarm and then tried to force their way into the building. Firemen responding to the alarm found huge clouds of smoke and flame rolling out of the (Continued on page four.)

SENATORS SEEK NEW QUARTERS

The Woodstock Senators will not withdraw from the New Brunswick Basketball League if it can possibly be avoided, Manager Bob Brown announced yesterday. The Senators are trying to secure other quarters for their games and practices, and are very hopeful that they will be successful. It is expected that the Vocational school team will also remain in the field if they can get a floor. The Garrison Badminton Club are also asking temporary quarters.

PYTHIAN INSTALLATION

The Pythian Lodge of this town will hold a public installation of officers on Friday, Jan. 2, at Castle Hall. All members of the order are invited to attend with their wives and other members of their families.

J. H. HAY PAINFULLY CUT WHEN HAND IS HURT IN MACHINE

J. H. Hay, Connell street, was painfully injured at his mill at Avondale on Wednesday. Mr. Hay, in avoiding being struck by a tractor, caught his right hand in the fan. The index finger was almost severed and the other three fingers badly cut. It is feared that he will lose one finger, but the cuts on the other fingers, while painful, are not serious.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

MASONIC LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL
INSTALLATION

An installation of officers was held Monday evening by Woodstock Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M. in the Masonic Hall here. Officers were installed by Right Worshipful Brother R. M. Gabel, P. S. G. W., assisted by Worshipful Brother R. W. Maxwell as director of ceremonies. After the installation proceedings an instructive address was delivered by Rev. Bro. W. F. Munro, followed by refreshments. Officers installed were as follows: worshipful master, A. Gordon Bailey; senior warden, Herbert F. Seely; junior warden, Murray H. Hay; chaplain, Rev. E. C. Robertson; treasurer, Alfred Page; secretary, R. M. Gabel; senior deacon, Arthur L. Slipp; junior deacon, C. Gordon Sharpe; senior steward, Maurice H. Craig; junior steward, Hugh Speer; director of ceremonies, J. Jarvis Bull; inner guard, John McKinley; tyler, George A. McCluskey.

The many friends of Mr. Milne Tapley who has been sick for the past week will be glad to learn he is improving rapidly.

PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Citizens Welcome New Year in Various Ways

POTATO MARKET IS SOME BETTER

WIRE INQUIRY AND DEMAND
SOMEWHAT HEAVIER IN
LAST FEW DAYS

The potato market has been stronger during the last few days than for some time past. Wire inquiry showed a considerable increase and demand was somewhat better, mostly from Upper Canada, with Montreal and Toronto doing the bulk of the buying. Wire inquiry from United States points was stronger, although there was no great amount of sales made there. Prices were a little better Green Mountains selling at 70 cents a barrel with some sales at 75 cents. Hauling has been heavier although not by any means general. Dealers believe that better demand has been caused by depletion of stores in the large consuming centres, but fear that any general movement may cause another glutted market. Track movement was about the same as usual, the C. P. R. clearing two cars Tuesday and Wednesday, both for New York for export, one of the carloads being destined for Panama.

ICE RACES HELD

NEW YEAR'S MEET IS WELL
ATTENDED

The ice races held at the Island Park track New Year's afternoon by the Woodstock driving Club were well attended and provided some fine sport. The track was in first class condition resulting in fast time being made. Races were held in three classes, all for pacers. W. R. C. owned by C. McCloskey, Upper Woodstock, gave a fine exhibition of speed, but was not raced as there were no trotters for him to compete against. The results:

CLASS A RACE
Fernwood Aubrey, A. Latz, 1 1 1
Peter Watts, E. V. Avery, 2 2 2
Time, 30 1-2, 31, 30 1-2.
CLASS B RACE
Lena Watts, G. A. Dibblee, 1 1 1
J. M. D. H. M. DeWitt, 2 2 2
Time 29 3-4, 30 1-2, 30 1-2, 31.
PETRESS PACE
Petress Pandit, C. A. Poole, 1 1 1
Joe Hedgewood, W. Robinson, 2 1 2
Time, 32 1-2, 31, 31 1-2, 31 1-2.
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McDonald Sent Up For Trial On Charge of Breaking Jail

Hector McDonald, alias George McIsaac, was sent up for trial Tuesday afternoon by Magistrate C. M. Augherton on a charge of breaking jail. Sheriff Tompkins told of McDonald making a break for liberty while being taken from the jail several weeks ago for preliminary hearing on a theft charge. Officer Barry Schriver described his capture the

following morning after he had been cornered in a church at Jacksonville by witness and Constable Jones of the Provincial Police. R. P. Hartley appeared for the Crown and R. W. Seeley for the defence.

The case of Charles Finnegan, charged with selling illegally, was set over until Jan. 6.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY BY OFFICERS OF C. L. I.

The officers of the Carleton Light Infantry held their annual meeting at the Armouries here on Saturday evening, with the commanding officer, Lt-Col. H. G. Wood, M. C., of Saint John, presiding. Col. Wood read Christmas Greetings from the Royal West Kents, with which the C. L. I. is affiliated, and from several other regiments. It was reported that an excellent moosehead which is being presented by the C. L. I. to the Royal West Kents, was almost ready for shipment. Several items of routine business were dealt with.

