

LOCAL NEWS

Anniversary of St. John Fire.
Today is the fortieth anniversary of the great St. John fire of 1877.

Drop in Flour.
Bread flour dropped 40 cents per barrel today and it is now selling for \$14.50 per barrel.

At the Gem Today
A Bluebird photodrama, "The Honor of Mary Blake," with the fascinating screen star Violet Mersereau and an unusually strong cast of favorites.

Grocers to Close.
The grocers who have not been closing their shops at 6 p. m., will close on Tuesday and Thursday nights during the summer months.

Reported at Halifax.
Lieut. A. R. Babbitt of this city, who was invalided home after serving in France with the Canadian Engineers, has reported for duty at Halifax.

New Structural Superintendents.
The following provincial appointments are gazetted today: Queens county, Thomas A. Baird, Chipman, to be structural superintendent in place of William Howe of Petersville.

Police News.
There was a clean sheet in the police court today. The police warn storekeepers to be sure their store doors are locked for two were found open last night.

Has Relatives Here.
Lieut. J. Carl Murchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Murchie of Edmundston, who is reported wounded, is a nephew of Mrs. T. C. Burpee of this city.

Twenty Four Years Ago.
Twenty four years ago today the village of Gibson was almost wiped out by fire. The fire broke out in the afternoon in the westerly end of the village and burned to the Methodist church.

At the Gaiety Today.
Double bill, a Lasky production with Mae Murray in "On Record" also a great side splitting comedy, "The Butcher Boy," a Paramount feature. Gaiety star orchestra. Three shows daily—10 and 15 cents

Still Alarm Tuesday.
The fire department was called out at 5.30 last evening for a small fire in the top story of Mr. J. H. Hawthorne's residence on Brunswick street. The motor truck made a quick response. Hand extinguishers put out the blaze which did little damage.

Almost Lost Horse.
Mr. Elmer E. Humes, local truckman, narrowly escaped losing his horse at the city dump on the Flats this morning. The animal sank to its back in water and mud. The recent rise in the water evidently has undermined the dump. Mr. Humes believes that teamsters should have some protection.

In Convalescent Home.
Friends in this city have received word from Private J. Roy Horncastle of this city, stating that he was in the Canadian Convalescent Home, Bearwood, Berks, England, recovering from the effects of being blown up by a shell in the attack on Vimy Ridge. He states that his condition is improving.

Late Joseph D. McCarthy.
The funeral of the late Joseph D. McCarthy took place this afternoon from the residence of his mother, Mrs. B. E. McCarthy, 449 King street, and was largely attended. Solemn service was conducted St. Dunstan's church by Rev. Father Carney and interment was made at the Hermitage.

Nearing the End.
Members of the Legislature on both sides are hopeful that prorogation will take place on Friday evening or Saturday morning of this week. Many items of supply have been disposed of but there are still some important bills to be read and it is likely that beginning tomorrow morning sessions will be held.

Changes in Police Force.
Police Sergt. William Hughes has been granted a month's leave of absence including his holidays as he has not been in the best of health lately. Policeman N. Jones has been appointed in his place and ex-Policeman G. A. Murray has been sworn in as a special policeman in Acting Sergt. Jones' place. These changes went into effect today.

Jones-Cairns, Ltd.
George E. Jones and Edward H. Cairns of St. John, Fred S. Williams of Moncton, and Muriel E. Baird of St. John, have been incorporated under the name of Jones-Cairns, Limited with total capital stock of \$15,000 and head office at St. John. The company is empowered to take over the business of Jones and Cairns and conduct a general business as importers and merchants.

Mid Week Market.
At the market this morning the following prices prevailed: Butter, 35c per pound; eggs, 35c per dozen; veal, 10c per pound; rhubarb, 3c per pound; potatoes, \$5 per barrel. There was only a few barrels of potatoes in the market this morning and \$6 per barrel was asked for them but no obtained. The farmers seem still to be hanging back expecting potatoes to go up again, but there will be no rise again this summer with potatoes selling for \$3 in Andover and Edmundston.

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SUICIDE IS SUPPORTED BY NEW EVIDENCE

Mrs. Mary Thomas and Frank Morey Arrested in Marvin Thomas Case—Examination Today.

The preliminary examination of Mrs. Mary Thomas, widow of the late Marvin Thomas, and Frank Morey, suspected of foul play in connection with the death of Mrs. Thomas' husband on the night of May 12th, began this morning before Magistrate John Murphy of Blissville at Fredericton Junction. Mrs. Thomas and Morey were arrested yesterday morning at their home near Fredericton Junction on instructions issued by the Attorney-General's department.

The proceedings against this man and woman have been taken as the result of the verdict brought in by a coroner's jury on June 9th, which was to the effect that Marvin Thomas had come to his death by foul play, suspicion pointing to his widow and Morey who had been on terms of close intimacy according to common report.

Although public opinion at Fredericton Junction was strongly against Mrs. Thomas and Morey and although circumstantial evidence also was against them recent developments have brought out evidence which goes to support the statement of the widow that her husband set fire to the house in which he and his family lived and then committed suicide, his body being burned to the trunk in the flames. The preliminary examination will clear up all the circumstances of the tragedy, it is expected.

Fire Chiefs' Meeting.

The fire chiefs of the Maritime Provinces will hold their annual meeting at Truro, N. S., on June 26. Chief Rutter intends to be present.

MILITARY RULES HOLD UP LOCAL RACING STABLES

Cannot Take Men of Military Age Across Border Into Maine for Aroostook Races.

Fredericton harness-racing stables, which had intended to take part in the racing in Aroostook County, Maine, where a circuit of tracks was formed some time ago, have been held up by the regulations which prevent men of military age from leaving Canada. Although none of the tracks of the Aroostook County circuit is more than a few miles from the border the regulations cannot be altered according to the information given out by the authorities.

The great difficulty confronting those managing the stables which were intended to race in Aroostook County is the securing of stable hands. Boys and men beyond the military age are the only material which the authorities will permit to go into the United States. One well known owner of horses on inquiring at Ottawa if his stable-hands could not be allowed to cross the border received a negative reply and also the information that he himself could not go either, being of military age.

The horsemen affected are Tommy Raymond, W. Bert Lint and William Sharon of this city and Pat Doherty of Sydney, N. S., who has trained his horses here. Negotiations still are on with Ottawa.

In Hospital at Dover.

Pte. Frank J. Gallagher, reported recently as wounded, was reported today as admitted to the Military Hospital, Dover, England, on June 13th, seriously ill.

Boom Bill Passed.

Mr. Burchill's bill consolidating the acts relating to the Southwest Boom Company, was passed in the Legislature yesterday with some amendments.

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