

## AGRICULTURAL MATTERS BEFORE PUBLIC ACCTS.

### DEPUTY MINISTER HEARD ON FERTILIZER PURCHASE

Rev. J. B. Daggett, Company's Agent, to Appear Before the Committee on Thursday.

In the Public Accounts Committee this morning exception was taken to the payment by the Provincial Department of Agriculture of any portion of the insurance on the exhibition buildings at St. John. The deputy minister, Mr. W. R. Reek, who was present, was requested to try to arrange to have this contribution eliminated. Some of the members were of the opinion that this payment was unfair to other exhibition associations which receive no contribution in this form, while others thought that the fact that St. John holds a provincial exhibition might justify the charge.

#### Regarding Fertilizer.

After several items were passed, some time was devoted to discussion of purchases of fertilizer. Mr. Reek reported that 1,500 tons had been purchased from the Canadian Fertilizer Company of Chatham, Ont., at \$65 per ton delivered at New Brunswick points, which was the lowest quotation available when the purchase was made last fall. He expected 1,100 tons to be delivered, the shortage being caused by lack of fuel at the plant. It was agreed to have Rev. J. B. Daggett, agent for the company, present on Thursday to discuss the matter.

#### Seed Purchases.

There was some discussion of the purchase of seeds which Mr. Smith of Charlottetown thought might have been purchased at lower prices. Mr. Reek explained at some length the reasons why lower prices could not be secured. Some of the seed which had been promised to the department was not delivered according to contract and it was necessary at a later date when prices had risen to buy in the open market.

The committee continues at ten o'clock on Thursday morning.

April 16, 1918.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley will not receive on Wednesday afternoon of this week, but will receive on Wednesday afternoon of the following week from 4 to 6. This will be the last reception they will hold during this session.

R. S. BARKER,  
Official Secretary.

#### Gaiety Theatre Today.

Wallace Reid and Geraldine Farrar in "The Devil Stone," an Artcraft picture. Also a new Vitaphone comedy.

#### Appointed Commandant

Mrs. John Black, who has been very active in connection with the work of the V. A. D. in this city, has been notified of her appointment as Commandant of the local division.

#### Made Honorary Member.

Chief H. C. Rutter of the Fredericton Fire Department has been made an honorary member of the Sussex Fire Department and has received a handsome membership card.

#### Col. McAvity Visiting City.

Lt. Col. J. L. McAvity, O. C. No. 1 Depot Battalion now stationed in St. John, is in the city today. Col. McAvity was formerly the commanding officer of the now famous "Fighting 26th" Battalion.

#### Midweek Market.

This morning's market was small, and buyers were few. Veal was selling from 12 to 18 cents per pound. Beef was not on sale. Potatoes were selling for \$2.75 a barrel. There was an abundance of eggs in this morning which sold for 50 cents per dozen during the early part of the morning but later the price went down to 40 cents. Butter also dropped in price selling for 38 and 40 cents a pound.

#### Death of Miss Minnie McKeen.

Miss Minnie McKeen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman McKeen, of Keswick Ridge, died yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness at the age of fifteen years. Besides her parents the deceased is survived by one brother, Frank, and one sister, Annie, all at home. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from the late home, the service being conducted by the Rev. E. J. Thompson. Interment will be made at Pickard burying ground, Keswick.

#### Late G. Guy Morrison.

The funeral of the late G. Guy Morrison took place this afternoon from his late home, Waterloo Row, and was very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. J. S. Sutherland and interment was made at Forest Hill cemetery. The funeral was under the auspices of Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Members of that lodge were pall bearers. The mourners were John A. Morrison, Stewart L. Morrison, Luke S. Morrison, John A. Morrison, Jr., G. W. Hodge, W. D. Gunter, A. J. Gregory, J. J. McCaffrey, J. Fraser Winslow, J. Alex. Thompson. The pall bearers were J. H. Hawthorne, P. Z. Walker, A. B. Kitchen, R. S. Barker, John Neill and George R. Perkins.

## I.O.D.E. HAD CONSERVATION LUNCHEON

### EDICTS OF CONTROLLER STRICTLY OBSERVED

Mrs. R. Fitz Randolph Again Elected President—Honorary Membership for Mrs. Pugsley.

