

LOCAL NEWS

Inspection on Friday.

Major General Benson is to inspect the 236th Highlanders here on Friday. He will arrive Thursday night.

The Weather Improves.

The cold weather which has held this city and vicinity in its grip during the past week, moderated considerably last night. The thermometer at the University registered 2 below zero.

Invalided Home.

Private G. Cowie, of Minto, who was with the 26th Battalion, arrived at St. John yesterday, having been invalided home.

Insurance Office Removed.

Mr. Thomas W. Rainsford has removed his office to his own building, 659 Queen street, where he is ready to deal with business connected with life, fire, accident and sickness insurance.

Removed to Sheffield.

Dr. P. T. Kierstead, who has been practising his profession at Woodstock for some years, has removed to Sheffield, where he has taken over the practice of the late Dr. G. R. Camp.

Draft for Overseas.

A draft of one officer and 50 men from the 9th Siege Battery left St. John last night under the command of Lieut. Price, of Moncton. This draft will go overseas shortly.

At the Gem.

Today William Fox presents William Farnum in "The Battle of Harts," a romantic drama of the sea. Mr. Farnum is supported by Miss Ella Furry and a powerful cast. A picture of love and adventure.

Complaints About Dog.

The bulldog mascot of the 236th Battalion is reported to be again attacking horses in the streets. The dog was allowed to exist merely on his good behavior, and unless his attacks on horses stop he will be destroyed.

Spent Leave in Scotland.

Private Frank Rickard, who left with the 104th Battalion, sent his mother, Mrs. Frank Dickson, of Barker's Point, a large number of souvenirs from Scotland, where he spent his Christmas leave.

Going Overseas Soon.

Lieut. J. Edward Hanning, of this city, son of Mrs. J. H. Bird, is to leave Ottawa shortly in command of an overseas draft from the Signalling Depot at Ottawa. The draft will comprise 79 of all ranks.

At the Gaiety.

Today Daniel Frohman presents Valentine Grant in "The Daughter of MacGregor." It is a typical story of Bonnie Scotland produced by the Famous Players. Extra, "Miss Billy Buttons," an up to date comedy. Gaiety's Concert Orchestra.

Social Events.

The Monday bridge club met this week at the home of Mrs. H. R. Babbitt, University Avenue. Mrs. Sterling was the prize winner. Mrs. W. G. Montgomery entertained at bridge on Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Sterling again carried off the prize.

Civic Election.

The civic elections which will take place on Monday, March 12th, have not caused much stir yet. The five aldermen who must vacate their seats this year are Messrs. Barker, Baxter, Walker, Shea and Reid. It is expected that all will offer for re-election.

Carleton Curlers Here.

Five rinks of Carleton curlers are playing here this afternoon and evening. Those who arrived this morning are at the Queen. They are Charles Driscoll, Harry Belyea, S. M. Wetmore, E. R. Taylor, G. K. Purdy, J. C. Nichols, G. Roxborough, H. J. Lingley and G. Irons.

C. G. R. Employees Dismissed.

Two well known employees of the Canadian Government Railways, making their headquarters at Fredericton, who have been in that employ for some years, were dismissed within the past few days. It is said their dismissal resulted from their being reported by a clergyman residing in this city.

Recent Recruits.

John Ryan, 27, Charleston, Mass., has enlisted here for the Army Medical Corps Depot at St. John. Charles McMillan, 44, Fredericton, who was rejected on the final medical examination by the 236th Highlanders, has re-enlisted for the Forestry Battalion. Charles Duplisea, of Gibson, has enlisted at St. John for the 257th Construction Battalion.

An Election Sign.

Hon. B. Frank Smith has invited the structural superintendents of the province to meet with him in this city on Tuesday next. As most of the superintendents are henchmen of the local government party, it would not be surprising if some matters not down on the programme should be up for discussion. The splash being made by the Minister of Public Works is a sure indication that an election is not far off.

