

LOCAL NEWS

Wounded and Missing.
Private M. B. Patterson of Fredericton is reported in the casualty list as wounded and missing. He was with the infantry.

New Councillors Entertain.
The new members of the Municipal Council of York will entertain the old members, former members, county officials and others at an oyster supper tonight, according to custom.

Offers to Deliver Gravel.
Mr. Alfred King of Kingsclear, has offered to deliver river gravel in the city for use on the streets at \$1.25 per ton. His offer is to be considered by the Roads and Streets Committee.

Visiting Poultry Show.
The members of the Municipal Council will attend the York & Sunbury Poultry Association's show between five and six o'clock this evening on the invitation of the officers of the association.

Lost a Horse.
A horse belonging to Mr. A. A. Treadwell, of Mauderville, had a leg broken yesterday as the result of a kick from another horse in the stable. It was found necessary to shoot the injured horse.

Meeting this Afternoon.
The Administration of Justice Committees of the City of Fredericton and the County of York are meeting this afternoon in joint session for the purpose of considering the annual accounts of the important department of administration of justice.

Leaving for Halifax.
Mr. Harry M. Clarke of this city, the well known carpenter and builder, will leave tonight for Halifax, where he will engage in the work of reconstruction. Col. R. S. Lowe who is in charge of the work, particularly asked for Mr. Clarke.

Won Weekly Roll-off.
Sergeant Ray McGibbon of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, won the weekly roll-off at the Queen Hotel bowling alleys Monday night. His total pinfall was 284. A team from the Queen Hotel alleys will go to Marysville Thursday night to roll at the Dawson Club alleys against a team from the club.

Protection of Pumping Station.
The city police are under instruction to visit the city pumping station once an hour. The Police Commission has been considering the matter of again placing a special guard on at that important part. The City Council discussed the matter last night, opinions varying.

Devon Represented.
The Town of Devon, formed during the past year by the union of the villages of St. Mary's and Gibson, is represented at the sessions of the Municipal Council of York county by Ald. H. H. Pickard. This is the first occasion on which the town has been represented by a municipal councillor.

R. F. C. Wants Cadets.
The Royal Flying Corps is ready to enlist cadets who will take a course of instruction leading to a commission. Young men, 18 to 25 years are wanted. A High School education is insisted upon and those with university training will be given the preference. Application can be made with Sergeant Major H. T. Brewer, by interviewing recruits.

Closes Tonight.
The Fredericton Poultry Show which has been going on since Tuesday in the Edgecombe Block, York street, will close at ten o'clock this evening. This will be the last opportunity to see the splendid collection of birds and nobody should miss it. Many of the best birds will be exhibited at the show to open in Moncton on the 15th inst., and should give a good account of themselves.

Last Night the Coldest.
Last night was the coldest of the winter, but the absence of wind made the low temperature more bearable than during some days of last week. The official temperature recorded at the University was 28 below zero. At the Dominion Experimental Station the lowest was 27.5 below and at the city pumping station 30 below. Both the Experimental Station and the pumping station are exposed places.

Bank Manager Dead.
Mr. Thomas B. Blair, manager of the Royal Bank in St. John, passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, on New Year's Day. He had been in failing health for some time and recently went to Boston for treatment. The deceased was a native of St. John and was one of the most efficient and popular bankers in the Maritime Provinces. He was formerly with the Bank of Nova Scotia and was well known in this city. He was fifty-five years of age and unmarried.

Won Special Prizes.
The special prizes offered for competition at the poultry show have been awarded as follows: Silver cup donated by Shute & Co. for the best pen of birds, won by Mr. Lloyd Johnson of Nashwaaksis. Pair of boots offered by the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company for the best female bird, won by Percy Morgan of Devon. Pair of shoe-packs donated by the John Palmer Company Ltd., for the best male bird, won by Mr. J. N. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson's winner was a White Leghorn and the others were White Wyandottes.

Ald. Lemont has communicated with Mr. W. R. Reek, deputy minister of agriculture, concerning the Tussock moth which has infested trees in the city. Mr. Reek has informed him that the Agricultural Department will make a survey of a number of trees of the city in which this moth has obtained a footing and will organize a campaign to exterminate the moth.

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Dr. W. C. Kierstead Returns from Ottawa After Confering with Chief Food Controller.

Dr. W. C. Kierstead of this city, who has been in Ottawa on business connected with his duties as assistant to the food controller, strongly advises the farmers of New Brunswick to market their potatoes without further delay. He says that from data available in the food controller's office it appears that there is a surplus of two million bushels of potatoes in New Brunswick and a still larger surplus in Prince Edward Island. These potatoes are being held by the farmers with the hope that they may get higher prices. There is a strong agitation among consumers in Ontario and Quebec for a fixed price for potatoes which would be the means of the farmers opening up and selling their stocks. It is argued that if something is not done there will be fewer potatoes used during the winter months by the consumers, and when the potatoes are eventually thrown on the market there will be a slump and the farmers will realize little more than the feeding value.

Should Sell Now.

Dr. Kierstead says that the chief objection to having the price fixed by the food controller comes from New Brunswick. It is urged that it costs more to grow potatoes in this province than in any other and that the farmers should not be compelled to sell for less than the cost price to them. At the present time there is a very good demand for potatoes in the outside markets, and those in a position to judge say that there is no likelihood of the price going any higher. Any marked increase over present prices would probably result in the (Continued on page 4.)

GOVERNMENT
BEGAN SESSION
LAST NIGHT

Delegation from Restigouche-- Patriotic Fund Assessment --Departmental Conferences.

The January meeting of the Provincial Government opened last night with the majority of the members in attendance. The meeting was continued this morning and it is not likely that it will be finished before tomorrow.

A delegation from Restigouche county with regard to disposal of certain lands, was given a hearing by the executive. In the delegation were Hon. William Currie, M. P., Mr. A. T. LeBlanc, M. P., and the town clerk of Dalhousie.

Hon. H. A. Powell, K. C., of St. John, also is here in connection with business connected with the government.

Consideration will be given at this session of the government to the appointment of the Patriotic Fund Assessment among the various municipalities.

Departmental Conferences.

Departmental conferences for the purpose of planning work for 1918 have been held or are being held this week. The conference of the Chief Superintendent of Education with the school inspectors and other officers of the department began this morning and will continue all day. Yesterday the officers of the Department of Agriculture conferred with Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, the minister, and Mr. W. R. Reek, his deputy. The subjects discussed were the holding of a campaign for Co-operative Marketing of Wool on a quality basis during the winter months, the establishment of Boys' Pig and Poultry clubs for every county, School Fairs, Stallion Enrolment and Agricultural Societies.

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