

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER

Maritime: Fresh south and south-west winds showery, Friday fresh westerly winds partly cloudy with scattered showers.

A GREAT CATCH.

Basil Goodine of Kingsclear, captured nine sturgeon and one salmon in a set net a few nights ago.

THE SHAD FISHERY.

Mr. Thomas Phillips, the champion local shad fisher, has started his season's operations. So far the run of fish has been rather light.

DEALS FOR ST. JOHN.

Mr. H. C. Mackey is loading several scows with spruce deals for Mr. W. Malcolm Mackey, St. John and laths for Thomas Bell & Co., of the same place.

DOG POISONED.

Togo the Second, a valuable dog owned by Master Cedric Cooper, passed in his checks a few days ago after partaking of a dose of strychnine left loose by some evil disposed person.

BIJOU TODAY.

The pictures at the Bijou were excellent. Miss White pleased her audience and is becoming very popular. Next week Miss Beatrice Turner will be at the Bijou—she is the young lady that made such a hit with the "Japanese Honeymoon."

A BIG TRADE.

F. McGoldrick & Co., fur buyers of this city, have handled eight thousand muskrat skins this season, in addition to a large quantity of other kinds of raw fur. The price they paid for muskrat skins ranged from 75 to 90 cents.

OFF FOR EUROPE.

A party of young ladies composed of Misses Margaret Lynds, Ethel Smith, Edna Golding and Agnes and Hazel Kitchen, left last evening for New York to take passage by steamer for Europe. A number of friends were at the depot to wish them bon voyage.

WEDDED AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock Despatch:—Miss Isabella B. Scott and S. B. Dingle both of Burton, Sunbury Co., were married last Tuesday evening in the Aberdeen Hotel. Rev. H. G. Kennedy performed the ceremony. The groom is sec-treas of the McLellan, Smith Lumber Co., of Burton.

THE SOUVENIR CRAZE.

St. Andrews Beacon: It is said that the comet's tail disappeared after it struck the earth. It is what might have been expected. It is certainly carrying the souvenir craze to its limit; when a peaceful comet cannot go by without having its tail stolen.

THE BEST EVER.

Major R. H. Arnold, of Sussex, is in the city in the interests of the Dominion Exhibition to be held at St. John in September. He has interviewed a number of manufacturers stock breeders and fruit growers in this locality, and is hopeful of being able to induce most of them to exhibit. Mr. Arnold says that most satisfactory arrangements have been made with the different transportation companies for cheap rates and the success of the exhibition is assured.

PROGRESSIVE POLICY IN MANITOBA

The Manitoba Horticultural and Forestry Association is distributing among its members free of charge fruit trees, currant bushes, ornamental trees, and creepers, all of which do well in that country, the apple and plum seedlings being grown from Manitoba seed. The chief work of this association is the securing and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to forestry, fruit and vegetable growing, and the culture of flowers adapted to the soil and climate of Western Canada.

TO MAKE WESTERN FARMERS

Dr. Gray, headmaster of Bradfield College, near Reading, who recently settled on a 1900 acre ranch near Calgary, with a party of twelve public school boys, eight of whom he had trained himself at Bradfield, states that he is meeting with every success in his venture. Dr. Gray believes in the better-class emigration movement, and the boys who are all eighteen years of age and upwards, will have a season of practical farming on his Calgary ranch. During the winter they will go to an Agricultural College for scientific instruction and special courses. Another summer on the ranch, and possibly another winter at the college, will complete their education. After that they will be expected to be capable of taking farms of their own.

Mr. A. E. Hanson, O. E., left last evening for Bathurst, N. B., on a business trip.

MANY CHANGES IN CITY TEACHING STAFF

Board Will Hold Special Meeting Monday to Make Appointment to Staff of High School.

The regular meeting of the School Board was held yesterday, and in the absence of Dr. Atherton, Mr. J. T. Sharkey was called to the chair. The other members present were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Lynch, Ald. Weddall, Mr. Sterling, Mr. Spurden, Dr. VanWart, and Secretary Sampson.

A CHANGE AMONG TEACHERS.

In the report of the Secretary, mention was made of the successful celebration of Arbor Day, the planning for which was chiefly the work of Mrs. Clark, who takes much interest in the promotion of everything calculated to instill into the minds of the pupils the importance of cleanliness. A new Union Jack was flying from the staff of the Charlotte street school and a like emblem decorated the staff of Regent street school. It was formally reported that an invitation was received to attend the memorial service in the Cathedral in memory of King Edward VII, and that the Board was represented on that occasion. There was shown to be quite a flutter among the teachers just now. Miss Edna L. Golding of the Model School, and Miss Ethel M. Smith of the York Street staff have both started on their European trip, and the school of the former is now in charge of Miss Margaret Wiley, while the duties of Miss Smith are undertaken by Miss Grosvenor Purdie. Two or three other members of the staff have obtained permission to be on the broad Atlantic previous to the date for closing the schools in June. Miss Sarah Sterling, who has most successfully conducted the work of Grades VII and VIII, in York Street School, tendered her resignation to take effect at close of the present term. This was accepted after the Board expressed its appreciation of her services. Miss Annie L. Taylor, who is at present on leave of absence from Charlotte Street School, has resigned her position on the staff. The resignation was accepted with regret as she was recognized as a force on the staff. Miss J. M. Burpee, of Nashwaaksis, who has been conducting Miss Taylor's school during her absence, has also resigned, so as the result of one day's meeting the staff list is considerably changed.

A HIGH SCHOOL STAFF.

