

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER

Maritime — Local snow falls in some sections, followed by northerly winds and colder.

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. N. MacLauchlan will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

MAY ACCEPT CALL.

While Rev. Dr. MacDonald has reached no decision in regard to the recent call to Ottawa his friends say that he is quite likely to accept.

MAPLE LEAFS WON

The Queen Hotel Maple Leafs again took "Lefty Louis", Barker House team into camp at the Arctic Rink this morning the score being 3 to 0. Harry Myhrall was referee.

SPRAINED HIS WRIST

Mr. G. M. McDade Publicity Commissioner, severely sprained his left wrist by falling against the side of the Arctic Rink last night. He is able to attend to his duties, however.

CONSIDERING FREE PEWS

It is understood that the congregation of the Methodist Church is considering the proposal to do away with the pew-rental system which has been in vogue in the church for many years and substitute the free-pew system.

WELL KNOWN HERE.

Mr. George Hildebrand, who died recently at his home in Chatham, resided here for a number of years and was in the employ of R. Chestnut & Sons. He took a great interest in aquatic sports while here, and was a member of a four-oared crew which acquired considerable fame. He married Miss Hanlon, a sister of the late Mr. J. D. Hanlon.

DIED THIS MORNING

The death of Mrs. David McCoombes occurred this morning after a lingering illness at her home Chancery Lane. She was aged seventy-six years. One son Samuel of this city survives. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon with service conducted at the house by Rev. Neil MacLauchlan at 3.30. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

TODAY'S COUNTRY MARKET

There was a fair sized country market this morning. The feature was the drop of the price of potatoes to \$1.10 per bbl. Other prices were, beef per lb., 5 to 8 cents; pork per lb., 10 to 11 cents; lamb per lb., 8 to 10 cents; veal per lb., 8 to 10 cents; butter per lb., 30 cents; eggs per dozen, 28 to 30 cents; chickens per lb., 15 to 20 cents; hay per ton, \$9 to \$11.

A PROSPEROUS BANK

The directors of the Bank of British North America have resolved to declare, subject to audit, at a meeting of the proprietors to be held on March 4, a dividend payable April 4 of forty shillings (or about \$10) per share, less income tax, making 8 per cent. for the year, transferring \$150,000 to the reserve fund, \$45,000 to bank premises, and carrying forward about \$95,000 to the new account.

CANADIAN ORDER FORESTERS.

At a special meeting of Fredericton Lodge No. 778, C.O.F., held last night five new members joined the noble order while the names of several others were voted on who will join next night of meeting.

Mr. Frank Mills, the general organizer, was present and put the new members through, being assisted by other members of the order.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Mr. Mills left this morning for Hartland, Carleton Co., to boost the order. While here Mr. Mills made many friends who will be glad when he comes back again.

PASSED AWAY TODAY

Mrs. Alexander McAdam passed away this morning at her home George Street, after a short illness. The deceased was in the eighty seventh year of her age. There are left to mourn their loss three daughters the Misses Annie and Ida at home and Mrs. John Tabor of Lethbridge, Alberta, and four sons James A. and Harry of this city, John of St. John and Frank of New York. Twenty grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive. The funeral will take place from the home at 2.30 Monday afternoon and interment will be made in the Old Protestant Burying Ground. The service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith. No flowers are requested.

Mr. J. W. Bowder of Toronto is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. A. C. Smith of Sackville is in the city.

RUMORS OF SHUFFLE
IN PROVINCIAL CABINET
ARE CURRENT

Much Hinges on Retirement of Chief Justice--Said That Hon. J. D. Hazen May be His Successor

Rumors are afloat that changes of a marked nature are to take place in the provincial government in the not distant future and as coming events cast their shadows before, it is generally expected that a shuffle of some kind will take place. The changes all hinge on the retirement of Chief Justice Barker, who at present is touring abroad for his health. There is a persistent rumor to the effect that Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries will take the Chief Justiceship and Hon. J. K. Flemming, provincial premier, will succeed to New Brunswick's cabinet position at Ottawa. Premier Flemming, it is said, stands in very well with the powers that be in Dominion politics and would be welcomed to the inner circle. The translation of Hon. Mr. Flemming to a higher sphere it is thought would result in Attorney General Grimmer being made provincial premier.

Hon. P. A. Landry is senior judge of the Supreme Court and many believe that the chief justiceship should go to him but there is precedent for appointment of a new Chief Justice from outside the bench. Judge McLeod also is mentioned as next Chief Justice with Attorney General Grimmer as another possibility. Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., also has claims that have been advanced, while Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John has support among the members of the legal fraternity.

Should Premier Flemming retire from his present office as it was reported some months ago that he would, should Hon. Mr. Grimmer also leave the government, it is a question as to who would be the succeeding premier as material of the proper timber seems scarce.

DEATH AT UPPER GAGETOWN

William C. McIntyre passed away yesterday at Upper Gagetown, aged thirty-six years. A widow, three brothers and three sisters survive. They are John McIntyre of Lower St. Mary's, George McIntyre of Upper Gagetown, Fred McIntyre of St. John Mrs. Jack Hamilton of Gagetown, Mrs. Willis Patterson of Fredericton and Mrs. John Secord of St. John. The funeral will take place Monday morning from the residence of Mr. F. Willis Patterson, Charlotte Street. Service will be conducted at St. Margaret's Chapel, by Rev. Canon Cowie. Interment will be made at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Ald. Calder met with an accident while driving on the Woodstock Road yesterday afternoon. The accident was due to earth excavated which making the crossing for the St. John & Quebec Railway. Ald. Calder and his groom were thrown out of their sleigh and harness considerably damaged. Hon. H. F. McLeod and Mr. J. A. Humble who passing in Mr. Humble's sleigh at the time of the accident gave the disabled sleigh a tow until a house was reached where a new set of harness was procured. The horse which broke away from the sleigh was captured near the Hermitage.

CIVIC POLITICS
IS SHROUDED IN
UNCERTAINTY

Possibility of Labor Candidates Being in the Field Has Rather Upset Calculations--Candidates Still Stay Under Cover

The civic political situation is said to be more confused at the present time than it ever was at this stage of any preceding campaign. The general attitude of candidates is the ear-to-the-ground posture. The most confusing element in the situation is said to be the Labor party, which has announced that it will have candidates in the field, two in St. Anne's Ward, one elsewhere and support additional candidates who agree to the terms proposed.

With Thursday next the time for the qualification of voters by the payment of taxes expires. So far the City Treasurer's office shows no unusual signs of bustle such as have been evident at this period in previous years and there is practically no payment of taxes to qualify voters except by hard-up citizens who have taken the entire limit.

The announcement that an opposition ticket will be the field against the present council which appeared in The Mail last night has cleared the situation to some extent but it is said that some members of the present council will be considered by the opposition party as members of their ticket.

Lack of qualification has shut two intending candidates out of the contest, the valuation of their property not being up to the necessary \$1,000 mark. In the case of one, an ex-alderman, it is said that the original valuation upon his property qualified him but that he swore it down below the required figure and afterwards learned that it could not be raised.

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