

## LOCAL NEWS

## XMAS ADVERTISING.

Don't delay making your arrangements for Christmas advertising. You have the goods, let The Mail serve you in the capacity of a salesman. Telephone the counting room and our ad man will call on you.

## SHORTEST DAY.

Today is the shortest day of the year, December 21st. Within a few weeks a noticeable lengthening of the hours of daylight will be noticeable.

## HANDS TO ESCORT

A private of "H" Company R.C.R. was arrested by the city police last night for drunkenness. He was turned over to an escort this morning.

## WILL CONTINUE BUSINESS.

The business conducted by the late W. J. Murphy will be continued as usual at the stand, Regent Street.—G.N.

## NEW BRANCH BANK.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at Lythton, B.C. Mr. J. J. Irvine is the temporary manager.

## POLICE COURT

Three men who had been working on the Transcontinental Railway were arrested last night for drunkenness. Two got out on deposit and the other was let go.

## SPECIAL HOURS.

For the balance of the week, including Saturday, special hours will be observed at the Customs House on account of the Christmas rush. The Customs House will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## MAKING PREPARATIONS.

Mr. Burton M. Hill of St. Stephen, who will be chief of one of the location survey parties on the Valley Railway, arrived in the city last night. He left this morning for points up river to make preparations for the work of his party.

## MEETING ADJOURNED.

About fifteen motorists gathered at the Fredericton Garage last night to attend the organization meeting of the York County Automobile Association. It was thought advisable to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday evening next. In the meantime arrangements will be completed.

## VACATION BEGINS.

The terminal examinations at the University of New Brunswick end today and the majority of the students have left or will leave this evening for their homes. The term of the Provincial Normal School also closed today and the majority of the students will leave for their homes tonight.

## "ENGLISH JACK" AGAIN

Jack Johnson alias "English Jack" was again run in by the police last night. It was only a few days ago that Jack was given a couple of hours to get out of town in lieu of the penalty of lengthy imprisonment. This morning he pleaded for mercy so eloquently that Col. Marsh let him go on condition that he would leave the city before noon.

## GREETINGS BY WIRE.

The Western Union Telegraph Company is distributing a very pretty holiday blank for greetings by telegram. All Christmas messages are received and delivered on the special greeting blanks. The new daily cable letter and week end cable letter service is now in operation and the rates are about half the regular cable rates.

## PRICES STILL HIGH.

Prices of farm produce continue high, but is expected to fall before the end of the week. Chickens sold for 22 cents per lb. in the country market this morning. Geese were bought for two dollars each, although some sold for less. Turkeys sold for 25 to 30 cents per lb. Importations from the North Shore are expected to bring down the price of turkeys, however.

## A DELIGHTED SPORTSMAN.

Dr. L. W. Walker of Glasgow, Scotland, returned yesterday from a five weeks' sojourn at Mr. Charles B. Love's camps on Rocky Brook. He shot a moose and a caribou, both good specimens, and says that the trip was the most enjoyable of his experience. So pleased was he with the treatment received from Guide Love that before leaving the city he presented him with a check for two hundred dollars as a Christmas gift. Mr. J. W. Birrell of Scotland, who is now at Mr. Love's camps, intends remaining until spring.

Miss Adele Fowle, daughter of Capt. Fowle, is to arrive today to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Martin, King Street.

QUESTIONS OF DETENTION  
CAUSED SOME DISCUSSION

Teachers' Institute of York, Sunbury and Queen's Counties in Session Here Today--Several Interesting Addresses Given This Morning--Will Meet Tomorrow also--Large Attendance

The Teachers' Institute for the counties of York, Sunbury and Queens opened its semi-annual session at St. Dunstan's Hall Regent Street, this morning at ten o'clock. The attendance was large and after the usual organization work those present heard several interesting addresses by Mr. James Hughes, principal of the Regent Street School, president of the institute, Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, principal of the Provincial Normal School, Dr. B. C. Foster, principal of the Fredericton High School, Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, Inspector R. D. Hanson and Inspector G. W. Mersereau. At noon the institute adjourned to reassemble at two o'clock for the afternoon session. A change in the afternoon program will probably be made as Inspector Steeves of Sussex who was to give an address on "The Nature Leaflet" had not reported to the institute this morning and is not thought to be in the city.

