

METHODISTS HINDERED BY BUILDING COSTS

NO DECISION REACHED
AT MEETING LAST NIGHT

Possible That Project Will be
Abandoned for the Present—
Anglicans Had to Do
the Same.

The members of the congregation of the Fredericton Methodist church who subscribed to the fund for the improvement and extension of church edifice held a meeting last night but no decision was reached. It is said to be possible that the project to spend some thousands of dollars on the building will be abandoned.

Building Costs Excessive.
The inability of the Methodist congregation to proceed with the work of church improvement is due to the uncertainty surrounding building costs and operations. Cost of both labor and material enter into that and make it impossible to get contractors to give figures on which total costs can be based.

Anglicans Also Abandoned Project.
The congregation of Christchurch Cathedral also has abandoned a project to erect a building for Sunday School and other purposes on account of excessive building costs.

Flour and Feed Advance
Bread flour advanced yesterday \$1.45 per barrel. Shorts and bran have also advanced \$3.00 a ton.

Scalded at Cotton Mill.
Joseph Donahy an employee of the Cotton Mill at Marysville met with a very painful accident this morning when a dye pot boiled over and scalded him about the arm and head.

Gazetted Lieut. Colonel
1st York Regt.—To be Lieutenant Colonel and to command the regiment for purposes of reorganization: Major W. H. Laughlin, vice Lieutenant Col. W. H. Gray who is transferred to the Corps Reserve, 28th January, 1920.

Revisiting the City
C. R. Avery of Ottawa is at the Queen. Mr. Avery is connected with the D. S. C. R. and some time ago was located in Fredericton. He is renewing acquaintances.

Cars in Collision
A collision took place yesterday afternoon in front of W. H. Vanwart's store between cars driven by Mrs. Martha Harvey and Gordon G. Scott. The only damage done was to the wind guard of Mr. Scott's car.

Partnership Dissolved.
The partnership of William Minto and J. Walter MacKay, dealers in bicycles, motors talking machines etc. has been dissolved. Mr. Minto will carry on with the business at the same stand, and although it is not known definitely what Mr. MacKay will do it is said that he intends to start again in the shoe business in this city.

Her Fourth Birthday
Clare (Toodles) McFarlane the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce McFarlane entertained the Kindergarten children at a birthday party at the school room yesterday morning. She had a handsome birthday cake and candy. In the afternoon the Kiddies went to the Gaiety then to the Palms where ice cream was enjoyed by the little ones. "Toodles" made a charming little hostess.

E. A. Sturdee in New Position
A recent issue of Printing, New York, contains this complimentary reference to E. Alban Sturdee: E. Alban Sturdee, secretary and treasurer of "The Merry Print Int. 14 Pynchon street, Springfield, Mass. leaves the firm May 1, to accept a position as assistant manager of the John G. Myers Company, Albany, N. Y. (Mr. Sturdee has many friends in Fredericton having been a captain here in the 236th McLean Highlanders.)

Nothing on Fredericton
Chatham World: Citizens confronted 75 cent eggs and looked forward to 30 cent sugar without fully realizing that the cost of living had materially increased, but when they were buying fresh herring of an Indian from Burnt Church the other day, at 40 cents a dozen, they realized that prices have indeed risen. The lowly Miramichi herring, formerly sold here at 70 cents, but valued chiefly as bait for lobster traps at 40 cents a dozen! (Chatham is getting off easy. The first gasperaux offered here were for 75 cents per dozen. Later on the price dropped to 50 cents.)

Death of Nonagenarian.
The death occurred on Sunday morning at her home at Fernmount, Sunbury County, of Mrs. Lucinda Law son, wife of William Lawson. The deceased, who was ninety-three years old, finally succumbed to the infirmities of age and passed away very quietly. She is survived by her husband two daughters, Mrs. John MacKay at home and Mrs. Ludlow Burnett of Minneapolis, two sons, Charles and Brunswick at home, and two brothers, Leslie Randall of Burton, and Hiram Randall of Lakeville Corner. Rev. Mr. Turner conducted the funeral service at 2 p. m. today at the late home and interment was made at Lakeville Corner.

SEVEN TENTHS OF AN INCH OF RAIN IN STORM

SEVEREST ELECTRICAL
STORM IN SOME TIME

Steeple of Methodist Church
was Struck by Lightning—
River and Tributaries
Rising Rapidly.

Seven tenths of an inch of rain fell last evening in a terrific electrical storm which passed over this section. Not only was there a heavy rainfall but hail fell for some minutes leaving the ground white. A storm of such violence has not been experienced at this season of the year for many years.

