

LOCAL NEWS

LOOKS LIKE 710.

And that is what it is New Print 71 cents a yd. at Williams, St. Mary's.

ENTERTAINED AT BRIDGE.

Mrs. J. W. Scott entertained a large number of friends pleasantly at bridge last evening.

MILLINERY AT A BARGAIN

The big cheap sale of millinery is being continued today and tonight at Miss Flanagan's Millinery Store, Queen Street.-4.

DENTAL OFFICES CLOSED.

The public is requested to bear in mind that by mutual agreement, all dental offices are closed for business each THURSDAY afternoon.

MORE DISMISSALS

Mr. G. E. Baxter, Indian Agent for the Tobique district, and Dr. Earle, physician to the Indians, have been dismissed by the Tory headmen.

LITTLE IMPROVEMENT.

Little improvement is reported today in the condition of Mr. B. H. Babbitt of Gibson, who is suffering from anaemia.

WALL PAPER

Don't be fooled by sales of Wall Paper, and buy old stock at new stock patterns. But come to us and buy new stock at old stock prices, Williams, St. Mary's.

TO VOTE ON UNION

The voting on the question of church union will take place at the Methodist Church on March 10th and 11th. The result will be announced on March 24th.

MEAL RATE CHANGED.

At a meeting held by the Hotel and Restaurant Proprietors of Fredericton, it was decided to increase the rates for single meals to 35 cents, or \$1.25 per day. Also for standing in single horse 5 cents, to 10 cents per day.

FOOD SALE.

The Golden Rule Circle of King's Daughters will hold a food sale in the store on Queen Street formerly occupied by Tweeddale & Co., on Saturday next, beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon and continuing all day.-21.

A VISITING BAND

The Osborn Brass Band from Cork visited the city on Thursday and assisted in the great evolution representing the old christian mission and other branches of the early work of the army forty-five years ago. They returned home on Friday.

ACCOUNT PASSED

Accounts were passed in estate of the late Scott Family before H. G. Fensty, master of the court, yesterday. The court adjourned until Thursday next when the matter of the court, will have its report ready for presentation.

INTERSCHOLASTIC HOCKEY

The Fredericton High School and Rothesay Collegiate School hockey teams are playing the deciding game of the Interscholastic Hockey League at the Arctic Rink this afternoon. The Rothesay team failed to make connections at Fredericton Junction last night and the game had to be postponed until today.

LARGELY ATTENDED

On Thursday a large crowd attended the "Evolution of the Salvation Army" at the S. A. Barracks. The costumes of half a century ago were very amusing. The living representations of rescue slum and metropolis work were splendidly done and thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd, many of whom asked that the entertainment might be repeated.

MARY EVELYN CHASE

The death of Mary Evelyn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chase occurred this morning after an illness with bronchitis. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery. Besides the parents two brothers Rorden and Donald survive.

MRS. PATRICK SWEENEY

The death of Mrs. Patrick Sweeney occurred early this morning at her residence, St. John Street, after a brief illness. The deceased was seventy-two years of age and is survived by two sons and three daughters. These are William and Austin J. Sweeney of this city and the daughters are Sister M. Valerie of the Monastery of the Precious Blood, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Misses Annie and Agnes at home. The funeral will take place Monday morning, leaving the house at 8.50. High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church by Rev. Father Carney at nine o'clock. Interment will be made at The Hermitage.

NEW ARRIVALS

At Williams, St. Mary's. New Prints, New Gingham, New Ducks, New Suiting. New goods in all Depts.

SMOKE DID MUCH
DAMAGE LAST NIGHT
AT EDGECOMBE'S

Fire Observed in Time to Prevent Heavy Loss of Property- Originated in Floor Sweepings in the Basement

GOOD SERVICE DONE
WITH STORE'S FIRE-HOSE

Prompt discovery of fire in the men's clothing department of F. B. Edgcombe and Company shortly before midnight last night prevented the business section of the city from being swept by a big fire. A high wind was blowing from the west at the time and had the flames been allowed to get any headway Queen Street would undoubtedly have been swept by fire. As it was the flames were checked by the use of the fire-hose which is kept on the premises and the damage to the building amounted to not more than a few hundred dollars. Water and smoke particularly the latter did much damage to goods. The smoke penetrated all through the building and it has been impossible to estimate the extent of the damage to the large and varied stock.

