

## LOCAL NEWS

## STANDING OF VOTES.

The standing of votes in the Library Contest will be published exclusively in The Mail on Monday.

Don't miss the last opportunity to secure Ribbons, all widths at 7½c on sale this evening Saturday July 27 Peter Farrell & Co.

## HAVE GONE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bell of Cross Creek left Thursday evening on a trip to Western Canada. They will go as far as the coast and will be absent several months.

## UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES

The services of the United Baptist churches will be held tomorrow in the Brunswick Street Church. Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Strangers made welcome.

## CRAIG-PHIPPS

Mr. George W. Craig and Miss Grace E. Phipps, both of Fredericton, were married on the evening of the 26th inst. by Rev. Dr. MacDonald. They will make their home in this city.

## RAIN STOPPED CONCERT.

The rain which fell last night interfered with the open-air concert to be given at the West End band stand by the 1st Regt. Band. After two selections had been played the concert was stopped.

## HELD PICNIC YESTERDAY

The George Street Baptist Sunday School picnic was held yesterday afternoon and last evening at the Arctic Rink and proved very successful. The attendance was large and all present enjoyed themselves.

## ON A FISHING TRIP.

Mr. W. Proudfoot and son of New York, arrived here by the late train last night and left this morning by the I. C. R. for Cain's River on a fishing trip. Mr. W. H. Allen of Penikese, accompanied them as guide.

## PICNIC DOWN RIVER

Reserve Thursday, August 1st for the Brunswick Street Baptist Sunday School picnic. Steamers will leave the wharf for picnic grounds at 7.30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Everybody should take advantage of the half-holiday and go.

## LATE RICHARD DONNELLY

The funeral of the late Richard Donnelly took place this afternoon from his late residence St. John Street. Solemn service was conducted at St. Dunstan's Church by Rev. Father Carney and interment was made at the Hermitage.

## STAND IN DISREPAIR

Bandmen are complaining about the condition of the West End Band stand on Smythe Street. It said the flooring is rotten and dangerous. The stand was built some years ago and has decayed to a considerable extent. It needs immediate attention.

## BOSTON TOURISTS HERE.

A tourist party of ten, composed of Boston people, is registered at Windsor Hall. The members are Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Budd, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Court, Mr. and Mrs. C. Coldwell, Miss E. Widdell, Miss C. Coldwell, Miss G. Coldwell and Miss M. Court.

## FOR AN OUTING.

Mrs. Frederick McIntosh and her son, Mr. F. F. McIntosh of Glen Osborne, Pa., arrived in the city by boat yesterday and registered at the Queen. They left this morning by the early train for Three Island Camps at Magaguadavic Lake, where they will spend a week or ten days.

## NEW BOAT RUNS WELL.

Globe—Capt. Taylor's new steamer Ocoee, which made her first trip to Wickham on Thursday afternoon, fully came up to the expectations of her owners. Her machinery worked well and the boat made very good progress. On her return trip to Indiantown she brought a few passengers and a good sized freight.

## TUESDAY NIGHT'S FESTIVAL

Fine weather now seems assured for the festival in aid of the Fredericton Baseball Club to be held at Scully's Grove Tuesday night. The prizes which are on exhibition in the window of R. Chestnut & Sons are attracting much attention. There are to be two games here next week the Marathons playing here on Monday and Houlton on Thursday.

## ARRESTED FOR NON-SUPPORT

Acting on a telephone message from Chief of Police Clark of St. John yesterday morning Policemen Flinnemore and Chapman went to a gypsy camp on Maryland Road yesterday noon and arrested Tom Brady a well known character belonging to St. John. Detective arrived from St. John next train with the prisoner who is charged by his wife with non-support.

## CONSTRUCTION

## PLANT BEING SENT TO SWAN CREEK

Corbet & Sons, INC., To Press Work on Their Contract at That Place ---Change in Route at OromotCo Possible

## RESIDENTS STRONGLY FAVOR

## LINE NEARER ST. JOHN RIVER

James H. Corbett & Sons, Incorporated, contractors on the Fredericton-Gagetown section of the St. John and Quebec Railway are making preparations today to ship to Swan Creek a portion of their plant to be in readiness for the construction work on that portion of their contract. A steam-shovel and a large number of dump-cars are to be sent to Swan Creek in addition to a large crew of men. So far the contractors have had only a few laborers at Swan Creek. Their work at this end of their contract is also to be pressed as fast as possible.

