

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Social, Personal and General Occurrences of the Week.

CRISP AND TO THE POINT.

Geo. Hatt is going into the commission and auctioneer business.

The R. R. C. I. soldiers have been armed with the Mott-Henry rifle.

J. D. Perkins has sold his residence on Charlotte street to E. W. Vassour.

The late Elijah Clarke had \$5,000 insurance on his life in favor of his wife.

Mrs. Fraser will not receive at Farraline place on Tuesday's, until further notice.

Capt. McKenzie, Sgt. Major of the R. R. C. I., has been appointed caretaker of the military camp grounds at Sussex.

Alexander Beak, of Houlton, Me., and Malina White, of Kewick, were married here on the 21st, by the Rev. Mr. Weddall.

L. C. Macnutt has sold his interest in the Farmer to Andrew Lipsitt who continues the publication of that paper.

The St. Dunstan's dramatic club are to play John L. Carleton's "More sinned against than sinning," next Tuesday evening.

A parlor concert is to be given at the Deaf and Dumb school next Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Sunday school at Morrison's mill.

Ground has been broken for William B. Phair's residence on St. John street, and Fry M. Clarke has the contract for the carpenter work.

The Randolph, the Bloom Co.'s new steam launch is said to be capable of steaming fourteen miles an hour. A party of Fredericton gentlemen enjoyed a cruise in her on Thursday.

The monument which stood on the post office square, and formerly used as a drinking fountain and advertising stand, has been removed by McFarlane, Thompson & Anderson of the N. B. Foundry.

The sparrow match on the rifle range last Saturday was won by Major Loggie, 1st class with 87 points, J. S. Campbell 2nd, with 82 points and P. Garvie, R. R. C. I., 3rd class with 72 points.

Rev. William Murchie who graduated at the university a few years ago and subsequently studied for the Presbyterian ministry died at the St. John public general hospital, Monday morning.

The holiday was very generally observed in Fredericton. Nearly all the business houses were closed and everybody sought out some form of enjoyment. The weather was everything that could be desired.

Havelock Dinmore of Meadham, who was fined by Police Magistrate Marsh here a few days ago for violating the Scott Act, has packed up his effects at the railway centre and fitted to Fredericton Junction.

Over 400 excursionists came up from St. John on Thursday morning under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Trainmen and spent the day in the city. They were a well-behaved crowd, and apparently enjoyed their visit.

Before the police magistrate yesterday, Charles Logan, charged with vagrancy, was given two hours to get out, or take six months in jail. He took out of once. Mrs. Linforth was tried for selling liquor to an Indian, but the trial is not finished.

The marriage of Miss Wilmut, daughter of Sunbury's M. P., and Dr. Parke of Quebec, is to take place at Belmont on Wednesday, June 8th. It will be quite a swell affair, and the guests will include a number of Miss Wilmut's friends from this city.

The cricket match between the Englishmen and Canadians of the R. R. C. I., was won by the former who made in the two innings 114 to 57. During the play Pitt-Tanner baited a ball into the jeweller's store, breaking the electric light globe and glass in the show case.

The city council at a special meeting held on Tuesday evening, appointed Geo. Hatt ambulance commissioner in place of the late Elijah Clarke, he being the only candidate proposed. Mr. Hatt offered Judge Vanwart and Henry Chestnut as bondsmen and the council authorized the city clerk to accept them.

The brewers heard all Mr. Fonda of New York had to say about the big fortune which he alleges awaits them in N. B., but they failed to back their faith with the cash necessary to ensure the continuation of his services. Indeed it is said they refused to pay his expenses here.

E. H. Estey's store at Millville, was robbed of some \$200 worth of goods on the night of the 14th inst., and a young man named Benjamin Dunford is now in the county jail here awaiting trial for the offence. Dunford when arrested confessed, and implicated two others who are still at liberty. Most of the goods were recovered. They had been hidden in the woods.

