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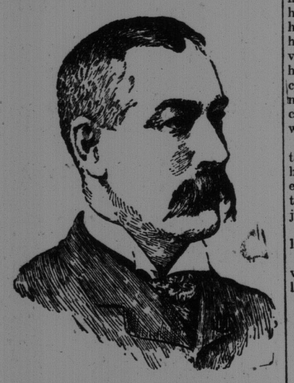
LOVING CUP FOR CHIEF KERR ON ANNIVERSARY

Big Gathering of Firemen, City Officials, and Others in Honor of Silver Jubilee of Head of the St. John Fire Department---A Happy Celebration.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the appointment of John Kerr as chief of the St. John fire department, which took place in No. 1 hook and ladder house Wednesday, will long be remembered as one of the happiest reunions held in this city. A magnificent silver loving cup and an address were presented to the guest of the evening, and the tenor of the speeches showed that the chief is held in high esteem.

The mayor, the deputy mayor, Ald. Vanwart, chairman of the safety board; Ald. Bullock, McGoldrick, Lewis, Lantalum, Pickett and Sproul were present as representing the common council. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P.; Hon. R. J. Ritchie and other well known citizens also attended . In addition to every corps in the city being fully represented, including the two salvage corps, members of the Fairville brigade also took part in the celebration.



Chief Kerr, Head of Fire Department.

The following veterans of the fire department were also present: Robert Jackson, John Jackson, A. J. Stewart, W. Barlow, James Dinsmore, W. H. Brown, John Lelacheur, Andrew McNichol, Wm. Reid and Robert Boyer.

The room in which the festivities took place carried on its walls relics of many a fight with the flames. It was filled to its utmost capacity, many people being forced to stand in the doorway and hallway. The fire department orchestra rendered an excellent programme of music, and the speeches were interspersed with songs and dancing. The band of the 62nd Regiment paid a surprise visit during the proceedings and gave a selection in honor of the occasion and the principal guest.

The Chief Welcomed.

Chas. F. Brown, district engineer of the North End, occupied the chair at the opening of the proceedings, and in a few well chosen words announced the object of the meeting. Mr. Brown's closing remarks were drowned by a burst of cheering as Chief Kerr, led in by R. W. W. Frink, captain of No. 1 Salvage Corps, entered the room and was conducted to a seat beside the chairman.

The mayor then rose and addressed the meeting as follows: "Captains and men of the salvage corps and fire police, engineers and men of the fire department of our city: I am here tonight in my capacity as chief magistrate of St. John with the members of the council to join with you in honoring your chief, and it affords me pleasure and infinite satisfaction to be placed in the position your courtesy has chosen for me on this occasion. When, after a faithful service in the department of a quarter of a century we find Chief Kerr has, in bringing his charge through many difficult places, his department in such a state of efficiency.

"You who have associated with the chief know him best. His weaknesses are all exposed. His strength is in his personalty and the knowledge we hold that his best wishes are for the improvement of his department, the welfare of his companions in service, and the safety and protection in the fullest degree possible of the property of the citizens and the promotion of all that tends to further that end."

His worship's remarks were received with cheers.

Mr. Brown then called Ald. Vanwart, chairman of the safety board, to preside. Before taking his seat the chairman said it afforded him great pleasure to be present. He was sure such a record of faithful service as Chief Kerr held had never been equalled in the city. In all ways he had acted to the best of his knowledge and judgment. He had much pleasure in calling upon the mayor to make the presentation.

Presentation.

The mayor read the address as follows:

John Kerr, K. C., Esquire, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, City of St. John, N. B.:

Dear Chief,—This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of your appointment to the office of chief engineer of the fire department of this city and the officers and members of the department and the officers and members of the salvage corps and fire police cannot allow such an interesting silver jubilee to pass by without attempting to give expression to their appreciation of the zeal, energy and ability which you have brought to the discharge of the onerous duties of your important office. Your hearty kindness, gentlemanly conduct, firmness and impartiality have won the regard of your officers and men and commanded the respect of all your fellow citizens.

