

LOCAL NEWS

TO ADVERTISERS

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OPERA HOUSE TOMORROW NIGHT

Something real good in motion pictures. Comedy, dramatic and western subjects. City orchestra. 5 and 10 cents. Don't miss it.

LAST BAND NIGHT

There is sure to be a large crowd at the Arctic Rink tonight as it will be the last band night this season.

SNOW DELAYED TRAIN

The snow storm yesterday delayed the east bound Boston express on the C. P. R. two hours. The I. C. R. express from Loggieville is two hours late this afternoon.

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

At the Methodist Church Smith's Jorner, Rev. W. Rogers Pepper will preach on Sunday night on "Religion and Politics" Service will begin at 7.15

MATINEE RACES POSTPONED

The ice speedway on the river is badly drifted with snow and on that account the matinee races which were to be held this afternoon have been postponed until Monday.

LATE MRS ANNA MERRITT

The funeral of the late Mrs. Anna Merritt took place this afternoon from her late residence, Victoria Mills. Service was conducted at St. Margaret's Church by Rev. Canon Cowie at 2.30.

LOSS WAS \$2,200.

Mr. Edward Bates of St. John, and Mr. H. M. Clarke of this city, this morning inspected the residence of Mr. Joseph Millican, Waterloo Row, and appraised the damage done by the fire of Wednesday night. The amount named by the appraisers is \$2,200. Mr. Millican lost the greater part of his furniture in addition, but did not have it insured. The insurance on the house was \$1,600.

INDIAN STORY AT GEM

Friday and Saturday the late Bion Indian Story (A Savage Girl's Devotion) depicting a pretty love story with real Indians in the cast. (Bachelors Love Affair) an Imp comedy. (Bobby's Sweetheart) and (Parents of the Prodigal Son) two funny comedies. Mr. Sherman will sing late hit "Sing Kate Sing" Matinee Saturday afternoon at 2.30

DEATH AT RIPPLES

The death of Hazel, daughter of Mr. Samuel Campbell, occurred at the home of her parents at Ripple, Sunbury County, yesterday after a brief illness. The child was twelve years of age and is survived by her parents, three sisters and four brothers. The funeral will take place at Ripples at 3 p. m. Saturday. The service will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Ainsworth.

AT THE BIJOU

Tiny Williams will sing "I am Looking for a Nice Young Fellow," and "My Darling Daughter Maudie," two of the latest song hits. The Viagraph feature "Water Lillies," a picture of more than surpassing beauty, in which a famous Austrian dancer takes the leading part. "Will It Ever Come to This?" and "Easy Money," Lubin comedies, "Two Rederptions," an Essanay Western. This program is too good to miss.

BIG DELEGATION COMING

A big delegation is coming from St. John on Tuesday next when the St. John city bills will be before the Municipalities Committee. The delegation will number about two hundred people and will be here in the interests of the bill for plebiscite on civic government by an elective commission, and opposing the idea of a royal commission being appointed to draft a charter in the event of the people adopting the scheme. It is probable that a special train will be engaged for the party.

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

The Paul Gilmore Company with all its original cast of favorites, will appear here at the Opera House tonight in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," with a car load of scenery and all new and original electrical effects, a performance that will surely please the theatre goers of our city. This company will be favorably remembered as having been last seen here in "The Third Degree," a play in which the verdict of those who witnessed it that it was "the best ever," and their latest play is claimed to be even better than the Third Degree. The seat sale is exceptionally large. O'Brien's orchestra.

OUTLOOK FOR
LUMBERMEN ON ST. JOHN
REPORTED BRIGHT

Mr. John Kilburn Tells of Conditions in Quebec--Rain Needed to Bring Out This Year's Cut.

That the prospect for the lumbermen on the Upper St. John is much better than it was this time last year is the cheering news brought from Quebec by Mr. John Kilburn who recently visited the scene of his operations in that province. The snow in the woods is three or four feet deep but rain is needed to give it some body. The springs are dry and there is very little water in the brooks but it is thought that there will be no trouble in driving on the brooks. The rain is needed however, to drive lumber in the main river. The amount of lumber which will come down the St. John River this year will be much greater than that which came down in the spring of 1910 as there are many million feet hung up at various places on the upper river. The only fear is that the logs will come before the booms are ready for them. The largest jam of lumber was at Black River Rapids where several operators were forced to abandon their drives.

Mr. Kilburn states also that hauling will be finished by the end of this week. The cut on the Upper St. John is considerably less than it was last year on account of the amount of lumber which failed to reach safe waters. A large amount of the lumber hung up will be sawed at Van Buren.

THE EXPENSES OF THE
HON. SOLICITOR GENERAL

In the Public Accounts Committee during the last couple of days some interesting facts have been brought to light showing the peculiarity of the Hazen government's method of doing things. Reference may be made to a couple of these facts.

In times gone by a great deal has been said about the carelessness of the present ministers in regard to their travelling expenses. Indeed, even at the present time we occasionally hear something in this connection from the premier and his colleagues and of course all that is heard from this source is in commendation of the members of the present cabinet as compared with their predecessors. But, by dint of investigation in the Accounts Committee the Opposition members have brought out the interesting fact that the Solicitor General, at least, presents no detailed statement of his travelling expenses. He shows his expenses in a lump sum, but just how they were incurred or why they were incurred, is left unexplained.

