

## LOCAL NEWS

## TO ADVERTISERS.

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## GAME CALLED OFF

The hockey match between the St. Stephen Thistles and the U. N. B. which was to be played here on Monday next, has been called off.

## CONDITION IMPROVING.

The condition of the wife of Sergt. Woods, R. C. R., who was severely burned by carbolic acid on Tuesday, is improving.

## FINED EIGHT DOLLARS

Two local men who created a disturbance at a recent session in the Gunter investigation, were fined eight dollars each this morning by Police Magistrate Marsh.

## BASKETBALL ON MONDAY.

The St. John Y. M. C. A. basketball team will play the U. N. B. team at the College Gym next Monday night. This will be the first senior basketball game of the season.

## MORE NEW JUDGES

This week's Royal Gazette announces the appointment of Messrs. Donald B. Winslow and Harry M. Blair, of this city, as Justices of the Peace. Mr. Joseph Thorburn of Stanley, has been appointed a coroner.

## THISTLE CURLERS HERE.

Three rinks of Thistle curlers arrived here this morning and are playing the local curlers this afternoon. The St. John men are staying at the Queen. Three more rinks will arrive from St. John tonight.

## LIKELY TO BE SENT UP.

The evidence in the preliminary examination of Ralston and Flowers, charged with robbing F. E. Blackmer's jewelry store, was completed yesterday. Tomorrow the police magistrate will decide on the case. It is likely that the men will be sent up.

## BURIED AT SPRINGHILL, N. S.

The funeral of the late Q. M. Sergt. Robert M. Langille, R. C. R., took place this afternoon at Springhill, N. S., with military honors, the remains having been taken by rail from St. Stephen to Springhill last night. The firing party was furnished by the R. C. R., a detachment of which is on strike duty at Springhill.

## THE UNIQUE.

Notwithstanding the severe weather, good-sized audiences were present at the Unique last night. The pictures now being shown at this popular house are both instructive and interesting, and should be seen by everybody who can do so. Tomorrow night two great features "Arms and the Woman," (Edison) and "The Golden Supper," (Biograph.)

## U. N. B. ELECTIONS.

This morning the U. N. B. Athletic Association elected officers for the track and football teams. The track council will consist of J. B. McNair, '11, R. F. Eastman, '12, W. H. Binney, '13, Foster Howe, '14. Officers for the football team are G. Bruce Dixon, '12, captain; W. P. Loggie, '12, manager. For the track team the officers are H. G. Deedes, '11, captain, J. B. McNair, manager.

## SALVATION ARMY SALE

At the Salvation Army today a Sewing Circle was inaugurated consisting of about twenty lady members who for the next twelve weeks will be working hard to prepare material for a sale on behalf of the Band Instrument Fund. The band at present consists of thirteen players and five learners and Capt. Howland hopes to have by next summer a band of between twenty and thirty players. The need at present is not the men but the instruments.

## QUEEN'S COUNTY COUNCIL

The Queen's county council held their annual meeting at Gagetown and re-elected R. F. Davis as county secretary and Scott Act inspector. A new auditor, John W. Hogan, was elected. After the business was transacted all present, to the number of forty, sat down to an oyster supper provided by Warden Vradenburg. Among those present were Hon. L. P. Farris and H. W. Woods, M. P. P., who, with others, made speeches, and a very pleasant evening was spent. County Warden Vradenburg has another year in office.

## AGED ONTARIO MAN

## HANGS HIMSELF

Port Colborne, Ont., Jan. 19—William Michael of Bertie township, aged about sixty-five years, killed himself by hanging.

## QUESTION OF SECRETARY'S SALARY CAUSED DISCUSSION

Coun. Colter and Secretary Bliss Clash—Scott Act Inspector McFarlane Reappointed on Same Salary—Committee Will Confer with Committee From City Council Re Heard Labor Sentences.

This morning the county council reappointed Scott Act Inspector McFarlane at the salary he received last year and under the same conditions. The question of hard labor for jail prisoners was again brought up and a committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the city council on the subject and the means of making hard labor sentences effective. During the morning session the matter of consolidation of the county bye-laws came up and incidentally the matter of the county secretary's salary and what it included. Coun. Graham expressed the opinion that the salary paid the county secretary of \$1500 per year, was excessive, and Coun. Colter and the secretary had a wordy bout over the subject of extras.

The Council resumed business at 10.30 this morning.

Parish officers and assessments for certain parishes were passed.

## HARD LABOR AGAIN.

Coun. Timmins asked for information concerning hard-labor sentences for prisoners sent to jail. Many people in the county thought that prisoners should all be compelled to work while serving sentence.

The County Secretary replied that it was entirely at the discretion of a magistrate to give hard-labor sentence.

Coun. Fred Pond wanted hard-labor sentences for tramps.

Coun. Robt. Graham suggested that legislation providing for hard-labor sentences be secured.

Coun. Sterling informed the Council that Judge Wilson, some years ago, had made a suggestion to the Council along the line of the suggestion made by Coun. Timmins. The judge had stated that an amendment to the criminal code would have to be made before hard-labor sentences could be given. The councillor also remarked that there were no facilities at the county jail for compelling prisoners to perform hard-labor.