## NEW ROUTE URGED

In the vicinity of OromotCo it is possible that a route nearer the river than that selected originally for the line of the St. John and Quebec Railway may be followed. Residents of the locality are strongly in favor of the river route. Two lines were surveyed west of the OromotCo River and one crossing about a mile and a half from its mouth and the other to cross at OromotCo Village. Contractors rather favor the route nearer the river and it is possible that a change will be made by the engineers.

## TWO COMMITTEES

## MET LAST NIGHT

Arrangements for Band Music during Celebration Completed--Entries for Water Sports

There were important committee meetings in connection with the Old Home celebration at the City Hall last evening.

The Band and Music Committee completed the arrangements and Secretary McDade is today meeting with the representatives of the bands and completing the final details. There will be music galore throughout the week, including both parades and concerts.

The Water Sports committee met last evening and further advanced the plans for this feature of the Old Home Week Celebration. The sports will take place on the afternoon of Friday, August 9th., to be followed with an illuminated boat parade on Friday evening. Both of these features are attracting much interest and already entries, including many from St. John, have been received.

The secretary has arranged with Hon. D. J. Purdy to conduct a special excursion from the Washademoak on Wednesday, August 7th., the day of the big firemen's muster. On every day during the celebration there will be special rates on all river steamers, while the OromotCo Band is conducting an excursion on Tuesday, August 6th. Everything points to the week being the biggest in the history of Fredericton and fine weather only is needed to ensure the banner success of the Old Home Week movement.

No inflated prices creep into our stock, we never sacrifice quality to gain a price point that is Williams St. Mary's plan.

## CONDITION IMPROVING

The condition of Fred Belyea is said to be improving considerably and hope for his recovery is held out.

## MOOSE IN CITY.

A cow-moose visited the West End this morning and spent some time in Wilmet Park and the grounds of Old Government House and the Victoria Public Hospital. She was finally driven away by a number of small boys.

## ARE YOU A MASON?

Rehearsal for this great farce comedy and the 4 big spectacular specialties between the acts are held nightly at the Opera House. Mr. Bird and the Fredericton amateurs promise you one of the greatest productions they have ever attempted. Old Home Week 3 nights only, August 7th 8th and 9th. One day next week Mr. Bird will entertain the entire company and chaparones with a big picnic up river. Supper will be served at 6.30 and then a rehearsal of play and specialties will be held in the woods.

## HERMIT AND YOUNG BOY ENGAGED IN SHOOTING AFFRAY

Edgar Stairs Aged Sixteen and P. Morgan Thornton Used Shot-gun and Rifle to Settle Difficulty at West Waterville, York County--Both were Wounded--Elder man Ended Trouble by Withdrawing--Thornton Reputed to be Man of Wealth Though Living in Woods

A shooting affray occurred on Tuesday last at West Waterville, Parish of Southampton, in this county, in which both the men taking part were hit but not seriously hurt. According to report those concerned in the shooting were P. Morgan Thornton, a wealthy recluse who lives in a camp on one of his farms and the other was Edgar Stairs, son of Judson Stairs, near whose home Thornton lives. The trouble came to an end when Thornton withdrew to his camp.

Report has it that Thornton got into a row with Stairs, who is aged about sixteen, and the latter began to throw stones at him. Thornton met the attack by throwing back at Stairs. But the boy, from long practice, could throw straighter than his antagonist and nearly every stone found its mark on Thornton's body. Finally one struck him fair on the forehead, and, although a very hardy man and one not easily hurt, he staggered and put his hand on a fence for support.

## GOT HIS SHOT GUN.

Then muttering that he would find something that would go straighter than a stone, he went to his camp and came back with a shot-gun in his hand and raising it, fired at the boy. The gun proved to be loaded with small bird shot, two of which took effect in the thick part of the boy's thigh as he turned to go into the house.

