

## THREE FIRES IN CITY DURING THE WEEK-END

**OLD TANNERY, QUEEN ST.,  
PRACTICALLY DESTROYED**

**Fire in Regent Street Followed Immediately — Warehouse Caught From Tannery.**

The Fredericton Fire Department had a busy week-end for following closely on the fireworks display at Parliament Square, which was under the firemen's direction, there was a serious fire in the West End where the old Simmons Tannery, so called, was practically destroyed by a fire which began at midnight. At ten o'clock Sunday morning there was another serious outbreak of fire in the western end of the building which had not been seriously damaged early in the morning. This blaze was threatening for a time and set fire to a warehouse on the bank of the river some hundred yards to the east. Chemicals and a stream were necessary to extinguish this. Hardly had the firemen returned to the station before there was a still alarm for a fire on the roof of the Kitchen building at the corner of Brunswick and Regent Streets. This was soon extinguished.

### Spectacular Blaze

There is every reason to believe the old tannery was set afire to wind up the Peace Celebration. The structure was the property of the John Palmer Co and prior to the erection of the new plant had been used in the manufacture of oil-tanned leather. It was completely saturated with oil and made a most spectacular fire which burned for several hours. Three streams were used to fight the first fire and the pressure at all times was magnificent. The walls of the building were left pretty well intact but the roof fell in after the fire had burned about an hour. There was little wind and the fire did not spread the roof of the Baxter residence opposite caught but the sparks were extinguished at once.

### Long Used as Tannery

The burning building was erected by the late James McCausland some forty years ago. The late Isaac Simmons conducted a tannery in it at a later period and also established the Fredericton Patent Leather Works. Still later the John Palmer Co. used the building. The warehouse which caught from the second tannery fire is the property of A. F. Randolph & Sons, wholesale grocers.

### On Vacation

Chief of Police Finley left the city this morning, to spend two weeks' vacation. During his absence Police Sgt. Nathaniel Jones will take charge of affairs.

### Smith-Drummond

At the Manse on Wednesday, July 16th, Freeman P. Smith and Miss Beatrice Drummond of Geary, Sunbury County, were united in marriage by Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

### Married on Saturday

Mr. Hugh Briggs of Victoria County and Miss Fernie Currier of Upper Gagetown were united in marriage on Saturday at 1:30 o'clock at the Parish Church by Rev. Canon Cowie in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

### Left for Campbellton

Inspector C. D. LaNauze and Sergeant Trundle of the R. N. W. M. P. left this city on Saturday for Campbellton where they will continue their recruiting activities. During their stay in this city fourteen recruits were accepted and sent to Regina.

**Splendid Gift to Municipal Home.**  
The Earl and Countess of Ashburnham gave the inmates of the Municipal Home a supper on Saturday evening in honor of the Peace and Victory Celebration. This is but one of the many kind acts for which the Earl and Countess are noted.

### Car Caught Fire

While driving up Woodstock Road yesterday afternoon Messrs. Harold Limerick, Ralph Sinnott and George Ferguson, were turning on the back road which goes around the golf links when Mr. Ferguson's car in which they were motoring, became overheated and caught fire. The car was a total loss but the young men escaped injury.

### Suffered Serious Accident

While on the way home from the Peace Parade on Saturday Leverett Fletcher son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher of Devon suffered a serious accident breaking his leg in two places. The lad was on horseback and was turning into Watson's stables at the time when the horse slipped and fell. His leg was pinned beneath the horse and was broken just above the ankle.

### Visited Houlton

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hodge and daughter made a week end motor trip to Woodstock and Houlton, returning home last evening. It was Mr. Hodge's first visit to those places in forty years and was able to note many changes. He was in Houlton on Saturday evening and was struck by the large number of autos lined up on the principal business street. He estimates that there were at least 250 in line

## THIRTEEN CONVICTIONS AT KEDGWICK

**PROSECUTIONS BEGAN  
DURING LAST WEEK**

**Settlers Must be Shown Importance of the Fire Laws—L. A. Gagnon Prosecuted the Cases.**

A large audience assembled at the office of Justice Lemieux of Kedgwick on the 16th inst. to attend the trial of twenty-one offenders under the Forest Fire Law. The cases covered: Neglecting slash fires, neglecting to report forest fires to the fire warden, and neglecting to secure fire permits.

