

LOCAL NEWS

Band Tonight.

There will be a band at the skating rink tonight. The ice is in good condition for skating.

Recruits for Highlanders.

Harry M. Love, 19, Dumfries, and W. H. Chamberlain, 18, Prince William, enlisted here this morning for the 236th Battalion.

The Vernal Equinox.

The vernal equinox occurs today, March 21st. It is the official beginning of spring, but the new season has been ushered in with a snowstorm.

At the Gaiety Today.

Jesse L. Lasky presents Cleo Ridgley and Wallace Reid in "The Yellow Pawn," also a Christie Comedy, "The Gay Deceiver." Gaiety's concert orchestra in latest musical hits.

Marysville Mayoralty.

It is reported that Lieut. Col. W. H. Gray will be a candidate for the mayoralty of Marysville. Col. Gray was Mayor of Marysville for two terms a few years ago.

Now in France.

Major Morris Fisher, of St. John, officer commanding the 2nd Battery, is now in France with his unit. Lieut. Vickery, of Yarmouth, is with the same battery. Both officers were with the 55th Howitzer Battery in this city.

Taking Signalling Course.

Privates D. A. Chisholm, T. G. Bantyne, R. C. Carruthers, C. Pease, C. F. Howard and S. S. Hutt, of the 236th Highland Battalion, have gone to Halifax to take a course in signalling.

Slight Fire Tuesday.

The firemen were called by a still alarm for a fire on the roof of the dwelling on Brunswick street owned by Mrs. Albert C. Smith. The damage was slight, the fire being put out by a chemical hand extinguisher.

Made Adjutant.

The London, Eng., Gazette, early in March announced the appointment of Lieut. T. E. Ryder, of St. John, to be Adjutant. Lieut. Ryder has been a good deal of service at the front. He was stationed in Fredericton with the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column.

Second Performance.

The entertainment so successfully carried out at the Methodist vestry last evening is to be repeated Thursday for the benefit of the Children's Aid Society. The admission is 25 cts. It is a humorous sketch, in costume, called "Afternoon Tea in Friendly Village, 1862."

Returning to Canada.

Major Cuthbert Donald, formerly junior major of the 55th New Brunswick Battalion, is returning to Canada. The fact that Major Donald is returning was learned through a private cablegram received in the city yesterday. He is a native of Upper Blackville and is well known throughout the province.

Improper Use of Gold Braid.

Attention has been drawn to the fact that some officers, N. C. O.'s and men are making an improper use of gold braid, indicating that they have been returned from overseas on account of illness. The gold braid is to be worn only by officers, N. C. O.'s and men whose names appear in the casualty list as wounded.

J. D. MacNutt Promoted.

J. D. MacNutt, chief train despatcher at Truro, has been appointed inspector of trains and train despatcher at Moncton. It was Mr. MacNutt's failure to secure promotion a short time ago that led to the "resignation" of Mr. John Stanfield, M. P., and of Mr. Frank Stanfield, M. P. P. It now looks as if there has been some kind of a compromise.

How the Game is Played.

It is reported that a young professional man residing in one of the southern counties of the province, some time ago offered himself for overseas service. Not feeling that his offer deprived him of any of his rights as a citizen, he subsequently took an active part in the late election on the Opposition side. Since the election he has been notified from headquarters that his services will not be required.

Carried Arms Without Permit.

An aged resident of Lower Hainesville was brought to the city yesterday by Constable Charles Barker, having been arrested on the information of a game warden on the charge of carrying firearms in the woods in close game season, without special permission. He was brought before Police Magistrate Limerick and was admitted to bail. His case will be heard next week.

Smuggled Auto Tires.

An attempt to smuggle automobile tires into St. John concealed in packages of fish has been discovered by customs officials, and the tires have been seized and are now held by the officials. It is said that the shipments were made by way of Back Bay, in the neighborhood of St. George, by a resident of St. John. A special officer of the department is now in the vicinity of St. George conducting a thorough investigation.

Enjoyable Social Event.

The informal dance given at the Old Government House last night by the sergeant major, staff sergeants and sergeants of the 236th Battalion was one of the most enjoyable social events of the winter. Upwards of two hundred guests were present. Music was furnished by an orchestra from the 236th Battalion band. Pipe music for special dances was furnished by Pipe Corporal Stewart. Refreshments were served at midnight. All officers of the battalion were present.

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SLACK BIDDING AT SALE OF RESTIGOUCHE ANGLING PRIVILEGES

Increase in Upset Price Considered
Excessive---Four Leases Sold Out
Of Ten---Sale Postponed Until
This Afternoon

The sale of angling rights in front of ungranted Crown lands in the province of New Brunswick, on the Restigouche river, during the next five years, took place at the Crown Land Office at noon today. Ten leases were offered, but only four small ones were sold. No bidders could be secured for the other six and Hon. A. R. Slipp, Minister of Lands and Mines, declared the sale postponed until 4 o'clock this afternoon. It is expected that in the meantime an effort will be made to reach an agreement with former lessees.

