

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.

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Does your husband remain out late? If so bring him to the Silent System tonight at the Opera House.—d.

NO SKATING TONIGHT

There will be no skating at the Arctic Rink this evening on account of inclement weather.

HANDSOME CALENDERS.

Ald. W. S. Hooper, who is the local agent for several high class fire and life insurance companies, has The Mail's thanks for handsome calendars.

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.

TROPHY FOR SIGNALLERS.

It is understood that a trophy will be offered for competition among the signalling sections of the 67th, 71st, 73rd and 74th Regiments which train at Camp Sussex. This trophy is to be offered by the signalling officers of the 71st and 73rd Regiments. Lieut. Horace VanWart, of this city, is signalling officer of the 71st York Regt.

SMALLPOX CASE.

Chatham Commercial.—It is reported that a case of genuine smallpox has at last been discovered in the county. James McCafferty, of the Northwest Bridge, is the victim. Couns. Vanderbeck and Doyle, of the Board of Health, were in Newcastle Saturday consulting with Chairman Maltby in regard to the matter.

LATE MRS. MARY B. BARKER.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary B. Barker took place this morning from the C. P. R. station on the arrival of the train from St. John. Interment was made at Sunnybank Cemetery. Mr. Harry Barker, of St. John, stepson of the deceased, accompanied the remains to this city.

A DAISY PROGRAM.

This is just what the program at the Bijou can be called, for it's a corker. See these three features, "A Russian Wolf Hunt," "A Street Preacher," and "Love Laughs at Locksmiths." Don't forget the popular matinees at the Bijou every afternoon. A grand place to spend an hour and ten cents.

EXCHANGING COMPLIMENTS.

New Glasgow Chronicle.—Mr. R. B. Rossborough, Bank of Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, sends the compliments of the season to friends in New Glasgow from himself and Mrs. Rossborough. So far as the Eastern Chronicle people are concerned, and, we are sure, their many friends in New Glasgow, the compliments are heartily returned.

HORSE NOT YET SELECTED.

A horse to replace that which is used on the ladder truck of the Fire Department has not yet been secured, although several animals have been offered to the Fire Committee. A horse belonging to Hon. George Collier of Keswick, was offered to the committee. The horse was brought to the city on Saturday last, but as the members of the committee were unable to inspect the animal, no decision was reached. The horse is said to be well suited for fire department work.

OPTION OBTAINED

Ald. Walker, chairman of the Fire Committee has obtained an option on a portion of the property of Mrs. George Wilkes, King Street, which is wanted to supplement the Torrence property on Carleton Street which is wanted as a site for the proposed central fire station. The portion of the Wilkes property on which the option has been secured is 30 by 88 feet. The two properties together form a lot 70 by 132 feet which is considered to be ample for the proposed station which will be one of the most modern in the Maritime Provinces.

CHIPMAN CHURCH EXTENDS CALL.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation in Chipman, N. B., on Thursday a call was extended to Rev. Edwin Smith, B. A., who has been on the staff of the Presbyterian Witness for about twelve months. The congregation at Chipman has been without a pastor since May last, when Rev. D. Magee Clark resigned to go to Middle Stewiacke. The call to Mr. Smith was hearty and unanimous and it is hoped that he will accept. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, of St. John, presided at the meeting.

Mr. M. C. McCormick, of St. John, arrived here on Friday.

ST. DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL BEING PUT IN READINESS

School Board Completes Arrangements For Furnishing Handsome New Structure—Other Improvements.

Last evening the monthly meeting of the School Trustees was held in the Board Room with Dr. Atherton, the chairman, presiding, the other members in attendance were Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Sterling, Dr. Vanwart, Mr. Weddall, Mr. Sharkey, Mr. Spurden, Mr. Kitchen, and Secretary Sampson. Mrs. Clark, who has recently been quite ill, was unable to be present.

Several matters in the report of the secretary engaged attention and arrangements for the transfer of furniture and apparatus from the several departments of Regent street school to the new building were completed. At this meeting a letter was read from Rev. Father Carney, informing trustees that before the close of the present month the handsome and commodious brick and stone building on Regent street would be ready for occupancy. A committee of the Board composed of Dr. Atherton, Mr. Sterling and Mr. Weddall met Rev. Father Carney at the rectory this morning and discussed all the details of the transfer. The building itself is one of the finest and most modern schoolhouses in the province and reflects credit upon Architect Brodie of St. John. The exterior and interior workmanship speaks well for the judgment and skill of Contractor Fred Ryan. The excellent system of plumbing is the work of Mr. A. H. Farrell.

APPLICATION FOR JANITORSHIP.

Two applications were received for the position of caretaker of the new building. These are James E. Carten and Joseph Myshraal, and for purpose of enquiry respecting duties and general features of the work required, the matter was left in hands of the above committee.

Dr. Vanwart, from the committee, reported that new desks and seats had been ordered for one department in the new Regent street school, and the furniture in the other departments would be embellished in keeping with the surroundings of the new building.

SUPT. FOSTER'S REPORT.

A report from Supt. B. C. Foster was presented, giving tabulated figures showing the number of pupils per teacher in the Regent street and Brunswick street schools, as compared with the number of pupils per teacher in the other schools. While the number in the former school is smaller he would not recommend any amalgamation.

