

LOCAL NEWS

At the Gem.

Today, William Fox presents Virginia Pearce in "Blazing Love," a six-reel photo-drama of heart interest—all scenes.

Transferred to Siege Battery.

Sergeant L. R. G. Bonnell, company quartermaster sergeant of D company, 25th Highlanders, has obtained his transfer to the 9th Siege Battery.

Government Meeting.

The members of the Local Government are still in the city and held a meeting this morning. It was stated that morning that the Legislature is likely to meet on Feb. 22nd.

At the Gaiety.

Today Jesse L. Lasky presents Sessan Hayakawa in a five reel photoplay, "Honorable Friend." Also Pathe News—latest events from everywhere. The Society's concert orchestra.

Proposed Traffic By-Law.

The proposed by-law to regulate traffic in the streets of Fredericton has been prepared in printed form and distributed among the members of the City Council preparatory to consideration and enactment.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Robert Pickard, of The Barony, wishes to thank her many friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindnesses during the sickness and after the death of her daughter, Miss Fannie Pickard.

The Coldest Yet.

Last night was the coldest experience of here this season. Early in the evening the weather was very mild, but during the night the thermometer dropped to 14 degrees below zero. There was scarcely a breath of wind during the night.

Late William F. Fowler.

The funeral of the late William F. Fowler took place this afternoon from his late residence, Regent street, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Thos. Marshall. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

Circuit Court.

The Circuit Court resumed its session this morning. Mr. Justice Barry presiding. In the case of Shortill vs. Williams, Mr. P. J. Hughes appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. A. R. Slipp, K. C. for the defendant. The suit concerns land on the Nashwaakasis river. Mr. A. E. Hanson, land surveyor, was the only witness on the stand this morning.

Presentation to Officer.

The staff of the quartermaster's department of the 25th Highland Battalion yesterday presented Capt. J. D. Black, the quartermaster, with a pair of military brushes in a case. The brushes are of solid white French ivory and bear Capt. Black's initials in blue enamel. Company Q. M. Sergeant Bonnell made the presentation.

Sunday School Convention.

The annual convention of the City Sunday school workers will be held this evening (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock, in the vestry of the Methodist church. Rev. H. C. Archer, president of the Provincial Association, and Rev. W. A. Hiss, field secretary, will be the leaders in carrying out the programme. Come and bring others.

Policeman's Bill Held Up.

A bill of \$10 from Policeman G. A. Murray to the city for horse hire and expenses during a trip to Bear Island to serve a subpoena in a Scott Act case, has been held up. Ald. McLellan took exception to it because the policeman was charging for the use of his own horse and also because the bill did not come before the Council in the regular way.

Death at Kingsclear.

Mrs. Mary G. Miller, wife of Mr. Vincent Miller, died at her home at Kingsclear on Tuesday after a lingering illness. She was 33 years of age and is survived by a husband, three daughters and two sons. She is also survived by her mother and five sisters, Mrs. J. Jas. Shira, Mrs. James Barrie, Mrs. George Hulan and Mrs. Christal Shousbach, of Boston, and Mrs. Walter Brewer. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning with High Mass at St. Anne's Church by Rev. Fr. O'Keefe.

Met a Tragic Death.

Mr. Allan W. Bray, of Hopewell Hill, Judge of Probate and clerk of the peace for Albert county, died suddenly in the Waverley Hotel at Albert on Wednesday from the effects of a dose of poison which he is supposed to have swallowed in mistake for medicine. He was eating his supper at the hotel, and leaving the table, went to the kitchen sink, where he swallowed the dose. He expired almost immediately. Coroner Murray will hold an inquest. The deceased was 57 years of age and had practiced his profession at Hillsboro, Waverley and Hopewell. In politics he was a strong Conservative.

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LITTLE CHANGE EXPECTED IN PATRIOTIC FUND APPOINTMENTS

Sliding Scale of Assessment to be Abandoned—Large Delegation Before Provincial Executive Last Night.

The delegations which waited upon the Provincial Government last night to offer objections concerning the apportionment of the contributions to the Patriotic Fund in 1917, took up considerable time, and it was approaching midnight when the session closed.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, the Attorney General, informed the delegates that the proposed scheme of a sliding scale for assessment had been abandoned.

The objections made were practically all upon the same ground, that an excessive burden was thrown upon the particular municipality which objected.

Mr. G. W. Gilbert, of Bathurst, protested particularly with regard to Gloucester county, on which the apportionment had been more than doubled.

Mr. R. B. Hanson appeared as counsel for Sunbury county, the entire Municipal Council of which was present, and protested against the increase in the apportionment of that county.

No Change Expected.

It is not expected that the representations made to the Provincial Executive last night will result in any material change in the amounts apportioned to the various municipalities. His Honor the Lieut. Governor is not in the city and instructions to the various municipal officials with regard to the raising of the money will not be issued until he arrives.

Among the delegates present were (Continued on page 5.)

CITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

Ald. Reid's Statement for Year 1916 Shows Overdraft Decreased by \$2,000 and Cash on Hand Increased.

Ald. J. A. Reid, chairman of the Financial Committee of the City Council, presented the financial statement for the year 1916 to the Council last night. The statement shows that the financial position of the city has improved during the past twelve months considerably. The overdraft at the Bank of Nova Scotia on Dec. 31st last was \$27,755.36. On the same date in 1915 the overdraft was \$29,892.29. During the year the overdraft had been reduced by \$2,106.83. Cash on hand to the credit of the city amounted to \$3,117.62 on Dec. 31st, 1916, while that on hand a year before was \$1,214.07. The increase in cash on hand during the year was \$1,903.55.

Total receipts for the year were shown to be \$233,193.29, and expenditures for the same period were \$229,182.81. The balance of receipts over expenditures was \$4,010.48.

Of the various departments, that with the largest expenditure is the Street Department, with \$18,448.61. The next is the Street Lighting Department, with \$8,416.59.

The appropriation for the Patriotic Fund was \$10,250. During the year a temporary loan of \$70,000 from the Equitable Trust Co. was secured.

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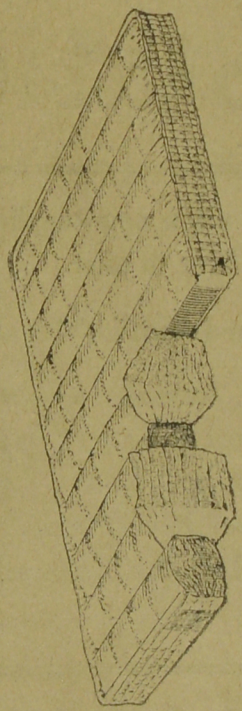
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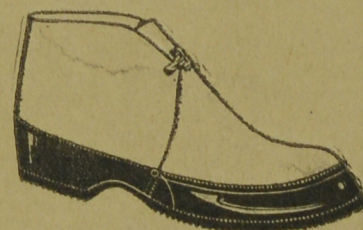
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