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MRS. MEAGHER'S DEATH.

Mrs. Elizabeth Meagher, widow of the late Mr. Jeremiah Meagher, of this city, died at her home at Milltown on Thursday after a brief illness. She was seventy-four years of age and is survived by a family of one son, School Inspector F. B. Meagher of Woodstock, and two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Graham of Milltown and Mrs. McKinnon of Antigonish. The deceased was a most estimable lady and many old friends in this city will regret to hear of her death. The body will arrive here by the noon train tomorrow, and the funeral will take place from St. Dunstan's church to the Hermitage immediately afterwards. Mr. John G. Adams is the officiating undertaker.

TEMPERANCE RALLY.

The Good Templars' hall presented a gay scene last evening, the occasion being a grand rally. A large number of the members were present and one joined. The order. After the usual business had been gone through with an excellent program was carried out consisting of readings, speeches, dialogues and music, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served by the sisters of the lodge, and a jolly good time indulged in, all the popular games being played, which added wonderfully to the evening's entertainment. Taking it all in all the affair was a very pleasant one.

INFANT'S DEATH.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walsh will regret to hear of the death of their infant son, who passed away last night. The remains were interred today at the Hermitage. This is the third child Mr. and Mrs. Walsh have lost within the last few years, and only one survives. Sincere sympathy will be extended to the worthy young couple in their sorrow.

BRIDGES DESTROYED

Recent Freshet Caused much Damage throughout the Province.

Reports being received at the Public Works department show that the recent storm caused much damage to highway bridges throughout the province, and the loss, while no estimate can yet be made, will certainly run up to many thousands of dollars. A number of bridges in the counties of St. John, Kings and Queens, have been washed away, and along the Nashwaak considerable damage resulted. It is learned that the Morgan, Nason and Beaver Dam bridges near Ruisagornish, Sunbury county, were all carried away by the freshet. These latter were small wooden structures, but were of considerable importance.

Mr. John Bebbington had a crew of men at work all day yesterday pumping the water out of his cellar and boiler room. At five o'clock last evening they had progressed sufficiently with the work to enable fires to be started in the furnaces. It seems rather difficult to get rid of the water, as it persists in flowing right back into the cellar. Mr. Bebbington is certainly having a serious time of it, and much sympathy is felt for him.

Nobody worked more diligently to relieve the situation in the back part of the city, produced by the freshet, than City Engineer Grimmer. He donated a pair of long rubber boots early on Wednesday morning, and spent the whole day in the flooded districts, looking after the man holes and other work to lessen the flow of water.

The cold weather has put the ice bridge in working order once more, and teams and foot passengers have been crossing today. The river is one glare of ice, and there is excellent skating.

FRUIT GROWERS' MEETING

Attractive Program Arranged for Annual Gathering Here Next Week.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association will be held in the church hall, this city, on Thursday and Friday, January 14th and 15th. The program will include addresses by W. T. Macoun of the experimental farm, Ottawa, Mr. G. H. Aroom, Dominion Government fruit inspector of Middleton, N. S., Dr. D. W. Hamilton and a number of provincial fruit growers.

The opening session will be held on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock when the president of the association Mr. Isaac W. Stevenson of Margerville will deliver his annual address. The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association is usually held in conjunction with the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairywomen's Association but as the latter is not to convene this year until some time during the session of the Legislature the fruit growers decided to bring on their meeting earlier.

Prizes will be offered for the best display of winter apples by members of the association.

The organization, although young in years already has a large membership and the gathering promises to be well attended and most interesting.

Mr. Samuel B. Hatheway of Kingsclear is the energetic secretary.

THE AUDITOR'S VINDICATION.

City Auditor James D. McKay is being heartily congratulated by his friends on the outcome of the investigation lately held by a committee of the city council into the Hyde & Webster settlement. Auditor McKay's object in having the investigation made was to show that in preparing and publishing his report he was acting under orders from the city council, and the finding of the committee fully bears him out in this. The auditor did not ask to be whitewashed, nor was he desirous that others concerned in the transaction should be shown in an unfavorable light. All that he sought was his own vindication and he got it.

LOST IN A FOG.

Mrs. Read, of Hopewell Cape, who is spending the winter with relatives here is in receipt of a letter from her husband, Capt. J. A. Read of the bark Carrie L. S. Smith, recently lost on the coast of Brazil, giving some particulars of the disaster. The Captain writes that the bark went ashore at night during a thick fog, and although there was a heavy sea running the crew managed to reach land in safety. He attributes the accident to the chronometer getting out of order. The vessel, which was owned by Mr. J. Nelson Smith, of Coverdale, has been abandoned to the underwriters.

ARCTIC RINK.

Band at Arctic Rink tonight.—d.

LIPTON'S TEAS

Lipton's Teas 30, 40, and 50 cents per pound at G. T. Whelpley's.—d.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in whom our Readers are Interested.

Chancellor Jones of the University went to St. John to-day on official business.

Mr. S. Dow Simmons has been appointed stenographer for the Divorce Court.

Mr. John Webster and bride, whose marriage was noted in these columns yesterday, spent last night with friends in the city and left for St. John this morning to take passage on the Empress of Britain for the old country.

Dr. Stewart MacDonald, formerly professor of economics at the U. N. B. but now on the staff of McGill University, arrived here this morning by the I. C. R. to spend a few days and is staying at the Barker. He was delayed at Cross Creek two days by the washout.

Moncton Times: Mr. P. Gallagher returned to the city Tuesday, after spending a very pleasant holiday in Fredericton and St. John, visiting his daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) McGrath, in the former city.

Editor Brennan, of the Summerside, P. E. I. Journal, was among the travellers stalled here during the railway blockade. He left for home this morning.

Mr. J. M. F. Hovley, of the Royal Bank staff, leaves this evening to spend a few weeks at his home in Newfoundland.

AMONG THE CURLERS.

The ice is again in excellent condition at the Curling Rink and members who expect to play in the matches against outside clubs especially, should get in some much needed practice. There is evidently no intention in the membership that the club shall suffer in numbers, efficiency, and prestige but a good way to bring about such conditions is to neglect to put in appearance at the rink when there is opportunity to play the good old game.

SUCCESSFUL SALE.

Auctioneer Atherton expects to finish the sale of household furniture in the Coy block some time this evening. The sale has been a most successful one, and most of the articles disposed of brought very high prices. Some pieces of mahogany furniture brought in some cases about double what it must have cost when new. The bulk of the buying was done by Mr. Wood of Sackville and Mrs. F. W. Sumner of Moncton.

WEATHER.

Northerly winds, fair and cold; Saturday, easterly winds fair, stationery or higher temperature.

Buy "Black Prince" Hose for your boys, best value and wear best.

LOST

Saturday night Jan. 2nd, 1909 in the first class passenger car on the I. C. R. between Fredericton and Durham, a purse containing \$7 and some change also papers, with a card and the name Lizzie A. McNeill. Will the finder please leave the same at the Herald Office. an.7.d11.

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THE HERALD OFFICE, Fredericton, Dec.4.d11.

The Alexander Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company

The general annual meeting of the shareholders of The Alexander Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company will be held at the residence of Alexander Gibson Esquire, in the town of Marysville, in the County of York, on the second Saturday in January next at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Dated December 23rd, 1908. ALFRED ROWLEY, Secretary-Treasurer. Dec. 24—d71.

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