

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER

Maritime — Variable winds, clear and cold.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. Mary Whitehead is seriously ill at her home Brunswick Street, and her condition is causing considerable alarm to her friends.

ENTERTAINING NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Sergeants Mess of No. 3 Regimental Depot is to be at Home New Year's Day and invitations have been issued to the friends of the members.

ILL AT ST. JOHN.

Mr. Fred Crowley of the Queen Hotel staff, left for St. John this morning, having been called to that place by news of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Dennis Crowley, formerly of this city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT

An alarm from box 31 called the firemen out Sunday morning. The cause of the alarm was an overheated stove pipe at the home of Fred. Goodine Regent Street. No damage was done.

TRAIN SERVICE RESUMED

The train-service on the I. C. R. which was interrupted by last week's snowstorm has been resumed. The express due Saturday morning arrived here Saturday night, but the departures were made on time and the service is now as usual. The same is true on the C. P. R.

RIPE OLD AGE

Lt. Col. John L. Marth, police Magistrate will celebrate his eighty-fourth birthday upon January 22. He has held the office of police magistrate for forty two years and still is in active performance of its duties. He has also the distinction of being the oldest living graduate of the University of New Brunswick being graduated in 1852.

DOMINION OFFICIAL HERE

Mr. D. H. Waterbury of St. John superintendent of Dominion Public Buildings is at the Barker House. He is here in connection with the recently opened office of the Immigration Department. When asked by a reporter of The Mail as to what was to be done concerning the rumored construction of a new armory and new Dominion building he stated that had heard nothing officially.

COMMERCIAL MAN DEAD.

Mr. C. Oran Thompson, traveller for the Hewson Woolen Mills of Amherst, N.S., died recently in a Montreal hospital, from an attack of heart trouble. He was a frequent visitor to Fredericton and news of his death will be learned of with great regret by many friends here. He was a young man of fine physique the very picture of health and strength when he last visited here a few months ago. The deceased was a son of Mr. N. S. Thompson of Oxford, N.S., and was unmarried.

NATURAL GAS A
BOOM TO MONCTON

Mr. Patrick Gallagher Uses It in the Hotel Minto and Says It's the Real Thing

Mr. Patrick Gallagher, the genial proprietor of the Hotel Minto of Moncton is among the visitors to the city, being the guest of his son-in-law, Dr. R. H. McGrath, King St. Talking with a representative of The Mail, Mr. Gallagher said his sympathies went out to the good people of Fredericton who were compelled to buy wood and coal at extortionate prices at this season of the year. "Over in Moncton" said he, "we have natural gas and it is a priceless boon. It is piped from the wells of Albert County, a distance of ten miles and is rapidly coming into general use. I heat and light my hotel with it and can bear witness to its efficiency. I keep three furnaces going and heat by means of seventy-five radiators. There is no coal to handle and no ashes or clinkers to haul away; and the results are highly satisfactory. I have four 400 candle power lights in the office and dining room, which not only give a rich, mellow light but the cost by meter test does not exceed one half cent per light per hour. Moncton is certainly right in the swim these days."

"I am no longer a young man," said Mr. Gallagher in conclusion "and am thinking of retiring from business. If you know of anybody who wants to take on a first class hotel proposition just start them my way."

MAGISTRATE
HAD ISSUED NO
INSTRUCTIONS

Contested Scott Act Case Brings Forth Plain Statement From Police Magistrate About Enforcement Of Canada Temperance Act

Police Magistrate Marsh this morning while a defended case of violation of the Canada Temperance Act was before him took occasion to make a plain statement concerning himself and his relation to the enforcement of the act. He stated that he issued no instructions to the police concerning the manner in which they should enforce the act or whom they should prosecute for its violation. It was distinctly laid down in the law that a magistrate should try whatever cases might be brought before him but should not be concerned in the prosecution. Should he be his judgment could be upset. During his tenure of office he had particularly avoided being connected with Scott Act prosecutions.

His Honor's remarks were prompted by the query made by the counsel for the defense of Chief of Police McCollom who was on the witness stand as to whether he had received instructions concerning whom he should prosecute. The reply of the witness was that he acted upon his own judgment and received no instructions.

SECOND OFFENSES

Information has been made by the Chief of Police in two cases, a second offense having been charged in both cases. The defendant William Wall and Bert Lint have their places of business in the West End. Mr. A. R. Slipp of Slipp & Hanson is acting for the defendants. Chief of Police McCollom gave evidence this morning in the case of Mr. Lint. Adjournment until Friday was made.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kupkey of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Muriel, to A. Herbert Baird, son of Senaeor and Mrs. Baird.

SCHOOL BOARD PAID UP

The city is now square with the Board of School Trustees as far as finances are concerned. The total amount owing for the year ending tomorrow having been paid on Thursday last. The amount for the year was \$21,000. In addition \$5,000 owing on the year preceding was also paid, making a total of \$26,000.

WEDDED AT GRAND FALLS

A very quiet but pretty ceremony was held in the Roman Catholic Church, Grand Falls, at the hour of 8.30 p. m., Christmas Day, when Miss Helena M. McCluskey, only daughter of James F. McCluskey, one of Grand Falls' leading merchants, was united in marriage to M. J. Powers, of Hanwell, York County, by the pastor, Rev. H. T. Joyner. The bride, who was handsomely attired in a dark blue serge travelling suit, was given away by her aunt, Miss Mahoney, of Boston, Mass., who visited the honey of Boston, Mass., who visited Grand Falls specially for the ceremony.

AUTO FIRE-TRUCKS
WOULD WORK WELL
IN PRESENT WEATHER

Chief Rutter Claims Snow Would not Interfere With Self-Propelled Apparatus—New Station-sites To be Considered

Chief Rutter of the Fire Department, who is a strong advocate of self-propelled vehicles for the department states that weather like the present would prove no handicap to the auto-truck and that such a vehicle would have travelled without stoppage in Friday night's snow storm. In support of his remarks he stated that Moncton has ordered an auto-truck for its fire department to be delivered early in the New Year, that Halifax is to get one and that Amherst has one.

The proposition to purchase an auto-truck has been placed before the Fire Committee and probably will be brought up again.

FIRE-STATION SITES

It is understood that at the next monthly meeting of the City Council that matter of securing two sites for fire-stations will be dealt with. The proposition to have away with the present fire-stations includes the erection of two new stations of moderate size which are to serve the eastern and western sections of the city respectively. The sites proposed are upon King Street. One between Northumberland and Westmorland Streets, on the land formerly occupied by Todd's foundry. The other is a short distance below Regent Street on land now vacant. The matter of securing these sites has been under consideration and probably will be disposed of when the council meets January 7th.

Arizona has established the eight-hour day for miners and smelters.

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