

LOCAL NEWS

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SHIPPING CATTLE.

Mr. W. R. Gillen of Hartland, is shipping a carload of cattle to St. John from this city. The cattle were bought in York County.

SALE AND TEA.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) is the date of the Sale and High Tea at the Methodist Church Vestry. An orchestra will play during the evening.—d.

CHRISTMAS SALE

The Ladies of the George Street Baptist Church will hold their Annual Apron and Fancy Sale on Wednesday Evening, Dec. 13th. Ice Cream and Home Made Candy.—d41.

UNIQUE ESTIMATING CONTEST

Have you estimated the value of the jar of silver coins in McManus & Company's window? Costs nothing to try and your estimate may win the valuable I. C. S. Scholarship. Be sure and visit the display tonight.

WILL SEND RINKS.

It is now pretty certain that the Fredericton Curling Club will send two rinks to St. John to play the touring Scottish curlers on January 5th. The rinks will be chosen after the New Year.

U. N. B. STUDENT ILL.

Mr. Julian Andrews of St. Stephen a member of the Sophomore class of the University of New Brunswick is in the Victoria Public Hospital seriously ill with pneumonia. He entered the hospital on Friday.

TO WED THIS EVENING.

The wedding of Mr. James McEasters, employed with John Gibson & Sons, and Miss Alice Pearson, formerly of Truro, will take place this evening. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. F. MacDonald. The young couple are being heartily congratulated.

CONFERES WITH MR. TIMMERMAN

Mr. H. P. Timmerman of Montreal Industrial Agent for the C.P.R., is conferring this afternoon with Mr. S. W. Farnham of St. Stephen and Secretary W. W. Hubbard of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Farnham represents a party of Charlotte county people who contemplate going in for the raising of potatoes on a large scale.

CARVES A MELON

The directors of the Canadian Pacific at the meeting yesterday decided to issue \$18,000,000 of new stock to the shareholders. It will be issued at a premium of fifty per cent. About four hundred shares of C. P. R. stock is held in Fredericton at the present time and those holding it are naturally in good humor today. The rights will be worth about \$9 each.

LATE GEORGE PORTER

George Porter aged 70 years, formerly of this city and of Gibson, died Sunday at the residence of A. W. Brown, Woodstock. He was buried in the Methodist cemetery, Woodstock this afternoon, Rev. R. W. Weddall conducting the religious service. He was well known here but had resided in Woodstock for some years. Mrs. E. S. Kirkpatrick of Woodstock is a daughter. One son Herbert also survives.

HE REMEMBERS IT

Mr. H. B. Clarke, the well known contractor, was much interested in the story concerning the soldier who fell from a tree in the officer's Square published in The Mail last evening. He says that the incident occurred in the forties and he has a distinct recollection of it. He is inclined to think that the victim of the accident was an English soldier and not an Irishman as stated. He came down from the tree with so much force that the bones of his thigh were driven into his abdomen, and Mr. Clarke's recollection is that his injuries resulted fatally.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDING

The conference of Mr. A. R. Gould, of Prasque Isle, Me., Mr. A. M. Paskett and Mr. Fred Lisman of New York, and Mr. A. B. Barnhill of St. John with representatives of the provincial government concerning the Valley Railway contract continued until midnight yesterday and was resumed today. Premier Flemming and Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer represented the provincial government. Last night Premier Flemming stated that the conference would be resumed today and he thought might be brought to an end. The Premier is in St. John today but will return tonight. The conference is proceeding.

FREDERICTON

BRANCH TO BE
RELAID IN SPRING

C. P. R. Will Put in Heavier Rails to Carry any Probable Increase of Traffic—Work to Begin Soon as Possible

SUPT. DOWNIE HERE
ON INSPECTION TOUR

Mr. Wm. Downie of St. John divisional superintendent for the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Mr. W. B. Bamford, divisional freight agent for the same railway, arrived here this morning in Mr. Downie's private car. Supt. Downie is on a regular tour of inspection and will leave this evening over the Gibson Branch on his way to Argostook Junction. He will also inspect the Tobique Valley Branch.

NEW RAILS FOR BRANCH

When asked this morning if any improvements were contemplated in connection with local station Mr. Downie stated that the improvement of the road-bed of the Fredericton Branch was considered of first importance and would be undertaken in the spring as soon as the weather would permit. The Fredericton Branch will be relaid with 65 pound rails which go over it. Similar improvements have been made for several branch lines recently particularly the St. Andrew Branch.

NO NEW STATION

Mr. Downie said there was no prospect of a new C. P. R. station being built at Fredericton in the near future as it was considered that the present building would suffice and was in fact superior to many station buildings on the line. "Of course there is no doubt that the C. P. R. will build a nice new station here at some time," continued Mr. Downie, "but it cannot be said just when that time will be."