## STAIRS USED RIFLE.

Smarting and angered with the pain of the shot, he rushed into the house and got his father's rifle, which is always kept loaded and in its place over the door, for the Stairs live on the very edge of an unbroken forest. Seeing the rifle, Thornton partially turned and the boy took aim and fired.

The bullet cut Thornton's overalls on the left hip as clean as it could be done with a knife for a distance of six inches and just grazed the skin but did not draw blood. Thornton

then remarked in his drawl way that he "guessed the thing had gone far enough" and shouldering his gun went back to his camp.

## AN ODD CHARACTER

Thornton who is upwards of fifty years of age, is an odd character. Every dollar he has ever earned he has deposited in the bank for safe keeping or in mortgage, while he has denied himself the proper necessities of life in proper food and clothing. His savings are now variously estimated at from thirty to fifty thousand dollars. He can neither read nor write, a prominent Woodstock lawyer doing all his business for him. He has been in many "scrapes" as he calls them but this is his closest call.

"A little more and he'd have fixed me" chuckled Thornton in a store recently when telling about the fracas, which is causing much talk though no arrests have been made.

## LIVES UPON GAME

Thornton lives principally upon game and shoots whatever is handiest to him when he is hungry--be it moose, deer or rabbit. A year or so ago Chief Game Warden Dean was taken from St. John by Game Warden Schriver to "round up" Thornton for shooting a deer out of season. But the wily hermit was one too many for both Dean and Schriver and the St. John warden went home saying that "it was no use taking a long expensive trip for a chap like that and that 'he was as cute as a fox'."

Williams, St. Mary's is the cheapest place in York Co., to purchase.

## COL. FERRARI HERE

Col. Frances Ferrari of Ferrari's United Shows which are to be here during Old Home Week arrived in the city this morning. He is making advance arrangements today.

## Special Brass Goods Sale.

	FORMERLY	NOW
10 inch Brass Candlesticks	\$2.50 pr.	\$1.50 pr.
8 " " "	2.00 "	1.00 "
7 " " "	1.40 "	.90c "
6 " " "	1.20 "	.80c "
Large Taper Candlesticks	.95c "	.65c "
Small " " "	.85c "	.50c "
Pint Kettles, Brass	75cts each	Now 55cts each.
" " Copper	75cts "	" 55cts each.

Take advantage of these low prices for one week.  
SEE OUR DOWN TOWN WINDOW

SHUTE & COMPANY 566 QUEEN STREET  
A Reliable Place to buy

## Toilet Sets

Another shipment direct from the Potteries has just been received

## A LARGE ASSORTMENT

## 6 and 10 Piece Sets

Ask to see our 10 piece Toilet Set at \$2.00 net

## A WONDERFUL VALUE

## Colwell &amp; Jennings

The Home Furnishers.

## SATURDAY BARGAINS

AT

## EDGECOMBES' A Special Cash Sale

85c Damask Table Liren for 63 cents.

16c Linen Towells 2 for 25 cents.

12c Roller Towelling. Sale price 8 cents.

8c " " Sale price 5 cents.

Wide Hair Ribbons, all colors 15 cents.

Summer Corsets 50 cents.

MENS AND BOYS' CLOTHING 20 per cent. discount BOYS' WASH SUITS, marked away down. MEN'S, BOYS' and GIRLS' HATS less than cost. LADIES' SUITS, COATS, KIMONAS etc. ALL STYLISH GARMENTS less than cost. Big discount on LADIES' WASH SUITS and DRESSES. GIRLS' WASH DRESSES, 98c. DAINY WHITE LAWN WAISTS all prices, a special line at \$1.19. LADIES and GIRLS' HOSE, BOY'S STRONG STOCKINGS, ETC. Balance of White Wear at clearing prices.

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Don't miss this Sale The opportunity is yours.

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Montserrat Lime Juice, West India Lime Juice, Fruit Syrups, all flavors. Hines and Wilson's Root Beer Extract, Bulls Ginger Beer Extract.

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