Colonel Lake, Q. M. general, who is here Wednesday, told a St. John reporter in St. John that he had heard nothing about the removal of the infantry school from Fredericton to Sussex. He had heard there was some talk of the government exchanging the government house and land for the barracks property, but did not know how much truth there was in the report.

At the city council meeting Thursday evening a motion to repair the old street sprinkler was defeated by the Mayor's casting vote—the aldermen voting in favor were: Farrell, Roseborough, Gilman, Bennett, Estabrook, and the council afterwards without division authorized Ald. Gilman, chairman of the road committee, to order a new sprinkler from London, Ont., at a cost of \$255 landed here.

Application has been made to the city council by John Black for the Odell estate to open up a new street from government house lane to the trotting park gates, forming the lower boundary of the new Wilmut park, and to extend Charlotte street to the park. Odell offering the land free if the council will put up the fences. To the latter condition and the new street will be opened up next month.

The St. Stephen Courier says that Attorney General Blair and Fred P. Thompson, representing the New Brunswick Telephone Company, were in that town on Tuesday for the purpose of discussing the introduction there of the company's system. They had a conference with members of the board of trade and submitted a proposition under which the company would be willing to place its system there and guarantee a connection with Calais. The price mentioned was twenty-five dollars for a telephone at a place of business and forty dollars for two instruments.

Lectures have been closed at the University and examinations were finished to-day. Examinations will be held next Thursday afternoon, May 31st, commencing at 2:30 o'clock. Prof. Dixon will deliver the address in behalf of the faculty and in praise of the founders, and the alumni oration will be given by Judge C. N. Skinner. The faculty have awarded the Douglas gold medal for the best English essay on the characteristics of Modern Fiction to Miss Edith L. Shaw, of St. John, a member of the graduating class, and the Montgomery-Campbell prize for proficiency in classics to A. B. Maggs.

THE BOTSFORD FIRE.

A Midnight Call to the Firemen.

As the citizens had about retired to bed Thursday night after enjoying the holiday, they were aroused by the alarm of fire, and in a moment the whole lower end of the city was illuminated, and many feared a disastrous conflagration, everything was so dry and tinder-like. The night was perfectly calm, however, and the fire was confined to the property first attacked, the old Botsford homestead on the corner of St. John and Brunswick streets. The fire originated either by incendiarianism or from a carelessly thrown fire cracker, but which of these was the cause will probably never be known. It started from the old barn facing on St. John street, and quickly communicated to the coach house and thence to the main house, these forming a sort of a court and around which the flames were kindled in their rapid and destructive course until they were ruined, the two former completely and the house beyond the advisability of repairing.

The residence was occupied by W. B. Phair and his family, Mrs. Geo. Botsford and her eldest daughter, Miss Bessie Botsford, who is temporarily a cripple from a sprained foot, and they all had quite a narrow escape from the burning building. Mrs. Phair told THE HERALD that the first she knew of the threatened catastrophe, was when her husband awakened her with the alarm, "the house is on fire." They had scarcely time to dress, and when their children were awakened, the fire had actually entered the little girls' room. All got out with scarcely enough clothes to cover them. Tender hands carried Miss Botsford to a place of safety, and her mother, who is quite distracted with grief over the loss of the old home, escaped with the loss of part of her clothing and some valuables which she fondly treasured. The furniture was got out in a much damaged condition. There was neither insurance on the building nor on Mr. Phair's furniture or anything about the place, and the loss is keenly felt by all parties concerned. The house up to May first, was occupied by Dr. Inch, but when Mr. Phair, who is building a house for himself on the Botsford property, moved at that time, he took the Botsford house for the summer, and Mrs. Botsford, whose home is now in Boston, came on with her daughter to spend the summer, taking rooms with the Phairs. Miss Lena Botsford arrived also on Wednesday from Boston, but was stopping with Miss Akerly, including part of her wardrobe.

The fire attracted people from all parts of the city, and made a great illumination, but the firemen were equal to the emergency, and crushed it out before it could spread to adjoining buildings; but had a high wind prevailed at the time the results might have been very disastrous.

