

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.

FRESH LOBETERS

Fresh lobsters at Washington's Cafe—Boiled alive or boiled, whichever you prefer.

HALF HOLIDAY IN SCHOOLS.

The pupils of the city schools were today granted a half holiday to enjoy the excellent skating which the river affords.

STRICKEN BY PARALYSIS.

Miss Mary Ann Hanlon, who resides on Regent Street, was stricken by paralysis yesterday and is reported today to be in a serious condition.

APPOINTED VENDOR.

Alvah B. White has been appointed vendor of probate stamps at Oromocto in the place of Lauchlan McLean, deceased.

RECENT APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Samuel U. McCully has been appointed by the lieutenant governor to be a member of and chairman of the local board of health of the Town of Chatham in the place of E. A. Strong, deceased.

WAITER NUMBER 5

This feature at the Unique last evening "Waiter number 5" was greatly enjoyed by all. It is a Russian story, depicting life in Russia in its true form and very credibly produced by Biograph. Same program tonight. Special matinee Saturdays 2.30 to 5.30 p. m.

DIED IN ONTARIO.

Mr. Robert G. Hervey, father of Mr. Chilton Jones Hervey, who for some time was on the engineering staff of the N. T. C. Railway, and who is well known here, died some days ago at Maidland, Ont. Mr. Chilton J. Hervey married Miss Edith Gibson, of Marysville.

CANNED GOODS HIGHER

Canned goods have jumped 15 per cent. in price. This increase which goes into effect at once, applies particularly to canned peas and tomatoes. The increase in price will make these goods higher than they have been for two or three years. Local dealers who anticipated the change, have received notice of the increase.

STALLION RETURNED

Garry Herrmann, the Kentucky thoroughbred stallion, imported by the provincial government, has been returned to the government by the buyers, Messrs. James McKnight and Chas. Forbes. Those gentlemen gave notes for the stallion but afterward declined to pay them, claiming that the horse was not what he was supposed to be. It is not known what disposition of the stallion will be made.

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS

The members of Court Eldorado No. 937 held a special meeting last night in their Court Room and assisted Bro. McLeod Mills, organizer in initiating a number of Candidates. After the initiation Organizer Mills gave an address showing how the order has grown in membership and gained a surplus since it was organized in the city of London Ont., in 1879. His speech was followed by an interesting address from Bro. B. M. Mullin. There were two visiting brethren present from Court Fredericton No. 78 Bros. Maxon and Hagerman. Both gave interesting addresses which were appreciated very much by the members. Bro. Mills intends holding another meeting on the 16th inst in the Fredericton Court and expects to add at least twelve new members.

ST. JOHN RIVER STEAMSHIP CO.
WON FROM STAR LINE CO.

The jury in the case of the St. John Steamship Co., Ltd., vs. the Star Line Steamship Co., the trial of which was concluded in the circuit court at St. John yesterday afternoon before His Honor Mr. Justice Barry, returned a verdict of \$120.30 in favor of the plaintiff. One hundred dollars is on the breach of agreement and the balance on the claim for wharfage and dockage. The defendant put in a set-off amounting to less than \$18, which was admitted by the plaintiff.

This was an action based on a claim for wharfage and dockage and on a breach of agreement. The plaintiff asked for \$2,000. The defendant contended that there was no agreement. His Honor left questions to the jury on the answers of which he found judgment in favor of the plaintiff.

The case may be appealed. Daniel Mullin, K. C., and L. A. Currey, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff, and A. H. Fannington, K. C., and M. G. Teed, K. C., for the defendant.

WITNESS IN LIBEL
CASE REPORTED
TO BE MISSING

Stenographer Cannot be Located—Coulthard Published Defamatory Article, Ignorant of Truth or Untruth.

A startling feature of the criminal libel case against James H. Crockett, managing director of the Gleaner, is the disappearance of Miss Nellie Lawson, stenographer at the office of that paper. Miss Lawson is an important witness in the libel case and was to go on the stand this afternoon. This morning an attempt was made to locate Miss Lawson without success. At the residence of J. L. Lister, pressman at the Gleaner office, where she has boarded for some time past, it was said that she had gone away some days ago and her whereabouts was unknown. This morning in court the defendant in the case informed Mr. A. J. Gregory, counsel for the prosecution, that Miss Lawson had gone away to be married and was not an important witness. An attempt will be made to locate the missing witness.

