

SENT UP FOR TAMPERING WITH RAILWAY SWITCH

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ARRESTED AT RIPPLES

Man Has Police Record—His Mental Condition Suspected—Stole Horse Last June.

William Chamberlain who recently has been making his home at Prince William appeared before Magistrate Stephenson at Margerville on the serious charge of throwing a switch on the line of the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway at Ripples. The magistrate sent him up for trial. His trial will take place before the Sunbury County Court in March next.

The offense is one which is punishable with several years in penitentiary.

Mental Condition not Sound

This man has been under detention before. His mental condition is not sound. Recently when given employment in the lumber-woods, he left after being supplied with new clothing and other articles. He is a native of England and served overseas during the war, having resided in New Brunswick since boyhood.

Stole Horse last Summer

Chamberlain on June 2nd last stole a horse belonging to Roy W. Smith of this city, proprietor of the Barker House Stables in this city. The horse had been hired by another man and while in his possession was stolen by Chamberlain who sold it to a farmer residing near Harvey. Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne later recovered the animal after its loss had been reported to Chief of Police Finley.

A Gentle Reminder.

Water consumers are reminded that they have only eight days more to pay their water rates in order to save the discount.

Teaching in Toronto.

Miss F. Louise Scott returned home this morning from Toronto. She is teacher of Mathematics and Latin in Branksome Hall in that city. Miss Scott is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott.

\$5,100 For Navy League.

The Navy League appeal has been quietly carried on for several weeks and the latest returns, probably the final totals for New Brunswick show the province to have contributed \$5,100. To that sum Fredericton gave the largest contribution from any one place.

Fell Four Stories.

Sackville Post: One of the Cubans attending the Academy a few days ago fell from a window four stories, alighting on the roof of another building. The lad was badly shaken up, but strange to say no bones were broken. One of his ankles was injured and he will be taken to the Moncton Hospital.

Winter in Canada

"Winter in Canada" is the title of a very attractive booklet which District Passenger Agent N. R. DesBrisay and members of his staff are sending out as a Christmas greeting. The booklet contains a number of beautiful winter views artistically arranged and appropriately explained in the text. It should be very effective in convincing misguided souls who are of the opinion that "Our Lady of the Snows" is an unpleasant country in cold weather that their ideas are incorrect.

Southampton Visitors.

Ex-Coun. James T. Masten and wife of Campbell Settlement are among the visitors to the city today and are being heartily greeted by many old friends. Mr. Masten was a County Councillor way back in the seventies and naturally takes a very keen interest in public affairs. "I don't get to town very often these days," he told The Mail, "but I enjoy getting around once in a while to see the boys." Asked for his opinion of the Agrarian Movement, Mr. Masten said he did not care to discuss the subject during the festive season.

Going to Oxford.

Among the passengers who will sail from St. John on the C. P. O. S. steamer Victorian is Atwood Bridges, a son of Dr. H. S. Bridges and special Rhodes scholar for Canada. Mr. Bridges will attend University College, Oxford, and while on the other side will take up athletics in his spare time. He was a star track man when at the University of New Brunswick and has done 100 yards in competition in 10 1-5 seconds and has done this distance in 10 seconds flat in training. Mr. Bridges will try for his Blue while at Oxford, that honor which means so much to the collegian.

Died on Wednesday

Edwin J. Segee a well known resident of Fredericton died Wednesday in this city. The deceased was aged seventy years and is survived by a wife and two sons and two daughters. The sons are William of Plaster Rock and Frederick of this city. The daughters are Mrs. Frank Bidlake of Fredericton and Mrs. E. C. Stephens of Peace River, Alberta. The deceased was a member of the staff of the House of Assembly having been appointed doorkeeper in 1895 when Hon. A. G. Blair was premier of the province. Prior to that he was engineer at the City Lighting Plant, Carleton Street. There he had the misfortune to lose one of his arms in an accident. The funeral will take place at 2:30 Friday afternoon. Rev. G. M. Young conducting the service. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

POCKETPICKING AMONG SHOPPERS IS REPORTED

WOMAN SAYS HER PURSE WAS TAKEN LAST NIGHT

Police Believe Lost Purses are Often Reported as Stolen—Christmas Buyers Should Beware.

A case of pocket-picking was reported to the police last night by a woman who alleged that her purse containing twenty two dollars was taken from her pocket in Woolworth's store at about nine o'clock. The theft was reported to Patrolman McLean who investigated immediately but without any trace of the missing article being found. The owner had been carrying the purse in an outside pocket of her coat.

