

## LOCAL NEWS

**Painting Highway Bridge**  
Mr. W. Bruce Dayton of Devon, has the contract for painting the Fredericton-Devon highway bridge. His crew started work on Monday. The structure was in great need of painting.

**Motored from Chatham.**  
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Heckbert, Harry Heckbert, Lina Heckbert and F. Heckbert of Chatham, motored from Chatham last night, registering at the Queen Hotel. The still are in the city.

**Provincial Boy Scout Conference.**  
The Provincial Boy Scout Executive will meet in the City Council chamber tonight for the transaction of important business.

**Reported by Police.**  
The police report finding one door open last night, also one bicycle without an owner. A bicycle which was found by the police some days ago still awaits an owner. It is at the police station.

**Chatham Motorists**  
A motoring party composed of Mrs. G. E. Fisher, Miss Alice Fisher, Miss Lillian Fisher and Mr. G. E. Martin of Chatham, arrived in the city last night and registered at the Barker House. They returned to Chatham this morning.

**Five Enlisted Yesterday.**  
Five recruits were enlisted here yesterday for the 236th Highlanders. They came from the United States. The names are H. D. Smith, Robert V. Cargill, Charles Ross, E. J. Murchie and Elmer I. Darling.

**Thirty Days in Jail.**  
A young man of the city was arrested at an early hour this morning on the charge of drunkenness. He was sentenced to thirty days in jail by Police Magistrate Limerick this morning. The accused completed a two months' sentence only a short time ago.

**Moonlight Excursion.**  
The moonlight excursion held by the Fredericton Brass Band last night on the steamer May Queen was well attended in spite of the threatening weather. Music was furnished by the band and those in attendance enjoyed a pleasant sail.

**Command for Col. McKee**  
Lieut. Col. S. H. McKee, Medicals, assumes temporary command at West-cliff Hospital, replacing Col. J. D. Courtenay, who is on leave in Canada. Col. McKee is a Fredericton man. He had been located in Montreal for some years prior to the outbreak of the war. He was awarded the D. S. O. some time ago.

**Beans Are Rusting.**  
Reports from various sections are to the effect that the bean crop is seriously affected by rust. Gardens about the city are suffering in the same way. Market gardeners in Sheffield and Margerville have shipped large quantities of tomatoes and cucumbers to the St. John market.

**The Races at Moncton.**  
The harness meet scheduled for the Moncton Speedway today and tomorrow will take place according to advices received over the long distance telephone this morning by Mr. T. V. Monahan, secretary of the New Brunswick Short Ship Circuit. No rain had fallen there this morning. Mr. Monahan will go to Moncton tonight to attend Saturday's races. His mare will start tomorrow.

**On Vacation**  
St. John Telegraph: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Keenan, from Fredericton accompanied by Miss Anna Poirier from the North Shore, arrived in the city on the May Queen Wednesday. Mr. Keenan, who is a conductor on the I. C. R. is having his vacation, and with his wife, will spend it visiting relatives, and friends in the city. Miss Poirier is on her way to Digby and Halifax where she will spend the balance of the holidays.

**Prosecution for Fighting.**  
Several arrests are to be made as the result of a disgraceful row which took place on the steamer May Queen during last night's moonlight excursion. Information was sworn out this morning and papers issued. Some of those who took part in the trouble, which consisted of a series of fights, were severely hurt, and it is fortunate that serious bodily harm was not done. As it was some of the combatants needed attention on the steamer on account of injuries.

**On New St. John Bridge**  
The Provincial Department of Public Works is engaged in strengthening the embankment on the southeast side of the Douglas avenue approach to the new bridge at the Falls, St. John. A retaining wall is being built to support the bank which will be considerably widened. This was necessary owing to the fact that slide occurred after the bridge was finished and the sidewalk sagged somewhat.

**Capt. A. S. Donald Wounded.**  
Capt. A. S. Donald, reported in the casualty list as wounded, was attached to the 36th Field Battery, C.E.F. in this city for some time in the spring of 1916. He formerly belonged to Moncton, where he was an officer of the 19th Field Battery. Capt. Donald went overseas with an ammunition column draft. He is well known in the province as an athlete and as a civil engineer, having been engaged in the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway.

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A chase for a horse thief which began at Woodstock terminated at Fairville last night, the thief being arrested there by Policeman Stinson on instructions telephoned from Fredericton by Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne. This morning the man who had stolen the horse was taken back to Woodstock by Sheriff Albion R. Foster. The horse and buggy will be sent back by freight. The prisoner gave his name as Harry Carter of Halifax and said that he was a book agent.

**Stole Horse Monday.**  
On Monday morning last Carter hired a bay mare and Bangor buggy from Mr. J. W. Gallagher, livery stable keeper of Woodstock, to drive six miles out of town. He paid for the horse at the time. He did not come back on Monday and on Tuesday Mr. Gallagher began to look around and notified Sheriff Foster. The latter telephoned Houlton and other towns without getting any trace of the man wanted but on Wednesday learned that the horse and buggy had passed through Hawshaw on their way toward Fredericton. Efforts to locate the thief failed, however, and yesterday Mr. Gallagher, Sheriff Foster and Deputy Sheriff Mooers left Woodstock by motor in pursuit. At French Village they learned that the man had passed through.

**Was in Devon.**  
In the meantime Sheriff Hawthorne in this city had been notified of the theft and had learned that the man wanted had spent Monday night at the Riverside Hotel, Devon, and that the horse had been stabled at Mr. P. S. Watson's stable in the same town. The man had got away, however, before Sheriff Hawthorne was notified that he was wanted and there was no

HAY CROP IS  
DAMAGED BY  
HEAVY RAIN

The Downpour Yesterday Afternoon and Last Night  
Found Much Hay Cut  
in Fields.

Considerable damage has been done in the hay fields in this section of the province by heavy rain which set in yesterday afternoon and which continued intermittently during the night and today. Much hay had been cured and stored safely but in many cases farmers had the bulk of their crops in the fields, cut but not stored. Scarcity of labour has made the situation bad in this vicinity.

The rainfall since yesterday afternoon has been an inch and a fraction.

**Picnickers Caught by Rain.**  
Two picnics, St. Paul's Presbyterian and the Methodist, were held yesterday afternoon, and the rain which set in during the afternoon caused much inconvenience to the picnickers.

Sheriff Albion Foster and Mr. J. W. Gallagher of Woodstock, were registered at the Barker House last night.

other trace of him in this section.

**Trapped at Fairville.**  
The telephone was again called in to action and last night word was received from Fairville that the man was there and had attempted to sell the horse and buggy at Reed's livery stable where they then were. The arrangement was made by Sheriff Hawthorne that Carter was to return to the stable at eight o'clock last night to get \$125 for the animal and carriage. He fell into the trap and was arrested. Sheriffs Hawthorne and Foster went to Fairville by rail last night and got their man, Mr. Gallagher and Deputy Sheriff Mooers returning to Woodstock.

**Admitted Guilt.**  
Carter admitted stealing the horse and carriage. He appeared to be about twenty years of age. When arrested he had only seventy-five cents in his pocket.

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