

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.
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ARCTIC RINK THIS WEEK.
 Thursday, Marysville vs St. John. Friday, band.

NEW CONSTABLE.
 Mr. Ernest F. Dyer, of Cambridge, Q. Co., has been gazetted a provincial constable.

PRICE ON DECK.
 Mr. H. Price Webber and his Boston Comedy Company are showing at Truro, N. S., this week.

NOT FROZEN YET.
 There is a stream of human life flowing towards Weddall's linen and cotton sale. You cannot freeze them out. Are you in it?

A NEW BRIDGE.
 Chief Commissioner Morrissy is calling for tenders for the re-building of Red Bank bridge, Parish of Cambridge, Q. Co. Tenders close on February 5th.

STILL ALARM.
 A still alarm was sent in for a slight fire at the residence of Mr. John Wilson, George street, yesterday afternoon. Little damage was done.

MARYSVILLE SERVICES.
 The Methodists of Marysville will hold services in the Oddfellows' Hall on Sunday next at 11 a. m. and Sunday school in the same building at 2.30 p. m.

BARRISTERS' SOCIETY.
 The Barristers' Society of New Brunswick will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14th, at 8 p. m. The meeting will be held in the Supreme Court Chamber.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.
 A very pleasant party was given at the residence of Mrs. Holland Boone, St. Mary's, last evening. Many young people from this city were present and all had a very enjoyable time.

BAD ROADS.
 Stage drivers on both sides of the river are complaining about the roads. With the exceeding cold weather and roads blocked with snow, they are having a pretty hard time.

McCARROLL-DELONG.
 Mr. M. J. McCarroll and Miss Jessie G. DeLong were united in marriage last night at the home of the bride's father, Mr. James DeLong, King Street. Rev. J. H. MacDonald performed the ceremony.

LEAVES FOR MONTREAL TONIGHT.
 Mr. Arthur Kidner, son of Mr. T. B. Kidner, of the Provincial Normal School, leaves this evening for Montreal, where he has accepted a position in the offices of the C. P. R.

FINANCIAL TROUBLE.
 A citizen who lately removed to town from a suburban district is in financial difficulties and is reported to have made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. He has many friends who sympathize with him in his troubles.

COL. MARSH BETTER.
 The many friends of Police Magistrate Marsh will be glad to learn that he is reported as being considerably improved in health. It will probably be the first of the week, however, before he will be able to resume his duties.

SUCCESSFUL DRUGGISTS.
 In the semi-annual examinations of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society held in St. John on January 30th and 31st instant, Hedley Forbes and Fred R. Clayton were among the successful candidates in general subjects.

TRAINS DELAYED.
 On both railway lines the trains were delayed by the storm and, with the exception of the morning locals, all in-coming trains were from two to three hours late. The C.P.R. connecting with the Montreal did not arrive till 1.30 and the I.C.R. express from Chatham was some three hours late.

NEW WHARVES.
 It is understood on very good authority that the C.P.R. are about to call for tenders for \$100,000 worth of wharf timber to be delivered in St. John this spring. No information has been given out from the local offices of the company and the rumor could not be substantiated in Montreal last night. It is believed, however that the call for tenders will be made very soon.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN ELECTION LAW MEET WITH FAVOR

Many Citizens Favor Two Year Term For Aldermen with an Election Each Year For Five Members.

The proposal to amend the city election law so that biennial elections to the city council will be substituted for annual elections, has much to commend it and has been well received by a great many citizens. An effort will be made to have the law so amended that one alderman for each ward will be elected each year and will hold his seat for two years. This plan has been in vogue for years in many Nova Scotia towns and they would not think of making a change. Its principal advantage is that it makes it practically impossible to have a city council composed of men without experience in civic affairs. Only five members of the board are called upon to appeal for re-election each year, and should men new to civic politics be returned they will have for colleagues five men with more or less experience in the handling of civic business.

It is of the utmost importance that good men should be elected to serve in the city council and it is a well-known fact that it is not always easy to obtain the kind who will fill the bill to the satisfaction of a majority of their fellow-citizens. No matter how successful a man he may be in his own private business, if he is elected to the city council he will find that he has a lot to learn about the conduct of civic affairs. He will also find that at the end of his first year of service he will know a great deal more than he did when he first took his seat, and if he should continue as a representative for ten years he will still fall short of knowing it all at the end of that time. Important questions come up from time to time which demand careful consideration and if they are left to incompetent and inexperienced men, the interests of the city are sure to suffer. The man who can learn nothing that will make his service of greater value to the city, during his first year at the council board is not fit to be an alderman.

Several citizens with whom The Mail has discussed the proposed change, seemed to be of the opinion that it is worth giving a trial anyway. They regard it as a step in the direction of reform and believe that a change of the kind suggested would make it easier to procure the services of good men at the council board. There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the best plan for starting the ball rolling. Under the proposed new law ten aldermen will be elected the first year, five of whom will be permitted to hold their seats for two years. Some plan for sorting out the candidates the first year has yet to be devised. The proposal to substitute a ballot of greater secrecy for that now in use seems to be generally approved by citizens.

Should the proposed changes be enacted into law during the approaching session of the legislature, they of course, cannot become effective until the year 1912.

