

LOCAL NEWS

At the Gaiety.

Today Daniel Frohman presents Denman Thompson's rural classic "The Old Homestead," 6 big reels. Famous Players feature.

A Sudden Change.

Although the weather was very mild yesterday, during the night the mercury took a sudden drop, registering six degrees below zero.

Returning Home.

Word has been received that Private Herbert Burden, son of Mr. Isaac Burden, 343 Queen street, is on his way home and will arrive here shortly. He was wounded while serving in France with Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Free Pews After Jan. 1.

Beginning with the new year, the pews of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will be free to all. The Brunswick Street Baptist Church was the first to adopt this progressive innovation, and now all of the churches of the city have fallen into line with the single exception of St. Dunstan's.

Health Conditions Good.

The Board of Health did not hold its regular monthly meeting last night, but probably will meet next week. No new diphtheria cases have been reported within a week, and existing cases are all under control. The general health of the city is reported to be good.

Returned to Syracuse.

Mr. J. K. Howard, of Syracuse, N. Y., who came to Fredericton as the representative of American La France Fire Engine Co. at the time of the shipment of the motor truck, returned home on Wednesday. The City Council is to consider the purchase of the truck at an early date. Its delivery has been accepted by the city.

Leather Prices Decline.

Further declines in the leather market give the dealers good reason to suspect that the market is temporarily broken. During the past two weeks hides have fallen off four cents a pound and calfskins selling last week for from 32 to 35 cents are now obtainable for 30 cents. Hides have declined from 22c. to 19c. per lb.

Vacant Offices.

The tragic death of Mr. Fred St. John Bliss, leaves vacant two important offices, secretary-treasurer of the Municipality of York, and Judge of Probate. The name of Mr. G. D. Richards, barrister, is mentioned in connection with the former, and it is not unlikely that Mr. R. B. Hanson, the present registrar of probate, will be promoted.

At the Gem.

Today the 5th episode of "Liberty"—"Love and War"—in two parts. "Brennan o' the Moor," a two reel feature with Grace Cunard and Francis Ford; also a great comedy, "The Bar Fly," with Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran, the screen favorites. An excellent week-end programme.

Clergyman Honored.

A rather unusual and happy incident took place at the close of the service in the Presbyterian church at Southampton on Sunday evening, when Wm. Munroe presented the pastor, Rev. Robert Dewar, with a \$20 bill. The money was collected by Misses Lois Morrison and Gertrude Munroe, and presented to the pastor as a parting token of esteem. He made an appropriate reply after which all joined in the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

Three More Recruits.

Three more recruits were enlisted at the local recruiting office yesterday afternoon and this morning, making a total of twelve for the week up to noon today. Waldo Henry Swan, 19, Harvey Station, and Thomas Bell, 24, Regina, Sask., enlisted for the 236th Highlanders. Hugh J. Flemming, 19, Woodstock, enlisted for the Army Medical Corps Depot at St. John. He is a son of Mr. J. K. Flemming, ex-Premier of New Brunswick.

Lumber Production.

New Brunswick lumber production for the calendar year 1915 amounted to \$25,518,000 feet, board measure, compared with \$14,803,000 in 1914. These figures were obtained from 240 active mills. In the production of spruce, balsam, fir, white pine, and many of the minor classes of lumber in New Brunswick, the returns show a considerable increase in 1915 over 1914. In the quantity of hemlock sawn there was a noticeable decrease, while in 1915 it composed only 2.4 per cent. The total value of 1915 production is given as \$9,902,202.

SEVIGNY MAY ENTER CABINET.

Speculation as to Who Will Succeed Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

Some speculation is already being indulged in as to the successor of the late Hon. Mr. Casgrain in the cabinet.

Presumably a man from Quebec will be selected and Hon. Albert Sevigny, Speaker of the House of Commons, is prominently mentioned. There is also some mention of Sir Rodolphe Forget.

If Mr. Sevigny goes to the cabinet, Deputy Speaker Rhodes will be the Speaker.

Perhaps President Wilson is just trying to make us understand that the Kaiser wants what he wants when he wants it.

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SCHOOL INSPECTORS HELD CONFERENCE HERE THURSDAY

All Present Except Inspector O'Blenes Who is Ill--Many Subjects of Interest Discussed by Inspectors.

The conference of School Inspectors and Principal of the Provincial Normal School with the Chief Superintendent of Education, took place here yesterday, three sessions being held. All the inspectors were present with the exception of Inspector Amos O'Blenes, of Moncton, who is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. R. P. Steeves, superintendent of elementary agricultural education, was present.

Dr. Carter, Chief Superintendent, reports that a very successful conference was held and many subjects of interest discussed. The result of the conference will be apparent later, it is expected. Each inspector discussed a topic. Among the matters dealt with were text books, teachers' training, courses of instruction, district difficulties. In addition, the inspectors presented reports upon the conditions of their several districts.

PERSONAL.

Sergt. T. Ross Flemington, of No. 8 Field Ambulance Corps, St. John, is in the city today.

Rev. J. W. Howe is among the visitors to the city today.

Capt. B. M. Hay, of Woodstock, is at the Brker House.

Mr. C. C. Clarke, of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. W. P. Downing, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. A. J. Landry, of Dorchester, is at the Queen.

INFORMANT IN CASE AGAINST WEILD HAS LEFT PROVINCE

Unexpected Development in Unsavory Matter--Man Accused Dismissed Charge Not Being Pressed In Police Court.

An unexpected development has occurred in the case of Robert Weild, an aged man charged with a serious offence against a young girl. The informant in the case, Mrs. Ward, the mother of the girl, has left the province and the other members of her family, including her daughter, have accompanied her. It is reported that they have gone to Houlton and intend to remain there.

The accused, who secured Mr. P. J. Hughes as counsel, has been in jail on a remand since the time of his arrest about a fortnight ago. Mrs. Ward and her family were living in St. Marys at that time. Recently they were called to Houlton on account of the death of Mrs. Ward's father.

Accused Let Go.

The accused appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this afternoon. No informant appearing to press the charge, the accused was let go and his bail was discharged by His Honor.

In the Postal Service.

Friends of Gunner John M. Barton, with the 58th Howitzer Battery, now overseas, will be pleased to know that he has received an appointment with the Canadian Postal Corps and is now stationed in the field post office camp. Whitley, with the rank of sergeant. Before proceeding to England, Gunner Barton was a mail clerk in St. John. His people live in Torryburn. He was stationed in Fredericton while the 58th Battery was here.

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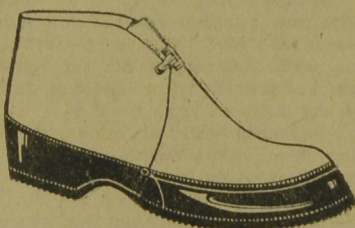
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