

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.

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GOING TO MONCTON

Mr. Sterling Harrison has accepted a position with P. McSwaney & Co., Moncton and will leave for that city on Wednesday next.

ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sharp, entertained a large party of young people last evening. Mrs. A. E. Massie also entertained at bridge last night.

GOING TO ST. STEPHEN.

Rev. Dean Schofield leaves this evening for St. Stephen and will occupy the pulpit of Trinity church in that town at both services tomorrow.

EXHIBITION GAME

Teams composed of coeds of the Junior and Sophomore classes at the U. N. B. are playing an exhibition game of basketball at the college gymnasium this afternoon.

LEFT FOR ENGLAND

Mr. John Palmer left last evening for England on a business trip. It is understood Mr. Palmer will become Canadian representative for several large British firms.

A BIG ORDER.

It is reported that the Hazen government has placed an order with the Harris Nursery Company of Annapolis, N.S., for twenty thousand fruit trees, to be delivered in the spring.

PLEASANT DRIVE.

About fifty of the boys of the Y.M.C.A. enjoyed a merry sleigh drive to Lunt's last evening. Several hours were spent socially in Lunt's Hall, and the boys returned about midnight.

PLEASANT DRIVE.

A party of young people, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson, drove out yesterday to Carleton Lodge, the beautiful summer camp of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Neill and had a most enjoyable time of it. They left the city at four o'clock and returned home shortly after midnight.

BRIDGE PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

Bridge Inspector James Shields who has been engaged on the steel bridge which has been erected by the Provincial Department of Public Works at Chipman arrived in the city yesterday. Work on the Chipman bridge is about completed. Inspector Shields will leave shortly for St. Leonards where a bridge is now being built.

LARGE MARKET TODAY.

The country market this morning was the largest since Christmas. Produce of all kinds was abundant, but prices remained firm. Ruling prices were as follows: Potatoes, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bbl.; chickens, 16 to 20 cts. per lb.; fowl, 85 cts. per pair; butter, 23 to 25 cts. per lb.; eggs, 30 cts. per dozen; beef, 7 to 10 cts. per lb.; veal, 7 to 10 cts. per lb.; pork, 10 to 12 cts. per lb.

AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART.

Hearts will be in evidence in the Old Kirk on Monday evening next, when the Valentine entertainment takes place. The admission will only be ten cents and will include a delightful program. Then for ten more a light supper and social chat with a friend may be enjoyed, and an opportunity will be afforded of taking home a Valentine in the shape of a box of delicious home-made candy. Do not fail to attend.

BUSINESS MEN'S DINNER.

The committee of the Board of Trade appointed to make the arrangements for the Business Men's Dinner, to be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on the evening of Wednesday, February 15th, will meet on Monday to complete arrangements. It is expected that there will be a large attendance at the dinner. Tickets are on sale at the drug stores of Messrs. C. Fred Chestnut and George Y. Dibblee.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Some eight or ten lady friends of Mrs. J. Bebbington, Sr., loaded down with parcels containing luxuries "sweet and good," such as ice cream and fruit, assembled at her home last evening to offer happy returns on her birthday anniversary. Pleasant and amusing games were participated in with much merriment and laughter, and a circle of Auld Lang Syne brought the gathering to a close. Mrs. Bebbington has passed more than the sixty mile-stone on the pilgrimage of life and feels good for at least another score, God willing, to fulfil her duties in her sphere of life.

FARMERS SAY
DOGS HAVE SPOILED
SHEEP-RAISING

New Brunswick Considered to be Well Adopted to the Industry--Interest in Evidence Taken.

Messrs. Dryden and Ritch, the Commissioners of the Dominion Department of Agriculture appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the condition of sheep-raising in Canada, heard the evidence of a number of influential farmers and stock-raisers of Sunbury and York Counties at a meeting held at the County Court House Friday afternoon. Several of those who gave evidence mentioned that the dog-nuisance was the principal cause of the decline of sheep-raising in Canada. Some of those who gave their opinions to the commissioners said that sheep-raising was profitable others said that dairying or pork-raising paid the farmer better than did sheep-raising. Among those who gave evidence were, Wm. McKay and A. D. Thomas of Fredericton, C. R. Gunter of Bear Island, Wm. Moore of Scotch Lake and Jas. Mitchell of Maple Creek, Alberta. Among those present were J. C. Anderson of Fredericton and Hon. Feo. J. Colter of Keswick.

W. W. Hubbard, secretary of the Provincial Department of Agriculture presided at the meeting which he opened by introducing the two commissioners to those present. Mr. Hubbard in his introduction referred to the co-operation of Provincial and Dominion Agricultural Departments in the matters to be discussed.

COMMISSIONER DRYDEN

Commissioner Dryden in a brief address stated that the Dominion Government had learned that the sheep-raising industry in Canada was in decline or at least had not developed as it should have, and had determined to learn the causes of the decline as far as he had been able to observe the Province of New Brunswick was well suited for sheep-raising. There was a good profit in that branch of stock raising and sheep kept farms clean of weeds. He and Mr. Ritch were desirous of learning conditions in the neighborhood of Fredericton.

WM. MOORE

Wm. Moore of Scotch Lake was the first to give evidence. The killing of sheep by dogs and the high price of labor he stated were two important factors in the decline in the industry of sheep-raising. The decay of the hand-spinning industry had made returns from sheep-raising smaller than what they had originally been. Lack of proper breeding had caused good sheep to become few. Milch cows he considered to pay the farmer better than sheep. He had a good market for lambs at four dollars each. He thought the Shropshire the most satisfying sheep.

