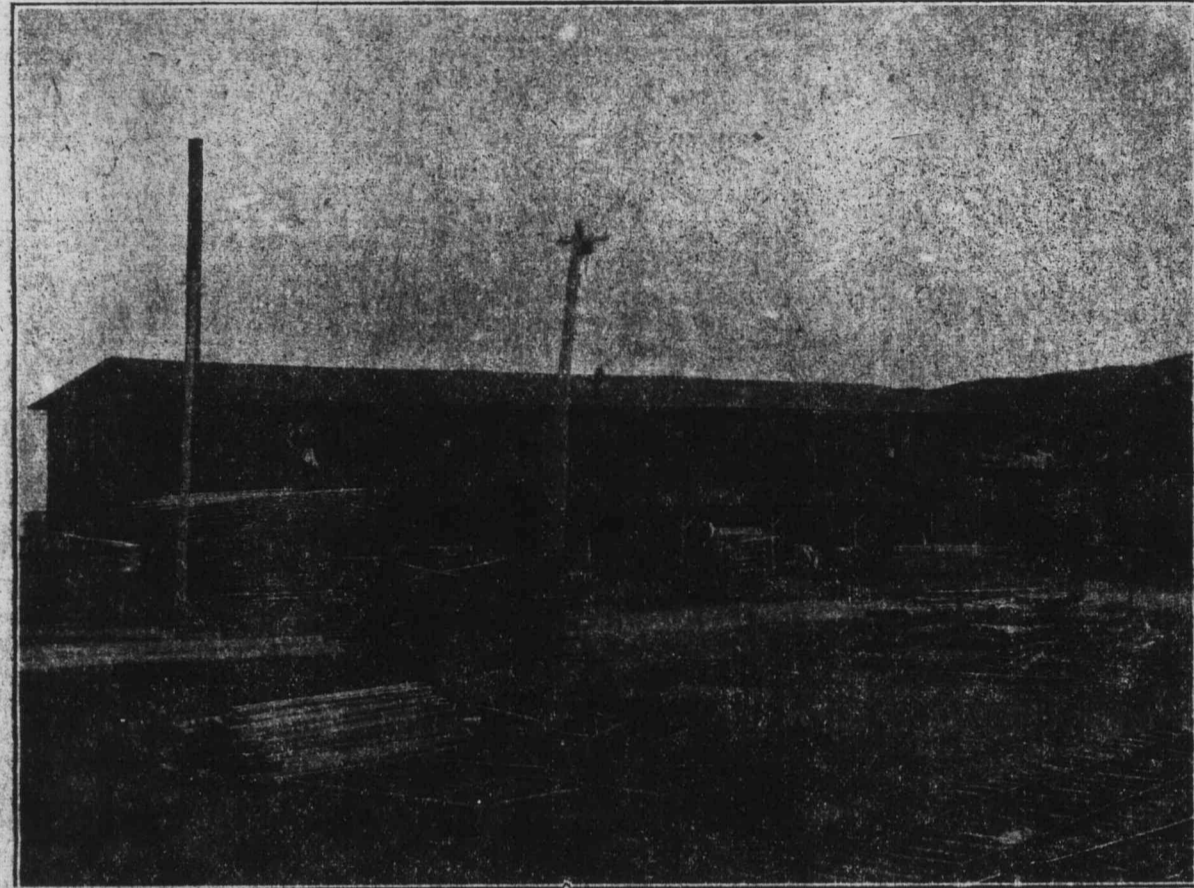


## BIG FIRE ON MONDAY

Large Wood-working Factory of Wm. Currie & Co. Ltd.,  
Burned to the Ground.

BUILDINGS AND STOCK PARTIALLY INSURED. BUSINESS SOLD OUT  
TO MESSRS. J. & D. A. HARQUAIL.



THE FACTORY AS IT STOOD BEFORE THE FIRE.

