

BARKER HOUSE HAD BAD FIRE ON SUNDAY

**Hotel Filled by Smoke
From Blaze in Cellar
—Guests Were Not
Greatly Inconvenienc-
ed.**

The Barker House had a narrow escape from a serious fire Sunday afternoon when a fire which broke out in the rear of the cellar caused extensive damage to the cellar and the flooring above. Smoke damage was done all through the hotel. In many parts washing of paintwork will rectify the damage but in others walls will have to be redecorated. The loss is covered by insurance.

Chauncey Coleman proprietor of the Barker House was confined to his bed by lagrippe but got up during the fire. He was compelled by illness to return to bed. In spite of the dense clouds of smoke the guests in the hotel suffered little inconvenience and the operation of the house went on as usual.

Cause Unknown.

Neither the staff of the hotel or Fire Chief Smith can assign a cause to the fire. It started in a part of the cellar where there was practically nothing inflammable and the furnaces were some distance away.

Cellar Badly Charred.

The interior of the cellar was badly charred and the flooring above burned through in a few places and cut through in others by the firemen. The grocery store of R. W. Lindsay, in front of the portion of the Barker House premises where the fire started received slight damage from fire and smoke.

A gale of wind was blowing and if the fire had been allowed to get into the partitions a very serious blaze would have occurred.

The furnaces were last attended at 2.20. Shortly before three o'clock fire was noticed and had a great headway. Two streams were laid and the firemen had an hour's work before the "all out" signal could be sounded.

City Affairs

Burning Chimney.

The firemen were summoned to the residence of Charles E. Howie, Needham street, Sunday morning for a burning chimney. There was little damage.

Taken Suddenly Ill.

Mr. J. M. Chappell, a messenger in the House of Assembly suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at his home on Friday evening. He has since rallied and his friends will be pleased to learn that he is out of danger.

Hand Cut By Saw.

John MacAloon of Stanley had the misfortune to have his hand badly cut Wednesday, while at work at the Napadogan mill. The right forefinger was nearly severed from the hand by contact with the trimmer saw. It is hoped, however, that the finger can be saved.

Leaving Stanley.

William Douglas and Harry Hurley of Stanley leave this week for California. Mr. Hurley's store will continue in business under the management of Mrs. Hurley. James R. Sansom, salesman for the Sun Life is transferring to a new field in Staveland, Alberta.

Will Open a Store.

Mr. James Doohan for many years connected with late firm of F. & O. McGoldrick, has leased a store on Regent street near the Lorne Hotel and will start in business for himself in the course of a few days. He will carry a complete stock of boots, shoes, shoe-packs and lumbermen's supplies. Mr. Doohan only recently returned from Stanley where he has been looking after the business of J. G. Douglass & Co.

A Prolific Composer.

Miss Edith Bane in giving her impression of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with special reference to music and literature says: "Probably the most prolific composer is Cedric Lemont, a native of Fredericton, New Brunswick. He is now a resident of the United States. He has written for violin, voice and extensively for piano. Two of his best known piano works are Dream Pictures and Creole Sketches."

RED LAKE GOLD RUSH MAKES BOOM IN CANVAS CANOES

**Chestnut Canoe Co. is
Working on Big Or-
ders for the Gold Field
in New Ontario.**

Canoe-building has received a impetus from the Red Lake gold rush in New Ontario. Fredericton is sharing in the increased business as The Chestnut Canoe Company Limited has received large orders for canvas canoes and is now at work on a run which will keep the plant busy for some time.

New Country Creates Demand.

Harry G. Chestnut, managing-director of the company, said today that every rush into new territory in which canoes can be used on streams or lakes, causes stimulation in the manufacture of canoes. Red Lake has been no exception and the orders for canoes have been given so that as many as possible will be ready for the opening of navigation in that territory.

Canvas Canoes Desired.

The canvas canoe is in great demand for travel by stream or lake in rough country and the Chestnut Co., which does the making of canvas canoes for the market in which it joined a few years ago, is the largest firm making canoes of this type in the British Empire and its product is recognized as the best.

This is an instance of a Maritime product being in demand in Ontario and of that part of Canada taking manufactures from New Brunswick in spite of the fact that so much is said to the contrary.

Late Mrs. Frank L. Cooper.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Frank L. Cooper which took place Saturday afternoon was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. G. C. Warren at the residence of F. Cedric Cooper, 202 Northumberland street. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery. There was music by the Devon quartet during the service. There were very many beautiful floral tributes. The mourners were Frank L. Cooper, F. Cedric Cooper and G. A. Grant. The pall-bearers were Alex. Murray, A. M. Gibson, E. Allison MacKay, R. B. VanDine, Harry A. Watson and R. L. Phillips.

MARCH TO GO OUT LIKE WELL KNOWN LION

**Temperature Dropped
Last Night with High
Gale—Same Forecas-
ted for Tuesday—Haul-
ing Better.**

March after producing some fine warm weather and wasting the snow steadily gave a variety in weather over the week-end which evidently indicates that the first spring months is to go out like a lion. Last night a minimum temperature of fourteen degrees above zero was registered officially at the university and probably was a degree or two lower elsewhere. That means eighteen or twenty degrees of frost. A gale of wind accompanied the low temperature made it felt all the more. This weather continued all day today and the forecast is for more on Tuesday.

Advantage to Some.

The change in the weather will be a great advantage to some as hauling will be greatly improved by it and there still is much to be done. Last week the roads had softened so much that travelling was difficult. Those hauling potatoes and pulpwood are anxious that the breakup be delayed for some time yet.

Great Contrast.

At this time a year ago the tributaries of the Saint John River were clear of ice and there were signs that the main river would open. On March 30th after making a slight start here the ice ran out in the night making an early opening for the river. There is a marked contrast between weather conditions then and now. There is no outlook for an early opening and it probably will be May before stream-driving is under way generally.

Militia Orders.

Militia orders in the Canada Gazette contain the transfer of Lieut. Guy D. Scovil, University of New Brunswick Contingent, C. O. T. C., to the Reserve Unit, January 26th, 1926. Capt. F. deL. Clements, M. C., 7th Canadian Machine Gun Battalion is retired and permitted to retain his rank on retirement. Major J. A. Leger, North Shore Regiment, is appointed major from the 2nd Reserve Battalion. Capt. R. S. Holmes in the same unit is retired.

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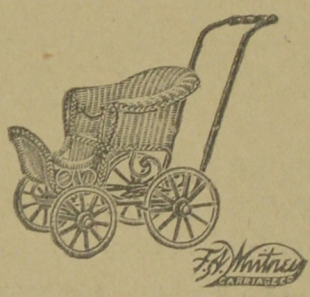
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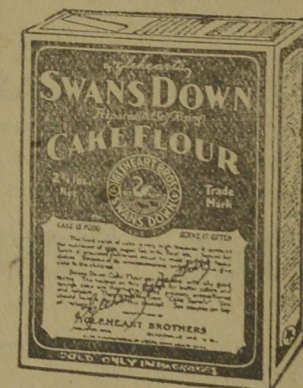
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