Methodist Church Struck.
While the storm was at its height the steeple of the Methodist Church the highest in the city, was struck by lightning. No extensive damage appears to have been caused by the bolt although traces of its passage are plainly visible. The main switch of the electric lighting system was burned out. This church two years ago during a heavy mid-summer storm was struck twice.

Rise in Water.
The water in the St. John River rose rapidly during the night and is at present higher than at any other time this spring. It has risen in all since yesterday noon about four feet but is still some two feet below the height usually attained. The tributaries also are high.

Rafts Went Adrift.
The strong current in the river has caused havoc among the rafts of lumber. Fragments of some are hanging on the piers of the highway bridge. The booms also are being subject to a severe strain.

Will Take Motion Pictures.
F. L. Fay, of Greenville, Pa., left last night for Cain's River to fish with W. H. Allen as guide. Morris Ackerman, of Cleveland, O., editor of The Sportsman's Guide, will go to that stream at a later date. He went last night to St. John where he will spend a few days. Mr. Ackerman is doing publicity work for the Canadian Pacific Railway and it is expected that motion picture photographers will arrive shortly to take pictures on Cain's River. Mr. Ackerman will go in with them. F. W. Fox of Montreal, of the publicity department of the C. P. R., is also expected to be one of the party.

Robert Kerr of Toronto is registered at the Queen.
A. H. Henderson, of Campbellton is at the Queen.
D. A. MacNeill of Monoton is at the Barker House.
Miss G. B. Corbett of St. John was registered at the Queen over the week end.

ESTABROOKS AND GILLIS INQUEST NEXT MONDAY

LT. COL. GRAY FOREMAN
OF CORONER'S JURY

Funeral of John T. Estabrooks
on Wednesday — Body of
Frank Gillis Taken to
Newcastle.

Following the tragic death of John Estabrooks and Frank Gillis in the early freight which was wrecked at 5.45 yesterday morning, at the lower end of the I. C. R. bridge over the Nashwaak River a mile above Marysville, an inquest was held last evening at the Town Hall in Marysville. Dr. B. M. Mullin, of Devon, was the coroner and the Town Marshal of Marysville had charge of proceedings.

Evidence Next Monday.
The coroner's jury with Lt. Col. W. H. Grey, of Marysville as foreman met last night in the Marysville Town Hall, and adjourned until next Monday night, the 17th inst, for the purpose of taking evidence in the case.

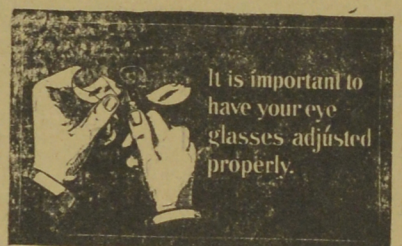
Water is Falling
Last night the water dropped about two feet and this morning Sylvia Nash and George Kilburn recovered the leg of the man Estabrooks, which was amputated in order to free him from the wreckage. It seems that the leg was caught just above the ankle between a heavy timber of the tender and the edge of the steel flooring of the cab, and thus the unfortunate man was imprisoned.

Estabrooks Funeral Thursday
John T. Estabrooks, railway brakeman, was thirty-three years of age and is a son of Hellington Estabrooks of Penniac, York County. He is survived by his parents, his wife and young son, Fred, and the sympathy of the community is extended to the family which has been so tragically bereaved. The remains will be taken to Penniac today and the funeral will take place at 1.30 p. m. tomorrow from the home of his father.

Taken to Newcastle
The remains of Frank Gillis were sent last night to his home in Newcastle at 6.25. It is understood that he is survived by a wife and three or four children. All who knew this man speak in the highest terms of his good character and devotion to duty and his many friends here will sympathize sincerely with his family. No announcement has been made regarding his funeral, which will probably take place from his home sometime tomorrow.

J. C. Whitehead of Woodstock is at the Queen.
Frank Parish of Chicago is registered at the Queen.
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Adair are at the Queen.
Col. P. V. Hoblenbeck of New York is at the Barker House.

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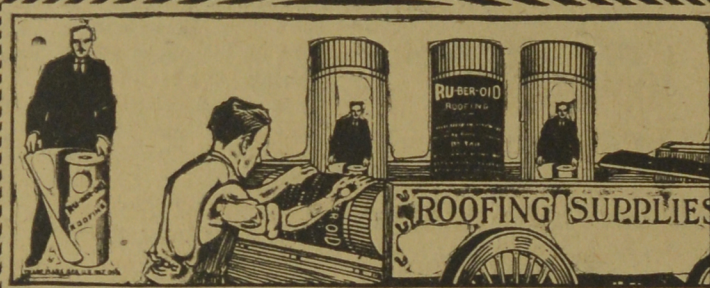
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