Death at Tracy.

Mrs. Ethel H. Lord, wife of Mr. Cecil Lord, of Tracy, passed away Monday night after a lingering illness, aged 29 years. The deceased is survived by her husband, two daughters, Lillian and Louise, and one son, Charles. Mrs. John O'Leary and Mrs. Hugh O'Leary, of Rusticornish, are sisters. Mr. William Fletcher, of Fredericton, is father of the deceased. Four brothers also survive. They are Edward and David, of Fredericton, William, of Rusticornish, and John, of New Brunswick.

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BEFORE CITY COUNCIL
RE CITY CLERKSHIP

Nothing Decided Yet---Mr. E. Allison McKay Applies for Appointment--- Matter Will be Considered In February.

The first formal application for appointment to the office of City Clerk of Fredericton made vacant by the death of the late James W. McCready was presented to the City Council last night. It was from Mr. E. Allison McKay, barrister, of this city. Some time ago an application was received from Mr. E. C. Atkinson.

The appointment of a city clerk will be made at the February meeting of the City Council. A large number of applicants are expected to be known before that time. Several courses lie before the Council. The system of having as city clerk a barrister who also will attend to the city's legal business, can be adhered to. The office of city clerk can be amalgamated with that of city treasurer, or some other office, and a city solicitor retained to deal with legal business. A city clerk who is not a barrister can be appointed and a city solicitor retained.

Which course will be followed is not known.

It also is possible that the office of secretary of Board of Health, which which has been vacant for some time on account of the resignation of Mr. C. W. Beckwith, will be combined with the city clerkship.

The fact that the annual civic elections will take place six weeks from Monday next makes it necessary that a city clerk should be appointed as soon

ABRAHAM HATTY
NARROWLY ESCAPED
DROWNING TUESDAY

Went Through Ice Near Morrison's Mill Horse Was Drowned But Sled and Driver Were Saved.

Abraham Hatty, a Syrian resident of St. Marys, narrowly escaped death by drowning in the St. John river Tuesday afternoon. He was driving across the St. John river from the mouth of the Nashwaak to Morrison's Mill.

There is no marked road there, the driver picking his own way across.

Near the Fredericton shore his horse broke through the ice. Hatty tried to drive the animal through to stronger ice, but it broke beneath its feet.

There was no help available, and after a desperate struggle to free the animal, the owner was forced to let it drown. While making these efforts he went through the ice himself and had a narrow escape from drowning.

Attached to the animal was a heavy sled filled with goods which the owner was taking from his shop in St. Marys to peddle through the country. He succeeded in cutting the harness and backing the sled away from the hole. It is not known why the ice should be weak at that particular point.

Mr. T. J. Carter, M.P.P., of Andover, is in the city.

as possible, as that official has many duties to perform in advance of an election.

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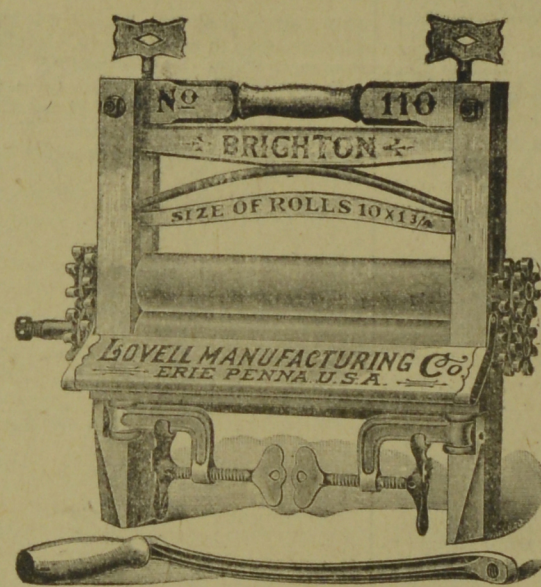
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