The Provincial Chapter, Independent Order Daughters of the Empire, closed its annual meeting here last evening. The majority of the visiting delegates returned to their homes last night. The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of April next.

#### The Officers

The officers elected are: Mrs. William Pugsley, Rothesay, honorary president; Mrs. Robert FitzRandolph, Fredericton, president; Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Fredericton, 1st vice-president; Mrs. George K. McLeod, St. John, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Scott, Fredericton, secretary; Miss E. L. Stopford, Fredericton, assistant secretary; Mrs. B. C. Foster, Fredericton, educational secretary; Mrs. E. A. Smith, St. John, organizing secretary; Mrs. A. J. Gregory, Fredericton, Echo secretary; Mrs. A. B. Pipes, Dorchester, standard bearer; councillors for 1918, Mrs. F. E. Sayre, St. John; Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum, Fredericton; Mrs. Josiah Wood, Sackville; Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Fredericton; Mrs. Duval, St. John; Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Chatham; Mrs. F. T. Mersereau, Rusagornis; Mrs. G. C. VanWart, Fredericton; Mrs. F. R. Taylor, St. John; Miss Edith Miller, St. John; Miss Florence White, St. John; Miss Estey, St. John; Mrs. H. B. Robinson, St. John; Mrs. J. S. Fraser, St. John; Miss Rita Barry, Fredericton.

#### Addresses Heard

At the afternoon session an address was heard from Dr. W. C. Kierstead, of the food controller's department, who answered many questions asked by members of the society.

Mrs. William Pugsley, wife of the Lieut.-Governor of the province, was proposed and accepted as a life member.

Mrs. FitzRandolph, the president made reference to the big Y. M. C. A. War Fund drive which is to take place in May for the purpose of raising \$100,000 in this province.

The Chapter by unanimous vote extended a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. John A. Morrison of this city on account of her recent bereavement.

#### Fourteen Chapters.

At the meeting the following Chapters were represented: Governor Carleton, Sir Howard Douglas, Victor Hatheway, Anagwakade, of Fredericton; Loyalist, Brunswick, De Monts, Valcartier, Seven Seas, of St. John; Fort Cumberland, of Moncton; Lord Sackville, of Sackville; Mersereau-Bunker, of Rusagornis, Earl of Chatham, of Chatham.

Last evening the visitors were entertained at tea by Mrs. A. J. Gregory.

#### A Conservation Luncheon.

The luncheon served in the Knights of Pythias Hall to the delegates was in strict accordance with the instructions of the food controller. The menu card contained the recipe for each dish and was taken as a souvenir. Covers were laid for seventy-seven. Mrs. Havelock Coy was in charge of the

## MAYOR HANSON WELCOMED GRAND ORANGE LODGE

### HIS ADDRESS TODAY WAS WELL RECEIVED

Action of the Diocesan Synod Concerning Instruction in Scriptures in Public Schools.

At the session of the seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick this morning His Worship Mayor Hanson was heard in an address of welcome to the visiting delegates. His Worship was in excellent form and made an address which was heartily applauded. His references to patriotism were received with particular applause.

The replies to His Worship were made by Grand Master H. G. Wadman, Past Grand Master David Hipwell and Past Grand Master W. B. Wallace, K. C.

#### More Reports Received.

Additional reports from County Lodges were received and referred for consideration. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted. The report of the Finance Committee was passed. The report of the Committee on Correspondence was received and discussed. It contained an important section which was discussed fully and was still under discussion when the lodge took recess at one o'clock.

Sessions will be held this afternoon and tonight and the night session probably will continue until an early hour in the morning as it is customary to complete all business at that session.

#### Tuesday Afternoon.

Considerable business was done yesterday afternoon. The Grand Treasurer, Robert Wills, reported that finances during the year had been satisfactory and that the year ended with a cash balance on hand of \$2,322.85. The financial reports were confirmed by the grand auditor.

Addresses of welcome were presented from the Royal Scarlet Chapter of York county, York County Lodge and Graham L. O. L. No. 20.

