

## TOTAL LOSS IN GEM THEATRE INSURANCE

ELEVEN THOUSAND  
FOR OWNER AND LESSEE

Gordon Scott, Owner of Auld Kirk, Allowed Total Loss, \$4,000—Furniture Insurance.

Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather of St. John is here today appraising the damage in the Gem Theatre fire. The loss on the building and contents owned by Mrs. D. M. Richards has been placed at a total of the insurance, \$7,000 on the building and \$1,000 on contents. The loss of F. G. Spencer Limited, lessee, on contents also has been placed at a total of the insurance, \$3,000.

The statement which has been current that \$3,000 of the insurance on the building had been taken off is not correct. Several years ago \$11,000 was carried but was reduced.

At the Auld Kirk Apartments  
At the Auld Kirk Apartments which were burned last Wednesday night the owner Mr. Gordon Scott has been allowed a total loss on the building \$4,000. The losses on the furniture of the occupants of the building now is being adjusted. All but Dr. Charles McKay were insured. Much of the furniture removed was damaged.

### Washed Hole in Dam

Water washed a hole in the Mill Brook Dam at Marysville on Sunday and repairs were made yesterday and today.

### Visiting at Nashwaakias

Miss Velma Henderson of Armond, Carleton County, is spending the Christmas Holidays with the Misses May and Queenie Bailey of Nashwaakias.

### Presented With Purse

Miss Jane Torrens, assistant organist and pianist at the Methodist church has been presented with a purse of twenty-five dollars by the congregation as a token of the appreciation of her part in the musical services.

### In Poor Health

Mr. George M. McDade will leave on Tuesday next for Saranac Lake, N. Y., where he will remain one month for special treatment. His office will be kept open and his business will be left in competent hands—Chatham World.

### A Christmas Gift.

The shareholders of the Royal Bank of Canada yesterday received Christmas gifts in the form of a bonus equal to two per cent on their holdings of the Bank's stock. The largest local shareholder in the Royal Bank is Mrs. F. C. Whitehead, who has in the vicinity of 275 shares.

### Struck on Head

Richard Hartt one of the men employed on Mill Brook Dam at Marysville yesterday while stepping to the base of the dam struck a brace-rod and dislodged a cake of ice which struck him on the head and rendered him unconscious. Dr. D. W. Ross was summoned and attended the injured man who is resting more comfortably today.

### Again Touring Canada

F. Stuart Whyte's English musical comedy and pantomime company which played Cinderella here last spring is again on a Canadian tour this time with Little Red Riding Hood as the bill. The Company is playing Hamilton, Ont., for Christmas week and will be in the Maritime Provinces in the spring. Miss Zara Clinton who was here with Cinderella is playing Little Boy Blue. J. V. Bartlett Lennard and Miss Pauline Harvey also are with the company. Johnny Osborne late of the London Hippodrome and the Follies Bergere, Paris, is with Mr. Whyte. Other members of the company are Dorothy McKay the eleven-year-old leading lady, Will Hackett animal impersonator, Charles Cardel, Miss Harriet Fawn, Miss Madge Locke.

### Consumers Refuse to Pay

Moncton Transcript: Early buyers in the city market this morning had an opportunity to get their Christmas turkeys at 70c per pound. There were, however, not very many at this price as the figure immediately went up to 80c per pound. This was rather more than many purchasers could stand and the sale was rather slow even after the prices declined to 75c per pound. Most would-be purchasers stood back for a second consideration and very often decided that a roast of pork or beef would satisfy them this Christmas. Geese sold for 60 and 65c. Eggs strictly fresh, were sold for 80c. to \$1.00 a dozen. The market this year was considerably better than has been seen here for the last couple of years, but by no means equal to pre-war days.

## CHRISTMAS REPORTED TO BE THE BEST

RAILWAYS BRINGING  
MANY TO THE CITY

Heavy Local Travel on All the Lines—Extra Cars Needed for Valley Railway Extra.

Christmas trade in all lines is reported to be brisk in Fredericton and vicinity with stocks better than ever before. The cold weather of the past week was a slight deterrent to business but the temperature yesterday and today was mild enough for anybody to be on the streets.

### Heavy Travel by Rail

Fredericton is getting more benefit from its railway position as time goes on. This Christmas season more people than ever before are coming to this city by rail. Today all arriving trains were crowded. The trains on the St. John & Quebec Railway, are doing a particularly good passenger business, but the Canada Eastern and Gibson Branch also had many passengers. Extra cars have been placed on the trains.

### Heavy Travel in Lower Valley

The extra train on the St. John & Quebec Railway between St. John and Fredericton was on for the first time yesterday. It was patronized by so many persons on its trip from this city that two extra cars had to be added to it for the return trip. The traffic shows emphatically that a daily service should be established on this line by the C. N. R. at the earliest opportunity.

### Cutting Ice on River

Ice cutting has commenced in the St. John River near the Devon shores and the average thickness of the ice is reckoned at about fourteen inches.

### Meeting Tonight.

There will be a meeting in the vestry of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church this evening at eight o'clock in the interests of the Inter-Church Forward Movement. It will be addressed by Rev. D. R. Sharp, superintendent of Baptist Missions for Saskatchewan. All are cordially invited.

### Managing Woodstock Rink

Mr. D. V. Storm formerly of Devon is manager of the new skating rink in Woodstock which opened last week. Several years ago Mr. Storm was manager of the St. Mary's Department Store. The Woodstock papers say the new rink is one of the best in the province with large ice-area. Possibly there will be a revival of hockey in the Carleton County town.

## NEGOTIATIONS FOR OPERA HOUSE ARE OPENED

NO DECISION REACHED;  
COUNTER PROPOSITION

City Hall Committee Wants Mr. Spencer to Give Concessions re Local and Travelling Shows.

Whether the Gem Theatre will be rebuilt or not is not yet known but it is more than likely that picture shows will be run in this city during the winter by Mr. F. G. Spencer. At a meeting of the City Hall Committee of the City Council which was held last evening a proposition was endorsed to be put before Mr. F. G. Spencer re occupation of the Opera House. It was decided by the committee that if he would meet the terms agreed upon by the committee that the building would be leased with certain reservations by the committee. Conditions were added to the terms that the right of selecting the evenings for local performances be left to the committee and that a limit be set to prevent the lessee having a monopoly of the terms with outside companies.

### Counter Proposition

It was stated this morning by Ald. Frank L. Cooper chairman of the City Hall Committee that the terms had been submitted to Mr. Spencer by long distance telephone this morning and that he had submitted a proposition in turn to the committee.

### Another Meeting

It was stated from an authoritative source this morning that it was doubtful if Mr. Spencer would accept the terms of the proposition as it was thought that the price agreed upon by the committee was a high one. A meeting of the City Hall Committee will in all probability be held this afternoon to consider the terms offered by him.

There was some talk current that St. Dunstan's Hall would probably be secured for the Spencer Shows but no steps have been taken in this direction as far as is known at present. The return of the Opera House to use for moving pictures will recall the past years to many of those who frequented this place while pictures were shown there.

## PERSONAL.

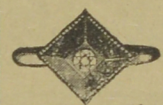
Mr. Walter Irvine who is taking a course at Toronto Dental College is home for the holidays.

Colby Irvine a student at Mount Allison Academy is home to spend the Christmas holidays.

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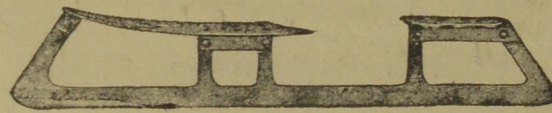
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