

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.

NEW OFFICIAL

Mr. Edmund J. Cormier of St. Mary's, Kent County, has arrived in the city to accept a clerkship in the Agricultural Department.

LIQUOR SEIZURE AT CHIPMAN.

Abner Belyea, police constable at Chipman, seized 110 bottles of whiskey at that place on Monday. The goods were consigned to a man in Chipman.

Attention is directed to the valuable property advertised for sale in our columns for Saturday next, and situated on Needham Street. Full particulars can be obtained from McLellan & Hughes.—d31.

GUIDES' DINNER

Several members of the government and legislature have accepted invitations to the Guides' dinner to be held at the Queen Hotel tomorrow evening. It promises to be a most enjoyable function.

GEM

A Bison for tonight and "A Cowboy's Daring Ride," showing some dare devil horse riding. "In the Mission Shadows," a touching drama. "In the life of Moline," a Society drama.

ASSUMES MANAGERSHIP

Miss Frankie Tibbitts who has been at Mount Vernon, N. Y. for some time has returned to this city and will assume the management of the millinery business of The Misses Young. Miss Tibbitts was formerly in the Crown Land office.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Mr. Arthur Kidner son of T. B. Kidner of the Provincial Normal School has accepted a position in the offices of the Canadian Pacific Ry. at Montreal. Mr. Kidner has been ill for some time but expects to be able to take his position shortly after New Year's Day.

BURIED THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of Henry Alexander Robinson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson of Gibson, who met a tragic death on the river Christmas day, took place this afternoon and was largely attended. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. Thos. Stebbings. Interment was made at Marysville.

THREE ARE OTHERS

The Fredericton Mail evidently does not think highly of the Hazen Government. —Transcript

We have suspected such to be the case for some weeks past.—Chatham World.

While The Mail has no great love for the local administration it never went so far as to call Premier Hazen a weakling, back boneless leader. That boquet was handed out by the Chatham Tory organ.)

DIED AT FAIRVILLE

Mrs. Mary B. Harding Barker, widow of the late Thos. F. Barker, who at one time represented York County in the provincial legislature and who met a tragic death in this city some years ago passed away in Fairville yesterday. The body will be brought here from Fairville tomorrow morning, the funeral taking place from the C. P. R. station on the arrival of the train. Interment will be made at Sunnyside Cemetery. Messrs. Harry H. Barker and G. Minchin Barker of Amherst are step-sons of the deceased.

MR. WHITEHEAD HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, who have been on a trip to the Pacific Coast, have returned home and will remain for the balance of the winter. Mr. Whitehead's numerous friends will be glad to know that his western trip proved very beneficial to his health. In a brief chat with The Mail today, he said that he enjoyed his visit to the Pacific Coast and, while he saw much that interested him, he found no place that he liked one half as well as the dear old city of Fredericton. He was glad, he said, to be home again among his old friends.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS' CONFERENCE

The semi-annual conference between the Chief Superintendent of Education and the school inspectors of the province is being held today at the Education office. All the inspectors are in attendance. They are Inspector Mersereau of Doaktown, Inspector Doucet of Shediac, Inspector Robert of Bathurst, Inspector Steeves of Sussex, Inspector Hanson of Fredericton, Inspector O'Brien of Moncton, Inspector McLean of St. John and Inspector Meagher of Woodstock. The conference began at 10 a. m. and it is expected will be completed today.

FIREMEN ARE NOT TO EXPRESS OPINIONS IN FUTURE

Investigation Into McMurray Fire Finished Last Night—Chief Rutter Did Not Say "Fire Trap."

The investigation concerning the fire at the store of McMurray & Co., on Saturday, December 10th, took place last night at the city hall, before the fire committee. Mr. J. F. McMurray, Chief Rutter and Mr. J. D. Black, of the Gleaner, made statements to the committee concerning the fire and concerning Chief Rutter's remarks, which were given publication.

Mr. McMurray stated that he objected to the phrase "fire trap," as applied to his premises.

Chief Rutter denied that he used that expression, but said the reporter might have gained the impression that such a phrase had been used.

Mr. Black declared that he would not say that Chief Rutter had used the words "fire trap" but his words had been to the same effect.

The committee after hearing the evidence and giving it due consideration, passed a resolution requesting the chief and other members of the fire department to refrain from making public any opinion regarding the causes of or circumstances surrounding fires that might cause injury to the owner of the property, without first reporting to the fire committee.

Those present were His Worship Mayor Thomas, Ald. Calder, Ald. Walker, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Osborne, Ald. Vanwart, City Clerk McCreedy, Chief Rutter, Assistant Chief Clark, and Mr. J. F. McMurray.

J. F. McMURRAY

Mr. J. F. McMurray, of McMurray & Co., was the first to be heard. He stated that he was not present when the fire broke out at his store. He was very much surprised when he saw Chief Rutter quoted in the press as saying his building was a fire-trap. He objected to such a term. A considerable sum of money had been spent on the building and it was the safest on Queen street, excepting none. He thought that with all the talk of increased fire insurance rates Chief Rutter might be better employed than in scattering broadcast a statement that a first class building was a fire-trap. He had given Chief Rutter an opportunity to declare openly that he had been misquoted but he had not taken advantage of the opportunity. The place where the waste paper had been burned on December 10th was enclosed by brick walls and was perfectly safe, the published testimonial showed that.

