

## NO CHANGE IN SITUATION AT MINTO TODAY

**COMPANY HAS GUARDS  
ON MINE ENTRANCES**

**No Shafts of Minto Coal Company Being Worked—Company will not Recede from Position.**

Mr. John Henderson, manager of the Minto Coal Company stated today that conditions at Minto were very quiet and that he hoped they would remain that way. None of the shafts are being worked and the miners show no inclination to start work. Mr. Henderson on being asked if the miners had any pickets out to stop any of their number from going to work stated that he knew nothing of them if they had. He stated that the company had guards on the various entrances to the mines as a precautionary measure.

When asked if he thought that the company would make any advances to meet the demands of the miners he stated that as far as he knew it would not make any advances but would stand by the finding of the conciliation board.

### The Miners' Side

Mr. William Hayes Board member of the U. M. W. who is representing that organization at Minto while the strike is in progress stated this afternoon that there was no indication of disorder among the miners who had stopped work and that there was no intention of permitting anything of the kind. Concerning the report that strikers' pickets were out, Mr. Hayes said he had no knowledge of the matter.

A wedding took place at Minto Saturday night. The firing of rifles and guns usually mark a charivari in Minto but by request of the strikers that was omitted. Three shots were fired in celebration but the man who fired desisted on request as it was desired to have no misconception placed on the incident.

### Retail Merchants Meeting

A meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association will be held this evening at the Board of Trade rooms. Important business will come up for discussion at the meeting.

### Weekly Roll Off

Fifty-eight bowlers will take part in the weekly roll-off at the Palace Alleys this evening. W. Henderson is high man with 125, followed by "Rock" Paynter with 120 and C. Brewer with 117.

### Occupied the Pulpit

Last evening Rev. W. D. Wilson occupied the pulpit of the George Street Baptist Church and delivered a splendid sermon. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached a strong sermon and made several references to prohibition.

### Basketball Game Tonight

A basketball game will be played this evening at the Fraser Memorial Hall between the Presbyterian and the George Street Baptist teams. A good game is expected as both teams have been practising for some time.

### Property Transfer in Devon

Mrs. Abraham Hatty has sold the property at the corner of Union and Bridge streets in Devon, which has been occupied as store and dwelling by her for some years. The purchaser is Mr. G. F. Woodworth, who conducts a barber shop in Devon. Mrs. Hatty will remove to Minto.

### Conference of D. M. H. O.

A conference of the District Medical Health Officers is being held today at the Department of Public Health, the Chief Health Officer, Dr. G. C. Melvin, issuing instructions relative to the collection of vital statistics, which will be begun with the New Year.

### May Have Hockey Coach

The Hockey Council of the U. N. B. will meet this afternoon to decide whether they will have the services of a hockey coach for the coming season. With a number of old players back on the team the U. N. B. stands a very good chance in the Intercollegiate Hockey League this season.

### Died in Ontario

News has been received of the death at Richmond Hill, Ont., of Mr. J. S. G. VanWart, formerly sheriff of Calgary. The deceased was a native of Carleton County and resided in the West for many years. He was one of the pioneers of Calgary and established a large business. He was once an unsuccessful candidate for parliament in the Liberal interests. The deceased married a daughter of the late Mr. James Tibbitts of this city, and was a brother in law of Sir Douglas Hazen Chief Justice of New Brunswick. He was a cousin of Mr. A. H. VanWart of Fredericton.

## UNITED FARMERS TO TAKE SANSOM & McNALLY STORE

**PURCHASE PROBABLY  
ARRANGED BY SATURDAY**

**Meeting Was Held Here Saturday—Hope to Have Co-operative Store Within a Month.**

A meeting of the United Farmers of this section was held on Saturday afternoon at the County Court House to discuss the United Farmers' cooperative store project which has been in prospect for some time. Committee reports were received and it was decided to continue the committee for securing a location for the store in Fredericton. Councillor Tabor C. Everett of Kingsclear is chairman of the committee.

### Sansom & McNally Store

Several sites for a store in this city were proposed and the one at present occupied by Sansom & McNally at the corner of Queen and Westmorland Streets was put before the meeting. A committee composed of Alfonso Kelley, Henry Lehr, William Illingworth, Thomas O'Leary and John Kileen interviewed the present proprietors on Saturday afternoon and showed themselves very well pleased with both the location and the store itself. Particulars of the taking over of the store were not announced to the reporter for the Mail this morning but it is understood that the deal was practically put through and that on Saturday the committee will report back to the meeting of the United Farmers and get consent to the proposition.

### To be Occupied Soon

In less than a month it is expected that the store will be occupied by the United Farmers who will take over the present stock and add much to it. An option on the store of James P. Hayes in Devon was taken but it was considered undesirable to have the store located outside Fredericton.

### Let Out on Deposit

One drunk who was arrested on Saturday evening for being drunk and fighting was locked up overnight and was let go this morning upon making a deposit.

### Immaculate Conception

Today is the feast of The Immaculate Conception and was observed in all Roman Catholic Churches. The seven days novena which was held all last week in honor of the Blessed Mother of God was brought to a close Sunday evening.

## DEVON HAD TWO SERIOUS FIRES IN WEEK-END

**C. A. BANKS DWELLING  
BURNED THIS MORNING**

**Occupants of House Had Narrow Escapes—Leaped from Windows—Double Roof Hindered Firemen.**

Devon was the scene of two fires during the week-end. The dwelling of Vernon Lewis, in Mill Street, was badly damaged by fire on Sunday morning and the house and furniture of C. A. Banks, Union Street, were a total loss in a fire which broke out there about one o'clock this morning.

The fire in the former case was caused by hot ashes, the outbuildings and rear of the house were destroyed with their contents but the main house was saved by the Devon firemen. The building is the property of Burpee Sherwood of Devon.

### Heavy Loss This Morning

The George VanWart property which was purchased by Mr. C. A. Banks was a total loss by fire as well as the furniture it contained, when a fire caused by defective flue, broke out this morning. The blaze was first seen about one o'clock and the Devon firemen were called to the scene. The loss is estimated at several thousand dollars. The house and furniture were insured, the house for \$2000 and the furniture for \$500 with companies represented by J. L. Neville.

### Knocked Unconscious

The family escaped taking with them a few articles of clothing while the women were badly bruised by throwing themselves from the windows. Mr. David Banks while leaving the house was struck on the head by a piece of falling timber and knocked unconscious. He was carried from the scene of the fire.

### In Double Roof

Starting in the ell the fire spread to the main building and burned for some time between the double-roof where it could not be mastered by the firemen. It was finally got under control but broke out several times after the firemen left.

Nothing but a few articles of clothing were saved. What furniture was not burned was destroyed by water.

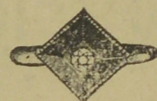
### A Coming Event

Mrs. Fred Ebbett, The Barony, announces the engagement of her daughter Ina Blanche to J. Chesley Hallett, Warden for the Municipality of York, the marriage to take place December 30th.

## Christmas Gifts from SHUTE & CO.

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