

## LOCAL NEWS

## TO ADVERTISERS.

To insure prompt change of ads., copy must be in this office not later than 8 a. m. on the day they are to appear

## SEE THEM SMILING.

Yesterday the clerks of the Bank of New Brunswick received notification of the annual increase in their salaries. As might be expected the notification was received cheerfully.

## X'MAS SNAP

The Fountain Pen, Christmas special at McMurray's are—\$3.00 for \$2.00, \$1.50 for \$1.00. Xmas week only. All Fountain Pens sold at McMurray's are fully guaranteed they range from one to ten dollars.

## AN ELECTRIC RAILWAY

A miniature train in operation in the window of Jas. S. Neill & Sons Limited, is proving one of the star holiday attractions along Queen St. It is operated by electricity and seems to get along very well.

## IMPROVING CANADA EASTERN

An I. C. R. working-train left the local station at 1 a. m. today with a large quantity of heavy rails which are to be placed on different sections of the Canada Eastern Branch. Heavy rails are to be laid on the Durham section and others which have not yet been relaid.

## FIRE INVESTIGATION.

The meeting of the Fire Committee for the purpose of investigating the alleged statement of Chief Rutter with regard to the McMurray building, did not take place this morning, owing to the lack of a quorum. The investigation will be held on Tuesday evening next at 8 p. m.

## SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS

The rain which fell yesterday and last evening made sidewalks and roadways so slippery that walking was almost impossible. The drop in the temperature last night made matters worse, but this morning the employees of the Road Department sprinkled sand on the sidewalks improving the footing to some extent.

## PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Classes in physical training for teachers will begin at St. Stephen, St. George, Milltown and Woodstock early in the new year. Instructors will be furnished by the local regimental depot. Classes in physical training will also be conducted in connection with the Summer School of Science, which will be held here next summer, beginning July 13th.

## HAS DECLINED OFFER.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Ludlow Street Baptist Church, St. John West, has received a call from the First Baptist Church of Revelstoke, B. C. The call includes a salary larger than that which Rev. Mr. Robinson now receives and also a free parsonage. Mr. Robinson has declined it, however. Rev. Mr. Robinson was formerly stationed at Gibsons.

## BENEFIT CONCERT

The complimentary benefit to Mr. H. L. Spencer, the veteran poet and journalist at St. John last evening, attracted a large audience and was a grand success. During the evening a message was read from Mr. Spencer, giving an account of his career and telling of the noted men of letters whose acquaintance he had formed during his long career. The benefit was carried out by the newspaper men of St. John and was extensively advertised.

## KENEN CASE ADJOURNED

In the case against Emmanuel I. Keenen of the Golden Pledge, Limited charged on the complaint of Bernard Kay with taking possession of and opening a letter belonging to the latter complainant, was continued yesterday afternoon, when it was adjourned until this morning. At the latter time it was further adjourned until the 30th inst. Jacob S. Bloom completed his evidence yesterday and the complainant gave his direct evidence. There is a possibility of a settlement being reached by the parties concerned before the case is resumed.

## DIED IN BOSTON.

Word was received here today of the death of Joseph Fanjoy, which took place in Boston yesterday. The deceased formerly lived in this city, residing on Saunders Street. He went to Boston about four years ago. The surviving members of the family are the widow, four daughters and two sons. The daughters are, Mrs. Calvin Snarr and Misses Winnie and Mabel of Boston, and Mrs. Randolph Weed of Queen's County. The sons are Hesea and George, also of Queen's County. The remains will be brought to this city for burial, and will arrive by the noon train on Thursday. The funeral will take place from the C. P. R. station at 2 p. m. on Thursday.

## WASHINGTON

CASE WILL BE  
APPEALED

Conviction Made Against Restaurant Keeper For Sunday Selling—Case Will Be Taken to Higher Court.

