

## LOCAL NEWS

## Police Court.

One drunk appeared in the police court this morning and was fine \$15.

## Minto Man Wounded.

The casualty list contains the name of Pte. V. A. Morrell, infantryman, of Minto, wounded.

## Flour Up Again.

Flour, which recently had a decline of 90c. a barrel, has now advanced 30c. The retail price of the best brands is \$11 per barrel.

## At the Gaiety.

Today Jesse L. Lasky presents Marie Doro in a 5 reel feature, "Common Ground." Also a great railway picture by the General Film Co., Helen Gibson in "To Save the Special."

## Will Go South.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chestnut will leave early in January for Palm Beach, Florida, where they will occupy their bungalow for the remainder of the winter months.

## Stationed in Montreal.

It is reported that Lieut. Col. A. H. H. Powell will not be on the staff of the New Brunswick Military Command during this winter, but will be stationed at Montreal on the Valcartier Camp Staff.

## The Late Mrs. Walter Bishop.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Walter Bishop took place this afternoon from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Edward Wade, Marysville. Rev. Dr. Harrison conducted the service. Interment was made at Penniac.

## Will Exceed \$33,000.

The Education Office reports that contributions from the schools of the province to the Belgian Children's Relief Fund now total \$32,674.18. The contributions are now expected to exceed \$33,000.

## Masonic Election.

Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at its December meeting last night elected Mr. Harold B. Colwell, Worshipful Master, and Mr. Stewart L. Morrison treasurer. The installation of officers will take place on St. John's night, December 27th.

## The Late Mrs. Hannah Lindsay.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hannah T. Lindsay, wife of Mr. Theo. C. D. Lindsay, of New Maryland, took place yesterday afternoon. Service was conducted at the Anglican church, New Maryland. Interment was made at that place.

## Surveying Over North.

Chatham World: Mr. A. E. Hanson has finished his survey of the Point aux Car-Napan lands, and is surveying on the Tabusintac this week for the J. B. Snowball Co. and the Miramichi Lumber Co. He found the Davidson line a quarter of a mile too far back from the river at one point. Next week he will run a base line for the river lots between Newcastle and the Bartibogus.

## Sackville Lady Teller.

Sackville Post: The Bank of Nova Scotia in Sackville has given the female bank clerk a new status by placing Miss Muriel Taylor in the teller's box. For some time girl clerks have been employed in local banks in important positions, but as far as we know, Miss Taylor has the unique distinction of being the first lady teller in Sackville.

## The Late Mrs. Fletcher.

The remains of the late Mrs. Mary Fletcher were taken to Halifax by last evening's train, for burial. At 7.30 o'clock a short service was conducted at the house by Rev. J. S. Sutherland in presence of relatives and friends. Dr. C. R. Fletcher and Mr. L. C. Macnutt accompanied the body to Halifax, where interment took place this afternoon.

## Death at Keswick Ridge.

Stewart E. Jewett, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Jewett, of Keswick Ridge, passed away yesterday after a short illness from spinous meningitis, at the age of one year and sixteen days. The parents and one sister, Elodie, survive. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Mason will conduct the service. Interment will be at Macinac.

## Peanut Politics.

The great war now raging in Europe does not appear to cut much ice with the peanut politicians who control the patronage in York county. They are still playing the game for all it is worth. The latest case has to do with a section foreman on the Valley Railway who lives not a hundred miles from Fredericton. Recently, it seems, he committed the gross offence of conversing with a Liberal in a public place. Some Tory henchmen caught him in the act and reported the matter to an M. P. P. who looks after patronage matters. The M. P. P., instead of ignoring the complaint as a sensible man would have done, actually wrote to the official and warned him that he would get into trouble if he repeated the offence.

## MAJOR LAURIE MARRIED.

His Bride Was Miss Doris Breakey, of Quebec.

Major D. Allan Laurie, of the 236th Highland Battalion, was married last evening at Moncton to Miss Doris Breakey, of Breakeyville, Que. The bride is the daughter of Mr. B. Breakey, one of the largest lumber operators of Quebec, and a man of wealth.

Major Laurie and bride are expected to reach Fredericton tomorrow morning. The 236th is preparing to welcome them.

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Water

There is grave danger of damage to the hay stored in barns on islands in the St. John river above Fredericton. Farmers of Douglas and Kingsclear are very anxious on account of the condition of the river, which is rising over the islands. The lowest were practically covered this morning and the water was still rising. This is due to the jams of ice among the lower islands, which is causing the water to back up. Thousands of tons of island had are stored in the barns.

The river is not yet up to spring freshet height, but with continued mild weather or more rain the rise in water hay are stored in the barns.

Ice is Strong Here.

The ice in the river, although not thick and heavy, is strong, and with a strong rush of water behind is liable to do much damage. Spring ice is usually wasted by the sun, but the ice now in the river is firm. All the property of the St. John River Log Driving Co., which is moored along the shores of the river, has been made fast with extra lines to prevent it being carried away. No serious damage has been done yet. Opposite the city the ice settled down several times yesterday, but has not broken away. The river has not risen since yesterday at this point, but the water is now approaching freshet height.

LOCAL SOLDIERS  
REACH HALIFAX ON  
WAY FROM FRONT

A. Burtt Burden Returning to Join  
236th Highland Battalion--Private  
W. Crawford and Parker Mc-  
Conaghy in Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burden, of this city, last night received a telegram from their son, A. Burtt Burden, who arrived at Halifax yesterday with a number of other Canadian soldiers returning from the front. It is not known when he will arrive in Fredericton. He is not invalided home, but has been permitted to return to Canada to join the 236th MacLean Highlanders, now being raised here. He has seen long service in France with the 5th Battalion. After leaving France he was with the 32nd Reserve Battalion in England. He left Canada with the First Contingent, having enlisted at Regina with the first draft from the 95th Saskatchewan Rifles. His brother, Walter Burden, is a prisoner in Germany, having been captured while serving with the 13th Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada.

## Other Local Men.

Other local men who arrived at Halifax on the same transport are Private W. Crawford and Private Parker McConaghey, who have been invalided home. Private McConaghey left with the 26th Battalion.

## At the Gem.

Today six reels. No. 2 Episode of Liberty, "Riding with Death," a comedy, "Almost Guilty," featuring Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran; a two reel feature, "The Heart of the Show Girl," with Ella Hall; also the usual war weekly and other events.

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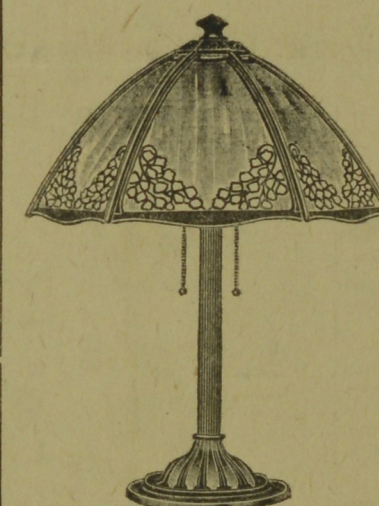
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