The case was continued this morning, Editor Herbert L. Coulthard was again on the stand. Although claiming to be editor of the newspaper he gave an account of the amount of editorial matters he had written since July, which showed that since that date the amount of editorial he had written had steadily decreased until during the month of November it had almost reached the vanishing point. Editor Coulthard also claimed that he was news editor of the paper. Concerning the article published on November 25th charging R. W. McLellan with forgery of a telegram, Editor Coulthard said that he put it in the paper without knowing who had written it, where it came from or whether it was true or not.

During this morning's proceedings in court the defendant appeared to be very uneasy. Several times he made remarks in a loud tone of voice and informed the counsel for the defence on one occasion that "he couldn't put the prisoner in jail." At another time he so far forgot himself as to remark to his counsel in a loud tone of voice, "He's a d—n liar," and made other remarks indicative of strong excitement.

The evidence heard this morning was as follows:

H. L. COULTHARD

This morning Herbert L. Coulthard continued his evidence. He was asked how much editorial matter appearing in The Gleaner during the past four months had been written by himself. He replied that in August he had written about one-third of the editorials, in September one-fifth to one sixth, in October less than a tenth, in November a still smaller amount. Witness at times had corrected James H. Crockett's editorials. Concerning the article which appeared on November 25th, headed "Alleged Reply of McLellan" witness said he had read proof of that article. There was no mark by which witness could tell who wrote the article. Witness put it in the paper without knowing whether or not James H. Crockett had seen it.

Mr. Gregory then referred to his question of the preceding day, when he asked witness if James H. Crockett had reproved him for publishing libelous articles previous to the publication of the article complained of. Mr. Gregory quoted his authorities for attempting to prove the consent of the accused to the publication of previous libels.

Mr. Baxter in reply argued that the case to which Mr. Gregory referred concerned the proprietor of a newspaper. Mr. Crockett was not the proprietor of The Gleaner, but merely the representative of the proprietors and as such did not have to give his consent to publication of articles.

Mr. Gregory claimed that as the case must go to a higher court the prosecution should be allowed every latitude in providing evidence. Replying to Mr. Baxter, he said that he must take issue with him, in trying

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WALKER LODGE, L. O. A.,
ELECTED OFFICERS

Walker Lodge, No. 35, L. O. A., elected officers last evening. At the conclusion of the election, the officers were installed by Past Master R. W. Gregory. At the close of the installation, speeches were made by the newly installed officers. The officers elected and installed were: Bedford Green, W. M.; L. Lister, Deputy Master; P. C. Cass, Chaplain; H. T. Wandlass, Rec. Secretary; H. Cunningham, Fin. Secretary; George Haviland, Treasurer; J. Oldham, D. of C.; W. Lister, Lecturer; H. Cunningham, Sr., Chairman of Committee.

Walker Lodge begins the year with a large membership and expects to perform good work.

PURSE OF GOLD
FOR REV. AND MRS.
A. H. BARKER

Farewell Reception For Popular Clergyman and Wife Who are Leaving For Korean Mission Field.

The farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. Barker given in the Old Kirk last evening by St. Paul's Church, was largely attended. The church was decorated, and in addition to the opening and closing hymns, there were two special numbers, "Lead Kindly Light" by Messrs. Mitchell, Edney, Redpath and Cooper, and "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," by Miss Kelly and Mr. Redpath. The pastor presided and Rev. J. J. Colter led in prayer.

