

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER

Maritime — Moderate south-west and south winds, fair to-day and Thursday with a little higher temperature. Increasing east and north winds, with occasional rain.

TAG DAY

Saturday, Oct. 12th will be the annual Tag Day for the Hospital Aid.

TO LEAVE MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sharpe and family leave on Monday for Ottawa where Mr. Sharpe takes over his duties as manager of the branch of the Bank of B.N.A. in that city.

LIKELY TO RECOVER

Harry Myhrall, the commercial traveller, who accidentally shot himself yesterday afternoon, is resting comfortably at the Victoria Hospital and is likely to recover.

SUNBURY COUNTY COURT

His Honor Judge Wilson was at Sunbury yesterday for the regular October session of the Sunbury County Court. There was no business to come before it and the court was adjourned.

TO REMOVE TO TORONTO

It is understood that Mrs. W. B. Coulthard intends to remove from Fredericton and take up her residence in Toronto. The removal will not take place for some months, however.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTSMAN

Mr. H. A. Wehrle of Altoona, Pa., who has been hunting big game in the vicinity of Taymouth with a number of other sportsmen from the United States is at the Queen Hotel on his way home. He had good luck in the woods.

SAILED FROM BRISTOL

Rev. Thomas Stebbings, formerly pastor of the Methodist Church at Gibson and his daughter, sailed from Bristol for Quebec on the Royal George on the 2nd instant. Mr. Stebbings will take up his work in his new pastorate at Albert Co.

PURCHASED FAST GELDING

Mr. M. Coakley of Minto, Sunbury County has purchased the fast pacing gelding Loker from Mr. Alfred E. Quartermain of this city. The gelding has a trial mark of 2.23 and local men are of the opinion that Mr. Coakley has made a good buy.

IN SHORE DREDGING

The dredge New Brunswick No. 1 is today engaged in dredging out the slip at Temple's Landing. Her close proximity to the shore this morning gave rise to a report that a canal was to be dug through St. John Street, but it proved incorrect. The dredge Provincial is busy digging out a channel for canoes at Bert Atherton's "Coney Island."

TO BE TRIED IN VICTORIA

Indian Commissioner N. J. Smith, probably will take action shortly to have the Tobique Indian who induced a young girl living at the St. Mary's Reserve to accompany him to his home some time ago, proceeded against for abduction. The trial will have to take place in Victoria County. The Indian Department issued instructions that proceedings be taken here but there is a technical difficulty.

SALE OF SHEEP

Mr. James A. Teller of Sussex, Mr. R. H. Harding of London, Ont., and Mr. C. M. MacRae of Ottawa, representing the Dominion Sheep Commission, arrived in the city last night. They are here to superintend the sale of pure bred sheep which is taking place at the Exhibition Grounds this afternoon. The sale is one of those conducted under the auspices of the Sheep Commission. In other places in the province there has not been a great demand for sheep.

DIED THIS MORNING

The death of Chas. McKeen occurred this morning at the home of Mr. Glasier Currie. The deceased was seventy-seven years of age and was a native of Macnaquac. The funeral will take place Friday, Rev. S. A. Baker will conduct service at the house at 7 a. m. and at the Baptist Church, Keswick at 11 a. m. Interment will be made at Keswick. The surviving sisters of the deceased are Mrs. Joel Scott and Mrs. Duncan Currie of this city, Mrs. James Currie of Macnaquac, Mrs. George Carter of St. John and Mrs. Chas. Miles of Macnaquac. The surviving brothers are Wentworth McKeen of Keswick Ridge and Frank McKeen of Macnaquac.

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ONE EXAMINATION LESS FOR CITY SCHOOLS IS DECIDED UPON

October Examination Done Away With
---Fifty per cent Set as Standard
For Grading---Board Agrees to
Views of Teachers

The deferred meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held yesterday with Dr. Atherton, chairman presiding. Among the other members in attendance were Mrs. Clark, Mr. Sterling, Mr. Sharkey, Mr. Weddall, Mr. Spurgeon, Dr. Crockett and Sec'y Sampson.

