

LOCAL NEWS

NEW SECRETARY

Mr. D. M. Coburn has been elected secretary of the York County Automobile Association in place of Mr. J. Alex. Thompson resigned.

SCHOOL CLOSING

The public schools of the city will close Thursday afternoon for the Easter vacation and will reopen on Wednesday April 10th.

STOLE OVERCOAT.

An overcoat of the guest of a local hotel was stolen from the hall-way of the hotel last night. The theft has been reported to the police.

CLOSED BY POLICE.

A pool-room on Carleton Street and another on Regent Street were ordered closed by the police yesterday.

BOY MADE ESCAPE

A boy named Frank Smith, wanted for robbery committed in February last was arrested today but afterwards escaped while being taken to the police station.

MOLSON'S BANK COMING

It is understood on the best of authority that Molson's Bank will open a branch in St. John in anticipation of the big growth in the volume of business to be carried on there.

The Easter concert is to be held in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, April 3rd, under the auspices of the Ladies' Choral Club and the Boys' Orchestra. Home made candy on sale. Admission 25 cents.

IMPROVEMENT REPORTED

It is reported today from 'Victoria Public Hospital' that the condition of Mrs. H. F. McLeod is improving. Mrs. McLeod was operated upon yesterday the operation proving successful.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Coun. W. R. Fawcett has been awarded the contracts for building three bridges by the Provincial Department of Public Works. The bridges are as follows: Becaguinic Bridge, Hartland, \$3,500; Murchie Bridge, Edmundston, \$5,500; Smith Creek Bridge, King's County, \$6,500.

DIED IN NEW YORK

Miss Kate Tracy has received word of the death at New York on Sunday of her sister-in-law Mrs. John Tracy of that place. The remains were interred at New York today. The husband of the deceased is a native of this city and has many friends here who will sympathize with him in his bereavement.

POLICE COURT.

A case of truancy was before the police court this morning, the boy in question, who was about thirteen, having been working in the Marysville cotton mill. He will have to return to school. Henceforth no boys under fourteen residing in Fredericton will be allowed to work in the cotton mill. Two drunks were also before the court, one going to jail for seven days and one paying a fine of four dollars.

NEW BAND UNIFORMS

The members of the band of the 71st York Regt. have decided to purchase civilian uniforms of a new pattern to replace the grey ones which they have worn for some years. The new uniforms will be brown with black facings and will be made by the Cram Tailoring Company, Toronto. A sample has arrived and shows that the uniforms will be handsome. The 71st Regt. Band will probably make its appearance in new garb at an early date.

BRAKEMAN BROKE LEG.

A very serious accident occurred yesterday near Fredericton Junction, which will result in confining Hoyt S. Beattay to his bed for some time. While near Fredericton Junction, Beattay, who is a fireman on the C.P.R., got off to lower the tank to water the engine when he slipped and broke his leg just below the thigh. He was carried to the Pullman and taken to St. John and was immediately taken to the hospital. Beattay lives in Lancaster.

FEAST OF PASSOVER.

The festival of the Jewish Passover began yesterday, immediately after sunset. It will continue for eight days. On the first two days and the last two days of the festival all business will be prohibited among the Jews. The festival commemorates the redemption of the Jews from the Egyptian bondage more than thirty-five centuries ago, and, besides being a religious festival, it is a national holiday and is observed by Jews all over the earth.

No vote against the union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational bodies was recorded among the members of the Gibson Methodist congregation. The members of the official quarterly board numbering 8 and the members and adherents of the church numbering 97 all voted for union.

MANY PATIENTS
AT HOSPITAL
DURING MONTH

Mayor Hooper Takes his Place on Trustee Board--Further Improvements in Interior of Building are Proposed

NUMBER OF GENEROUS
DONATIONS RECEIVED

The regular meeting of the Hospital Board was held yesterday with Hon. Justice Barry, president in the chair, and His Worship Mayor Hooper, Dr. McGrath, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Moore, Mr. Clark, and the Secretary Treasurer. A hearty welcome was extended to the city's new chief magistrate by the President and the other gentlemen. The President referred to the faithful service rendered the hospital by Mayor Thomas, and from the broad experience achieved from practical contact with sundry enterprises, he felt sure Mayor Hooper would prove to be a valuable member of the Board. Mr. Hooper modestly accepted the complimentary expressions of the president and promised to give his best efforts to promote the interests of the hospital.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The report of the Secretary Treasurer for March showed a pretty heavy expenditure, but it was a stirring time among the invalids and seriously sick ones. A good portion of the time the house was full and the Asa Dow wing also occupied. Fortunately for the Trustees the Matron's receipts were large and covered much of the expenditure.

From the Matron's report it was shown that forty patients were treated in March, and of these twenty-one were discharged convalescent, and two died. A case of diphtheria occupied the contagious ward. Matron and nurses as well as patients were cheered by the thoughtful kindness of friends. Mrs. Frank D. Black who has recently become a prominent feature in public circles of Fredericton through her graceful ministrations connected with the Lieut. Governor's official duties, sent beautiful flowers to every patient. Other donors included Col. Loggie a turkey; Mrs. J. A. Morrison a turkey; Mrs. J. S. Neill sent fresh eggs; the ministering circle of King's Daughter sent fruit each week to ward patients.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. Father Carney enclosing cheque for twenty-five dollars, being a contribution from St. Dunstan's church toward expenses connected with establishment of a District nurse.

