

Local News

HOME GUARDS.

The members of "B" Company of the Home Guards will meet for drill at the Armory this evening. After this week drill will be suspended until January.

THE LATE MRS. JORDAN

The funeral of the late Mrs. Gilbert Jordan took place at 9 o'clock this morning from her late residence at Barker's Point, and was largely attended. Rev. H. H. Ferguson of the United Baptist church conducted the services at the home. The remains were then taken to the C. S. R. train and conveyed to Ripples by the Minto train where interment took place today.

A BANK FAILURE.

A Vancouver despatch states that the Bank of Vancouver has been obliged to suspend payment. The directors are confident that the depositors will be paid in full. The members of the staff of the institution include Mr. W. E. Jardine, formerly of the Bank of New Brunswick here, and Mr. Douglas Coburn, at one time with the Bank of B.N.A. here.

A CHANCE TO HELP

A GOOD CAUSE.

The Ladies of the Golden Rule Circle of the King's Daughters will give a 15-cent tea at Edgcombe's spacious store, second floor, from four to seven o'clock. Home made candy and ice cream will also be served up to ten o'clock. Good orchestral music will be provided. Date, Monday, December 21st. Proceeds for the Red Cross work.

THE RIVER STEAMERS.

St. John Times.—The usual gossip about the river steamers is current, and from the statement of some officials it is apparent that several changes will mark the opening of navigation. It is said that the Elsie will not be back on the Grand Lake route but will be purchased by the Victoria Steamship Company and will be run in conjunction with the steamer Victoria on the main river route.

MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Meductic Board of Trade will be held in the hall at that place on Saturday evening. Matters pertaining to the Valley Railway will be discussed and it is expected that resolutions urging the immediate operation of the road by the Intercolonial will be adopted. The list of speakers will include ex-Coun. Scott, W. S. Tompkins, G. P. Olts, W. P. Phillips and H. M. Edwards.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. Charles M. Gilman, a well known farmer and lumberman of Pokiok, dropped dead while doing some work about his farmyard this morning. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of his sudden demise. He was about sixty-five years of age and is survived by a widow but no children. He also leaves three brothers, David, Nehemiah and Thomas, all of Pokiok, and one sister, also of Pokiok.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Kenneth Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barr of Lower Line Queensbury, was drowned in the St. John River near Burgoyne's Eddy on Monday afternoon. He had visited the blacksmith shop at Hammondville and started home on skates. On the way across the river he plunged into an air hole. He had six horseshoes tied together and strung over his shoulder and it is thought that the weight of these carried him to the bottom. A search was made for the body yesterday and it was recovered with the aid of grappling irons at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Besides his parents the deceased is survived by five brothers and five sisters. He was a bright young man and his sad death has cast a deep gloom over the community. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with services by Rev. Mr. Albright, assisted by Rev. S. A. Baker.

A GOOD PLACE TO

GET YOUR MEALS.

The Boston Cafe offers a good combination of meals. For instance, you can get soup, vegetables, potatoes, bread and butter with any order of 25 cents and up. Part of today's bill of fare:

Soup, portage of new vegetable, fish, fried halibut, tomato sauce25c.
Steamed finnan haddie, butter sauce25c.
Cold meats, cold roast prime, ribbed beef, with mixed pickles25c.
Boiled ham25c.
Canned fish and salads, asparagus salad25c.
Cold fresh lobster with mayonnaise 40c
Egg salad with mayonnaise30c.
Stewed chicken, family style25c.
Fried liver with bacon25c.
Broiled lamb chops With French peas35c.
And a lot of others at the most popular prices.

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

NEW GOVERNMENT TO BE SWORN IN THIS WEEK

An Announcement is Expected From Premier Clarke in the Near Future
---Graters Putting up a Kick Against Mr. Slipp.

