

## LOCAL NEWS

## Improving Slowly.

Mr. D. H. Crowley who fell seven weeks ago Sunday and broke one of the bones of an ankle is improving very slowly.

## Changed Head Office.

The Martindale Lumber Company has changed its head office from Martindale in the parish of Lancaster, St. John county, to the city of St. John.

## Siege Battery Depot Taking Recruits.

The 9th Siege Battery Depot, now stationed in St. John, is ready to enlist one hundred recruits. Capt. H. F. Bennett, who is well known in Fredericton, is acting officer commanding.

## Alarm of Fire Last Night.

The fire department was called out last night at about eight o'clock for a burning chimney at the residence of Mr. Frank G. Foster, Charlotte street. There was no damage.

## Rejoins 9th Siege Battery.

Gunner James B. Adams who had been at his home in this city on sick leave for some time, went to St. John this morning to rejoin his unit, the 9th Siege Battery.

## Last Day for Water Rates.

Monday next, December 31st, is the last day for the payment of water rates under discount, in the city. The office of the city treasurer is ready to receive payments.

## Late J. Norman Hallett.

The funeral of the late J. Norman Hallett took place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. J. Walter McFarlane of Naskwaaksis. Interment was made in St. John's churchyard, Naskwaaksis. Rev. Paul Maxwell conducted the service.

## Twenty-two Below.

There was another drop in the temperature last night, the zero weather of the middle of the month being repeated. The city pumping station reports that the thermometer there registered twenty-two degrees below zero.

## Cold Weather Delays Trains.

The zero weather last night and today resulted in all trains being delayed. The train from the west on the C. P. R. was two hours behind time. The express from Newcastle on the C. G. R. was an hour and a half behind and the express from Centreville on the St. John & Quebec Railway, half an hour late.

## Inter-denominational Courtesies.

Halifax Herald: A pleasant inter-denominational act took place Sunday when the Anglican congregation of St. Matthias worshipped in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon, when Rev. Mr. Perry conducted the service and preached the sermon. St. Matthias will hold its Christmas services in St. Andrew's church, Holy Communion at eight o'clock and at eleven.

## Valley Railway Inquiry.

Hearing in the arbitration between Mr. A. R. Gould of Presque Isle and the Province of New Brunswick in the matter of the contract for the construction of the St. John & Quebec Railway, was resumed at St. John this morning before His Honor Judge McKeown, the arbitrator. Hon. F. B. Carvell, who represented the province at the beginning of the case will complete it.

## Hartland Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

The Hartland Manufacturing Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under provincial statute with head office at Hartland and capital stock of \$24,000. It is empowered to carry on a general manufacturing and trading business and to generate and sell electric current in the village of Hartland. Those incorporated are Heber H. Hatfield, Roy W. Cameron, Arthur W. Kyle of Hartland and Frederick G. Scott of Montreal, Que.

## Late Mrs. Hannah B. Simmons.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hannah B. Simmons took place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. S. Dow Simmons, son of the deceased, in Devon, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. A. D. McLeod, pastor of the Devon Methodist church. The pall bearers were four sons of the deceased, C. J. B. Simmons of Fredericton, S. Dow Simmons of Devon, Thomas J. Simmons of Ottawa and Bruce Simmons of North Bay, Ont. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery in this city.

## Rev. J. C. Berrie Honored.

St. John Times, Wednesday: Congratulations are extended to Rev. John C. Berrie, who yesterday celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. A number of the men of Centenary church remembered him yesterday with a kindly gift. At the union service in the same church yesterday the pastor, Rev. Mr. Goodwin, paid a tribute to Mr. Berrie, saying that he was not only willing, but able to serve and to give himself to the work for the welfare of others. (Rev. Mr. Berrie formerly was pastor of the Marysville Methodist church.)

## In Turkish Hands

A cable message received on Sunday by Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, of the Bank of Montreal, confirms the report that Sir Frederick's son, Lieut. Travers Williams-Taylor, is a prisoner in Turkey. Information to this effect reached Montreal about a week ago through private channels, but the continued absence of any official report tended to revive anxiety as to the fate of the young officer. The official report comes some forty-eight days after the engagement in Mesopotamia when Lieut. Williams-Taylor was last seen. He was then wounded and pinned under his horse, after a charge by the 13th Hussars with which he was serving. Sir Frederick was in Fredericton a few years ago at the U. N. B. encocnia.

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## VOCATIONAL CLASSES WILL BE RESUMED

20 Lesson Course for Evening Classes to Begin Middle of January—High School Time-Table.

The December meeting of the School Board was held yesterday when considerable business was wiped off the slate. Dr. VanWart presided and among the other members in attendance were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Weddall, Dr. Crockett, Mr. Lemont and Mr. Shute.

In his report the secretary was able to show that the closing exercises in all the schools passed off very satisfactorily and the attendance of visitors was large. In addition to the general cleaning and repairs undertaken at this season of the year a new floor is being laid in the High School, Charlotte Street School.

Several letters were read from Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather of St. John, having reference to the closing of the contract of the enlarged Charlotte Street school, of which he was the architect, as well as other matters bearing upon the work. The present building is certainly a credit to the far sightedness of the trustees, to the modern ideas of the architect, and to the workmanship of the contractors. Mr. R. A. Corbett of St. John, was the contractor of the building and Messrs. R. Chestnut & Sons of this city, performed the heating and plumbing work.

## Want Changes at High School.

At this meeting reports of committees and discussion thereon entered largely into the business of the session. High school matters proved to be a live theme, and there is a strong feeling at the Board to have a more elastic time table so that those students who are not looking to the uni-

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## FIRST PENALTY IN COUNTY UNDER PROHIBITION

Fine of \$200 or Six Months in Jail—Judgment in Another Case Will be Given January 2nd.

A conviction of violating the Intoxicating Liquors Act, 1916, was made yesterday by Police Magistrate Limerick against the Springhill Hotel. The penalty imposed was \$200 fine or six months in jail. This was for the sale of liquor. A charge of selling beer without a license also was heard. Judgment will be given January 2nd. The foregoing is the first conviction of violation of the prohibitory act in York county.

## Other Cases.

Two other cases of similar nature were before the court yesterday. That against Pine Grove Hotel, Naskwaaksis, was postponed on account of the illness of the proprietor, Mr. J. J. F. Winslow making application. That against Hayes' Hotel, Devon, was adjourned to permit of the calling of another witness for the defense. Both cases will be heard on January 2nd.

## Reception to Hon. Mr. Carvell.

The reception to Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, to be tendered him by the citizens of St. John will take place tonight in the Elks' Club from 8.30 to 11. It is not by invitation and many from points outside of St. John will be present. Several from Fredericton will be in attendance, having left here this morning.

## Death at Waasis.

Mrs. Hannah L. Grass passed away at her home last night after a lingering illness, aged 87 years. She is survived by a family of three sons, John A. and Gordon of Butte, Montana, and Charles of Waasis, and one daughter Mrs. George N. Nason of McAdam.

Capt. B. M. Hay of St. John, is at the Queen.

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