

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS

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HERE FOR FEW DAYS

Mr. A. S. Donald of the Transcontinental Engineering Staff arrived from Mocton yesterday and is spending a few days in the city.

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JOHN

Mr. Chas. H. Logan, of Gibson, local agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company leaves for St. John next week. He will continue in the employ of the same company.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTER

Mr. N. L. de Maurice of New York returned today from a successful hunting trip and is registered at the Queen Hotel. He leaves for his home this evening.

SCOTT ACT CASE

Five city men will be haled before the Police Magistrate tomorrow to answer for violation of the Canadian Temperance Act. Several hotel proprietors are included in the number. All are first offence cases.

CONFINED TO HIS HOME

Mr. J. Douglas Black is confined to his house through illness. It was feared at first that he was threatened with blood poisoning, but it has since been found that the cause of the trouble is a blind boil on his leg.

ST. MARY'S FIRE

Mr. Michael Donahue, who boards with Mr. Chas. E. Blair, the occupant of the house destroyed by fire at St. Mary's this morning, met with considerable loss. He was obliged to leave all he possessed in the burning house and to run for safety, while only scantily clothed.

SIR THOS. TAIT HERE

Sir Thomas Tait of Toronto arrived in the city this morning and is registered at the Barker House. His visit is in connection with the construction of the Gibson & Minto Rail way and he feels sanguine that work on the line be commenced at a comparatively early date.

ATTRACTIVE CALENDAR

The Victoria Circle of the Methodist Church have issued a very attractive quotation calendar which they are selling for the small sum of thirty cents, to aid in their work. The quotations were contributed by friends of the members whose names are given making the little book doubly interesting. The calendar will make an acceptable Christmas present.

FURIOUS DRIVING

The speeding exhibition presented by two local sports on Queen street yesterday, was the subject of many pointed remarks from the citizens at large. Many were highly indignant over the occurrence and measures should be taken by the police to insure the safety of pedestrians and to guard against a repetition of the offense. If what they consider as sporting blood must be shown, it would be held to disclose it elsewhere than on the public streets.

PRESENTATIONS MADE
TO RETIRING OFFICIALS
OF THE PROVINCE

A very pleasant gathering although one in which a feeling of regret was observable took place in the Executive Council Chamber yesterday afternoon the occasion being presentations to Mr. Donald B. Winslow, the retiring Secretary of Public Works, who has been succeeded by Mr. H.M. Blair and to Miss Mary Thompson who is leaving the Education Office after upwards of thirty years service.

Mr. Winslow leaves on Saturday for Regina where he has accepted a position. The presentation to the retiring secretary of public works was made by Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works and that to Miss Thompson by Dr. W.S. Carter, chief superintendent of education. Hon. H. F. McLeod, provincial secretary was present and also made a brief address.

Both recipients were much affected by the tokens of appreciation on the part of their fellow civil servants. The presentations were made in the presence of all the officials of the provincial government in the city. Mr. Winslow was given a travelling bag and Miss Thompson a cameo brooch. Miss Thompson will remove shortly to Ottawa where she will make her home with her sister Mrs. A.G. Blair.

Mr. G. S. Ingram, of St. John is registered at the Queen.
Mr. S. Jones of Sussex is in town stopping at the Barker.

W. FRANK SMITH

WILL WED AT FORT
SMITH, ARK., DEC. 19

Son of Joseph E. Smith of St. Mary's and U. N. B. Graduate--Manager for N. W. Life Ins. Co.

This wedding of Mr. W. Frank Smith formerly of St. Mary's and Miss Gertrude Marie Weismann of Minneapolis has been announced to take place in that city on the nineteenth of next month.

Mr. Smith who is highly esteemed by his many friends in this city, passed a very creditable career as a student at the Fredericton High School and later at the University of New Brunswick. He received the degree of Bachelor of Engineering from the latter institution in the spring of 1906 and immediately removed to Minneapolis where he was employed as a railway draughtsman.

He was afterwards associated with two of his student friends, Mr. Robert N. Winslow of this city and Mr. Victor J. Bedell of Woodstock in the contracting firm of Winslow, Smith & Bedell. All three partners are well and favorably known here, having graduated from the University of New Brunswick, Mr. Bedell in 1905, Messrs. Smith and Winslow in 1906. The firm's base of operation was at Fort Smith where they conducted a very successful contracting and engineering business.

IN INSURANCE BUSINESS

On the dissolution of the firm, about two years ago, Mr. Smith was engaged as cashier of the Northwest National Life Insurance Company which position he has so creditably filled that the company in recognition of efficient services appointed him manager of their office at Fort Smith. The position is a responsible one, the business being so extensive as to make necessary an office staff of upwards of twenty.

Mr. Smith's many friends are more than pleased to hear of his highly successful career and will extend to him their heartiest good wishes on his important move in life.

Mr. Smith is the only child of Mr. Joseph E. Smith the well known retired merchant of St. Mary's. During his career at U. N. B. he was prominent on both college and city hockey teams and played on the University football team.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS

CONCERNING POST OFFICE

Mr. Editor:—May I have some space in your columns to mention several matters in connection with our Post Office.

