

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER

Maritime — Fresh to strong northwest winds and colder. Sunday, northwest winds, fair and quite cold.

HERE FROM THE WEST

Mr. W. J. Southern, a former resident of this city now located in Regina, has been called here by the serious illness of his wife.

BUSINESS CHANGE

Jack Harris, who has managed the business of H. Harris, General Merchant, Boiestown for the last seven years has bought the business out entirely and will continue it as usual.

AGED LADY DIES

Mrs. Mary M. Abernathy, one of the oldest residents of the Nashwaak Valley, passed away Tuesday at Durham Bridge. She was aged ninety five years. The funeral took place today.

BANK CLERK TRANSFERS.

Mr. Percy Vradenburgh, for some time clerk in the local branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, has left that bank and will join the staff of the Bank of British North America in this city.

INDIANS MADE HAPPY

Seventy Indian families of King-clear, St. Mary's and Oromocto Reserves, this week received their annual Christmas gifts from Daniel Lenihan, executor of the Rev. J. C. McDéviat estate.

McLELLAN—PARKER

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Long's Hotel on Tuesday, 24th inst., when Mr. C. Heroert McLellan and Miss Mary A. Parker, both of Parker's Ridge were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald.

TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. George Currie of St. John are in the city spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Phillips, sister of Mrs. Currie. The latter on Christmas Day was taken ill and pneumonia is feared. She is somewhat improved today. Mr. Currie has returned to St. John.

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT.

Ex-Ald. Peter Duffie is out with the announcement that he is to be a candidate for aldermanic honors in Wellington Ward at the next civic election. Ex-Ald. Duffie recently returned to this city from Halifax. He stands for strict economy in civic administration.

QUIET WEDDING.

The United Baptist Parsonage at Gibson was the scene on Christmas Eve of a very pretty wedding, when Rev. W. H. Jenkins united in marriage Mr. Arthur Watts of Marysville, and Mrs. Alice Steel, formerly of Upton, Kings County. The happy young couple will spend their honeymoon at the bride's home.

BREWSTER—GOURLEY.

On Christmas afternoon Mr. Walter L. Brewer of Bright, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Myrtle E. Gourley, at the home of the bride's uncle, Douglas. Rev. W. H. Jenkins of Gibson, performed the ceremony before about fifty invited guests. The presents received were both numerous and valuable, showing in what high esteem the young couple are held by a large circle of friends. The honeymoon will be spent in Woodstock and on their return they will reside in Gibson.

ANOTHER CURE

Miles Emack Brooks, son of Solomon Brooks, the Indian policeman of the St. Mary's Reserve who is a seventh son and is claimed to be a the powers of healing through the laying on of hands, has another cure to his credit. The person cured is the daughter of Mr. Amos Pond of Marysville, who suffered from erysipelas to such an extent she could not walk. At the request of her relatives first fall the young Indian boy gave treatment and Miss Pond recently did her Christmas shopping in this city and it is claimed has been cured.

BANK RUMOR.

It is reported on very good authority that Ward C. Hazen, present accountant of the Bank of Montreal at St. John, has been appointed manager of the new branch of the Quebec Bank, which will be opened in St. John at the beginning of the year. Mr. Hazen is an old St. John boy but was away from that city for several years, amongst other places being accountant at St. John's, Nfld., and at Port Arthur, Ont. He is a brother of A. P. Hazen, now manager of the Bank of British North America, Montreal.

CHRISTMAS
OBSERVED IN
QUIET FASHION

Many Here to Spend Holiday—Public Institutions Observed Day in Fitting Manner—Absence of Snow Was Drawback

In spite of the absence of snow, there was a real Christmas in Fredericton and everybody enjoyed themselves. Merchants are pleased as the Christmas season is reported to be one of the best on record. Many people have been in the city and money is reported to be plentiful. Had there been snow, however, business probably would have been better. Many farmers not having their horses properly shod to negotiate the icy and slippery roads, were compelled to stay at home, unless able to make use of the railways.

QUIETLY OBSERVED.

Locally the observation of the day was very quiet. In several of the churches the regular Christmas services took place. At the Curling Rink the annual match, president vs. vice-president, was played morning and afternoon. Below the I.C.R. bridge the river was in good condition for skating and attracted large numbers of skaters throughout the day. The Arctic Rink opened last night with what probably was the largest Christmas night attendance in its history. At the Opera House the Boston Comedy Company, with Price Webber as head, played "The Female Detective" to a large audience.

AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

At the Municipal Home, through the kindness of the chairman of the Municipal Home Committee, Ald. Edward Moore, the nineteen inmates were given a first class Christmas dinner. Commissioner Niles and Mrs. Niles visited the institution during the day and observed the steps taken by Supt. McLennan for the entertainment of the inmates. The following donations were received: Mrs. Willard Kitchen, apples; Mrs. W. G. Clark, preserves; King's Daughters, candy and apples; Sunshine Boys, apples.

At the Victoria Public Hospital there was the usual provision for the Christmas entertainment of the patients. The hospital received the usual donations.

At the County Jail, Deputy Sheriff Timmins provided the county's guests with a special Christmas dinner.

At No. 3 Regimental Depot the soldiers observed Christmas in their usual style and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The barrack rooms were appropriately decorated and special Christmas fare was served.

PRESENTATIONS.

Among the Christmas presentations made were those to Mrs. C. Camp, wife of the proprietor of the York Hotel. The guests presented her with a kodak and the employees of the hotel also remembered her. At the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company's factory the staff of the stitching room presented Mr. Daniel Toomey with a handsome travelling bag and Mrs. S. Redding, forelady, with a signet-ring.

Miss Hazel Welch of Woodstock, is in the city.

ITALIANS REPLACE
BULGARIANS ON
RAILROAD WORK

Large Influx of Laborers From Italy Reported by St. John & Quebec Railway Contractors—To Lay Steel in April

An influx of Italians is reported by contractors on the St. John & Quebec Railway, large parties having been forwarded by agents as soon as they have come from Italy. These laborers will take the places of the Bulgarians who, during the autumn left in large numbers, having been called back to their native land by the summons to serve in the army against the Turks. The fact that the war between Italy and Turkey is over has released a large number of men from military service and they are returning to the United States and Canada to obtain employment.

WORK BEING PRESSED

Wherever possible work of construction on the St. John & Quebec Railway is being pressed. Four steam-shovels are at work between this city and Gagetown and an equal number are at work between this city and Woodstock. Above the latter town construction is also in progress. It has been found necessary during the winter in order to have construction sufficiently advanced in the spring.

TO LAY STEEL IN APRIL

The laying of steel it is expected will begin about the middle of April. With that end in view eight thousand tons of rails have been ordered. Of that amount 4,600 tons are to be delivered at Fredericton and track laying in both directions from the city will be begun as early as the weather will permit. Construction trains on the Hibbard Company's track west of this city probably will be running in May.

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