

## LOCAL NEWS

## AT THE RINK

There will be skating at the Arctic Rink tonight with band in attendance.

## COMING WEDDING.

The wedding of Capt. R. J. S. Langford, of the R.C.R., formerly of this city, to Miss Gravelly of Halifax, is announced to take place at Halifax on January 14th.

## WILL RETIRE SOON

It is reported from St. John that Chief Justice Sir Frederic Barker, who celebrated his 75th a few days ago, will retire from the bench this month.

## SPOKE AT ST. PAULS.

Rev. A. F. Newcomb, pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist church, addressed the Men's Bible Class at St. Paul's church on Sunday afternoon. His address was most instructive and was attentively listened to.

## AT THE GEM.

If you want to see a rattling good show see the program at the Gem for tonight only, including a two-part Majestic and a comedy series, entitled "Two Men and a Maid," one each week, being four in a series. Also a Aeliance comedy and a splendid American western drama. Orchestra in popular hits.

## "WHAT HAPPENED TO MARY?"

The dates for the "What Happened to Mary?" pictures have been changed from Monday and Tuesday of each week to Wednesday and Thursday, starting this week. The change has been made in order to insure the exhibition of this film on Wednesday and Thursday as the connections previously have been too close to arrange for the showing of this film on Monday.

## THE LUCKY BIRTHDAY.

Miss Annie McKay of this city, was among those who won a Free Nobby Tread Tire offered by the Dominion Tire Company to those replying to a special advertisement recently published. The prize was offered to those whose birthday was on the day on which the majority of those replying was born. St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, proved to be the most popular birthday.

## A BUSY WEEK

The present week promises to be quite a lively one about the city. The County Council meets on Tuesday in annual session, and as it will be the first session of a new board, there will be the usual warden's supper and other festivities. The court of King's Bench also meets on Tuesday Judge McKeown presiding, and the session promises to be more than usually interesting. A special jury will try the case of Stewart vs. the Southampton Railway Company.

## DIED AT BOUESTOWN.

Mrs. Janet McMillan, widow of the late Alex. McMillan, and sister of J. D. McKay, Fredericton, died at her home in Boiestown this morning at one o'clock. Deceased was in her seventy-fourth year. The funeral will take place at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, the 6th inst. She leaves three sons, James D. of Campbellton, William L. of Boiestown, Allister in Alaska, and one daughter, Sarah, wife of Albion Jewett, Cuba. The service will be conducted by Rev. Lauchlan Beaton, Presbyterian minister at Blackville. Interment will be made at Boiestown.

## DEATH AT ST. MARY'S.

Capt. David Coombes passed away last night at his home, St. Mary's, after a lingering illness. The deceased was born April 4, 1837. During his lifetime he was actively engaged in the river traffic. A widow survives, also one daughter, Mrs. S. O. Crain of Leadville, Colo., and one son, A. Wilfrid Coombes of St. Mary's. The funeral service will take place at the Parish Church, St. Mary's, at 2.30 u.m. Tuesday, being conducted by Rev. E. E. Lake. Interment will be made at Trinity churchyard. The family request no flowers.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Mr. E. E. Burden, merchant of Hawshaw and son of Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M.P.P., met with a very serious accident on Christmas Day. It seems that while driving with his sister near Otis Station on the Pinder Railway, his horse took fright at a train, bolted and threw the occupants of the sleigh out. Mr. Burden landed with great force on his back, striking on a rock. Dr. McIntyre, who was called to attend him, found that his shoulder blade had been driven into the back of his right lung and a rib had been broken. He was moved to his home and though for several days he bled freely at the mouth, at last accounts he was on the road to recovery.

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## CASES BEFORE COURT

## OF KING'S BENCH

Heavy Docket for Sittings Which Open Here Tomorrow--Interesting Information Expected to Come Out in Railway Cases

The January sittings of the Court of King's Bench, which will open in this city tomorrow, will have one of the heaviest dockets that the court ever had in Fredericton. His Honor Judge McKeown will preside and the sittings will be his first under the new Judicature Act.

Upwards of fifteen cases are on the docket but no criminal cases are included among them. Two very important cases which will come before the court have arisen out of the building of the Southampton Railway. These are, John E. Stewart vs The Southampton Railway Company, and Wm. McDonald & Son vs James K. Pinder. Interesting facts in connection with the building of the Southampton Railway and the financing of the same are expected to come out of these cases.

In the case of Stewart vs The Southampton Railway Company, the plaintiff is John E. Stewart of Andover, a well known railway promoter. Mr. Stewart claims that he had an agreement with the company to build the line and that the company went back on its word and made arrangements with other persons to build the line. F. B. Carvell, K.C., M.P., is counsel for the plaintiff, and C. D. Richards for the defendant.

In the case of McDonald et al vs Pinder, suit is brought for the recovery of the same.

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## THEATRICAL BUSINESS

## IN EASTERN CANADA

## UNDERGOING CHANGE

Travelling Companies Have Given This Section the Go-By for Some Time

---Causes for This Action--

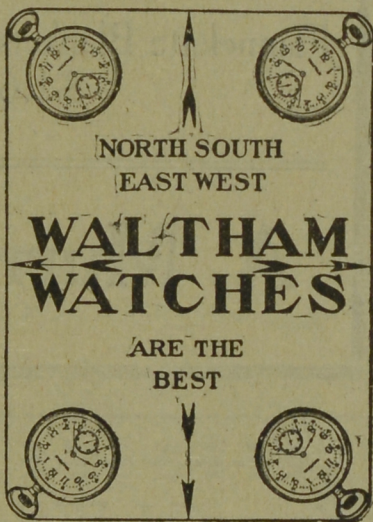
Future Prospects

Those in touch with the theatrical business of this section of Canada say that at present it is in a state of transition and its future is rather in doubt. The Maritime Provinces, which used to attract travelling companies in considerable numbers, have been avoided by them for some time past. Fredericton has been treated the same as other towns of this part of the Dominion and has been given the go-by.

Two principal reasons have been assigned for this change in conditions. One is the popularity of motion pictures which has affected theatrical business the world over. The other is the fact that both Halifax and St. John have stock companies, which prevent travelling companies from getting time in those cities, the largest of the Maritime Provinces. With these two places cut out of the usual circuit of travelling theatrical companies in Eastern Canada, it has been found too risky to bring travelling companies this way. Burlesque shows, musical comedies and similar organizations have not been affected, of course.

The rumor that an up-to-date theatre is to be erected upon the Spahn property, Queen street, opposite the Officers' Quarters, is interesting in view of the present situation. Some

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