

News Briefs

IN THE CITY TODAY

Andrew K. Wallace, relief officer for the Province of New Brunswick, is in the city today on business.

STUDENT AT LAW

F. J. Harrington, Saint John, was admitted as a student-at-law yesterday. He is articulated with E. J. Hanneberry, M.L.A., of Saint John.

ACCEPTS POSITION

H. W. Sutherland, who has been recently doing newspaper work, has accepted a position under the re-organized Department of Education. He entered upon his new duties on Monday last.

ATTENDING MEETING

Alderman David McCaughey left for Saint John this morning where he will attend a meeting of the Retail Lumbermen's Association. The meeting will take place in the Admiral Beatty Hotel.

BUSINESS VISITOR

A. J. Taylor, Moncton, former member of the aldermanic board of that city, and manager of an industrial concern there, is in the city on business. He expects to return to the Hub tomorrow.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

E. J. Lounsbury of this city, provincial divisional manager of the Confederation Life Association, is attending a conference of Maritime divisional managers which opened at Moncton today.

THE LATE MRS. AIKEN

The funeral of the late Mrs. Aiken took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Prayers were said at the home by Venerable Archdeacon Gray. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery extension.

HERE ON BUSINESS

His Worship Mayor W. E. McMonagle, mayor of Moncton, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on a business trip. Alderman G. F. G. Bridges, prominent barrister of Moncton, is also in the city in connection with legal matters.

ARRIVE IN CITY

Hon. A. P. Paterson, Saint John, Minister of Federal Relations, and Hon. F. W. Pirie, Grand Falls, Minister of Lands and Mines, have arrived in the city today and will attend a special meeting of the provincial cabinet tonight.

ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here, was included in the list of vice-presidents elected at the 118th annual meeting of the New Brunswick Bible Society which was held at Petitediac yesterday.

SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL

Wilmot Kelly, this city, was sentenced to six months in the York County Jail here, yesterday afternoon, when he was convicted on a charge of having stolen goods in his possession knowing them to be stolen. Kelly was arrested several days ago by R.C.M.P. officers, following a complaint of Hedley Stewart, Geary, whose car was stolen, and several parts missing. A. R. Murray conducted the prosecution, and Leo F. Cain appeared for the defendant.

DIES AT FREDERICTON JUNCTION

Mrs. Annie Tracy, aged 86 years, died at her home, Fredericton Junction, yesterday afternoon, following an illness of one week. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tracy, Tracy, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She resided at the Junction during the greater part of her lifetime, and in her passing the community loses one of its most beloved and respected citizens. She is survived by one son, Reud, at home, and one sister, Mrs. Evelyn Thumith, Tracy. The funeral will be held from her late home, with services at the Baptist Church at Tracy, on Thursday afternoon.

A BRIGHT STUDENT

Those who listened over the radio last evening to the intercollegiate debate between Dalhousie University of Halifax and the U.N.B. Law School at Saint John were impressed with the argument put up by Babbitt Parlee of Moncton, the leader of the negative who spoke from Dalhousie University at Halifax. Mr. Parlee's presentation would have done credit to a barrister of experience. Mr. Parlee, who is a son of W. K. C. Parlee, formerly manager of the Fredericton Daily Herald and of Mrs. Parlee, who was formerly Miss Jennie H. Babbitt of Devon, has many friends. He is a frequent visitor at the home of his aunt, Mrs. H. G. Hoben, Lansdowne street. He is now a law student at Dalhousie Law School, having previously graduated with high honors from Mount Allison University.

PROF. STEPHENS DISCUSSES EXAM. SYSTEM IN FORCE

Scores "Mechanical Retention of Bare Facts"

Favours Examinations

Students Burdened Unnecessarily -- Strain Should Be Lightened

Professor John Stephens of the University of New Brunswick believes that students are burdened unnecessarily in connection with university examinations and that the mental strain should be lightened. He scores, what he terms, the "mechanical retention of bare facts" and believes that during an examination, instead of removing the books for the pupils' reach, that the pupils should be provided with text books, tables of figures and other formulae to be used. The professors that in the following this procedure the mental strain would lighten the mental strain on the average pupil and the student would be given a fairer chance of showing what they are actually capable of doing. Only in case of languages, which are essential in almost every educational course, does Professor Stephens think that a great deal of memory work is necessary.