Much time was occupied by the Board in endeavoring to complete the High School staff so that its standing in the Province may not be weakened. Since the transfer of Mr. A. S. McFarlane to the Normal School staff, Miss Edith A. R. Davis has been in charge of his former department. This young lady has resigned and as the result of advertising, only four or five applicants were heard from. Among these are Messrs. W. D. Denham, W. J. Shea, W. H. Morrow, J. B. DeLong and G. N. Belyea. It has been suggested to transfer the Science Instructor, Mr. Good, to the classical chair, and then appoint a science teacher, but no definite action will be taken until an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday next.

SCHOOLS CLOSE JUNE 25TH.

The last three days in June will not be devoted to teaching in the Province if teachers wish to attend the Institute in St. John, which opens on the 28th. It was decided to hold the public examination of the city schools on Saturday, 25th June, instead of Monday 27th. Several applications for increase of salary are still on the table, but it has been decided that this question cannot be disposed of until the Board is in possession of more funds. After the routine business had been cleared up and the payment of salaries the Board adjourned.

NO BUSINESS BEFORE QUEENS' OR SUNBURY COURTS

Judge Landry presided at the Sunbury Circuit Court at Burton yesterday. No cases came before the court, three, including one in which Clark & Adams, of St. John, were concerned, had been settled out of court. Court adjourned sine die.

Thomas E. Bridges was foreman of the jury. His Honor addressed the jury, making particular mention of the fact that the British Empire had lost a gracious sovereign through the death of King Edward and that another King had ascended the throne. Queens County Court, Judge Wilson presiding, opened on the morning of the 24th at Gagetown and adjourned until Wednesday morning when adjournment was made sine die.

CLEAN GET-AWAY.

Seymour Chase made a clean get-away yesterday afternoon when an attempt was made to arrest him. He escaped from Chief Hawthorne and also eluded several citizens who were aiding the Chief. The police visited Chase's store this morning but failed to locate him. It is thought that he is still in the town.

DOG-POISONING CASE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Large Attendance at Police Court This Morning—Interesting Evidence—Judgement Tomorrow.

The famous dog-poisoning case from George Street attracted quite a number of spectators to the Police Court this morning when Miss Verena Atherton appeared charged with poisoning a dog belonging to Mr. A. B. Kitchen. Mr. R. B. Hanson appeared for the prosecution and Mr. P. A. Guthrie for the defence. The witnesses examined were the complainant Mr. Kitchen, the Chief of Police, City Marshal Roberts and the defendant. The case was concluded at about one o'clock, Police Magistrate Marsh reserving judgment until tomorrow.

Mr. Kitchen, the first witness called, stated that he had removed to a house on George Street opposite that occupied by the defendant, on April 20th. He had owned two dogs. Another owned by his niece stayed about the premises. One of these dogs, named Tattain, a brindle bull pup, only a few months' old, he had paid \$20 for. He would not have disposed of him for one hundred dollars. Miss Atherton had complained to him of his dogs going on her lawn and had threatened to poison them unless they were tied up. He had refused to tie them up. On one occasion, when Miss Atherton had called across the street to him, complaining of the dogs he had said, "Good morning, Carrie. How are you this morning?" He had then gone down street. On Monday morning last he had noticed Mr. Arthur Gibson's dog dying in his yard. He ordered his own dogs tied up. Shortly afterward he was told that Tattain was dying. The other dogs died afterward. His dogs were always tied up at night. That morning he saw Miss Atherton and said, "You've done it now." Afterwards he laid information with the police.

Chief of Police Hawthorne told of receiving information with regard to the case and of interviewing Miss Atherton. The latter had admitted poisoning his (Kitchen's) dog and had said that she had done so because they had annoyed her. On Saturday last the defendant had said to him, "If you hear anything don't blame me."

CITY MARSHAL ROBERTS.

City Marshal Roberts in his evidence said that Miss Atherton had told him she had poisoned the dogs and also that she had bought the poison at a drug store. She had used strychnine and produced the poison when he asked for it. Mr. (Continued on page 4.)

B. & B. CLUB IS AFTER INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

Annual Meeting Held Last Night—Officers Elected and Membership Committee Appointed.

The annual meeting of the Bicycle and Boating Club was held in their club-house last evening. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. It was also decided that an effort should be made to increase the number of this club and a committee was appointed to take up the matter.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

The committee on membership consists of President T. C. Allen, Mr. R. B. Hanson, and Dr. Steeves. The club is about to make an appeal to the citizens for their active support on the ground that the B. & B. club meets a want which no other organization of the city does. For that reason it is thought that as many citizens as possible should join it. The members of the membership committee will take up their duties as soon as possible.

The officers and committees elected are as follows:

Patron—Hon. H. F. McLeod.
President—T. C. Allen.
Vice-President—J. S. Campbell.
Secretary—G. H. Clark.
Treasurer—J. W. McKay.
Management Committee—J. H. Calder, C. H. Fowler, R. S. Barker.
Commodore—R. FitzRandolph.
Captain—D. B. Winslow.
1st Lieutenant—J. E. Giles.
2nd Lieutenant—J. P. McPeake.
Ladies' Night Committee—W. H. Steeves, R. B. Hanson, Ralph Neill, W. G. Miller, G. E. Merrithew.

BODY NOT FOUND.

Search for the body of Private Joseph Methot of the R. C. R., who was drowned on Monday has so far been without result. The search is being continued.

AT THE BOOM.

Rafting operations at the Douglas boom have been going on with about one hundred men employed. There are about twenty-five million feet of logs in the Sugar Island boom, and about ten million feet in the boom at Douglas.

FISHERMEN RETURN.

Major J. H. Hawthorn, Dr. McMurray and J. Stewart Neill returned this afternoon from a two-days trip to Indian town. They killed ten salmon, the largest of which weighed eighteen pounds, two grise, and twenty sea trout, including a five pounder. This is a pretty good record for a three days' trip.

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