News Briefs

FIRE SATURDAY

A chimney blaze at the residence of R. B. VanDine, George Street, on Saturday night was quickly put out by the local firefighters. No damage was done.

MINISTER TO ARRIVE TONIGHT

Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, is expected to arrive here tonight to attend a conference of agriculturists here tomorrow. He will also attend the government meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday.

CHILD DIES

James Richard Mitchell, six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, passed away Sunday at the home of his parents, 568 Brunswick street. He is survived by his parents.

COUNCILLOR HERE

Councillor Harry Morrison, Southampton, is in the city today. He will remain here this week during the session of the County Council. Councillor William Nason, New Maryland, arrived here today also.

RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES

Alexander MacRae of Ottawa and Donald MacRae of Saint John who were in the city on account of the illness and subsequent death of their mother the late Mrs. Alexander MacRae, returned to their home on Saturday evening.

LEAVING FOR TORONTO

George Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston, is leaving this afternoon for Toronto, where he will resume his studies at Toronto University. Mr. Johnston has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

GOVERNMENT MEETING

The government is expected to meet here Wednesday of this week, according to an announcement today by Hon. A. A. Dysart, premier and minister of public works. The Premier arrived here Saturday night and is today attending to departmental duties.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Annie Duncan, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Duncan of Nasonworth, was reported to be showing continued improvement at the Victoria Public Hospital today. She spent a comfortable week-end. She was operated upon for appendicitis on Thursday of last week.

DEVON POLITICS

No candidates have yet appeared either for mayor or aldermanic offices in the town of Devon it was stated today by Mayor A. J. McEvoy. Nomination day in Devon is on January 14, and election day on Saturday, January 18. Indications so far are that the complete slate of aldermen as well as Mayor McEvoy will be returned in Devon. Their past year's record would almost guarantee their election by acclamation.

TWELVE NEW PERMITS

The public schools re-opened today after the Christmas holiday period. A total of twelve new permits were issued by the school board, the majority of them being for high school students who have recently moved to this city. All the teachers except Lawrence Hachey are back on duty, and Miss Anna Kelly is supplying in his place. The epidemic of measles which had struck the schools in the closing days of last term has now almost entirely abated and there was a good attendance of pupils in all the schools this morning to commence the new term's work.

FREAK EGGS

An egg within an egg—that was the strange phenomenon presented to The Daily Mail this morning by C. C. Camp. Mr. Camp purchased some eggs from Thomas Smith, Hanwell Road, farmer, and among them were three which together weighed just two ounces less than a pound. Opening one of the eggs Mr. Camp found that there was another perfectly formed egg, shell and all, inside. The outer egg had a brown shell and the inner one a white shell. After bringing another of the three to The Daily Mail office Mr. Camp opened it and found it to be similar to the others.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETS

The January session of the York Municipal Council opens tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock with Warden W. J. Gaynor, McAdam, in the chair. The session will probably last until Saturday. Councillors Harry T. Swan, Harvey Station, and J. Victor Norrad Boiestown, will be the only new members present at this session. The former was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Briggs and the latter was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Wm. T. Griffin.

Mrs. Cora Walker has begun her winter three months classes in Beauty Culture, and there is still an opportunity for two or three more pupils to enroll before the desired number of applicants has been reached.

INVESTIGATION HOSPITAL CASES GREATLY NEEDED

The Daily Mail Cites Case of Little Annie Duncan as Example

In Need of Relief

Conflicting Reports On State of Duncan Family at Nasonworth

The reference to the case of little Annie Duncan which appeared in last Friday's paper has caused a good deal of talk about town and also a good deal of criticism by many leading citizens including certain members of the Ladies' Hospital Aid. These people while not placing any blame on the matron, the nurses, or other officials of the Victoria Public Hospital feel it is time that some kind of a rule be established whereby patients, especially those who come under the head of emergency cases, be admitted to the hospital at once without any red tape. The Victoria Public Hospital is receiving grants from the provincial government, the municipal council, and the city council and is receiving handouts from almost everybody and the sooner that the committee or the board or whatever the thing is, gets off its perch and decides that it is there to serve the suffering public, the better everybody will appreciate the way things are carried on. Those who have had experience at the Victoria Public Hospital speak in the highest terms of the internal management of the institution and of the services given by the nurses and physicians in charge. It is the red tape, however, that has to be unsound before anybody can get in that makes the trouble. There have been cases in the past where suffering men and women had to wait outside the door until someone "planked" down the money. It is a wonder that someone has not died on the front door steps long before this.

In regard to the Duncan matter The Daily Mail carried a story on Friday last to the effect that 13-year-old Annie Duncan of Nasonworth, was operated upon at the hospital for appendicitis on Thursday last. This paper also stated that the girl who was in very bad circumstances financially as well as physically, had to chase all over town and get in telephone communication with county councillors and others in two counties before she was allowed into the hospital. We published a statement of Mrs. David Duncan, mother of the girl, who was interviewed by a representative of this paper.

