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NO TIMES TOMORROW LOCAL NEWS

The Times will not be published tomorrow, New Year's Day.

BANK CLEARINGS HERE

The St. John bank clearings for this month were \$10,188,912; for December, 1917, \$9,289,415, and for December, 1918, \$9,026,854.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers of real estate in Kings county have been recorded as follows:—E. H. Earle to J. H. Wadell, ninety acres in Kingston; Peter McMillan to S. E. White, 100 acres in Waterford.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

On request of Sir Douglas Haaren, representing the federal government in the thrift and war stamp campaign, the executive of the Retail Merchants' Association is holding a meeting to consider the question of retail merchants being vendors of the stamps.

MRS. HERBERT BAKER

The death of Mrs. Herbert Baker occurred on December 29 in Millinocket. She was a devoted mother and a kind and generous friend.

AFTER-ELECTION RUMORS

The air is filled with after-election rumors of shake-ups and new officials in civic circles. One of the most interesting is that an ex-police official during the Chief Clark regime may be installed, or nominated to the council, as the new chief.

MRS. CHARLES D. FOWLER

Today at her residence, 64 Wright street, occurred the death of Isabel, wife of Charles D. Fowler. She was a daughter of the late Robert Wood, of Charlis, Lanark, Scotland, who was well known in St. John more than half a century ago.

HARBOR REVENUES SHOW NICE GAIN

Increase of More Than \$30,000 Over 1917 Figures Harbor revenues for 1918 will show an increase of more than \$30,000 as compared with 1917. The receipts for 1917 were \$299,920 while the returns received so far for this year already total \$344,488.90.

INTERNATIONAL SHIP BUILDING CORPORATION MATTERS IN COURT

Before His Honor Judge Chandler in chambers this morning there was a hearing in the matter of the International Shipbuilding Corporation, Limited, and its winding up under the Winding Up Act, Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, and Amending Acts. H. A. Powell, K.C., appeared in support of the petition, and F. R. Taylor, K.C., appeared in behalf of Charles W. Clark of Liverpool, with a claim of \$2,500; F. Norman Sanction, St. John, with a claim of \$1,167; David Cohen Co. Ltd. of New York, with a claim of \$1,278. K. J. MacRae appeared in behalf of McLaren Selling Company with a claim of \$200; and Francis Kerr appeared on behalf of three workmen; G. R. Walters with a claim of \$230; A. S. Brown with a claim of \$227, and A. W. Brown with a claim of \$312. A claim on behalf of the Lowmbery Co. of Newcastle was also presented.

QUESTIONS OF NATURE TO SCRAPE CONSCIENCE OF THE DEFENDANT

Judge McKeown's Decision in J. K. Flemming Case

LAW POINTS FIRST

Chief Justice Says He Has Read the Interrogations and Uses Words Set About Above in Referring to Them

In the case of the King vs. James K. Flemming, His Honor Chief Justice McKeown handed down judgment this morning on the preliminary questions raised at recent hearings. The matter came up on the plaintiff's application for interrogatories. The defendant took objection that he should not be compelled to answer the interrogatories, as it was submitted on his behalf that there was no basis in law for the continuation of the crown, and while no demurrer is now allowed, yet under the present procedure he has the right to challenge the sufficiency of the plaintiff's cause of action.

The plaintiff's claim was to recover an alleged secret commission on the letting of the Valley Railway contract. The defendant contended that he could not be held liable at common law in a case like the present, because no relationship of principal and agent existed between the crown and its ministers who were regarded as advisors only. The defendant contended that the wording of the recent act of legislature was inept and did not impose upon the defendant the liability at issue.

His Honor decided that if these matters were decided in favor of the party objecting it would dispense with any further trial. It was, however, not his duty to decide them, but merely to decide whether or not the points raised were substantial. His Honor concluded that the objections were of that nature and should be disposed of before the defendant was asked to submit to the interrogatories exhibited. His Honor ordered that the points of law raised be set down for hearing and disposed of before the trial. With reference to the interrogatories submitted, His Honor remarked: "I have read over the interrogatories sought to be exhibited and there is no doubt that they are exhaustive and searching, and as (to use the common expression) will 'scrape the conscience' of the defendant in his replies."

