

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Variable winds, mostly fair and decidedly mild.

SCOTT ACT FINES.

There was a case of violation of the Canada Temperance Act before Magistrate Marsh this morning. The offence was acknowledged and the usual fine imposed.

FINED FOR FURIOUS DRIVING.

This morning a hackman who had been found guilty of furious driving, was fined ten dollars in the police court today.

One lone drunk was given the usual option.

REGAINING CONVALESCENCE

The many friends of Mr. Edward Moore will be glad to learn that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from the very serious attack of la grippe which has held him indoors for the past few weeks.

TO HOLD INVESTIGATION

Schooner Arthur M. Gibson which was disabled off Musquash recently is now discharging at the Starr coal shed. A survey will be held on the vessel and an investigation conducted into the loss of three of her crew.—St. John Telegraph.

MARKET AND WHARVES.

The tolls and fees arising from the city wharves and hay scales will be sold at public auction in front of the city hall at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. It is scarcely likely that there will be much competition in either case.

BIJOU TODAY.

The Bijou put on a fine show last night, which delighted the large audience. The pictures are as follows: "A Nurse's Diary," two fine scenic pictures and two Indian subjects, "Red Hawk's Last Raid," and "Lo, the Poor Indian."

A NEW STORE

Councilor Howard Rogers of Nashwaakiss has had the Clark building on King street, near the N. B. Foundry, fitted up as a furniture store and will be open for business tomorrow. It is his intention to dispose of his business at St. Mary's in the near future.

HERE WITH HIS BRIDE.

Mr. R. T. Christie of the Transcontinental Railway staff, who recently joined the benedict ranks at Windsor N. S., is at the Queen with his bride en route to Nappadogan. Mr. Christie's little trip to Blue Nose land and its sequel was a surprise to the boys on the road, and they are planning a welcome for him when he returns to the residency.

BACK FROM ENGLAND.

Mr. J. S. Thompson of Kent, England, who looked after the office work for Rigby and Hyland, contractors here for several months arrived this morning from the Old Country where he has been spending part of the winter. He is now identified with a big construction and dredging company and will spend the summer in Cape Breton where they have a large contract.

TO WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

There is a movement on foot to have the Baptist denomination in Fredericton guarantee the support of Mr. Malcolm L. Orchard in the foreign mission field. Mr. Orchard, while a student at the University of New Brunswick, volunteered his services as a missionary. He will complete his course in theology shortly. If the movement is successful it may be made part of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

GOING ON THE ROAD.

Mr. Miles Emack has sold out his interest in the taxidermist business of Emack Bros., to his brother, and has accepted a position as travelling agent for several manufacturers of sporting goods. He will travel through Canada selling the Oldtown canoe, the Manlicher rifle, Union Fire Arms Co's shot guns, the Dair's shot gun and Palmer's sporting boots. He left this morning for St. John en route to Halifax to enter upon his duties. Mr. Emack is a young man of great energy, as well as a keen sports man, and his many friends here will unite with the Mail in wishing him every success.

CHOSEN FRIENDS MEETING.

Council Fredericton No. 591 met in the Templars' Hall last night and initiated several new members and the following officers were elected to finish the staff of officers:

Past Chief Coun.—Harry W. McPhee.

Auditors—William Farnsworth, W. T. Little.

Sick Committee—Chairman, J. W. Lyons; G. A. Grant, H. W. McFee, Selby Lock, R. M. Langinne, John B. Belyea, Harry Ryan.

After the business was concluded ice cream was served in the council room. Amongst the visitors present were: Wiley Grant, Marshal of Kilburn, No. 576; J. J. Ritchie, prelate of Upper Kent, No. 596. This was a special meeting as the regular meeting is May 2nd.

SOME CIVIC OFFICIALS MAY NOT BE APPOINTED

City Engineer to Take over Duties of Some—Leonard Ward Recommended as Ladder Truck Driver.

On Thursday the city council will take up the question of the appointment of civic officials for the ensuing year and it is probable that some will not be reappointed. The Water and Sewerage Committee met yesterday afternoon and discussed the proposed rearrangement under which the duties of some officials will be performed by a city engineer. It is the intention to have that official take control of the filtration plant and water and sewerage department as well as other civic work. Mr. Jack Feeney who for some time has had charge of the filtration department, was before the committee as was also Mr. George N. Edney of the Water Department. The proposed changes were talked over with them. It is generally understood that Mr. Feeney will be the city engineer.