For the "Chief," the universal behest is,—"Ever beloved, and loving, may his rule be, And when Old Time shall lead him to his end, Goodness and he fill one monument."

As a memento of the occasion, please accept this loving cup, filled with sincerest wishes for your and Mrs. Kerr's happiness and prosperity; and remember, as you quaff its contents, that it possesses the gift of continuous replenishment, and can never be exhausted.

St. John (N. B.), Jan. 30, 1907.

Signed on behalf of the companies.

Chas. F. Brown, District Engineer.
Wm. McLeod, District Engineer.
Chas. H. Jackson, H. & L. Co. No. 1.
Wm. Howard, H. & L. Co. No. 2.
J. H. Campbell, H. & L. Co. No. 3.
Fred J. Kee, Hose Co. No. 1.
Walter S. Vaughan, Hose Co. No. 2.
Edward Evans, Hose Co. No. 3.
John Bond, Hose Co. No. 4.
Alex. Scott, Hose Co. No. 5.
J. Alfred King, Hose Co. No. 6.
R. W. W. Frink, captain Salvage Corps & Fire Police Co. No. 1.
W. H. White, captain Salvage Corps & Fire Police Co. No. 2.

With his closing words the mayor lifted a miniature Union Jack from the loving cup and handed the cup and address to the chief.

The Chief's Reply.

A tremendous reception was accorded Chief Kerr on rising to reply. Speaking with evident emotion he said he did not know how to express his thanks for the magnificent address and presentation. He could only say he wished he had the fitting words to tell them what he felt. Kind words did not belong to him. He had said hard things to some of them but he meant to do right and if he made mistakes he was always ready to help if he could.

After giving an interesting account of the events which lead up to his becoming head of the department in 1882 Chief Kerr alluded in graceful terms to the interest Mrs. Kerr had always shown in his work and the pleasure she would derive from reading the address. He alluded to the members of the old brigade with whom he had worked and expressed the hope that he had the best wishes of those who had left the service.

To the men under his command, he did not know what to say. Without their aid he could have done nothing. They could hold their own anywhere for they knew how to handle fires. Referring to the Salvage Corps, Chief Kerr mentioned that he had the honor of founding the first in the city. There were no better set of gentlemen than the present members of the two corps to be found anywhere today. They were always willing to take hold and help.

As to the press they hit him hard at times but they had his best wishes and he hoped that they would try and not see everything. In closing the chief again thanked those present for the testimonial just presented to him.

At the close there were loud and prolonged cheers.

The loving cup is a fine specimen of silverware and was greatly admired. The following was engraved on it:

1882. 1907.

Presented to
John Kerr, Esq.,
Chief Engineer,
On the 25th Anniversary of his appointment as Chief of the St. John Fire Department, by the officers and members of the department and salvage corps and fire police.

Jan. 30 A. D. 1907.

After a few remarks from the mayor, who was called away to keep another engagement, the fire department orchestra played a selection. The chairman read congratulatory telegrams from N. B. Stewart, chief of the Truro fire department, and from David W. Dawson, of Halifax.

Harry Ervin, secretary of the celebration committee, read letters of regret at unavoidable absence from J. McGregor Grant, John McKelvey, Shanklin Thompson, Ald. J. B. M. Baxter, Ald. Willet and others.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Ald. Tilley, the deputy mayor, Ald. McGoldrick, Ald. Bullock and Ald. Lewis.

A further selection by the orchestra was followed by a recitation entitled "Canadian Born," which was given with great effect by A. W. Baird.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie, after alluding in terms of praise to the note of patriotism in the recitation of Mr. Baird, spoke of his early practice at the bar with Chief Kerr. It was strange, he said, that while some people thought both he, and Mr. Kerr were hot headed, to that moment there had never been a word of difference between them. His honor referred in humorous vein to a recent request of his being granted by the common council and urged his hearers to approach them as he had done when in the mood. He knew he had the name for being hard on the police but he reminded them that he had said to the safety board that they were good men and should be paid. He thought the citizens were to be congratulated not only on the police force but on the department. His honor said he heartily wished Chief Kerr long life to occupy the position he held.