The Botsfords found a home at Mrs. T. C. Allen's, and the Phairs are at Mr. Phair's mother's on King street.

The house destroyed is said to be nearly a century old, and was formerly the property of Mrs. Botsford's father, H. G. Clopp, for many years registrar of deeds for York county. It is probable as the land is advertised for sale, it will fall into the hands of some person who will erect a handsome residence on it. The lot is one of the most beautiful and convenient in the city, and it is said that at one time the Rev. Father McDevitt thought of securing it as the site for a new Roman Catholic church.

NOTES.

J. H. Hawthorn and A. E. Masie were standing near the former's home on Brunswick street when the fire broke out, and were the first to alarm the inmates. They broke open the front door and Mr. Hawthorn carried Mrs. Phair's baby out.

Mr. Phair said to THE HERALD last night that when he entered his daughters' room to get the baby, the flames were coming in through the window, which had fallen in.

H. B. Rainsford, Capt. Cropley, Thomas Roberts and James Lynn, all of whom live near the scene of the fire, were among the first to help the inmates. They all agree that the flames appeared to burst out in an instant. No. 4 hose company, Capt. Rutter, was the first detachment of the fire brigade on the spot, and they had water on five minutes after the first alarm struck. The H. L. and P. company, No. 5 and No. 2 hose companies soon arrived and No. 1 was not far behind. The entire department responded promptly and the general opinion is that the fire was well handled.

THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

Pleasant Weather, a Good Audience and Some Record Breaking.

Beautiful weather marked the Queen's birthday, and to none was it more welcome than to the University students who held their annual athletic sports on the terrace during the afternoon. There was a large audience present and the contests were generally quite spirited, although some of them dragged and taxed the patience of the crowd. The 71st Batt. band, representative in their new uniforms, played a good program during the afternoon. Governor and Mrs. Fraser were among the interested spectators of the sport, and many of the St. John visitors were present on the grounds.

The winners in the various contests were as follows:

Quarter mile race—Armstrong, 1 m 11 sec; Mitchell, 2nd; Jordan, 3rd.

Running high jump—Elliott, 5 ft 2 1/2; McLeLan, 2nd; Burpee, 3rd. McCullough, a graduate, competed against the record, making 5 ft 4 1/2 in breaking the maritime province record of 5 ft 5 in.

Hop, step and jump—Hoben 30 ft 1 in; McLeLan, 2nd; Elliott, 3rd.

Half mile race—Mitchell, 2 m 20 1/2 sec; Jordan, 2nd; Hoben, 3rd; former record, 2 m 22 sec.

Standing broad jump—Malone, 11 ft 6 1/2 in; Hoben, 2nd; Elliott, 3rd.

100 yards dash—Armstrong 10 1/2 seconds; McKee, 2nd; Powers, 3rd; former record 10 1/2 sec.

Putting shot—Elliott, 29 ft 3 1/2 in; Hoben, 2nd; McLeLan, 3rd.

220 yards dash—Armstrong, 27 sec; McKee, 2nd; Hoben, 3rd; former record, 28 1/2 sec.

Running broad jump—McLeLan, 18 ft 2 1/2 in; Elliott, 2nd; Hoben, 3rd; McCullough afterwards competed against the record of 18 ft 10 in, covering 18 ft 10 1/2 in.

Pole vault—Powers and Elliott tie at 9 ft 3 1/2 in. Powers won the toss; Wiley, 3rd; former record 9 ft 1 in. McCullough against the record went 9 ft 7 1/2 in.

Hardie race—McKee, 16 1/2 sec; Armstrong and Hoben 2nd.

Half-mile walk—McLeLan, 4 m 10 sec; Shaw, 2nd; Long, 3rd.

Three broad jumps—Hoben, 33 ft 10 1/2 in; Elliott, 2nd; Malone, 3rd.

Mile race—Mitchell, 5 m 29 1/2 sec; Jordan, 2nd; Robinson, 3rd.