WILL GET NEW FURNACE

The committee of the Charlotte street school building upon recommendation of the secretary, was authorized to purchase a new furnace to replace the one that is worn out.

Mr. Weddall reported that tenders for window shades for the Regent street building were received from F. B. Edgecombe Co., and Colwell & Jennings, and that the tender of the latter, being the lowest, was accepted.

The secretary was authorized to procure some chemicals for the High School and to invite tenders for thirty tons of furnace coal.

Mr. Spurden from committee reported that owing to illness of Mrs. Clark a report respecting the proposal for a readjustment of salaries, could not be presented until the next regular meeting.

Dr. Atherton laid on the table some sample text books on music, and the secretary read a letter from the Superintendent of the Winnipeg schools, respecting music books in use in that enterprising city.

After ordering payment of salaries, and accounts, the meeting adjourned.

WORK ON KITCHEN CONTRACT CLOSED DOWN FOR WINTER

Work on the Willard Kitchen Company's contract on the Transcontinental Railway has been closed down for the winter. The company are constructing thirty-three miles of the road, between Plaster Rock and Grand Falls, and while they have made satisfactory progress, it will probably be well on to the end of next year before the work is completed. Their section is being built through a rugged stretch of country, and the work is said to be the heaviest this side of the Rocky Mountains. A steel bridge across the Tobique River, one hundred feet high, and an enormous viaduct at Salmon Brook are included in the Kitchen Company's contract.

LT. COL. McLEAN SELECTED.

Reports from Ottawa say it has been definitely arranged that Lt. Col. H. H. McLean, M. P., will command the force of about 800 men to represent Canada's military forces in the coronation procession in London in June next.

NEW TEXT-BOOKS FOR BOTANY AND MUSIC ARE RECOMMENDED

School Inspectors Completed Conference Yesterday—Greater Specialization in Writing and Drawing.

Three sessions of the Conference of the Chief Superintendent with the Inspectors were held yesterday morning, afternoon and evening.

At the afternoon session Principal Bridges of the Normal School, Mr. T. B. Kidner, Director of Manual Training, and Mr. H. H. Hagerman were present on invitation of the Chief Superintendent, and a very interesting and mutually profitable interchange of views took place, both as to the preparation of pupils and the results of the training given the teachers.

WRITING AND DRAWING

The subjects of writing and drawing received particular attention. Mr. Hagerman advocated that a combined paper be given for Normal School entrance in writing and drawing in order to insure greater attention to these subjects as has been already done in the subject of mental arithmetic. It was decided to defer action in this respect until the Inspectors shall have looked more carefully into the instruction being given in these subjects.

The Text Committee was in session today. It is composed of the following members, ex officio—The Chief Superintendent, Chancellor of the University, Principal of the Normal School, and Inspector Meagher, who represents the Inspectors this year. Elected members:—Miss Etta Barlow, Miss Annie M. Hea, H. H. Hagerman, Geo. J. Oulton, and Dr. H. S. Bridges. The texts considered were Botany Chemistry and Music.

NEW TEXTS RECOMMENDED.

The Committee on Text Books completed its labors this morning. Recommendations with regard to Botany and Music Text Books were made but there was no recommendation concerning the Chemistry Text. The recommendation concerning the Botany Text-Book was that Bailey's Botany be adopted, subject to examination and revision of its flora and key by competent persons. That concerning a Music Text-book was that the book published by D. C. Heath be adopted subject to revision.

Chief of Police W. W. Clark, of St. John, returned home yesterday after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Steeves, of this city.

WILL OF LATE THOS. E. HOBEN IS PROBATED

Income of Estate Goes to Widow During Her Lifetime—Property Afterward to be Divided.

The will of the late Thos. E. Hoben, superintendent of the Canada Eastern Branch of the Intercolonial Railway of Canada, who died in Chicago a few weeks ago, was admitted to probate before Judge F. St. John Bliss yesterday. The estate was sworn at \$4,400, largely composed of personal property. Mr. J. D. Phinney is proctor.

TERMS OF WILL.

According to the terms of the will, the gold watch of the testator is bequeathed to his grandson, Thos. Hoben Robinson, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Robinson. The income from the estate is to go to the widow of the deceased during her lifetime. On her death, the grandchildren of the deceased alive at that time are to receive each one hundred dollars. The residue of the estate is to be divided equally among the four children of the deceased, Mrs. Harry M. Hooper, of St. John; Mrs. W. R. Robinson, of St. John West; Mrs. G. H. Coburn, of Deadwood, N. Dakota, and Rev. Dr. T. Allan Hoben of Chicago.

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UNION LABOR AND OFFICE.

Moncton Labor News.—At a meeting of the St. John Trades and Labor Council, held December 15th, a resolution was adopted condemning the action of Mr. W. F. Hatheway in regard to a recent appointment at St. John, whereby a man unfair to union labor was appointed to a responsible position through the offices of Mr. Hatheway.

Mr. W. M. McLean, of St. John, who has been in the city attending the conference of school inspectors, returned home this morning.

Mr. H. W. Woods, M. P. P., of Welsford, is at the Barker House.

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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