

ARREST MADE IN THE PERTH MURDER CASE

Arthur Demerchant was Taken Into Custody by the Provincial Police — Admits Charge of Burglary.

As a result of a visit of Commissioner Salt of the provincial police force to Perth on Saturday, Arthur Demerchant of that place has been arrested and lodged in jail in connection with the murder of Edward E. G. Armstrong who was found dead in his home on New Year's Eve. When found Armstrong had been dead for several days, his head having been battered in with a club or some blunt instrument.

Demerchant, who had been under surveillance, both by the Provincial Police and a special detective practically ever since Armstrong's body was discovered, confessed after his arrest, Captain Salt said, to burglarizing the murdered man's house the night that Armstrong was killed, but denies being the person who killed Armstrong. Demerchant was lodged in the jail at Andover and will be arraigned before Magistrate Hanson this morning.

Had Moved About.

The accused, the police said, had been working for a man named Hatheway at the time of the murder, but had later been moving about from place to place. Only last week he spent a period in the Victoria county jail for debt. When arrested by Officer Dudley Wilson, formerly of Saint John, and Sergeant Leetch, of Grand Falls, he was in the employ of Abe Vinegar, a Jew, potato buyer and horse trader.

Arthur Demerchant is said to be a brother of Avarde Demerchant, who was under suspicion for some time and for whom Captain Salt made a trip to Montreal. Avarde was allowed to go, however, Captain Salt stating on his return that the man had no connection with Armstrong's death.

It was intimated that there was another man under surveillance at Perth in connection with the affair, he being alleged to have made threats to Armstrong on several occasions.

CITY AFFAIRS

Spoke on Hydro

Prof. Stevens of the University of New Brunswick was the speaker at the weekly Gyro luncheon this afternoon and took as his subject "Hydro". The chairman of the meeting was Charles L. Dougherty.

To Speak at High School

The National Council of Education have arranged for Mr. Harry Irvine, who lectured on Friday evening at the Opera House before a large audience, to speak this afternoon to the students of the Fredericton High School. He will probably discourse on the works of Shakespeare.

Death at Kingsclear

The death occurred on Saturday morning at his home in Kingsclear of Segee M. Grant, aged 49 years. Deceased is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters. Funeral will take place at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from the late home, service by Rev. Calvin Currie. Interment will take place at Temple Cemetery.

Held Organ Recital

Prof. W. J. Smith, A.R.C.O., organist in the Christchurch Cathedral, gave a very interesting and enjoyable organ recital on Sunday afternoon commencing at four o'clock before an appreciative audience. The program consisted of six selections and were rendered with Mr. Smith's usual ability and ease of technique. The recital was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance.

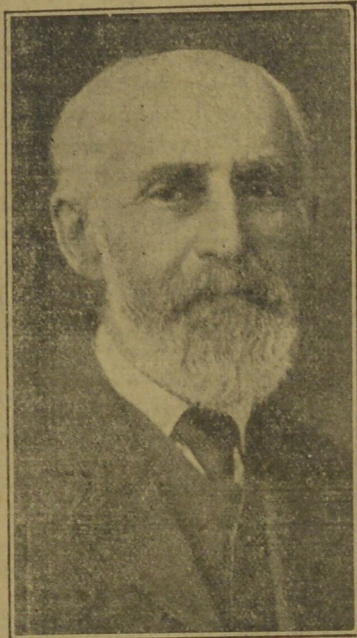
Sojourning in Florida

Mr. W. W. O. Fenety proprietor of the Gaiety Theatre, and Mrs. Fenety are now basking in the sunshine at Miami, Florida. In a recent letter to The Mail, Mr. Fenety says that he has found a great place. He adds that the normal population of the place has been doubled by northern visitors. The weather he says is wonderful with a temperature of from 70 to 75 degrees.

MR. ELIAS WHITE CELEBRATES 88TH BIRTHDAY

Is Marysville's Oldest Native Born Citizen and Has Lived There All His Life — An Old Time Lumberman.

Mr. Elias White who has the distinction of being Marysville's oldest native born son today quietly observed his eighty-eighth birthday and received a number of callers at his home who extended felicitations and wished him many happy returns of the day. Notwithstanding his advanced age Mr. White is still in the enjoyment of good health, but during the present winter he has stuck more closely to his home than



MR. ELIAS WHITE.

has been his case in former years. "You know I am getting along in years" he told The Mail over the telephone recently "and have to take good care of myself."

Native of Marysville.

Born in Marysville Mr. White has resided there all his life. He was close to thirty years of age when the late Mr. Alexander Gibson moved there from Lepreau and (Continued from page five.)

PROVINCIAL POLICE AFTER BOOZE MEN

A Number of Convictions Were Recorded in Kent and Restigouche Counties During Last Week.

Several arrests and convictions by the Provincial Police were made last week in the northern part of the province. They were all in connection with the illegal possession of liquor. Abraham Dugas of Balmoral, was convicted under the section 68 of the Intoxicating Act and was fined \$100 and costs. Celestin LaBlanc of Campbellton convicted of illegal possession of liquor was given a like sentence, by Judge Kelly of Campbellton when he appeared before the court in the latter part of last week. Narcisse Lavesque of Campbellton was given the choice of a \$200 fine or thirty days in jail for a similar offense. He chose the latter, and is now serving out his sentence.

Joseph L. Robichaud of Richibucto was arrested by the Provincial Police last week and taken before Magistrate Leon Daigle on a charge of having liquor contrary to the Act. He was fined \$200 or eight months in jail. He was taken to prison to serve his sentence.

Peter McLeary of Harcourt was recently brought to jail by the Provincial Police on a charge against the Liquor Act. He was fined \$100 or a term in jail. The fine was paid.

The Provincial Police have been active in Kent County since being organized.

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes.

"Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" is the Photo Play at the Gaiety for Monday and Tuesday with Ruth Lee Taylor in the leading role. "She is an exact picturization of Miss Loos' big eyed little pirate heroine who said that a kiss in the dark might be very nice but that a diamond ring lasts forever. Ford Sterling, Mack Swain, Alice White and Henry Spoffard are others in the big cast while Trixie Friganza is present as Mr. Spoffard's nit-wit mother. "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" is just as funny on the screen as it has been elsewhere far better played than on the stage."

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