Police Magistrate Marsh this morning fined E. S. Washington ten dollars and costs for keeping his restaurant on York street open on the Sabbath Day, but allowed the fine to stand. His Honor in giving judgment said that the defendant had not shown that it was a work of charity or necessity to keep his place of business open from midnight on Saturday until 2.30 a. m. Sunday to furnish meals to two or three men. He stated also that the police of the city were bound to enforce the Sunday observance laws, and that parties buying or selling on Sunday could be punished. He thought, however, that there would be no objection to restaurants being open until 12.30 a. m. on Sundays.

The conviction was obtained under Chapter 107 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick.

## WILL APPEAL

The defendant will appeal the case and states that in the meantime he will continue to serve the public as heretofore.

## COMPOUND FRACTURE OF ANKLE

Goodridge Jarvis, son of Mr. Newton Jarvis sustained a compound fracture of the left ankle shortly after two o'clock this afternoon and was taken to Victoria Public Hospital. The injury was the result of a fall from a ladder which was placed against the house of Mr. Frank Bishop on George Street. The ladder slipped throwing Jarvis to the ground. Dr. Vanvart was called to attend the injured man and ordered him to be removed to the hospital as the fracture was a serious one.

## PICKARD L. O. L. NO. 40

## ELECTED OFFICERS MONDAY

The following officers were elected at a meeting of Pickard L. O. L. No. 40 at Marysville on Monday evening: William McElman—Worshipful Master. C. A. Smith—Deputy Master. Harry Pinnemore—Deputy Master. C. A. Smith—Chaplain. Bertrand Smith—Rec. Secretary. William Cameron—Fin. Secretary. Fred Youmans—Treasurer. Charles McConaghy—Lecturer. Harry Hanson—Director of Ceremonies. James Locke—Foseman of Com. John McInnis, Charles Hodgson, Everett Grant, David Saunders—Committee.

## LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

At a recent meeting of Walker L. O. L. No. 35 the following letter of condolence was framed.

"We the brethren assembled send to Brother H. Bolter the following letter:—

Whereas it has pleased almighty God in his divine providence to call to a higher life, the wife of our esteemed brother leaving his home bereft of the gentleness and sweet influence of a dear wife, and whereas our Brother H. Bolter is a faithful and beloved brother of No. 35 L.O.L. we place on record our deep sympathy for our brother in his sore bereavement and we pray that the soothing hand of the Divine Father may come into his home and make the burden of his life brighter and easier to bear and that the peace that passeth understanding may be with him in the hour of his trial.

B. D. Grear, Worshipful Master  
H. T. Wandless, Rec. Secretary

## HANDSOME BROOCHES

## FOR GRADUATING NURSES

The first of the new Gold Brooches for graduate nurses of Victoria Hospital have just been received, and are splendid specimens of workmanship.

The brooch was designed by Mrs. D. Richards, matron of Victoria Hospital, and reflects great credit upon her, as well as the firm of Messrs. Shute & Co., who supplied them. The brooch is made of solid gold, circular in form, and has the Coat of Arms of New Brunswick in the centre, in correct colors. On the circular edge a dark blue band with buckle and clasp, bears the following inscription in gold letters:

"Victoria Hospital Training School for Nurses." The back of the brooch is in plain gold for the inscription of the nurse's name and the date of graduation.

The young ladies who graduate from Victoria Hospital will certainly be proud to wear the finest and most artistic graduating brooches that have ever been designed in Canada.

## POLICE COMMISSION

HEARD STATEMENT OF  
POLICEMAN GUNTER

Charges Concerning Him Which Had Been Circulated Denied—Official Statement Made Public.

The Police Commission at a meeting held yesterday, considered charges concerning Special Policeman A. D. Gunter which had been given circulation about the city. The special policeman appeared before the Commission and gave satisfactory explanation of the matters in question. They included a charge that he had been acting as agent for a Toronto mail order house, that he had stated that a member of the Police Commission had instructed him to arrest any person seen under the influence of liquor and that his advertisement offering a reward for information leading to a Scott Act conviction had been published with the authority of the Police Commission. All charges were shown to be without foundation.

