

LOCAL NEWS

CAN SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES.

Rev. James Farquhar McCurdy of Red Bank, has been registered under provincial statute to solemnize marriages.

ENTERTAINED MINISTER.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways and canals, who was in the city yesterday, was entertained by Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., at his residence last evening after the public meeting in the City Council Chamber. The minister and his party left for St. John this morning.

CRITICIZED SIDEWALKS.

A member of the party which accompanied the minister of railways and canals, in conversation with a representative of The Mail, stated that he was much impressed with Fredericton's natural beauty and the appearance of the residential sections. The sidewalks were out of date, however, asphalt not being considered modern material.

LEAVING ABOUT 20TH INST.

Mr. John L. Feeley who recently vacated the office of City Engineer expects to leave for St. John on or about May 20th to take position as assistant to Mr. C. McNeeves of the Dominion Public Works Department. Mr. F. E. VanWart has also been appointed to the Public Works Department and expects to go to St. John about the same time.

APPLY FOR INCORPORATION.

Notice is given in the Royal Gazette that Messrs. John Palmer, R. W. McLellan, W. A. B. McLellan, J. F. Ryan, A. B. Kitchen, J. H. Richards, W. G. Clarke, Herbert Morgan, Hon. H. F. McLeod, W. F. McManus and P. A. Guthrie of Fredericton, and James Robinson, of Milberton, are applying for letters of incorporation to carry on a business under the firm name of Palmer, McLellan Shoe Company, Limited. The new company is to have a capital to the amount of \$75,000 and the head office is to be at Fredericton.

SOME CAMPAIGN RUMORS.

Globe.—The activity of the politicians in connection with the expected local election is giving rise to many rumors. Today it was reported that Mr. Thomas H. Bullock was likely to be one of the candidates on the opposition ticket in the city, and that Mr. Philip Grannan had yielded to the desires of friends and had given his sanction to the movement in his favor for a place on the government's city ticket. That it will be possible to include Mr. James Lowell, ex-M.P.P., to again become a candidate in the county, is the hope of the government party.

A SLANDER REFUTED

To The Editor of The Mail,
Dear Sir,—I have it on good authority that Mr. Frank Scott of Lower Pokiok has been circulating a story that I robbed him of fifty bushels of oats. I wish through the columns of your paper to publicly brand the statement as a wilful and malicious falsehood. I am a poor man but I defy Mr. Scott or any other person to make good a charge of theft or dishonesty against me. I wish to serve notice upon him that if he continues his slanderous statements against my character I will institute legal proceedings against him.

Yours respectfully,
EDMUND NICHOL,
Lower Pokiok.

OCEAN FREIGHT-RATES
AFFECT BANK-LOG PRICES

Over Half Season's Cut has Arrived at Springhill—Water is now at a Standstill

Upwards of four million feet of bank-logs comprising about half of the season's cut have arrived at Springhill. The strong east wind blowing today has prevented the arrival of rafts but yesterday and on Tuesday the run was heavy. Prices continue very low, mainly on account of high ocean freights which have seriously affected the deal-market. The rise in ocean freight-rates has been due largely to the strike of British coal-miners which was settled recently.

The water in the river at this point is about at a standstill and reports from up river are to the same effect. A large amount of new logs has reached Sugar Island boom, the run being very heavy during the early part of the week. Alken Brothers contractors for the Corporation Drive are preparing to put crews at work from Grand Falls down the river. Today's rain will probably cause a rise in water.

Weather reports by Western Union wires today are as follows:
Edmundston—River dropped five inches. No rain here.
Grand Falls—Raining some. River about same.
Woodstock—Raining and some rise in water.

POSITION OF PUBLICITY
AGENT IS OFFERED TO
GEORGE M. McDADE

Salary and Terms of Engagement Same as Those Formerly Offered to E. J. Payson—Appointee now in Montreal

HAS BEEN CONNECTED
WITH PRESS OF PROVINCE

The Publicity Committee met last night and considered the matter of appointing a Publicity and Industrial.

Agent. Mr. E. J. Payson of Moncton who had been appointed to the office having reconsidered his acceptance of it. It was decided to appoint Mr. George M. McDade at present on the news staff of the Montreal Star. He has been communicated with and has intimated that he will accept the position. The salary is to be that offered Mr. Payson \$100 per month, and the terms of engagement the same as those offered previously the appointee to fill the office until after the Old Home Week in August, the engagement continuing practically three months. At the end of that period the appointment may be continued by the city.

Mr. George M. McDade to whom the appointment has been offered is a son of Mr. Michael McDade of St. John and has had experience as a journalist. He was on the reportorial staff of the St. John Star for some time and afterward was connected with the North Shore Leader. After being assistant to the official reporter during the recent session of the House of Assembly he accepted a position as reporter on the Montreal Star.

NEW LONG DISTANCE
'PHONE SERVICE IN USE

N. B. Telephone Co. has Improved Phantom Line via Calais, Me., to Massachussetts

The New Brunswick Telephone Company has within the last few days opened a new Phantom circuit direct wire to Boston via Calais, Me. A representative of The Mail held a conversation yesterday afternoon with Mr. James R. Doyle, a prominent Real Estate man at Roxbury, Mass. Notwithstanding the fact that the circuit covers a distance of about five hundred miles the conversation was carried on with ease and the connections were made with great promptness. The voice of the gentleman at the other end of the line could be heard as plainly as if he were in another part of this city. The New England Telephone Company are now making improvements between Bangor and Calais and the service will be greatly improved in the course of a week or ten days.

