

## The Weekly Monitor,

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1904

—Friday night the thermometer dropped to 29° below zero, and on Saturday night to 35° below. We claim this is a record for the county. If anyone can tell us of its being colder, and when, we would like to hear from them.

—The fact that the Russian and Japanese names and titles are most difficult to spell gives the average war correspondent no uneasiness. He spells them "any old way" and feels tolerably safe from contradiction or correction.

—The war situation practically remains unaltered. Through the mass of conflicting reports it may be seen that Japan's predominance on the water is assured. That she will have a firm footing in Korea and along the Manchurian frontier before Russia will be in a position to successfully oppose her, seems no less certain. There is little likelihood of a decisive land battle for at least two months yet. Some skirmishes between the outposts may occur, or such garrisons as that at Port Arthur may be forced to defend themselves by land as well as by sea, but land operations on a large scale by Russia at least must be deferred for some weeks yet. In the meantime cables of every trifling movement of the fleets or armies are being multiplied into lengthy articles with scare headlines to satisfy the public desire for "war news" and to fill up space.

—Two facts were clearly demonstrated by Sunday morning's fire—first, that the Town Council performed a wise and judicious act in providing the town with an efficient fire alarm service; second, that the town should make a further expenditure and provide their firemen with such clothing as will, as far as possible, protect them from the discomfort and danger to which they are exposed in fighting a fire under such conditions as those existing Sunday morning.

The working of the electric fire alarm on the above occasion conclusively showed that it was all that was necessary to bring the firemen on the scene, while the fact that the citizens in general were not alarmed was greatly to their advantage, as they were able to perform their work unimpeded by the gathering of such crowds as are usual when a noisy public alarm of fire is given. The fire was successfully fought and quenched by these men while the majority of the citizens slept, unconscious of the fact that the fire had been at work in the town. For this reason the town should be more than willing to provide every possible means of minimizing the dangers and protecting the health of those who are acting as the town's protectors. Such rubber clothing and helmets as will contribute to this end should be provided for the fire department at the earliest possible date. The town owes it to our splendid force of firemen, and it should not be neglected.

The letter of Mr. L. D. Shafner in this issue raises the question of a paid fire department instead of the present volunteer force of firemen. While we agree with the writer that the work of the latter, on the occasion in question, entitles them to a much greater reward than they are now receiving in any case be likely to receive, we are in doubt as to whether the introduction of a paid fire department would be desirable for this or any town of like size and population. Such a department would, in the first place, be likely to be on too small a scale to be of much real service, and in case of a serious fire would have to be assisted by an additional volunteer force. A large additional expenditure would be entailed without making the protection more efficient. Again, should it be considered best to pay the firemen for duties performed, the question of how, or by whom, they should be paid is a question requiring little argument to settle. The danger from fire in a town is a danger common to all. One citizen may suffer on one occasion, and his neighbor on another. It would certainly be a hard proposition if the victim of a fire, along with his other losses, was called upon to pay the firemen for performing their duties. Even should they fail to save his property, they would be entitled to their pay, and if the individual was responsible in one case, he would seem to be in another. Communal interests and in corporation are words without a meaning if an expense of this sort is to be thrown back upon the single unfortunate victim. We believe that the volunteer fire department for such a town as Bridgetown is best. If we were threatened with a violent scourge of fire the men who would comprise it would be in the thick of the fray without thought of reward or penalty. They are the men best qualified in every way to perform their work. There are none so careless but that they can recognize the disinterested effort amounting almost to heroism that is necessary for men to leave their beds on such a morning as last Sunday morning was, to work in smoke, and dirt, and water; but it is a question if it became a matter of paying a paltry dollar or two, if it would then get the services of such men. The town, however, should see that they are provided with a uniform such as will protect them from the heat of the fire and the severity of the weather.

The British and Foreign Bible Society.

The citizens of Bridgetown are cordially invited to unite in the world-wide celebration of the one-hundredth birthday of the British and Foreign Bible Society, by attending a Methodist Church next Sunday evening, March 6th, at the close of the usual services of the churches. Each of the pastors will give brief addresses, and an offering will be taken to enable the Society to extend its beneficent work.

## Local and Special News.

—Oranges 15c doz. at Mrs. Weir's.  
 —One case Ladies' Rain Coats opening to-day at Lockett's.  
 —Hand made, long-legged leather boots, made by W. G. Hart, \$4.00 per pair, at W. A. Kinney's.

—The S. S. Boston made the trip from Yarmouth to Boston recently in 14 hours, so says the Boston Post.  
 —The drive of the Whist Club to Round Hill, which was fixed for Monday night, was postponed till tonight.  
 —Call and see our new samples of Wall Papers, 300 patterns; prices lower than ever. John Lockett & Son 11.