As forecasted by The Mail, the Water Committee recommended that the salary of Engineer Malloy of the Water Works Pumping Station be increased and that a rearrangement of the staff of that station be made. Mr. Malloy's salary has been recommended to be raised to \$600 per year the same as that of Engineer McGuin Fireman Lyons at present works from 7 a.m., until 6 p.m. After May 1st. his hours will be, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., giving him a nine-hour instead of a ten-hour day. His time will also be equally divided among the shifts of the three engineers.

LEONARD WARD RECOMMENDED.

The Fire Committee also met yesterday and considered the applications for the position of driver for the ladder truck, which was made vacant by the resignation of Melvin Bearisto. The applicants were Harry Pidgeon, Frank Myshrrall, Leonard Ward and Albert H. Boddington. The committee will recommend that the position be given to Leonard Ward. The latter has had experience as temporary driver.

MORE SALARY FOR AUDITOR.

It is expected that there will be a recommendation for an increase of fifty dollars in the salary of City Auditor McKay.

F. B. B. BONNET HOP.

The bonnet hop given by the Fredericton Brass Band at the Arctic rink last night was a great success and will be repeated tonight. About five hundred persons were in attendance last evening. Dancing and games of various kinds were indulged in. Before the hop began the band paraded from its rooms to the rink.

DEMAND FOR MORE BERTHS FOR VESSELS

Freshet has Flooded so Called High-water Wharves—Cargoes Discharged in Water.

The condition of the wharves at which coal is being discharged is such that a united protest has been made by coal-dealers, who now have vessels here or who were compelled to have their cargoes discharged when the water was over the wharves Mr. R. T. Baird, who has had the work of discharging coal in hand, says that he will not attempt to do so again unless the wharf is placed in such condition that men and horses will not be compelled to work in water several feet deep.

Mr. Patrick Farrell, who has brought coal here by schooner this spring stated that the result of the delay in discharging coal would be higher prices for the local consumer of coal. Mr. A. H. Vanwart was of the same opinion.

It is also urged that if there is a continuation of the state of affairs which compels vessels to wait for an opportunity to discharge it will be practically impossible to charter schooners to come to Fredericton as all depend on loading lumber for the return voyage to American ports.

Several years ago the wharf immediately above the Star Line wharf was raised a few feet by the city. The rear of the wharf was not raised and the result was that when the river rose this spring the outer edge of the wharf was out of water while the inner part was flooded. At the present time it is all under water. It is demanded by those concerned in shipping that the city should build at least two berths which could be used even when the river was at its highest point.

The schooner Vera Roberts with coal for Mr. A. H. Vanwart has been lying here for about a week. It was proposed yesterday to try to tow the Roberts through the draw of the highway bridge and discharge directly into Mr. Vanwart's warehouse. The captain of the Roberts refused to take the risk of smashing his vessel's bottom on the old pier that is still in the draw.

The aldermen are likely to take up the matter of additional wharf accommodation at an early date, as it is realized that it is urgently needed. Nothing in the way of building can be done until after the freshet.

The schooner Louisa Ann Lockwood is lying in the stream, not being able to get a berth.

TORREY CAMPAIGN.

Rev. J. H. MacDonald will address a meeting to be held tonight in the vestry of the Methodist church. The meeting will be in connection with the Torrey evangelistic campaign to be carried on next month.

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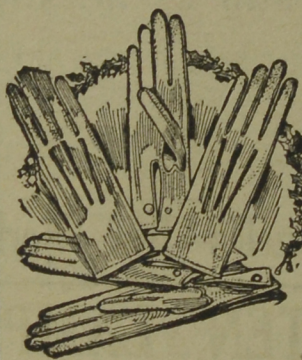
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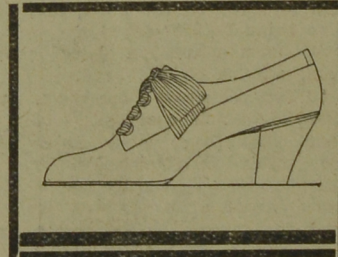
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