

## MINTO MINER ESCAPED DEATH BY MIRACLE

Alex. Melanson in Serious Condition at Hospital as Result of Incaution—Stepped Over Dynamite Charge.

Alexander Melanson, middle aged miner was seriously injured Saturday morning at Minto when a charge of dynamite exploded directly in front of him while he was at work. He was rushed to the Victoria Public Hospital in this city where he has been in a more or less serious state since. The unfortunate miner suffered the loss of one hand and received severe injuries to his face and one eye as the result of the unexpected blast. He is employed with the Avon Coal Company of Minto.

### Directly Over Blast

The accident occurred at about eleven o'clock on Saturday morning. Mr. Melanson was working near the dynamite and was waiting for a charge to go off before setting another one. When one of them failed to again apply a light to the fuse. Just as he arrived at the spot, the charge exploded. The result was of course that Mr. Melanson received the full force of the charge, though luckily in a sideways position at the time. One of his hands was blown off and the force of the blast caused painful injuries to the man's head and face. He is now in a serious condition at the hospital.

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### Died at Moncton

Mrs. Barnes, wife of Mr. W. C. Barnes of Moncton passed away last week after a lingering illness. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. F. B. Smith of this city, who has been in Moncton for several weeks.

### Home For Saturday

Miss Margaret Jones, daughter of Chancellor and Mrs. C. C. Jones, spent Saturday with her parents in this city. Miss Jones is on the teaching staff of the Netherwood School at Rousesay and has left to resume her teaching duties.

### Ducks in River

A large flock of wild ducks supposed to be Golden Eyed Whistlers were seen sporting themselves in the river on Saturday near the water works pier. They seemed to be very crafty and would take flight at the approach of a boat or canoe and settle down again at a safe distance.

### Gave Recital

At the conclusion of the evening service of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Sunday, Prof. H. W. Sparrow gave a very pleasing organ recital. His program consisted of three numbers and the congregation greatly appreciated the effective renditions. Prof. Sparrow was assisted in his recital by Olaf Thompson who sang a very pleasing solo.

### Late Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth J. Sullivan, who passed away at Stanley on Friday, took place on Sunday afternoon from the late home at two o'clock and was attended by relatives and friends. Rev. Father Osborne conducted solemn service at the St. Patrick's church, following which the remains were brought to this city and interred in the Hermitage.

### Married This Morning

A quiet wedding took place this morning at the Methodist church at 8.30 o'clock when Ward Charles Rideout, of this city was united in marriage to Mrs. Clara Wheeler Graham, daughter of Mrs. Annie Wheeler and the late Harry Wheeler. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. F. Bates and immediately following the ceremony the couple left by auto in a honeymoon tour to points in Maine. Upon their return they will reside in this city.

## NASHWAAK BOY DIED YESTERDAY FROM INJURIES

Clarence Smith Victim of Highway Accident Passed Away at Vic. Hospital—Was Struck by Motorist.

As the direct result of injuries sustained in an accident at Nashwaak Village on Friday of last week, whereby Clarence Smith, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith of that place, was struck and knocked from his bicycle by a passing car, the young man's death ensued yesterday in the Victoria Public Hospital. Following the accident the youth was rushed to the hospital in this city in an effort to save his life; but he gradually became worse and he passed away yesterday afternoon. Deceased is survived by his father, Warren M. Smith, one sister, Rispah; one brother, Merton and a grandfather and grand mother, Phillip Wiggim of North Baldwin, Me., and Mrs. J. W. Smith. The untimely death of this popular young man has cast a deep gloom over the community in which he lived.

### Struck on Friday.

The accident which caused the (Continued on page five.)

## NEWS OF DEATH OF A FORMER LOCAL YOUTH

Ronald Aiken, 18 Year Old Son of Robt. G. Aiken, Former Resident, Instantly Killed in Auto Accident.

Word has been received by relatives in this city, of the tragic and untimely death of Ronald G. Aiken, 18 year old son of Robert J. Aiken, now residing at St. Catherines, Ontario, but formerly of this city. The young man was instantly killed on Sunday, when the car which he was driving collided with another car coming in the opposite direction. Driving with him at the time of the accident were Mr. and Mrs. James Wiggins of St. Catherines, uncle and aunt of the boy. They were uninjured in the collision. The deceased is survived by an aunt, Mrs. John Powers, O'Dell Avenue, in this city, and Mrs. J. J. Merryfield, another aunt residing in Saint John.

Deceased also is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Aiken three brothers, John, Robert and Lewis; four sisters, Anna, Katherine, Myrtle and Gertrude all at home. He is also survived by his grandparents, (Continued on page five)

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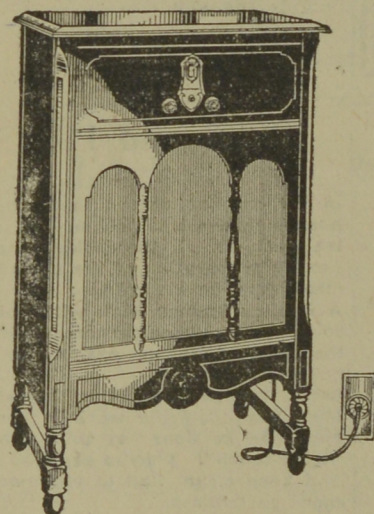
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