—The Liberal-Conservative convention at Halifax, yesterday, was attended by Mr. L. D. Shafner, who was accompanied by Mrs. Shafner.

—The St. James' Church adult sewing party will meet at Mrs. E. Mesinger's, Granville street, to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

—Mr. John Walsh, section foreman of the D. A. R. at Moncton, was struck by a train on Wednesday and received serious injuries to his leg and hip.

—For Sale: The subscriber offers for sale his valuable horse. Also a new set of sleds and a set of second-hand sleds. For further information apply to A. R. Banks, Clarence.

—A party of young folk of the town drove to Middleton last evening, where they were entertained by Mrs. Allen, returning in the moonlight later in the evening.

—The thermometer of the weather bureau at present in charge of F. L. Milner, Esq., on Friday night registered 20 degrees below zero, and on the following night dropped to 25 below.

—The Methodist congregation are contemplating some extensive repairs to their church. The south end of the church will be enlarged and rebuilt to form a chancel. Other alterations and repairs will also be effected.

—Commencing Wednesday, March 2nd, the S. S. Yarmouth of the Dominion Atlantic Railway will leave St. John for Digby on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; returning will leave Digby same days.

—The Gordon Memorial Presbyterian Church has moderated in a call to Rev. A. J. Macdonald, at present of Isaac's Harbor. Mr. Macdonald has accepted the pulpit of this church recently, and the congregation were favorably impressed.

—Friday's Yarmouth Telegram says: "For the first time in her history, the steamer Boston got stuck in the ice off Stanwood's Point, on Wednesday, and was delayed more than an hour in reaching her wharf. The Senlac and Westport anchored in the Sound over night Tuesday."

—The Lawrencetown Y. M. C. A. is planning a good time for their friends on March 5th in the form of a social and entertainment. The program will consist of readings, vocal and instrumental music, torch swinging and gymnastic work. The ladies will serve refreshments. A good time is assured.

—Jack Frost parties seem to be the popular form of entertainment at present. The Crystal Club of young ladies have enjoyed two such diversions during the moonlight nights of the past week, one of Mr. Neely's fine turnouts being engaged with driver. Leap year privileges are apparently in disfavor with these charming young maidens.

—On Saturday afternoon, three men were burned in Revere Mine at Glace Bay, C. B. The roof had been bored to put in a shot, but the boring was made through the coal and into the stone. The shot missed fire and the men returned to the spot, when it went off, burning them severely, but not seriously. In the same level last spring four men met death as the result of an explosion of gas.

—Yesterday, March 1st, was nomination day for candidates for the vacant place on the council board caused by the resignation of the present Mayor Reily. Only one nomination being filed, Mr. Jas. R. DeWitt became Councillor by acclamation, and will on Tuesday next, be declared by the town clerk duly elected. As a candidate Mr. DeWitt has had many friends and is regarded as likely to be an efficient and active councillor.

—Councillor Freeman Fitch, of Upper Clarence, who was appointed by the Annapolis County Farmers' Association to report on the condition of the fruit trade in England, left for the old country yesterday, and expects to be gone a couple of months. He considers this season the best for the visit to the fact that he will be able to observe the condition of the spring shipments, and also see them in competition with the early shipments from Australia and New Zealand.

—According to a Morning Chronicle correspondent an accident occurred on the Montague St. crossing of the D. A. R. Digby, Saturday. A special train from Annapolis collided with the Central Grocery's delivery team, smashing the sleigh and killing the horse. The driver of the team, a son of John Hutchinson, escaped without injury. Mr. E. E. Burnham, proprietor of the Central Grocery, intends to hold an investigation. It is said the train was moving rapidly at the time of the accident.

—Yarmouth was shocked on Monday by the sudden death of Reuben Gardner, of Comeau's Hill, in Macdonald's store on John Street. Gardner came to town to make purchases and in the act of paying over money to the storekeeper fell dead. The deceased had been suffering from heart trouble. Dr. Fulton was called and decided that an inquest was necessary. Gardner used to be quartermaster on the Prince Arthur, but owing to ill health had to resign. His body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Wyman & Van Horne. Gardner was 45 years old and left a widow.

—An interesting social occasion was the parlor concert given at the home of Mrs. Lockett last Thursday evening. Although the roads were too heavy with newly fallen snow for many from a distance to attend, the spacious parlors were well filled and undoubtedly had the weather been propitious, a packed house would have been the result. The program as outlined in the last issue of the Monitor was nicely carried out, and through all numbers were appreciated, except being numerous, special interest centered in the readings of Mrs. Watson and the singing of Mr. L. W. Archibald. Home-made candy was sold during the intermission, and the total proceeds of the entertainment amounted to the neat sum of \$25.00.

## Graves' Vinegar Factory Badly Damaged by Fire.

At four o'clock Sunday morning, with the thermometer more than twenty degrees below zero, the recently installed fire alarm called the Bridgetown firemen from their beds to fight a blaze that had started in M. W. Graves' vinegar factory on the Bay Road near its junction with Granville Street.