Coun. Fred Pond thought it would be wise to have a committee confer with one from the City Council concerning the matter of hard-labor for jail-prisoners.

Coun. C. W. Pond was of a similar opinion. Sawing wood or breaking stone would be the proper thing for the prisoners.

The County Secretary read the communication of Judge Wilson on the subject of hard-labor and also the report of the committee which considered it in January 1908.

## TO CONFER WITH CITY COUNCIL.

On the motion of Coun. Fred Pond, seconded by Coun. Patterson, it was decided that a committee from the County Council be appointed to confer with the Administration of Justice committee of the City Council concerning the matter of hard-labor. It was decided that the Administration of Justice committee of the County Council take up the matter.

On the motion of Coun. Fred Pond, seconded by Coun. Skene, the committee appointed to confer with the City Council on the matter of better terms in the payment of the Administration of Justice accounts be continued until July next.

The County Secretary requested that Coun. Sterling and Coun. Timmins be added to that committee.

On motion the request was acceded to.

## SALARY QUESTION.

In response to Coun. Fred Pond, the County Secretary made explanation of the payment of certain amounts to himself, under the Highway Act. The payments, he said, were made to him in accordance with a resolution passed by the County Council, allowing him and the auditor the same percentage as under the old Highway Act. That percentage was two. The Secretary also stated that there was a desire in some quarters to have the by-laws consolidated and now that the councillors had him under salary, they wanted him to consolidate the by-laws. (Laughter.)

Coun. P. Graham stated that he understood the Secretary's salary was not to exceed \$1,500 per year, and might be less.

Coun. Fred Pond—"You can bet that it will be up to the figure, all right." (Laughter.)

The secretary said he had hoped all talk about the secretary's extras was over. He had met the committee and thought he had reached a definite agreement.

## THE EXTRAS.

Coun. C. W. Pond said he wanted to know whether the expense of revision was included in the secretary's salary or not. It was extra he was willing to pay it.

Coun. Essena said that he had

come to think that the secretary was paid little enough. The revision of the bye-laws deserved something outside the salary.

Coun. Everett was of a similar opinion.

Coun. Colter said the secretary knew the revision of bye-laws was coming on when he accepted a salary of \$1500.

Secretary Bliss—"Perhaps it would be better for the council to wait until I ask for something extra before it decides I can't have it."

Coun. Reynolds and Coun. Carson thought the amount paid the secretary was not excessive.

## COUN. COLTER READY

Coun. Colter said that if the secretary wanted a scrap he was ready for it.

Secretary Bliss said that he had no intention of offending Coun. Colter. He had been annoyed, however, by some of the things said to him by the committee and regretted that he had carried any of the matter outside the committee room.

Coun. Colter proceeded to quote from the auditor's report concerning the matter.

Secretary Bliss said that if the councillors wished to open up the matter again he was willing.

Coun. P. Graham thought \$1500 too much for a salary.

Coun. McMullin moved that the discussion on the matter be closed. Carried.

## SCOTT ACT MATTERS

Coun. Smith submitted the report of the Scott Act Committee. The report stated that Inspector McFarlane had done good work during the year and recommended that he be continued in office under existing conditions.

On motion of Coun. Fred Pond, seconded by Coun. P. Graham, the report was received and adopted.

## INSPECTOR RE-APPOINTED

On the motion of Coun. Sterling, Inspector McFarlane was reappointed under the existing conditions.

Coun. Fred Pond asked if leased crown land on being transferred, could be taxed.

Secretary Bliss replied that he thought the money used in such an operation was taxable.

## SEATING CAPACITY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH TO BE ENLARGED

Trustees Authorized to Make Change—Annual Congregational Meeting Last Night—Financial Position Sound

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, was held last night, at which annual reports were submitted and trustees and other officers elected. The financial report was one of the most satisfactory ever submitted. The fact that the new manse is practically completed and will be ready for occupancy within a short time, was also a matter which afforded much satisfaction to the members of the congregation.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Trustees and auditors were elected. The auditors are the same as last year, but among the trustees there were several changes. The officers for the year are:

Trustees—Donald Fraser, Sr., Chas. W. Hall, W. E. Jardine, Willard Kitchen, T. G. Loggie, Moses Mitchell, J. F. McMurray, R. T. Baird, Joseph Walker, S. H. McFarlane and D. B. Green.

Auditors—George W. Hodge and E. B. Yerxa.

## CHANGE IN ELECTION

A resolution was passed which will make an alteration in the method of election of trustees. At the present time twelve trustees are elected each year to serve one year. According to the resolution at future elections four trustees will be elected to serve one year, four to serve two years and four to serve three years.

A resolution was also passed authorizing the trustees to borrow a sum not exceeding \$3,500 to pay the balance due on the manse, and on the church.

The trustees were also authorized to make alterations in the galleries of the New Kirk in order to improve and enlarge the seating accommodation and also to have the interior painted.

Mr. R. W. McLellan, barrister, left this evening for Boston and New York to close the sale of an American syndicate of valuable Cobalt properties controlled by Fredericton parties.

On the motion of Coun. P. Graham the election of officers was made the order of business when the council should resume business at 2 p. m.

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