

DESTITUTION OF FAMILY AT RIPPLES FOUND

District Medical Health Officer Acted in Mat-
—Mother Admitted to
Hospital Here — Hus-
band Idle.

Dr. O. E. Moorehouse in his capacity as District Medical Health Officer on Monday encountered at Ripples, Sunbury County, a case of destitution and unsanitary conditions, which was hard to believe except by seeing. The case had been called to the attention of Dr. G. G. Melvin, Chief Health Officer, who asked Dr. Moorehouse to act. The family is that of Ephraim Sparks. Neighbors had supported its members by charity until tired of it and they then drew the attention of the authorities to the matter.

Five People in Shack

Dr. Moorehouse found the husband, a man about forty years old, idle. There was no food in the house. The wife was to become a mother and three little children completed the family. The wife said that she was ill and that her husband could not work regularly because he had to care for her. The doctor doubted that statement. The dwelling was a shack open to the elements in many parts and its interior was indescribably filthy.

Woman Sent to Hospital

The woman was ordered sent to Victoria Hospital today, by Dr. Moorehouse and he also ordered the children to be handed over to the care of the commissioner of the Poor. The husband will be on his own resources. Dr. Moorehouse told him that the shack must be vacated by spring as it would then be destroyed as unsanitary.

City Affairs

Minister Went Home

The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lewis Smith, after spending a few days here on departmental business left for home last night.

Past Master's Jewel

The Masonic Installation Thursday night had as a pleasing feature the presentation of the jewel of a Past Master, to Stewart L. Morrison. The presentation was made by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, Past Grand Master.

Alarms of Fire

The firemen have been kept busy lately with small fires. Last night an overheated pipe at the home of Robert McFarlane, Westmorland street, gave them a run. Later an alarm was rung in from box 32 for a burning chimney at a dwelling in Regent street owned by F. J. Tims. An overheated pipe at the home of Eldon McIntosh, George street also caused an alarm.

Exhibition Directors.

Saturday, September 11th, to Saturday, September 18th, are the dates of the Fredericton Exhibition of 1926. W. S. Hooper has retired as president and did not seek re-election. Officers are: President, Alonzo Staples; vice-President, George H. Clark; treasurer, C. Fred Chestnut; secretary, William Cruikshank; racing secretary, D. W. Griffiths.

Fines Followed Row

A row which took place in Regent street Thursday night and which resulted in damage to the Chinese Restaurant conducted by Vng You, resulted in the arrest of three local young men. This morning two were fined \$8 each on charges of drunkenness, two were fined \$10 each for fighting and two were fined \$4 each for causing damage to property in the restaurant as well as having to make good the damage.

Firemen Entertained.

The City Firemen last evening were hosts to a number of their friends at the Fire Station, King Street. Forty-fives were played at nine tables. Shortly after eleven o'clock refreshments were served. A good time was spent by all, Robert Coombes, Thomas C. Doherty and E. G. Merritt tied for first place. In the play-off Merritt won, Coombes getting second prize. John Roberts and John Lyons played off for the consolation prize which was won by Lyons. Shortly after the card playing started an alarm was rung in which almost emptied the room for awhile and again during the progress of the playing a still alarm was responded to.

BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING LAST NIGHT, REV. J. S. BONNELL SPOKE

Regret Expressed Because of Loss Sustained in
Death of John J. Weddall, Vice-president for
Forty Years—President J. W. Spurden Absent
in Oklahoma—Generous Support from
Public.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Branch of the Bible Society was held in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church last night and was largely attended. Rev. G. C. Warren, pastor, presided. During the business portion of the evening Mrs. W. G. Clark, vice-president of the Society took the chair and delivered a brief opening address. She referred to the loss the Society experienced in the death of John J. Weddall, for forty years vice-president of the Society. Her touching words respecting his active and useful life found a response in the hearts of all acquainted with deceased.

Mrs. Clark also spoke of the absence of J. W. Spurden, president of the Society, who with Mrs. Spurden spent much of the past year with their daughter Mrs. F. S. Porter in Oklahoma.

The musical part of the service was greatly enjoyed. The choir was there in full force and the selections, under leadership of Mr. George Tennant were greatly enjoyed.

Annual Report.

The meeting marked the 104th anniversary of the Fredericton Branch. The annual report was as follows:—

The friends of the great British and Foreign Bible Society in our City join with Canadians everywhere in recognition of the splendid effort of its management to overcome the continuous difficulties arising out of the demands for new languages and dialects. Eight new languages have been issued during the year just closed, and still the work is prosecuted without abatement.

Public Generous.

In our home field, the completion of another year in the history of our Branch has brought with it some encouraging features. While the demand upon the time of the members of the Executive is not great, and as the work is largely of a formal character it is usually promptly despatched. We are glad to report that the several city churches continue to provide collec-

tors, with apparently little trouble, and while making their annual visit to the homes of the people are well received. For the past seven years the lady collectors have been relieved of the work to a certain extent by a number of gentlemen who have kindly undertaken to receive the annual contribution of the friends of the Society who are engaged in the several factories, business houses, and public offices.

At the meeting of the Executive held in October a letter was read from Judge Forbes, president of the N. B. Society, stating that Mr. Sidney Smith, president of the Canadian Bible Society, expected to spend two weeks in the Maritime Provinces early in January, and would attend our annual meeting. It was subsequently necessary to cancel his plans. Fortunately Rev. J. S. Bonnell, of St. John, who was to accompany President Smith to Fredericton, kindly consented to take the absent president's place tonight, much to the gratification of the Committee.

President Absent.

The absence tonight of our esteemed president, J. W. Spurden, will be regretted by all friends of the Society. As is generally known, Mr. and Mrs. Spurden spent the past year with their daughter Mrs. F. S. Porter and family in Oklahoma, and we understand have very much enjoyed their stay in the South.

Heavy Loss.

Our Society met with a very serious loss during the year by the lamented death of John J. Weddall, one of the efficient vice-presidents of our Branch and for forty years an active member of this Auxiliary. He calmly fell asleep on the first day of June last. A fitting record of his death and a tribute to his memory, has been inscribed in the Minutes of the Society.

The Secretary-Treasurer regrets that he is not able to present a completed list of all the amounts contributed.

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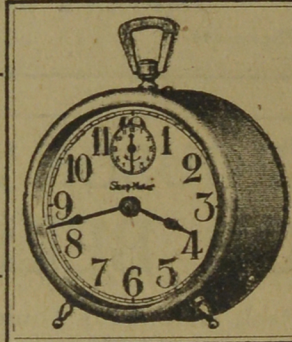
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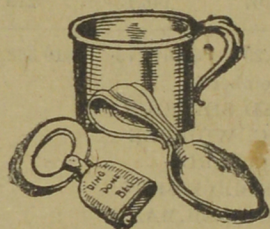
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