

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS.

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BAND AT RINK TONIGHT

Applications for enlistment from men from 18 to 45 years of age in the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons (Volunteer Cavalry) will be received by Major F. P. Day or Capt. T. M. Wright Fredericton, N. B.—dlw

FUR ROBES FOR DRIVERS

At the suggestion of Ald. Walker, chairman of the Fire Committee the City Council last night decided to purchase fur robes for the use of the fire department drivers in the winter.

THE LINEN AND COTTON SALE.

Edgecombe's big sale of Linens and Cottons is attracting all lovers of genuine bargains. "Don't miss the opportunity." See the new goods and gowns for evening wear and all social functions. Also their new dress goods. It pays to buy at an up-to-date store, you know.

WILL GO TO COMMITTEE

The application of the Chestnut Canoe Co. for financial assistance from the city will be considered by a committee composed of the whole City Council. The company will be requested to prepare more definite information concerning its proposition and to submit it to the council.

EVANS WILL CASE

A Boston special despatch says—H. H. Pickett, of St. John, was one of those appointed by the supreme court today to take depositions of the heirs at law of Robert D. Evans millionaire, who was a native of St. John county. The testimony will be used to safeguard the property should the contest arise after the death of Mrs. Evans, who is childless. Several of the cousins live in the vicinity of St. John.

MONEY IN IT.

A Chicago mail order house has just declared a dividend of 33 1/2 per cent. on its common stock of thirty million dollars. This means a year's profit of ten million dollars. Those who think the mail order houses are in business for philanthropic purposes are mistaken. A part at least of the profits of some of them are derived from the false marking of goods as to quality, according to recent actions in the courts.

TAXES WRITTEN OFF.

The City Council last night, on the recommendation of the Appellate Committee, decided to write off all arrears of taxes on the Y.M.C.A. property up to and including 1910. It was also recommended that in the future the assessors in assessing the property mentioned, should be guided by the special clause of the Assessment Act, which has reference to buildings used for benevolent and religious purposes.

SPARE OWLS AND HAWKS.

Coun. Lewis of Esquimaux, who is a pretty close observer and clear reasoner, says the foolish custom of shooting nighthawks and owls has resulted in a plague of field mice. The nighthawks and owls used to feed on this vermin, with an occasional chicken for the sake of variety, and now the mice are destroying grain and everything else they get into. The men behind the guns ought to be persuaded, in some way, to let the hawks and owls alone.

MR. BOWDER IN SCOTLAND

(Highland, Inverness News Jan. 7) Lecture by Br. Bowder at Glen Urquhart—Mr. A. Bowder, representative in London for the New Brunswick government Canada, delivered an excellent lecture in this province in the Lewiston Hall Glen Urquhart. The lecturer was briefly introduced by Mr. Macdonald, Drummond Hotel. The hall was well filled, and Mr. Bowder was thanked for his excellent lecture which was specially interesting as several Glen Urquhart families settled in New Brunswick province last year. During his two days' stay he had many inquiries interviewing him at Mr. Duncan Duffy's shipping office, 12 Lombard street, Inverness.

REFERRED TO THE WATER COMMITTEE.

At the regular monthly meeting of the City Council last night, a petition signed by J. A. Morrison, A. J. Gregory and about a hundred other residents of King's ward, was received. The prayer of the petition was that the water and fire limits be extended to include Victoria Mills. Ald. Calder presented the petition, and on his motion it was referred to the Water Committee to report back. The Council delayed action on the report of the Committee on Legislation as far as the bill concerning the extension of the water limits to Bailey's Bridge is concerned, until the Water Committee shall report on the King's ward petition.

CAMPBELLTON IS NOW PAYING INTEREST ON BONDED DEBT

Judge McLatchy and Police Magistrate Matheson Here Consulting Premier Hazen.

Judge McLatchy and Mr. F. F. Matheson, police magistrate of the Town of Campbellton, are in the city, guests at the Queen Hotel. Mr. Matheson is chairman of the Campbellton Relief Committee, and Judge McLatchy is chairman and treasurer of the committee which has been handling the relief fund, so generously contributed in aid of the sufferers of the terrible fire which swept Campbellton out of existence in July last.

DESIRE LEGISLATION.

The purpose of their visit to Fredericton at the present time is in connection with certain legislation that they are to have enacted at the approaching session of the House. This morning they had an interview with Attorney General Hazen in regard to the matter, and it is understood that a course of action was agreed upon. The relief committee will probably be



JUDGE McLATCHY.

incorporated and given authority to close up their work. Legislation will also be sought with a view of providing for the interest on the bonded indebtedness of the town.

BALANCE STILL ON HAND.

Judge McLatchy and Mr. Matheson have given a lot of time and attention to the work of looking after the fire sufferers. They have overcome all of the difficulties which have presented themselves and their work has given satisfaction all around. The total amount of the relief fund with interest, now amounts to \$109,234.76, and on the first of the present month there was a balance on hand of \$18,151.26. There are still many urgent demands to be met, and it is expected that the fund will be closed out early in the summer.