The official statement of Ald. Clark chairman of the Commission, is as follows: Reports having been freely circulated and complaints made in regard to Special Officer A. D. Gunter.

1st—That he had told in connection with an arrest that a member of the Police Commission had given him certain instructions about arresting persons under the influence of liquor.

2nd—That he was acting as agent for a Toronto firm.

3rd—That the advertisement offering Five Dollars reward was on behalf of the Commission.

On investigation it was found: 1st—That no instructions had as a matter of fact been given by the member of the Commission and that Mr. Gunter had not so stated and was therefore falsely reported in the case.

2nd—Mr. Gunter denied having received any goods from the Toronto firm but stated his wife had received a case containing articles for themselves to the value of a little over a dollar and some goods she had sent for at a neighbors request. That neither he nor his wife had received any commission, present or had expectation of any from the firm referred to.

3rd—Mr. Gunter explained that the Five Dollar reward advertisement was on his personal responsibility and expense and done simply to help in the enforcement of the law.

## WM. SWIM, EX-M.P.P.

DIED ON MONDAY  
AT DOAKTOWN

Deceased Was One of The Oldest and Most Highly Esteemed Men on the Miramichi.

Mr. William Swim, ex-M. P. P., one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Doaktown, passed away at his home on Monday afternoon, due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Swim was one of the best known residents of the Miramichi, and the news of his death has occasioned much regret on all sides. He had been in the enjoyment of good health until a short time ago, and maintained a healthy interest in all that was going on.

The deceased gentleman was in his 87th year and is survived by a widow and family of two sons and five daughters. The sons are Frank D. and James of Doaktown, and the daughters are, Mrs. Ellis of Doaktown, Mrs. Ross of Newcastle, Miss Dora Swim at home, and Mrs. John Rogers and Mrs. Thos. Lowell of Michigan.

The late Mr. Swim was elected to the Provincial Legislature at the general election of 1874 and represented his county for a period of four years. He was a staunch Liberal in politics and while in the Legislature, rendered good service to his constituency.

In private life Mr. Swim followed the occupation of a farmer, and a lumberman, and was very successful. In religion he was a Baptist and for years was one of the leaders of the church at Doaktown.

About five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Swim celebrated their golden wedding and received the congratulations of their many friends.

The funeral of the late Mr. Swim will take place on Wednesday afternoon at Doaktown.

J. A. Marven, Limited, manufacture nearly one hundred and fifty different lines of biscuits. Some of their specialties are White Lily Cream Sodas, Marven's Royal Milk Lunch, Graham Wafers, Social Teas, Arrowroot, Havelock Lunch, Royal Fancy and People's Fancy. You will make no mistake in buying any of these lines. They are put up in air-tight packages.

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LADIES' COSTUMES  
LADIES' SKIRTS  
SILK KIMONAS  
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FUR MUFFS and STOLEs, etc.

KID GLOVE SALE  
TUESDAY 78c

## Ladies' Garments

Special Mark Down Sale  
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BRASS FIRE SETS  
BRASS AND COPPER SPARK  
GUARDS  
BRASS AND NICKEL WATER  
KETTLES  
TEA POTS  
SILVER DISHES OF ALL KINDS  
CUT GLASS  
BOYS' AND GIRLS' SLEDS  
ACME AND HOCKEY SKATES  
HOCKEY STICKS  
BOYS' SHIN PADS

COFFEE PERCOLATORS  
CHAFING DISHES  
RAMEQUINS  
CASSEROLES  
ELECTRIC TOASTERS  
ELECTRIC SAD IRONS  
ASBESTOS SAD IRONS  
TRAVELLERS' ELECTRIC IRONS  
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Complete Stock of Silverware.

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