

## LOCAL NEWS

## THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 17.—Maritime: Strong breezes to moderate gales southeasterly shifting to westerly, snow and rain.

## Cost Him \$5.

One drunk arrested yesterday by Chief Winter was released upon making a deposit of \$5.

## New Collector on Duty.

Mr. L. C. Macnutt has been sworn in as collector of customs of this port and entered upon his duties this morning.

## An Arrival.

Mr. Albert Boddington, of the Waverley Hotel staff, is being congratulated upon the arrival of a baby girl at his home.

## Daughters of the Empire.

The Provincial Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, will meet with Miss Sterling, Brunswick street, on Thursday evening, March 18, at 8 o'clock.

## Ball at Easter.

It is understood that the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedie contemplate entertaining at a ball at the Legislative buildings Easter week.

## Gibson Company Stores.

The directors of the Alexander Gibson Company are to meet this afternoon to decide what will be done about selling out their stores at Marysville and Blackville.

## The Chief Assessor.

Mr. James Farrell was sworn in as Chief Assessor at City Hall at ten o'clock this morning before Mayor Chestnut, and has already entered upon his duties. New furniture for the assessors' office will be provided.

## Death at Gibson.

The death occurred last night at the home of his parents at Gibson last evening of Mr. William Bleakney, aged 26 years, after a lingering illness of consumption. Besides his parents, three brothers and two sisters survive. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 p.m. Rev. Mr. Wilson will conduct the services and interment will be made at the Sunny Bank cemetery. Mr. John G. Adams being the undertaker in charge.

## St. John Valley Railway.

A conference is being held here this afternoon with representatives of the Boards of Trade of St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock and Centreville attending to formulate a plan of action in the fight for a railway down the valley of the St. John. President W. E. Foster of the St. John Board of Trade is at the head of the Winter Port city's delegation, while B. Frank Smith, ex-M.P.P., Dr. Peppers, F. D. Tweedie and others are here representing the Centreville Board of Trade.

## Died To-day.

The death occurred at noon to-day after a lingering illness of Mrs. Thos. Smith, at her home on Needham street. Deceased, who was 64 years of age, had suffered from heart trouble. Besides her husband, two sons, Elijah and Edward, both of whom reside at home, and two daughters, Mrs. Briggs of Victoria Mills and Miss Sarah, at home, survive. The funeral will leave the house on Friday at 2 p.m. Canon Cowie will conduct the services and interment will be made at the Rural cemetery, Mr. J. A. McAdam being the undertaker in charge.

## Provincial Government.

At the meeting of the Provincial Government this morning Mr. C. A. Duff Miller, agent general at London, was heard regarding organization for immigration work. He made a number of suggestions to the government which will not be given out at the present time. Mr. George W. Fowler, ex-M.P., also appeared before the government this morning. This afternoon another session is being held when representatives of the Canadian and American companies organized to harness the Grand Falls will be heard. Col. McLean, M. P., and Mr. F. R. Taylor, of St. John, will appear on behalf of the company in which Sir William Van Horne and others are interested, and Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., will appear with Mr. C. F. Sanford of St. John, and Mr. Harry McLaughlin and Mr. A. L. Shaw, of New York, who represent the American companies. There is a bitter fight in progress for the possession of the franchise, which is felt to be most valuable.

## Don't Paint the Floors

It seems that the womenfolk have been right all along in their prejudice against painted floors and their preference for polished hardwood. The doctors say now that any painted floor catches and holds dust about as badly as a carpet and dust is known to be the vehicle of many diseases and therefore a menace to health, especially during winter. Dust can be practically excluded from any room, however, by coating the floors with Floorglaze, an ideal floor-finish which gives indoor or outdoor woodwork a beautiful, durable and glossy surface, in any of ten handsome shades. A floor finished with Floorglaze cannot harbor nor hide dust and can be washed thoroughly clean in a very few minutes.



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## BELVEA SAYS HE MADE MISTAKES

Scott Act Witness Charged With Perjury Says He Was at Millville Jan. 1st--Others Say Not.

