

## LOCAL NEWS

## RETURNING TO WEST

Mr. Guy B. Whitehead who arrived from British Columbia on Tuesday last for a short visit at his home here will leave tomorrow evening on his return to the West.

## SCOTT ACT CASE

A first offense against the Canada Temperance Act was acknowledged in the police court this morning. The defendant was an employee of a local pool-room.

## COURT MARTIAL

Major A. T. Ogilvie, Capt. Osler and Lieut. H. R. N. Cobbett, Royal Canadian Artillery are here from Halifax conducting a court martial a private of 'H' Company R. C.

## GOING TO EDMONTON.

Mr. E. R. Golding will leave on Monday next for Edmonton, Alta., where he will probably locate. Mr. Golding will take up the practice of his profession, that of barrister, in the west, but has not yet definitely made his plans.

## MILITARY NEWS.

Lieut. Gordon Taylor, of 28th N. B. Dragoons, has just returned from Toronto, where he has been taking the examination for field officer at the Royal School of Cavalry. Herbert D. Everett of St. Andrews, has been appointed provisional lieutenant in the 28th N. B. Dragoons.

## TO TRANSFER COMPANY

The command of 'D' Company, 71st York Regt., will be transferred shortly from Capt. J. F. McPeake to Capt. H. F. G. Woodbridge who is now qualifying at No. 3 Regimental Depot. Major Ogilvie, R. C. A. now in the city will probably make the transfer.

## FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of the late Miss Katherine E. Thomas will take place from her late residence on Charlotte Street, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The service at the house will be conducted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin. The funeral will leave the house at 2.30. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

## TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. D. H. Waterbury of the Public Works Department, St. John, was at Marysville yesterday, making an inspection with a view toward improving the water-supply of the post office. He will probably be here later in connection with proposed improvements to the Fredericton post office.

## STORY A FAKE

Chief of Police Hawthorn this morning investigated the story that a young lady residing on Short street on Saturday received letters from the mail bags stolen on Friday night, among her other mail, and remailed them. The story proved to be a canard. The young lady did receive a letter and post-card in the manner described but they were not from the missing mail-bags.

## LOWER RIVER CLEAR

Latest reports state that the river is clear of the ice as far as the end of Long Beach but that above that place is practically solid. Notwithstanding this, however, the farmers are preparing shipment of early produce to catch the first boat. At Indiantown the river boats are receiving a thorough overhauling and when the season opens all will be ready for an early start.

## SATURDAY BARGAINS AT EDGE-COMBE'S.

Those who have been waiting for Edgcombe's annual sale of Liddel's Linens in mill seconds, will have the opportunity to purchase what they require tomorrow in table-cloths and napkins and effect a saving of at least forty per cent. The Edgcombe Company have been fortunate in securing these goods and will give their customers the benefit of their purchase.

## BUILDING STEAMBOAT

Mr. J. F. Grant of Southampton, has begun the construction of a small steamboat to ply between Fredericton and his steam mill at Downville. It will carry his skwed lumber down and material for the Valley Railway on the upward trip. She will be christened Valley Railway, and a unique feature about the boat will be, that in low water during the long summer months, the engine and boiler will be removed, and it will be towed by horses.

## "AT HOME" THIS EVENING

His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Mrs. F. B. Black and Mrs. H. M. Wood will be "at home" at the Barker House tonight from nine o'clock till eleven. Mrs. George J. Clarke, Mrs. John Morrissey, Mrs. A. R. Bopp and Mrs. G. T. Prescott, will assist. Other ladies who will assist are Miss Fawcett, Miss Clarke, Miss Doris Clarke, Miss Hazel Edgcombe, Miss Massey and Mrs. Stopford. O'Brien's orchestra will furnish music.

CAMPBELLTON  
BILLS AMENDED  
IN COMMITTEE

St. Andrew's Sewerage Bond Issue Bill Agreed to, also Bills Relating to Property Valuation in St. Andrew's and Milltown

EDMUNDSTON BILL ON  
ASSESSMENT PASSED

The Municipalities Committee met this morning and agreed to the act relating to the Town of Campbellton with amendments.

Mayor McDonald and Mr. A. E. G. McKenzie supported the bill.

The committee decided not to recommend the bill to repeal the act relating to expropriation rights in Campbellton. Mr. R. B. Hanson supported the bill in favor of the claims of Robert Duncan while Messrs. McDonald and McKenzie opposed the bill. Mr. Wilson said that he was familiar with the situation and Mr. Duncan had been paid twice as much as the property was worth and it would be an injustice to impose anything further on the Town of Campbellton which had already met such a great hardship.

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY BILLS.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer explained the Charlotte County bills and the committee agreed to the bill to enable the Town of St. Andrews to fix the valuation on the Algonquin Hotel properties, and with amendments, to the bills to enable the Town of St. Andrews to issue debentures for a sewerage system and to enable the school trustees of that town to borrow \$25,000 to build a school house. The committee also recommended the bills to enable the Town of Milltown to fix the valuation on the Canadian Cottons Ltd., and to amend the acts incorporating the Town of Milltown and to fix the poll tax at a fixed rate of \$5.

## EDMUNDSTON BILL.

Messrs. Archibald Fraser and R. B. Hanson supported the bill to enable the Town of Edmundston to fix the assessment on Fraser's Ltd., and the bill was agreed to by the committee. The committee adjourned at 12.10.

