

LOCAL NEWS

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BELONGED HERE

Mrs. W. F. Smith a sister of the late Hon. Judge Fisher of this city died at Woodstock a few days ago. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Ella Smith.

U.N.B. EXAMINATIONS.

The terminal examinations at the University began this morning. They will continue until Thursday, December 21st, when the Michaelmas term will end.

FANCY WORK SALE

The Senior Mission Band of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church are holding their annual sale of fancy work in the vestry this evening. Home made candy on sale.

TO CLOSE OFFICES

The offices at the Transcontinental Railway at Moncton will be closed the first of January, and what work there is to be done in that branch of the line, will be suspended for the winter.

ON INSPECTION TRIP

Mr. C. O. Foss, district engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway, and Mr. A. M. Bouillon engineer for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company arrived from St. John last night. They left this morning by I. C. R. for Napudogan on an inspection trip.

PURCHASED MELVETTA

Messrs Harold and Sterling Limerick of this city on Tuesday purchased from Mr. Wm. A. Clark the mare Melvetta, recently bought by him at the "Old Glory" horse sale in Madison Square Garden, New York. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$400.

GOOD SKATING ON RIVER

The drop in the temperature last evening following the thaw and heavy rain of yesterday has made good ice on the river and there were many skaters out this morning. The roads are everywhere in bad condition however on account of the lack of snow and travelling is difficult.

DECLARED FOR UNION

A note from a Harvey correspondent is as follows:—"The first gun in the campaign of union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches—the fine old Presbyterian congregation of Harvey and Acton have manifested the loyalty to union by a vote of 200 in favor and one against."

DID SPLENDID WORK

The name of Mr. J. J. Fraser Winslow was accidentally omitted from the list of incorporators of the St. John Valley Railway published in The Mail yesterday. Besides being one of the incorporators Mr. Winslow acted as secretary of the Company and rendered valuable services to the cause.

DEATH AT KINGSCLEAR

The death of Lottie Driscoll, aged twenty-six years took place last night at the home of Abraham Gooding, Kingsclear, after a lengthy illness. The funeral will take place Friday morning, the service being conducted by Rev. Father Cormier. Interment will be made at French Village.

UNDERWRITERS' WARNING.

The New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters have prepared and distributed throughout the province a circular calling attention to the increased danger from fire caused by the practice of decorating and draping dwellings, stores, churches and other buildings during the Christmas season.

WILL NEED AXES

The announcement is made that the Borden government has appointed two headmen whose duty it shall be to decapitate I. C. R. officials of the Liberal faith. A well known Stanley Tory has been in the city this week and is said to be looking for the contract to supply the axes. He has the reputation of being the best axe maker in the province.

CHIBAPER CABLE MESSAGES

The long agitation for cheaper cable messages has finally reached a successful culmination yesterday the various cable companies put into effect a fifty per cent reduction on all press messages from the British Isles to Canada, Australia and the United States. Ordinary messages in plain language subject to deferment will also be accepted at half the present rates, beginning the first of the coming year.

GEO. R. PERKINS
IS APPOINTED
CITY TREASURER

City Council Divided Five to Four on Appointment Ald. Moore Being Absent—Result of Vote Great Surprise

MATTER HAS CAUSED
CONSIDERABLE COMMENT

Mr. George R. Perkins was last night appointed City Treasurer and Collector of Water and Sewerage Rates at an annual salary of \$1,200, in the place of the late Israel R. Golding, deceased. The appointment was made at a special session of the City Council called for the purpose. The other gentleman whose name was before the committee was Mr. Matthew Tennant. Nine aldermen were present and they divided five to four on the question. The result came as a surprise to the great majority of the citizens, as it had been generally conceded that Mr. Tennant would receive the appointment. There has been much comment concerning the matter.

THE VOTE.

Those present last night were His Worship Mayor Thomas, Ald. Hooper, Ald. Guthrie, Ald. Kitchen, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Burchill, Ald. Jewett, Ald. Calder, Ald. Farrell and Ald. Allen. Illness prevented Ald. Moore from attending.

Mr. Matthew Tennant was nominated by Ald. Guthrie for the office of City Treasurer and Collector of Water and Sewerage Rates. The nomination of Mr. Perkins was made by Ald. Calder.

The vote on the motion to appoint Mr. Tennant was as follows:

Yea—Hooper, Guthrie, Kitchen, Allen, Nay—Wilkinson, Burchill, Calder, Farrell, Jewett.

That vote reversed gave Mr. Perkins the appointment.

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN.

The public has displayed keener interest in the matter of filling the office of City Treasurer than in any civic matters which has come up in some time. The making of the appointment has been delayed for some time and from the last regular meeting of the City Council was stood over until last night's special meeting on the motion of Ald. Farrell. Ald. Wilkinson was mentioned some (Continued on page five)

FREDERICTON AFTER
VALLEY RAILWAY SHOPS

City Council Appointed Commission to Confer with Government on Matter

Fredericton will make an effort to obtain the car shops and other manufacturing and repair plants which it is certain will have to be established in connection with the St. John Valley Railway. At last night's special meeting of the City Council Ald. Hooper called attention to the fact that the building of the railway would necessarily be followed by the establishment of industries such as those named and that Fredericton people should make some action toward having them located in this city. Fredericton's geographical position gives the city an immense advantage in regard to the location.