He declares that a knowledge of English and French, not book knowledge but a working knowledge of both languages, is absolutely essential if the student, on leaving school or college, is to make any progress in Canada today. Mastery of the mother tongue, however, should be complete before seriously studying a foreign language.

Speaking recently before the Y.M.C.A. forum at Saint John, Professor Stephens said: "In the case of chemistry or engineering exams., for instance, take certain things, such as chemical or mathematical formulae, for granted? Why not have them on file for the student's convenience? The test would then serve to sharpen the mind by the application of the principles involved, rather than by the mechanical retention in the memory of bare facts themselves."

"If we do this," Professor Stephens contended, "we will effect that necessary alertness of mind and the power of mental concentration which will remain with the student long after bare facts are forgotten."

The filing cabinet would replace that section of the student's mind now used for the tedious and machine-like memorization of condensed facts.

"Only by an educational reform in the direction which I have indicated," declared Professor Stephens, "will the true aims of our educational system—mental alertness and powers of concentration—be properly brought about."

Professor Stephens has been instructing Canadian youth for more than 25 years, and, having made a detailed study of our educational system, is admirably qualified to comment upon it.

ENTERTAINMENT

An enjoyable programme is carded for St. Andrew's Hall tomorrow evening. A good time is assured for all. Bring a friend. The admission is only 25c.

LENTEN SEASON STARTS TODAY

Ash-Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, opened today. In the Roman Catholic Church throughout the district ashes were distributed, and special services were held. Lent will continue until Saturday, March 27. Good Friday this year will fall on March 26, and Easter Sunday on March 28, which is much earlier than last year. The Lenten Season is also observed by the different Anglican Churches throughout the diocese.

STILL ALARM

The fire department was called out at 6:30 last evening to the residence of Mrs. George Tennant, George St. where an over-heated pipe was causing some anxiety. No damage was done.

Skates

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OPEN ARGUMENT FOR PLAINTIFF IN ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE CASE BEFORE N. B. APPEALS DIVISION

Hughes Moves Counter Appeal to Increase Amount of Damages

Defence Concludes

Judgment Given by Chief Justice Barry In Charlotte Court

Argument for the plaintiff opened before the Appeals Division of the New Brunswick Supreme Court here this morning in the appeal by Dr. W. Everett Gray, Milltown, from a decision of Chief Justice J. H. Barry, who rendered judgment for \$2,251.50 in favor of Mrs. Vincent Taylor and others in the Charlotte County circuit court last December.

P. J. Hughes, K.C., opened argument this morning and moved a counter-appeal to increase the damages awarded, contending that the amount of \$1,250, included in the judgment, should be increased to a sum not less than \$5,000.

W. A. I. Anglin, Saint John, conducted argument on behalf of the defendant yesterday afternoon. He argued to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant for a reduction of damages, or for a new trial. G. F. Nicholson, St. Stephen, associated Mr. Anglin, argued briefly.

The case involved a claim by plaintiffs for damages as result of alleged negligence on the part of Dr. Gray, who performed an operation on Mrs. Taylor. It was alleged that Dr. Gray had left a surgical instrument in the body of the woman. A second operation was performed by Dr. Norman E. Cobb, Calais, Maine, who, assisted by Dr. A. D. Dyas, St. Stephen, at which time a pair of forceps was removed from the woman.

Special damages of \$1,250 were awarded to the plaintiff by Chief Justice Barry, who also awarded general damages of \$1,001.50, including \$250 to the plaintiff's husband.

Many Attend Funeral Of Respected Woman

A large number were in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Julia E. Gunter, highly esteemed resident of Nashwaakiss, which took place there this afternoon. Service was conducted at St. John's Church by Rev. H. Dysart, assisted by Rev. Mr. Haviland. The church gave sympathetic renditions of several favorite hymns of the deceased.

Following the service, interment was made in the church cemetery. The pall-bearers were Alex Smith, Frederick Clements, Arthur Coombs, Lloyd Johnston, Maurice Lait and Peter Haines.