COURT OF INQUIRY WILL OPEN TODAY

WEDNESDAY'S FIRE IN ARMORIES
WILL BE PROBED BY MILITARY
AUTHORITIES

A military court of inquiry will open today into the cause of the destruction of a large part of the armoury here by fire on Wednesday. Major P. V. Harcourt, D. C. M., of headquarters staff, M. D. No. 7, has announced. The court will consist of Major Harcourt, Major A. C. Larter, Saint John and a local officer to be named. The court will sit in the undamaged portion of the Armoury.

Major Harcourt and a detail from Ordnance, Saint John, were busy New Year's day checking up stores. Major Harcourt is not inclined to believe that the loss of stores will be heavy, as most of the more valuable equipment was saved. Most of the issue stores lost consisted of clothing belonging to the 88th Field Battery, Brigadier C. F. Constantine, D. S. O., G. O. C. M. D. No. 7, is expected here Monday.

The last vestiges of fire were extinguished early yesterday morning and today men are at work clearing away the debris. A survey of the building showed that the southern end had been totally destroyed as had most of the roof of the drill hall, the part of the roof which did not collapse being full of holes and badly charred. The drill hall walls are not much damaged, even the sheathing being intact except for sections of about twenty feet where the hall joined the destroyed portion. The northern end escaped with slight smoke and water damages. Militia guards were still on duty last night.

J. P. LORDON DIES

HAD FINE POLITICAL AND BUSINESS RECORD

Bathurst, Dec. 29.—Residents of Bathurst and the County of Gloucester received one of the rudest shocks in years when late this afternoon it became known that John P. Lordon, M. L. A. for Gloucester, had passed away. It was generally known that Mr. Lordon was seriously ill with double pneumonia but it had been hoped that his strong fighting spirit would carry him through.

John P. Lordon was born at Bathurst about 47 years ago. When he finished school he selected lumbering as a career and for some years held various positions with Adams, Burns and Co., later going to the Bathurst Company Limited, where for many years he was in full charge of all the (Continued on Page Five)

Many Attend Dinner Dance At Carlisle

SEVERAL FUNCTIONS USHER IN
1931; RACE HELD NEW
YEAR'S DAY

Woodstock citizens celebrated New Year's in various ways. The dinner dance at the Carlisle hotel on New Year's Eve was a big centre of attraction and several private parties were held in the town and vicinity. The United watchnight service in the Salvation Army Hall was well attended. A special midnight matinee at the Capitol Theatre was popular.

On New Year's afternoon the Driving Club races were watched by a large number of ice racing fans who were given an excellent afternoon's sport. This was the only sport attraction of the day, as the destruction of a large part of the Armoury made it necessary to cancel the scheduled basketball game between the Woodstock Senators and the Fort Fairfield team, and also prevented the usual badminton play. Special masses were celebrated at St. Gertrude's church on New Year's morning at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. D. S. O'Keefe, and 9.

BRIDGE RESULTS

K. OF C. CLUB CUTS PYTHIANS' LEAD

The Knights of Columbus Club cut the lead of the first place Knights of Pythias Club to less than 600 points at Tuesday night's session of the Interclub Bridge Tournament. The Canadian Legion kept themselves out of the cellar by scoring 1805 in the plus column. The Masonic Club had a poor night but are still in third position, while the Garrison Club in spite of being the heavier losers of the night are still ahead of the Canadian Legion and I. O. O. F. club.

EVENING SCORE

K. of C. Club	Plus 1755
K. of C. Club	Plus 1288
Canadian Legion	Plus 1085
Masonic Club	Minus 907
I. O. O. F.	Minus 960
Garrison Club	Minus 2261

TOTAL SCORE

K. of P. Club	Plus 15206
K. of C. Club	Plus 14637
Masonic Club	Plus 2175
Garrison Club	Minus 4239
Canadian Legion	Minus 11845
I. O. O. F. Club	Minus 15934

EVENING'S PLAY

K. of C. Club No. 2.—Dr. R. G. Thompson, Dr. G. T. O'Donnell defeated the Garrison Club No. 5.—F. W. Mitchell, Geo. Mitchell 1081.
K. of P. Club No. 5.—H. W. Cowan, R. E. Holyoke, defeated the Canadian Legion Club No. 5.—R. Mooers, Murray Hay 1601.
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Carleton Co. Christmas Tree Shippers Not Hit By Slump

Carleton county shippers were not greatly affected by the slump which hit the American Christmas tree market this year, so far as can be learned. F. O. Creighton, of Creighton & Ridley, largest exporters of the trees in this vicinity, stated that his firm's output had been disposed of at very satisfactory prices and that the entire shipment had been sold out a full week before the holiday. It had been the policy, he said, to ship only the best of stock, the idea being that in the event of a slump coming that the trees would sell whatever the condition of market, and the event had proven the policy a good one.

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