

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Jan. 11.—(Special)—In the midst of a blinding snow storm, the Fredericton firemen had an hour's battle with a fire in the two-story rooming house building in Carleton street tonight.

About 10.30 o'clock fire was found in the D. O. C.'s office and it quickly spread across the building to Col. Wadmore's office and up the unplastered walls to the soldiers' library and recreation room where, among other things were 700 volumes constituting the library, and a billiard table. Up there the flames licked their way, finally bursting through the roof.

The fire burned fiercely and gave the brigade a good battle, but they fought well and in spite of a high wind prevented spread of the flames. The building was badly gutted from top to bottom. The D. O. C.'s papers were all lost, but those in Col. Wadmore's room were saved.

A coal fire was kept over Sunday in the D. O. C.'s office and it is supposed this started the blaze. A soldier named Porter was in the office at 5 o'clock this afternoon to fix the fire, but noticed nothing wrong there.

The buildings are the property of the government and are insured. The loss in the soldiers' recreation room is estimated at \$1,000 and the total loss at \$2,500 to \$3,000.

The unexpected death of Mrs. Rainsford, wife of Robert H. Rainsford, market clerk, occurred here last evening. She had been around the house for some time in her usual good health and about 9 o'clock was taken ill and died before a physician could reach her. She was 68 years of age, and leaves no descendants.

MONCTON.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 11.—(Special)—Two young men named Albert Ralfe, of Halifax, and Fred Laing, of St. John, are under arrest here charged with robbing Geo. McKnight of Oxford, of \$40. McKnight claims to have been relieved of his money a couple of weeks ago at a Moncton hotel. The two men were in custody when they were arrested.

Wm. Cushing, arrested a week ago on the same charge, was discharged, as charges against him were withdrawn by McKnight. Ralfe and Laing deny completely the alleged robbery. They will likely have a preliminary examination tomorrow.

Sussex, Jan. 9.—The Fluke Jubilee Singers, under the management of J. C. Fowler, gave an entertainment in the Oddfellows Hall last night. It was well attended and was pronounced all right. The company will give a concert tomorrow night in the Baptist church on Church street. They will also sing at the church Sunday at morning and evening services.

Mrs. R. D. Boal, was taken seriously ill yesterday. She is now recovering. Sussex, N. B., Jan. 10.—W. Stockton sold today at auction, in front of the Dominion Building, under power of mortgage, a farm containing 300 acres, situated at Bloomfield, in the parish of Norton. The farm was known as the Joseph F. Antchell property. It was knocked down to James Hodgkins for \$470. The 400-acre farm was returned from a business trip on P. E. Island.

S. Starkey, of Cady's, Queens county, was in Sussex today. Sussex, N. B., Jan. 12.—Mrs. L. Allison and J. E. Murray returned from New York Saturday evening. It is authoritatively stated that Mr. Allison's body will be brought home, but what steamer it will come on is not yet known.

Mrs. M. C. Brown, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. William Broad, at St. John, came home Saturday night. She is a member of the Empire and American Tobacco Companies, will leave tonight for the North Shore. Mr. Harnett has just returned from Montreal. He was in the company of the company at a banquet given to their 56 travelers at the Windsor Hotel.

WHITE'S COVE.

White's Cove, N. B., Jan. 10.—The weather for the past few days has been very cold, the thermometer registering 10 below zero this morning. The roads are in excellent condition for travel and those having hay on the intervals are taking advantage of the same to get it home.

Doctor Boyten, principal of the Ladies' College, spent a few days of the vacation in Montreal. During the vacation Herbert Passey, 20, was ill with the mumps. He has recovered and is again able to come out of doors.

Benjamin Russell, M. A., D. C. L., Mr. Allison, 68, of P. E. Island, county, of the faculty of Dalhousie Law School, was in Sackville over Sunday, accompanied by his three sons. The boys will attend the academy here.

Hugh A. Harris, son of Hon. L. P. Harris, who is attending Acadia University, is spending his Christmas vacation, returned to his student Monday last.

Miss Mary Orchard and Miss Leah Kennedy, who spent their vacation home locally, having for their guests, the former to the primary department of the Chatham Superior School, and the latter to Robesay, Kings county.

Chatham, Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the O. M. E. A. on Wednesday evening, the following officers were installed by G. Hokey, chancellor: James F. O'Connor, president; Ed. McMahon, 1st vice-president; Ed. Barry, 2nd vice-president; James F. O'Connor, 1st secretary; Wm. N. Walsh, financial secretary; Cassidy, Jr., treasurer; Thos. Fitzpatrick, J. M. Scott, J. Joyner and E. A. Murdoch, trustees.

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There are several cases of diphtheria at Flint Hill, parish of Elgin. Dr. L. Chapman, of Albert, is in attendance. Mariner Smith, who has spent the last four months in Halifax (Mass.), returned to his home here yesterday.

Lawrence M. Colpitts and his friend Thomas Lewin, left Friday to resume their studies at Sackville.

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At the regular meeting of Lodge No. 45, I. O. O. F., held Thursday evening, the following officers were installed by District Deputy Fieger: J. L. Stewart (P. G.), G. M. N. G.; A. W. Watters (P. G.), V. G.; J. B. Bell (P. G.), secretary; H. Mansueti (P. G.), treasurer; A. McLennan (P. G.), ward one; J. H. Abbott (P. G.), ward two; J. K. Fraser, ward three.

Major Black, who accepted the office upon the resignation of Mr. Stuart, did so with the understanding that he would be elected again without opposition. It now seems probable, however, that Major Black may not be given the position by the voters. The name of W. E. Bligh, of Bligh & Prince, and Dr. J. H. McKay have been mentioned in this connection, but no decided move has as yet been made.

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MARKET REPORTS.

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