

News Briefs

RECITAL THIS EVENING

The pianoforte pupils of Prof. F. W. Harrison will give a recital in the assembly hall of the High School tonight at 8 o'clock. The F. H. S. Festival Chorus will add to the programme with several selections. The public is cordially invited.

SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Many friends will be pleased to hear that A. O. I. Crookshank, who has been confined to his home for the past short while through illness, is slightly improved, and able to be out-of-doors again. Mr. Crookshank is retired assistant superintendent of the Devon district of the C. N. R.

TO EXTEND PROGRAM

The McNamara Construction Company, who are laying the hard surface on the trans-Canada highway from the eastern boundary of the City of Fredericton to Gagetown this season, also will hard-surface that part of the same highway which lies in this city from the gate of the Dominion Experimental Station to the boundary line dividing the city from Sunbury County.

TO BE INSTALLED TOMORROW

The Reverend W. T. Clarke, Pastor Rock, the newly appointed "Bishop Medley Canon Missionary" will arrive in Fredericton tomorrow and will be installed into the office in Christchurch Cathedral on Sunday morning at 11.00 o'clock by the Very Reverend Dr. Moorhead, Dean of the Cathedral.

NEAR COMPLETION

With the exception of a few minor additions, the new fire weather research station of the department of lands and mines is about completed on the Flanagan Road in this city, where scientific research work will be carried on in forestry matters. The station will be conducted in cooperation with the Dominion forest service, for the present, and will be set up by James F. Smith, of the Dominion department at Ottawa. He is expected in Fredericton soon.

VISITS QUEENS COUNTY

Lieutenant-Governor Murray MacLaren left today on an official visit to Queens County. He visited the Minto-Newcastle Consolidated School and North Minto graded school this morning. On Saturday the Governor will visit coal mines and the power plant at Minto, attend a luncheon in Grand Lake Casino and officiate at the unveiling of a memorial to Benjamin Tibbitts at Schotchtown. He will return to Saint John Saturday afternoon by way of Gagetown.

LEAVES THE HOSPITAL

G. F. Smith, M.P.P. for Sunbury, who has been undergoing treatment at the Victoria Public Hospital for the past month, returned to his home at Central Blissville by auto today. His condition is greatly improved and he is hopeful of a complete recovery from his ailment. During his sojourn at the hospital Mr. Smith had many callers, including Premier Dymally, who although a very busy man, was able to break away from a council meeting this week long enough to pay his respects to the member for Sunbury. Mr. Smith is loud in his praises of the Victoria Public Hospital, more particularly the members of the nursing staff with whom he was brought into contact. "It is a fine institution efficiently managed, and a credit to the city," he said. Mr. Smith is very appreciative of the kindness extended to him by friends during his stay at the hospital.

PASSES IN VANCOUVER

Relatives in the city have received word of the death of Mrs. Byron Estey which occurred at 2.00 p.m. yesterday in Vancouver. The deceased who was seventy-four years of age, is survived by two sons and two daughters. The sons are Hon. J. W. Estey, Minister of Education of Saskatchewan and Zebadiah Estey of Vancouver who was a visitor to the city last year. The daughters are Mrs. George Medd of Port Langley, Vancouver, B.C., at whose home Mrs. Estey passed away and Mrs. George Bettaney, of Boston, Mass. One sister surviving is Mrs. George Hyde of this city. Mrs. Hazen Everett of Kingsclear is a niece and Fred Barr of Macnaquac is a cousin. The deceased resided in Fredericton for many years and was prominent in the affairs of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Her husband will be remembered by old timers as having carried on an extensive grocery business at the upper end of Queen Street. Mrs. Estey was born at Kingsclear, her maiden name being Sallie Kee, she being a sister of the late Dr. Kee of Millville. She removed to the Pacific coast with her husband over twenty years ago and visited relatives and friends in the province about six years ago. Her many friends will regret to hear of her passing.

IN CITY TODAY

A representative of the American LaFrance Corporation, manufacturers of mechanized fire-fighting equipment, arrived in the city today. He visited the local fire station and inspected the apparatus of the department. It was reported that he will confer with members of the fire committee which is considering the purchase of a motorized ladder truck for the department.

The matter relative to the proposed purchase of the added equipment has been in the hands of the committee for the past few weeks. It is understood that a definite decision has been made in the matter and a recommendation will be submitted to the council at the next regular meeting.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. John Linton Again Elected President of Organization

Rev. John Linton was elected president of the Home and School Association at the annual meeting of the organization held last evening. The election of officers and the presentation of annual reports were the features of the session which was largely attended by the members. Dr. G. I. Nugent presided in the absence of the president, and extended a cordial welcome to the delegation from the association at Douglas.

The Officers

Following is the list of officers elected:

President, Rev. John Linton; first vice-president, I. B. Rouse; second vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Mathewson; recording secretary, Mrs. R. P. Gorham; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. R. Hawkins; treasurer, Miss Alice Bunker.