SEEN FROM RESTAURANT

Mrs. E. S. Washington of Washington's Cafe observed the fire at about 11.45 having gone to the rear door of the restaurant which is only a few feet from that portion of the building in which the blaze broke out. The fire was in the basement but soon worked its way to the elevator shaft and also burned through the floor above the basement.

Mrs. Washington informed Mr. Norman Edgcombe that the store was on fire and he with Mr. Herbert J. Morgan entered the building. On opening the doors of the elevator shaft the flames burst out and drove them back but they connected the fire-hose with the stand-pipe in the building and soon had a stream playing on the blaze. An alarm rung in from box 27 brought out the firemen and two lines of hose were soon laid, one from King Street and one from York Street. The fire was soon under control.

SMOKE WAS HEAVY

Firemen and policemen who entered the building worked under difficulties on account of the dense smoke which filled the building. It was some time before the windows could be raised and the smoke allowed to escape. Damage by water and fire was confined to the rear of the building but the smoke went all through it.

CAUSE UNCERTAIN

Mr. F. B. Edgcombe stated this morning that the fire originated among floor sweepings in the basement either through spontaneous combustion or from a match. The damage to the building was slight, but that to the stock will be considerable but cannot be estimated yet. Both building and stock are covered by insurance. The store was open for business as usual today.

LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICIALS
ELIGIBLE FOR INCREASE

Announcement from Ottawa that the Salaries are to be Raised Received with Pleasure

The notice issued from Ottawa to the effect that substantial increases in the salaries of officers of the outside customs service were possible under new regulations, have been received with pleasure by members of the service located in this city. All of the local customs officials under the regulations announced, are eligible for increase in salary. The regulations are as follows:

A person who had served seven years as chief clerk in the outside service may be appointed senior chief clerk at a salary from \$2,200 to \$2,800 per annum.

After three years' service a clerk in the outside service may become a senior at from \$1,200 to \$1,600. Other increases provided are schedule B. Collectors, \$3,000 to \$4,500; chief inspectors, \$3,200 to \$4,000; port inspectors, \$2,000 to \$3,000; assistant inspectors, \$1,600 to \$2,000; chief clerks, \$1,200 to \$2,200; senior chief clerks, \$2,200 to \$2,800; surveyors, \$1,200 to \$2,800; landing waiters, etc., \$1,200 to \$1,800; Dominion appraisers, \$2,200 to \$2,000; appraisers, \$1,200 to \$2,200; assistant appraisers, \$900 to \$1,600; gaugers, \$900 to \$1,600.

Other classes, senior clerks, \$1,200 to \$1,700; clerks, \$400 to \$1,200; examining officers, \$100 to \$1,000; packers, messengers, \$100 to \$800.

LUMBER MARKET
SHOWING SIGNS OF
IMPROVEMENT

In United States Dealers are Looking for Better Times and Same is Reported from Great Britain's Lumber Ports

MARKET SHOWS
TENDENCY TO BE FIRM

Reports from centres of the American lumber market are to the effect that conditions will improve and similar reports come from Great Britain. In Boston there has been a tendency toward slightly lower prices for spruce but as a general thing, prices have been firm and there is a general expectation of improvement with the opening of spring. Manufacturers in the United States are holding their stock for better prices and American conditions will be reflected in the local market.

SHINGLE MARKET.

The demand for shingles at Boston is light, very few of the buyers having been inclined to increase their stock. Cedar extras are selling at from \$3.70 to \$3.65 and clears are bringing from \$3.25 to \$3.33. Lath are a little easier and the demand is quiet. Prices asked for 1 1/2-inch range from \$3.90 to \$4, and for 1 1/4-in. the price is \$3.50. Hemlock boards have been quiet at Buffalo recently. Offerings of dry boards are not large and prices therefore, are about steady. Eastern clipped boards are selling at about \$20 and northern boards at about \$19.50.

AT NEW YORK.