Elliott, senior, and Hoben, junior, tied in the competition for the championship belt, and it was decided to inscribe names of each on the belt.

Class medals were won by Elliott, senior, Hoben, junior, and between Shaw and Robinson for freshmen.

At the close of the competitions, the prizes were presented by Mrs. Fraser from the college steps and the victors were heartily cheered by their friends.

The judges were A. F. Street, J. H. Hawthorn and J. D. Fowler, the starter J. S. Campbell, and timer H. C. Rutter.

Death Roll.

At Upper Maugerville, Sunbury county, on the 21st inst., Josephine Ada, only child of Chas. W. and Adelia Shields, aged eight years and nine months.

At Campbell Settlement, on the 16th inst., Harris, widow of Charles Brooks, aged 72 years.

Mrs. Hannah Grosvenor, widow of the late Geo. Grosvenor, died at Canterbury Station May 10th, of congestion of the lungs. The deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. Wm. Cronkhitte, and two unmarried, Mrs. Wm. Cronkhitte, and two daughters, to mourn their loss.

Personal Mention.

Miss Mina Randolph returned yesterday from a visit to Ottawa and Boston.

The general John W. Wetmore of the C. P. R., St. John, celebrated the 24th here.

Dr. E. J. Broderick, of St. John, spent the holiday at his old home in this city.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson has been here the past two days on departmental business, and left for home to-day.

Governor and Mrs. Fraser expect to leave next week for a trip to the United States.

L. Theriault, M. P. E., who has been at the Queen's since Thursday, went up river this morning.

Prof. Davidson, of the University, leaves next week for Scotland to spend the vacation among his friends.

Postmaster and Mrs. Elyard and their family will move into Mr. Temple's residence next Tuesday.

Major Buchan of Toronto, formerly of the R. R. C. I. in this city, has gone to England to qualify for promotion.

David Pugh, after a long service with Alex. Gibson as lumber surveyor, has retired on account of ill health.

Manager Blair of the bank of N. S. and O. H. Sharp of the bank of B. N. A. spent the holiday with friends in St. John.

Senator Wark came home from Ottawa this week, for a few holidays, the senate having adjourned over till June 6th.

Dr. Coulthart, secretary of the provincial board of health, was at Sussex yesterday inspecting the Byrnie small pox premises.

Dr. Harrison, chancellor of the university, expects to visit his son, Dr. J. D. Harrison at Edmonton, N. W. T., during the coming vacation.

St. Andrews Beacon: Mrs. Fred B. Edgecombe of Fredericton, who is visiting at Robinson's, Me., took a run over to St. Andrews on Tuesday.

Scott Robinson, manager of the Keley here, is instituting here, has been visiting Chatham in the interest of his work. The institution has already done good work and is being pretty freely patronized.

Arthur Harrison, second son of Dr. Harrison of Fredericton, who is visiting at Robinson's, Me., took a run over to St. Andrews on Tuesday.

Woodstock Sentinel: W. T. Whitehead and Frank Whitehead, Fredericton, were at the Wilbur, Wednesday. Mrs. W. S. Fisher, after spending a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Jones, returned to her home, Fredericton, on Wednesday.

R. D. Wilmut, M. P., arrived home yesterday from Ottawa.

T. Carleton Allan, J. S. Neill and J. Henry Phair, are fishing on the Miramichi.

Inspector Burke, of the inland revenue department, St. John, and Miss Burke, were at the Queen Thursday.

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Col. Lake, quartermaster general of the Canadian militia, and Fred White, architect of the public works department, arrived from Ottawa Wednesday and registered at the Queen. The same afternoon they inspected the barracks and were dined in the evening at the officers' mess, Governor Fraser being among those present.

FROM RURAL DISTRICTS.

Interesting and Spicy Gossip from Our Active Correspondents.

Lower Southamptons.

May 22.—Mrs. George Grosvenor, relict of the late George Grosvenor, and youngest daughter of the late Captain John Fradsham of Fredericton, died on the 10th inst., of congestion of the lungs.