Among the highlights of the meeting were addresses by Brigadier-General F. W. Hill, Rev. George Teiford, Rev. Dr. Wightman, S. L. Colpitts and Newton Dunphy. The speakers discussed the work of the association, referring to the splendid contributions it makes towards the progress of the community.

Annual Reports

The annual report given by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. R. Menzies revealed that considerable progress had been made during the year. A splendid report was given by Mrs. Mathewson, secretary of the organization, showing that the past 12 months period was one of the most active years in the history of the organization. A report on membership was given by Mrs. Adamson, and the financial report was submitted by Miss Alice Bunker. Each report was unanimously adopted.

Amendments to the constitution were adopted. One of the most important constitutional changes was the action in changing the name to "Home and School Council." The council will be the parent body to other similar organizations formed in the province.

Following the business meeting, an enjoyable social program was carried out.

Unveiling of Tablet to Take Place Saturday

The unveiling of the memorial to Benjamin Tibbitts, inventor of the compound steam engine, will take place Saturday afternoon at Douglas Harbor, Queens county, under the sponsorship of the York-Sunbury Historical Society. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. at a joint picnic of the society and the Fredericton Science Club.

Rev. Dr. F. A. Wightman, president of the Historical Society, will be in charge of the ceremonies and will give a short introductory address. After the invocation by Rev. D. R. Chown, a hymn will be sung, followed by an address by Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren.

The Countess of Ashburnham, assisted by Mrs. A. E. Mathewson and G. Alvah Good, will unveil the memorial. After the placing of wreaths a dedicatory prayer will be delivered by Rev. E. E. Pytche, Sheffield, and short addresses will be given by W. G. Clark, M.P., and Dr. J. C. Webster, Shediac. Following another hymn, benediction will be pronounced by Mr. Chown.

NARROW ESCAPE

Walter McLaughlin, of this city, narrowly escaped collision with a runaway team while driving his car on the Fredericton-Devon bridge yesterday afternoon. The horses, galloping madly across the bridge, were hauling a large truck which swayed dangerously from side to side. The motorist, seeing the team approaching, steered the car as close as possible to the side of the driveway and waited for the team to pass. The wagon scraped the side of the car, tearing off a door handle.

AMERICAN VISITOR GIVES A GRAPHIC WORD PICTURE OF SEIGE OF MADRID

Alexander Cartwright Pays High Tribute to the Courage and Heroism of Opposing Factions--Atrocities Not Due to Cruelty, Says Visitor

SPANISH PEOPLE LITTLE UNDERSTOOD

THE remarkable stoicism of the residents of Madrid, who carry on their daily activities despite the heavy bombardment by insurgent artillery, was described in the graphic word picture of the seige of the Spanish capital by Alexander Cartwright, Brooklyn, N.Y., who passed through the city today enroute to Nova Scotia on a vacation trip. Mr. Cartwright, who was a representative of an American industrial organization in the stronghold of the Spanish loyalists, was present during the first few weeks of the seige.

"The character of the Spanish people is very little understood on this side of the water," the visitor said. "The truth is," he continued, "that the Spanish nation is one of the few primitive peoples surviving today in a civilized world. As with all primitive types, their passions are close to the surface."

People Bewildered

"Those who have travelled Spain in pre-revolution days and who remember the unflinching courtesy, genuine kindness and hospitality extended to them by all classes of Spaniards are bewildered by accounts of terrible atrocities committed by both sides in the civil war," Mr. Cartwright observed. He explained that the truth of the matter is that when attacked their fiery, passionate nature with emotions lying close to the surface leads them to respond instantaneously, matching violence with violence, one atrocity begetting another. "As one who has always loved the Spanish people, having had business-interests in Spain for many years and having always received un-failing kindness and courtesy, I believe that the basic quality of the Spanish race is not cruelty, but violence is the reaction of fiery passions tried beyond endurance," the American visitor said. He further explained that the cruelties result not from a settled principle but from the explosions of primitive natures laboring under great emotional stress.

Commenting on the seige of the capital city, Mr. Cartwright referred to the manner in which the citizens of Madrid have withstood almost daily bombings and bombardments, with a steadily mounting toll of casualties. This, he said, showed a capacity for endurance, of hardship and danger which exemplified the courageous spirit of the people.

Great Heroism

"The equally heroic defence by the insurgents of the Alcazar at Toledo in the early months of the war and numerous other instances on both sides have shown the capacity of the Spaniards to rise to the greatest heights of heroism in a cause in which their hearts are really engaged," further asserted Mr. Cartwright. "While in Madrid, nothing impressed me more than the apparent non-chalance with which the civilian population proceeded with their daily tasks, treating the bombardments of the city merely as a hardship which must be accepted and patiently borne," said the visitor. "No sooner had a shell exploded in the street striking down some helpless pedestrians than people darted from their houses again to proceed about their daily activities. First aid was hurriedly rendered by those nearest to the spot, the victims dragged to shelter as speedily as possible and while awaiting the arrival of ambulances the daily routine was continued as before," Mr. Cartwright said. "I feel that when this unhappy civil war is brought to a conclusion victorious, a nation capable of dis-tinctly regardless of which side will be playing the spirit shown by both factions will one day take its place among the great nations of the world," Mr. Cartwright concluded.

