

WORTHY CITIZEN HAS PASSED AWAY

Death of George A. Knodell Last Night

Prominent in Business, Former Alderman, Sturdy Liberal and Noted for Work at Municipal Home.

Death last night claimed the last of a notable trio who, as young men, came to this city, established themselves here and made honored names for themselves in the business of letters as well as in citizenship. After a brief illness of pneumonia George A. Knodell passed

away at his home in Elliott row last night, at the great age of eighty-six. He was born in Halifax and came here in young manhood about the same time as the late Senator John V. Ellis and the late Edward Willis arrived from the same city to make their homes in St. John. All three had been apprentices in the same printing office in Halifax, and when they came here they carried on the same line of work, Mr. Knodell continuing in job printing and both Mr. Ellis and Mr. Willis branching into the newspaper publication in which each of them won an outstanding place.

Mr. Knodell's first business venture in St. John was in partnership with William Wright, a son of the then advocate-general here. Their primary was established on the site of the present Canadian Permanent Loan building in Prince William street. After a time Mr. Knodell bought out his partner and ever thereafter conducted his business in his own name. He purchased what was known as the old Newbury Hall, Church street, moved there, but this was taken in the ravages of the great fire of 1877. For a time Mr. Knodell carried on his business in a building on the site of the present Dufrer Hotel, but as soon as could be after the fire he re-located the present Church street building, which he has occupied up to the present day. Until about a year ago he retained his active connection with the business and since then it has been carried on by his son, J. William, who had been associated with him for some years. As a business man as well as in all his relations with the community Mr. Knodell's name stood very high.

Mr. Knodell took a keen interest in public affairs all through his career. He represented Prince Ward as alderman in the old city council for several terms. In politics he was very strong Liberal and he had many times been chairman of the Prince Ward Liberal committee. His fine personality and his fair-mindedness brought him to a position of much influence in the councils of his party and legislative honors might well have been his had he sought them. He was chairman of the first liquor commission, that appointed by the late Hon. A. G. Blair. But outstanding in all Mr. Knodell's activities was his work for the Municipal Home. On the re-organization of the board about thirty years ago he was appointed a member and soon afterwards became chairman. That position he continued to hold to the end of his life. He made a deep study of the affairs of the institution, was a very frequent visitor there, knew all its problems and did very much to bring it into the condition in which it is today. He brought to this task not only sound business principles but a kind heart that went in sympathy with the hardships that brought people to the necessity of closing their days in a public institution for the poor. And this characteristic was notable in Mr. Knodell in private life as well to a very marked degree. Tale upon tale might be told of his charitable acts and his beneficence to those in want or distress and all in a quiet, unostentatious manner. To the very last he carried on this kindly work and they number not few who during even the last winter had cause for gratitude to Mr. Knodell for help in trying times.

Mr. Knodell was blessed with a splendid physique and his tall form was not bowed under the weight of his years. He was a striking figure as he walked to and fro from his business and many will miss him as they go about their daily pursuits. His well stored mind held a fund of relics of the earlier history of the city, and it was most entertaining to hear him talk of other days.

Mr. Knodell is survived by four daughters, Misses Elizabeth, Georgina, and Jennie and Mrs. F. R. Dearborn, all of this city, and two sons, C. H. Knodell, New Brunswick representative of the S. P. Bowser Co. of Port Wayne, Ind. and Thomas J. Knodell, of St. John. One sister, Emily, and one brother, Albert Knodell, of the Telegraph Building Company staff, also survive. The funeral will be held at three o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday, at St. John's (Stone) church.

Mr. Knodell was buried at the same place Saturday, March 26 in Nova Scotia.

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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

BIG ATTRACTIONS AT OPERA HOUSE

Princess Who Letka, in Her Great Mental Telepathy Offering; Sensational Japanese Troupe; Black Face Comedy Skit, Etc.

The mid-week programme at the Opera House has some exceptionally fine attractions, which should make a decided hit with patrons. It includes Princess Who Letka, who, owing to her extraordinary success here, has been booked for three more days. All those desiring information are asked to have their questions ready and she will tell them anything they wish to know. Another attraction which should prove very popular, is that of the Uyeida Japs, who will present an amusing assortment of balancing acts. There will also be a big comedy feature by Hibbert and Nugget, who will present a snappy blackface skit entitled "It is to Laugh" Peggy Brookings, a well known comedienne, will entertain with comedy songs and amusing repartee; while Don Stanley and hisnette Les, musical artists de luxe, will appear in a high class offering of classical tunes, jazz and syncopated melodies. There will also be another episode of "Fighting Fate," featuring William Duncan.

LADES CAN MEET INDIAN PRINCESS

Will Answer Their Questions Privately at Thursday's Matinee.

At the matinee in the Opera House Thursday afternoon Princess Who Letka will give every lady present an opportunity of asking her a question privately. All those attending the performance and wishing to consult this world-famous mind reader should remain in their seats after the conclusion of the performance, and the princess will come down the aisles and endeavor personally to meet everyone present. This is a great opportunity for those seeking to consult her and they are invited to take advantage of it. An opportunity of this kind may only come once in a lifetime.



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Section containing notices of births, marriages, and deaths. Births include Harkins, Mullins, Hillier, and Lynch. Marriages include Hillier and Hillier. Deaths include Knodell, McAllister, and Cory.

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IN MEMORIAM

Section containing notices of deaths and memorials. Memorials include Kane and Kane.

DAMAGE DONE BY ICE

Lumber Boom Carried Away Near Fredericton—Two Breaks Tie Up C. N. R. Lines.