CHIEF RUTTER

Chief Rutter said that he had had no intention of making comment on the press reports of the McMurray fire until he saw himself referred to in a letter published in The Daily Mail as a dangerous man to have at the head of the fire department. However, he had asked His Worship to call a meeting of the Fire Committee in order that he might vindicate himself. He would endeavor to show that he was justified in using the expressions he did use in reference to the McMurray building.

The Chief then quoted the reports and letters concerning the McMurray fire which had appeared in the press. Commenting on those reports Chief Rutter said that he had not used the expression "fire trap." He had said that there was no excuse for that quantity of waste paper being allowed to remain there.

The dump in the McMurray building had a wooden door at the entrance of a passage leading into the back store and within a few feet of the elevator shaft. The doors were not turned, the ceiling was of wood and only sheathing separated the dump from the premises of R. G. Lee. The waste paper had not been removed since November 25th, sixteen days. Such a quantity of paper should be removed every day should it accumulate that frequently.

Referring to the testimonials published by Mr. McMurray, Chief Rutter said that they were principally from insurance people who were desirous of getting what little business there was in connection with the building for the latter was insured for \$13,000 and stock for \$8,000 the total premiums amounting to only \$300. Insurance men knew nothing of the danger arising from fire as they had never fought it. Mr. McMurray had spoken of the slight risk. The loss at that fire had been \$100 very small but the second largest since January 1st.

The Chief said that the premises were not safe and could be improved by building a brick wall between the premises and those of R. G. Lee and by using metal sheathing.

Quoting the letter of Fire Inspector Ross to the effect that the small number of fires and slight fire loss was due largely to prompt and efficient inspection, Chief Rutter said that Mr. Ross if he did not wish to give the Fire Department any credit, at

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EXTENSION OF EXHIBITION GROUNDS WILL BE DISCUSSED

Directors of Agricultural Society No. 34 Will Meet Tomorrow—Changes in Committees.

The directors of Agricultural Society No. 34 will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 in the Mayor's office, city hall, for the purpose of electing officers and completing organization for the year. The meeting will be one of the first steps toward the Fredericton Exhibition of 1911, which is to be the best ever held in the city. In addition to the election of officers the selection of committees will be taken up. One of the most important committees to be appointed will be that to take up the matter of extending buildings and grounds.

PROPOSED EXTENSION

Nothing has yet been decided upon with regard to new buildings, but it has been suggested that an addition be placed on the eastern side of the present main building running out toward Smythe street. The need of more accommodation is felt in all departments of the exhibition. The extension of the grounds will depend upon securing land from the Pennyfather estate, which owns the property immediately south of the exhibition grounds.

CHANGES IN COMMITTEE

It is probable that there will be changes in the personnel of several of the committees. Some members of the society have been on certain committees for several years and are desirous of retiring from active work.

MARYSVILLE P. A. P. B.

Lodge No. 23, P. A. P. B. of Marysville, held their regular meeting Monday evening, at which the following officers were elected:—W. M. J. Holland; D. M., B. Brown; chaplain, F. McConachy; rec. sec., R. Cain; fin. sec., C. McLean; treas., H. Robinson; D. of C. Mr. Gamble; I. T., Mr. Capens; O. T., J. Capens; trustees, M. Mener, J. Cochrane, D. D. G. M. R. Merryweather, P. G. M. and H. Sellen, G. M. delivered addresses. The Grand Master, who has recently visited the lodges in York County, conducted the installation of officers. He stated that the lodges in York County were in a flourishing condition numerically and financially. The Grand Master will visit the lodges in Fredericton in January.

Mr. J. W. Smalley of Florenceville, arrived in the city last night.

FREDERICTON BOY MANAGER FOR WINNIPEG FIRM

Kenneth Allen Son of T. C. Allen Elected to Seat on Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Mr. T. C. Allen, Clerk of the Peace, has received word that his second son Kenneth, had been elected to a seat on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. His election comes together with his appointment as manager for the firm of W. S. McLaughlin, Ltd., of Winnipeg. He will assume the management on January 1st.

The news of Mr. Allen's success in the West will be received with pleasure by his many friends in Fredericton and in other places in the province.

Mr. Kenneth Allen entered the service of the Bank of Montreal in this city remaining here some time. He left Fredericton and went to Rossland, B. C., where he continued with the same bank for several years. He afterward was connected with the Le Roi Mining Company. About a year and a half ago Mr. Allen removed from Rossland to Winnipeg, where he has remained. His promotion to a responsible position mentioned and his election to a seat on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange indicate the success which he has met in the West.

Mr. Allen has been away from Fredericton upwards of eight years. While in this city he was prominent in athletic circles figuring in both football and hockey.

BIOGRAPH AT UNIQUE

A splendid program of unusual quality including a Biograph feature "A Plain Song," will be shown at the Unique tonight. Also an excellent western Indian photo play "The Silent Message," and two great comedies by Telig will be included. The Unique are giving daily matinees at 3 and 4 p. m.

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