WINDING UP ORDER.
 In St. John, in the Supreme Court Chambers yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice White made an order winding up the DeWitt Bros., Ltd., and confirmed the appointment of H. F. Puddington as provisional liquidator. On Wednesday next His Honor will appoint permanent liquidators. W. E. Ewing, K.C., appeared for the company; J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., F. R. Taylor and W. D. Turner for the creditors.

MRS. BOULTER'S DEATH.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Boulter, widow of Mr. George Boulter, died Tuesday at her home on Aberdeen street, after a lingering illness from paralysis. She was eighty-four years old and leaves a family of four sons and one daughter. The sons are George, Rankine, John and Hedley of this city, and the daughter is Mrs. Frederick Simpson. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, with services at the house at two o'clock by Rev. Dr. Smith. The funeral will leave the house at 2.30. Interment at Rural cemetery.

ADMITTED A PARTNER.
 It is announced that Mr. S. Allan Thomas has been admitted into the partnership of J.M. Robinson & Sons, bankers and brokers, St. John. Mr. Thomas entered the employ of the firm about ten years ago. He is a very popular and capable young man and is well thought of in the business community. Previous to going with J. M. Robinson & Sons, he was in the employ of the Turnbull Real Estate Co. As previously announced the firm of J. M. Robinson & Sons have opened an office at 28 Hospital street, Montreal, under the management of Mr. H. Beverley Robinson.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER TRANSACTS CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS

Report From the Kingdon Memorial Fund Committee Received—May Erect a Bishop's Throne in the Cathedral.

A meeting of the Cathedral chapter of the Diocese of Fredericton was held yesterday. Those present were His Lordship Bishop Richardson, the Very Reverend Dean Schofield, Venerable Archdeacon Forsythe, Venerable Archdeacon Newnham, Canon Neales, Canon Smithers, Hon. John P. Burchill, J. Morris Robinson, Albert J. Gregory and T. Carleton Allen.

The nomination of O. H. Sharpe, of Fredericton, to the membership of the chapter by the sidesmen of the Cathedral, was approved and confirmed. Routine business in connection with the accounts of the Cathedral, was transacted.

Archdeacon Forsythe, on behalf of the committee of the clergy of the Kingdon Memorial Fund, reported that the committee was in favor of erecting a bishop's throne in Christ Church Cathedral as a memorial to the late Bishop Kingdon.

Archdeacon Forsythe presented designs and drawings of the proposed throne and asked the chapter's consent to have the throne erected. After some discussion, a committee consisting of Bishop Richardson, Dean Schofield and T. Carleton Allen was appointed to look into the matter, and after they had considered the design and it was found suitable, to authorize its erection.

A report from the sidesmen of the Cathedral on the question of a new deanery was received and considered. Embodied in this report was the question of selling the old deanery and to provide a temporary residence for the Dean until such time as the Cathedral congregation would feel able to erect a new residence for his occupancy. After considerable discussion a special committee consisting of the Bishop, Hon. J. P. Burchill, A. J. Gregory and T. Carleton Allen was appointed to consider the whole matter, with power to get.

HOCKEYISTS ARRIVE.
 H. K. Clawson, A. G. Pierce, Edward Mooney and G. B. Gilbert, four members of the St. John hockey team which is to play Marysville this evening, arrived by this morning's train and are registered at the Barber House. The other members of the team will come up this evening.

ST. JOHN VALLEY FARM AND FRUIT CO. SEEKS INCORPORATION

Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P., of This City One of the Applicants—Will Establish Orchards and Nurseries.

Announcement is made in this week's Royal Gazette that application will be made to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for letters patent incorporating "The St. John Valley Farm and Fruit Land Co., Limited."

The applicants are Messrs. Luther B. Smith of St. John; Robert B. Smith, of Burton; A. R. Slipp, M. P., of Fredericton; Mr. R. D. W. Hubbard, of Burton and Mr. Arthur M. Chamberland of Kamouraska, P. Q.

The amount of the proposed capital stock is to be forty-eight thousand dollars, divided into four hundred and eighty shares of one hundred dollars.

The objects of the company as set forth in the notice are to acquire and sell lands, and to establish, carry on a general orchard and nursery business and to take steps to bring in immigrants and settlers to purchase its properties. The office and chief place of business is to be at Burton.

Mr. R. B. Hanson is the solicitor for the applicants.

AN ARRIVAL.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coombes, St. Mary's, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a bouncing boy at their home last evening.

CANDLEMAS DAY.
 Tuesday, February 2nd, is Candlemas day. According to local tradition, it is the day that the ground-hog emerges from his winter quarters to view the passing of winter. If February 2nd proves a fine day he begins to make preparations for the spring. If stormy, he goes back for another sleep. Judging from the present snow-storm any inquisitive ground-hog should have little difficulty in making up his mind as to a future course of action, or rather, inaction.

ENGINEERS' LUNCHEON.
 The Mail begs to acknowledge receipt of Wirip newspapers from Mr. George E. Powie, C.E., containing accounts of the civic luncheon tendered the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers' which is meeting in that city. Mr. Howie is in attendance at the meeting.

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