It is expected that Premier Clarke will be able to announce the personnel of his cabinet either this evening or tomorrow. It is understood that a number of slates have been completed but there are so many interests to serve that the premier has found it necessary to make changes. Last evening His Honor the Lieutenant Governor arrived in the city and it is understood will remain here until the new ministry is formed. Hon. Dr. Landry, provincial secretary, and Hon. J. A. Murray, commissioner of agriculture, is also here today and they are giving Premier Clarke a helping hand. Mr. O. M. Melanson, M.P.P. for Westmorland, who is also deputy speaker, J. L. White, M.P.P. for Victoria, and Donald Munroe, M.P.P. of Woodstock, are here today and the premier is getting the benefit of their advice. Mr. Pinder, M.P.P. for York, is also here but not in the advisory capacity. He has however, indicated that the premier will hear something drop if Hon. John Morrissey is not ousted from the cabinet.

It was stated at noon today that a portfolio had been offered to Mr. J. B. M. Baxter but he was not disposed to accept it. The choice of a man to fill the vacant portfolio will depend largely on what constituency Premier Clarke, in his wisdom, feels can be opened with the greatest safety. Despite the hostility of the Fredericton boodle organ, it is believed that Mr. Slipp stands a good chance of landing a portfolio. Mr. John Young has appeared on the scene as an aspirant.

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A CHRISTMAS GIFT

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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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Sterling Silver - Silverware

Everything that You May Desire

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Come In and See Our Display

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THE HOME FURNISHERS

STRONG DEMAND FOR OPERATION OF VALLEY ROAD

People of Gagetown and Other Places Along the Line, Feeling the Pinch
---Merchants Were Badly Fooled By Political Promises

At the present time the village of Gagetown is about as completely isolated as was Napoleon at St. Helena. A merchant of that place, communicating with a Fredericton wholesale dealer over the long distance telephone yesterday, stated that in some respects the people of the shiretown of Queens county were about as badly off as the Belgians. He said the merchants had been assured that the Valley Railway was to be in operation long before this and did not trouble themselves about laying in the usual winter stock of goods before navigation closed as had been their custom in other years. Now they find themselves in the midst of the Christmas trade with stocks running short and no chance to replenish them. It is a nice predicament and the people do not hesitate to lay the blame at the door of the do-nothing government in control of affairs here.

What is true of Gagetown also applies to Oromocto and Upper Gagetown. Lack of railway accommodation is losing trade for the merchants of those places and also for the whole sales of Fredericton. What is going to be done to remedy this deplorable condition of affairs? It has been suggested that some kind of a train service on the Valley Railway should be established at once. Surely the provincial government ought to have sufficient influence with the I.C.R. authorities to have a train run over this road daily or tri-weekly from now until Christmas. If Premier Clarke has any regard for the rights of the people he will move in the matter at once and endeavor to make some temporary arrangement which will give the people relief.

EDGE COMBE'S Practical Gift Sale

Ladies' Department

Important Sale of

Silks, Suitings, Dress Goods and Cloakings

Have You visited the

Neck Wear Department

You are sure to find something dainty and new in that line. Nothing is more acceptable for gifts than pretty things to wear.

You will also find the Novelty Counter very attractive--New Necklaces, Fancy Beads of all kinds, Dainty Blouse Sets, Bar Pins, Cuff Links, Cut Glass Bottles with silver tops, Silver Mesh Bags, Fancy Bows and numerous other things that attract the ladies. **These are all French and English Goods.**

We would like you to inspect our Christmas Fancy Booth on the 2nd. floor. There is surely someone on your Christmas list that would appreciate a gift that you might select from the many attractive novelties to be found there.

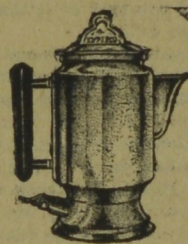
Gifts for Men

Gifts for men are somewhat troublesome for the ladies to decide on, but we have such a varied stock of suitable presents to choose from that a visit to the Gents' Department as to any of the other departments will make your shopping easy at

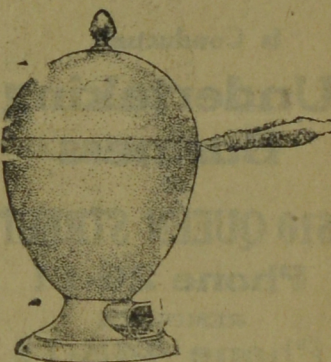
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