

## News Briefs

### ABLE TO BE OUT

John Rice, Regent Street, city, employee of Marysville Cotton Mills. Limited, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again, his friends will be glad to know.

### POLICE HEAD HERE

Sir James MacBrien, commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is in the capital today and will inspect "J" Division headquarters here, under command of Major E. C. P. Salt, superintendent of "J" Division, New Brunswick.

### CHILD DIES

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitchen, Kingsclear, at the loss of their infant son, Frank Allison, aged 9 months, who passed late yesterday afternoon. He is survived by his father and mother, three brothers, Eugene, Hazen and Lloyd; and two sisters, Grace and Vilma. The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon.

### FUNERAL THIS MORNING

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Meuse, wife of Charles Meuse, who died on Sunday at St. Mary's Indian Reserve took place this morning, leaving the late home at 8.45 o'clock and High Mass of Requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock with Rev. Father Gillis officiating at both the church and the grave. Interment was made in the Sunnybank cemetery. Friends acted as pallbearers and many were present.

### DEVON COUNCIL SWORN

The Devon town council for the ensuing year was sworn into office last evening at Devon, the oath of office being administered by Magistrate Whitman Haines. Ald. Henry was absent through illness. The others sworn were Mayor A. J. McEvoy, and Aldermen Ladds, Dobie, Bailey, Ashfield, Flower, Boone and Fletcher, the last named being a new member to the council board.

### DECREE GRANTED

Following further evidence heard in camera in Saint John yesterday a decree was ordered to issue in the divorce action of M. Olive A. Tower vs. Ralph C. Tower. The hearing of the case commenced at the January session of the New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes which was held here last week by Hon. Justice Grimmer. The case was set aside pending the hearing of further evidence which was heard in Saint John.

### A YOUNG LAWYER

R. Drury Anderson, B. A., has opened a law office in the Chestnut building on Queen Street. Mr. Anderson, who is a son of Arthur Anderson, assistant postmaster, is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, at which institution he had a brilliant career. Mr. Anderson later studied law with the late C. R. Hawkins and was recently admitted to the bar. Mr. Anderson is a young man of energy and ability and his many friends will wish him much success in his chosen profession.

### FORMER F'ION RESIDENT DIES

Word has been received here by relatives of the death on January 19 of Thomas H. Troup, Rumford, Maine, formerly of this city. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. William Carlin, Boston, Mrs. Charles Howie, Campbellton, and Mrs. Henry Harvey, Fredericton; one son, Harry, now residing in Saint John, and five grandchildren. The funeral is to take place Thursday, January 23, at 2:00 p.m. from McAdam's funeral parlors where service will be conducted. The remains will arrive tomorrow at noon and will be taken to the funeral home. Rev. G. W. Goulet will conduct the service and interment will be in the Rural Cemetery extension. Thomas Troup was well known to old timers as a former popular member of the old Royal Canadian Regiment.

### U. N. B. BUDGET PASSED

The boxing budget of \$325 as originally proposed was passed at a special meeting of the Students' Representative Council of the University of New Brunswick held last evening. This \$325 will ensure the holding of the Maritime Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament here next March. The track budget was thrown out entirely, thus slicing \$300 from the expense weighing down the students. It was decided, however, that track manager "Ted" Nason should be given the gate receipts from the boxing meet with which to stage the Maritime Intercollegiate Track meet here in May, should they prove sufficiently large. The hockey allotment, which had been passed at Saturday's meeting, was cut a further \$20.25. The grant for ladies' basketball was reduced by \$53.25, and several other items were reduced by smaller amounts. The mens' levy, originally proposed as \$12.50, now stands at \$9.00, slightly less than last year. The women's levy, which was originally assessed at \$7.00, is now \$5.50.

## EDGECOMBE BUILDING ON YORK STREET BURNS - LOSS \$75,000

Fire Which Started Shortly After 9 a.m. Threatens to Leave Entire Edgcombe Block a Mass of Embers — New Kenneth H. Staples Premises, Beatty Washers Store, Grand Cafe—Fire Started in Flue is Believed — Drug Store Loss \$25,000.

Fire loss roughly estimated at \$75,000 occurred in the city this morning when the Edgcombe building on York Street was badly gutted by fire, and in the opinion of Fire Chief Karl A. Walker was almost a total loss. Emerson Edgcombe, owner of the building estimated that the loss to his property would be \$40,000, insurance held being only \$15,000. He estimated his loss at ninety per cent. Apart from the major loss of the building the drug business of Kenneth H. Staples, which quarters at the present time were being enlarged, suffered a loss of \$25,000 from fire and water.

### Overheated Flue?

The fire in this 59 year old building is believed to have originated in an overheated flue on the third and top floor of the building. Either that or someone dropped a match in one of the stock rooms in the upper floors.

The fire was discovered shortly before nine o'clock by Ralph Campbell, an employee of Staples' Drug store, who noticed water dripping through the floor, also smoke coming through. The firemen arrived on the scene within a few minutes and were shortly aware that an immense amount of fire and smoke was concentrated at the top of the building, where for a time it was impossible to secure entry.

