

## FIRST NATIVE STRAWBERRIES ARE ON SALE

**EARLIER THAN USUAL AND  
HEAVY YIELD PROMISED**

**Both United States and Canadian Markets Show High Prices—N. B. Fruit in Demand.**

The first native strawberries made their appearance in Fredericton shops on Saturday and more came in today. The price asked is 45 cents per box, which will gradually fall. The fruit is from Douglas which is the chief strawberry district in this section of the province. Those in touch with the small-fruits market say that strawberries are not likely to drop to a low price this year. In the United States the price for these berries have been higher than ordinary all through the season which is approaching its end there, and conditions are similar in Canada. In Ontario prices have been kept at a high level, canneries paying as much as twenty cents per box. Montreal takes much of the New Brunswick fruit and already representatives of firms in that city have visited this province. One was in Fredericton last week, and also visited the lower St. John Valley.

### Chief Market Features

The chief features of the strawberry market in New Brunswick are: an earlier crop than last year, reduced acreage, heavy yield, brisk demand from outside the province. All are expected to combine to keep prices firm.

### Late Joel S. Scott

The funeral of the late Joel S. Scott took place Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery the service being conducted by Rev. Z. L. Fash.

### Leaving for West

Miss Jennie F. McNally, daughter of Mr. M. B. McNally of this city is leaving this evening on a tour of Canada. Miss McNally will travel to the Pacific Coast and will continue to Seattle.

### Accepted Position Here

Mr. E. V. Bell formerly of this city who has been in the employ of the Robb Engineering Company of Amherst, N. S., has accepted a position with the Smith Foundry Company in this city.

### First Tennis Tea of Season

The first tennis tea of the season was held at the club-house Lansdowne street Saturday afternoon by the Misses Minnie Crockett, Helen Morrison, Zillah Edgecombe and Mary O'Neill. Mrs. H. R. Babbitt poured.

### Well Known Artist

Mr. Wylie Greer, the well known artist of Toronto spent the week-end in this city. Mr. Greer is visiting the city to see his daughter who is teaching in the Vocational School at the Military Hospital.

### The Salmon Run

There has been a very good run of salmon in the river during the past week and some good catches have been made. The fishermen are paid from 25 to 30 cents a pound for their fish.

### Fire Last Evening

About six o'clock last evening the firemen were called out to answer an alarm from box 28 at the corner of Saunders and York streets. The fire was a small roof-blaze at the home of Mr. Frank Lister.

### Fire at Devon

The Devon firemen were called out yesterday morning about 11:30 o'clock to answer a fire call. The fire was a small chimney blaze at the residence of Mr. John R. Young, North Devon, which required watching.

### Weekly Roll-Off

About sixty have qualified for the weekly roll-off this evening at the Palace Bowling Alleys. E. Edney is in the lead with a pinfall of 130. It is expected that the Bowling League will close this week.

### Fire This Morning

The firemen were called out this morning by an alarm from box 17 at the corner of King and Northumberland Streets. The fire was a small roof blaze on the residence of Mr. Patrick McGinn which was soon extinguished by one stream.

### Late Mrs. Charles Howland

The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Howland took place Sunday afternoon at Macnaquac and was very largely attended. Service was conducted at the home and also at Macnaquac church, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Mr. Thompson. Interment was made at Macnaquac.

### S. A. Self Denial Week

The subscriptions collected by the Salvation Army during the Self Denial Week reached \$1250, more than \$50 in excess of the expected amount. Mrs. Martha Beatty is the champion collector having collected about \$305. In 1917 the collections raised amounted to \$670.00; in 1918 to \$1200. Sister A. McDermott collected \$231.45 and Mrs. John Delong \$155.42. A special mention of John Buchanan, aged 82 years is made for collecting over \$44. Six girls of the Life Saving Guards raised \$44.67. Adjutant Miller, of the Salvation Army desires to thank all who in any way contributed to the success of the effort.

## ST. JOHN BAPTIST DAY OBSERVED BY FREEMASONS

**HIRAM LODGE ATTENDED  
SERVICE AT CATHEDRAL**

**Very Rev. Dean Neales in His Sermon Spoke of Present and Past Industrial Conditions.**

### Early Masonry

The sermon dealt with the early rise of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. According to the traditions in connection with the building of the Holy Temple by King Solomon at Jerusalem, the very building gave rise to the organization of the Society of Masons and the earliest masters and heroes of Free Masonry were those who, according to the records of Holy Scripture and Masonic traditions were the principal agents and architects in the construction of the sacred edifice. The wonderful work done by these in their building of the holy temple exemplifies the fact that there is no more glorious purpose, in which we can engage than to glorify and honor the God of Heaven, Himself, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

### Present Unrest

In contrasting the wonderful work of the construction of the Temple at Jerusalem, Dean Neales referred to that very wonderful work of God, the construction of man, The temple of God was built for worship as were our bodies. Are we carrying out God's wish by keeping pure and presenting our bodies a living sacrifice to him. He referred also to the present day conditions of strife and unrest and disputes between the employer and the employed. It would do us good he stated to look back to the time when the ambition of the craftsman was not to give the minimum of work for the maximum wage, but whose contention was as to who could best work and best agree. Then the employer was not chiefly interested in obtaining profits but in bringing about the execution of a work which was for the glory of God. King Hiram's faithfulness even unto death, is an example of enduring fame and teaches us the lesson

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## MANY NARROW ESCAPES IN FIRE AT KEDGWICK

**SEVERAL WERE BURNED  
ABOUT HEAD AND FACE**

**Fire Ran Through Old Cuttings and Partially Cleared Land—Rain Prevented Total Destruction.**

Many narrow escapes on the part of settlers at Kedgwick in the fire which burned part of the village a week ago, were reported to Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon who as Chief Assistant Fire Warden investigated the fire. Many of the settlers were severely burned about the face and head. The fact that fire swept the village in the daytime probably prevented loss of life.

Mr. Gagnon who returned Saturday learned that first estimates of the loss of property were excessive and that the total loss will not exceed \$150,000. The sawmill of the Richards Lumber Company at White's Brook which was destroyed was insured for \$15,000. Two smaller mills which were burned were owned by an operator named Boulay who formerly was a member of the Quebec legislature. They were uninsured. The majority of the settlers who were burned out lost all their property except the clothes they wore. Thirty to forty buildings were destroyed.

### Kedgwick Village Saved

A heavy fall of rain saved the village of Kedgwick from total destruction. As it was twelve buildings were burned. The fire stopped just behind the church. Had it gone a little farther nothing could have saved the rest of the village. Rain began at four o'clock in the afternoon.

### Fire Got Away From Settlers

The fire began with settlers' fires set in the process of clearing land. At one time before the big fire seven of these were burning. These appeared to unite and sweep over the country. Rangers fought the blaze without success conditions being against them. The fire ran rapidly through old cuttings and among stumps but some green woods suffered. The fire was all on granted lands.

### Came by Motor

Several motoring parties were week end visitors in Fredericton. Those registered at the Queen were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sanction and Mr. T. W. Barnes of St. John; Mr. Maxwell Queen of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Johnston of St. John. At the Barker House were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayden of Woodstock; Mr. E. G. Horne of St. John; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Luck of Fairville.

Mr. G. G. Harrison of Chatham is at the Barker House.

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