

LOCAL NEWS

Ladies and Gents evening Gloves at Edgcombe's—d.

PRACTICING ORATORIO

Practice is being held for the production of the Oratorio "The Holy City" which will be heard in the Methodist church the Sunday after Easter.

TO ATTEND OPENING SHOOT

Mr. J. S. Neill of this city went to St. John today at the invitation of Mr. J. M. Robinson to attend the opening shoot at the season of the St. John Gun Club.

TO ESTABLISH BRANCH HERE

It is understood that a Queen Street dry good business has been purchased by a St. John concern and that the latter will establish a branch here.

GOOD RACE FOR PULP WOOD

The farmers along the St. John river have been reaping a harvest this winter. Logs piled on the banks of the river are selling for from \$6.50 to \$7 a cord, which is \$1 to \$1.50 higher than last year.

MEMORIAL TO HEALTH

Residents of Brunswick Street near the Old Burying Ground complain of the presence of a dead dog in the cemetery. The attention of the health authorities should be directed to the matter.

NAVIGATION RETURNS

The number of sea going vessels entered at the port during the year ending March 31st, 1912 was eleven as against ten in the previous year. The vessels were schooners laden with anthracite coal.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT

In response to an application of Lt. Col. G. G. Loggie president of the Local Improvement Association the usual grant was voted to that body at last night's committee meeting of the City Council.

MOCK PARLIAMENT CLOSING

The annual mock parliament at the University of New Brunswick will close this evening. The bringing down of a Reciprocity Bill by the government will be the feature of the session which will be followed as usual by an informal dance.

A CITY OF CHURCHES

Wesleyan: Mr. C. H. B. Fisher, formerly a prominent member of the Methodist church, Fredericton, N. B. now resident of the United States, writes from Philadelphia: "We are spending a few months in this great and attractive city with its 900 churches, 149 being Methodist."

HAY SHIPMENTS

Messrs. W. H. Allen, C. N. Goodspeed and others of Penniac are shipping large quantities of hay to the United States. They are paying very good prices to the farmers but not as good as they would have been able to pay had the reciprocity agreement been ratified. The duty on hay entering the United States is \$4 per ton.

COMMISSIONER RAILTON

Commissioner George Scott Railton of the Salvation Army, one of the prominent officials of that organization in the Old Country will arrive here from Woodstock at noon Monday. He will conduct special revival meetings at the Salvation Army Citadel, King Street, on Monday and Tuesday nights. At three o'clock Tuesday afternoon he will conduct a holiness meeting at the Citadel. On Wednesday night the Sunday School prizes will be presented by Judge Wilson.

BISHOP AT ST. JOHN

At the Confirmation services held in the St. John's (Stone) church St. John last evening Bishop Richardson confirmed a class composed of 25 boys and girls. After the confirmation service the bishop delivered a striking address to the young people dealing with the Christian life, and based on the means of grace, baptism, and Bible reading confirmation and holy communion. His exhortation to the young people to lead the Christian life was very impressive. In connection with the service a fine musical programme was rendered by the choir. There was a large congregation in attendance.

TRANSFERS ARE EASY

Rev. Thomas Marshall writes from Sackville to the Wesleyan: "The Missionary committee of the N. S., and N. B. and P. E. I. Conferences have met, and, among other questions, had to consider the number of ministers needed for next year. It was found that in the N. S. Conference several parsonages are vacant and there are openings for the ordained men, whilst in the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference there are more ordained men than are needed to supply the work the coming year. If any ordained should be wishing a transfer from the N. B. to the N. S. Conference a good opportunity now offers."

Dress Shirts and Silks Socks and Neckwear at Edgcombe's—d.

CUSTOMS RETURNS FOR YEAR SHOW INCREASE IN DUTY

Collections Surpassed Those of Previous Year by \$6,500--Value of Imports Fell off--Increased Number of Entries

RETURNS FOR QUARTER AND MONTH SHOW INCREASE

Mr. L. C. Macnutt, collector of customs at the port of Fredericton today announced the customs returns for the year ending March 31st in addition to those for the quarter and month. In all three periods there has been a substantial increase in the amount of duty collected. The year compared with that which preceded it shows an increase in duty collected amounting to \$6,524.10. For the quarter compared with the corresponding quarter of 1911 the increase was \$4,169.82. For the month of March 1912 compared with March 1911 the increase was \$3,691.97

MONTHLY RETURNS

Goods entered at the Fredericton Customs House during March 1912 were as follows:

Free.....\$30,024.00
Dutiable..... 38,065.00

Total..... 68,089.00
Duty Collected..... 8,660.95

For March 1911, the figures were:
Free.....\$99,628.00
Dutiable..... 21,821.00

Total.....\$121,449.00
Duty Collected..... 4,968.98

An increase of \$3,691.97 for March 1912 over the corresponding month of the previous year.

QUARTERLY RETURNS

The returns for the quarter ending March 31st, 1912 were:

Free.....\$95,740.00
Dutiable..... 70,715.00

Total.....\$166,455.00
Duty Collected..... 17,257.10

For the quarter ending March 31st, 1911, the figures were:

Free.....\$242,530.00
Dutiable..... 59,322.00

Total.....\$301,852.00
Duty collected.....\$13,087.28

Showing an increase of \$4,169.82 for the past quarter over the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

ANNUAL RETURNS

For the year ending March 31st, 1912 the entries were:

Free.....\$293,074.00
Dutiable..... 234,216.00

Total.....\$527,290.00
Duty Collected..... 56,728.24

For the year ending March 31st, 1911, the figures were:

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PRESENTATION TO MISS IDA NICHOLS

Employees and Members of Firm of F. B. Edgcombe Co. Express Regret at her Departure

Miss Ida Nichols of the staff of F. B. Edgcombe & Co., was last night presented with a handsome travelling bag on behalf of the firm and with an address and signet ring by the members of the staff. The occasion of the presentation was the departure of Miss Nichols for the west at an early date.