Justice Matheson of Campbellton presided. Justice Lemieux of Kedgwick acting as Clerk of Court. Forest Rangers Roy, Hocquard, Blanchard, Inspector Brophy, Caretaker Somers and Provincial Forester Prince were present. Asst. Chief Fire Inspector L. A. Gagnon acted as prosecutor on behalf of the Department of Crown Lands.

The court sat for two days eighteen cases being completed at the end of writing, thirteen of which resulted in convictions.

### Seven Reprimands

The evidence was taken in both French and English and the Department took the opportunity of explaining to the people that they did not wish to deal harshly with the residents but that the fire law must be observed in the interests of themselves as well as their neighbors and surrounding timber owners. Justice Matheson gave the offenders severe reprimands pointing out not only the danger of neglecting slash fires but the terrible destruction rendered by the recent fires in which nearly \$100,000 damage resulted and in which many of the settlers lost their homes and property. It was stated that thirty buildings were burned and three sawmills. Insurance covered about one-half the damage. Justice Matheson ascertained carefully the amount of damage each of the offenders suffered by reason of the fire and the fines against those who lost heavily were allowed to stand. It is interesting to note that none of the defendants pleaded ignorance of the slash burning law, but claimed that they did not expect their fire would do any damage.

### Even Soil Was Destroyed

At the time of the fire June 12th, the slash and ground was extremely dry and the fire swept over even hay and oat fields in which there was nothing to feed the flames excepting scattered stumps. In much of the area covered by the fire all vegetable matter is burned out of the soil and it is rendered almost useless.

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## BOYS IN KHAKI WERE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

**PEACE DAY OBSERVED BY  
N. B. HOSPITAL PATIENTS**

**Soldiers in Military Hospital Were Guests of Lord and Lady Ashburnham at Garden Party.**

The soldiers of the N. B. Military Hospital to the number of about 150 were the guests of the Earl and Countess of Ashburnham at a tea and garden party at their beautiful home on Brunswick street Saturday evening. The buildings and grounds were artistically decorated with electric bulbs of every color and made a remarkably fine appearance. Large electric lights at the front of the house set forth the words "Victory is ours" and "God Save the King." Electric bulbs were also festooned from the flagstaff, and myriads of them shone from the flowers and vines which border the lawn. It was undoubtedly the finest electrical display ever seen on private grounds in Fredericton and called forth expressions of admiration from hundreds of visitors who thronged the sidewalks in the vicinity.

An excellent supper was served to the military men on the lawn and they were afterwards treated to ginger ale, ice cream and cigarettes. Lord and Lady Ashburnham were in the forefront of an efficient staff of waiters and were most assiduous in looking after the welfare of their numerous guests.

The G. W. V. A. band, under the leadership of Sgt. James White, rendered a splendid program of music and there was card-playing and other amusements during the evening. The happy gathering broke up at 10 o'clock with hearty cheers for the genial host and hostess.

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It is hoped that in the future the residents of Kedgwick will carefully take every precaution, as it is considered miraculous that some of them did not lose their lives in the recent fire as well as their property. Several spent the day in railway cuts to escape the smoke.

### Disposition of Cases

The cases up were as follows: Theodore Nadeu, convicted and fined \$15 and costs; Francois LaChance, case dismissed; Adrian Breton, fined \$15 and costs; Damasc Levasseur, fined \$15 and costs; Robert Graham, case uncompleted; Adelaid Demeul, fined \$15 and costs; L. D. Vertefeuille, fined \$15 and costs; Phedyme Gauthier, fined \$15 and costs; Paul Berube case dismissed; John Savoie, \$15 and costs; Alphonse Pelletier, case uncompleted; Francois Berube, fined \$15 and costs; J. H. A. Boulay, case dismissed; Ludger Boudreau, fined \$15 and costs; Peter Doyron case withdrawn; Paul Robichaud, fined \$15 and costs; Herbert Mailloux, case withdrawn; Lawrence Smith, case dismissed; James St. Pierre, fined \$15 and costs.

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### PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eaton and son of Princeton, Me., and Mr. and Mrs. Longfellow of New York arrived today by auto and are the guests of Mr. F. B. Edgecombe at Cherry Bank. Mrs. John Akerley of St. John is visiting her sister Mrs. E. G. Merritt at 706 King Street.

### N. B. Roads the Best

A Fredericton lady who returned last week from a motor trip through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, says that the best piece of road encountered during the trip was the highway from St. John to Moncton.