YORK COUNTY, L. O. L. IN ANNUAL SESSION

The annual meeting of the York County, L. O. L., was held last night at the Orange Hall, Queen Street. The attendance was large members from all parts of the country being in attendance. The business of the meeting was largely routine. Plans for the formation of a new lodge in the county were completed. It is probable that the officers of the new lodge will be installed during the summer.

County Master Frank H. Everett presided. A number of Past County Masters including Wm. Rossborough, John Oldham and J. H. Beattie were present. At the conclusion of the business session refreshments were served after which the election and installation of officers took place.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Frank H. Everett, W. C. Master; E. H. Clarkson, D. C. Master; Bertram Smith, C. Chaplain; Wm. T. Craig, C. Fin. Sec'y; J. H. Beattie, C. Rec. Sec'y; Capt. P. A. Guthrie, C. Treasurer; J. M. Chappell, C. Dir. of Cer.; Hiram Wade, C. Lecturer; D. Bedford Green, 1st Dep. Lect.; Wm. D. Yerxa, 2nd Dep. Lect.; Harding A. Smith, C. Herald; Coun. Wm. McMullin, C. Auditor; David McElwaine, C. Auditor; Howard Segee, C. Tyler. Past Grand Master A. D. Thomas conducted the elections and installations. With Recorder Thomas H. Colter as Chaplain. The Lodge closed at 3 a. m. with the singing of the National Anthem.

MARCH 2ND DATE FOR THE OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

University Senate Asks For Increased Endowment—New Companies Incorporated.

As forecasted in the Mail yesterday the government has decided to summon the Provincial Legislature to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, March 2nd. It would probably be the last session of the present house and is likely to be exceedingly lively all the way through.

The government sat until after eleven o'clock last night and put through a large amount of important business, but there was nothing of great importance on the schedule.

U. N. B. DELEGATION

A delegation from the senate of the University of New Brunswick waited upon the government and requested that the annual grant to the University of New Brunswick be increased to \$20,000. It is now \$13,500.

The members of the delegation were Chancellor Jones, Dr. Thomas Walker, and Dr. W. W. White, of St. John and Judge Barry and J. D. Phinney, of this city. The delegation was promised favorable consideration of their request.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, of St. John, was appointed a member of the university senate succeeding the late Hon. George F. Hill.

LETTERS PATENT

Letters patent were ordered to be issued to the Imperial Dredging Company, the Rothwell Coal Company, the Port Elgin Fish Company, Richards and Carr Harris Company. The latter will establish a clothespin manufacturing business at Bathurst.

Mrs. Annie J. Clarke resigned as school trustee of Newcastle and the resignation was accepted.

Oliver N. Miller was appointed a member of the board of school trustees of the Consolidated School at Florenceville, Carleton County in place of Llewellyn Smith, resigned.

Hon. Robert Maxwell, president of the executive council reported that the granite tablet bearing the coat of arms of New Brunswick had been completed at St. George and forwarded to Halifax to be placed with the arms of other provinces in the memorial tower there.

OFFICIAL REPORTER

J. D. Black, news editor of the Gleaner was appointed official reporter of the legislature, having held the position last year.

At the conference with members of

SCHOOL BOARD TO GET \$1,000 OUT OF ORDINARY ASSESSMENT

Board Has Power to Require City Council to Assess For Maintenance of Buildings.

The City Council last night decided to assist the School Board financially by voting \$1,000 out of the ordinary assessment for the maintenance of school buildings. The School Board through a delegation asked that the limit of the assessment for school purposes be raised from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The amount voted last night will probably be sufficient for the purpose named. The School Board however asked for an increased assessment in order to provide for increased salaries for teachers. It is expected that next year another application for an increased assessment will be made by the School Board.

The amount voted last night was on the motion of Ald. Weddall, seconded by Ald. Clark. The latter explained that the City Council by voting the amount mentioned out of ordinary assessment would enable the School Board to make some provision for salary increases.

CAN REQUIRE ASSESSMENT

According to the provision of the School Act the School Board can require the City Council to provide by assessment for the maintenance of school buildings. Heretofore that requirement has not been made however. It is probable that the amount voted last night will be assessed for, for the purposes of maintenance of school buildings.

NEW BRUNSWICK GRAND LODGE

New Brunswick Grand Lodge L.O.A. will meet at St. Stephen on March the 21st.

Mr. R. W. McLellan, barrister, left last evening on a business trip to the United States, and will probably go as far west as Chicago.

Mr. L. V. Smith, of Halifax, is registered at the Queen.

The provincial and local boards of health at St. John on the 14th inst., when matters in connection with the public health will be discussed. Premier Hazen, Hon. H. F. McLeod and Hon. Robert Maxwell will attend as representatives of the government.

Premier Hazen and Surveyor General Grimmer will go to Montreal this evening to attend the annual meeting of the North American Fish and Game Association.

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