Ald. Farrell spoke strongly along the same line. Fredericton had an opportunity which she never had before and which should not be disregarded. The city should endeavor to attract not only industries connected with the Valley Railway but also others. He suggested that a committee be appointed for the purpose of approaching the powers that be on this important matter.

Ald. Guthrie embodied the suggestion in a motion and Mayor Thomas, Ald. Hooper, Ald. Guthrie, and Ald. Burchill were appointed a committee to interview the provincial government and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company on the subject of the location of car-shops, repair plant, etc., of the new railway.

LATE ANNIE BOYCE.

The funeral of the late Annie Boyce, wife of Charles Boyce of Marysville, will probably take place tomorrow afternoon at Penniac, brothers of the deceased being expected to arrive home by that time. The deceased passed away Tuesday night at the Victoria Public Hospital after a brief illness. She was a daughter of Mr. John Christie of Penniac, and is survived by her parents and several brothers.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE IN GIBSON
ATTENDED BY FATALITY

G. E. Wade's Jewellery Store Burned this Morning—Robbery and Incendiarism Suspected—Alfred Gill Died from Epilepsy Brought on by Excitement

Gibson early this morning was the scene of a fire supposedly of incendiary origin, which did considerable damage and which was attended by a fatality. The jewellery store of Mr. G. E. Wade, with its entire contents, was burned and Alfred Gill, eldest son of Mrs. Henry Gill, lost his life. It is thought through an attack of epilepsy brought on by the excitement caused by the fire.

The fire broke out shortly before three o'clock. Mr. Richard Harvey, who lives near by, first observed the fire and rang an alarm at the hose station. The Gibson Fire Department responded quickly and the water pressure being excellent, did effective work. It was found impossible to save Wade's store, however, as the flames had tremendous headway when discovered. The building was situated near where the spur-line to the York & Sunbury Mill crosses the main street. A small building adjoining, occupied by Geo. Brown's barber-shop, was saved, although threatened by the flames and the same was true of Mrs. Gill's dwelling, which is a short distance from the burned structure.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

Those first at the fire found flames pouring from the front of the building, a circumstance which was in itself suspicious, as the stove was at the rear of the building and Mr. Wade, according to his custom, had dampened the fire. It was this fact which gave rise to the supposition that the building had been robbed and then fired. Mr. Wade's store has been robbed before, jewelry to the value of some hundreds of dollars having been stolen on a previous occasion.

NO ESTIMATE OF LOSS.

Mr. Wade was away from home at the time of the fire, having gone to Stanley last night. He returned home this morning, but stated that he could give no estimate of the loss he had sustained. Much sympathy is felt for him on account of his loss. The latter, it is thought, will amount to some thousands of dollars.

WAS ON ROOF.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Alfred Gill are not very clear, but it is thought that he fell from the roof of his home, having climbed upon it to fight the fire which threatened the building. He was there some time, and was observed

by his mother. Later, however, he was found lying on the ground near the ladder by which he had reached the roof. He was carried into the house by neighbors and shortly afterward became unconscious. His last words to his mother were: "Mother, I'm almost killed."

Rev. W. H. Jenkins, pastor of the Gibson—St. Mary's United Baptist Church, who rendered yeoman service at the fire, examined the ladder which young Gill had used and found the upper rungs broken. Dr. H. H. McNally was summoned but it was found that little could be done for the unfortunate young man, who passed away at about five o'clock this morning. He had not suffered from epilepsy since being eight years of age, but it is thought excitement brought on an attack.

SURVIVING RELATIVES.

The deceased is a son of the late Henry Gill. Two sisters residing in Vancouver and two younger brothers living at home, in addition to his mother, survive. One of the brothers is at present on the headwaters of Little River and arrangements for the funeral cannot be made until it is known whether or not he can reach home. A messenger was despatched from Penniac this morning to inform him of his brother's death. The deceased, who was twenty-three years of age, was the chief support of his mother and was a well-known and popular young man. He was an employee of the York & Sunbury Milling Company, and a member of the Church of England. The sad occurrence has cast a gloom over the community in which he lived. The members of the bereaved family have the sympathy of all.

P. J. VENIOT LOSES PLACE

P. J. Veniot, collector of customs at Bathurst during the last twelve years, has been suspended until further orders, for contravention of regulations in respect to elections." D. J. Hachey, formerly clerk in the store of W. J. Kent & Co., has been appointed acting-collector in his place. This appointment has created a great deal of dissatisfaction among the Conservatives, as a great many were looking for the position, which is considered the most responsible and important in the country. Threats of revenge are heard among the disappointed seekers, and the dispensers of patronage realize that their troubles have just begun.

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