

Local News

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society is being held at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon.

BOY SCOUTS

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor addressed a meeting in the interests of the Boy Scout Movement in the mayor's office this afternoon.

SLIGHT FIRE

A slight fire over Dyer's shoe shop Regent street, called out the fire department this afternoon. The fire was extinguished with the chemical engine.

SCHOOL CLOSING.

The public schools of the city will close tomorrow for the Christmas vacation. The public examinations will begin at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS.

The University of New Brunswick and the Provincial Normal School closed today for the Christmas holidays. Most of the students have already departed for their homes.

DEATH AT TWEEDSIDE.

William Messer of Tweedside, died at his home there on the 15th. He was a native of Northumberland, England, and was eighty-one years of age. He leaves a wife, six sons and three daughters and sixty grandchildren.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

Rev. R. J. Colpitts has been appointed associate editor of the Maritime Baptist during the absence of the editor, Rev. Dr. MacDonald, who is going to the front as chaplain of the second contingent.

GONE TO AMHERST

Messrs. J. D. Palmer and A. R. Slipp left last evening for Amherst to attend the meeting called in the interests of the Maritime Forward movement. Premier Clarke was to have attended but has been detained here by government business.

FINE SHOW AT GAIETY.

The fifth chapter of the 'Trey O' Hearts' entitled the 'Sunset Tide' is being shown at the Gaiety Theatre today. A special Joker comedy and a two part comedy drama taken in Scotland will also be shown. The Gaiety concert orchestra will be heard in new selections.

COL. LOGGIE RESIGNS

At a meeting of the patriotic fund last evening the resignation of Col. Loggie as treasurer was received and accepted with much regret. Speeches in appreciation of the services he has rendered were delivered by several of the members. Considerable business of a routine nature was transacted.

MADE A RAID

Last evening the police raided a house on Charlotte Street occupied by Mrs. Annie Banks and took here and a man named Charles Taylor, found in her company, into custody. At the police court they pleaded guilty to the charge of running a bawdy house and were each fined twenty dollars or two months in jail.

THE NEW BATTERY.

Capt. McKay, one of the officers for the 24th Field Battery, now being mobilized here, arrived last evening. Recruiting is now going on and it is expected that the battery will soon be up to strength. Col. Ingraham, the commanding officer, is expected to reach here this evening. Several batches of recruits have arrived and more are expected this evening.

THE AWARD FILED.

The award of the arbitrators in the case of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company and Fraser Limited was completed yesterday and filed with the Royal Bank of Canada. It will be delivered to either of the parties on payment of costs, which amount to the sum of \$1,400. The award was signed by Hon. J. P. Burchill, the chairman, and by Mr. John M. Stevens, K.C., the arbitrator for Fraser Limited. The amount allowed Fraser Limited for land damages has not been made public.

SCHOOL OPENING.

The public school at Barker's Point will close for the Christmas holidays tomorrow. The teachers have decided to have the closing exercises in the evening in order to allow the parents of the children to attend. An excellent program has been prepared while the school rooms will be beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion. There will be a large Christmas tree laden with candy, nuts and oranges for the children and little ones present. Santa Claus will be on hand and distribute the gifts. A jolly good time is promised to those who attend.

PRACTICAL GIFTS LIKE McMANUS' RELIABLE FOOTWEAR

Are in line with the sensible movement for Useful Giving. The unprecedented amount of suffering and want all over the world, this terrible war year, will surely open our hearts and purse-strings. "Shop Early is another sensible Xmas slogan which means greater consideration for the sales people and greater convenience in buying.

McManus & Co. FOOT FITTERS

CANADA'S WAR MINISTER VISITS FREDERICTON

Major General Sam Hughes Dropped in at an Early Hour This Morning ---Well Pleased With the Field Battery

Fredericton was honored early this morning by a visit from Major General Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence. Accompanied by his A.D.C., Col. Murphy, his daughter and private secretary, he arrived from St. John by a special train at 1.30 o'clock. His arrival at such an unseasonly hour was unexpected and consequently there was nobody on hand to meet him. He was around at eight o'clock this morning and visited the Exhibition Building, where the men of the 23rd Field Battery are quartered and inspected them on parade. He was much struck with the splendid type of men composing the battery and warmly complimented them on their smart appearance. The section of University men caught the minister's eye at once. He made a brief speech to the men in which he praised their patriotism and expressed the hope that they would soon have an opportunity of participating in the great war now raging in Europe. The men responded with three hearty cheers and a tiger for the minister.

