

LOCAL NEWS

Born.

At St. John, N. B., on January 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Smith, of Fredericton, a daughter.

At the Gem.

Today William Fox presents "From the Valley of the Missing" the greatest drama of the age, with an all star cast, 1,000 people and a \$100,000 production. This is a wonderful picture.

Enlisted for 257th.

Geo. H. Goodine, 36, Fredericton, enlisted yesterday for the 257th Railway Construction Battalion. He left for St. John this morning to join the New Brunswick company of that unit.

Snowshoeing Party.

The members of the choir of Christ Church Cathedral had an enjoyable snowshoe tramp last evening. They were afterwards hospitably entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Taylor, Brunswick street.

Property Purchase.

Mr. Charles Rossborough has purchased from ex-Warden Scott his fine farm at The Barony. The lumber lands on the property are not included in the purchase.

Cold Weather Again.

The high temperature of yesterday was followed by a drop. Last night the lowest temperature recorded was 4 below zero.

At the Gaiety.

Today the Famous Players presents Louise Huff in a five reel feature, "The Reward of Patience." Also second jungle comedy with Napoleon the Great and Sally his mate, in "His Uncle's Little Ones." Six reels today.

Late George D. Fletcher.

The funeral of the late George D. Fletcher took place this afternoon from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Jos. Fletcher, of Marysville. Rev. Dr. Harrison conducted the service and interment was made at the Methodist cemetery.

Pay Day for Highlanders.

Today was pay day for the 236th Highlanders. Between \$7,000 and \$8,000 was paid out by Capt. J. P. McPeake, the paymaster. Major H. H. McLean is expected to return from St. John tonight. In his absence Major H. A. Laurie is in command of the battalion.

North Shore Rumor.

Chatham World: The word by wire from Fredericton is that Mr. R. A. Lawlor has been offered the portfolio of land and mines in the local government and that the House will be dissolved at once and an election held within four weeks. Mr. Lawlor, when spoken to on the subject by our reporter, did not deny the truth of the report, and it is probably correct.

Returned From Halifax.

The bayonet fighting class of the 236th Battalion, which was taking a course at Halifax, returned this morning. Corp. Ronald Robinson in charge. It is understood that all members of the class received certificates. A physical training class is to leave for Halifax in a few days and men of the 236th also are to be sent to Toronto for advanced courses in bayonet fighting, physical training and musketry.

More Politicians Here.

Messrs. Parker Glasier and George Perley, M.P.'s for Sunbury, arrived in the city today to investigate election matters. Mr. Perley is in poor health and is not overly keen for a midwinter campaign. Mr. Glasier is said to be anxious to find out why he did not land a Senatorship. Other politicians here include Dr. Morehouse, of Keswick, and Mr. G. W. Ganong, ex-M.P., of Charlotte. It is said that a caucus will be held this evening.

Probate Matters.

The will of the late Mrs. Mary Jane Knowles was admitted to probate before Judge Hanson yesterday. The estate is valued at \$200 personal, and Mr. M. A. Edgcombe is executor. Gregory and Winslow, proctors.

In the matter of the estate of the late Mr. George R. Smith, the accounts of the executor, Mr. A. A. Sterling, were finally passed this week. The property valued at \$2,800 has been distributed among relatives. Mr. J. B. Dickson is proctor.

PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR.

The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association this morning devoted the session to the question of seed. The seed fair was held in the gymnasium of the Provincial Normal School. The first hour of the session was devoted to inspection of the Seed Fair, and the awarding of prizes.

At ten o'clock O. C. Hicks, of the Provincial Agricultural Department, read a paper on "Clover and Timothy Seed Production." S. J. Moore, Maritime representative of the Dominion Seed Branch, followed with a paper on "Lessons to be Learned from Seed Wars and Standing Field Crop Competitions."

"Soil Preparation" is the theme for this afternoon's meeting and tonight there is to be a patriotic meeting in the City Hall.

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A MIDWINTER ELECTION NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

The Provincial Legislature May be Dissolved This Week--Politicians Now in the City and More Are on the Way Here.

Will the Local Legislature be dissolved and an election held before a session? is a question which is being much discussed in political circles here just now. The matter is at present receiving the serious attention of the government, and it is expected a decision will be reached either this evening or tomorrow. Lieutenant Governor Wood is in the city in connection with the matter. Hon. J. A. Murray, who expects to be Premier before many days, is also here, and Attorney General Baxter is due to arrive from St. John this evening. Leseser lights of the party on hand for the shake-down are Mr. Harry Woods, government organizer, Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P. for York, Mr. Titus J. Carter, M. P. for Victoria, who aspires to a forecable berth, and Mr. D. A. Stewart, M. P. for Restigouche, who has similar aspirations.

The serious illness of Premier Geo. J. Clarke has caused something of a hitch in the plans, but it is rather significant that so far practically no arrangements have been made for the session. Hon. Mr. Baxter stated a fortnight ago that the House would meet on March 8th, but so far there has been no proclamation summoning the members to meet on that date.

A report current about the city is that when Premier Clarke retires he will be succeeded by Mr. R. A. Lawlor, K. C., of Chatham as Minister of Lands

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FRASER MEMORIAL EXPECTED NEXT MONTH

Fredericton, St. John and Montreal Contractors Figuring on Work-- Site Formerly Occupied by "Auld Kirk"

The contract for the construction of the church building donated to St. Paul's Presbyterian congregation by the late Donald Fraser as a memorial to himself, is to be awarded early in February, according to announcement made today. Representatives of prominent contracting firms in Montreal and St. John are in the city looking over the plans for the proposed edifice preparatory to submitting tenders. Fredericton contractors also are considering submitting tenders.

In all six contractors or contracting firms are preparing to tender for the work, two belonging to Fredericton, two to St. John, and two to Montreal.

The intention is to have the work of construction begin as soon as the weather will permit in the spring. The site of the building is to be that occupied formerly by the Auld Kirk, and it will immediately adjoin the present church edifice.

PERSONAL.

Lieut. Governor Wood is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. S. A. Moore, of Truro, N. S., government seed inspector, is a guest at the Barker House.

and Mines, and by Hon. Mr. Murray as Premier. The administration thus re-organized will at once appeal to the country. A midwinter election is, therefore, more than a possibility.

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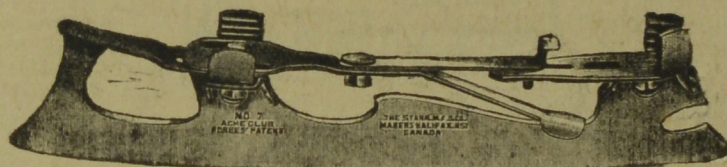
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