

## LOCAL NEWS

## At the Gem.

Today, "The Climbers," in 5 reels, featuring Gladys Hanson and George Soule Spencer. It's a Lubin, and a good one.

## Appointed to Committee.

Ald. Lemont has been appointed representative of the City of Fredericton on the Legislation Committee of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities.

## Bridal Reception.

Mrs. G. Percy Rigby held her bridal reception on New Year's Day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Robinson, of Marysville. A large number of friends from the city and Marysville called to pay their respects.

## Funeral of Capt. R. K. Shives.

The funeral of Capt. Robt. Kilgour Shives, R. F. C., was held at the chapel in Perth Hill Cemetery, St. John this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Canon Neales conducted the service.

## Bill is Held Up.

The bill of Mr. R. B. Hanson, city solicitor, has been held up until the Chief of Police can appear before the Police Commission and vouch for the items. The bill chiefly concerns Canada Temperance Act cases.

## School Bond Issue.

Dr. G. C. Vanwart, chairman of the Fredericton School Board, appeared before the City Council last night and asked that provision be made for the issue of bonds to the value of \$20,000 to meet the cost of building an addition to the Charlotte Street School.

## Could Not Remember.

An Indian appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning on the charge of drunkenness. He stated that all he had to drink was hop beer, and refused to admit that he purchased liquor. He was remanded to jail for eight days to refresh his memory.

## Coal Price Too High.

Coal is so scarce that the kind from Minto is all the city can buy at present. Complaint is being made that six dollars per ton is being charged for it. It is probable that this year the Minto Coal Co. will be asked to submit a tender for the city coal supply.

## Grant for Poultry Show.

The York and Sunbury Poultry and Pet Stock Association has been voted a grant of \$50 as assistance in the holding of its annual show in this city. The Association wanted a grant of \$75, and a delegation composed of Messrs. Geo. W. Brown and John N. Ferguson appeared before the City Council and asked for that amount. Last year the association was allowed to hold its show in the basement of the City Hall, but owing to the disagreeable odor this privilege has been withdrawn.

## Codification of By-laws.

Mr. George Bidlake has offered to perform the codification of the city by-laws for the amount of \$300. He states that the work will occupy three months time. The codification is to be made in relation to the city charter, granted in 1859. Since that time 104 by-laws have been passed. Some have been said to be beyond the powers of the City Council to pass. The Administration of Justice Committee has been given power to act in this matter.

## Has Accepted the Call.

Rev. G. C. Warren, of Bridgetown, N. S., has accepted the unanimous call to the pastorate of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, recently extended to him. On Sunday at the service in the church a telegram was read from Rev. Mr. Warren stating that he had the call under consideration. A letter which has since come to hand stated that he has accepted the call. He will enter upon his duties about March 1st. Rev. Mr. Warren preached at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church a few weeks ago and made an excellent impression.

## Reported Killed.

A report that Mr. Cornelius Bodkin, a former resident of this city, had been killed in action has been in circulation for some days. Mr. Bodkin was at one time proprietor of the King Street dairy, and removed to Winnipeg about ten years ago. He is reported to have gone to the front with a western battalion. He has a brother, Mr. John J. Bodkin, in the Imperial service, and a sister, Miss Bodkin, is at present in Ireland. Mr. Bodkin came to New Brunswick from Ireland about twenty years ago.

## Many Applicants.

The tragic death of the late Mr. Fred St. John Bliss makes vacant the office of Judge of Probate. The salary attached to the office is \$700 per year, and the duties are not exacting. It is likely that the position will be filled by the promotion of Mr. R. B. Hanson, the present registrar, in which case the registrarship would of course become vacant. The salary attached to the latter position is \$500 per year. Among the names mentioned in connection with the vacant offices are Messrs. H. G. Fenety, James T. Sharkey, Chas. B. Richards and Gregory Feeney.

## In New Year Honors.

Among the New Year honors are three of interest to people of Fredericton, the Distinguished Service Order having been conferred upon Lieut. Col. A. G. Mackenzie, of Campbellton; on Major Thomas E. Powers, of St. John, and on Major Eric MacDonald, of St. John. Lieut. Col. Mackenzie and Major Powers are graduates of the University of New Brunswick. Major MacDonald is a son of Rev. J. H. MacDonald, formerly pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church in this city, and now chaplain to the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

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## CITY'S APPORTIONMENT OF PATRIOTIC FUND WILL BE \$22,000

Deficit of \$4,560 Also to be Made Up--Total Smaller Than Expected  
---Government Will Hear Objections Tonight.

The city of Fredericton is required to raise the sum of \$22,000 in 1917 as its share of the Patriotic Fund in the present year. In addition to this amount a deficit of 1916 amounting to \$4,561.06 is to be provided for by the city during the present year. This will make a total of \$26,560. This is smaller than was expected, as it was announced previously that the amount would be perhaps \$40,000. The reduction is an agreeable surprise to citizens of Fredericton.

It is reported that in apportioning the amounts, the Central Patriotic Committee for the province took into consideration the valuation in the various cities, towns and counties. It is reported that the amount required of the County of York is in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

The provincial government is to be in session tonight for the purpose of hearing objections on the part of the various municipal bodies in regard to the amounts apportioned to the several municipalities.

Ald. J. M. Lemont is to represent Fredericton, but it is not likely that there will be a protest against the amount assigned to the city.

Delegations from other municipalities are expected to appear before the government in this connection. Mr. George Gilbert, of Bathurst, and Mr. J.

## FRANK McLAGGAN OF COVERED BRIDGE KILLED IN ACTION

Was Sergeant in Ontario Battalion-- Enlisted in British Columbia With 54th Battalion--Previously Had Escaped Injury.

Sergt. Frank McLaggan, whose home was at Covered Bridge, has been killed in action in France. The deceased was 32 years of age and had been in the trenches for six months. He went to British Columbia eight years ago and at the time of his enlistment was surveying for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Rocky Mountains. He enlisted in the 54th Battalion and was promoted to the rank of corporal. After the arrival of the battalion in England he went to France with a draft, joining an Ontario battalion as a private. Later he was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

A letter written under the date of Dec. 10th stated that Sergt. McLaggan had gone through his experience in the trenches without receiving a scratch although all members of his company with the exception of one man and himself had been either injured or killed.

Two nephews of the deceased, Arthur Fraser and Loran Kenneth, are serving in France, and a brother-in-law, Harry Kenneth, also is there.

Mr. Kenneth McLaggan of St. Marys is a brother of the deceased, and Mrs. G. Howard Young, and Miss Annie McLaggan, of this city, are sisters.

C. Hartley, of Woodstock, will appear. A large delegation is expected from St. John.

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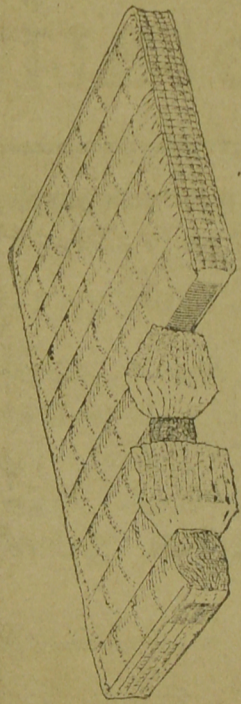
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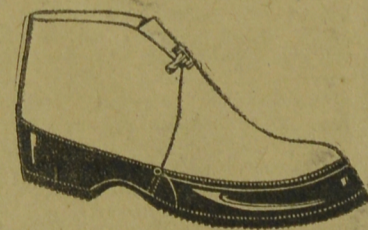
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