Upset Prices Too High.
The cause of slackness in bidding is the heavy increase in the upset price of the more valuable leases which was made by the Department of Lands and Mines. In the case of the two most valuable leases the increase was \$1,000 in each. The total increase in upset price was \$5,300 for the ten leases, which were last put up for sale March 20th, 1912.

Four Leases Sold.
The leases sold this morning were as follows:
No. 3---Rafting Ground Reserve, sold to J. S. Ehrich, of New York, for \$500. Upset price \$200. Upset price in 1912, \$100.
No. 4---From the mouth of Upsalquitch river to Toad Brook, sold to H. R. Hoyt, of Campbellton, at upset price of \$1,000. Upset price in 1912 \$700.
No. 8---From Red Bank Pool up to
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MURRAY GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO MEET HERE TOMORROW

Politicians Gathering for Meeting---
Resignation Now Thought Likely
To be Handed in by Premier
Murray.

The Murray Government is expected to meet here tomorrow. The usual gathering of politicians is taking place and efforts will be made to have some promises made good at the eleventh hour.

The defeated administration has clung to office as long as it can, but it is thought that the resignation demanded by the people of the province will be tendered to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor by Premier Murray at the close of the meeting. It will be four weeks on Saturday since the government was defeated. Financial business of importance has pressed upon the defeated administration since then.

Adjuncts of Executive.
Among the adjuncts of the government who are in the city are Mr. Max D. Cormier, of Edmundston, whose effort to save his deposit in Madawaska by protesting certain polls failed; Mr. J. L. White, defeated candidate in Victoria; R. M. E. R. Teed, of Woodstock, treasurer of the Flemming boodle fund and ambassador extraordinary from the ex-premier; Mr. W. S. Sutton, M. P. P., of Woodstock, right bower of Hon. B. F. Smith, and others are expected tomorrow.

At the Gem Today.
"The War of the Tongs," a Red Feather feature photoplay, presenting the famous Imperial Chinese players; a full Chinese cast in a five reel thriller.

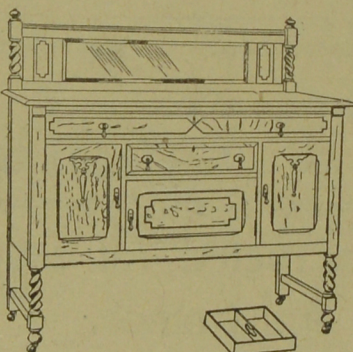
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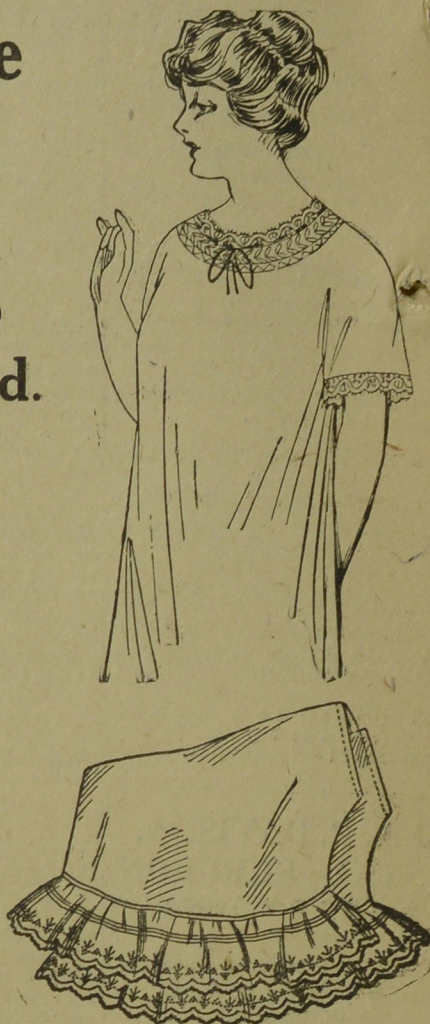
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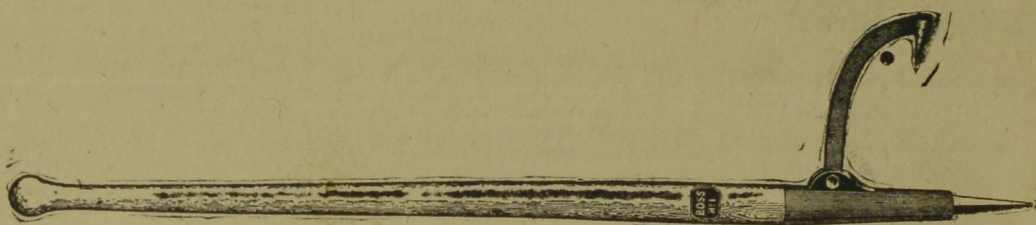
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