

## LOCAL NEWS

## Chimney Afire.

A burning chimney at the residence of Prof. E. A. Aldrich shortly after six o'clock last evening gave the firemen a run. There was little damage.

## Attended Automobile Show.

Mr. James Robinson, of Miramichi, arrived in the city last night from New York, where he had been attending the Automobile show.

## Lieut. Col. D'Aigle in City.

Lieut. Col. L. C. D'Aigle, officer commanding the 165th Battalion, now in St. John, arrived in the city yesterday. He returned to St. John last night.

## New Corps Authorized.

Recruiting is authorized in New Brunswick for a railway construction corps and a company of a forestry battalion.

## At the Gaiety.

Today a five reel Metro feature, "The Stronger Love," with Vivian Martin and an all star cast. Helen Gibson in a great railroad picture. The Gaiety concert orchestra.

## Week-end Market.

There was only a small market this morning, the extreme weather probably being responsible for it. Butter sold at 40c. lb., eggs at 35c. doz., beef at 9 and 11 cents lb., pork at 14 and 15 cents lb., and chickens at \$1.25 pair.

## At the Gem.

Today six big reels. "Liberty" seventh episode, "Liberty's Sacrifice," 2 parts. "The Conspiracy," a railroad romance. This is also a 2 part feature. A comedy, "A Wife for a Ransom." Also the usual British War Weekly.

## Solved the Problem.

A popular bank man who lives in the lower part of the city has solved the problem of making hens lay in cold weather. He has a flock of 22, mostly pullets, and gathers from ten to twelve eggs a day. As fresh eggs are worth 5 cents apiece, he considers his flock of hens a good paying proposition.

## Pleasant Party.

Miss Violet Wilson was the hostess at a most enjoyable party at her home on King Street last evening. About thirty young people were present and whiled away the time very pleasantly with games and other amusements. After refreshments were served the gathering broke up.

## Coldest of Winter.

The temperature last night was the lowest of the winter. At the meteorological station at the U. N. B. the temperature was 20 degrees below zero. At the Pumping Station the temperature was 22 degrees below. Elsewhere in the city temperature as low as 24 degrees below was registered.

## Pulpit Exchanges.

The usual pulpit exchange which follows the week of prayer will take place tomorrow. The pulpits of the Evangelical churches will be occupied as follows: Methodist Church, Rev. W. J. Hurrow; Brunswick Street Baptist, Rev. D. W. Roberts; St. Paul's Presbyterian, Rev. J. E. Wilson; George Street Baptist, Rev. H. C. Archer; Reformed Baptist, Rev. Thos. Marshall.

## Will Arrive Tomorrow.

The 115th Battalion Band, which is to join the 236th Battalion, thus giving the local unit one of the best brass bands ever raised in this province, will arrive in St. John from England on Sunday. Capt. E. A. Sturdee, of the 236th Battalion, will go to St. John to meet the bandmen, who will all be given seven days leave upon their arrival at St. John, and will thus not report here until Jan. 21st or 22nd.

## Put One Over on Teacher.

Harland Observer: Nine-year-old twins of a Harland banker "put one over" on their teacher a few days ago when one of them, for not knowing his lesson, was to be kept in after school until he should have learned it. The other twin knew his lesson thoroughly and volunteered to offer himself a hostage for his brother, since the boys very closely resembled each other. A very few minutes of close application and the boy announced to his surprised teacher that he had already learned the lesson, was permitted to recite and go home. But he considered the story too good to keep.

## Death at Waasis.

Mrs. Anna Isabel Deware, wife of Mr. Edmund Deware, of Waasis, passed away yesterday at her home after a lengthy illness. She was aged 55 years and is survived by her husband, three sons and one daughter. The children are Ott, Roy, Walter and Miss Carrie, at home. The funeral will take place at one o'clock Sunday afternoon. The service will be conducted at Oromocto by Rev. Robinson Belyea. Interment will be made at the Court House burying ground.

## Making Inspections.

Brigadier General Hugh H. McLean, accompanied by Capt. A. D. Corelli, staff officer, arrived here last night and registered at the Queen. Today General McLean conducted an inspection of the 236th Highland Battalion. Lieut. Col. A. H. Anderson, Canadian Ordnance Corps, is also here from St. John making an inspection of stores. This morning General McLean inspected a muster parade of the 236th in the drill hall, Carleton street, having each soldier before him. He expressed satisfaction with the general physique of the men enlisted. Major General Benson is expected to inspect the unit next week.

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## SCHOOL QUESTION AGITATES PEOPLE OF MIDDLE HAINESVILLE

Secretary Billings Refuses to Give up Records Claiming Successor Not Properly Elected--Matter Argued Before Judge Wilson

In Middle Hainesville, Parish of Bright, the people have a school question on their hands which is now being ventilated in the courts.

It appears that one George Billings, who had served as secretary of the board of school trustees for several years, was relieved of his duties in July last and a Mr. Brown appointed as his successor. A Mr. Lindsay was chairman of the school meeting and as he directed some strong criticism at the board it was suggested that he had better take a place on the board, and he was accordingly unanimously elected without further ceremony.

The new secretary was then appointed and was given instructions to call upon his predecessor in office and demand the books and records, together with what cash there was on hand.

Mr. Billings refused to give up the records as requested, and the matter was appealed to Inspector R. D. Hanson. The latter advised Mr. Billings to surrender the papers, but the advice was not acted upon.

Mr. Billings takes the ground that the new trustee was not properly elected, consequently the secretary's appointment was not made in accordance with the law.

The new secretary, through Slipp & Hanson, applied to Judge Wilson for an order calling upon Mr. Billings to show cause why he should not hand over the documents and records to his successor. The order was made re-

## LIEUT. N. W. CASS IN HOSPITAL WITH DILATION OF HEART

Cablegram States His Condition is Not Serious--As U. N. B. Student Enlisted Here With 24th Field Battery.

Mr. Percy W. Cass, of this city, received a cablegram from England last night containing the information that his son, Lieut. Norman W. Cass, had been admitted to No. 8 base hospital at Rouen, France, suffering from dilation of the heart. The cable stated that his condition was not serious. Mr. Egbert Cass, brother of the injured officer, cabled last night for further particulars.

Lieut. Cass was an undergraduate at the University of New Brunswick when the war began. When field artillery units were raised in Fredericton in the winter of 1914-15 he enlisted in the 24th field battery. He was promoted to sergeant and left with the battery for England early in 1915. He took courses of instruction in England and for about a year was an instructor for the Canadian Field Artillery. Later he took a commission in the Imperial Army and was assigned to a battery of the Royal Field Artillery.

Mrs. Montgomery Campbell and her daughter have taken Mrs. Balloch's house on Waterloo row and are now occupying it.

turnable in chambers yesterday, and is being contested. A number of witnesses were examined and an adjournment made until Thursday next.

Slipp & Hanson appeared in support of the order, and Mr. Gregory T. Feehey appeared for Mr. Billings.

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