At New York there are indications of an increased cargo trade in eastern spruce in the near future. Yards are ordering fair sized stocks in car shipments at present. The situation at the mills is strong and prices in all cases are steady. Hemlock prices at New York are firm but the demand is quiet, largely on account of the severe weather.

PROBABLE CANDIDATE

Mr. George Y. Dibblee has been asked by a large number of friends to offer as a candidate of aldermanic honors in Queen's Ward as a member of the Citizen's Ticket. Mr. Dibblee is considering the matter and will probably be a candidate.



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CHEESE DISH, regular price \$3.75, Sale Price 1.88
SUGAR BOWL, regular price \$5.25, Sale Price, 2.75
CRACKER JAR, regular price \$4.00, Sale Price, 2.00
TEA POT, SUGAR & CREAM, regular price \$9.50 set, Sale Price, 4.75
PICKLE DISH, regular price \$4.50, Sale Price, 2.75
SUGAR & CREAM, regular price \$8.00, Sale Price, 4.00
CRUMB SCRAPER & TRAY, regular price \$5.75, Sale Price, ... \$2.88
BREAKFAST CRUET, regular price \$4.00, Sale Price, 2.99

Special for Saturday

TUMBLERS : : : : 2 cents each.

Colwell & Jennings
The Home Furnishers.GIBSON COMPANY
ADJOURNED MEETING
UNTIL MARCH 20th

Returns for Annual Statement not yet Available--Transfer of Property to Consolidated Pulp Company Expected

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS
ARE TO BE MADE

The meeting of the Alexander Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company, adjourned from the 3rd inst., took place at noon today at the company's office, Marysville. Further adjournment was made until March 20th. Those in attendance were Mr. G. W. H. Massey of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, Mr. J. S. MacLaren of St. John and Secretary Alfred Rowley. Col. H. H. McLean was unable to attend but is expected at the March meeting.

STATEMENT NOT READY

The annual statement is not yet ready for presentation to the company as the returns have not been handed in and it will not be possible to get them for some time.

TRANSFER EXPECTED

The option of the Consolidated Pulp Company on the Gibson Company's lands expires on March 15th, but it is expected that the transfer of the property will be effected by that date. Ex-Senator Jones of Bangor, Me., who is interested in the Consolidated Pulp Company is at present on his way to England to make the financial arrangements necessary to the transfer.

CONDITION IMPROVING

The condition of Miss Mary Henry who was operated upon for appendicitis some days ago is reported to be improving.

SUGAR PRICES

New York refiners advanced their prices on sugar ten cents recently. The market is very firm, but as yet no change has taken place in local quotations.

Mrs. Balmain of Woodstock, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wesley Vanwart. Mrs. John Morrison and F. I. Morrison are in Quebec. Mr. R. W. Estrabrook of St. Stephen is in the city.

THE POPULAR
EYE GLASS

is the new Universal or Fits-U finger-piece, mount fitted with rimless lenses. These eye-glasses can be adjusted to fit almost any nose; they are very becoming and fit without discomfort. The lenses are always in the correct position for best vision. Exact examination of your eyes assured by the use of the new General Retinoscope and Ophthalmoscope. With this new and improved instrument it is possible to make the examination and absolutely know the existing conditions in a very short time.

EDGECOMBE'S
NEW GOODSJUST RECEIVED --- A MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF NEW
COLORED and BLACK DRESS GOODS

Including all the New Weaves, such as Oak Wood Suiting, Chamois, Sedan Serges, Fancy Tweeds, Colan Stripes, Metz Suiting, Bordered Voils, Bordered Delaines, San Toys, Reversible Suitings, Vesta Suitings, Valonette, Etamines, Eolienres, Venetians, Cadonias, Armures, Foulés Olivias, Panama, Satin Cloth, Fairbourne Suitings, Chiffon Amazons, Poplins, Broadcloths, Cingallies, Satin Opera Marouissette, etc., etc.

Dress Trimmings, Fringes, Bandings, Allovers, Durbar Garnitures, Tassels, Buttons and all Accessories, to harmonize with Dress Materials to produce Charming Costume.

NEW SILKS All up-to-date fabrics

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