CURLING MATCHES FOR THE HOLIDAY

Morning, 11.45 to 12.30. The annual matches, president versus vice-presidents, will take place in the Thistle Curling Club rink on New Year's Day. The rinks are as follows:—

- A. McMullin R. P. Jackson Geo. Stubbs A. W. Estey J. S. Gregory R. E. Crawford P. A. McAndrews W. A. Shaw skip. P. Elkin O. E. Price H. Warwick W. Milican A. J. Schum R. S. Orchard skip. Geo. Rivers W. L. Robinson H. W. Stubbs J. C. McAvity C. P. Howard J. S. Malcolm skip. M. Reid R. Bartch E. Vanwart J. M. Barnes F. Archibald A. D. Malcolm skip. S. Jones J. A. Kennedy R. Finlay C. Mitchell A. P. Paterson B. McPherson Geo. S. Bishop D. B. Willett skip. Wm. Barnes P. Cole J. Pendrigh Jos. Likely F. M. Fowler F. E. Burpee F. Watson skip. H. Stanton Wm. Campbell F. Likely H. Sullivan Geo. Warwick Robt. Reid J. W. Cameron skip. F. McLean M. Olive A. Golding W. A. Reid T. A. Armour H. McAlpine W. J. Shaw skip. J. A. Hoyt C. D. Hoyt Wm. White Chas. Warwick L. P. D. Tilley A. B. Holly W. Gamblin H. G. Barnes W. J. Currie skip. H. McKinnon J. Robinson D. Cameron J. E. Stephenson R. Ritchie W. E. Denning D. Currie D. Lingley W. J. S. Myles skip. E. S. R. Murray skip.

LOCAL BUILDING LESS BRISK THAN IN 1917

The cumulative effect of four years of war on building activity in the city is reflected in the report for the year ending today compiled by James Carleton, building inspector. No permits were issued during this December, as compared with two of a total value of \$1,500 last December. The total value of permits issued during 1918 was \$251,230, as compared with \$381,250 for 1917, a decrease of \$129,880 for the year. During 1918 permits issued for repairs showed a total of 172, of an average value of something like \$500 each.

MACAULAY BROTHERS & CO

We Wish All A Happy New Year and Thank Them For Their Generous Support and Patronage During Past Years

As has been our custom during the past four years, our stores will close at 6 p.m. on Saturday during the months of January, February and March.

We respectfully ask that all will, as much as in their power, do their shopping before 6 o'clock on Saturday during the winter, as this gives us many the advantage of their Saturday evening. Female help when held till 10 o'clock on Saturday is no small hardship, many living a long distance from business. Trusting all who think of them will do their best to enable us to continue this closing.

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Advertisement for D. J. Barrett, 155 Union Street, featuring a child holding a '1919 Peace' sign and text: 'Here's wishing you the most happy and prosperous year in your history and may it surpass your most sanguine expectations.'

Advertisement for Oak Hall, Scovil Bros., Limited, featuring a man in a suit and text: 'An Unusual Opportunity in CUSTOM TAILORED SUITS. Men appreciate an opportunity for a clean, clear saving when Oak Hall does the tailoring.'

Advertisement for A. Ernest Everett, The House Furnisher, featuring a Chesterfield suite and text: 'Have You Noticed The 3 Piece Chesterfield Suite Now Showing? For the last few days we have been showing in our window a 3-piece Chesterfield Suite, consisting of Chair, Rocker and Chesterfield.'

Advertisement for D. Magee's Sons, Limited, featuring muskrat coats and text: 'DRASTIC MARK DOWNS For Two Days—Monday and Tuesday, December 30th and 31st. ON ALL WOMEN'S MUSKRAT COATS'