## PROGRAM

The program to be followed by the institute is as follows:

## THURSDAY MORNING

10 to 10.30--Enrolment. Appointment of Committees. Adoption of Programme.  
10.30 to 12.00--Addresses by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, Dr. Phillip Cox and others.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2 to 2.10--Reading of Minutes.  
2.10 to 3.10--The Nature Leaflet--Inspector Steeves.  
3.10 to 4.00--Music, Prof. F. Harrison.  
FRIDAY MORNING  
9 to 9.10--Reading of the Minutes.  
9.20 to 9.40--Report of the Nominating Committee and balloting.  
9.40 to 10.20--"English Composition"--Miss Ella L. Thorne.  
10.20 to 10.40--General Discussion.  
10.40 to 11.40--"The Needs of the Country Schools" from the Viewpoint of the Parent--Mr. Wm. Moore.  
From the Viewpoint of a Teacher--Miss Blanche Ebbett.  
From the Viewpoint of the Inspector--R. D. Hanson, B. A.  
11.40 to 12.00--General Discussion.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2 to 2.10--Reading of Minutes.  
2.10 to 2.20--Report of Scrutineers.  
2.20 to 3.20--The New Geometry--Dr. B. C. Foster.  
3.20 to 3.30--Discussion.  
3.30 to 4.00--Miscellaneous Business.

## MORNING'S PROCEEDINGS.

The first business of the day was registration with the secretary, Miss Ella L. Thorne of the Fredericton High School staff. Principal Hughes followed with an address in which he welcomed the visitors to the city and expressed gratification on account of the large attendance. Mr. Hughes then touched upon several very important subjects, mentioning particularly the habit of detaining pupils for unlearned lessons. He expressed himself as strongly opposed to habitual detention as it tended to implant a habit of laziness in pupils. There were more effective methods of dealing with the problem of neglect of home-studies. The president's remarks on this matter caused some discussion, his view being endorsed by some and opposed by others.

## DR. H. V. B. BRIDGES.

Principal Bridges, in an excellent address, gave a brief historical outline of the influence of education and the teacher upon national development. He cited the success of Germany in the Franco-Prussian war as an instance of the beneficial results of education and called attention to the fact that after her defeat in that war France at once re-organized her national school system. Japan gave a notable example of the advance of a semi-barbaric people to high civilization through modern educational methods. In Western Canada teachers of the Dominion were engaged in nation-building by making English-speaking Canadians out of several diverse races. Dr. Bridges closed by making an appeal for greater appreciation on the part of the teachers of the importance of his or her profession.

## CHANCELLOR JONES

Dr. C. C. Jones, chancellor of the University of New Brunswick followed Dr. Bridges. He referred to the fact that he was a past-member of the institute, having belonged to it eighteen years before. In a brief address he made some helpful suggestions. Speaking of the rush of teachers to the West, Dr. Jones said New Brunswick would hold them just as soon as adequate salaries were paid.

## DR. B. C. FOSTER

Dr. B. C. Foster, principal of the Fredericton High School was the next speaker. Dr. Foster spoke along the line mentioned by Dr. Bridges and said that in this materialistic age the ideal of the educationalist was in danger of being lost. Almost any other profession or business was more remunerative than teaching but the teacher even amid the stress of every-day troubles could bear in mind that he or she performed a work the value of which could not be estimated.

## INSPECTOR HANSON

Inspector R. D. Hanson gave a short but very practical address in which he touched upon four very important subjects. He disagreed with Principal Hughes with regard to detention of pupils on account of neglected home-studies. Detention would have to be practised so long as parents held the teacher responsible for what the pupils might learn. (Applause). Dealing with the forwarding of applications for the taking of entrance or matriculation examinations the inspector issued a caution against the fashion of enclosing money in letters and advised the use of money orders. He also mentioned several cases of teachers breaking contract with trustees. He hoped that teachers would be careful in the matter of making contracts. Inspector Hanson also advocated more attention to the teaching of arithmetic in the lower grades of country schools.

## INSPECTOR MERSEREAU

Inspector G. W. Mersereau of Oakton presented the greetings of teachers of the North Shore in a brief address. He mentioned the fact that twenty-eight years ago he had been president of the York County Teachers' Institute.

Messrs. John Vanstone and Peter Young are here from Winnipeg spending the holidays with relatives.  
Mr. J. Bacon Dickson, who has been attending Dalhousie Law School Halifax, is home for the Christmas vacation.  
Mr. Archie Babbitt is home from Boston to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Babbitt.

