

OVERCOATS
STOLEN BOLDLY
AT DANCE HALL

Two Strange Young Men Left Mackinaws in Exchange—Juveniles Rounded Up Boy For Theft.

A nifty theft took place at the Old Gaiety Dance Hall late Thursday night when two strange young men divested themselves of well worn mackinaw jackets and donned a couple of overcoats the property of two young men who were dancing. The mackinaws were left behind when the two thieves departed. A young man from New Maryland and one residing in Northumberland County were the owners of the overcoats. The men who did the stealing entered the dance hall boldly and were seen by many, as they entered the main dance room and stayed there some time. They were not known to anybody present and their presence was not particularly marked at the time. They were strangers in Fredericton. The police were notified of the theft.

Youngsters Acted as Police.
The police were assisted by a party of juveniles last evening in recovering a large box of chocolates which had been purloined from the rear of Ryan's drug store while the clerk was busy in the front entrance being obtained by means of a side door. The police were notified immediately after the theft took place and Patrolman Bird investigated. He was not able to locate the boy who had taken the chocolates. Soon afterward a delegation of five boys visited the office of the chief of police and deposited the stolen box of chocolates. They said they had found the guilty party and had found the candy hidden in the shed of his home.

Produced The Prisoner.
The boys received the thanks of Chief Jones and left in a short time they were back with the "prisoner" in close custody. The boy who had taken the chocolates acknowledged the theft and Chief Jones placed his case in the hands of the other five youngsters. Three decided that he should be locked up but the two older members of the party seasoned justice with mercy, advising that the boy be allowed to go home to his mother but that a double sentence be given if the offence were repeated. Chief Jones gravely accepted the decision of the older boys and let the accused go to appear later if wanted. The other youngsters gave information as to where they would be if wanted as witness.

City Affairs

Domestic Event.
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mitchell are being warmly congratulated by their friends on the arrival of a ten pound baby boy at their home a few days ago.

Appointment Annulled.
That portion of the order-in-council passed November 10th appointing Hubert Arseneau of Tracadie, Gloucester County, to be a retail vendor under The Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, has been revoked and the appointment annulled the same having been made by mistake.

A. Y. P. A. Officers.
The Christchurch Parish Church branch of the A. Y. P. A. elected officers last night at a general meeting held in the Parish Hall. Those elected are, President Gilbert Turner; Secretary, Jack Odham; Treasurer, Josephine Murray.

Late Mrs. Melville Dorcas.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary I. Dorcas wife of Melville Dorcas of Devon took place this afternoon from her late home and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Sutherland and interment was made at Sunnyside Cemetery. The deceased passed away early Thursday morning after a short illness. Besides her husband one son Chester survives, also one brother Ralph Scott of Devon and two sisters Mrs. M. W. Hughson of West Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. Harry Fraser of Nashwaak Bridge. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Scott of Stanley also survive.

EXTRA TRAIN
SERVICE GIVEN
FOR CHRISTMAS

F. & G. L. to Put on Extra on 24th—Four Extras From Centreville on Canadian National Railway.

Mayor Phillips has received replies from both the C. N. R. and the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway relative to the extra trains which are to be put on at the request of the Fredericton Board of Trade. The C. N. R. has agreed to give an additional round-trip, Centreville to Fredericton and return on four days, the 16th, 18th, 21st and 24th and an additional round-trip Saint John to Fredericton and return on the 22nd and 24th. The Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway will give one extra round-trip Chipman to Fredericton and return on the 24th.

Mr. Appleton's Reply.
W. U. Appleton, General Manager of the C. N. R. Atlantic Region with head office at Moncton replied to Mayor Phillips as follows:—
"We propose to provide four additional round trips, north of Fredericton on the schedule of trains Nos. 53 and 54 as operated last summer viz:—
Leave Centreville 8.00 a. m. Dec. 16th, 18th, 21st, 23rd.
Arrives at Fredericton 11.50 a. m. Dec. 16th, 18th, 21st, 23rd.
Leaves Fredericton 5.30 p. m. Dec. 16th, 18th, 21st, 23rd.
Arrives at Centreville 9.25 p. m. Dec. 16th, 18th, 21, 23rd.
"For the accommodation of passengers residing south of Fredericton desiring to shop at Fredericton and St. John we propose two additional round trips which, in conjunction with trains Nos. 241 and 242, would give the following accommodation: No. 241, leaves St. John 7.30 a. m. Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th, arrives at Fredericton 1.20 p. m. Extra leaves Fredericton 8.00 p. m. arrives at St. John 11.50 p. m. same date.
"No. 242 leaves Fredericton 6.45 a. m. Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd.
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F. C. MURCHIE
TOOK UP DUTIES
AS LIQUOR HEAD

At His Office This Morning For First Time—Not Yet Decided to Reside in Fredericton.

Frank C. Murchie of Milltown, recently appointed by the Provincial Government to the office of Chairman of the New Brunswick Liquor Commission in succession to Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, arrived from Milltown last night and registered at the Queen. This morning he assumed his duties and took his place at his desk in the office of the Liquor Commission in the Old Barracks, Queen street.

Mr. Murchie stated this morning to a reporter of the Mail that he was undecided about taking up his residence in Fredericton. His present intention was to spend at least five days in Fredericton each week probably spending Saturday and Sunday at Milltown his home town.

Getting Acquainted With Work
"I am going to spend some time getting acquainted with the staff and with the business of the office," said Mr. Murchie also. "Until I know something about the business I will make or suggest no changes."

Since his arrival the new chairman has been warmly greeted by numerous friends.

Mr. Murchie some years ago was associated with Archie Alcorn of Blackville in the ownership of Bill Sharen the harness-racing horse bred by S. J. Boyle of this city and sold by him to Messrs. Alcorn and Murchie. After some very promising performances on the Maritime tracks Messrs. Alcorn and Murchie sold Bill Sharen to Thomas W. Murphy the prominent Grand Circuit driver. The price was \$25,000 in American funds which at that day was about \$28,000 in Canadian.

G. W. V. A. Meeting.
The regular monthly meeting of the Fredericton Branch G. W. V. A. was held Thursday night with large attendance. A number of matters of importance were discussed but decision was not reached. The decisions of the executive in a number of matters were sustained.

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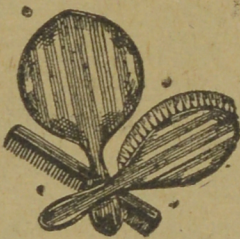
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