

## CITY NEWS.

## The Chief Events of the Week in St. John.

## Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanges

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## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

News correspondence must be mailed in time to reach this office not later than Saturday afternoon to ensure insertion in THE WEEKLY SUN of the following week.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Str. Delta arrived on Sunday from Halifax to load for Bermuda. There is a full cargo here for her.

So far this season J. Downey, the expert trapper of Minidulu, has trapped 10 muskrats, 4 muskrats, 4 red foxes and 1 silver grey fox.

Arrangements are about completed for the establishment in this city of a company of the Hibernian Knights, a uniform branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

At Chubb's Corner Saturday W. A. Lockhart sold two \$500 province 6 per cent. bonds, due Jan. 25, 1903, and Feb. 1, 1907, at 105 per cent.

The shareholders of Hall & Fairweather, Ltd., held their first meeting on Saturday afternoon and elected S. S. Hall president and S. S. deForest manager; also directors.

A section of the lower floor of R. T. Holman's brick warehouse at Summerside gave way Monday night and dropped about 2,000 bushels of oats into the cellar.

The residence of Hon. A. G. Blair has been sold to George McAvity for a sum in the vicinity of \$3,000. Mr. McAvity will take possession in a short time.

L. H. Vaughan has sold his handsome brick residence on Meeklenburg street to Carleton Clinch by private sale. The sale was negotiated through George W. Gerow, auctioneer.

Sch. Nellie I. White, Anderson, arrived at Parrsboro from New York Wednesday, with a cargo of hard pine, oak, etc., to be used in the construction of two boats to be built by C. F. & P. R. Eaton.

Little Margie Dutcher, the principal witness in the murder case against Sullivan, passed through here Thursday on route to Fredericton. She is seemingly a very bright child. Miss Crossland, her nurse, accompanies her.

The Bank of Nova Scotia and all its branches, at the request of the governor general, will receive subscriptions to the Indian famine fund and forward same free of charge. This is a most praiseworthy object, deserving of universal support.

Rev. John Read in the Centenary church on Sunday spoke of the death of Arthur Edgecombe and D. H. Hall, who were members of the congregation, and of the late Mr. Smith of New York, whose three sisters are also members.

The Sun has it on the best authority that the rates now offering on deals and timber from Montreal and Quebec for May loading are as follows: 6d. to 42d. per standard on deals, and 60s. per standard on timber, which is equivalent to 15 to 18s. per load.

Ronald Campbell began January 26th to solicit subscriptions for stock in the butter and cheese factory proposed to be started at Summerside. From the success met with so far Mr. Campbell is confident of the success of the undertaking.

An early hour on the 30th ult. residence of Arthur Vanburen at Union Road, Summerside, was destroyed by fire along with all its contents. The house was only a short distance from A. Cushing & Co.'s mill, of which Mr. Vanburen is one of the firm.

John Stanley of Norton was brought to the city Thursday on the fast express and taken to the hospital in the ambulance for treatment. Mr. Stanley has an abscess on the hip. Dr. Wetmore came down with the patient, but returned on the Quebec express.

The new Methodist church at Advocate Harbor was opened Jan. 24th. The Wesleyan says it is a veritable little cathedral, seating about 350, with its bell and trolley, all colored windows, chancel, choir stalls, robing room, basement, library room, infant room, Bible class room and room for general use.

Rev. Dr. Whitford for the past three months interim pastor of St. Andrew's church, Pictou, left on Wednesday for New York, thence to Trinidad, where he will remain for some time. Previous to leaving, he was presented by the mission circle of St. Andrew's with a gold watch chain—Pictou Advocate.

The last will of the late William J. Bunting has been admitted to probate by Judge A. I. Trueman. The will is dated 20th October, 1896, and by it the whole of the estate of the testator is bequeathed to his widowed nees, Mary Elizabeth Patterson, who is also sick, eccentric. The estate is valued at \$1,850, and is entirely personal. Geo. E. Fairweather, proctor.

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THE SUN-PRINTING COMPANY, having weekly 3,500 copies of THE WEEKLY SUN, challenges the circulation of all papers published in the Maritime Provinces. Advertisers please make a note of this.

R. Barry Smith, counsel for John E. Sullivan, is to testify to the supreme court for a new trial.

Miss Blanche Mott, daughter of John Mott, a well known resident of Three Tree Creek, Fredericton, died at that place January 28th, aged 16 years.

Prof. C. G. D. Roberts will leave on Tuesday next for New York, to fill the position of associate editor of the Illustrated American for a couple of months. He expects to return some time in April—Herald.

