

LOCAL NEWS

The Shortest Day
Today, December 21st is the shortest day in the year. The sun rose this morning at 7.48 o'clock, and will set this evening at 4.45.

Engagement Announced
Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fraser of Prince William, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elita Maud, to Harry Gordon Grant, of Craik, Sask., the wedding to take place on Jan. 2.

Charlie Chaplin at the Gaiety
Charles Chaplin will appear at the New Gaiety today in the latest release of his famous million dollar contract "The Adventurer". First time shown in this city.

Coming Home for Christmas.
Messrs. C. H. Edgecombe and Walter Kitchen who are in training at Camp Borden for the Royal Flying Corps, will spend Christmas at their homes here.

Christmas Eatables.
Sweet crisp celery, parsley, lettuce, cut flowers, potted plants. Display Sunday and Monday at our greenhouses, 834 Charlotte street. J. Bebbington & Son.

Inspectors Made Rounds.
Chief Inspector Wilson and Inspector Finley made the rounds of the express offices and other places in the city last evening looking for evidence of violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916. They found everything as it should be.

Late Mrs. Melissa Sinclair.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Melissa Sinclair, wife of Mr. John Sinclair of Lincoln, took place this afternoon from her late home and was very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Corey. Interment was made at Ruisiagornis.

Two Months' Sentence.
A sentence of two months in jail was imposed yesterday afternoon by Police Magistrate Limerick in the case of an aged resident of New Maryland, who was charged with threatening assault on the inmates of his home. The accused had been before His Honor before.

Polling Results.
Owing to the delay in the sending of one of the ballot boxes from Fredericton Junction, the totalling of the polling results in York-Sunbury did not take place this morning. Sheriff J. E. Hawthorne, returning officer, setting three o'clock as the hour. Unofficially the totals are announced as: McLeod, 5,919; Brown, 3,027.

Commendable Enterprise.
A number of the business men occupying premises in Queen street east of Regent street, have displayed much public spirit in providing extra lighting facilities on the fronts of their places of business. The combined result is that that portion of Queen street is the best lighted section of the business part of the city.

Death at Oromocto.
Mr. Nicholas Holden, a well known farmer of Oromocto, died suddenly at his home yesterday. While he had not been in robust health for some time the news of his death came as a great surprise. The deceased was seventy-three years of age and unmarried. He is survived by one brother, ex-Sheriff James Holden of Oromocto. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning leaving the house at 9.30 o'clock.

For MacLean Highlanders
Boston Globe, Wednesday: A meeting in the interest of the wool fund to secure knitted garments for the MacLean Highlanders, the "Kilties," was held last evening at room B. Tremont Temple. Miss Isabel MacLean, president of the MacLean Kiltie Auxiliary presided. Among the speakers were Hugh Coyle of Clan MacKinlay, Edgar J. Bly of Clan Campbell, Stewart MacKinnon of Clan McDougal and the members of the Daughters of Scotia.

For County of York.
The name of Mr. E. H. Clarkson, of the Parish of Stanley, is mentioned in connection with the inspectorship under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, for the County of York. Until the Town of Devon is organized and its own police officials appointed, Chief Finley of the Fredericton police force, inspector for Fredericton, will perform similar duties in Devon, the Police Commission giving permission.

Returned from Halifax.
Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., returned this morning from Halifax, where he had been for some days on business. He reports that conditions in the damaged city are gradually improving but that it will be a long time before life settles down to anything approaching its former level. Conditions were chaotic for some time after the explosion. In the appearance of the city it may be years before the traces of the disaster are removed.

Flowers for Christmas.
Christmas is on us again with its usual greeting of good cheer. Peace on earth and good will toward men. We all like to remember our friends at this time and what can be more appropriate than flowers, with their loving message of cheer in these dark times to bid us hope on, and comfort to those in darkness by their fragrance. We have, as usual, a special lot of choice pot plants, viz., azaleas, begonias, cyclamen, primula, extra fine assortment of ferns and dainty floral baskets. In cut flowers, violets, large assortment of carnations, asparagus, roses, American Beauties, Richmond, Sunburst, etc. Also mistletoe and holly for Christmas cheer. Celery, lettuce and parsley. If you cannot call and see our floral display, telephone or send your order. All orders promptly attended to.—Ada M. Schleyer, Florist, Charlotte street. Telephone 217.

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JUDGMENTS
IN EXCHEQUER
COURT CASES

**Awards Made in Four Suits—
No Argument Yet in the
Palmer-McLellan
Case.**

Judgment has been given in all but one of the suits before Sir Walter Cassels in the Exchequer Court of Canada which were brought in connection with the right of way of the St. John & Quebec Railway in Fredericton. The case in which judgment still is to be given is that of The King vs. The Palmer McLellan Shoeack Company. Argument has not yet been heard in that.

In but one of the four cases in which judgment has been given was the original offer of the Crown exceeded to any great extent.

In The King vs. Torrance argued October 3rd, the award to the defendant was \$1,007 plus ten per cent. and \$50 costs. The original offer of the Crown was \$1,007.50 and the claim of the defendant was \$6,160. Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., was counsel for the Crown and Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., for the defense.

In The King vs. the New Brunswick and British Colonization Company for lands taken in Scully's Grove the award made by the judgment given December 12th was \$3,000. The offer of the Crown was \$2,815 and the claim was \$6,750. Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., appeared for the Crown and Mr. H. O. McInerney of St. John, for the defendant.

In The King vs. Montgomery Campbell and the Northfield Coal Company judgment on November 12th awarded \$500 to the New Brunswick and British Colonization Company and \$1,000 to the Northfield Coal Company. The offer of the Crown to the two defendants was \$1,278. The claims were respectively \$2,970 and \$6,345. Messrs.

F. J. PATTERSON
PRESIDENT OF
Y. & S. INSTITUTE

Officers Elected Yesterday Afternoon—Dr. Kierstead Addressed Teachers Last Night.

The Teachers' Institute of York and Sunbury counties yesterday elected officers for the ensuing year. The new officers are:

President, Frank J. Patterson, Fredericton High School.

Vice president, Miss Blanche Ebbett.

Secretary-treasurer, Miss Ella L. Thorne, Fredericton High School.

Additional members of executive, Russell Bennett, Devon; Miss Zulla Hallett, Marysville.

Last Evening's Session.

Last evening the session was principally taken up by Dr. W. C. Kierstead, representative of Hon. W. J. Brunswick. Before Dr. Kierstead gave his address there was a brief program which included patriotic songs by Miss Baird and selections from the program of the Christmas concert of the Charlotte Street school. The selections were: The Dance of the

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R. B. Hanson, K. C., and J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared for the Crown and Messrs. James Friel, K. C., and A. J. Gregory, K. C., for the defendants.

In The King vs. Montgomery Campbell judgment given December 12th awarded \$2,109.03 to the defendant. The offer of the Crown was \$1,412 and the claim of the defendant \$3,849.10. Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., appeared for the Crown and Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., for the defendant.

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CAMISOLES, BRASSIERES, etc.
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