

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER

Maritime — Fresh to strong northwest winds and colder. Sunday, northwest winds, fair and quite cold.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Richard, Sr., of Gibson, announce the marriage of their daughter Margaret E., to Mr. Arthur Wharton, the wedding to take place January 1, at 8 p. m. at their home.

RETURNING TO CITY.

Mrs. John Black, who went to Dawson City in the early summer to join her husband, is returning to Fredericton and will spend the winter here. Mrs. Black left Vancouver early in the week.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

Ordination service will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning, beginning at eleven o'clock. Those to be ordained elders are Messrs. James M. Thompson, J. A. Stiles, J. A. McKinnon and Bedford Green.

COMING EVENT

The wedding of Mr. Charles Eneest McFadden and Miss Mabel Adelia Coy is to take place at St. John's Church, Oromocto, at nine o'clock Monday morning, December 23. Rev. C. K. Whalley will perform the ceremony.

PICTURE LAW MODIFIED

An amendment to the regulation regarding the motion picture theatres was adopted by the provincial government at their session on Thursday. Under the new regulation persons of fifteen years of age or over can act as an escort for children.

DELIVERED ADDRESS.

Dr. Keirstead of the U.N.B., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Porter of Andover, last week. He was also guest of the Andover Book Lovers' Club and delivered a very able and eloquent address on Social Problems to a large and appreciative audience.

THE FUND GROWING

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead is in receipt of a check from the Willard Kitchen Company for \$100 to go towards the Victoria Hospital twenty-fifth anniversary fund. This fund now amounts to \$920, and it is quite certain that philanthropically disposed persons will see to it that the \$1000 mark is passed before the beginning of the New Year.

GO TO WASHINGTON'S

Christmas shoppers would do well to stop at Washington's and get a dainty lunch or nice hot dinner, it will save you time and give more time for shopping. We also have lobsters, which we serve to order, Buctouche and Prince Edward Island Oysters always in stock for the Xmas trade. Special attention given to ladies and their escorts. Don't forget the place, Washington's Cafe, York Street, near King.

MR. PINDER'S VERSION

Mr. J. K. Pinder, M.P.P. returned yesterday from St. John where he attended a local government meeting. Speaking of the rumor that the Secretary of the Board of Works was acting as Provincial Secretary during the absence of Hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pinder said: "It is not correct. He acts as Provincial Secretary sometimes when McLeod is home but has nothing to do with the job when he is away."

LEAVES TEACHING PROFESSION

Mr. Thomas E. Power whose resignation from the staff of the St. John High School took effect yesterday was presented with a valuable pair of field glasses by the staff of the High School and a solid leather traveling bag by the class of 1913. Mr. Powers will be connected with the Great West Life Assurance Company. He is now taking a special staff officer's course at No. 3 Regimental Depot, this city. Capt. T. A. Good of the 71st Regt. is taking the same course. Powers is captain in the Signalling Corps.

LATE WILLIAM BOYLE.

The death of William Boyle, an aged resident of this city, who had been in failing health for some time, occurred Thursday night. Deceased some years ago took half his savings, amounting to several hundred dollars, and gave the amount toward the bells for St. Anthony's Church at St. Mary's. Unfortunately, he lost the other half last summer and had to seek employment as caretaker of the baseball grounds. He was eighty-nine years old. One daughter, Mrs. Charles Sproule, survives. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, interment being made at the Hermitage.

SERIOUS FIRE
NARROWLY AVERTED
LAST NIGHT

Premises of Mrs. James Bird, St. John Street, Damaged Considerably—Firemen Had Hard Fight—Ashes Caused Blaze

The firemen had a stubborn fight last night between the hours of eleven and twelve when fire broke out at the residence of Mrs. James Bird St. John Street. The fire department was able to confine the flames to the rear portion of the house and to the barn attached. The contents of the silo, shed and barn were considerably damaged and that part of the premises pretty well gutted. The damage is pretty well up to \$500 and is partially covered by insurance.

STARTED BY ASHES.

As far as is known the blaze was caused by ashes which were not properly disposed of. Mr. James Pringle, son-in-law of Mrs. Bird, who makes his home there smelled smoke when he entered the house about eleven o'clock. He soon located the fire and rousing the other occupants of the house rang in an alarm from Box 46. The flames worked their way up between the walls of the ell and also spread to the barn.

FIREMEN WORKED WELL

The firemen worked hard and succeeded in getting the fire out in about an hour. Their work was very favorably commented upon by those who saw it. A number of the members of the City Council were present at the fire.

A high wind was blowing at the time of the fire and had the flames obtained any start a serious fire would have resulted.

Dr. G. J. Williams of Warner, N. H., is at the Queen.

CHRISTMAS RUSH
AT CUSTOMS HOUSE
AND POST OFFICE

Heaviest Arrival of Parcels on Record—Large English Mails—Customs House to Remain Open Evenings Next Week

The Christmas rush in the post-office and customs departments is about at its height now and will continue until after Christmas Day, which falls upon Wednesday next as there is always a certain amount of belated Christmas mail.

EXTRA HOURS FOR CUSTOMS HOUSE

Collector of Customs L. C. Macnutt has announced that upon Monday and Tuesday of next week the Customs House will be open to the public for business until 6 p. m. and also between the hours of 7 p. m. and 8 p. m. These extra hours are to be observed in order to facilitate the handling of Christmas presents which come through the customs.

HEAVIEST IN YEARS

The amount of mail matter particularly parcels, is the largest received in any Christmas season. The English mails have been heavy and the heaviest of them is expected to arrive here upon Monday. The last English mail which landed from a steamer contained 8,000 parcels and a considerable number of them are destined for Fredericton.

AT THE POST OFFICE

In the post office department the usual busy season is on. The congestion which occurs at this time of the year has been relieved partially by the appointment of five extra mail clerks, but still exists. The trouble has been intensified by the lateness of the trains on several occasions.

THE TIME HAS COME

To buy your Christmas Gifts. Be sensible this year. Buy serviceable presents and Jewelry is the one thing that appeals to everybody. People like to wear the Jewels that come from our store, because they know our goods are correct, up-to-date and reliable. We put every article in a box with our name embossed on it and even if the article is a small piece of Jewelry at 50c., 75c. or \$1.00 the receiver of the gift knows that the little piece of Jewelry is not the shoddy, cheap stuff obtained at a departmental store but is a gift of quality and represents the BEST THAT CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE PRICE.

SILVER THIMBLES from 35c. to 75c.
SILVER CUFF LINKS from 50c. to 75c.
VEIL PINS, from 50c. to \$2.00
GOLD FILLED LOCKETS and CHAINS from \$1.50 to \$5.00
SOLID GOLD LOCKETS and CHAINS from \$2.50 to \$15.00
SOLID GOLD CUFF LINKS from \$2.50 to \$12.00

REMEMBER! We give a Cash Discount of 10 per cent. on all goods purchased for Cash between now and Christmas with the exception of Howard Watches, Thermos Bottles, Cauldon and Crown Derby China, Auto Strop Razors and Waterman's Fountain Pens.

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EVENING COSTUMES
OPERA COATS and SCARFS
DENT'S and PERRIN'S KID GLOVES
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