

LOCAL NEWS

XMAS ADVERTISING.

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"BY WIRELESS"

Bean supper, Methodist Church five to seven p. m. Fine supper twenty cents. Extra time for shopping.

WON WEEKLY ROLL-OFF

A. McN. Staples won the weekly roll-off at the Queen Hotel Bowling Alley last night with a total of 252. The prize was a handsome umbrella.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. John R. Bird and family wish to thank all those who sent floral offerings, and letters of sympathy or who assisted them in any way in their recent sad bereavement.

ILL WITH MENINGITIS.

Eugene, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mott, Brunswick street is seriously ill with meningitis. The condition of the child this morning is reported to be slightly improved.

OFFICIATED AT ORDINATION.

His Lordship Bishop Richardson returned to Fredericton last evening from Moncton where, he officiated at the ordination of Revs Percy Coulthurst, curate of Trinity Church, St. John and David Jenkins Woodstock.

RAFT CARRIED AWAY

In the recent thaw which broke the ice up at Queensbury and caused it to run out for some distance, a raft of logs belonging to the York and Sunbury Milling Company which grounded in the fall was carried away by the ice.

FINE HOLLY

The Mail takes the opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of a quantity of very fine holly from the households of Miss Ada M. Schleyer. Other friends of Miss Schleyer's have received similar gifts.

GUIDES TO MEET

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides Association will be held at the Queen Hotel on Friday afternoon of this week. In the evening a banquet will be held for which a number of invitations have been issued.

DIVORCED IN DENMARK

Friends of Mr. Otto C. Bunch who has been in the city on several occasions in the interests of western real estate dealers will be interested in knowing that he is now located in Amherst, N. S. Mr. Bunch some time ago obtained a divorce in Copenhagen, the capital of his native country Denmark and some time ago married a young lady belonging to New Glasgow, N. S.

AVOID THE RUSH

The city stores were kept open last night and did a rushing trade. The merchants have laid in a magnificent stock of goods for Christmas and their window displays are most artistic and attract much attention. The stores will remain open every evening this week and town people are urged to do their shopping and avoid the rush which is certain to ensue during last few days.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

A Nashwaak farmer who was in the city this week, estimates that he is out of pocket just \$500 on his season's operations owing to the defeat of reciprocity. He has kept tab on American prices and bases his estimate on the quantity of produce he handled. Another farmer from up river admitted that reciprocity would have benefited him, but says he voted Tory because he was opposed to the Laurier government.

DEATH AT MAUGERVILLE

The death of Howard D. Crawford occurred at Maugerville after a short illness. The deceased was fifty-four years of age and is survived by a widow, one son and three daughters; Murray D. Crawford, and Misses Ina, Edna and Nellie Crawford, all at home. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon with service conducted by Rev. Mr. Ainsworth. Interment will be made at the Raymond Burying ground.

KNOWN IN FREDERICTON

The announcement contained in despatches yesterday that "Mysterious Billy" Smith had been shot and seriously injured in Portland, Oregon, was read with interest here as Smith has been Fredericton and is well known here. About ten years ago he took part in the spurring exhibition given in the Curling Rink, Brunswick Street. He also took part in other pugilistic events in this city which were neither scheduled nor advertised.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CLOSE TOMORROW FOR
XMAS VACATION

Chief Supt. Carter will Present Lieut. Governor's Medal at High School to Miss Mary Chestnut-- Honor Certificate

CHANGES IN TEACHING
STAFF TO TAKE PLACE

The public schools of the city will close tomorrow for the Christmas vacation reopening on Monday, January 8th. The usual appropriate exercises will take place in the lower departments of the various schools and the higher departments will devote attention to the regular school work. At the High School the feature of the closing will be the presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal for highest standing in the High School entrance examinations. The presentation will be made by the Chief Superintendent of Education Dr. W. S. Carter. The medal has been won by Miss Mary Chestnut daughter of Mr. C. Fred Chestnut.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

The presentation of honor certificates will be made as usual in the lower schools. Mrs. W. G. Clark will present them at the Model School, Mrs. Lynch at the Regent Street School, Dr. Van Wart at the Charlotte Street School and probably Secretary Sampson at the York Street School.

CHANGES AMONG TEACHERS.

Several changes in the city teaching staff will be made before the beginning of the new term. Miss Florence McKenzie, who has been teaching at Forest City, will take the Doak Settlement school, replacing Miss Reed, who will enter the Provincial Normal School for an advance of license. Miss Isabel E. Everett will have a term's leave of absence, her place being taken by Miss Annie L. Taylor, formerly of the Charlotte Street school.

SUITABLE DECORATIONS.

