

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.

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HOCKEY ACCIDENT.

Douglas Nichols, son of Mrs Chas B. Nichols, is critically ill at his home, as a result of getting struck on the head while playing hockey.

DROP IN TEMPERATURE

The thermometer at the pumping station last night registered 6 below zero. This low temperature accompanied by a high wind made the air feel as if the mercury should have been much lower.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The annual watch night service will be held at the Methodist Church to-night beginning at 11 o'clock and continuing until after midnight. Rev. J. H. MacDonald, pastor of the Brunswick Street United Baptist Church will deliver an address.

DOMESTIC TROUBLE SETTLED

The police were called to a house on Regent street last night to settle a domestic trouble. The wife charged her husband with non-support. The trouble was settled by the man's employer agreeing to pay his wife a weekly sum from his wages.

INCREASED GRANT EXPECTED

According to the current number of the University Monthly an increase in the grant to the University of New Brunswick from the provincial treasury is expected. The Monthly urges that a portion of the increase be used to secure the services of an additional engineering professor.

FIRES WERE FEARED

The police were on the watch for fires last night, the high wind increasing the danger from fire. A chimney at Palmer's Larrigan Factory caught fire and the fire department was informed of the fact. The firemen were also called out by a still alarm for a burning chimney in the lower part of the city and also one at Phoenix Square.

U. N. B. BASKETBALL TOUR.

There is a possibility that the U. N. B. basketball team will go on tour next week playing the Shamrocks of St. Andrews at that town and the Eastport team at the same place. The local members of the team are awaiting word from Captain Rigby concerning this.

GEM

The producers of the Reliance Film are of the highest class and are certainly producing the goods. The Armourer's Daughter is one of the finest pictures seen here for a long time. The cowboy picture is certainly a funny one. And the Village Story is a great drama. The crowd that saw these pictures last night went out well pleased.—d.

TODAY'S MARKET.

On account of the exceedingly cold weather and absence of snow, the market this morning was very small for the time of year, there being scarcely a dozen teams. Beef sold at 7 and 8 cents, pork at 9 and 10 cents butter at 25 cents, lamb at 10 and 11 cents, geese at \$1.75, turkeys at 27 cents, chickens at 15 cents and eggs at 35 cents.

CLERGYMAN'S ILLNESS

The Hampton correspondent of the Globe writes:

"Christmas brought to the Rev. George Howard, of the Hampton Station Baptist Church, a pleasing expression of his people's kindly sympathy with him in the illness which has practically laid him aside from his public duties, in the form of a comfortable donation."

Rev. Mr. Howard was formerly stationed at Keswick Ridge.

HAS RECEIVED CALL

Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church, has received a call from the churches constituting the Marysville Circuit and it is expected that he will accept it beginning his work at Marysville on Sunday. The churches comprising the circuit are Marysville, Penniac and Mount Hope. Rev. Mr. Baker will conduct the work of the Marysville circuit in addition to that of the local church.

MAKE BAD RESOLUTIONS

Chatham World:—If you find it so difficult to keep your New Years resolutions, perhaps it would be a good idea to make a few bad ones this time, for a change. For instance you might resolve to be cross to your wife (if you have one) every day during the year, and then give her gentle words and loving kisses instead. You can thus be consistent with your past record, and possibly be a better man when another year rolls around.

DUTIES COLLECTED
FELL OFF DURING
PRESENT YEAR

Decrease of \$5,240.25 Reported—
Year 1909 was Exceptional Year
for Imports.

The duties collected at the port of Fredericton during 1910 compared with those collected during 1909 show a decrease of \$5,240.25. The difference is due to a falling off in the importation of goods by the Toronto Construction Company for work on the National Transcontinental Railway.

The customs returns for December, 1910, compared with those for the corresponding month of 1909, show a falling off in the value of goods imported but the amount of duty collected in the two periods is about the same.

Returns for the last quarter of 1910 compared with the returns for the corresponding period of 1909 show an increase in both the amount of goods imported and in duty collected. The increase in duty was \$1,263.76.

The year 1909 was an exceptional year as far as imports were concerned. The returns as furnished by Mr. L. C. Macnutt, Collector of Customs, are as follows:

DECEMBER, 1910.

Free Goods, \$36,654.00
Dutiable Goods, 20,033.00

Total Imports, 56,687.00
Duty Collected, 4,138.22

DECEMBER, 1909.

Free Goods, \$63,779.00
Dutiable Goods, 19,599.00

Total Imports, 83,378.00
Duty Collected, 4,127.35

QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Free Goods, \$93,855.00
Dutiable Goods, 61,455.00

Total Imports, 155,310.00
Duty Collected, 13,164.83

QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1909.

Free Goods, \$72,929.00
Dutiable Goods, 53,805.00

Total Imports, 126,734.00
Duty Collected, 11,911.13

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

	1909	1910
Jan.,	\$2,923.43	\$2,670.20
Feb.,	5,976.80	7,448.48
March,	8,492.12	6,546.92
April,	6,253.52	4,871.51
May,	3,365.38	3,840.68
June,	3,719.93	3,029.72
July,	3,604.43	2,478.68
Aug.,	7,104.60	4,864.53
Sep.,	5,679.71	4,866.85
Oct.,	4,411.17	5,029.49
Nov.,	3,372.61	3,997.18
Dec.,	4,127.35	4,138.46
Total,	\$59,032.06	\$53,782.70

Decrease in 1909, \$5,249.35.