A solo by F. T. McKean was followed by speeches from Ald. Lantalum and Robert Maxwell, M. P. P. The latter spoke of the progress the department had made in recent years, and eulogised the chief for the minimum loss of life which had occurred at fires in St. John. He was glad, he said, to accept the invitation to be present on such a happy occasion.

At this point the 62nd regimental band struck up with a spirited selection in the hall way. It was announced that they had called to pay a compliment to the guest of the evening.

C. Evans, an honorary member of the Halifax Salvage Corps, sang "Drinking," and as an encore, "Will ye no' come back again." His fine voice was much appreciated.

Ald. Sproul and Pickett made speeches suitable to the occasion and Joe Matthews followed with the song and dance, "Teaching McFadden to Walse."

More Than Half Century in Service.

William McLeod, the west side district engineer, who had been fifty-four years in the service, said a few words expressive of his pleasure at being present. He would sooner, he said, put out a fire than make a speech.

Mr. Matthews sang "The Water Melon Smiling on the Vine," and in response to repeated demands Ald. McGoldrick gave a step dance which, as he would have expressed it, showed that he could still deliver the goods.

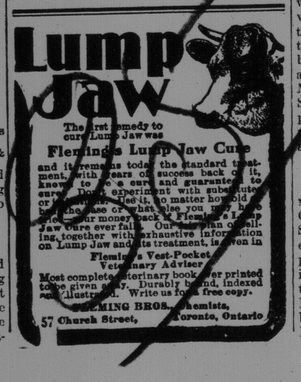
J. P. McAndrews sang the Union Jack of Old England, in which the audience heartily joined in the chorus.

A Winchester gave "My Dudeen" in excelent style and Mr. McMurray sang reminescences of the Paris Crew.

Richard Parr, special agent of the United States treasury department, was one of the guests of the evening, and made a happy speech.

The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the gentlemen who had entertained and to the orchestra which had given excellent service.

Color Sergt. E. A. Wetmore, 84 Exmouth street, for twenty years a member of the 62nd Regiment, is one of the winners of the best shot badge for 1906, according to a despatch from Ottawa.



Y. M. C. A. MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE

Order Plans for New Building Completed and Tenders Called

LOCATION ON SITE DECIDED UPON

Building Will Face Carnegie Library—Interesting Talk With D. A. Budge, General Secretary in Montreal, Who is Here.

It was decided by a unanimous vote of the board of management and trustees of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday to place the new Y. M. C. A. building in the centre of the association's lot. It will face Hazen avenue and the front will be directly opposite the Carnegie Library and about fifteen feet back from the street line.

A resolution was passed instructing the architect to at once complete the plans and prepare specifications and call for tenders.

D. A. Budge, general secretary of the association at Montreal, and one of the leading Y. M. C. A. men in the dominion, was present, having come in response to an invitation wired by L. P. D. Tilley, the local president. Mr. Budge lent his experience to the work in hand and he also prepared for the meeting cheering estimates of the probable receipts and expenditures in operating the association's work in the new building.

Mr. Tilley announced that at the meeting $500 had been paid in on account of the outstanding subscriptions and an active campaign to gather in all outstanding sums will be begun at once. Mr. Tilley's office will be opened each Tuesday night to receive sums subscribed.

Talk With Mr. Budge.

In an interview Mr. Budge told a Telegraph reporter that the work had taken on a new character on account of the formation of a Canadian section of the International committee, which was composed of seven members—three in Montreal, two in Toronto and one in Winnipeg. A meeting of the committee was held in Montreal on Jan. 4 to outline a policy for the Y. M. C. A. thoughout Canada during the ensuing year. It was felt by means of this committee better general results in relation to the American work could be gained. Heretofore Canada had been looked upon from a Y. M. C. A. standpoint by the national body as more like a state in the union. Now it would be broader and a group of influential Canadian business men.

W. J. Southam was now giving his entire time developing the religious work of the association in this section and George Irving had just completed a tour of the colleges of the provinces. The section were planning to strengthen the whole Canadian field and to give particular attention to the Northwest where new buildings were to result from a special effort. Moosejaw, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary, Mr. Budge mentioned, were all arranging to have buildings erected costing about $75,000 each. In Regina in twenty-one days $61,500 was raised, three men giving $5,000 each, and the whole contribution came from a city of not more than 12,000 people.