After leaving the drill hall the minister boarded an automobile and took a turn about the city. At nine o'clock he visited the factory of the John Palmer Company and was shown over the place by President C. K. Palmer. He watched the process of turning out oil-tanned larrigans with the greatest interest, and left his measure for a pair for himself and ordered a pair for his son, who is now at Salisbury Plain. He expressed the opinion that this style of footwear was well suited

J. B. M. BAXTER ENTERS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Takes Over Portfolio of Attorney General ---Hon. Mr. Clarke is Minister of Lands and Mines---Cabinet Sworn in at Noon

After a record breaking delay of over two weeks, Premier Clarke has at last succeeded in forming a government and the members were sworn in by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Wood at twelve o'clock today. Mr. John B. M. Baxter, M.P.P. for St. John County, becomes Attorney General while Premier Clarke, who has held the office of Attorney General for nearly a year, takes the portfolio of Lands and Mines vacated by the resignation of Mr. Kidd Flemming. Mr. B. Franklin Smith of Carleton County, who was promised a portfolio in the local government as the price of turning over the federal nomination in Carleton and Victoria to Mr. Flemming was left out in the cold. Hon. Mr. Clarke's first impulse was to offer a portfolio to Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P. for Queens, but complications arose which put the member for Queens out of the race. The

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A CHRISTMAS GIFT That any girl will prize A Watch Bracelet

Can you imagine a more charming Christmas gift than one of these beautiful Watch Bracelets? Every girl would like to possess one, and here is the opportunity of getting a fine Bracelet Watch, less our special Xmas discount of 15 per cent. discount for cash. All goods sold for cash, less a special discount of from 25 per cent. to 10 per cent.

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Everything that You May Desire

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THE HOME FURNISHERS

Xmas, 1914 - Holiday Season

The great annual riddle, "what to buy," during the few shopping days between now and Christmas is easily solved at

EDGE COMBE'S

Remember, this is a big store and a big stock, comprising all wanted apparel for Men, Women and Children.

All our Handsome Suits, up to the last minute in style are now reduced in price to less than we could buy them at ourselves.

Winter Coats for Women and Children have all been marked down the same way. Our record breaking prices should be an irresistible inducement to all lovers of bargains.

House Dresses from \$3.75 to \$8.90
Kimono and Bath Gowns from \$1.25 to \$10.00
Our new Petticoats are going fast. Are you going to have one? What about a pretty Waist for Xmas? Dainty Tea Aprons in Xmas boxes. This is an easy place to buy Handkerchiefs; just come to the booth and select. Dressy Neckwear, Silk Hosiery, Ribbons, Suit Cases and Shopping Bags, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass, China and Fancy Goods.

To see our Linen Display is to see the finest ever shown to Fredericton Buyers.

FRED. B. EDGE COMBE CO., Ltd.

Now is the time to buy your Furs--at big discount.

Glove Sale

Our special sale of Fine Kid Gloves will begin Friday morning,

December 18th.

Price 78c.

The best yet. All sizes in Tans, Greys, Black, White. A pair for Xmas is not bad

The Big Store will keep open each night next week until Christmas.

We begin Monday night with a fine orchestra programme and refreshments served by the ladies.

Carving Sets

What would be more appreciated for an Xmas gift than a Nice Set of Carvers?

We have a Splendid Line on hand

Stag, Ivory, Bone and Pearl Handles with Sterling Silver Mounts, two and three piece sets, packed in leather cases, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$9.00

Our store will be open in the evenings commencing on Monday, December 21st. until Christmas.

JAS. S. NEILL & SONS Ltd.

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Delmonte Brand Seedless Raisins, De'monte Brand Cluster (Table) Raisins, Delmonte Brand Asparagus Tips.

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