STOLEN MONEY FOUND
UNDERNEATH CARPET

Alfred Burgoyne Rearrested on Charge of Theft—Examination on Thursday

Alfred Burgoyne was before the Police Magistrate this morning charged with stealing fifty-five dollars from George Bourque's room at the York Hotel on Saturday. He elected to be tried by the magistrate and was remanded until Thursday morning. Burgoyne was arrested Saturday night and his person and room were searched but no trace of the missing money was found and he was let go. Yesterday Ed. Bourque, younger brother of the owner of the money decided to watch Burgoyne who was employed in the stable of the hotel. He saw the man in the afternoon leave his work and go up stairs to his room. Bourque followed and saw Burgoyne smoothing down the carpet in front of the door. His suspicions were aroused and on lifting the carpet he found thirty-five dollars in bills. The police were then summoned and Burgoyne was re-arrested.

LECTURES ENDED.

Lectures at the U.N.B. ended for the term today. The terminal examinations will begin on Thursday. Lectures will be resumed after the Christmas vacation on January 5th.

A PLEASED COMPETITOR

Miss Edna Campbell one of the winners in The Mail's tour contest desires to thank all those who assisted in making her canvass. She desires also to thank Manager Codrington for the courtesy shown.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

Powers & Brewer are making rapid progress with their contract at Napudogan. The power house of brick and concrete is rapidly nearing completion, the roof now being constructed. The boilers and heating apparatus have been installed by Mr. D. J. Slea of this city. Recently an L.C.R. engine and barge went from McGowan's to Half Moon Cove, clearing the Transcontinental track.

FELL AND BROKE HIP.

Mrs. Donahy, an aged lady who makes her home with her nephew, Rev. Father Ryan of St. Mary's had the misfortune to fall on the floor yesterday afternoon and fracture one of her hips. She was conveyed to the Victoria Hospital. On account of the ambulance being out of commission, she had to be taken on a sled. To one of her age an injury of this kind will be very serious.

CHANGES AT
MILITARY DEPOT
ARE RUMORED

Story Again Current that Fredericton Will be Made Seat of Cavalry Depot--Dragoons May be Stationed Here

MILITARY AUTHORITIES
HAVE HEARD NOTHING

Rumors that changes are to be made in connection with the Military Depot in this city are again current, but at the depot itself nothing definite is known concerning the matter. It is not expected that in the event of a change being made that it will not be made for several months, and the fact that a new minister of militia is in control of affairs will probably further delay changes.

MAY TRANSFER COMPANY.

The latest rumor is that "H" Company, R.C.R., is to be transferred to Montreal, where a new depot is to be established and where a considerable amount of property has been acquired in recent years by the militia department. The growth of Montreal has made the establishment of a depot there necessary. It is also reported that in the event of the removal of the infantry from Fredericton a cavalry depot will be established here, the aim being to strengthen the cavalry arm among the militia of the Maritime Provinces. The squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons now at St. John's, P.Q., would be transferred here. Halifax would then become the seat of the School of Infantry.

Rumors of this kind have been frequent during the past few years, but "H" Company still remains here and it is possible that the present rumor may have no foundation in fact.

UNIQUE TODAY

Yesterday's exceptional programme of Pictures and Vaudeville which made such a big hit at Unique will be shown again today for the last time. Two Biograph comedies, an Edison and a thrilling western story made up the picture bill, while the dancing marvels Hanscome and Lee have never been excelled for clever dancing work.

Mr. Thos. Malcolm and party left for St. John this morning in his private car attached to the early train.

SERIOUS FIRE AT
McGOWAN'S WHARF
THIS MORNING

Barns and Contents Owned by Chas. Griffiths and Messrs. Allan and Fred Harrison Were Destroyed

TOTAL LOSS ESTIMATED
AT ABOUT \$3,000

A fire which caused an estimated loss of about \$3,000 occurred early this morning near McGowan's Wharf when two barns owned by Messrs. Allan and Frederick Harrison and rented by Mr. Charles Griffiths were totally destroyed with their contents. The origin of the fire is unknown and the flames had such headway when the fire was discovered that it was absolutely impossible to remove anything from the burning buildings. The fire broke out at about 3.30.

STOCK BURNED

In the two barns were thirty-four head of cattle, four horses and seventy five tons of hay. Part of the stock was owned by Mr. Griffiths and part by Messrs. Harrison. Fortunately the morning was a calm one. Had there been any wind several other buildings in the vicinity would probably have been destroyed also. The residents of the locality turned out in large numbers but were absolutely powerless to fight the flames as they had great headway and means of combating them were not at hand.

NO INSURANCE

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Griffiths and Messrs. Harrison on account of their loss. It is believed that there was no insurance Mr. Griffiths is well known to the travelling public having conducted a hotel for some years at McGowan's.

BIJOU TODAY

This Theatre has the best pictures around and the audience will be those who saw yesterday's pictures pronounced them away above the standard. Today will be last chance to see the "Big Military Picture, Nellie's Sweetheart, The Little Brown Gail will appeal to the hearts of young and old. Two other good subjects. Scenery along the Seine and His Dream, a picture with a splendid moral.

Mr. M. C. McCormick of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, St. John, is at the Queen.

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