"In Montreal," Mr. Budge said, "we are outlining a policy for placing a new branch in the east end and we have given an option on our principal building until April 1 to a syndicate proposing to erect a $3,000,000 hotel on that and adjoining sites. If this goes to completion we will erect near by a building double the size of our present one and, besides the usual equipment, will have 150 rooms for young men. This will give us four centres in Montreal where Y. M. C. A. work is going on."

Mr. Budge told of a visit last summer to Australia and New Zealand in the interests of the work. He found the work had made no headway in fifty years and conditions surrounding the association buildings were very needy indeed. The temptations to young men were many in those lands and there was a great work to do. As a result of his visit five cities are to have new Y. M. C. A. buildings which should be ready in the next eighteen months and will represent a sum of $370,000 which has been subscribed.

WEDDINGS

Warren-Keating.

The marriage of Miss Fannie F. Keating, of Bristol (Eng.), to Hiram B. Warren, of this city, took place on Thursday last at the residence of W. J. Souther, Ann street, Rev. R. P. McKim, rector of St. Luke's, officiating. The bride was attired in a traveling suit of brown. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served, and the happy couple were the recipients of numerous wedding gifts.

McConaghey-Matthews.

The marriage of F. J. McConaghey to Miss Nellie Ethel Matthews, daughter of John Matthews, of this city, took place in Winnipeg on Jan. 19. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Sparling, of Grace Methodist church. The bride and groom were both formerly residents of this city. They will reside at 190 Donald street, Winnipeg.

Etherington—Holstead

Moncton, Jan. 30.—An interesting wedding event took place at 10 o'clock this morning in the Central Methodist church, when Miss Elizabeth Maud Holstead was married to John Etherington, lumber merchant, of Shelburne (N. S.) Rev. James Strothard performed the ceremony in the presence of only immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties, and the couple were unattended. The bride was charmingly gowned in blue broadcloth with blue marabout furs, champagne hat trimmed with American beauty roses. At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home and Mr. and Mrs. Etherington left on the Maritime Express for a trip through Nova Scotia. There were many costly wedding presents. The groom's gift to the bride was a necklace of diamonds and acquamarines.

Sutherland-Battersby.

Miss Alice Bertha Battersby was married in Trinity church last Wednesday to George Austin Sutherland, son of Thomas Sutherland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. B. Stewart, in the presence of a small gathering of the most intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The groomsman was O. Hamm, and Miss Battersby, sister of the bride, officiated as bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland will reside in Brookville.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Charles Taylor.

Mrs. Katherine Taylor, widow of Chas. Taylor, died early Wednesday after a lingering illness from a complication of diseases. She was aged seventy years. Deceased, who was a native of England, had been in this country a great many years. Her husband died more than thirty years ago. Three sons and two daughters survive. They are William C., of this city; James, of Fredericton; Stephen, of New York; Annie, who lives at home, and Mrs. John Parlee, of this city.

James Sullivan.

Word of the death of James Sullivan, formerly of this city, but lately of Boston, has been received. Mr. Sullivan was about sixty years of age. His death was sudden. His wife was Miss Mary Hayes, of St. John.

Reuben I. Hart, Halifax, Dead.

Halifax, Jan. 29—(Special)—Reuben I. Hart, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Halifax, died shortly before midnight. Mr. Hart took a weak turn Sunday night which resembled paralysis and he gradually became weaker till death came tonight.

He came here from Guysboro sixty years ago and went into business, in which he was very successful, amassing a considerable fortune. He leaves one son, George R. Hart. Levi Hart, a younger brother, is the only survivor now of a family of ten children. Reuben I. Hart was 86 years of age.

Mrs. G. G. King

Fredericton, Jan. 30—(Special)—Word of the death of Mrs. G. G. King, wife of Senator King, of Chipman, was received here today by Mrs. Benjamin Coburn, sister-in-law of the deceased. Mrs. King passed away at her home in Chipman, the cause of death being heart failure. No further particulars are given.

