

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.

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AT HOME

Miss Helen Burchill has invitations out for an At Home on Thursday.

Y. M. C. A. TOMORROW

Mirring for men Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. Prof. F. P. Day will speak on the subject of Two Puritans.

HAS REMOVED.

Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church, has changed his residence, and in future will live at 152 King street.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PLAY.

A number of young local people will put on a play here St. Patrick's night. Mr. Wm. A. Walsh will be the director and will also take the leading part.

FALSE REPORT.

It was reported this morning that two ladies had been held up on George street last night and relieved of some property. The report, however, was without foundation.

COUNTRY MARKET

The country market this morning was not very large and prices of produce showed little change. Wood was fairly plentiful and was cheaper than it has been for some time.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY BANQUET

Rev. Charles F. Flanders, D. D., pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, St. John, will be speaker at the Laymen's Missionary Banquet, which will be given at the Methodist church Wednesday evening.

THE UNIQUE

As strong a show as has ever been given at the Unique, is the one now running. Two splendid features, "The Golden Supper" (Biograph) and "Arms and the Woman" (Edison) are well worth seeing and of a high class. Monday a great Western "Queen of Hearts", and a Mexican "Ramona's Father." Daily matinees 2.30 to 5.30.

WILL DELIVER ADDRESS

Rev. R. W. Weddall, of Woodstock, is the guest of his brother, Ald. J. J. Weddall. Rev. Mr. Weddall, who was formerly pastor of the Methodist church here, will be heard at that church tomorrow night, when he will be the speaker at a special missionary service. There will be special vocal and instrumental music at that service.

TOOK THE OATH

Two ornaments were added to the judiciary of the province this afternoon when Messrs. H. M. Blair and D. B. Winslow, recently appointed justices of the peace, were sworn in to office. The oath was administered by Mr. H. B. Rainsford, Clerk of the Peace, at his office at the County Court House. The interesting ceremony was witnessed by a large number of persons.

WILL BE IN POLICE COURT.

A party of young men who have had dealings with the police in the past will appear before the police magistrate next week on the charge of creating a disturbance last Saturday night. The party on the night mentioned, secured a sleigh and, after making things lively about the city, drove to a well-known resort on the Woodstock Road. The police waited for them until the next morning, but the bloods failed to appear.

BACHELOR MAIDENS' BALL

About one hundred and fifty persons attended the ball given at the Queen Hotel last night by the Bachelor Maids of Fredericton. The ball was one of the most successful of the social season. There were eighteen dances and three extras. A feature of the ball was the unique decoration of the programmes which were decorated with hand-painted Gibson girls and other designs.

The chaperones were Dr. Steeves and Messrs. H. R. Balfour, O. H. Sharpe and J. Stewart Neill.

FIRE AT HAMPTON

R. H. Smith's handsome residence at Hampton Station, was badly gutted by fire Thursday afternoon. No one was in the house at the time, Mr. Smith being at the store, and Mrs. Smith at the curling rink. About 4.30 o'clock Mrs. Freeman Alward, who lives in the next house, saw a strong light in the kitchen across the intervening space, and assuring herself that it was actually a fire, telephoned to both Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who quickly returned to their home to find the building filled with smoke and fire breaking through the floor in the kitchen.

CITY WILL ASK FOR IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

Four City of Fredericton Bills Will Be Before House of Assembly at Next Session.

The City of Fredericton will have some very important legislation before the provincial legislature at its next session. In addition to that for the amendment of the Election Laws which the City Council decided at its meeting last night to ask for, there will be legislation for the extension of the water, fire and light limits; legislation in aid of the John Palmer Co., Ltd., and legislation to confirm the issue of street debentures.

ELECTION BILL.

The bill for the amendment of the Election Laws will provide for a secret ballot and for the election of Mayor and aldermen for two-year terms one alderman in, each ward to be elected each year.

WATER EXTENSION BILL.

The bill for the extension of the Water, Fire and Light limits will provide for their extension from Odell avenue to the Hermitage and for authority to issue debentures to meet the expense entailed by such extension. This bill will be introduced on account of the request of a number of residents of Woodstock Road, who petitioned for the extension.

PALMER CO. BILL.

The bill in aid of the John Palmer Co., Ltd., is to authorize the city to enter into an agreement with the company to guarantee and pay interest at the rate of five per cent. on \$10,000 of the company's debentures for ten years, the company to erect a new factory and warehouse in the city at a cost of not less than \$25,000 the city to furnish a free site for the said building for twenty-five years, and also to grant exemption from taxes and free water. This bill is to be introduced as a result of the petition of the John Palmer Co., Ltd., which was presented to the City Council last autumn.

LAMP UPSET

A lamp upset at the residence of Mr. Richard Dyer, Regent Street, last night and set fire to some of the furniture. Neighbors extinguished the blaze before much damage was done.

