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A PUBLIC DANGER

The frequent loss of life through panics in audiences at public places arouses people to reflection as to where the next catastrophe of that kind may arise, and casts fear into the hearts of those who make a habit of attending large public gatherings.

The most recent disasters in which several hundred lives were lost, emphasize the fact that those who have charge of public buildings where people assemble in large numbers should take every possible precaution for providing free and speedy exit of audiences, so easily stampeded by the outbreak of fire or other cause.

As the Toronto Globe well observes "we should look to the condition of public halls and other places of assembly." In the disaster at Barnsley, England, a few evenings ago the cause of the crushing and maiming of so many children was no doubt the mad rush of the little ones down the gallery stairs; but the stairs were evidently of a sort to lend themselves to the wedging of dozens of children into the corners, where they were trampled and suffocated. The lesson there was one for the architect who is planning exits. In the Boyertown, Pa., tragedy we find hundreds of children packed in a hall in which coal oil lamps were used as footlights. The knocking over of one of these, it appears, cost almost two hundred lives. The disaster is the most terrible of its sort since the killing and burning of 550 people in the Iroquois theatre in Chicago on December 30, 1903.

Will these terrible lessons be lost on Fredericton, which has an Opera house exit inviting just such catastrophes and serious loss of life.

What would happen were a crowded audience at the Fredericton Opera house stampeded by a fire outbreak within the building.

The exit from that building is cramped, and were there a mad rush from the large audience room, the crowds from both aisles meeting at the narrow exit, would certainly overwhelm the weaker persons so stampeding and a great disaster must follow. True there are fire escapes, but they are of such a character, and so limited in capacity that many people would be maimed or killed in trying to get out of the building in that way.

The Herald does not desire to set itself up as an alarmist unnecessarily, but the recent catastrophes in public halls have set lots of people speculating painfully on what might occur if similar conditions of panic arose in our Opera house or other public buildings that might be mentioned as affording poor means of egress for a stampeded audience.

CURRENT COMMENT

Moncton Transcript: The report of the suggested saw-off in York by which the Tories hoped to make sure of the election of two candidates in that constituency indicates the hopelessness of the outlook for the opposition.

Fredericton Gleaner, Feb. 25, 1903: "The people of York have had all they want of Mr. Pinder and his combinations." (The "Pinder combination" of that date consisted as it does now, of Mr. Pinder, Mr. Harry McLeod, Mr. Thomas Robison and Mr. John A. Young.)

The organization of Canadian clubs in towns like Truro, and others of that size, suggests that an organization of the kind should be formed in Fredericton. No doubt if some enterprising and public spirited citizen would take the lead the thing could easily be accomplished.

The tributes paid to the memory of the late Mr. Geo. W. Allen, M. P., in all parts of the province are hearty and sincere, and evidence the high appreciation in which he was held by those who were acquainted with him, and realized the strong intellect of the deceased and his usefulness as a public man.

The opposition have been boasting of the powerful ticket they have in the field in Gloucester, but the Chatham Commercial, which supports Mr. Hazen and his friends say it is to be withdrawn and another substituted to consist of Mr. B. J. Mullins, manager of the Caraque railway, Bathurst; Mr. N. A. Landry, barrister, Bathurst; Mr. Frederick Young, merchant, Tracadie. Mr. Landry is an engraving clerk in the legislature, and holds other offices under the government.

An organization which will endeavor to bring before every Breton the opportunity of associating himself with principles they represent through the battlefields of Quebec and the medium of a small contribution to the Champlain tercentenary and Quebec

An Ottawa despatch says that the Canadian government has called Tokio that the assurances which the Japanese government gave to Hon. Mr. Lemieux in respect to the limitation of emigration to Canada are satisfactory to the Canadian government. The statement of Hon. Mr. Lemieux will be made in the House of Commons next week.

Mr. Borden, who in Parliament declared that Mr. Stanfield ran a pure election in Colchester, will perhaps be surprised to hear that that gentleman is placing technical objections in the way of the protest against him getting to trial. These, however, were brushed aside yesterday by Judge Drysdale, at Halifax, and it looks as if Mr. Stanfield will have to face the election court.

Mr. George E. Balmain who has been elected Mayor of Woodstock by acclamation was a former citizen of Fredericton and his numerous friends here will be glad to hear of the distinction he has achieved in his present home town. Mr. Balmain has served as an alderman and a member of the Woodstock school board and is an energetic, useful and respected citizen. The lady mayoress is a former Fredericton lady, daughter of the late Mr. George Hume and a sister of Mrs. Wesley VanWart.

The local Tory organ accuses the Herald of attacking Rev. Dr. McLeod, but we have no recollection of particularly discussing that gentleman since he was retired from the political limelight. The Doctor of course will deeply regard the organ, in its needless effort to create sympathy for him. He will be able to recall that in 1900 when he ran for parliament he had the organ's support but the very next year when again a candidate for Ottawa, he discovered that his former newspaper supporter had deserted him and was in the enemy's camp, using its best endeavors to keep Dr. McLeod out of the House of Commons.