### Damage \$25,000

Kenneth H. Staples' drug store was the most damaged of the stores, and while a great many fixtures and appliances used in the renovating process were got to safety, there were tremendous amount of damage from smoke and water. Mr. Staples estimated his loss this morning at something like \$25,000.

The other places where damage was located was in the store of the Beatty Washing machine, where water and smoke damaged considerably. Firemen and volunteers assisted in carrying many of the machines out to safety, and all morning machines were scuttled downstairs from one of the storerooms on the second floor.

The Grand Cafe, situated next to the Beatty store was damaged the least probably, although the back portion was damaged as the fire worked its way along the rear of the building late in the morning.

The fire was stifled up until ten o'clock when immense quantities of smoke and great mounting flames burst from the top of the building.

The fire was sensational when it finally got underway and for a time there was hazard of its catching on nearby buildings. This was averted by prompt work by the fire fighters. The grocery premises situated next to the Grand Cafe were threatened and much of the stock was removed as a precaution. However the fire did not get into this building.

Damage to the washing machine store could not be determined today. Recently new stock had been brought here and stored in the building.

### Pumper Broke Down

The local fire fighters worked valiantly with two lines of hose, and then three, and at about ten o'clock were assisted by the Devon fire truck which arrived on the scene. An unfortunate incident was the breaking down of the city's 1,000-gallon La France pumper at a critical juncture, a cylinder on the pump being temporarily put out of commission.

The roof of the Edgcombe building which was erected in the year 1877 caved in at about 10.30, making it more difficult and more dangerous for the firemen, though they stuck to their task. Water pressure had to be

taken from the pumping station later in the morning.

The fire fighters fought the fire from the Edgcombe alley, hoisting a hose at the rear of the building.

Fire Chief Walker reported that the fire was under control at eleven o'clock, though it was still burning in places, and it was necessary to keep a sharp lookout. Firemen were still on the scene this afternoon, playing several hoses on the fire.

The fire was of sensational proportions threatened to gut the old Edgcombe building on York St. this morning. The fifty-nine-year-old building, which comprises the Kenneth H. Staples' drug business, the Beatty electrical appliance store, and the Grand Cafe on the ground floor burst into flames shortly before nine o'clock this morning and at 10:30 o'clock the entire top of the building was a sweeping flame of red mounting high into the sky.

The Edgcombe building has a brick base but is all wood inside. A thin layer of tin covers the exterior part of the building, but underneath is wood.

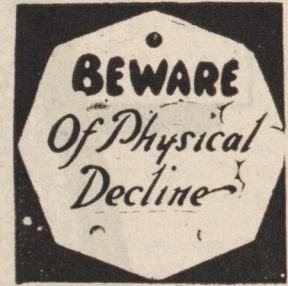
Fire Chief Karl A. Walker and his crew of firefighters, as usual, fought the fire with all their energy and they assisted in the salvaging of goods from the burning building. They were aided by volunteers from among the citizens, one of whom narrowly escaped serious injury when a burning piece of roofing, weighing something like fifteen pounds, fell in front of him and smashed on a desk which he was pulling out of the building.

Men and volunteers hurriedly rushed to the second floor of the building used as sample rooms and storerooms, and carried washing machines out of the building away from the increasing flames.

### Sample, Store Rooms

The second floor of the Edgcombe building is used solely as sample rooms and as a storeroom for the washing machine. Many of the rooms are empty and not in use. It is understood that the top floor, where the fire was at its fiercest is used sometimes for sample rooms.

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## KING'S DEATH HEARD HERE WITH SORROW

Whole City Lapses Into Reverent Silence When Report Heard

### Flags Half Mast

People of Fredericton Feel Loss of Great King Keenly

The sad news of the King's death was received here last night shortly after 8 p.m., A.S.T., and was heard by the residents of the Provincial capital with feelings of sadness.

Immediately after the announcement was made by the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission, the latter very properly signed off and suspended all further program for the evening. Several social gatherings were suspended, and a blanket of silence fell over the whole city in common with the rest of the Dominion.

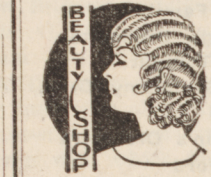
Today flags are flying at half mast on all public buildings and from the flag staffs of many private residences as a mark of respect for the dead sovereign. Lectures at the University of New Brunswick and the Provincial Normal School were suspended for the day. At the Fredericton High School Principal O. V. B. Miller paid an appropriate tribute to the late King and announced that the school would have a holiday this afternoon.

At the January session of the York Circuit Court which opened this morning, Hon. Justice Richards adjourned the court and in doing so spoke in feeling terms of His Late Majesty The King, J. J. F. Winslow, K.C., on behalf of the New Brunswick bar, added his tribute of respect.

His Worship, Mayor G. Willard Kitchen, although not issuing any formal statement, expressed his regrets on behalf of the city at the King's death. Fredericton, in common with all other parts of the Dominion, will observe the day of the King's funeral as a general day of mourning. It is probable that the precedent observed at the time of the death of King Edward VII will be followed and that the different churches will hold memorial services on that day.

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