

Local News

POLICE COURT

One drunk arrested last night forfeited a deposit in the police court this morning.

A BIG LITTER.

A hog owned by Mrs. S. J. Darcus of Fern Hill, on Tuesday produced a litter of seventeen, all of which are living except one.

REPAIRS COMPLETED

The repairs to the street-sweeper which was damaged some time ago when the horses drawing it ran away, are about completed and it will be in use tomorrow.

TWO MONTHS IN GAOL.

A local man charged with breaking windows of an I.R.C. car last December, was convicted of the offense in the police court yesterday afternoon and was sent to gaol for two months.

SPRING WEATHER.

The weather during the past few days has been very mild and spring-like. The ice in the river is still very solid and it will be a fortnight yet before it starts to move. The first robin has not yet been reported.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The committee on public accounts of which Col. Black is chairman, held a meeting this morning and went over a few pages of the auditor general's report, containing a statement of revenue.

LEFT FOR HALIFAX.

Lieut. H. Priestman of McAdam, left yesterday for Halifax, where he is to qualify for the rank of lieutenant and captain. Mr. Priestman is to take the appointment in the Composite Battalion vacated by Lieut. F. A. Kirkpatrick.

AFTER WHARF ACCOMMODATION

D. J. Purdy, St. John is in the city today making arrangements with the Wharf Committee of the City Council for wharf accommodation for the Crystal Stream S. S. Company here during the season of navigation. Mr. Purdy says that everything points to an early opening of river-navigation and that the steamers of his line are now being prepared for the season's work.

IN THE SAME BOAT.

St. John Times:—On its first page this morning The Standard has a cartoon showing Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a boat which is described as leaky and manned by a motley crew. Perhaps tomorrow The Standard will show its readers another boat containing Premier Clarke, Mr. J. K. Pinder, Hon. H. F. McLeod, Mr. J. K. Flemming, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Mr. W. H. Berry and Mr. B. Frank Smith.

DEATH AT LOWER ST. MARY'S.

Abraham Lint passed away Wednesday night at his home in Lower St. Mary's, aged eighty-five years and eleven months. Two sons and three daughters survive. They are Isaiah, at home; Henry of McLeod Hill, Mrs. J. Anderson of Iron Falls, Mrs. M. Thompson of Fredericton Junction, and Mrs. J. Ladds of Cranbrook, B. C. The funeral will take place at two p.m. Friday, Rev. H. H. Ferguson conducting the service.

WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

The military tea held in the vestry of the Brunswick Street Baptist church last evening was appropriately decorated with flags and uniformed and mounted sentries of the feminine sex, were stationed near the doors. The young lady waitresses looked attractive in sailor waists. An excellent supper was served to upwards of three hundred persons. These was also a sale of fancy articles and ice cream. The proceeds amounted to about \$175.

TEA MARKET STILL ADVANCING.

Nothing definite can be ascertained with regard to a probable advance in package teas in Canada. But it seems to be common sense to suppose that tea men can't go on importing at high and yet higher prices every week without making some changes in their selling schedule to cover. There is nothing to do but follow Mr. Asquith's advice and "Wait and see," meanwhile taking note of the Land-writing on the wall.—Canadian Grower, March 19th.

PROVINCE NOT LIABLE.

Hon. Mr. Landry, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry in the House, said: Q. 1.—Are there any claims against the St. John & Quebec Railway Company or against the Quebec & St. John Construction Company (in liquidation) for which the government considers the province may be liable and to which their attention has been directed? Answer.—No.

Q. 2.—If so what are these claims and the amount of each? Answer.—Answered by answer to Question 1.

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NO WITNESSES APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSIONER

Barry After Staying Here Two Days
Fails to come Before W. B.
Chandler---Went to Woodstock
To See Flemming

W. B. Chandler, commissioner appointed by the provincial government to conduct an inquiry into the various provincial departments, opened his court this morning in the Corporations Committee Room. Nothing was done, however, as no witnesses appeared to give evidence, although they had been notified to appear. The court met again this afternoon at 2.30 when P. J. Veniot laid additional complaints concerning the outside service of the Provincial Department of Public Works.

Willard H. Berry, late superintendent of scalers from the Crown Land Department, who was subpoenaed to appear as a witness, has returned to his home at Oak Bay. Mr. Berry was in Fredericton yesterday and the day before, but left yesterday afternoon for Woodstock and from there proceeded to his home this morning. While in Woodstock Mr. Berry had an interview with J. Kidd Flemming, ex-premier, who retired to private life as a result of the revelations in the investigation before the Royal Commission last summer. Mr. Berry was much wanted as a witness before that commission, but by going to the United States and remaining there was able to avoid telling what he knew.

Yesterday Mr. Berry interviewed Hon. George J. Clarke, the present premier, and other members of the provincial government. His absence today and the absence of other witnesses on the day Commissioner Chandler had set for a hearing, has caused much unfavorable comment. Developments in the matter are expected. It is thought by many that Mr. Berry has no intention of giving

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Application has been made by Major Randolph Crocker, officer commanding the 28th Field Battery, for the transfer of Acting Sergeant D. Coates from the 55th Battalion of infantry to the battery in which unit he is wanted as battery sergeant-major. This non-commissioned officer has had a wide experience, having served with the Royal Horse Artillery in various parts of the world. He also took a long course in the artillery school at Shoeburyness. In that corps he was a battery sergeant-major and would make an excellent one for the 28th Field Battery. He has been living in Fredericton for several years.

Major Crocker stated this morning that nothing was known yet concerning the appointment of the second subaltern for the battery. That officer is much needed at the present time as there are 173 men in the battery, making a very large unit. Medical examination of the recruits is going on and probably will be completed today. It is probable that surplus men of the battery will be transferred to the 55th Battalion.

Guy Hodgson of McAdam, enlisted yesterday for home service at Halifax in the Composite Battalion. Two more men from McAdam, came in today to enlist in the same corps and several Marysville men have done the same.

evidence and had none when he came to Fredericton, coming merely to confer with members of the government. A repetition of the dodging tactics pursued by Mr. Berry at the previous investigation is expected.

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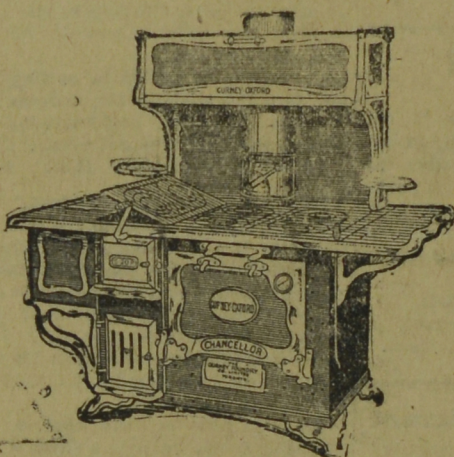
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