The line should be a convenient medium for commercial uses. The New Brunswick Telephone Company has had a line to Boston via Houghton Me., for some years and does considerable business.

REMOVED TO COURT HOUSE
SQUARE

John G. Adams, undertaker, has removed to Court House Square east side, and is now ready to continue business. The establishment has the same telephone number as before.

NEW CARS ARRIVE

New Ford cars ordered through Anderson & Walker have arrived for Mr. R. W. McLellan, Recorder T. H. Colter and Mr. Adam Moore the well-known guide.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Mr. C. W. Whelpley has sold the property at the corner of Shore Street and Waterloo Row known as the Andrew Inches property to Mrs. Lella Balloch. Mrs. Balloch and Mr. W. T. Chestnut occupy the dwelling.

INSURANCE CLAIMS ADJUSTED

The insurance claims in connection with yesterday morning's fire have been adjusted. Mr. J. J. McCaffrey has been awarded \$2,000 on the building and \$1,000 on furnishings. Mr. John G. Adams' loss on stock exceeds the insurance by several hundred dollars. Mr. Edgar S. Fairweather of St. John adjusted the loss on the building and furnishings and Mr. H. W. Frink that on Mr. Adams' stock. The insurance on the latter was carried with the London Assurance Company represented locally by Mr. T. W. Rainford.

Telegraph—Miss Frances M. Smith, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Barclay Robinson, has returned to Fredericton.

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
IS RATHER NON-COMMITTAL

Hon. Frank Cochrane and Party of Railway Officials here Yesterday—Attended Informal Public Meeting Last Night—Declares he Favors Union Station wherein Feasible—Holds out no Promise for Local I.C.R. Improvements at Early Date—Fredericton well Situated for Car Shops, he says, but Makes no Promise

Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, visited Fredericton yesterday, arriving here by special train over the Fredericton branch of the Intercolonial Railway. He was accompanied by Mr. F. P. Gutelius, formerly of the C.P.R., but now a member of the National Transcontinental Railway Investigation Committee; Major Leonard, chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission; Messrs. Brady and Tiffin of the I.C.R. Board of Management, and others. The party left Moncton at seven o'clock yesterday morning and proceeded via the National Transcontinental Railway to McGivney, where it arrived about noon. The party proceeded to this city by I.C.R., arriving in the afternoon.

WHAT WAS ASKED FOR.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane, during the afternoon, was taken about the city in a motor car and expressed himself as much impressed with its appearance and situation. Last evening, beginning at 7.30, there was an informal meeting of the City Council Chamber, attended by members of the Board of Trade, City Council and other citizens. Mayor Hooper was in the chair. Various persons present drew the attention of the Minister to improvements in railway facilities needed here. These included the repair shops of the St. John & Quebec Railway, a union railway station, improved freight handling facilities at the I.C.R. shops, improvement in the appearance of the I.C.R. property, the installation of electric alarm-signals at railway crossings and the residence in Fredericton of an assistant superintendent of the I.C.R.

RATHER NON-COMMITTAL.

In his reply to the meeting, Hon. Mr. Cochrane was rather non-committal. He admitted that Fredericton was admirably situated for repair shops for the Valley Railway, but stated that the matter of central location had to be considered.

He declared strongly for union stations wherever feasible. As far as I.C.R. improvements in Fredericton were concerned, he intimated that there would be delay, as it was the intention to build not for a day, but for the future and extensive railway development as far as Fredericton was concerned, is now assured. The minister delivered a brief eulogy on Mr. Oswald S. Crockett, M.P., and prophecied marked development of Eastern as well as of Western Canada in the near future.

Present were O. S. Crockett, M.P., His Worship Mayor Hooper, City Clerk McCready, Ald. Guthrie, Ald. Cruikshank, President J. T. Jennings and Secretary H. S. Campbell of the Board of Trade, Albert C. Smith, J. D. Palmer, C. F. Chestnut, G. Y. Dibblee, John Neill, Ald. Burchill, R. Z. Walker, J. J. Weddall, Ex-Mayor Thomas, G. W. Hodge, W. G. Clarke, R. G. Lee, T. S. Wilkinson, F. B. Edgecombe, W. E. Farrell, A. R. Shipp, M.P.P.

MAYOR HOOPER

His Worship the mayor briefly welcomed the Hon. Minister to the Celestial City informing him that the meeting was entirely non-political and no one was after graft. (Laughter) His Worship reminded Hon. Mr. Cochrane that a delegation from Fredericton had visited the Dominion capital during the past few months. The speaker put forth Fredericton's claims as the location of the shops of the Valley Railway. The matter of a new public wharf he felt was already settled. The matter of dredging the river particularly the Oromocto shoals was of greatest importance to Fredericton. An item of \$10,000 for public buildings had been placed in the estimates. It was not large and it was felt that it should and would be greatly supplemented. His Worship expressed the opinion that the Maritime Provinces were approaching an era of prosperity.

Mr. J. T. Jennings, president of the

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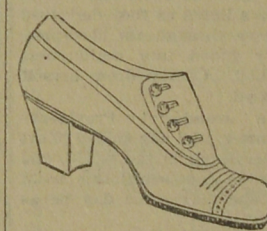
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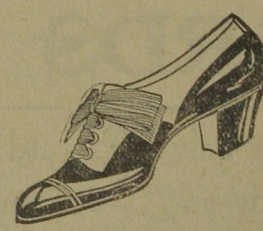
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