The class-rooms of all the schools have been decorated for the closing exercises, the decorations being largely the work of the pupils. At the High School there will be a very interesting exhibit of work by the classes in the manual training department.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute for the Counties of York, Sunbury and Queen's, will hold its sessions in St. Dunstan's Hall, Regent Street, on Thursday and Friday. Mr. James A. Hughes, principal of the Regent Street school, is president of the Institute.

In connection with the semi-annual closing of the schools, it is interesting to note that the attendance of pupils at the city schools is practically the same as it was twenty years ago, although the accommodation for pupils has steadily increased. The attendance in the period mentioned has been between 1,200 and 1,300.

NEW MANAGER BANK
OF N. B. HAS ARRIVED

W. E. Jardine, Present Manager Will Leave for Vancouver Thursday, Dec. 28

Mr. W. S. Thomas, who is to succeed Mr. W. E. Jardine as manager of the Fredericton Branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, arrived in the city last night and registered at the Queen Hotel. Mr. Thomas came from Sussex and will enter upon his duties here as soon as possible. Mr. Thomas and his wife will board during the winter months and will probably rent a house in the spring. Mr. Jardine will leave for the west to take up his duties as manager of the Bank of Vancouver at Vancouver, B.C., on Thursday, the 28th inst. He will visit his home at Rexton, Kent County, for a few days before Christmas, returning to this city to say farewell to friends. The latter will probably make arrangements for a formal farewell to the popular bank manager.

HE TOOK THE HOUR

Jack Johnson, generally known as "English Jack" was arrested last night on the charge of making a disturbance at the home of a citizen. This morning when he appeared before Police Magistrate Marsh he was given three alternatives, a fine of five dollars sixty days in jail or one hour in which to leave the city. Jack took the hour.

YORK COUNTY
AUTO ASSOCIATION
TO BE FORMED

Meeting for Purpose to be Held at Fredericton Garage To-morrow Night--York and Sunbury Motorists Invited to Attend

IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS
OBJECT OF ORGANIZATION

If the plans of the motorists of Fredericton and vicinity materialize at the meeting to be held at the Fredericton Garage tomorrow night this city will have a strong automobile association with permanent headquarters here and a membership which will include practically all owners of motor cars in York and Sunbury Counties. One of the principal objects which those desirous of forming the association have in view is the improvement of the highways in the vicinity of Fredericton.

FAIRLY LARGE MEMBERSHIP

It is expected that the association will start life with a membership of about thirty-five. The name will probably be the York County Automobile Association. Officers are to be elected at the meeting.

SUCCESSFUL IN ST. JOHN.

The success which has attended the St. John Automobile Association has been instrumental in making the local motorists move for the formation of a similar organization. The St. John Association has been able to obtain money for the improvement of roads near the City of St. John and it is believed that the Fredericton organization can do the same. It is understood that the provisions of the provincial act governing motor-vehicles are satisfactory to the autoists of this vicinity and that no more toward change will be needed.

ENGINEERING EXAMINATIONS

Factory Inspector, John Kenney, and Mr. J. A. Y. Smith, examiners for those wishing to qualify as stationary engineers are at the Barker House today. Examinations are being conducted there this afternoon and evening. On Thursday the 21st similar examinations will be conducted at St. Stephen. About half a dozen candidates are taking the examinations here.

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THOUGHT TO HAVE
FIRED BUILDINGS

Destruction of Barns at Chas. Griffiths' Home, McGowan's Wharf, Said to Have Been Prompted by Desire for Revenge

DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN
INFORMATION ON MATTER

Ald. T. S. Wilkinson and Chief of Police Hawthorn returned last night from McGowan's, where the disastrous fire took place at the home of Mr. Chas. Griffiths some days ago. Ald. Wilkinson appraised the loss on the two barns which were destroyed. The insurance of the buildings which were owned by Messrs. Allan and Fred Harrison was \$275 and the full amount will be paid as the buildings were totally destroyed. Mr. Griffiths, whose loss was the heaviest as he lost thirty-four head of cattle, four horses and quantities of grain, hay and straw, carried no insurance.

OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN.

Ald. Wilkinson and Chief Hawthorn made some investigations concerning the circumstances surrounding the fire but were unable to obtain much information. The origin of the fire as far as actual knowledge is concerned, remains a mystery. There is a widespread suspicion, however, which is evidently based on the fact that the fire was of incendiary origin. Revenge is said to have been the motive and rumor connects a man who is thought to be of unsound mind with the setting of the fire. The affair is such, however, that the people of the neighborhood are unwilling to give information, evidently fearing that their own buildings may be fired.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Alfred Burgoyne charged with stealing the sum of fifty-five dollars the property of George Bourque, a guest at the York Hotel was this morning committed for trial at the York County Court by Police Magistrate Marsh. The next session of the County Court is to be held on January 9th. His Honor stated that in his opinion there was certainly sufficient evidence to send Burgoyne up for trial. The accused was represented by Mr. P. J. Hughes of McLellan & Hughes.

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