The chief mourners were Miss L. M. Myles, Miss Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hill, Frederick Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cliff, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Myles, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Myles, Mrs. J. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Dykeman.

The large attendance at the funeral as well as the many floral tributes and other expressions of sympathy received, strikingly attested to the esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew her.

MID-WEEK MARKET

A large mid-week market was held at Phoenix Square today. The following prices prevailed. Fresh fillets, 15c per pound; smoked fillets, 15c per pound; smelts, 2 for 15c; kippers, 5c each; gaspereau, 2 for 25c; beef, per pound, 7c to 9c; pork, per pound, 11c to 13c; chickens, per pound, 25c eggs, per dozen, 30c; butter, per pound, 28c; honey, per bottle, 25c; axe-handles, 2 for 25c; wood, per cord, \$6 to \$7; hay, per ton, \$8 to \$9.

NEW BOY ARRIVED

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tweedie are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy on Monday last.

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BOOK STORE

OWNERS OF HOMES TAKE ADVANTAGE IMPROVING PLAN

Several Loans Given to Local Residents in Past Week

Government Backing

Home Improvement Plan Not to Encourage Borrowing

Many home owners in Fredericton are taking advantage of the Home Improvement Plan for the purpose of adding necessary improvement to their various residences. The scheme is proving very popular here and within the last few days various loans have been granted to several residents. The amount of the loans granted recently was in the vicinity of \$3,000.

The Home Improvement Plan is not primarily an effort to get people to borrow money. It is definitely an effort to get them to spend money for the improvement of their homes. Those who do not have the ready cash may obtain from the banks the necessary funds on the easiest terms and at the lowest discount rate ever given for an instalment repayment plan. The Government has guaranteed banks and other approved lending institutions against losses up to 15 per cent. of \$50,000.00, the total amount to be loaned. Thus the maximum guarantee is \$7,500.00.

The Home Improvement Plan is far too big and its ramifications too wide to be shouldered by any particular industry or group of industries. It calls for the co-operative drive of all, in every phase of advertising and publicity.

The National Employment Commission is sponsoring a Dominion-wide effort to sell the Home Improvement Plan to the public on two definite and different counts:

- (1) Make better, brighter homes through modernization and repair under favorable financial conditions;
- (2) Cut down unemployment and reduce relief rolls, thus helping Canada, your own community and yourself.

K. S. MacLachlan, Edmundston, is a guest in the city.

A. N. Carter, Saint John, is a visitor to the city.

Are Gambling Dens Ruining Our Young Fredericton Boys?

Complaints are being made by certain citizens in regard to a gambling den which it is alleged is being conducted on Queen Street. One heart-broken mother complains that her son who is just a youth is being enticed into this den where gambling and other evils are taking place. It is also alleged that the police have been informed by parents that these dens are in existence but for some reason or other no action has been taken. Whether this is so we do not know, but it would seem to be the duty of the city police to keep in touch and inspect places of a suspicious character whether they are on Queen Street or on York Street or any place else in the city. It is an unfortunate thing that young men who are little more than boys can be enticed away from their homes and their duties by gambling sharks some of whom should be glad to be allowed to live in the country without breaking its laws. Would it not be a good idea for whoever gives the police their instructions to make an investigation into suspicious places. Surely there is some rule or regulation to govern these things.

VALENTINE'S TEA

Don't forget to attend the Valentine's Tea, at the Fraser Memorial Hall tomorrow night. The Ladies' Aid Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church have a delicious assortment of foods. The price is small, so come and bring a friend.

TOWNSEND DENIES CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—Dr. Francis E. Townsend pleaded not guilty today in Federal District Court to a charge of contempt of the United States House of Representatives. His trial was set for Feb. 23.

23 FILIPINOS DIE IN ACCIDENT

MANILA, Feb. 9—Twenty-three Filipinos were reported killed tonight in the plunge of a passenger bus from a mountain trail near Baguio, Bontoc province. The bus crashed down a 200-foot precipice.

DIGBY, N. S., Feb. 10—The epidemic of influenza which has been raging in the town of Digby and has to date claimed two lives today showed some sign of improvement. It was thought that insofar as the town was concerned the worst was over.

R. A. Fréchet, Moncton, is a visitor to the city today



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