Today Hon. Mr. Robinson found out that under the Hazen government the province pays to the banks 5 per cent. on all its overdrafts, and on its credit balances received only 3 per cent. or 2 per cent. less than it pays. When large amounts are involved, it can readily be seen the difference in the interest which the province pays and the interest which it receives is very considerable. Moreover, the City of Moncton, for instance, pays 4 1/2 per cent. on its overdraft, or a 1/2 per cent. less than the Hazen government pays, and on its credit balances the city receives 1 1/2 per cent. more than the province receives or 4 1/2 per cent. THE MINISTERS WILL HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF DIFFICULTY IN EXPLAINING WHY A COMPARATIVE, LY SMALL CITY LIKE MONCTON GETS SO MUCH BETTER TREATMENT FROM THE BANKS THAN DOES THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK UNDER HAZEN RULE.

Mr. Robinson also brought to light by questioning the Deputy Receiver General, and in other ways, the fact that Mr. Fred Taylor, the manager of the Bank of Montreal in London acts as the agent of the government in connection with the Flemming loan. This costs the province \$430 a year, plus the expenses which Mr. Taylor may incur. Thus, in addition to the large expenses, which have already been incurred by the government in connection with this matter, it is to cost the people at least \$430 a year and the likelihood is that it will cost them considerably more.

Another fact to be born in mind in this connection is that Mr. Taylor is virtually a Deputy Receiver General for New Brunswick in London. In other words, the man employed by a bank with which the province does business acts as a government official. Mr. Taylor is a gentleman who well deserves the high esteem in which he is held; but the system which the Hazen cabinet is following in connection with this matter is hardly one to commend itself to men of sound judgment.

Messrs W. E. Foster and Percy W. Thomson of St. John are in the city in connection with legislation concerning the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Railway.

Mr. A. W. Estey of St. John, is at the Queen.

ST. JOHN BILL
CAUSED LIVELY ROW
IN COMMITTEE

Deadlock Among Parties Interested --Satisfactory Solution Afterward Reached at Private Conference.

The Municipalities Committee met this morning, Mr. Munro in the chair. Bills relating to the City and County of St. John were considered. A delegation including County Secretary J. King Kelly, City Chamberlain Lingley, F. R. Taylor, H. H. Hopper, was present on behalf of the legislation. Bills to authorize the Municipality of the City and County of St. John to effect a loan to enable the Commissioners of the General Public Hospital of St. John to redeem certain debentures; to amend an act relating to sewerage in the Parish of Lancaster in the City and County of St. John; to amend the act providing for the lighting of the streets in fire district No. 1 in the Parish in the City and County of St. John, and to confirm the adoption of the Lancaster Sewerage Act in the Parish of Lancaster in the City and County of St. John, and to increase the limit of the bond issue, were agreed to.

A bill to authorize the Municipality of the City and County of St. John to create sinking funds was considered. Section 4 of the bill was strenuously opposed by City Chamberlain Lingley on behalf of the City, and Messrs. F. R. Taylor and H. H. Hopper on behalf of the St. John Street Railway. On motion of Mr. Lowell, it was agreed that the interested parties get together and attempt to adjust their difficulties and report back so the Committee this afternoon.

SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Representatives of the interested parties conferred after the Committee rose and agreed to eliminate the offending section and substitute for it a section empowering the municipality to assess on poles and wires used by electric power and light companies. The opposition put up by representatives of the City of St. John to the original section was on account of the pulp mill property at Mispic, owned by the city.

(Canadian Press.)

London, March 24—Acting upon the advice of his physicians, King George today went into active training for the strain of Coronation Week. In addition to strict attention to diet he is taking a special course of exercises.

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THE "GEORGES"
WILL PRESENT GIFT
TO KING GEORGE

Fund For Purpose Opened by Mayor Thomas at Office of City Treasurer.

A movement is on foot to have all the "Georges" of the Empire contribute to a coronation gift to King George, and His Worship Mayor Thomas, has received a communication from His Excellency Earl Grey Governor General of Canada, through His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, asking that steps be taken to open a fund in Fredericton for the gift.

According to the wish of the Governor General subscriptions of from five cents to five dollars shall be accepted. A list of the names of the donors but not of the amount of each, will be presented to the King.

THE LOCAL FUND

The local fund will be opened at the office of the City Treasurer, and will remain open until the latter part of May, the Canadian fund closing at the Bank of Montreal at Ottawa, on June 1st.

The Earl of Stradbroke of Hexham Hall, Wangford, Suffolk, England, is one of the heads of the movement, and first drew the attention of the Governor General to the opening of the fund. Other members of the Imperial executive of the movement are Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Lord George Hamilton, Sir George Reid of Australia and Admiral Sir George Warrender.

A fund for the presentation of a coronation gift to Queen Mary by the Marys of the Empire has already been opened. In Fredericton the fund is in charge of the Daughters of the Empire

"MUGGSY" McGRATH IN BUSINESS

Says the Moncton Times: "Muggsy" McGrath, the former Vic hockey player, who is now in Lacombe, Alta., having pulled in some of the long green this winter by playing amateur (?) hockey, has gone into business. Between this and next winter John will sell cigars, cigarettes and the choicest kind of tobacco, and will also rake in the shakels over pool and billiard tables. "Muggsy" has the business all to himself.

Coffeyville, Kans. 1 Mar. 24—Five men held up St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railway train No. 104 between here and Lena Pass Oklahoma and after robbing the mail and express car escaped. The loss is said to be \$20,000.

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