The presentation was made at Washington's Cafe after an enjoyable supper. Mr. F. Barnes was in the chair. The program was as follows: The King, "Our Guest," proposed by Mr. E. A. O'Brien and responded to by Miss Nichols; "Our Firm," responded to by Mr. C. H. Edgcombe; recitation by Miss Manzer; song by Mr. Dougherty; recitation by Mr. Smith; presentation of ring and address by Mr. R. Staples; song by Miss Matthews; recitation by Mr. Chas. Ross; song by Mr. Harris.

The address presented to Miss Nichols was as follows:

Dear Miss Nichols:
It is with feelings both of sorrow and gladness that we greet you this evening; sorrow for your approaching departure, gladness for your entering a more advanced and higher sphere of usefulness.

You have been amongst us for a considerable time and although most of us have fought with you, still we know that no ill-will exists between us.

We would ask you to accept this small token of our appreciation of yourself and hope it will serve to remind you of the friends you are leaving behind.

Signed by all the employees.

ASSESSMENT FOR CURRENT YEAR FIXED AT \$87,000

Repairs to Street Lighting Plant Cause of Large Part of Increase--Grant of \$2,000 for Publicity Purposes Another--The Maintenance of Schools Causes Increase of \$1,000--Assessment \$9,000 Larger than in 1911

The City Council in committee last night fixed the general assessment for the current year at \$87,000 an increase of \$9,000 over last year. The amount mentioned is the largest in the history of the city and has been made necessary by heavy expenditures in certain departments. The forecast made by The Mail yesterday that the assessment would be between \$85,000 and \$90,000 was correct.

The Fixed Charges for the current year amount to \$39,266.26. This amount includes \$21,000 for the schools in the first instance and the balance is used up in principle and interest in the general debentures account.

HEAVY ITEM OF INCREASE

The heaviest item of increase is for Maintenance of the Street Lighting Department which amounts to \$3,000. Ald. Kitchen, chairman of the Street Lighting Department submitted an estimate of \$10,000 for the maintenance of his department during the current year. Of that amount \$7,000 will be used for general upkeep of the department. The balance, \$3,000, will be to make repairs to the plant made necessary by lack of superintendence.

	1911	1912
Fixed Charges.....	\$37,169.00	\$39,266.26
Aid to Victoria Hospital.....	800.00	800.00
Public Health.....	600.00	1,200.00
Municipal Home.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
City Street Lighting.....	7,000.00	10,000.00
Fire Department.....	5,000.00	5,500.00
Roads, Streets and Bridges.....	4,000.00	4,500.00
Public Works.....	5,000.00	4,500.00
Administration of Justice.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Water Department.....	3,500.00	4,000.00
City Government and Contingencies.....	7,931.00	10,233.74
	\$78,000.00	\$87,000.00

INCREASED HEALTH EXPENDITURE

A communication from the Board of Health asked for \$1200 grant instead of \$600 on account of extra expenditure in this department. As the provincial act provides that every demand made by this board and shown in detail shall be paid, they were granted the sum of \$1,200 the amount asked for.

CONTINGENCIES

The contingencies estimates were increased about \$2,000. The most important item in this is the grant to the Board of Trade for publicity purposes, amounting to \$2,000. A vote of \$1,000 for the school purposes made last year but not assessed for is also included in this item. Other items show little change from the previous year.

LOWER FIGURE POSSIBLE

Ald. Calder, chairman of the Finance Committee stated this morning that it had been found impossible to keep the assessment lower than \$87,000, extra services and other demands upon the city's finances having been made and it having been found impossible not to meet them. The detailed assessment of this and last year are as follows:

EASTER VACATION.

The Easter vacation at the U.N.B. will begin on Thursday next, April 6th. Lectures will be resumed on the following Thursday, April 11th.

ASSAULT CASE SETTLED

An assault from Douglas which was to come before the local police court this morning was settled out of court. One drunk forfeited his deposit.

SPRING NOVELTIES

Winter has passed. The sun is high, spring is here! Our new stock has come before the Robins, and we are now showing all that is newest and prettiest in SPRING JEWELRY. Some delightful new BACK COMBS, SIDE COMBS, and BARRETTES, at very reasonable prices. Come—see them. You'll be surprised at the lowly prices.

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Long Evening Gloves in Kid and Silk, Silk and Silk Lisle Hose in Black and all shades, also Ready-to-wear Evening Costumes very stylish, Opera Cloaks, Dainty Undermuslins, &c.

NEW GOODS FOR EASTER WEAR

Stylish New Suits in all the new || Elegant Long Coats in wool, silk cloths and latest models || lace and voils, black & all shades

Dressy Waists, Dainty Neckwear, Fancy Belts, Handkerchiefs, Combs and Hair Ornaments, Bar Pins, Shopping Bags, Sunshades &c.

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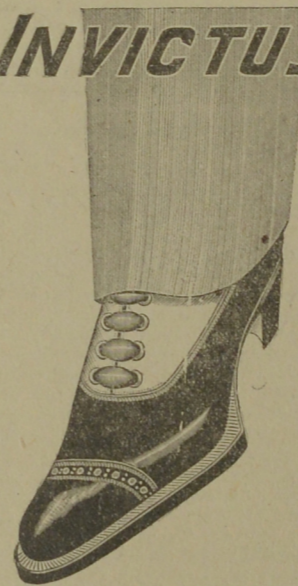
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C. H. Burt