

## ST. JOHN BOYS ATTEMPTED A HOLD-UP

LEFT HOME MONDAY;  
DEAD BROKE TUESDAY

Crawford and McBean Tried to Take Purse from Young Woman on Street Yesterday.

Two young boys by the names of Crawford and McBean ran away from their homes in St. John Monday. The Crawford boy had been sent from his home on Erin Street with a sum of money when he met McBean on a some what similar errand. The two boys spent quite a sum of money around the city and it was then decided to come to Fredericton. Monday night they registered at Long's Hotel. Tuesday night their money being all spent they slept at the C. P. R. station.

Yesterday afternoon they tried to steal a pocket-book from a young lady whom they met on the street but were unable to snatch it away from her. On account of the presence of two men across the street the two boys turned and ran one of them leaving his glove behind him.

When caught last evening by the police they put up the story that they had met a man in St. John who told them his brother owned a farm near the city who would give them work.

The police however on communicating with the authorities in St. John learned the true state of affairs.

They appeared before Magistrate Limerick this morning.

### To Winter in Florida

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe expect to leave Thursday February 5th for Florida where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

### F. & D. Executive in Session

The executive of the Farmers' & Dairy-men's Association is in session here today making arrangements for the program of the annual meeting which will take place here in March.

### Visiting Former Home

Mr. Ashley D. Nason, formerly of this city but now living at Halifax N. S., has returned to that place. While here he was the guest of his sister Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Brunswick Street. His many friends gave him a hearty welcome.

### Ready for Service

Hon. W. F. Roberts, M.D., minister of health, has announced that the St. John Ambulance Association has instructed its members to place their services at the disposal of the health authorities throughout Canada should influenza appear in epidemic form.

### Provincial Chapter

The Provincial Chapter, I. O. D. E. is to meet in quarterly session at St. John tomorrow. Mrs. MacDougall of Montreal will deliver an address on "The I. O. D. E. Memorial Fund" after a luncheon at Bond's Sessions will be held in the Orange Hall. There will be a large attendance from Fredericton.

### Fire Last Evening

The firemen were called to the butcher shop of Tingley & Lee last night by a still alarm for a fire which had been caused by a stove. A refrigerator was considerably damaged. The loss will amount to some three hundred dollars. It is covered by insurance carried with companies represented by James L. Neville.

### At Saranac Lake

George M. McDade of Oshawa formerly of this city, is now at Saranac Lake, N. Y., undergoing treatment for tubercular trouble. It is believed that his case will respond to the treatment of the expert physician whom he went to consult. An X-Ray examination recently was made. His father M. McDade of St. John is in this city now.

### May Open Next Monday

The Smythe Street School may be open Monday. The section of the boiler which burst had to be obtained in Detroit as it was not carried in stock in St. John or Montreal. The school has been closed since the 20th inst. when the explosion occurred. The School Board maintain that a flaw existed in the boiler. The required section is coming by express.

### Devon Masonic Reception

Alexandra Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Devon held a reception in the new Masonic Hall in Devon last night. Many Masons with their wives and daughters were present. A very delightful program was followed out as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. Johnston; Vocal solo, Dr. Dakin; Piano solo, Professor W. Smith; Recitation, Barry Allen. The ladies served refreshments towards the latter part of the evening. During the evening music was furnished by Teanant's Orchestra.

## AUTOMATIC SAFETY DEVICE DAMAGED

THE AUTHORITIES ARE  
WATCHING OFFENDERS

Beauty Sleep of Residents Near C. N. R. was Disturbed—Liable to Heavy Penalty.

Criminal interference with the automatic alarms at the C. N. R. crossings in this city has been going on for some time and the authorities are on the watch to prosecute the perpetrators of this outrage. The penalty is two years imprisonment. It is believed that the damage is done to prevent the ringing of the bells in the early hours of the morning and interruption of the beauty sleep of some who reside near the C. N. R. tracks. As the alarms were installed at the request of residents of the locality through which the line passes, this destruction of railway property is against public desire.

### Letter from the Mayor

His Worship Mayor Hanson has written the following letter to the press, touching upon this matter:

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. L. S. Brown, General Superintendent of the Canadian National Railways, complaining that some people in the vicinity of the railway crossings on George and Charlotte Streets are interfering with the electric bells located thereon and which were installed at the request of the City.

The head of the electric department advises that wires have been found cut and the battery boxes broken open, evidently with an axe, presumably because the bells in the early morning interfere with their slumber.

The Police Department have been asked to co-operate with the C. N. R. authorities in bringing the guilty parties to justice, and I should be very glad if the local press would sound a note of warning against those who are guilty of interfering with these safety devices.

I would also call your attention to the fact that the cutting of these wires and the breaking of the battery boxes is a criminal offence governed by the provisions of Section 513 of the Criminal Code, which provides a penalty of two years imprisonment for any one who obstructs or interrupts the maintenance or free use of any railway.

Will you kindly give this matter some publicity if possible.

Yours very truly,  
R. B. HANSON, Mayor.

## OUTLYING SECTIONS AFTER BETTER SCHOOLS

PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING  
AT DOAK SETTLEMENT

School Board Has Spent Almost \$52,000 During the Year—Insurance Increased.

Dr. VanWart presided at the regular meeting of the School Board yesterday and the session as regards length was almost a record one. Three of the members found it impossible to attend, but among those present were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Weddall, and Mr. Hughes.

### Morrison Mill School

A delegation of ratepayers was sent from the Morrison Mill district and one from Doak Settlement, each with a desire for improvements and better terms. These delegations were fortunate in having for their spokesman His Worship Mayor Hanson. The Mayor spoke of the needs of each of these districts and of the inconvenience of locality. At the Mill school it was charged that instead of good hard wood they were obliged to dissipate the cold with mill wood not always of good quality; the floors, softwood, were worn out, and they ask for hardwood flooring in both departments; the doors and sills are worn out; new entrance steps are needed at north end of building; and a playground for the children, etc.

### Doak Wants New Building

Mr. Hanson then took up the case of the Doak Settlement delegates, whose complaint was not quite so much in detail as that of Morrison's Mill. These gentlemen want an entire new building at Doak, and want it on the same site, and claim that the present structure is over seventy years old—more than twenty years in existence when the schools law was launched. The Mayor championed their claim in his usual forceful manner, and as citizens and ratepayers they are entitled to the thoughtful consideration of the trustees.

### Consideration Promised

Dr. VanWart as well as the other members of the Board said that the comfort and convenience of the people resident at the mills and at Doak Settlement had engaged the consideration of the trustees on several occasions. The trouble at Doak has been the location of a building, and the trustees have urged bringing the children in to the river and there establishing a consolidated school, but this was not

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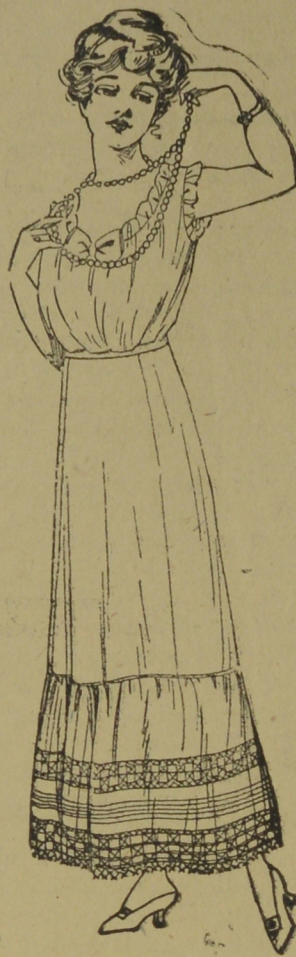
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