Newcastle Advocate—Master Edward Hubbard left Thursday for Fredericton to attend Business College. He was accompanied by his mother, who will spend a few days with friends in Fredericton.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith. 11 a. m., Christ's Relation to the Old Testament. 7 p. m., The Causes and Principles of the Protestant Reformation. The first of series on the fundamental teachings of the Christian religion. 2.30. Sunday School and Bible Classes. Subject in the Men's Class, The Causes of Intemperance.

BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Pastor, Rev. J. H. MacDonald. The usual services will be held. Subject of the Men's Class at 2.30, The Deadly Sin of Appetite. Subject of the evening sermon, The Tragedy of the Unseen Hand. Strangers made welcome.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.

Preaching by Pastor Elder J. A. Strickland Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Subject, Mistakes of a Ruler That Brought Humiliation and Shame to a Nation.

REFORMED BAPTIST.

Testimony and praise service at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. Preaching by Pastor S. A. Baker at 7 p. m.

Pastor S. A. Barker will preach in the Reformed Baptist Church every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor—Rev. N. McLaughlin. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. R. W. Weddall at 7 p. m. Sunday School, and Bible Study Union at 2.30 p. m.

GIBSON—ST. MARY'S UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Jenkins, pastor—10 a. m., prayer Meeting. 11 a. m., Worship and Sermon. Subject—"Principles versus Perfection." 2.30 p. m., Bible School. 7 p. m., Worship and Sermon. Subject—"Human Suffering Explained." The prelude will deal with the best way of overcoming the Roman Catholic influence in Quebec.

NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CHARGES SAY COMMISSIONERS

Police Commission Declares Special Policeman Gunter was Not Proven to be Agent of Mail-Order House and That Ald. Hooper Had no Reason for Making Charges—Ald. Hooper Replies.

The special session of the City Council held last night, was mainly for the purpose of receiving the report of the Police Commission on the investigation, under oath of the charges preferred against Special Policeman A. D. Gunter by Ald. W. S. Hooper. As was expected, the policeman was completely exonerated by the report which stated that there was no evidence to substantiate the charges.

The Council also considered and adopted the report of the Committee on Legislation, which recommended that legislation be secured which would provide for a secret ballot in civic elections and for the election of five aldermen each year for a term of two years, instead of the election of ten aldermen each year for a term of one year, as under the present system.

Those present were His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Hooper, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Weddall, Ald. VanWart, Ald. Walker, Ald. Harrison, Ald. Osborne, Ald. Calder, Ald. Clark.

After the reading of the minutes, the Council took up the business of the evening.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION.

Ald. Clark reported on behalf of the Committee on Legislation, that three resolutions requiring legislation had been before the Council. They would be advertised without further action.

One matter that had not been before the Council was the amendment of the Election Act, as far as the ballot was concerned. At the present time the ballot used in civic elections was not secret. Another matter was that the law should be amended so as to permit of the election of five aldermen each year for a term of two years instead of ten for a term of one year.

He moved the adoption of a resolution, embodying these suggestions. The resolution was adopted.

POLICE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Ald. Clark also reported on behalf of the Police Commission the finding of that body in the investigation of the charge preferred against Special Policeman A. D. Gunter, by Ald. W. S. Hooper.

The report was as follows:

Fredericton, Jan. 20th, 1911. To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fredericton:

The Police Commission makes the following report:

In obedience to the resolution passed at the City Council meeting held on January 3rd an investigation was held of the charges preferred by Alderman W. S. Hooper against Special Police Officer A. D. Gunter, said charges being as follows:

"I charge A. D. Gunter, Special Police Officer of this City, that he has since becoming a member of the Fredericton Police Force, and a servant of this Corporation, acted as agent for an Ontario Mail Order House in endeavoring to canvass and persuade persons in this City to buy goods of and from the said Ontario Mail Order House, to the detriment of the merchants and dealers of this City."

"And, I further charge said Police Officer A. D. Gunter, a Special Police Officer of this City with untruthfulness in stating to the Police Commission at a meeting held by them on December 19th last, an official announcement of such meeting being announced in the daily press of this City on the 20th day of December last, wherein he is quoted as saying: 'that neither he or his wife had received any commission, present, or had any expectation of any, from the firm referred to.'"

The investigation began on the 5th of January, and was continued on the 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 16th, seven sessions in all. Every opportunity was given for full enquiry to the party preferring the charges and all witnesses asked for by him were summoned. The taking of the evidence occupied six sessions of the investigation and a review of the testimony given shows that the charge with reference to Agency was not proven. None of the witnesses testified that he was an agent, and the evidence indicates no authority or interest as an agent.

The second, or principal part of the charge, there was no evidence to substantiate, and Alderman Hooper's counsel admitted this was not proven.

Further, your Commission has to report that no evidence was offered that, since the matter referred to was dealt with by the Police Commission on the 19th of December, Special Police Officer Gunter had even

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Continuation Sale

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