A Fredericton insurance man is credited with the remark that one of the persons injured in the Dorchester accident carried \$75,000 insurance in his company. This probably refers to Charles Fawcett of Sackville, who is supposed to carry that amount with one company.

A French paper reports that the late Hon. Thomas McGreevy had \$200,000 insurance on his life, of which \$50,000 was in the Mutual, \$50,000 in the New York Life, \$50,000 in the Standard and \$50,000 in the Sun Life and other companies. Of this amount two policies for \$50,000 each had been transferred to the Union Bank.

A two legged bear has been making desperate depredations on oat bins in and around Millbrook, says the Truro Guardian. A bear trap was set by the miller by both forward legs, and his yells from the boom of an oat bin at midnight, brought help from the house. He had to be taken to a doctor and have both arms dressed. He also had nose and wagon teeth handy, and had to be driven home.

A St. John's M.D., despatch, states that the steamship Nimrod left that port at 12 o'clock Saturday night. The ship was the Nimrod, 500 tons, State of Georgia. Pilots at St. John's recall that on the night of Jan. 3 distress signals were thrown up by some steamer off that port. When they went out to look for nothing was visible, nor did she pass Cape Race. They now believe she might have been the State of Georgia, for Halifax.

The matinee at the Opera house Saturday by the A. O. H. orchestra was in every respect a success. The drama of the Mountain Wolf was put on in a most creditable manner, while the specialties were received with rounds of applause, particularly the dancing and singing of Little Katie McGrath. The orchestra is a very fine one and the selections were much enjoyed.

The funeral of Harrison Miller took place Saturday afternoon from the residence of his father, Henry J. Miller, on Douglas avenue. Rev. R. P. McKim conducted the services at the house and at Cedar Hill cemetery, where the interment took place. The pall bearers were: R. M. Bartsch, A. E. Jordan, J. B. Edwards, J. L. Sutherland, Arthur Henderson and Herbert Harrison.

Edward Sears received a despatch from Boston on the 29th ult. bringing the sad news of the death of his brother, David Sears, which occurred at Brookline yesterday. Mr. Sears had been in good health and his death was quite sudden. Deceased, who was a son of the late John Sears, was in his forty-third year, and leaves a wife (formerly Miss Jost of Halifax) and one child, Mr. and Mrs. Sears had been living in Brookline for some time past.

Mr. Gilmour of Springhill, who a short time ago purchased the Old German gold mine in Lunenburg, N. S., was in the city Saturday. He has a large nugget of gold, valued at about one hundred dollars, in his possession, which was procured from the mine. He said the Old German, so called, had not been worked for nearly thirty years. If anything like the nugget he has already made, turned out, he would be well satisfied with his purchase.

A Shuley letter says: The people of Shuley were greatly startled by the death of Melville Goodwin. Deceased went to take the place of Barnhill's head sawyer for a time. He went to work on the morning of the 21st, and was hurt by a falling stick from the overhead, which ended in his death the next morning about three o'clock. He had been employed by H. G. Wall for about ten years. Mr. Wall took the body to the city and had it buried. Mr. Goodwin was a young man who was much liked by all who knew him.

The inquest into the death of Stephen Connors of the steamer Coban was concluded on 30th ult. before Coroner Berryman. The principal witnesses examined were Capt. Frazier of the str. Coban, the first and second officers, and seaman Peach, who was working with deceased at the time the accident occurred. Little additional testimony was brought out, and the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, finding that the deceased came to his death by slipping on the ice on the hatch on the str. Coban and falling into the hold.

A review case from the parish court of St. David, Charlotte county, was heard by Judge Forbes Tuesday. Jas. Drayton sued Isaac C. Morrison before Commissioner J. A. Simpson for goods sold and delivered. The defendant set up a counter claim for rent, for cash lent, goods, etc., and secured a verdict of \$150. C. J. Coster, for the plaintiff, asked to have the judgment set aside. The trial was on October 20, but judgment was not entered until December. In doing this, he claimed, the magistrate acted without jurisdiction. He also claimed the verdict was contrary to the evidence. Mr. R. Chapman contended it was too late to review, also that the papers were defective, and besides the money had been paid before the review order was issued. Judge Forbes suggested a settlement and adjourned the case until Tuesday next.

There is talk of the erection of a blouit factory by H. B. Spragg in Fredericton.

