

CHAS. E. BLAIR ENDED HIS OWN LIFE TODAY

TEMPORARY MENTAL TROUBLE THE CAUSE

Had Long Overseas Service—
Shot Himself Through the
Heart at Home of His
Stepmother.

Charles E. Blair, a well known resident of Devon ended his life at about two o'clock this afternoon by shooting himself through the heart. The tragedy occurred at the residence of the stepmother of the deceased, Mrs. R. Blair, St. Mary's street. The only cause of the act is mental trouble caused by ill-health. The deceased was in Fredericton a short time before he committed the act.

Long Overseas Service.

The deceased served overseas during the greater part of the war. He enlisted in August 1914 among the first and went overseas with the 12th Battalion. He was transferred to the 15th Highlanders, 1st Division, and served with that famous unit until the organization of the 236th MacLean Highlanders in this province in 1916-17. He then had the rank of company quartermaster sergeant. He was appointed to the rank of lieutenant in the 236th by Lt. Col. P. A. Guthrie and again went overseas with that battalion.

Surviving Relatives.

The deceased is survived by three brothers and two sisters, Fred of St. John, Thomas of Devon and Harry of this city, also Mrs. John Howell of Devon and Mrs. George Bailey of Nashwaak. Inquest to be held.

Dr. B. M. Mullin, coroner, viewed the body within a few minutes of the death and empanelled a jury. An inquest will be held later. Dr. Mullin pronounced death to have been immediate.

The news of the tragedy has been received with the deepest regret as the deceased had a wide circle of acquaintances and his family is well known.

Harvest Full Moon Today

Today is the day of the annual harvest full moon, which will be followed by more than a week of bright evenings, if the clouds keep away. For several days the moon will rise about the same time each evening, the variation amounting to from eight minutes to about a quarter of an hour. The moon will be full at 1.57 p. m.

Auto Prices Down.

There is a depression in the automobile business, especially in the United States, where business has been very poor during the past season. Most factories are working on short time, and have also laid off a large number of hands. Last week Henry Ford reduced prices on his make of cars thirty per cent., which brings them to prices asked in 1914. Other manufacturers are following his lead and several have announced reductions of 25 per cent.

In Motor Accident.

Leslie Patterson of this city had his upper lip severely cut but otherwise escaped serious injury in a motoring accident at Taymouth Sunday afternoon. With a number of friends he was motoring up the Nashwaak. Immediately after passing the bridge at Taymouth one of the springs of the car broke and the break was sufficient to interfere with his hold on the steering wheel. The car was ditched and he was thrown through the wind-shield and his face was cut.

Flourished Loaded Revolver.

Daniel McEachern who is a miner at Minto but originally came from Prince Edward Island, was arrested here Saturday night on charges of drunkenness and flourishing a loaded revolver. This morning he pleaded guilty to both charges in the police court and was remanded. McEachern came from Minto for the day intending to return in the evening. He became intoxicated during the day and purchased the revolver and a box of cartridges at a local hardware store.

At the Movies.

The Monday play at the Opera House is "Poor Relations." There is a good comedy as an additional feature.

The Monday-Tuesday play at the Gaiety is "Paris Green," with Charles Ray as star. Mr. Ray long ago proved himself to be one of the most capable comedy actors on the screen, and in his present production he endangers not a bit of his reputation. His acting is delightfully natural and his comedy is sprung from human nature, the real source of all comedy that endures.

Died in Eastport.

Relatives here have received word of the death at Eastport, Me., of Mrs. William Savage a native of Penniac. The death occurred at the home of Mrs. Charles Savage of Eastport, daughter of the deceased. The latter was aged ninety-five years. Two sons and one daughter survive. The body was brought here today and the funeral will take place Tuesday from the home of C. Temple Savage, Devon, grandson of the deceased. Service will be conducted by Rev. H. H. Ferguson and Rev. J. B. Daggett. Interment will be made at Marysville.

N. B. Men Interested

An electro-pneumatic communicating signal system for use on trains in Canada and the United States, designed to reduce the loss of life and property on railroads, has been invented by William S. Benn, of McAdam. A million dollar company incorporated in Maine has been formed to handle the patent and among the officers are George E. Davies, of Debec Junction; A. J. Violette, of St. Leonards; Edgar H. Fairweather, of St. John, and Edgar Coburn, of McAdam. The new device is expected to eliminate many wrecks and make longer trains possible.

PORTRAIT OF J. W. SPURDEN IS UNVEILED

FORTY YEARS SUPT. OF BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jubilee Service Conducted by
Women's Missionary Aid
Society—Memorial
Service.