Mrs. King came to St. John a few weeks ago on her way to Andover to be present at the wedding of her son, Dr. J. H. King, M. P. P., of Cranbrook. She became ill while in the city and was not able to attend the wedding and returned to her home in Chipman. She had not been in good health since, nevertheless the sad news of her death was entirely unexpected. Senator King is in Ottawa attending to the business of the senate. Widespread sympathy will be extended to him and his family in their sudden bereavement.

Mrs. King was Miss Briggs, of Salmon River, and was about seventy years of age. She was a woman of sterling character and large sympathies with many friends all over the province and a very wide circle of acquaintances. She was active in the work of the Baptist church and lent herself heartily to the aims and objects of the W. C. T. U. In these activities she attended many conventions, representing her district in gatherings of a provincial scope.

Besides her husband, Mrs. King leaves two daughters—Mrs. R. D. Richardson and Mrs. E. E. Crandall, of Chipman—and four sons—Dr. James H. King, M. P. P. of Cranbrook; E. W. King, of the King Lumber Company, at home; Malcolm King, head of the King Lumber Company at Cranbrook, and Dr. Fred King, a leading dentist of Cranbrook.

Mrs. Alexander Roulston, White Head.

The death of Mrs. Jane Roulston (formerly Miss McGaw), wife of Postmaster Alexander Roulston, aged something more than eighty years, occurred at White Head, Kings county, on Jan. 26. About half a century ago she was a member of the household of Julius Y. Dewey, of Montpelier, Vermont, father of the present Admiral Dewey. He was then a youth, in college, and Mrs. Roulston used to tell many stories of his precocity and peculiarities.

Mr. and Mrs. Roulston were married more than forty years ago, and were childless. All their married life they spent on the farm, which Mr. Roulston inherited from his father. Mrs. Roulston was a practical woman, an able assistant to her husband in the management of his affairs, and an obliging neighbor.

Mrs. Roulston leaves several nephews and nieces at White Head and White's Mills, and Mr. Roulston's friends and relatives in St. John and elsewhere will hear of his affliction with deep regret.

John McPherson.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 30—(Special). — John MacPherson, one of Fredericton's best known citizens, died quite unexpectedly at the residence of his son-in-law, Willard Kitchen, this morning.

He had been confined to his home only a few days from an attack of la grippe, but complications developed on Monday resulting in his death.

The deceased was a native of Tay Creek, and was about sixty-four years of age. He came to the city when a young man and has since resided here.

For many years he carried on a grocery and provision trade, but of late years he was engaged in the livery stable business.

He also had an office on Westmorland street, and did business as a broker and private banker.

The deceased represented Wellington ward as alderman for twenty-five years prior to 1897, and was at one time a strong force in civic politics. He was a man of good ability and most genial manner, and his circle of friends was a very large one. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Willard Kitchen, and two sisters, Mrs. John Neill of Gibson, mother of James S. Neill, merchant of this city, and Mrs. Mary A. Sinclair of Bangor.

The deceased was a Forester, Orangeman and a member of St. Andrew's Society.

William Grey.

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 30—(Special)—William Grey died at his home this morning. The deceased fell on the sidewalk about three weeks ago and never rallied from the shock to his system. He was 77 years old and was twice married, his first wife being Miss McLaughlin of Newcastle and his second Mrs. McNeil. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. A. F. Bentley, of St. Martins, Miss Nellie, of Council Bluffs, Miss Eliza, of Boston, and Miss Ella, of Chatham.

Mrs. Duncan McLean

At the Range, Queens county, (N. B.), Jan. 24, Mrs. Rebecca, wife of Duncan McLean, passed away after a brief illness of two hours. She had been in her usual health until about two hours before her death. The funeral was held on January 27 at the Baptist church, the Range. Pastor J. H. Puddington conducted the service, which was very largely attended. Six sons and one daughter and a hausband survive. The sons are Manning, Frank, and John, of the Range, Queens county; Howard, of Lincoln (N. H.); Lemont, of Boston (Mass.), and Captain Bard C., of St. John (N. B.) The daughter, Miss Addie, is at the home. Mrs. McLean was seventy years and five months old.