Losses Reported as Thefts

Chief of Police Finley stated this morning that it was his experience that numerous articles lost during Christmas shopping when stores are crowded more than usually are reported to the police as stolen. This season if the year however is one during which pickpockets can ply their cunning with great ease. In past years thefts of this kind have been reported frequently.

Shoppers Should Beware

One of the greatest means of assistance to the police is proper care and precaution on the part of shoppers. Purses should not be carried in sight or in outside pockets as that is almost an invitation to light-fingered persons.

The Usual Shop-Lifting

Merchants report that the usual amount of shop-lifting is taking place in the various stores. In some cases well-to-do persons have been known to resort to that probably because the opportunity presents itself. No arrests have been reported for this offense so far. Clerks keep a sharp look-out but in the crowds and rush of business it is impossible to prevent it.

Fraser-Brown.

A pretty wedding took place yesterday at the George Street Baptist Parsonage. The contracting parties were Harold Fraser of Prince William and Miss Ethel Brown of North Devon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Z. L. Fash in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The bride was dressed in taupe satin and georgette. After the marriage ceremony was performed the bridal party was conveyed to the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown, North Devon, where a dainty luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser will reside at Prince William, where the groom is employed with the C. N. R.

Miss Mary C. McCarthy of Moncton is here to spend the holidays at her former home.

REVIVAL IN BUILDING IS EXPECTED

PERIOD OF EXCESSIVE COSTS IS PASSING

Many Citizens of Fredericton Who Have Postponed Operations Intend to Build in 1921.

Present conditions are believed to point to a revival in building activities in Fredericton and vicinity during 1921. Labor conditions are much easier and the price of building materials are decreasing slowly but steadily.

For several years there has been many persons desirous of erecting dwellings in this city who have been deterred by the greatly advanced costs and who postponed their operations until costs declined. Those persons now intend to build in 1921 as the present indication is that costs will be considerably lower than at any time in several years.

Skilled Artizans Returning

One indication of lower building costs is the return to this city of numerous skilled artizans who were attracted to Halifax and other cities by reconstruction or building booms. Halifax today has a super-abundance of members of building trades and it is likely that other towns and cities in the Maritime provinces will benefit by the exodus from that city which now is overpopulated. This also means that the war-scale wages will be a thing of the past and that contractors and other builders will be able to make estimates on a basis more nearly reasonable than they have for some years.

Avoided Peak of Cost

Those who did not build during the past year avoided the peak of cost. Those acquainted with building costs foretell a period of high rents for Moncton and other cities in which houses were erected at extreme prices. Fredericton will avoid that and in that way conservatism will prove a benefit.

During the past year this city added not more than twenty-five dwellings to its buildings. Next year should see that number greatly exceeded. Other towns are expecting revival in building, Sussex and Sackville being among them.

Was Sent Up

William Arseneau who was arrested on Saturday last was up before Devon Magistrate Jaffrey this morning and was sent up for trial before Judge Limerick on a charge of breaking and entering a house in Penniac.

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G. Henderson and wife of Millerton are guests at the Barker House.

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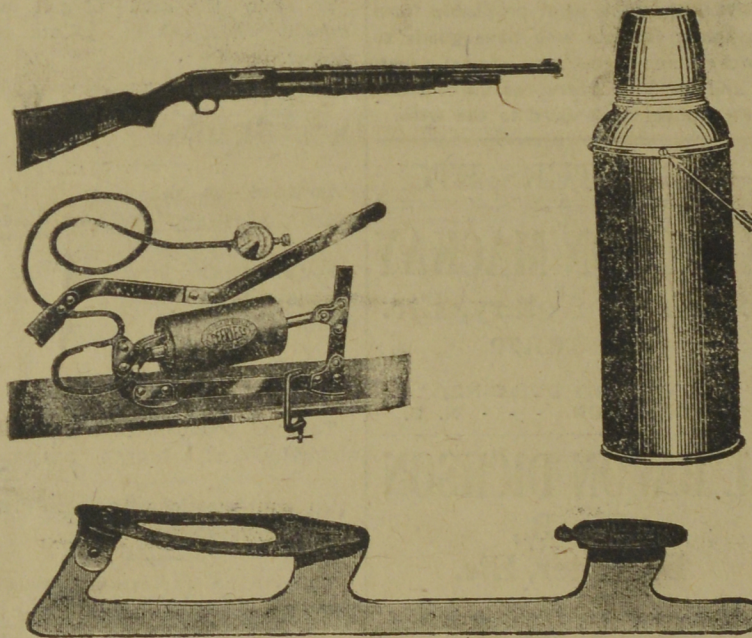
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