The chairman spoke of the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Barker were members of the congregation and had been appointed to Korea by the Western Division of the Foreign Mission Committee, their support having been undertaken by St. John's Church, Vancouver. He hoped the time was near when St. Paul's would have its own missionary. The interest taken in Korea was shown by the special contributions given to the work.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of two addresses, one from the W. F. M. S., by Mrs. Willard Kitchen, and the other from the Young People's Society. The address from the W. F. M. S. was accompanied by a purse of \$150.00 in gold, and that from the Young People's Society by a gift of kitchen furnishings. The address from the former is as follows:

To Reverend and Mrs. Archibald H. Barker,

Dear Fellow Workers—The congregation of St. Paul's Church has heard with deep interest of your appointment to Korea. Your active service in the work of this congregation during past years has been of such a character as to give you a very warm place in our affections. We feel that although you are supported by others, you nevertheless form a new and very real link between this church and the Foreign Field. We offer you our hearty congratulations upon the opening up of the way whereby you can enter upon your cherished purpose. We wish to assure you of our cordial interest in your personal welfare and work, and we pray God may follow you with health and success. Your friends in the congregation ask you to accept this purse as a token of their desire for your comfort, and we desire also to assure you that with it goes our best wishes for your happiness.

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LORD KINGSTON
SPEAKS HIGHLY OF
THE ROSS RIFLE

Distinguished Sportsman Now Here Has Shot Elephants With it—A South African War Veteran.

The Earl of Kingston, whose arrival in the city from a hunting trip to Braithwaite's camps on the Miramichi was noted in these columns yesterday, is a guest at the Queen and will remain here until Friday morning, when he leaves for St. John to take passage by steamer for England. The Earl's home is in Sligo, Ireland, and he has been a member of the House of Lords for several years.

His Lordship is a keen sportsman and has achieved considerable fame as a big game hunter. He has made several hunting trips to East Africa and was there last year when Col. Roosevelt made his memorable expedition to that country. He has many lions, tigers, elephants, and other big game peculiar to the African jungle to his credit. On one occasion he shot three lions before breakfast.

Guide Braithwaite, who accompanied His Lordship on his recent trip, speaks of him in terms of the highest praise. He describes him as a true sportsman in every sense of the word. He says that His Lordship saw many moose during the trip, but none of them had heads large enough to suit him, and he refrained from shooting. He plans, however, on returning next season, when it is hoped he will have better luck.

USES ROSS RIFLE.

His Lordship carried with him on his recent trip a Ross rifle of .280 calibre, manufactured by the Ross Rifle Company of Quebec. In conversation with a Mail representative he praised the weapon in unstinted terms. "I have hunted with it in Africa," he said, "and have shot elephants with it. It is undoubtedly a splendid weapon and is rapidly coming into favor with English sportsmen. I would have been glad if the company had established its plant in England, but the Canadians got ahead of us."

NOT A POLITICIAN

Asked his opinion of the political situation His Lordship said that he was not much of a politician. He said he had been away from home for two months and had therefore not been in touch with the trend of events. The result of the elections, he admitted, was not a great surprise to him.

"An agitation for reform of the House of Lords has been going on for years and it looks as if something

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RUSSIAN PONY COAT
FUR LINED COAT
FUR STOLE OR TIE
FUR MUFF OR GLOVES
STYLISH WINTER COAT
TAILORED COSTUME
PRETTY EVENING DRESS
DRESSY WAIST
SILK KIMONA
JAP. DRESSING GOWN
SILK UNDERSKIRT
KNITTED WOOL GOLFERS
DAINTY TEA APRONS
PERRINS' KID GLOVES
ANGORA GLOVES
SILK UMBRELLA
SHOPPING BAG
INITIAL HANDKERCHIEF
NECKWEAR OR BELT
DRESS PATTERNS, &c., &c.

FOR MEN

FUR COAT
FUR LINED COAT
FUR DRIVING GLOVES
FUR COLLAR
FUR CAP
FANCY VEST
KNITTED SWEATER
CARDIGAN JACKET
HOUSE COAT
BATH ROBE
WINTER OVERCOAT
NOBBY SUIT CLOTHES
HAND BAG
FITTED SUIT CASE
DRESSING CASE
TOILET SET
LINED MOCHA GLOVES
DENT'S KID GLOVES
WOOL OR SILK MUFFLER
STYLISH NECKWEAR
HANDKERCHIEFS
COLLAR BOX
SILK BRACES, &c., &c.

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and

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and

Christmas

Room

2nd FLOOR

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