John Cusick.

John Cusick, a well-known resident of Carleton, died Thursday night at the home of his nephew, John Cusick, 25 Winslow street. He had been ailing for some time. Mr. Cusick for a number of years worked for the city corporation. He is survived by one brother, William; and one sister, Mrs. Honora McCarthy, of Portland (Me.)

Mrs. Peter McMain.

Mrs. Jane Hester McMain, wife of Peter McMain, of 23 Delhi street, died Thursday night, after a brief but severe illness, which she bore with Christian resignation. The many friends of Mr. McMain will hear of his sorrowful affliction with deep regret. The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Simon O'Leary

Simon, the only surviving son of Julia and the late Daniel O'Leary, died Thursday night of consumption. He was aged thirty-six years. The death of Mr. O'Leary is surrounded by very sad circumstances. Fourteen years ago the husband and father of the family died, and since then four girls, who had just reached maturity, and two sons have all succumbed to the disease. Mrs. O'Leary's many friends will extend to her their sincerest sympathy now that she has been left so utterly alone in the world.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning from Mrs. O'Leary's residence, Hilyard street.

LOCAL NEWS.

About fifty French girls from the North Shore passed through here Tuesday en route to St. Stephen, where they will work in the cotton factory.

While going down stairs in his residence on Monday, Dr. William Bayard fell and struck the back of his head, receiving a cut in which Dr. Inches found it necessary to put several stitches. His injuries are not serious.

It is now announced that Capt. F. S. Mabee will not command the river steamer Elaine the coming season. At Indiantown yesterday there were rumors of a steamer in opposition to the Elaine, but nothing definite could be learned.

General Superintendent Downie, of the C. P. R., met a delegation in Fredericton Wednesday and intimated that possibly the coming summer would see two trains daily to Montreal, connection being made with the morning Boston express from here.

Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Rev. D. Hutchinson, the officiating clergyman, Albert Edward Vradenburg and Miss Laura M. Day, both of St. John, were united in marriage. On their return after a short honeymoon the newly wedded couple will reside in this city.

Belleview Lodge, I. O. G. T., of Young's Cove Road, Queens county, have elected John Howe, C. T.; Nettie Kennedy, V. T.; Lulu Dickson, secretary; Bertha Crealock, F. S.; Frank Dickson, treasurer; S. B. Smith, marshal; Mary Irons, chaplain; L. Tower, P. C. T.; Lena McNamara, organist.

Attention is called to the advertisement of J. N. Harvey on the fourth page of this issue. He is advertising new spring cloths for men's tailoring and is offering a special discount of ten per cent. on orders left on or before the 15th inst, when this advertisement is mentioned. Samples and measurement blanks will be sent on application.

The following have been elected officers of the New Freeman Company: Thomas Kickham, president; J. H. McHugh, vice; M. E. Agar, secretary; M. McDade, managing director. All the officers are directors in addition to Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G.; J. H. Hamilton and Hon. F. J. Sweeny, of Moncton, and P. J. Quinn of this city.

As a mark of the esteem in which he was held, G. Earle Logan before he left for Saskatoon last evening was made the recipient of two handsome presents. A large number of his friends gathered at the depot and on behalf of the law students, J. A. Barry presented to Mr. Logan a valuable pipe accompanied by a flattering address. Harry Harrison, for the Borden Club, handed Mr. Logan a handsome dressing case.

Wednesday was the seventh anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. G. F. Scovil of St. Jude's church, Carleton, and it was observed by a congregational social Wednesday. An address was given by Rev. Mr. Scovil and in it he reviewed the work done in the church. A delightful programme followed, including songs by J. A. Coster, J. Olive, Miss Lena Dunlavey, Miss Helen Connor; instrumental duet by Mrs. Dunham and Miss Lawson and readings by E. R. W. Ingraham. Refreshments were enjoyed.