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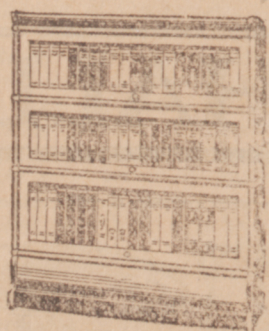
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## FOR YOUR GIRL.

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W. S. BENSON APPOINTED  
WESTERN LAND AGENT

The annual meeting of the Atlantic Realty and Improvement Company was held yesterday at the Queen Hotel, when directors and officers for the ensuing year were appointed, the year's business was reviewed and prospects for the coming year discussed. The company, which is composed of provincial men, has operated extensively and successfully in western lands, particularly in Prince Rupert, B.C.

## DIRECTORS ELECTED.

The directors and officers were elected as follows:  
President--Lieut. Governor L. J. Tweedie, Chatham.  
Vice-President--A. J. Gregory, Fredericton.  
Secretary--J. F. Winslow, Fredericton.  
Treasurer--F. E. Winslow, Fredericton.  
Directors--J. J. McCaffrey, Fredericton; James Robinson, Miramichi.

## GRATUITY GIVEN.

In return for the excellent services rendered the company during the year just past, Mr. J. J. McCaffrey was presented with a gratuity of \$1,000, the members of the company taking that method of expressing their appreciation of services rendered.

## AGENT RE-APPOINTED.

Mr. W. S. Benson of Prince Rupert, B.C., was re-appointed western agent for the company and will reside either at Prince Rupert or Vancouver. Mr. Benson has acted in that capacity before with success.

## MILD WEATHER.

The St. John River at Bath was completely open and Rev. Kenneth McLennan attended his appointments at Kildow on Sunday, crossing here in a canoe.

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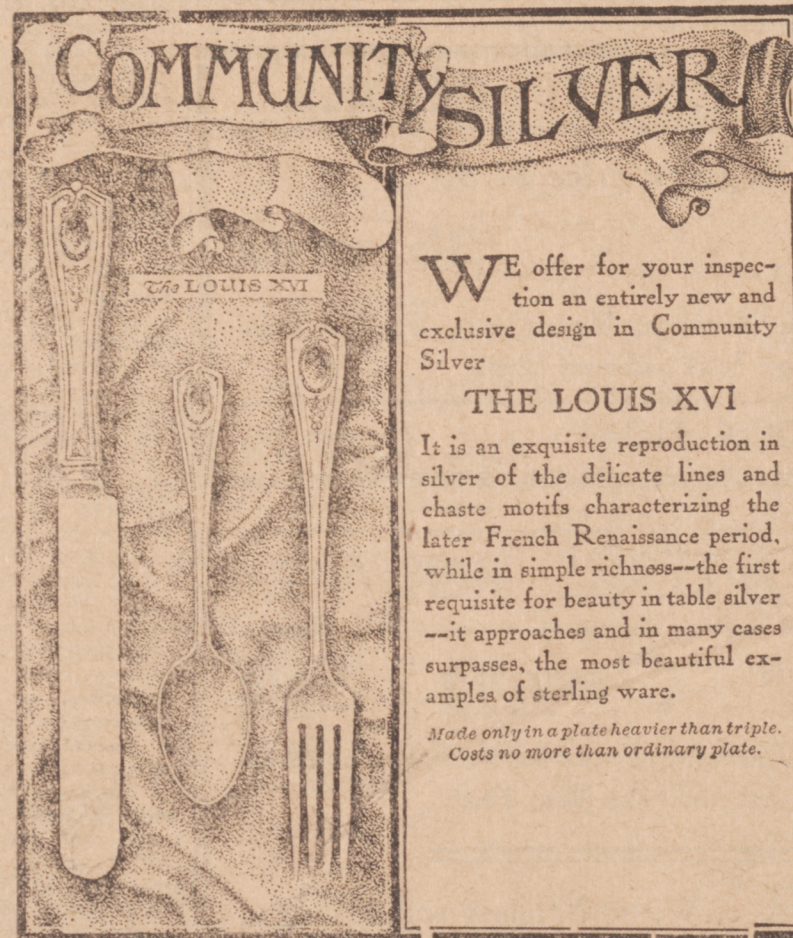
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