Fredericton, March 29.—The St. John Log Driving Company met with heavy loss yesterday afternoon, when a considerable length of sheer boom behind Sugar Island was carried out by the ice. A few feet of the boom was caught on a pier of the highway bridge of this city, but the rest went down river with the ice. Manager Walter Jackson of the Log Driving Company, was in St. John on Monday, and reports that were ready to begin the usual spring work at the end of the ice run.

DAYLIGHT BREAK IN FAIRVILLE

A bold daylight break was made yesterday afternoon between two and three o'clock into the bank store of John Carey, Fairville, and \$25 in cash stolen.

LOCAL NEWS

"Studio," regular dance tonight. Ladies' garments remodelled. Dancing tonight, the "Studio."

PERSONAL

Senator W. H. Thorne and Senator J. W. Daniel left yesterday afternoon for Ottawa.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, March 29.—The Olympic Athletic Club building was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The club was built in 1908.

CONDENSED NEWS

Early today the temperature in Philadelphia was 25 degrees, a drop of 51 degrees since four o'clock yesterday.

EXCHANGE TODAY

New York, March 29.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand 8.91 1/2; Canadian dollars 11.16 per cent discount.

DOG SHOW FOR FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., March 29.—It has been definitely decided to have a dog show in connection with the Fredericton 1927 exhibition. The Fredericton Kennel Club will be formed and will have charge. W. W. Leskey of this city will be superintendent.

FOR EVERY BRIDE'S HOME

If you are a BRIDE of today, or a BRIDE-TO-BE or a BRIDE of yesterday you can have just the cosy home you want at Amland Bros. prices. Bring in your GROOM, or your GROOM-TO-BE, or your GROOM of yesterday and together select the furniture and carpets you want. Come in and let us show you our large stock. We are offering bargains in all kinds of Bedroom and Parlor Suites at reduced prices to clear out.

SMOKE

Most retailers when they build a new store do so with the idea of remaining in it at least for a few years. But Benjamin Singer, who has recently moved into a new building intended for five months' occupancy and on April 1, the store will vanish as suddenly as it appeared.

Singer's move was prompted by the fact that he found himself up against a highly difficult proposition. His lease on his old store expired on November 1 and the only place that he could find that suited him was not available until April 1. So he rented a corner of a vacant lot in a good business section of this city and erected a frame and stucco shop to be used only during the five months between leases.

The little shop cost \$140 exclusive of the rental of the ground, says Singer, "but it's worth it because otherwise I would have been totally eliminated from business during the five

LOCAL NEWS

ANOTHER MAN. The Times has been asked to state that George Cox, who figured in a liquor case in the police court recently, is not George Cox of the Park Drug Store.

HIS BIRTHDAY.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. George Oram 143 Britain street, yesterday in honor of her nephew, Clinton McGorman. He was the recipient of a large number of games, books, etc. The supper table was artistically decorated.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Gillis was held this morning from the Mater Misericordiae Home, Rev. Abbe Casgrain officiating. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock and was attended by a large number of friends.

MRS. KATHERINE McALLISTER.

The death of Mrs. Katherine McAllister, widow of Charles McAllister, occurred yesterday at 5 Middle street. She leaves one daughter, Miss Jennie, and one son, Michael Flaherty all of this city. The funeral was held at 8.45 on Wednesday morning in the Cathedral.

COACHMAN'S CASE.

Fred Kilpatrick, a coachman, was in the police court this morning charged with acting in a disorderly manner at the Union station. G. N. R. Policeman Ross told of the incident, which he said consisted of an attempt by the accused to take a grip from another coachman. The case was postponed until tomorrow to allow the defendant to call the other coachman.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

N. P. McLeod, inspector of taxation, said this morning that many people were of the opinion that income tax return forms would be sent out to individuals. He said that this was not the case and persons liable to federal taxation should get their own forms from the post office. Many returns were being made, but on several sufficient postage was not paid. He said that three cents would carry the returns if posted in this city and five cents if posted outside.

AT OLD LADIES' HOME.

The Campfire Girls of West St. John, under the direction of their guardian, Miss Burritt, gave a pleasing entertainment at the Old Ladies' Home last evening. Besides several camp fire songs, recitations were given by Miss Grace Gosline and Miss Phyllis Anderson and Miss Lella Alcorn and Miss Marjorie Long performed several step dances. Miss Burritt and Miss Alcorn played a piano duet. A pleasant evening was spent and the ladies at the home expressed their appreciation of the entertainment by extending a vote of thanks to the girls.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott, 2923 Watson street, when about fifty of their friends gathered and enjoyed dancing, music and games. Mr. and Mrs. Scott were made recipients of a handsome china tea set. The presentation was made by Walter Lamoureux on behalf of those present. Mr. and Mrs. Scott made brief replies. Refreshments were served and the party broke up in the early hours of the morning.

WOULD OUST THE GRASPING LANDLORD FROM THE CHURCH

Pittsburg, Pa., March 29.—A resolution under which "rent profiteers" would be ousted from the churches, adopted by the Pittsburg Baptist Ministers' Association, was made public here today. Unwanted rent advances constitute an unchristian "pharisaism," according to the resolution, which called upon ministers to "combat grasping landlords, to take a prominent part in community protests against these wrongs and to use the influence of their ministerial associations to prevent new burdens of greedy extortion being imposed upon the general public."

SENTENCE IN NEW YORK BUILDING TRUST MATTER

New York, March 29.—Supreme Court Judge Bijur today denied a certificate of reasonable doubt to Robert P. Brindley, labor leader, convicted of extortion in connection with the building trust investigation and sentenced him to five to ten years in state prison.

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