DELEGATION OF TEACHERS

Shortly after disposing of the preliminaries a delegation of teachers was received. It represented all the grades taught and was composed of one teacher from each of the city schools. Dr. B. C. Foster was chairman and those under his eye were Misses S. L. Thompson, R. J. Macdougall, J. E. G. Strong and E. J. Thompson. Dr. Foster concisely presented their case to the Trustees, the chief features of which, embraced a desire to have fewer examinations and a uniform pass-mark in grading. A sigh of relief seemed to escape from some members of the Board when they discovered the agenda did not contain an item respecting increase of salary. Dr. Foster explained the anomaly of two standards of qualification in English subjects, and while the general pass mark is fifty that for arithmetic is only thirty-five. It was suggested by the chairman and other members of the Board that pupils who were sometimes found to be dull in mathematical subjects were bright and in fact clever along other lines. This was admitted by Dr. Foster, but he calmed the teacher would naturally make allowance in such cases.

Under existing plan there are two test examinations in the first, or short term, and three in second term. The teachers ask that one examination be eliminated from each term. While the delegation seemed unanimous in this suggestion, Dr. Foster seemed to hesitate a little about the advisability of the change, but was not afraid to give it a trial. During the interview all the delegates freely expressed their views. After the withdrawal of the delegation the Trustees carefully considered the proposals and finally decided to allow what is known as the October examination to lapse. Also that in the grading of pupils an average of 50 per cent. be recognized as the pass mark. In view of the fact that

FEWER EXAMINATIONS WANTED

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TROUBLE OVER RIGHT OF WAY IN KINGSCLEAR

Writs Served Yesterday on Havelock
Wheeler and Delancey Allen---
Trainload of Dynamite for
Construction Work

Further trouble in the matter of securing right of way for the St. John & Quebec Railway has developed and Deputy Sheriff Timmins went to Kingsclear yesterday to serve writs on two well known residents in order that the matter of the railway taking their land for right of way might be submitted to arbitration. The residents of Kingsclear upon whom the writs were served were Messrs Havelock Wheeler and Delancey Allen. Other residents of that place and other parishes have also had similar writs served upon them at various times.

TRAIN OF DYNAMITE

A train load of dynamite to be used in construction work on the St. John & Quebec railway arrived in the city yesterday and is to be taken to the Mouth of Keswick where it will be distributed among the various sub-contractors. According to railway regulations the dynamite is transported by special train.

SIXTEEN HUNDRED MEN

According to statement of Mr. A. R. Gould, president of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company, about sixteen hundred men are work on the line. The rainy weather of the past summer delayed the work to a great extent but nevertheless good progress has been made. During the winter wherever possible construction will be continued. Rock-cutting is a class of work which can be carried on all right in winter.

In addition to building the St. John & Quebec Railway Mr. Gould has also been engaged in the building of twelve miles of electric line in the State of Maine.

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EXPROPRIATION POWERS ASKED

Mr. George G. Gilbert, of Bathurst, appeared before the provincial government at St. John yesterday, representing the Bathurst Electric Light Company. He asked permission to expropriate certain lands on the Tetagouche River, near Bathurst, for the purpose of developing power to supply light to the town of Bathurst. The company was unable to purchase the land from the owners, and consequently were forced to ask expropriation powers. The application will likely be granted.

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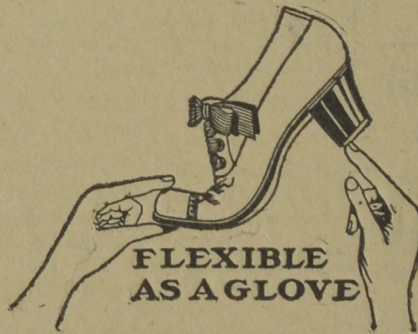
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