

ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS HAD BUSY TIME

NORTHUMBERLAND CO. MURDER CASE THE NEXT

Moving for Commutation in the Case of Newman Clark, Sentenced to Hang on March 1st.

Hon. J. P. Byrne, Attorney General, arrived here last night and today is attending to departmental business. The Attorney General has a brief respite from court business which during the past few months has been of greater extent than during any similar period in the history of the province.

Northumberland Case.

The next case in which the Attorney General will be concerned is the murder at Burnt Church, Northumberland County, where an Indian policeman Dedam was killed and for which the two Mitchell brothers, also Indians, are held.

Crime Wave Theory.

There seems to be no explanation of the increased number of cases of murder, manslaughter and other crimes which have occurred in New Brunswick within the past few months except by the "crime wave" theory which has been accepted elsewhere.

York County will have a heavy court in January.

Moving in Clark Case.

The Attorney General states that steps have been taken by W. P. Jones, K. C., counsel in the case of Newman Clark of Grand Falls, for commutation of sentence.

Clark who was sentenced to hang March 1st, for the murder of Miss Phoebe Bell at Grand Falls, is in Victoria County Jail awaiting execution. Insanity was the plea of the defence. It is reported that alienists have examined him recently and that the petition to the Department of Justice will be based upon a claim of insanity.

Engagement Announced

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Emerson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Emerson, of St. John to Major G. H. McCallum, Ottawa, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. McCallum, Smith's Falls, Ontario.

To Travel in Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Robert FitzRandolph and Miss Constance FitzRandolph, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gregory and Miss Hilda Gregory leave early in the new year on a trip to Europe. The party expect to be gone six months.

To Reach Halifax Tuesday

The Canadian cruiser Aurora and destroyers Patricia and Patriot will arrive in Halifax on Tuesday, Dec. 21. The warships arrived at Bermuda on Wednesday from Devonport via the Azores. These vessels are the nucleus of a new Canadian navy.

Married Thursday Afternoon

Miss Mina S. Arbeau and Thomas Allan Connors both of Upper Blackville were united in marriage at the George Street United Baptist Parsonage in this city Thursday afternoon, Rev. Z. L. Fash performing the ceremony. The couple was unattended. They will reside at Upper Blackville.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid of St. Paul's Church held a banquet for the members of the society at Fraser Memorial Hall last evening. A very pleasant time was spent by those present and plans for the coming year were formulated. Mrs. C. A. McVey who retires at the end of the year has been a very successful president. She is succeeded by Mrs. J. S. Scott.

Close for Holidays

The Christmas examinations at the University of New Brunswick closed yesterday. Many of the out-of-town students are leaving the city today. The foresters are remaining in town being engaged in cutting lumber on the college grounds in an effort to raise money for the Memorial building. The classes at the Provincial Normal School closed today without public exercises.

Opera House

The week end play is "The Strange Boarder" with Will Rogers the star. Will Rogers, who is a prime favorite here will give fans a chance to see what Jimmie Rogers, his small son, can do in this picture. Jimmie and his father play father and son in the picture too. Irene Rich is the leading woman. It is a story of a man who is made a dupe of his friends and who loses everything through his faith in them. A story of sacrifice, of fatherly love and of the happiness that finally comes to the man—that's "The Strange Boarder." The serial "Daredevil Jack" is finished and a new one called "The Phantom Poe" begins.

At the Gaiety

The week end play is "The Sins of St. Anthony" with Bryant Washburn, the featured player. Bryant Washburn, known as one of the best dressed actors on the screen, wears an old frock coat of greenish blue, Congress gaiters a derby hat and a black string tie in "The Sins of St. Anthony" his new photoplay. Anthony is a young scientist who knows the world better through a microscope than the one that lies the other side of his horn-rimmed glasses. His girl turns him down, because he's such a slow one. Thereupon a great light dawns upon Anthony and he proceeds to give an imitation of a slow guy painting the town red. He takes a little musical comedy queen with him on his trip through the halls of dissipation—you can imagine the rest. Margaret Loomis has the role of Jeanette Adair, the dance queen. Viora Daniel has the other leading feminine role. This is said to be one of Washburn's best.