SUSPECT IN BLACKMER

ROBBERY CASE LEFT TOWN

The police are working on the Blackmer robbery and the authorities in St. John and other neighboring cities have been notified to be on the lookout for the stolen jewelry.

Three suspects were arrested yesterday afternoon, but after being searched were allowed to go, none of the property being found in their possession. Two of the suspects were colored men belonging to Fredericton. The other was a white man from Marysville. Another suspect, who has a penitentiary record, has not been seen about the city since the day before the robbery.

THE STOLEN ARTICLES

A complete list of the articles stolen from F. E. Blackmer's jewelry store are as follows:

2 pair diamond links set with one diamond.
1 pair large diamond links.
1 single link with 3 small diamonds
1 single link with one small diamond.
1 gold stick pin set with large amethyst.
1 gold stick pin with small amethyst
1 gold stick pin.
1 locket and chain set with pearls.
1 pearl necklace.
1 gold thimble.
1 large diamond ring.
1 single plain gold link.
2 pearl opera glasses.
3 large lockets set with bright stones.

UNIQUE TODAY

Large audiences last evening at the Unique greatly enjoyed the Biograph photoplay "The Song of the Wildwood Flute." This feature is decidedly apart from the usual Indian pictures and depicts the Indian in his real attitude, showing them in their natural life, which is a decided relief from the usual bloodthirsty Indian films which have been apparent of late.

GEORGE McEWEN
ORGANIZER FOR
LIBERAL PARTY

Will Begin Work at Once—Enthusiastic
Meeting at Windsor Hall—Promi-
nent Conservatives Present.

One of the most representative and enthusiastic meetings of the prominent members of the Liberal party in this constituency was held at Windsor Hall last evening. Mr. Edward Moore, president of the Liberal executive for the County of York, was in the chair. The latter, on Mr. Moore leaving it, was most acceptably filled by Mr. Patrick Farrell. About sixty prominent Liberals of the city and vicinity were present, and all were most optimistic concerning the political outlook in this constituency and were filled with enthusiasm. The meeting was held at the call of Organizer George McEwen, whose appointment was ratified by the meeting.

Organizer McEwen will at once proceed to take up his work throughout the constituency, the wish being generally expressed by those at the meeting that immediate steps be taken toward preparation for an election.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The county organizer will be assisted by a central committee, which was appointed at last night's meeting. That committee will consist of Messrs. Donald Fraser, Sr., Wm. E. Farrell, R. W. McLellan, W. S. Hooper and A. E. Hanson. Mr. McEwen will keep in touch with this committee while organizing the county.

Ald. W. S. Hooper, concerning whom a "fake" story to the effect that he had resigned the office of secretary of the Liberal executive, was published, was present and displayed his usual zeal and enthusiasm. Ald. Hooper is a member of the central committee and as such will be in the fore-front of any political battle which may occur in the County of York.

THROUGH WITH TORIES.

A feature of last night's meeting was the declaration of Mr. William E. Jaffrey, of St. Mary's, a life-long Conservative, that he had become disgusted and dissatisfied with the way in which that party had conducted itself in this constituency, in relation to provincial affairs and in the Dominion as a whole. Henceforth Mr. Jaffrey will give his whole-souled support to the Liberal party. In the past he has been prominent in the councils of the Conservative party, and his change will undoubtedly have great effect, particularly in his own parish of St. Mary's.

Other dissatisfied Conservatives were also present.

FIRE LOSSES DURING
1910 WERE LESS
THAN \$2,000

Chief Rutter's Annual Report Will be
Presented on Tuesday—Low Average Annual Fire Loss.

Mr. H. C. Rutter, Chief of the Fire Department, will present his annual report at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday next. The report will show the number of alarms to which the department responded during the year and the amount of damage caused by each fire.

"The fire losses for 1910," said Chief Rutter to a reporter of The Mail this morning, "unless there is another fire before midnight, will be under two thousand dollars. The year has not been marked by any large fires and the department has been able to cope with all fires that occurred and keep losses down to a small figure."

Some years ago the fire loss in Fredericton during a year amounted to little more than two hundred dollars. That was before Chief Rutter was appointed head of the fire department and was a record year. The average annual loss by fire in the City of Fredericton during the past twenty years has been less than five thousand dollars, an average that is remarkable for its lowness.

WILL NOT HOLD SERVICE

On account of the last day of the year being Saturday there will be no watch night service at Christchurch Cathedral tonight.

HOW DID THEY GET IT?

The St. John Standard today published an engraving of the Exmouth Y. M. A. basketball team, and calls that team provincial champions for 1910. There is a quintette at the U. N. B. that would like to know how the St. John team ever earned the title.

A CHILD'S DEATH

Robert Wardlow, the ten months old child of Mr. Wardlow Kilburn died today after a brief illness from pneumonia. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 3.30 p. m.

THE INTERMITTENT
ALARM CLOCK

For these dark mornings an alarm clock is almost a necessity. The intermittent alarm, in which the alarm rings for several seconds, then pausing, and after a period of silence again rings, and so on for ten minutes, is by far the most effective. We have them in both nickel and brushed brass, in the regular and extremely small sizes. Our price only \$2.25 to \$3.00.

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