Interesting Rally Day services inaugurated Rally Week at the Brunswick street Baptist church yesterday. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Warren, preached a rally sermon in the morning to a large congregation. In the afternoon the Rally Day exercises of the Bible School were held. The superintendent, W. G. Clark, presided. All the exercises were much enjoyed by a large audience. An interesting feature was the unveiling of a portrait of J. W. Spurdin who for forty years filled, with marked ability and general acceptance the office of superintendent of the school. He was appointed to the position in 1878 and continued until last year when he resigned and was elected Honorary Superintendent. The address at the unveiling was delivered by the pastor. The portrait was painted from life by Mrs. Harry McAvity of St. John and will hang in the vestry where Mr. Spurdin presided over the school for so many years.

In the evening the Jubilee of the Woman's Missionary Aid Society was observed. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of missionary work among the Baptist women of the Maritime Provinces. It was begun by Miss Maria Norris of Canso, N. S., afterwards Mrs. F. W. Armstrong of Burmah. In 1870 she organized thirty-two societies which in that year raised \$1,300 to pay her salary as their missionary. In the half century following the work has had phenomenal growth till there are now 385 societies which last year raised \$45,000 and this year expect to exceed the \$50,000 mark.

The local society was organized by Miss Norris on August 23rd, 1870 with the following staff of officers and thirty-one charter members, all of whom have passed to higher service except Mrs. Calvin Goodspeed of Lawrence town, N. S., and Mrs. E. S. E. Smith who resides in the Southern States:

President—Mrs. Charles Spurdin.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. A. F. Randolph.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Calvin Goodspeed.
Secretary—Miss Lizzie Phillips.
Treasurer—Miss Fannie Yerxa.

The society has increased in numbers from thirty-one in 1870 to 135 at the present time and its contributions have grown from \$36.00 to \$864.00 last year and the thousand dollar mark is expected to be reached this year.

The Jubilee service was conducted by the Woman's Aid Society. The members occupied reserved seats in the central body of the church. The auditorium was tastefully decorated with golden rod and golden glow. Special Jubilee music was furnished by the choir. The President, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy presided. The 1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. E. Kilburn, read the scriptures. The 2nd Vice-President,

FIFTEEN PER CENT LOSS IN GRAIN CROPS

TURNIPS AND LATE GRASS ARE EXCELLENT

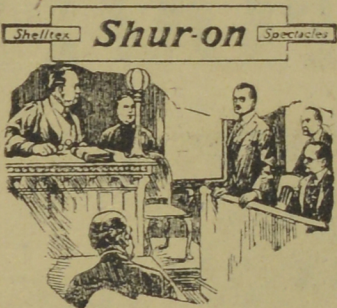
Potatoes Have Suffered Heavily in All Sections—Blight Still Doing Great Damage.

Reports indicate that considerable grain was damaged by the heavy rains prevalent during the first half of September. The wheat crop always suffers the most and quite a percentage of this crop was rendered useless for flour-making purposes. The sprouted wheat can be utilized for feed purposes. The oat crop suffered both by sprouting in the straw on the fields that were cut and by lodging badly on the uncut fields. Estimates of actual loss due to these causes vary from ten to fifteen per cent. The crop generally was damaged and the grain discolored. The bright, clear weather of the past week helped out considerably in harvest operations and to put the crop in condition for handling.

The turnip crop is reported to be excellent, the weather being very suitable for a rapid growth. The after-grass has made good pasture and livestock are doing well. The supply of milk is keeping up well and the market for dairy products is firm.

The potato crop has also suffered considerably by the wet weather. Rot is fairly general in unsprayed fields and on the heavier soils. Potatoes grown under these conditions have frequently been found to be from thirty to forty per cent affected with rot. On the lighter soils the rot is not so bad and where fields have been well sprayed with Bordeaux Mixture it is reduced to a minimum. The loss from blight and rot throughout the province is quite considerable and may reach as high as twenty-five per cent of the crop. The weather of the next two weeks will have much to do with what the total loss will be. The potato market is weak. Cars were being loaded last week in Carleton and Victoria counties at \$2.00 per barrel. There is not much movement at that price and the tendency is to hold the potatoes for a higher figure, it being generally agreed among the growers that to sell for that would be to sell at a price that would not cover the actual cost of production.

Mrs. F. W. Porter, traced the financial growth of the missionary work. The Secretary, Mrs. Havelock Coy, prepared and read the history of the local society. A sketch of the life of Miss Maria Norris was read by Mrs. G. C. Warren. A memorial service for the charter members of the local society was conducted. A flower was laid down for each by Miss Velma Estabrooks, a grand-daughter of one of the charter members, as their names were read. Generous memorial gifts were made by relatives and friends of deceased charter members. Five membership certificates were presented at the close of the service.



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