Also a letter from Miss Ethel Hatt Babbitt, treasurer of the Ladies Hospital Aid, enclosing a cheque to pay in full the cost of extensive improvements upon the operating room. Dr. McGrath brought up the question of making some further changes and improvements upon the interior of the hospital. It is proposed to change the location of the dining room and at some time find another part of the building for the Board and also to make some change in wanted to know where the money was to come from to make all these changes. President Barry laughingly replied, oh, the money will be all right, for when we wanted a morgue Mr. Moore wrote his cheque for more than \$300, when we wanted an ambulance the late Mr. Randolph took seven or eight hundred dollars from his private bank account, other friends placed a sterilizer in the operating room, an acetylene plant in the basement furnished rooms installed electricity, a costly X ray machine, and the late Dr. Coulthard provided for continuous up-to-date surgical instruments, and a few days ago Mr. Donald Fraser sent his cheque for five hundred dollars thus emphasizing his appreciation of the excellent Institution. A committee was appointed to look into proposed changes. The accommodation of the main hospital is much too limited and now it is necessary for two or three nurses to find sleeping comforts in the unoccupied portion of the Dow wing.

RECENT GRADUATE

Miss Gertrude May McKinnon has just graduated with honors from the hospital and has proved herself to be all that can be looked for from a skilful nurse. Miss McKinnon has always been a favorite and is sure to command the love and esteem of all with whom she comes in contact officially.

Mr. J. F. McMurray is the visiting trustee for April. The president reported for the committee respecting some proposed legislation to exempt commissioner of Trustees from liability in cases of malpractice.

After ordering the payment of a number of bills the meeting closed.

HAYES ASSAULT
CASE RESULTS IN
FURTHER ACTION

J. D. Phinney, K. C., Counsel for George Hayes Calls Attention of Standard Limited to Statements Published

AMENDS REQUESTED,
OTHER ACTION PROBABLE

Mr. J. D. Phinney, K.C., counsel for Mr. George Hayes of St. Mary's, in the case in which he was recently acquitted on the charge of attempting to commit grievous assault upon Mr. James D. Blair of St. Mary's, yesterday wrote the Standard Limited, publishers of The Standard newspaper in St. John, calling attention to the fact that on Monday, March 18th, under the heading "Murderous Attack," The Standard had published an article to the effect that Mr. Hayes on the Saturday night preceding had attacked Mr. Blair with a large knife. Mr. Phinney, in his letter, asks that suitable amends be made to Mr. Hayes, particularly in view of the fact that evidence taken before the Police Magistrate of Fredericton shows that no assault had been made by Mr. Hayes. The communication to The Standard Limited is not the letter which ordinarily precedes an action for libel, but such will be despatched in case no action is taken by the publishers of the newspaper mentioned.

FURTHER ACTION.

Statements similar to those published in The Standard appeared in The Gleaner of this city and action concerning their publication is to be taken by Mr. Phinney on behalf of his client. It is also stated that an action for slander may arise out of statements made concerning Mr. Hayes.

F. B. BAND CONCERT.

A benefit concert for the Fredericton Brass Band will be given in the Opera House Thursday, April 11th, under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. The program will consist of talent from St. John and Fredericton. Plan opens Thursday at Ryan's Drug Store.

PETITION FOR
SECRET BALLOT
BEFORE COUNCIL

Delegation of Citizens Waited upon Aldermen Last Night--Consideration Promised at Tonight's Council Meeting

SOMETHING SIMILAR TO
DOMINION BALLOT DESIRED

An important delegation of citizens waited upon the City Council which met in committee last night and presented a petition praying that legislation be asked for under which a secret ballot would be used in civic elections in Fredericton. The petition was presented by Mr. R. B. Wallace. Other members of the delegation were Dr. B. C. Foster, Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Ex-Warden Howard Rogers, Ex-Ald. Joseph Walker and Mr. W. M. Burns.

WILL BE CONSIDERED

The fact that such a petition was in circulation and would be presented to the City Council was mentioned by The Mail some time ago. About five hundred signatures of ratepayers have been secured. The petition has been referred to the City Clerk and will be considered by the council at its regular session tonight.

SIMILAR TO DOMINION BALLOT

It has been asked by those presenting the petition that the council seek legislation at the present session of the provincial legislature. A ballot similar to that used in Dominion elections is what is desired. The committee in charge of the petition had prepared a bill embodying the views of the members. The bill was left with the City Council.

The passing of the assessment will be the chief business of tonight's council meeting.

TAKING SHORT COURSES

Lieut. H. F. G. Woodbridge, 71st York Regt., and Lieut. G. McKnight, 73rd Northumberland Regt. are entered and No. 3 Regimental Depot for short courses of instruction. Lieut. Woodbridge will qualify for the rank of captain.

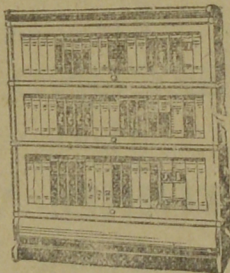
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