Last Wednesday morning, about 2 o'clock, the dwelling house and out-buildings of Bernard McCormack, Bartholomew river, were destroyed by fire. Mr. McCormack was absent in the lumber woods and his wife and family only knew of their danger when the roof of the kitchen fell in. They barely escaped with their lives, not being able to save even their clothing. Mr. McCormack carried some insurance, but his loss is nevertheless heavy, including some of his farm machinery stored in the wood house, and it is reported about \$300 in cash—Gleaner.

The Bass River correspondent of the Halifax Chronicle of January 29th, says: "The death of George Murray, sr., which occurred at his home in Economy, Colchester Co., on Tuesday morning, removes one of the old landmarks of West Colchester. Mr. Murray was in his 81st year, and had been an unusually robust and active man. He was sick but a few days. Mr. Murray's death was a great loss to the community. He was a member of the Economy, settling on one of the best farms in that section, which he cultivated with great care and success. He was for many years an elder in the Economy church, and was behind him four sons: Dr. S. C. Murray of Albert, N. B.; Captain D. Murray of Truro; Samuel H. and Charles G. of Economy; and two daughters, Mrs. Rev. G. L. Gordon, River John, and Mrs. Murray of the Economy. Mr. Murray's first wife died thirty years ago, the same month and the same day of the month that he too was called to his fathers."

E. H. McAlpine, who has been engaged during the past weeks holding enquiries in Westmorland, was in town Sunday. He returned to Sackville yesterday to finish inquiring into the iniquities of W. C. Milner, collector of customs. The Sun learns that during a breathing spell in the investigation, Collector Milner took the tribunal up to Mount Allison and showed him the university and Ladies' college building. Mr. McAlpine has heard testimony concerning Collector M. Robidoux and J. M. Deacon of Shediac. He has yet to deal with Mr. Ford, preventive officer of Sackville.

The portable mill belonging to Smith & Hayward has cut in the vicinity of half a million feet of lumber. Teams are expected to begin hauling deals to the city this week.

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## It is Felt that a Settlement is Now About Made.

## Manager Cowans Promises to Take Rea Back to Work With the Rest,

## And Will, it is Stated, Put the Riding Trolleys on at Half Past Three O'clock.

Springhill Mines, Feb. 1.—The nineteenth day of the strike is here and now there are signs that the beginning of its end has come. The management and the men have entered into negotiations and the deadlock has been broken. On Saturday John Rea, sr., the coal inspector of the C. P. R., interviewed Mr. Cowans and prepared the way for the re-opening of negotiations. His mission evidently promised success. He then went for the Rev. David Wright, the pastor of Mr. Cowans' church, and at the solicitation of the pastor, Mr. Cowans promised to allow Mr. Rea to return to work when the rest of the miners took up their picks. This was embodied in a communication sent by Mr. Cowans to the committee of the Workmen's Union, who at once proceeded to interview the manager. The men were called together on Saturday evening and there was a jubilant and excited meeting. A large number wished to reject the communication because it came at the solicitation of third parties and the men felt plagued because the communication was not absolutely from the management to the committee. Their former experience with the political contingent had not encouraged them to have faith in the intermediary proposals. But all well wishers of the colliery and the town are glad that men and management have again been brought together. Today the negotiations will be still further prosecuted and some days will probably elapse before a settlement is complete and work is resumed. Mr. Cowans now states his willingness to put the riding trolleys on for the men at 3.30 p. m., which is the old time, and is the only point for which the men are out, and it is for many such points that the men's committee are now contending. This fact explains how that the Rea matter enters into the question. Rea was formerly an important and influential leader among the men in the union, a quiet and orderly citizen, and whose influence was generally directed in peaceable ways. He was promoted by the management to be a boss and was directed by the management to withdraw his offer of membership from the union or resign his position. He allowed his membership to lapse and was shortly afterwards dismissed from his position. Many of the men were angry at the whole affair and were determined to rid the union and the town of a valuable friend of labor, and they resented it, and at the first opportunity they forced the management to re-instate him. In the negotiations which followed, the politicians, Mr. Cowans promised to give Rea work on Feb. 15th, but refused to sign the agreement with this promise incorporated in it. Now Mr. Cowans promises to give Rea work when the rest of the men start. The men, in this instance, have gained more concessions than those they came out on strike for. There are several other such matters which are being systematically battled with and gradually conquered. About one hundred feet of the fire area have been extracted. The officials are working like trojans. Consternation was caused during the latter part of the week by the announcement that the men were being withdrawn from the work and that at the beginning of this week no men would be obtainable to fight the fire. The difficulty of securing the men, the pressure of the C. R. for fullness of their contract, the falling of the coal in the 1200 foot level of the north slope, and many other reasons, probably form factors in the disposition to settle the strike.

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