AMALGAMATION OF LOCAL BANDS NOT PROBABLE

MEETING LAST NIGHT WAS WITHOUT RESULTS

York Regiment Band Members Against Amalgamation—New Members on Application Only.

Attempts to amalgamate the two Fredericton bands, York Regt Band and Fredericton Brass Band will not succeed judging from the meeting which was held last night. Members of the York Regt. Band took the ground that amalgamation was not desirable and that the only way in which members of the other band would be admitted to the militia band would be on application individually.

The Fredericton Brass Band, the leader of which, the late George H. Offen, died a short time ago, and that band recently made overtures toward amalgamating and forming one large band for Fredericton. Amalgamation is not likely to take place.

Meeting at Armory

The meeting which was arranged through the York Commercial Club was held in the bandroom at the armory. There were not many bandmen present there evidently being a misunderstanding with regard to the meeting. Officers of the York Regt. and the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade attended with other citizens. Ald. F. L. Cooper was elected chairman of the meeting. Major A. Sterling was the senior officer of the York Regt. present.

Bandmen Heard

The bandmen heard were Bandmaster James White, Theo. Sloat and C. Percy Edgecombe of the York Regt. Band and R. H. Wandless and Ford Delong of the Brass Band. The proposal from the Brass Band was that there be an amalgamation of the two organizations the name York Regt. Band being used when a band would be required for military duties and the name Fredericton Brass Band on other occasions. That would give the combined organization the use of the militia bandroom and the right to apply for a civic grant as well.

Militia Band Declines

The representatives of the militia band advanced arguments which in short were that competition between the two bands was desirable, that hard feelings of the past between the two organizations were not forgotten and would cause trouble in a combined band, that mere union would not provide correct instrumentation, that each band could develop better as a separate organization and that the York Regt. Band would accept players from the other organization only on personal application and voting upon that application.

Others Heard

Major Sterling briefly outlined the requirements of a militia band under regulations. Col. W. J. Osborne stated that he had come as a representative of the Commercial Club but unaware that the two bands had not entered into an agreement. Both officers spoke of sentimental reasons for retaining the York Regt. Band. Ald. Cooper said that he had come under the impression that amalgamation was wanted by both bands. That impression certainly was not correct. Major F. del. Clements also was heard. The meeting was then adjourned without anything being accomplished.

GOVERNOR'S MEDALS WERE PRESENTED

PERCY H. BAIRD THE WINNER AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Dr. C. C. Jones Made Presentation—Hon. D. W. Mersereau Presented Sunbury Medal.

At the High School today the presentation of the Lieut. Governor's medal took place in connection with the closing exercises. Dr. B. C. Foster, the principal, also presented Miss Mitchell of Grade XI with a prize consisting of books, a prize which was overlooked last term. Dr. VanWart, chairman of the school trustees, took the chair, and Dr. C. C. Jones made the presentation of the medal to Percy H. Baird. Dr. Foster and J. W. Spurdin were also on the platform.

The exercises opened with chorus singing "Good King Wenceslas." After this Dr. VanWart made a short speech in which he announced Percy H. Baird as winner of the Lieut. Governor's medal, and Dr. C. C. Jones presented the medal.

Dr. Jones, in opening his address, spoke of Mr. Baird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Baird, moving to Fredericton to get better facilities for their children's education. He said that they should feel amply repaid by the record which their children had made at the High School and also at U. N. B. Mr. Baird had received the medal as a result of hard work. His winning of the medal was due largely to the efforts which he put forth while in school and not wholly due to the efficiency of the school. Mr. Baird was endowed with a large amount of common sense and industry, and he hoped to see him continue his studies at the U. N. B. in the near future. Dr. Jones in closing his presentation address said he did not want to keep the pupils long, so he would present the prize at once.

Another Presentation

Dr. Foster then said he had to present a prize of some books which were overlooked last term. He said this was due, he supposed, to the change of teachers. When the final returns came in last year he found a mistake in them. The pupil with the highest average did not get the prize. However, at that time he thought that there should have been two prizes presented. Miss Wallace was presented.

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