

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Fresh southwest and west winds, fair and mild. Thursday, north and east winds colder.

DO YOUR SHOPPING

early and do it at Williams', St. Mary's.

AFTER FORESTALLERS

Copies of the city by-laws forbidding grocers, butchers etc., or their agents to purchase country produce within the city limits before 10 a.m. have been posted about the city and the police are going to make special efforts to stop forestalling in the country market.

CALLED TO WINNIPEG.

Rev. J. L. Batty, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Moncton, last week received a call to one of the most important Methodist churches in Winnipeg City. His decision in the matter is not yet made public.

MISSION BAND SALE

The Senior Mission Band of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church will hold a sale of fancy articles and home made cake and candy in the vestry of the church this (Wednesday) evening. All are cordially invited to attend. d.li.

RECEIVED CHIEF'S REPORT.

The Fire Committee at a meeting held Monday, received a report from Chief H. C. Rutter, who recently attended a convention of fire-chiefs at Boston. The matter of purchase of sites for the two proposed new fire-stations was touched upon among other matters.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Joseph McGraw of Gagetown, had a narrow escape from drowning last week when he broke through the ice on Hart's Lake. He had been in the water about half an hour when his cries of help were heard by Harry Chapman, who rescued him from his perilous position in an exhausted condition.

SURVEYING AT ST. JOHN.

Mr. J. E. Armstrong of this city, is engaged by the Messrs. McAvity of St. John, in making a survey of the proposed site of their industry near the Ballast Wharf, and in making the preliminary arrangements. When these are completed, a full statement of the requirements of the site will be submitted to the commissioners.

HIS FATHER DEAD.

Moncton Transcript:—Dr. A. D. Durham of this city, received a telegram this morning from Bowling Green, Ky., announcing the death of his father, which took place yesterday at that place. Dr. Durham left this afternoon for his former home in Kentucky, expecting to reach there Thursday night in time for the funeral.

A BALD FALSEHOOD.

This story was told at a church banquet in Aitchison: A boarder complained to the proprietor of the hotel that he had found hair in the ice-cream, hair in the honey and hair in the apple-sauce. "That is queer," said the proprietor. "The hair in the ice-cream must have come from shaving the ice; the hair in the honey must have come from the comb, but I can't understand how the hair got in the apple-sauce, for I picked the apples myself and they were all Baldwins."

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Edgcombes is a busy place these fine days. Beautiful Christmas goods abound in the various departments. The Big Store is an ideal place to visit at any time and especially attractive just now during the holiday season. They can gratify your taste and purse in any article you may want from five cents to fifty dollars and upward. Have a look around on both floors, everything is marked in plain figures.

BOOMING FREDERICTON.

Yesterday's issue of The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, contained an extensive article upon Fredericton, its development and the railway development which has taken place in this section of the province and the benefit this city is expected to derive from it. The article is the work of Mr. Hamilton, who was here about a fortnight ago. It contains interviews with Mayor Hooper, City Clerk McCready, Publicity Commissioner G. M. McDade, Pres. J. T. Jennings of the Board of Trade, Mr. J. D. Palmer and others. The booklet of the Tourist Association is mentioned particularly.

FIRE DAMAGED
DWELLING AT
SOUTHAMPTON

Telephone Used by Richard Cronkite to Summon Aid When His House Burned Sunday

Damage to the extent of \$1,000 was done by fire Sunday to the residence of Mr. Richard Cronkite, Southampton, which formerly was the home of the late Samuel Hamilton, a prominent resident of that place. The fire originated from a burning chimney. The damage would have been much greater had it not been for the valuable assistance given by Mr. Cronkite's neighbors, whom he alarmed and summoned by telephone.

CHIMNEY BURNT OUT.

The chimney in the main house, built from the ground, had burnt out early in the morning and as no fire showed nothing further was thought about it.