Who Pays Expenses?

In view of Mrs. Duncan's plea of destitute circumstances The Daily Mail naturally asked the question:—Who is going to assume responsibility for the expenses? And it seemed natural enough that either York or Sunbury should rigidly do this.

When The Daily Mail reported the incident it said, (on Mrs. Duncan's word) that the Duncan family could get no satisfaction from the Sunbury county officials, and that Harry Rowan of Lincoln would have nothing to do with the case. Mr. Rowan today gives his side as does also by Councillor Randolph Wood of Nasonworth.

Coun. Rowan says that his term as Sunbury Councillor expired on January 1, said that he had informed the Duncans truly enough, that he had nothing to do with the case since he was no longer a councillor. He said also that as the Duncan family had removed from Rusagonis in Sunbury county to Nasonworth, which is in York County, that the former county was no longer responsible for the case. Although it has since been stated by Secretary-Treasurer Major J. S. Scott that Sunbury county would still be responsible, nevertheless Councillor Rowan was under the impression that York County was responsible for such a case in view of the fact that the

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LOCAL BUS COMPANY HEAD IN STATEMENT

W. E. Vaughan of Capital Transit, Ltd. Recites History of Case

Exclusive Franchise

Believes Devon-Marysville Action Will Cause Inconvenience

W. E. Vaughan, president of Capital Transit Limited when asked if there was anything new in the local bus situation, stated that there was nothing new that he was aware of unless it was the statement of Mayor McEvoy of Devon published in the Gleaner on Saturday last that Highway Transport Limited, operating buses in Marysville and Devon had consented to allow independent taxi operators to run into Fredericton during the winter months. He remarked that it was easy for that Company to be generous with privileges that that company has not got. Mr. Vaughan said that his company had established a bus service in Fredericton under an agreement with the City that it would be given an exclusive franchise in the city and he had no doubt that the City would see that its side of the agreement was carried out.

Referring to the history of the matter he said:

"Early in August last I was able to interest certain people who were willing to provide capital to procure the necessary eulpment to provide a bus service in Fredericton and Towns of Marysville and Devon if the necessary franchise could be obtained. Aplication was made to the Town Councilofls Marysville and Devon and the City of Fredericton for this. Up to that time no person for a number of years past had suggested a bus service in this locality.

The Town Council of Marysville held a special meeting to hear the application. P. J. Hughes, K.C., placed the proposition before the Council and requested the Council to take the necessary steps to have the Motor Carrier Board assume jurisdiction over the service between Marysville and Fredericton and to request that the franchise be given to the Company which I would have incorporated. This application was supported by C. N. Goodspeed who some years ago had introduced a bus service which had since been dismissed.

The application was opposed by a number of taxi drivers and the Marysville Council decided to take the matter into consideration and to discuss it with representatives of Devon.

On August 23rd last the Town clerk at Marysville notified Mr. Hughes that

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BY-ELECTION NECESSITATED IN CITY POLITICS

Election Act Dictate Eliminates Mitchell, Kitchen as Aldermen

Mayoralty Candidates

W. R. Crewdson, Murray Hagerman, Dr. Ross New Candidates

If Ald. Moses Mitchell and Ald. G. Willard Kitchen sit at tonight's committee meeting of the City Council they will be sitting as private citizens and not as aldermen.

This odd state of affairs on the eve of the civic election is caused by Section 68 of the Election Act of 1914, which reads: "Any alderman qualified to be elected as mayor may, with his consent in writing to be filed with his nomination paper, be nominated for mayor, nad he shall thereby vacate his place as alderman."

Since both Ald. Mitchell and Ad. Kitchen have filed papers for mayor they were automatically excluded as soon as their nomination papers were filed. Furthermore both vacated positions cannot be filled without a civic by-election which will have to be called by the new council at a date set by it after next week's election. The situation is unprecedented since the Election Act came into force in 1914.

There will be a mayoralty contest between Alderman Moses Mitchell and G. Willard Kitchen and this morning it was positively settled that there will be an aldermanic contest in at least one ward. In Carleton Ald. H. S. Wright, whose term has expired, is offering again and he will be contested by Dr. Byron R. Ross. Both have filed their papers. There will not likely be any contest in any of the other wards.

W. Raymond Crewdson filed his papers this morning for Wellington ward and will likely replace Ald.

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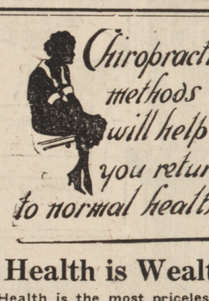
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