

## BUSY TIMES FOR FIRE DEPT. DURING WEEK

### SHINGLED ROOFS CAUSE MANY SMALL FIRES

Eight Alarms Since Tuesday Morning—Residence of Mr. John Bearisto Damaged This Morning.

The dwelling in George street owned by the Mrs. N. Cameron estate and occupied by Mr. Johnston Bearisto and family was damaged this morning by fire. The blaze broke out in the rear of the building and burned some time before being extinguished. The firemen used chemicals on the blaze. The building was damaged both inside and outside.

#### Eight Alarms Since Tuesday.

From Tuesday morning up to today at noon the fire department had responded to eight calls, both still and box calls. This is unusual number of calls for so short a period and is due to the fact that shingle roofs are in a most inflammable condition immediately after the melting of the snow, they being left with a fuzz on them which makes it very easy for sparks to ignite the shingles. This condition will exist as long as shingle roofs are in general use in Fredericton.

#### A Busy Month.

Although the present week has been one of the busiest the fire department has had for some time December last was one of the worst months in the matter of alarms, there being one every day.

#### Returned Soldiers' Aid.

The regular monthly meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Aid will be held in the City Council Chamber Monday, April 8th, at 3.30 p.m.

#### Sugar Goes Up

Sugar had a further advance in price yesterday of 15 cents a hundred pounds. This is a total increase of 45 cents per 100 pounds in the past fortnight.

#### Display of Aurora

Northern lights were conspicuous in the sky last night from about 9 o'clock till early in the morning. The lights were very brilliant running from the zenith to the eastern and western horizon and making a very pretty sight.

#### Judge Wedderburn Dead.

Hon. William Wedderburn, for many years judge of the county court for Kings and Albert and at one time a prominent figure in provincial politics, died at St. John yesterday, aged 84. He is survived by one son, Lt.-Col. Wedderburn, now overseas, and two daughters, Mrs. George A. Fraser of New York, and Mrs. Henry Lynds of Lockport, R. I.

#### Hear These Songs

At the Minstrel and Variety Show in the Opera House, April 11th and 12th. "Ma Curly Headed Babby," "Kentucky Babe," "Mammy's Little Coal Black Rose," "There's a Long Long Trail," "They Go Simply Wild Over Me," "Red Pepper Rag," and many others. Each song has a novelty chorus and twenty people singing in the chorus. Mr. George Offen is the musical director.

#### Week-end Market.

This morning's market was of medium size. Potatoes sold for \$2.50 and \$2.75 per barrel. Carrots went for \$1.50 and turnips for \$1 per barrel. Veal was selling for from 12 to 20 cents per pound, beef at 15 cents, and ham at 28 cents per pound. Eggs sold for 55 cents per dozen, while butter sold for 38 and 40 cents per pound. There was no maple honey or sugar in this morning.

#### Children's Aid Society.

The following contributions, not previously acknowledged, have been received by the treasurer for the Children's Aid Society: R. FitzRandolph \$25, Miss Fannie E. M. Hodge \$5, Capt. J. A. Read \$2, F. J. Tims, \$5, Robert Scott \$5, W. J. Scott, \$10, P. S. Watson \$5, Searle & Lamson \$5, Mrs. H. H. Gunter \$10, Mrs. Mary Gunter \$10, Dr. W. S. Carter \$10, Alfred Davidson \$2, Celestial Chapter, Order of Eastern Star \$25. Total \$119.

#### The Valley of the St. John

The Canadian Government Railways have issued a most attractive folder presenting the beauties of the St. John river valley, the grandeur of New Brunswick, together with a map showing the Valley railway from Centerville to Gagetown and the proposed road to Westfield, the Transcontinental, the Intercolonial, and the various branches. The folder is profusely illustrated with fine views of the beauty spots of New Brunswick. The picturesque history of the St. John river is given in brief and attractive form, together with a well written account of the river valley country today.

#### King's College Advance

The campaign in Fredericton for the King's College Advance Movement opens with special sermons on Sunday at the Cathedral, the Parish Church, St. Marys and Kingsclear. Rev. P. Boyle, President of the College preaches in the morning at the Parish Church, in the afternoon at St. Mary's and in the evening at the Cathedral. Canon Vernon, organizing secretary of the Advance Movement preaches in the morning at the Cathedral, in the afternoon at Kingsclear and in the evening at the Parish Church. Canon Vernon is the guest of the Bishop and Rev. Mr. Boyle of Rev. Canon Cowie.