1st. Although I have been in the office frequently I have never seen displayed any notice giving the time of closing and probable time of receiving the regular mails. It seems to me that such a notice, which should mention the country mails as well as those by train, would be of general convenience. One could make a copy to refer to in his own home or office.

2nd. Since the inauguration of the Rural Free Delivery it is rather difficult to know the proper post office address of persons living in the free delivery districts in this vicinity. Would it not be a convenience if there was put up in the Post Office a list of the free delivery routes giving the roads or sections of country served by each route.

3rd. It seems to the writer that the afternoon mails are closed at an unnecessarily early hour, viz., 4.30 for the C. P. R. train leaving at 5.45 and 5.15 for the I. C. R. train leaving at 6.30. I have heard business men say that if the hour of closing these mails was put even a half hour later it would be much more convenient.

I mention these things in your paper in the expectation that my views may coincide with those of others and an expression of opinion be given which will lead to having these defects remedied.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I sign myself,
PROGRESS.

MR. YOUNG'S CONDITION

The condition of Mr. John A. Young M. P. P. who has blood poisoning is some what improved today but he is not yet considered out of danger.

RECENT ARRIVAL.

Many friends of Mrs. P. W. White of Seattle, are extending to her their best wishes on the arrival of a baby girl at her home. Mrs. White was formerly Miss Mattie Woods of this city.

SPECIAL PICTURES AT BIJOU.

Showing Burgess swimming the English Channel. Don't fail to see how they feed him in the water. Also a great western feature. Ronald Kay pleased large audiences last night in his Scotch character songs.

CHILDREN HAD NARROW
ESCAPE FROM SUFFOCATION

Dwelling and Store of Chas. E. Blair, St. Mary's, Destroyed by Fire Early this Morning--Occupants had to Leave Building by Windows--Building Owned by Joseph Romanus--Loss Heavy

The residence of Mr. Chas. E. Blair St. Mary's was seriously damaged by fire this morning and he and members of the family of his sister, Mrs. John Howell had a narrow escape from death by burning. The fire broke out at an early hour this morning and had assumed large proportions before any of the occupants of the house were astir. The first intimation they had of any trouble was when Mrs. Howell, who is living with her brother, Mr. Blair came down to prepare breakfast for the family, and opened the door of the shop where the fire is believed to have originated.

The rush of air thereby occasioned caused the whole inside of the store to ignite and Mrs. Howell was almost suffocated before she made her way to a window and breaking the glass effected an escape. Mrs. Howell who was badly cut by the broken glass was carried in an unconscious condition to a nearby residence.

An alarm was quickly rung in but in the confusion which followed reports that Mr. Blair and his relatives were being burned in their beds; the St. Mary's firemen made their way to the house to render what assistance they could without hose or other necessary equipment.

CHILDREN RESCUED

Mr. Blair in the meantime was rudely acquainted of the fire by the volumes of smoke issuing from the shop and made his way to the apartments of Mrs. Howell's infant children who by this time were in a dangerous position.

Attempts were made to get into the house but in the face of the heavy smoke, had to be abandoned.

Those who had assembled were beginning to feel extremely anxious for the safety of those who remained in the burning dwelling, when Mr. Blair appeared in his night-clothes at an upstairs window with the children in his arms. The latter were quickly dropped into the arms of those outside and Mr. Blair also made his escape by the window.

Nothing was saved from the flames and only the shell of the house remains to mark the scene of the fire.

PHONE SYSTEM DISORGANIZED.

The cable-box which was attached to a telephone pole immediately adjoining was ignited and the cable melted by the fire paralyzing the whole telephone system throughout St. Mary's, Gibson, Marysville and outlying parts on the north side of (Continued on page four)

STEPHEN B. McMANIMAN
INVENTS FIRE-ALARM DEVICE

Mr. Stephen B. McManiman, who has lately invented an electrical device to be used in connection with fire-alarm systems, is being warmly congratulated by his many friends. The appliance invented by him gives promise of far-reaching and sweeping changes in fire-alarm systems and bids fair to be a material aid in securing more speedy and efficient service. The natural consequence would be to assure a greater degree of safety to the occupants of houses and less confusion in the event of a fire.

The device enables the occupant of a dwelling to ring in an alarm without leaving the house.

PATENTS BEING SECURED.

Mr. McManiman is naturally reticent concerning the details of his invention as yet, but from what can be learned and the ease with which he has secured financial backing, it is believed that he has made a discovery which will be a great public convenience. Local capitalists are behind the young man and patent rights are being secured in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France and Canada.

Mr. McManiman is the sixth inventor who has been disclosed in this city within the present year, inventions having been made by patent rights upon them having been granted to Messrs. P. J. Hayer, George Venness and Wm. Minnie of this city, and Messrs. Logan and Braver of St. Mary's. The fact speaks well for the inventive talent of Fredericton and vicinity.

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