Mrs. Solomon McFarlane is very low, with no hopes of recovery.

Mr. C. J. Vassour who has been up visiting the Miss Grosvenors, leaves for home to-morrow by boat.

Temperance Vale.

May 21.—Farmers in this locality are nearly all through cropping, the weather being fine and the ground dry. They all agree that the recent rain somewhat checked the progress of the forest fire which came quite near destroying some barns in the neighboring settlements.

The F. C. Baptist pulpit was occupied by the Rev. H. Hart Sunday morning and Brother Jenkins in the afternoon. Mr. Hart is expected to officiate until the district meeting which will be held here.

Our young men are nearly all home off the drives and are hiring for the bark woods.

The potato bugs have already made their appearance among us much to the dissatisfaction of the people.

Brookway.

May 21.—Bears are quite numerous in this vicinity, C. Vail and D. Davis captured one in a steel trap. Evidence being put forth to catch another large fellow that killed a cow belonging to Wm. Riddock.

Bernard Cogswell of Lewiston, Me., is visiting relatives here.

Elijah Clark and Hayden Sargent of Boston arrived here on Saturday for a two week's fishing trip, employing W. Davis as their guide. Two other gentlemen are expected today.

Our Sabbath school started yesterday with a good attendance.

Mrs. Robert Vail goes this week to visit her daughter Mrs. Nason at Hardwood creek, Sunbury Co.

A number of the young men of this place are still driving on the lakes.

SELECTIONS FROM SUNBURY.

Shedfield.

May 23.—The Reading Circle gave a musical and literary entertainment in the Temperance hall, May 21st. The following programme was successfully carried out: Chorus, Over the sea; song of labor; reading, Mrs. McKendry; chorus, Ha! ha! we've stormed the stream; singing, Leavie Jonah; solo, Forever with the Lord, Miss Mary Harrison; reading, Miss E. McNaughton; chorus, Haste the nymph; Dialogue, A lesson from the Gypsy maid; chorus, Song of spring; dialogue, Leaving home, Miss Ida Barker and F. W. Barker; reading, Miss Mabel McLean; solo, Chums, Harry E. Harrison; tableau, The artist's dream; quartet, Nearer my God to thee, Miss Mary Harrison; F. K. Barker, F. W. Barker and C. S. Burpee; dialogue, A much misunderstood young man; solo, Come unto me, F. W. Barker; chorus, Autumn leaves are falling; reading, Mrs. McKendry; quartet, Battle song; chorus, Golden morning; chorus, good night, beloved; God save the Queen. The proceeds which amounted to nearly twenty dollars are to be devoted to the cemetery fund.

Rev. A. C. Dennis of Gagetown occupied the pulpit of the congregational church on Sunday last, Rev. I. Howie of Gibson, occupied the Methodist pulpit.

Mr. Harvey Harrison of St. John and Miss Laura Burpee of Fredericton, spent last Sabbath here.

Mr. Has Wilson of Boston has been spending a few days here.

Mrs. Wesley Barker passed away last Saturday after a lingering illness. Her remains were interred in Pine Grove cemetery on Monday.

Arbor day was observed by the pupils of Sunbury g. school.

THE NEWS IN QUEENS.

Upper Gagetown.

May 23.—The needle society met at Jas. Currier's residence on Tuesday afternoon last, and in the evening a large number of young people gathered and all enjoyed a good time, there being about thirty-five present.

Amasa Coy is still improving and we hope is in a fair way of gaining his usual health.

Samuel Purvis who was taken to the Victoria hospital, is doing nicely having stood the operation very well.

Mrs. Joseph Coy is very poorly, having had another stroke.

Arbor day was observed here in fine style by a concert in the afternoon and refresh-

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NOTICE. The Annual Meeting of this Company will be held at their office, Carlton Street, Fredericton, N. B., on TUESDAY, the twelfth day of JUNE, next, at 10 o'clock, for the election of a Board of Directors and transaction of other business.

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