The sensation of the trial of R. N. Belyea, the Scott Act spotter, charged with perjury, was sprung this morning in the County Court, when Belyea was called to the stand in his own behalf. He was first of all examined by his lawyer, Mr. P. A. Guthrie, and afterwards was given a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. R. B. Hanson, the crown prosecutor.

Belyea acknowledged that he had not been at Millville on January 2nd, as he stated in his evidence, but his story was that he made a mistake in the date and that it was on January 1st that he was there. Mr. Harold Walker, of the Royal Bank of Canada, this city, was called to the stand and gave evidence that he had been at the Millville Hotel when Belyea had just stated he was there on January 1st and that he did not see him there that day at the hour Belyea said he was there.

During his cross-examination Belyea was asked as to how many cases he got evidence in in the county from December 22nd until January 4th, when he was working for Scott Act Inspector McFarlane, and said that it was twenty-one, but when he named them over individually it was later found that there were twenty-three.

Belyea said he had made a mistake in charging two cases against John Delahy, of Springhill, on December 29th.

Belyea also stated that he was in this city on the night of the 24th of December and while the register from the Lorne Hotel shown in the Police Court did not show him to have signed Ralph Brown on that day he was positive that he signed the register early on the morning of December 25th.

Yesterday afternoon Belyea pleaded not guilty to the charge of perjury and the witnesses examined yesterday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodlands, Miss Good and Ernie Patterson. To-day David Coulthard and Scott Act Inspector McFarlane were examined before Belyea was brought on.

The jury in the case is as follows: F. W. Clements, S. B. Hatheway, James Horncastle, H. T. Smith, John Buchanan, Balfour Hill, Dell McKnight, John Greer, John Burnett, George Pughman, W. Gilman, and Isaac Peabody.

The case is going on again this afternoon and will go to the jury probably before 5 o'clock.

## The Local Delegates.

Mr. L. W. Johnston and Mr. J. W. Spurden are in St. John attending the annual gathering of the General Board of the Canadian Bible Society, which consists of representatives of all the Auxiliaries in the Dominion and Newfoundland. Mr. Spurden represents our local society, while Mr. Johnston is a member of the Executive Committee of the C. B. S. About forty representatives annually gather at these meetings, which in previous years have been held in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and London.

Mrs. E. A. Burden and daughter Thelma, and Mrs. Dr. McLean, Woodstock, are visiting Mrs. H. Woods, King street.

## ST. STEPHEN FIRM GET \$40,000 JOB

Joseph McVay & Son to Complete Substructure of Fredericton Bridge--Total Cost \$275,000.

Hon. John Morrissey, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, this afternoon awarded the contract for the completion of the masonry substructure of the Fredericton highway bridge.

The contract goes to Joseph McVay & Son, of St. Stephen, and calls for the building of three masonry piers and a new stone abutment and embankment at the St. Mary's end of the bridge. The work is to be completed by February 1st, 1910, so that the superstructure can be placed to have the entire bridge of steel by the opening of navigation in the spring of next year.

The contract price for the work, for which about half a dozen contracting firms tendered, including some firms now handling work on the G. T. P., is about \$40,000. The building of the complete substructure of the bridge, which spans the St. John river at this point will, therefore, be between \$120,000 and \$125,000.

The superstructure for the entire bridge will cost between \$125,000 and \$150,000 more, making the total cost of the bridge when completed about \$275,000.

The contractors in charge of the present work on the bridge are making good progress and it will, no doubt, be ready for crossing within the contract time, which is April 1st.

## Change of Programme at Unique.

The Unique management have succeeded in securing a splendid set of pictures for to-night. They are as follows: "The Sergeant's Stripes," "A Pretty Little Milliner," "The Worm Will Turn," and "The Girl of the Old Mill." The last two named are feature subjects, and abound in beautiful scenery and exciting incidents. Mrs. Louise Tufts made many friends by her splendid singing last night. She will be heard to-night in a new song entitled Mary Blaise.

## Professional.

Dr. A. Pierce Crockett, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Queen Hotel on Saturday of this week where he may be consulted professionally.

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