After falling twenty feet down a hatchway on the Allan line steamer Parisian lying at Long Wharf Wednesday afternoon, George W. Connor climbed up a ladder to the deck unaided. About 3 o'clock, as Mr. Connor was standing near the hatch, a sling of deals struck him, knocking him into the hold. He struck on the floor with great force. He was assisted to his feet by fellow workmen and is said to have at once climbed the ladder up the side of the hatchway. When he reached the top, however, he was too weak to pull himself over the hatch combing. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man was taken to his home, at 16 St. John street, West End, where Dr. W. L. Ellis attended him. Last evening he was reported to be resting fairly comfortably.

HON. G. W. ROSS' SON NOMINATED IN FATHER'S PLACE

Toronto, Jan. 31—Duncan C. Ross, barrister, of Strathroy, and son of Hon. G. W. Ross, was nominated by the Liberals of West Middlesex for the legislature today for the seat resigned by his father.

At the convention at Mount Brydges, a valedictory letter from Hon. G. W. Ross to his old constituents was read.

QUEBEC GROWERS WANT MORE DUTY ON TOBACCO

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—A delegation from Montcalm, Quebec, comprising 150, waited on the government today and asked for an increase of five cents a pound on imported tobacco and a re-arrangement of the excise. This is with a view of protecting the home grown article.

Store closes evenings at 6 o'clock. Saturdays 11 p. m.

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Men's Flannelette Nightshirts, reg. $1.25 value, at 79c each
Men's Fancy and White Nightshirts, " " at 79c each

UNION CLOTHING CO.

IT WAS THE COOK OF THE PILOT BOAT

Pilot Bennett's Identification Bears Out Telegraph's Story.

As The Telegraph announced Wednesday morning, the man who fell over the Pettingill wharf Monday evening and died early Tuesday morning in the hospital, was not E. John Rogers, of Newfoundland, but a foreigner belonging to the crew of the H. D. Troop, the same boat on which Rogers is employed.

Wednesday morning Pilot James Bennet, of the H. D. Troop, by arrangement made Tuesday night after a talk with a Telegraph reporter, went to the hospital and identified the body as that of Albert Ericson, a Swedish cook, who had been employed on board the pilot boat.

Pilot Bennett says that when Ericson was ashore on Monday he was given some letters to deliver to E. John Rogers, another of the crew. When his body was taken from the water the letters were found in his pockets and thus some came to the conclusion that Rogers was drowned.

Ericson was twenty-two years of age and unmarried. He was formerly a member of the crew of the steamer London City, and it is thought that he was looking for some old shipmates on that steamer when he fell from the wharf. He had been cook of the pilot boat for four or five months.

HIS HEAD AND FACE INJURED BY BLAST

Harry Porter Hurt on Central Railway --Brought to the Hospital Here.

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 23—(Special)—This afternoon's C. P. R. train brought from Norton a man named Harry Porter, of that place. He was terribly injured about the head and face from the effects of a blast of powder at Cody's Station while working on the Central Railway about 1.30 this afternoon.

The charge had failed to go off and while Porter was examining it, it was discharged, inflicting terrible injuries. It was about the last blast required to complete his work.

Dr. Armstrong attended to his wounds temporarily and he was taken out to the main line, accompanied by W. C. Hunter, manager of the road, and A. Stables, foreman of the gang with which the injured man worked.

He was taken to the General Public Hospital in St. John. He is a young married man with a family. His wife went to St. John this evening.

At the hospital last night it was said Porter was resting fairly comfortably but there was some fear that he might lose his sight.

GIBSON RESIDENT WHO KNEW COLLINS

A friend of Thomas Collins, sentenced to be hanged on April 25 next for the murder of Miss MacAulay in Albert county, lives in this city. William Guy, employed as an engine wiper at the I. C. R. roundhouse at Gibson, who boards at Parson's restaurant on Regent street, knew Collins well and worked with him for some time not many months ago.

On May 25 last Mr. Guy landed in Halifax. He went to Londonderry (N. S.) to work for the Montreal Iron Pipe Company, and Collins came there at about the same time from Montreal, where he had landed from England.

In speaking of Collins with a reporter for the Gleaner, Mr. Guy said that he well remembered the sensation that was caused one day when Collins joined the Salvation Army and testified as to being saved, and took part in the exercises of the open-air service.