Shortly before two o'clock on Monday morning, the night watch man at Wm Currie & Co's wood-working establishment, discovered fire in the west end of the building. He immediately ran to the home of Henry Currie, brother of the head of the firm, and informed him of the situation. Mr Currie hastily ran down stairs to the telephone and tried to get central office. After what appeared to be hours but must have in reality only been a few minutes, the welcome "Hello" from central was heard and connection made with the electric light station, and at last the alarm was sounded. When Mr Currie had hastily donned his clothing and arrived at the factory the fire was then blazing briskly along about thirty feet of the front of the building from the west end. An effort was made to secure the counter and order blanks from the office desks. The office was in the southeast corner of the building, and so rapidly did the fire spread that before entrance could be effected through a window, which had been battered in, the flames were upon them and the effort had to be abandoned. Of course the ledgers and other books were securely locked in the office safe. Meanwhile the fire department were coming and the flames were spreading with surprising rapidity, so much so, in fact, that it seemed a long time before the fire department had accomplished their mile run to the scene, by that time the main building and

stock shed to the east were a mass of flames and all hopes of saving them were given up. In the rear of the main building the engine and boiler house and the dry house were also in flames and some of the lumber piles. One or two small piles to the west of the factory were the first to be destroyed, while the firemen gave battle to the flames at the lumber piles in the rear and on the east side. At first the wind was blowing from the west, right in the direction of one of the largest piles. One stream of water was poured upon this pile with the hope of checking the course of the flames with good result. Then the wind veered round to the southeast with the result that the lumber in the rear of the building was placed in danger of being consumed. Here one stream had been trying to check flames which had got fairly well started in three or four small piles and a second stream was brought into play, with the result that after a fight of about four hours the fire had been checked, only the first row of lumber piles being destroyed.

It was a bitterly cold morning and the task of the firemen was no sinecure, the hose and lumber being covered with ice. The extent of the damage is in the vicinity of \$50,000. Besides the stock in the factory in course of manufacture, the dry house was filled with rough lumber and the stock warehouse with finished lumber, in addition to the stock of hardware, glass and paint in another room.

The total insurance amounted to \$24,000, 19,000 of which was on the factory, \$5,000 on the stock in the yard.

All the tools of the workmen were destroyed, among them being some very valuable sets.

This is the second fire the company have suffered during the last five months, their Eel River mill being burned in September last, on which there was no insurance.

After the fire had been gotten under control the firemen were taken to the residence of Mr Henry Currie where hot lunch was served, which proved very refreshing after their hard work.

Messrs Wm Currie & Co Ltd., after carefully considering the matter, have concluded that one wood-working factory is quite sufficient for the needs of the Town of Campbellton and surrounding country and have therefore sold out what is left of this branch of their business to Messrs J. & D. A. Harquail.

About forty hands were employ-

ed in the factory all the year and in the busy season considerably more, so that the loss will be keenly felt.

### SCHOOLS CLOSE

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fuel would also be effected thereby. A fire gong was also installed and fire drill established in the school, and 400 children have repeatedly marshalled out of the building in splendid order inside of 45 seconds. In case of an actual fire the result of this drilling cannot be overestimated.

Reference was also made to the resignations of Miss Richards and Miss Wetmore. While we regret resignations of competent teachers, the policy of the Board has always been to fill the vacancies by the best material available.

Miss Ida DeBoo, who holds a Superior Class License and is a B. A. of the University of New Brunswick, will succeed Miss Richards, while Miss Marjory Mair, a graduate of the Manual Training School at Fredericton, and who is recommended by Prof Kivner, is engaged to succeed Miss Wetmore. A new department has been opened to relieve the congestion in the higher grades. He referred to the objections to holding public examinations in the forenoon, when it is so difficult, especially for women (who by the way are the best attendants at school examinations) to attend, and promised that the experiment of an afternoon examination may be in order in future.

Rev Dr. Carr spoke briefly, complimenting teachers and pupils on their progress. He said he always endeavoured to be present at school examinations, even when a sacrifice had to be made, therefore, as on the present occasion. He was proud of our Town Schools and was in deep sympathy with the Manual Training work.

Rev Mr Thomas said he always felt an interest in Education in Campbellton, and now wished to emphasize his interest by offering a five dollar gold piece for competitors, under conditions to be subsequently decided upon after consultation with the Principal.

Rev Mr. Coleman, who is always a present number at School examinations, complimented the School Board, teachers and pupils on the facilities for an education which now prevails, and urged upon the pupils to take every advantage of their opportunities and wished all an enjoyable holiday season.

Mr H. F. McLachy, M. P., was pleased to be present and to congratulate teachers and pupils on their progress. He was proud of our school system which was progressive in every respect. He was sorry to see good teachers resigning, and believed that we had as good a staff of teachers as could be obtained. He had a personal interest in Miss Richard's Depart-

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A Very Happy  
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Prices will be Away Down  
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DALHOUSIE, N. B.

