

HALF-TON WEIGHT FROM CITY HALL CLOCK FELL

Big Smash at City Hall This Morning—Went Through Two Floors of Building—Bolt Gave Way.

There was a shake-up at City Hall this morning. Not among officials but in the building itself. The jar was caused by the half-ton cylinder of cast iron which does duty as the weight of the striking-gear of the City Hall clock. The weight broke from its moorings and went on a downward voyage of its own. It smashed through two floors. The second did not let the weight completely through, however, and it was found there resting on smashed flooring and a splintered beam.

At Early Hour

The smash occurred at about 7.30. Patrolman Fred McLean who was in the police station in the basement directly under the clock heard the noise and felt the tremendous jar in the structure of the building. People in the country market in Phoenix Square surrounding the City Hall also heard the crash. At first the cause could not be found but investigation on the lower part of the tower disclosed ample evidence.

Fell Thirty-Five Feet

As the clock had been wound lately it is believed that the weight fell some thirty-five feet. The floor immediately above the ceiling of the operating booth of the City Opera House was smashed through directly. The weight then leaned toward the west and struck the next floor on its side. That fact prevented the weight from going through it like the one above as it would have missed the floor-beam had it struck on end. The second floor is that which gives access to the gallery of the Opera House. The weight struck just west of the gallery entrance.

Examination of the weight disclosed that an iron bolt which closed a hook which supported the weight, had developed a weakness and had given way letting the full weight come on the hook which was straightened out, the weight finally falling off.

Repairs Begun at Once

Repairs were begun at once. Until they are completed the clock will not strike. It will not take long to put a new fastening on the weight.

The accident occurred at an hour when no person was in that part of the building. Had there been many there a panic probably would have resulted.

CITY AFFAIRS

Pirates Won Easily

At the Queen's Square diamond Friday evening the Pirates had no trouble defeating the Provincial Normal School team. The score was 16 to 1.

Sold Under Mortgage

The Lemuel Kitchen property in Kingsclear was sold under mortgage at noon today at the Post Office. E. H. Coy bid it in at three hundred dollars.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey True, of this city announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Doris to Harold Hastings Pickard, son of Mayor and Mrs. Harry H. Pickard of Devon. The marriage will take place at an early date.

Going to England.

Hon. J. W. de B. Farris K. C. formerly Attorney-General of British Columbia arrived at St. John yesterday on a visit to his brother, Dr. H. A. Farris, superintendent of St. John County Hospital. He is en route to England and will go via New York. He is a son of Hon. L. P. Farris of White's Cove.

Died Suddenly at St. Stephen

Miss Ida Wasson who was a member of the class graduated recently in nursing by Chipman Memorial Hospital, St. Stephen, died suddenly there Friday following an operation. The deceased was a niece of Mrs. R. B. Wallace of this city. Interment will be made at Hampstead the home of the deceased.

Successful Entertainment

On Thursday night under the auspices of the Burt's Corner Band a very successful entertainment was put on at Burt's Corner. After a dramatic performance, "Bashful Mr. Bobs", there was music by the band. It is probable that the entertainment will be presented shortly at Nashwaakasis.

FIRE HAZARD INCREASING WITH SOME REPORTS

King's Birthday is the Next Serious Period—Forests are Rapidly Losing Their Moisture.

The fire hazard in the forests of New Brunswick is increasing each day. Although the spring was late and the woods kept wet by rains which followed there are indications that the moisture is drying out rapidly and that conditions in regard to fire are becoming worse. At present fires do not run except in the afternoon. The highlands are the first to show the increased fire hazard as the swamps and lowlands still are wet. The King's Birthday with a long week-end will be the next period of danger.

Burning Dwelling Reported

The Department of Lands and Mines at about three o'clock Friday afternoon received a report from the Penniac lookout that there was a fire on MacLeod Hill, Douglas. Investigation showed that the fire had started at the farm of John S. Lint at that place and had spread to the woods. Mr. Lint was unfortunate in losing all his buildings including dwellings, barns and outbuildings. A crew from the mill of the Hawkins Lumber Co. at Nashwaakasis went to the scene and put out the fire in the woods.

