

MORE BIRTHS FEWER DEATHS DURING YEAR

Fredericton Health Sub-district Has Interesting Statistics—Births Almost Evenly Divided in Sexes.

The statistics for the year 1925 closing today, as collected by Mrs. Annie Wheeler secretary of the Board of Health and Deputy Registrar, show that in Fredericton during the year the births exceeded those of the year before and deaths were fewer in number. The number of marriages also was greater than in 1924. The general impression is that the population of Fredericton is less than it was some years ago but the statistics would hardly indicate that.

The vital statistics for 1925 are as follows:—births 227, deaths 131, marriages 135. For 1924 the statistics were, births 218, deaths 149, marriages 126.

By months in 1925 January had the greatest number of deaths with October second. The winter months seem to have had no more deaths than the summer months. The returns are, January 17, February 7, March 10, April 10, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 11, September 13, October 14, November 11, December 10.

The births were almost evenly divided between the sexes. Boys number 113 and girls 114.

City Affairs

Sixteen Below Zero.

There was a sudden drop in temperature Wednesday night and an official minimum of sixteen degrees below zero was reported.

Business Sold.

Mr. G. W. Bailey who has been carrying on business on King street has disposed of his stock in trade and building to Mr. G. H. Clark of this city.

For the New Year.

Appropriate gift for the New Year—Hyacinths, Narciss, Cyclamens and Primroses. Also Carnations and Celery. Come and see them at Bebbington's Gardens.

Is Seriously Ill.

Mr. Nathaniel C. Sutherland, the veteran shoemaker is seriously ill at his home in Campbell street from an attack of pneumonia. His many old friends will be glad to learn of his speedy recovery.

His Former Lodgings.

It is a curious fact that the premises now occupied by the Fredericton Sub-district Board of Health as an office were occupied by the lodgings of Dr. I. A. Wade, retiring District Medical Health Officer who has been ex officio chairman of the Board, when he was an undergraduate of the University of New Brunswick, 1870-73.

New Coal Company.

Black Diamond, Limited, with head office at South Minto and capital stock of \$100,000 is incorporated. Those incorporated are Richard B. Hanson, K. D., Charles L. Dougherty and Arthur H. Slipp all of Fredericton. The company is to take over the business of The Black Diamond Coal, Company, Limited, and to engage in a general mining and prospecting business and other lines of business.

Married Here Wednesday.

Rev. I. A. Corbett of the George street Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon united in marriage Flora Hazel Branscombe daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Branscombe, and Walter cott Barton son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac J. Barton of Cumberland Bay, Queen's County. They were unattended and will reside at Cumberland Bay. The ceremony took place at the George street Baptist Parsonage.

Completed Session.

The executive of the New Brunswick Teachers' Institute completed its session Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon session was occupied in consideration of the program for the annual meeting of the Institute which is to be held in Fredericton during the last three teaching days of the month of June. A local committee was named to make necessary arrangements for the Institute. The committee is composed of A. S. McFarlane, Miss Cecil Gallagher, Miss True, Miss Mary Palmer, Miss Betts and Miss Grace Smith.

CONDITIONED STUDENTS MUST HAVE 40 PERCENT

Some Must Go From the High School Back to Grade VIII—Business Before the School Board.

The Fredericton School Board held its regular meeting Wednesday. Among the matters considered was a report from Principal A. S. McFarlane of the High School on conditioned students who had entered Grade IX in September. He reported that a number had failed to make the necessary marks and the Board decided that all who had not made an average of forty percent should return to Grade VIII. Numerous other items of business also were dealt with.

Trustees present were Dr. VanWart, Mrs. Wheeler, Dr. Crockett, Mr. Douglass, Mr. Lemont, Mr. VanDine and Mrs. Clark.

The Committee of the new High School reported that the Smith Foundry Co. had been awarded the contract for installing an ash hoist in the boiler room of the High School. The Committee of the High School was also authorized to furnish outside sashes for the middle section of the High School.

High School Gymnasium.

The gymnasium of the High School is now equipped for playing basketball. A request for the use of this gymnasium was made on behalf of a proposed league, which was to include Marysville, Devon, Normal School High School, University Freshmen and City Clerks.

As the pupils of the High School hold a number of functions each year, especially the entertaining of visiting athletic teams, the School Board decided to assist them in securing an outfit of dishes and so forth necessary for such entertaining.

Assembly Hall Wanted.

Requests for the use of the Assembly Hall of the High School were also received from the Local Committee of the National Council of Education, the Sir Howard Douglas Chapter I. O. D. E., and from Professor Harvey.

Application for position on the teaching staff was received from Miss Josephine Breen, Doaktown.

Recreation Room.

The use of the old manual training basement of Smythe street School

FIRE INSURANCE LOSSES IN CITY WERE \$54,000

Fire Chief R. W. Smith Makes Up Statements of Fires and Losses For the Year 1925.

Fire Chief Roy W. Smith making up a statement of fire-losses for Fredericton during the year closing today issues the following statistics:—bell alarms 69, still alarms 130, false alarms 16, chimney and small fires 33, fires requiring use of water 20.

Details of Insurance.

The total insurance on buildings and goods concerned in fires amounted to \$159,550.63. Of that amount \$84,770 was on buildings and \$74,850 on goods. Insurance loss totalled \$54,000 of which \$20,000 was on buildings and \$34,000 on goods. This total loss is considerably less than of 1924 which totalled \$82,000.

It is far above the average for Fredericton as for many years the fire loss in this city was kept very low.

Four Serious Fires.

Four serious fires account for the greater part of the loss. They were at the garage of Phillips & Pringle, Limited, early in the year, two fires at the grocery of Frank C. Jewett and at the Wilson Dental Parlors.

A Babe in Luck.

The first baby born in Fredericton in the New Year is going to be in luck. As will be seen by an announcement on another page of this issue a number of business men of the city have promised suitable gifts for the new arrival, and they will be collected and handed over to the parents. The first child born after twelve o'clock tonight will win the gifts. In the case of twins there will of course be a division of the gifts.

was granted to the boys of that school for recreation privileges, under the supervision of the Principal.

The Board was notified by the Bank of Nova Scotia, Doaktown, that two coupons mailed by the Bank had been lost in the fire which destroyed the Doaktown Post Office, and payment was requested.

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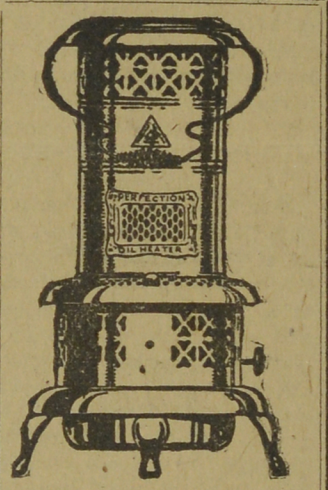
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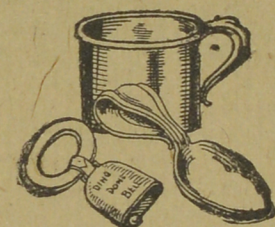
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