C. R. GUNTER

Mr. C. R. Gunter of Bear Island was of the opinion that sheep-raising gave adequate returns and quick turn over of money. One disadvantage the farmers experienced in this branch of stock-raising was that sheep gave less manure than did cattle, and for that reason sheep-raising always had been treated as a side-issue.

Commissioner Dryden remarked that if sheep were allowed to graze on farm-land rather than waste land the loss of the manure would not be so great.

A. D. THOMAS

A. D. Thomas of Fredericton, informed the commissioners that to his knowledge there had been a marked decrease in the number of sheep raised in this section of the province in recent years. He considered the Leicester to be a good breed. The former price for sheep was \$2.00 to \$2.50. The present price was \$4.00. Sheep had great fertilizing value.

HENRY WILMOT

Henry Wilmot of Belmont, Sunbury County, said that dogs were the greatest manure to the sheep-raiser. There were laws for the protection of the farmer against dogs, but the laws were not carried out. There was a large demand for lambs in the province and the country was well adapted to the raising of sheep. Lack of co-operation was one of the causes of the decline of sheep-raising although many farmers had devoted their attention to the raising of hogs instead of sheep because it was more profitable.

MR. ELLINGWORTH

Mr. Ellingworth stated that he had experience in sheep-raising in both England and New Brunswick. He thought sheep could be raised more profitably in this province than in England. He had experienced considerable trouble from dogs and lost sheep every year. He had practised dipping in the Old Country, but had given it up in New Brunswick. He had had experience with Leicester and Lincoln sheep. He had got 26 cents per pound this year for tub-washed wool.

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THREAT TO USE CONSERVATIVE
ORGANIZATION IN CIVIC ELECTION

Appointment of J. Arthur Thompson as Assistant Assessor in Place of Alex. C. Fleming Cause of Trouble--Several Candidates Already in Civic Field.

The last day for the payment of taxes to qualify to vote at the civic elections of February 20th, a week from Monday. The near approach of that date means that civic election-day is not much more than four weeks away and the pot of civic politics is beginning to boil merrily. The most prominent feature of the campaign so far is the threat on the part of a prominent Conservative to use the organization of his party to defeat a certain alderman.

The threat, it is said, was made because of the appointment of J. Arthur Thompson as assistant assessor in the place of Alex. C. Fleming. Several candidates for aldermanic honors have already announced their intention to run for election and it is expected that both the Citizens' Ticket and the Good Government Ticket will be fully represented in all the wards. His Worship Mayor Thomas has announced that he will again be a candidate for office. So far as is known, he will not be opposed.

WELLINGTON WARD.

In Wellington Ward both Ald. Hooper and Ald. Mitchell will be candidates for re-election, the former upon the Citizens' Ticket and the latter upon the Good Government Ticket. It is not yet known who will be Ald. Mitchell's running mate. Mr. R. T. Baird ran with him last year. Ald. Hooper will have either Mr. Fred Ryan or Mr. P. A. Guthrie as running mate.

ST. ANN'S WARD.

In St. Ann's Ward Ald. VanWart and Ald. Weddall will offer for re-election on the Good Government Ticket. Ex-Ald. Edward Moore will be a candidate in the same ward, and the names of Ex-Ald. A. B. Kitchen and Mr. Alex. C. Fleming are also mentioned as those of candidates. Ex-Ald. Kitchen stated this morning however, that he had no intention of offering as a candidate. Ex-Ald. Moore served at the Board in 1909 and did good service as chairman of the Roads and Streets Committee.

CARLETON WARD.

In Carleton Ward, Ald. Joseph Walker is being urged by his friends

to again be a candidate, and is considering the matter. The friends of Ald. Harrison are urging him to run again and it is probable that he will be in the field. Friends of Ex-Ald. Patrick Farrell have asked him to offer as a candidate and he is considering the matter. Ex-Ald. C. W. Burhill is expected to be a candidate in Carleton Ward.

QUEEN'S WARD.

In Queen's Ward both the present representatives, Ald. Osborne and Ald. Jewett will again be in the field. It is also possible that Ex-Ald. W. E. Farrell will be a candidate in Queen's Ward.

KING'S WARD.

In King's Ward, Ald. Clark and Ald. Calder will both be in the field. Mr. C. W. Whelpley is expected to be Ald. Calder's running mate. It is not yet definitely known who will run with Ald. Clark.

PARTIZANSHIP ALLEGED.

The aldermen against whom the threat of the terrors of the Conservative organization was made, is himself a Conservative. In reply to the threat made, he stated that the dismissal of Mr. Alex. C. Fleming from the office of assistant assessor was made on account of partizanship displayed during the civic election of 1910 and not for political reasons. As a matter of fact Mr. J. Arthur Thompson, who succeeded Mr. Fleming as assistant assessor, is also a Conservative.

THE UNIQUE.

The fine set of pictures at the Unique last night will be shown again tonight. The Juggler Lawton will appear in his final acts. Don't fail to attend the Unique tonight, as the shows being put on there are worth three times the price. Every afternoon and evening.

PERSONAL

Judge McLatchy and Police Magistrate Matheson of Campbellton, who have been in the city for several days drafting bills for the Legislature, returned home last evening. Capt. Howland has been suffering with an attack of lagrippe since last Tuesday.

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