About two o'clock Mrs. Cronkite smelled smoke. Going upstairs it was found that the woodwork in the partitions around the flue was all on fire. At once an alarm was rung and all the phones got busy till from miles around men and women rushed to the fire. Mr. Cronkite had got ladders and in a moment or two men were on the roof cutting through, while another crew was inside similarly employed. The smoke and flames were shifting but they fought like trained city firemen. In the meantime a "bucket brigade" had formed between the house and a brook some eight or ten rods distant and for the next thirty minutes the three crews fought inch by inch until the fire showed signs of abating. But the fine house was so nearly gone that all over the front traces of smoke can be seen that forced its way out between the clapboards.

When all was over Mr. Cronkite was heard to say, "Well, the telephone saved my home but it costs too much."

BUILDING INSURED.

There was \$1,000 insurance on the building and while the upper story is very badly gutted and the lower story damaged by water it is expected that the damage will be pretty well covered.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Send in your order early. Trees all sizes, 25 cents each at Williams', St. Mary's.

BOXING AT MARYSVILLE

There will be two boxing bouts pulled off at Marysville tomorrow night. They will take place in Hatt's Hall. Young Coward and Kid "Brown" both local men will appear in a preliminary bout. The main fixture will be a go between "Chick" Donahoe of this city and Kid Kennedy of St. John. Both are boxers of experience and an interesting contest is expected.

To all our customers that buy over \$2.00 worth of Christmas toys, &c., we will supply them free with a Christmas tree. Williams', St. Mary's.

EARTH TREMOR
FELT IN PROVINCE
THIS MORNING

Residents of Fredericton and Vicinity Noticed Slight Shock Shortly After Six O'clock

Residents of Fredericton and vicinity were distinctly shocked at an early hour this morning, the shock taking the form of an earth tremor which was of sufficient violence to awaken light sleepers and to shake buildings. The tremor occurred at about 6.15 a. m. and continued for some time. The shock was violent enough to rattle dishes and other articles of household furniture. Many persons slept on undisturbed by the tremor however.

Reports from the surrounding districts are to the effect that the tremor was generally noticeable. The shock was observed all along the St. John River, but at no place was very violent. Oromocto, Mauterville, Kingsclear and Keswick, all felt the shock. Along the Nashwaak as far as Stanley the tremor was also felt.

AT ST. JOHN

A despatch from St. John says:—St. John, N. B., Dec. 11.—This city and the surrounding districts were shaken by an earth-quake at 6.15 this morning. Houses trembled but no damage is reported.

Reports from along the Intercolonial Railway near the city say it was felt there.

AT CALAIS, ME.

Calais, Me., Dec. 11.—A distinct earthquake was felt here early today. The shock was preceded by a heavy rumbling. No damage was done.

LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Florence McGuire who was drowned Sunday, took place this morning and was largely attended. The funeral left the late home of the deceased at 8.30, High Mass of Requiem was celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church at 9.30. Interment was made at the Hermitage.

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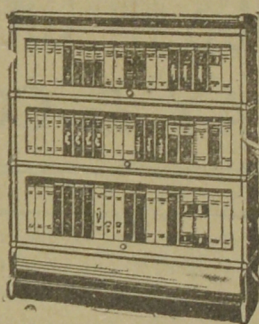
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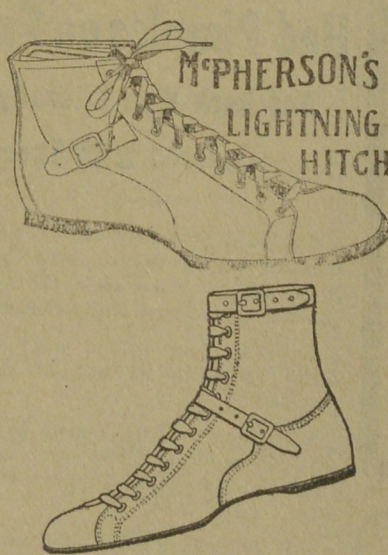
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