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## New Jewelry Store

For Dalhousie.

I wish to inform the people of Dalhousie and vicinity that I have opened up a Jewelry Store  
in the **Arseneau Block.**

Repairing in all its branches promptly and carefully attended to.

P. H. EATON.

all the young men have left. We all wish to see their merry faces soon again.

Miss Minnie Mahoney of Bartibog is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Lizzie Revins while out skating a few days ago, fell, and sprained her ankle at Tracadie where she was taken to the hospital there where she was attended on by Dr. Smith.

Mr John Hayden and James Robert son of Pokemouche has left recently for Montreal to spend Christmas with their friends.

Mr Richard Welsh passed through South River yesterday on his way to Tracadie. He may call on his way back.

Howard Sutherland intends giving up house keeping, and he is going South for the benefit of his health.

WANTED—Teacher for the next school term. A second class female to teach Maple Green School Dist No 4 Parish of Dalhousie.

John M. Campbell  
Secty to Trustees  
Maple Green  
Rest Co N. B.

## James E. Kelly,

Dealer in all kinds of  
COAL

A large stock of coal on hand at all times. Coal delivered to all parts of the town. Best quality. 11-31

Campbellton, N. B.

## Teachers Wanted

Two teachers wanted for the next School term first or second class for the advanced and primary department in Dist No 15 Parish of Bathurst Gloucester Co.

John Miller  
Prospect Hill Bathurst, N. B.

## Notice

All persons indebted to the estate of the late Hugh Miller are requested to make payment to the undersigned on or before Jan. 2, 1905.  
W. H. Miller  
Edward LeGallais | Executors  
Campbellton Nov. 30, 1904

ment, as his family was represented there. He had been at one time a teacher himself and could see the immense strides made in teaching during the past few years. He referred in complimentary terms to the work done in the Manual Training Department.

A pleasing feature of the programme was the presentation to Miss Richards and Miss Wetmore, the retiring teachers, of handsome souvenir presents, accompanied by appropriate addresses from their respective pupils, to which the recipients made suitable replies, expressive of their kindly feelings towards their pupils, and their regret at severing connection with them.

At the close of the regular programme, Mr Day, a young Englishman, who happened to be present, delighted the audience by singing two songs, which, despite the warnings of some of the speakers that the hour was getting so late and dinner time was past, took the children by storm, and elicited encore after encore until the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close with hand shaking and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### CARLETON.

Mr and Mrs Capt L. Allard are spending the holidays in Quebec and Montreal, also Mrs John Landry H. Leclere and son Polydore.

Mr H. LeBlanc who has been spending a week in Matapedia, returned home on Monday's train accompanied by his brother Napoleon of Campbellton.

Miss Albertine Martin of Dalhousie spent Xmas Day home.

The pupils of Carleton Convent are enjoying the holidays in their homes.

Mr Valmont Allard of Caracquet College, arrived home on Wednesday to spend his vacation.

here, weather being almost too cold and roads not suitable enough to enjoy a good drive.

Our popular Station Agent, Mr. Albert Allard, was the guest of his friend Mr F. Landry on Xmas Day.

Mrs L. A. Portier of Waterville, Me, arrived here last Tuesday to spend the winter with her father, Mr. Emile Allard.

Mrs Oct. LeBlanc, who has been spending three weeks at her daughter's Mrs Geo Gauthier, Matapedia, arrived home Saturday by the A. & L. S. Ry.

Mrs Aime LeBlanc is the guest of Mrs John Mill, Maria.

Mr and Mrs. H. J. E. Martin of Dalhousie, N. B., were home for Christmas, the latter remaining a week renewing old acquaintances.

A very enjoyable and amusing evening was spent at the residence of Mr Jos Boudreau, Post Master, on Monday, the 26th, where some intimate friends had gathered to enjoy themselves with the family. Amongst those present were Messrs E. Allard, And. Allan, N. LeBlanc and A. Roy of Campbellton, V. Allard, Mrs J. E. Cullen, Mrs H. J. E. Martin, Miss Leo Allard, Miss V. LeBlanc, organist. The evening was gayly spent, music and songs were the order of the evening. Miss V LeBlanc and Albert Allard were the musicians, and useless to say that they were well appreciated by those present.

### POKEMOUCHE

It is quite a while since we have seen any notes of our little village.

I think our winter must be absent. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs William P Hayden on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy. Times are dull around here since