Messages of regret at inability to be present were received from Deputy Grand Master C. H. Perry and H. F. McLeod, M. P.

The standing committees were appointed at the evening session as follows:

Finance committee—E. H. Charters, Francis Kerr, Alex. Pratt, C. B. Ward, John Kenney.

Suspensions and appeals—H. A. Wallace, David Hipwell, J. C. Sweet, A. F. McVicar, B. Clark.

Petitions and appeals—Peter Trites, M. Willis, R. G. Megee, G. Campbell G. Maxim.

Credentials—J. M. Chappelle, S. J. Holder, C. Lond, J. Duke, J. A. Robertson.

Correspondence—A. W. Clark, G. (Continued on page 4.)

luncheon and was assisted by Mrs. C. McN. Steeves, Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow, Mrs. J. W. Hart, Miss Helen Vanwart, Mrs. George G. Parker, Mrs. Charles Parker and Miss Marion Crockett.

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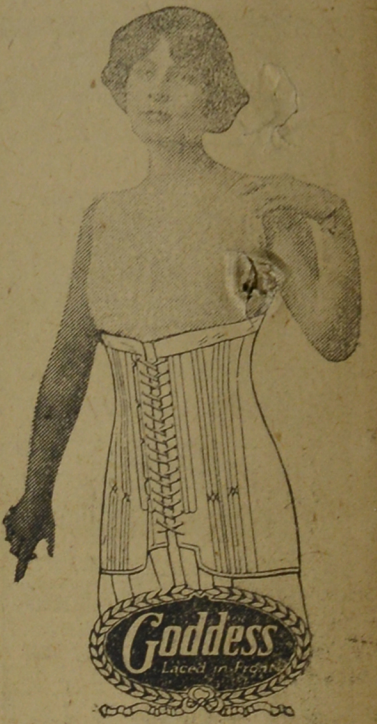
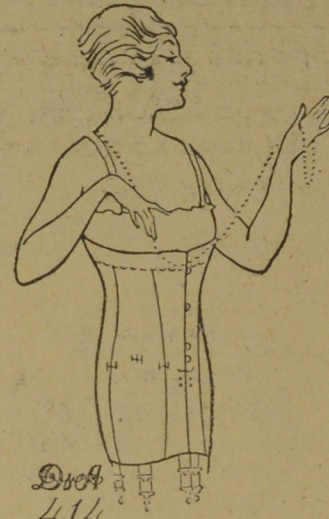
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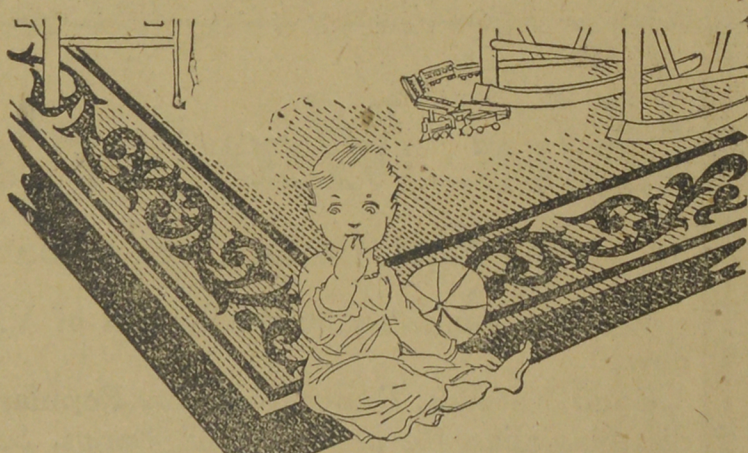
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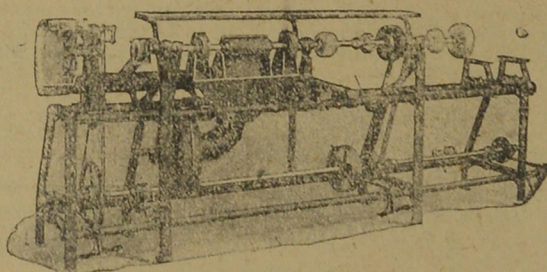
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