

LOCAL NEWS

On Police Force.
Constable Charles Barker of Devon, has been acting as a member of the Fredericton police force for the past three days, Sergt. William Hughes being incapacitated by illness.

Among Halifax Victims
Twenty-five Foresters out of the 700 in Halifax, perished in the Halifax explosion. Their insurance averages about \$1,000 each. Alex. Stewart of Toronto, supreme auditor, is in Halifax to adjust claims.

Conference Tomorrow.
There will be a conference of the Chief Superintendent of Education with the inspectors of schools, principal of the Normal School and directors of vocational education, in the Education Office, beginning tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Government Meeting.
The Provincial Government will begin a session here tonight. Hon. J. P. Byrne, attorney general and Hon. Robert Murray, provincial secretary, arrived this morning from the North Shore. Other members will arrive tonight.

Late George A. Grant.
The funeral of the late George A. Grant took place Tuesday afternoon from his late residence, Devon, under the auspices of Gibson Lodge, No. 37, P.A.P.B. The service was conducted at Christchurch Parish church by Rev. Canon Cowie and interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

Still Quite Ill.
The many friends of ex-Warden John Scott will regret to learn that he is still quite ill at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. James M. Scott, Smythe street. An abscess formed in one of Mr. Scott's ears and has caused him to lose his sense of hearing entirely. The physician is hopeful that the loss will be only temporary.

New Members of Curling Club.
At the regular meeting of the Fredericton Curling club Monday night the following new members were elected: Rev. G. M. Young, George G. Parker and A. K. Grimmer. Rinks for the Managing Committee series were selected and the first matches in the series are to be played tonight. The series will continue until the close of the season.

Capt. W. J. Duncan in City.
Hon. Capt. W. J. Duncan of Chatham, arrived in the city last night and it registered at the Queen. Capt. Duncan went overseas with the 132nd North Shore Battalion as quartermaster. He is being warmly greeted by his numerous friends who remember him when a resident of Fredericton during his connection with the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Several Small Fires
The fire department was busy New Year's Day and today attending to small fires. At 8 a. m. Tuesday there was a small inside fire at the residence of Mr. John P. DeLong, Queen Street, with slight damage. At 9.30 p. m. there was a burning chimney at the residence of Mrs. Frank G. Edwards, Charlotte Street. At 8 a. m. today there was a fire in the flooring at the residence of Mr. R. N. MacCunn, King Street. The damage was not great.

Miss Flewelling Appointed.
Miss Marjorie Flewelling of Kingston, a graduate of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, has been appointed by the Board of Education to supervise the Girls' Home Efficiency clubs of this province, and to assist in the Household Science work at the Normal School, when not so engaged. Miss Flewelling has had much success among these clubs during the past year, and will begin her new duties when the Normal School opens.

Assignments Gazetted.
Anne Elizabeth Cronin and William H. Pyne, doing business in St. John under the name of the Waldorf Cafe, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Mr. John A. Barry of St. John, is the assignee. Verna McEwen of Chatham, minnier, has made an assignment to High Sheriff William F. Cassidy. Fred A. Johnston of St. John, merchant, has made an assignment to Mr. W. B. Wallace of the same city.

Teachers' Institute Executive.
There will be a meeting of the executive of the Provincial Teachers' Institute in the library of the Normal School tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The ex officio members of this committee are: Chief Superintendent of Education, chairman; Chancellor of the University; Principal of Normal School; Inspectors of Schools. The elected members are: Dr. H. S. Bridges, St. John; Dr. B. C. Foster, Fredericton; Messrs. H. Hagerman, Fredericton, W. J. S. Myles, St. John, George J. Oulton, Moncton, W. McL. Barker, Moncton, G. J. Marr, Woodstock; Miss Ella Thorne, Fredericton, Misses Bessie Wilson and Stella Payson, St. John.

Late Mrs. Sarah Haines.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Haines took place yesterday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Flemming of Devon, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. H. H. Ferguson of the Devon Baptist church and hymns were sung by the choir of the same church. Interment was made at Sunnybank cemetery. The deceased passed away on Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Arthurs of South Bay. She was the widow of Samuel Haines. The body was brought here for burial, arriving Monday night. The late Mrs. Haines is survived by four sons and three daughters. They are Churchill Haines of Bridgewater, Me., C. L. Haines of Derby, Me., J. S. Haines of Portland, Me., S. C. Haines of Boston, Mrs. J. Flemming of Devon, Mrs. Joseph Arthurs of South Bay and Mrs. S. A. Pringle of Pethborough, Ont.

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Average Temperature Lower Than any December or January—Water Services Severely Affected.

Official records of the weather in Fredericton during the month of December show the month to have been colder than any December in forty-one years, and also to have had a lower average temperature than any January in the same period.

Dr. C. C. Jones, who is in charge of the Dominion meteorological observatory at the University of New Brunswick, today furnished the following statistics: Average temperature, 11 degrees above zero; average temperature for December, 1916, 22.5 degrees above zero; average temperature for December in forty-one years, 19 degrees above zero; highest temperature during the month, 38 degrees above zero on the 9th; highest in December, 1916, 52 degrees above zero on the 1st; lowest temperature during the month, 25 degrees below zero on the 30th; lowest temperature during the month in 1916, 10 degrees below zero on the 15th; rainfall during the month, .12 inches; snowfall during the month, 20.3 inches; total precipitation, 2.15 inches; total precipitation during December, 1916, 5.26 inches; average precipitation, 3.54 inches; hours of bright sunshine, 89; hours of bright sunshine during December, 1916, 84; total wind mileage, 6,804; total wind mileage, December, 1916, 10,702.

Last night the temperature went down to twenty-one below zero and the night before the lowest temperature was thirteen below. These temperatures are above what had been experienced for some time and it is hoped indicate that the cold wave is over.

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ALEX. BREWER
ELECTED WARDEN
OF THE COUNTY

Municipal Council Began Its Annual Meeting This Afternoon—Many New Councillors.

The annual meeting of the Municipal Council of the county of York opened this afternoon with a large attendance of councillors. This being the first session since the biennial election in September there are many new faces in the council as the electors selected a number of new councillors.

Owing to the fact that New Year's Day fell on the first Tuesday of the month the meeting was postponed until Wednesday and as many of the councillors reach Fredericton by the St. John & Quebec railway shortly before noon, the first sitting was scheduled to begin at two o'clock this afternoon. Several of the councillors, however, arrived last night.

Warden A. B. Neill, who has been presiding at the council for the past year, retires from the chair and also from municipal politics at this session.

New Warden Elected.

This afternoon when the council met there was prayer by Rev. Dean Neales. Ex-Warden Stairs was called to the chair. After a brief address the chairman asked for nominations for the office of warden. Coun. Alex. Brewer of Douglas, was nominated by Coun. D. E. Pickard of Marysville, seconded by Coun. Everett. The election was unanimous. Warden Brewer took the chair and made an appropriate address.

Acted for Children's Aid.

The city police were in Devon this morning for the purpose of getting a little child for the Children's Aid Society. The child was considered to be in bad surroundings.

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