"But I was blooming well surprised when I heard that Collins had murdered a woman. While he was wild and hot-headed, he never seemed to be a bad sort. You know, Collins was all for sport. He liked to play football and that kind of thing, and one day we had a game out in front of our boarding house. Collins has a darker complexion than the newspaper pictures of him show. You know I feel right sorry for him," said Mr. Guy, of his former companion.—Gleaner.

Clerk—You can't get a room here for that man; he's drunk.

Man (supporting a weary friend)—That's all right. What of that?

Clerk—This is a temperance hotel!.

Man—Well, he's too drunk to know the difference.—Army and Navy Life.

FATHER BURKE ON THE NORTH SHORE

Pays Visit to Father Purcell at Jacquet River on Way Home to P. E. Island from Ottawa.

Jacquet River, N. B., Jan. 30.—Rev. Father Burke, the distinguished Prince Edward Island priest, was here this week on a visit to his friend, Rev. Father Purcell. Father Burke was returning from Kingston (Ont.), where he had been attending a meeting of the executive of the C. M. B. A., of which he is a member. He spoke hopefully of the C. M. B. A. and its future and was delighted to learn that a branch of that great organization was soon to be established here.

Father Burke, who is well known throughout Canada for his ability as a public speaker and for the interest he takes in public matters generally, but particularly in those of his native island, also visited Ottawa and had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier regarding the construction of a tunnel under the Northumberland Straits so as to provide for an interrupted communication between the island and the mainland.

Last year Father Burke addressed the boards of trade in several of the cities of the upper Canadian provinces as well as the maritime provinces, advocating the construction of a tunnel under the Northumberland Straits. Everywhere he was well received and encouraged in his efforts for the good of his native province and now he feels that before long the tunnel will be constructed.

Should it be built, then the sister province of P. E. Island will ever owe a debt of gratitude to Rev. Father Burke for the great interest he has taken and the part he has played. It must be by all admitted that no one has done as much as Father Burke to bring this matter of the tunnel before the people of Canada. May his efforts for the welfare of his island province be realized.

Father Burke is interested also in agriculture and fruit growing and in this way, too, he has rendered great service. His yearly addresses at the Amherst fair are always looked for and appreciated. Forestry also interests him. At the convention of forestry in Ottawa last year his address was considered as among the best. Father Burke left for P. E. Island on Tuesday.

Rev. Father Wallace, of Campbellton, was here Monday and Tuesday the guest of Father Purcell, to meet Father Burke.

FARMERS' AND DAIRYMEN

Annual Meeting Feb. 12 and 13 in Fredericton — Fruit-Growers' Day Later.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick will be held in Fredericton Feb. 12 and 13. On the following day the third annual meeting of the N. B. Fruit Growers' Association will be held in the same place.

Attractive and interesting programmes have been prepared for both these meetings. His Worship Mayor McNally, of Fredericton, will address the farmers and dairymen on the first day of their meeting. Other speakers will be Hon. L. P. Farris, Geo. E. Baxter, of Andover; Prof. M. Cumming, principal of the Agricultural College, Truro; F. W. Hatheway, of Kingsclear (N. B.); Dr. G. M. Twitchell, of Auburn (Me.); C. F. Whitley, of the dairy division, Ottawa, and Prof. Klinck, of the McDonald Agricultural College, St. Anne de Bellevue.

The subjects chosen by the speakers at the meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association are such as will appeal to all orchardists and helpful discussions should follow the reading of the papers. Those who will take part are: Alex. McNeill, chief of the fruit division, Ottawa, and Prof. F. C. Sears, Horticulturist Agricultural College, Truro.

The provincial dairy school in Sussex will open Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Official Notice

(Washington Star).

This letter was received at the post office department and sent to the postmaster-general. The letter came from a western postmaster at a small office, and read:

"In accordance with the rules of the department, I write you to inform you that on next Saturday I will close the post office for one day, as I am going on a bear hunt. I am not asking your permission to close up and you can discharge me if you want to. But I will advise now that I am the only damn man in the county who can read and write."