The visitor spent a few hours in Fredericton, later leaving for Moncton.

ACCUSED PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO THEFT OF CANOE

Magistrate Limerick to Give Judgment This Afternoon

John Hughes of Barker's Point appeared in court this morning, before Police Magistrate Limerick, charged with theft of a canoe from William P. Buckley, on information laid by the R. C. M. P. The accused entered a plea of not guilty, and the case was tried, judgment being reserved until this afternoon. R. V. Limerick represented the crown, while Hughes was without counsel.

According to evidence given by Mr. Buckley, he left a canoe in charge of the accused three years ago, and helped him store it in a warehouse, telling he could use it if he wished. On June 11, this year, he went to the accused and asked for the canoe, being told that it was smashed by the

STRAWBERRIES ARE AFFECTED BY WET CONDITIONS

Situation in the Jemseg Area Serious --- Small Crop

Strawberry crops in the Jemseg area are suffering disastrously from the wet weather conditions, said a fruit grower of that area this morning. The fruit as a whole is suffering from "soft rot," most of the berries having a soft side, ruining them for shipment.

At the same time, said the grower, there is a marked scarcity of green fruit, seeming to indicate a small crop. The number of green berries is far below the average, but it was not known by the grower whether this was due to the wet ground conditions or some other agent.

The fruit trees have a much heavier foliage this year than last, pointing to a healthier condition of the trees and better weather conditions. This indicates, said the grower that the crop will be heavier this year than last, so that the wet weather is a boon rather than a hold-back to the orchard owners. Harmful insects are not very apparent in the orchards in the Jemseg area, and therefore all indications point to a better all-around orchard year.

In many parts of the area, it is at present impossible to do any farming, and many farmers have not completed their sowing at this late date. Much grain remains to be sown, as well as other field crops. To remedy these conditions, he said that much sun and wind is required to put the land in proper condition for average crops.

Most of the strawberry crop from the Jemseg area is being marketed in Saint John, and much of it comes to Fredericton, indirectly through Saint John. It was stated that this set-up in very inconvenient to the City merchants, due to the fact that the fruit is not as fresh as it would be if brought directly to the city.

IN SAINT JOHN

Karl Walker left this morning for Saint John on a short business visit. He will return to the city this evening.

RACES DOUBTFUL

Although there was some consideration given to the possibility of holding a race meet here on July 1; doubt is now expressed that it will be held on account of the track which is now being refurbished under the direction of Fredericton Exhibition authorities. There is little information available at the present time of the circuit meet to be held late in July.

ice this spring. On the same day he filed a complain with the R. C. M. P. and had a search warrant served on the accused. The canoe, according to Constable Matchet of the R. C. M. P., was given to him by the accused and was taken to the R. C. M. P. warehouse.

The accused, taking the stand on his own behalf, testified that the canoe had been left with him, and that the informant had come to him asking him for it, but giving him the understanding that he would be after it in a few days. He said that he had jokingly told the informant that the canoe had gone adrift in the spring, but intended to give it to the owner when he came for it later.

He said that he did not intend to mis-inform the owner with intent to keep the property away from him, and at the parting, when the informant told him that he was coming after the canoe, he told him to "come ahead."

At the conclusion of the evidence the accused was remanded until this afternoon.

PILE DRIVING

Pile driving work has commenced at the local subway project, and excavation work has been completed. Several posts have been driven into the ground by the powerful steam-hammer; the posts will serve as bases for the buttments which will support the overhead bridge. Excavation work is continuing in Devon, from which end it is expected that the superstructure will be commenced as the piers are built and finished.

With the exception of the key crew of not more than a half dozen men, employees on the job are local labor who are engaged in digging, building forms and other work as required in the progress of the construction.

50th Anniversary to Be Observed in Capital

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick will hold its 50th anniversary meeting in the Masonic Hall here on July 8. Announcement to this effect was made by Roy E. Crawford, Saint John, Grand Scribe, while in the City last evening.

Mr. Crawford's visit was made for the purpose of arranging details of the forthcoming meeting with officers of Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter No. 2. While in this City, the Grand Chapter officers will be guests of the local unit. Local arrangements are under the direction of Harry A. Gibson, first principal of the Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, and preparatory work is already under way. The entertainment programme is being drawn up along lines calculated to emphasize the 50th anniversary angle. Grand officers and delegates from the various Chapters throughout the Province are expected to bring the visiting list close to the 100 mark.

IN MONCTON

S. W. Keohan, director of Credit Unions for New Brunswick, is in Moncton in connection with departmental work. He is expected to return to Fredericton tomorrow.

INDIAN SCHOOL

The examination results from the Kingsclear Indian Reserve School show that high scholastic standings are being attained by children of the reserve. James and Audrey Tomah, tied with highest marks in the school and received appropriate prizes. Ronald Tomah, of the same family, received a prize for having made exceptionally high marks in Grade 4, while Teressa Polches won the prize offered for highest standing in daily work done throughout the year.



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