Restigouche County Fire

A fire has been reported at Tobique Settlement, Restigouche County some miles south of Dalhousie. The fire was on granted lands but adjacent to Crown Lands and the locality is dangerous. The Richards Manufacturing Co. is fighting the fire.

Railway Fires

A fire was reported one and a half miles south-west of Minto on the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway. Sectionmen extinguished it.

Between Chipman and Pacific Junction a locomotive on the Transcontinental division of the C. N. R. started six fires in the grass. All were put out.

Died at St. Stephen.

Merton A. Dunphy of North Devon, who has been employed for the past year and a half with the St. Croix Courier of St. Stephen as a linotype operator, died Friday morning in Chipman Memorial Hospital from a complication of physical troubles mostly acquired overseas. He had followed his occupation until two weeks ago when failing health prevented and only a few days ago entered the hospital on the arrival of his brother. He was a faithful and willing worker and had come to be esteemed by many friends in St. Stephen. He saw service overseas with the 236th McLean Highlanders. Mr. Dunphy was fifty-eight years of age and unmarried and is survived by his aged mother and two brothers. The funeral will take place at one o'clock Monday afternoon from the home of Charles Dunphy, Devon, brother of the deceased.

Miss May Doohan of the C. P. R. Telegraph office will leave this evening for Montreal to spend a vacation.

LETTERS WRITTEN BY THE MURDERED BOY

Friend and Mother have Received Them—Employment to Begin Monday—Funeral on That Day.

A most pathetic feature of the murder of Chester Monahan of this city in Detroit, Mich., is the receipt of letters from the deceased evidently written Wednesday on the night of which he was shot his death occurring the day following. One letter was to his mother received this morning and the other was to Carl Crowley of this city a close friend.

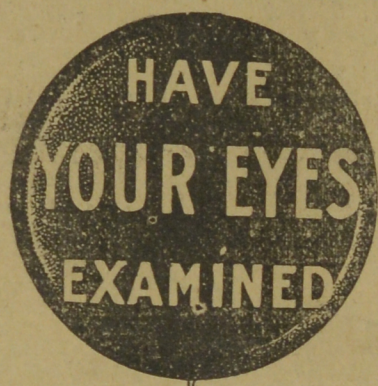
Had Secured Employment

The letters were cheerful in tone. The writer said that he was pleased with Detroit and had secured employment. He wrote that he expected to take his new employment on Monday. By the irony of fate that is the day on which his funeral will take place here.

Arrangements For Funeral

It was found impossible to make connections at Montreal in time for the body to be brought here today. Advice from T. V. Monahan the father who went to Montreal, are to the effect that the body will arrive here Sunday. Arrangements have been made for the funeral on Monday. The body will be taken to the residence of T. O. Monahan, 616 Campbell street, and the funeral will take place from there. High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church at nine o'clock Monday morning. Interment will be made at The Hermitage.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. J. C. Brown of St. Stephen, N. B., have arrived in Montreal and are spending a few days at the Mount Royal Hotel.



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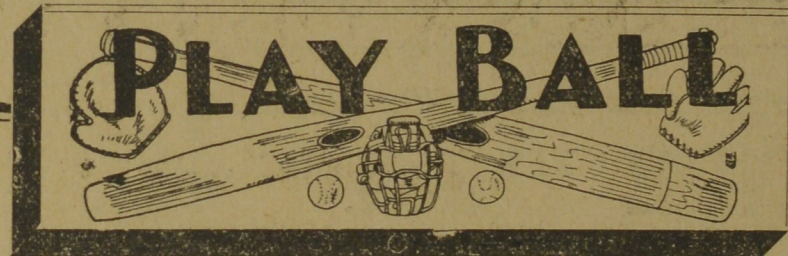
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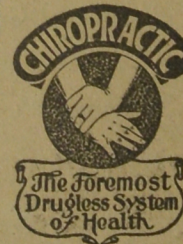
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