ST. CROIX DOCKS &  
RAILWAY CO. BILL

Corporations Committee Considered Bill This Morning--Bond Issue Per Mile Reduced to \$35,000

The Corporations Committee met this morning and considered the bill to incorporate the Saint Croix Docks and Railway Company. After discussion it was decided to reduce the bond issue from \$40,000 to \$35,000 per mile.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer predicted a great future for the St. Croix River from St. Andrew's to Oak Bay as a winter port.

Mr. Baxter moved an amendment to provide that the lands taken by the company for a right of way should not exceed 100 feet in width, but that the lands taken for necessary terminal purposes shall be of such area and location and shall be approved of by the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

THE MINISTER OF MARINE  
HAD BUSY TIME HERE

Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine, spent yesterday in the city and took his departure for Ottawa in the evening. While here he was in consultation with Premier Fleming and his Tory supporters in the Legislature on matters of patronage. The approaching election was a topic for discussion and it is understood that the minister expressed the wish to defer the appeal to the people until after his return from the Old Country. Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., was too busy in the County Court yesterday to pay his respects to the New Brunswick Tory leader, whom he so dearly loves.

Among those who got the ear of the minister during the day were F. P. Rodman, Robert Biggs, Joshua Chappell, A. D. Thomas and Ald. Guthrie.

## THE ROYAL BANK

The 48th annual report of the Royal Bank is a handsomely printed pamphlet of 88 pages, which are filled with interesting statistics of the bank's business and remarkable progress. A list of stockholders is also shown. A map of the Dominion showing each agency and other features is enclosed in the booklet.

STREET DEPARTMENT  
PLANT RECEIVING  
ADDITIONS

Horse-Sweeper Expected to Arrive Shortly and Three Street Sprinklers will be Ready for Use Shortly

REPAIRS AT LIGHTING  
PLANT PROGRESSING

The Roads and Streets Department is making extensive preparations for an improved service this year the intention being to devote particular attention to the clearing of the Tarvia and Hassam pavements. Upwards of half a mile of streets are paved now and during the coming summer that amount will be considerably increased by paving operations on York Street and probably Westmorland and Regent Streets. A horse-sweeper was ordered by the Roads and Street Committee on Monday last and will arrive in the course of a few days. The two street-sprinklers in use last summer are in first class condition and an older sprinkler is being repaired. When repairs are completed the department will have three sprinklers ready for use.

## LIGHTING PLANT REPAIRS

At the street lighting plant on Carleton Street the repairs are progressing rapidly. Contractor Fred Ryan has done considerable work on the foundations of one of the boilers which had settled. For several nights past the older of the two engines which was out of commission for a time, has been in use and has done good service. The armature which was sent to Lynn, Mass., for repairs has also been in use and the dynamo of which it is a part is now reported to be as good as new. Parts of the other dynamo which has been in constant use during the winter will be sent away for repairs as soon as possible. Such repairs cannot be made until after the spring freshet however, the high water in the river making it necessary to operate the electric pump at the sewerage outlet.

Mrs. Fletcher Tweeddale and Miss Tweeddale, otherwise are the guests of Mrs. Albert Tweeddale, Brunswick Street.

ERECTION OF  
NEW OPERA HOUSE  
PROJECTED

F. G. Spencer of St. John Made Inquiries here Yesterday--Prices Asked for Properties on Queen St. too High

MATTER DROPPED FOR  
PRESENT BUT MAY REVIVE

It is within the realm of possibility that Fredericton will have in the near future a modern Opera House, situated in a first-class building. Mr. F. G. Spencer of St. John, has had Fredericton in view for some time as a city well suited for the establishment of a theatre with up-to-date equipment. His idea is to organize a company to finance the project and either remodel an existing building or erect a new one which will contain stores on the ground floor and probably suites of offices above.

## PROPERTY VALUES TOO HIGH.

Mr. Spencer was in the city yesterday and made inquiries concerning available buildings or sites. It is understood that Queen Street is the thoroughfare upon which it is desired to locate the proposed theatre but property values are high and prices asked were considered out of the question. The matter has been dropped for the present, it is understood, but probably will be taken up again later.

## CITY OPERA HOUSE ANTIQUATED

In the event of a new theatre being erected here it is expected that the City Opera House would be closed. This place of amusement owned by the city has an antiquated seating arrangement and is also not up-to-date as far as stage space and equipment is concerned. The demand for office-room on the part of civic departments has increased steadily during the past few years and is not expected to become less in the future. It has been suggested that that portion of the City Hall now occupied by the Opera House could easily be utilized for offices.

Lieut. Col. the Hon. James Domville Canadian Senator, is in the city a guest at the Barker.

## Saturday Bargains

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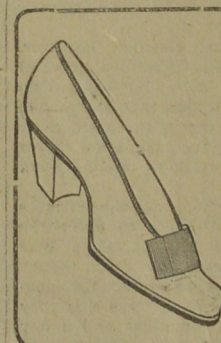
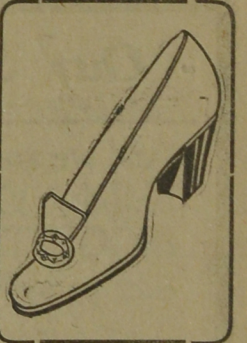
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