We fear that our esteemed friend and co-worker in the interests of good government, Mr. N. Foster Thorne, editor of the Carleton Sentinel, one of the most wide awake vigorous and progressive Liberal newspapers of this province has got himself into trouble. He has just been elected an alderman in Woodstock, a position that he will discover is thankless and unsatisfactory. Yet we suppose every good citizen has to make some sacrifices and Woodstock is to be congratulated on securing the services of such an intelligent and progressive young man at its council board as Mr. Thorne who we believe will receive still higher political honors in the home of his adoption.

GREAT HOCKEY TONIGHT

St. John Marathons will Face Capitals at the Arctic Rink

The St. John Marathons and Capitals will try conclusions in a league hockey game at the Arctic rink this evening. The Marathons are looked upon as a pretty strong combination and tonight's game will undoubtedly be the fastest seen here this season. The Capitals are looked upon by local fans as the winners, but will the Marathons be able to score against them. They have met Moncton twice this season, and on each occasion saved themselves from being shut out by the narrow margin of one goal. The Capitals have a clean slate so far this season, and if they play in good form tonight they should be able to shut out the Greeks.

The Marathons were unable to get away this morning, and will not arrive until this evening's train. They will arrive here at 8.10 o'clock, and have given a promise to be on the ice not later than eight twenty. If the game can be called on at eight thirty there will be no kick coming from the spectators. Manager Keith has promised to have two ticket sellers on duty this evening, and there is not likely to be quite as much crowding at the entrance of the rink as there was at the last game. The line up of the rival teams will likely be as follows:

CAPITALS	MARATHONS
Goal.	Ellis
Morrison	Point.
Music	Gordon Brown
McDonald, (Capt)	Cover.
Murphy	Woodworth
Stuart	Centre.
Ranson	Derouin
Hughes	Rover.
Mr. Percy Howard of St. John will officiate as referee.	Clawson
Speaking of tonight's game the St. John Sun says:	Right Wing.
The Marathons will be up against a tough proposition, probably the strongest team in the league. The locals showed good form against Moncton on Wednesday night, but are playing tonight on foreign ice, and a victory for the Greeks is hardly looked for.	Left Wing.
	Paterson
	Mooney (Capt)

SAFETY CONDITIONS AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Recent happenings elsewhere may have raised doubts in the mind of some regarding danger in our opera house.

All may be reassured by the fact that special wire has been put in lately that is exceptionally safe, and the operator of the motion picture machine is an expert electrician, and no gas is used. Further, the film is immediately carried into large metal barrels and with covers on them the chance for a flame is almost impossible, and in any case would not be dangerous. A good water supply is at hand by the machine, and the emergency hose is always ready on the stage.

There is no show to-night, but for

tomorrow night is prepared what is better than the best yet, including six new pictures, all of very late production, five of them being tinted and exquisitely colored. These, with the return and final appearance of Harrell in new magic, music and mirth, will keep the house well filled during the open hours from 7.30 till 11 o'clock.

"A HAPPY FUNCTION."

Great crowds of ladies attended the white wear sale today at Edgcomb's. The spacious department, with the beautiful white garments of every description on the tables and in the show cases was like a fairy place, a delight to see, an education for all. The sale will continue tomorrow (Saturday). Don't fail to be there.—d.

Shelf Clearing SALE

As we wish to reduce our large stock of Bowls we will on Saturday offer a number of lines at the following big reduction.

Banded Bowls, regular price 5cts. Saturday price, 3cts., 2 for 5cts.
Banded Bowls, regular price 6cts. Saturday 3cts.
Banded Bowls, regular price 10cts. Saturday 6cts.
Banded Bowls, regular price 15cts. Saturday 10cts.
Brown bowls, regular price 5cts. Saturday 3cts.
Brown bowls, regular price 6cts. Saturday 4cts.
Brown bowls, regular price 8cts. Saturday 5cts.
Custard Cup, regular price, 5cts. Saturday 3cts.
Egg separators, regular price, 5cts. Saturday 3cts.

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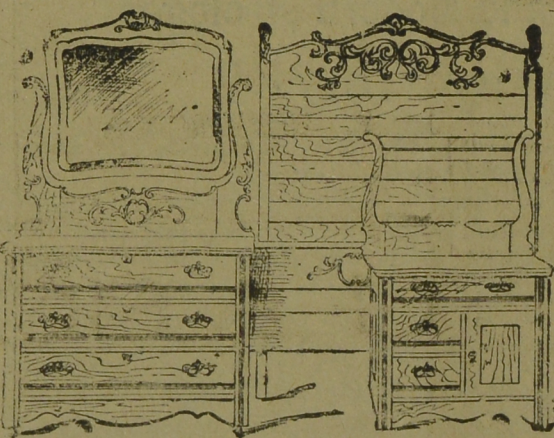
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Childrens Cashmere Dresses, age 1 to 4 years, at 75 and 90c. Childrens Cotton and Muslin Dresses all sizes and prices, Ladies' Overall Aprons 40 to 75c. Lawn Waists 50c 75c and \$1 00.s

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G. T. WHELPLEY

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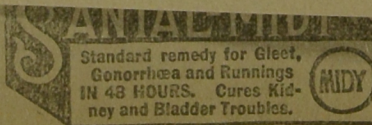
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