## NEW PROVINCIAL DAIRY SUPT. HAS BEGUN DUTIES

H. W. COLEMAN, THE NEW OFFICIAL, NOW IN CITY

Succeeds Late C. W. McDougall—Formal Appointment Not Yet Made—Meeting at Sussex.

Mr. H. W. Coleman who is to be appointed Provincial Dairy Superintendent in succession to the late C. W. McDougall of Sussex, arrived in Fredericton this morning and is registered at the Queen. Mr. Coleman has been performing the duties of the office since March 26th but his formal appointment has not yet been made.

#### From Dominion Dairy Division.

The new dairy superintendent comes highly recommended from the Dominion Dairy Division, with which he has been connected for the last eight years. Previous to this he was a very successful cheese maker, and is a graduate of the Guelph Dairy School. He also holds an associate diploma of the Guelph Agricultural College. Mr. Coleman has long been known as a keen student of agriculture and also of men in general, and it is anticipated that under his direction the dairy industry of the province should improve. Recently he has been in Truro taking a course of instruction.

#### To Improve Cheese Making.

A largely attended meeting was held at Sussex yesterday for the purpose of reorganizing the cheese making industry in New Brunswick. Mr. H. M. Flewelling was in the chair. Among those who spoke were Mr. W. R. Reek, deputy minister of agriculture for New Brunswick, Mr. Harvey Mitchell of the Dominion Dairy Division, Mr. George Barr of the same department and Mr. Coleman, the provincial dairy superintendent.

The decay of the industry in this province and steps to revive it were discussed. Mr. Barr gave a very interesting address and samples of Ontario and New Brunswick cheeses were shown, much to the disadvantage of the local product. Mr. Barr said that during a tour of this province which he made last summer he found few cheeses which could be graded as No. 1 although in a few factories efforts were being made to improve the product. It was pointed out that New Brunswick cheese on account of its inferiority could not be readily sold and the opinions of wholesale and retail dealers were quoted in this particular. Carelessness and inefficiency were assigned as the chief causes of the poor quality of the product by Mr. Barr who urged better equipment for the cheese factories and a smaller quantity of cheese from a given quantity of milk.

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## CLAIMS OF THE SCHOOL FOR BLIND TO BE PRESENTED

JOHN WEIR WILL SPEAK IN OPERA HOUSE SUNDAY

Waited Upon Provincial Gov't and Asked for Assistance—Many From N. B. at School.

In view of conditions existing because of the war, the board of management of the Maritime School for the Blind finds itself compelled to approach the provincial governments, asking for an increased grant. With this end in view Mr. John Weir, assistant to Sir Frederick Fraser, addressed the members of the New Brunswick government yesterday and has the government's assurance that it will do its part in the relieving of this worthy institution from financial embarrassment.

#### From This Province.

At present there are from this province thirty boys and girls attending the school at Halifax. The provincial government pays for each of these students the sum of \$125 per year, whilst a similar amount is received from the municipal grant, making a total sum of \$250 received by the school for each student enrolled.

#### Number of Blind.

The extension movement of the school calls the attention of the people of the Maritime Provinces to the lamentable fact that within the boundaries of these provinces there are upwards of 800 men and women between the ages of 21 and 55, who are deprived of God's precious gift—eyesight.

Mr. Weir states that from 25 to 45 per cent. of all children in attendance at schools for the blind were there because of neglect of proper treatment at time of birth. Mr. Weir went on to say that 25 per cent. of blindness was due to the sins of the fathers visited upon the children; 20 per cent. of blindness was due to infectious diseases; while 15 per cent. of those deprived of vision is attributable to accidents, preventable.

#### Address Sunday Afternoon.

Tomorrow, Sunday afternoon at 3.45 in the Opera House Mr. Weir will address a meeting to which all are cordially invited. His Worship Mayor Hanson has kindly consented to take the chair on this occasion. Mr. Weir will give a clear outline of what education and training mean to those deprived of sight, will show what must be done for the adult blind of the province, take up the question of prevention of blindness, will speak of the work of the blinded soldiers now in attendance at the school and will show what is being done for those poor unfortunates who, on December 6th were plunged into a world of darkness by the Halifax disaster.

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