The alarm was rung in from the residence of B. A. Crowe, and in less than half an hour the firemen had the water playing on the flames, notwithstanding the fact that the nearest hydrant was some distance away and the hose had to be taken through the deep snow, across lots, in order to reach the scene of the fire.

The night was calm, but intensely cold, and the water froze almost before it fell. The firemen were soon shrouded in ice, and their clothes as stiff as suits of armor. They had the satisfaction, however, of seeing the flames rapidly sink before their efforts and the conflagration practically stopped at where it was when they reached it.

The front of the main building was completely destroyed, together with the generators and tanks, vats and casks of cider and vinegar stored there. The rear end of the main building, and the adjoining engine room were scarcely damaged. The foundations are also intact, the fire being mainly in the upper story.

The alarm was given by Mr. Margeson, a native of Waterville, Kings Co., who was in charge of the generators, and who was spending the night in the factory, accompanied by Tom Piggett, a young boy of the town. After replenishing the stocks that he heated the generators, at about twelve o'clock, they went to sleep. They were awakened by the fumes of smoke which were so thick they had difficulty in getting out of the building. In his efforts to do so, Mr. Margeson fell down the narrow stairway, sustaining a bad shaking up. He, however, found his way to the house of ex-Mayor Shafner and succeeded in rousing the firemen, who directed him to Mr. R. A. Crowe's, where the nearest alarm was situated. Here the alarm was rung in with the result already described. Besides the injuries sustained in his fall down the stairs of the burning building, Mr. Margeson had both of his ears badly frozen and has since been completely prostrated from the injuries and exposure.

The firemen remained at the building till the last spark was extinguished, and the ruined front looked like a berg. During the trying three hours spent in their wet and frozen garments they were greatly sustained by hot coffee prepared for them by Mrs. L. D. Shafner.

The loss to Mr. Graves is a heavy one, though by no means disastrous, the greater part of his vinegar stock being stored in tanks separated from the main building. His steam engine and cider press are also unharmed. The loss, which is estimated by Mr. Graves at \$7000.00, is partly covered by an insurance of \$3000. Operations in the manufacture of vinegar will, however, be delayed for a couple of weeks, while the necessary repairs are being effected.

## Basket Ball.

TARTARS vs. ALERTS.

Another very pretty game of basket ball was played on Monday night between the Tartars and Alerts. The Alerts played their usual pretty game of passing, but were unable to cage the ball often enough to win from the fast Tartar team. The first half was rather slow and resulted in a score of 12-2 in favor of the Tartars. In the second half the Alerts took a brace and scored seven points to the Tartars five, leaving the final score 13-9.

The Volley Ball match between the business men and professional men of the town was played on Monday night. The professional men's team was weakened by the absence of their strongest player, Rev. E. E. Daley. This makes a game won by each team.

After the basket ball game, two teams of the business men's class greatly amused the audience by several contests in hurdle ball and by a relay race.

Quite a number of the Lawrencetown enthusiasts accompanied the Alerts, and greatly encouraged the players by their enthusiastic cheering.

On Thursday night the Bankers and Clerks teams will go to Lawrencetown to play the two teams there. If the night is fine there will probably be a large number go along.

Mr. Allison Seniors "At Home."

Friday night, Feb. 26th, was the scene of one of the grandest social functions ever held at Mount Allison. This was the event of the "Seniors at Home" given by the graduating class of 1904. There were about six hundred persons present, ranging from the ages of twelve to seventy. The Residence halls were artistically trimmed with blue and white bunting, and an immense arch filled with electric lights was suspended over the main stairway. The Sackville Cornet Band supplied some excellent music. An interesting programme was presented by the students of both the Ladies' College and the University. During the last hour refreshments were served in the University dining room.

Among those present was Miss Lizzie Hills of Bridgetown.

Digby to Boston.

Digby, Feb. 25.—An adjourned annual meeting of the Digby Board of Trade was held in the Council room on Tuesday night. A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution to forward to the Eastern S. S. Co. asking them to place a direct boat on the route between Digby and Boston. A direct boat more than paid expenses on this route fifteen years ago when there was little or no tourist trade. During the tourist season there is no doubt this would be a popular route between Boston and the Province.

A Marine Ship will also likely be erected here in the near future, to accommodate vessels of nearly a thousand tons.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my gratitude to the Bridgetown Fire Department and those who so nobly fought the fire and did, I am sure, all they could to save my property during the recent fire in my factory. I feel that all the more owing to the very severe weather at the time and knowing what the friends there must have suffered thereby.

M. W. GRAVES.

## If you are contemplating

## MARRIAGE

We would like to have a talk with you on the matter of

## FURNITURE

It will pay you to call and

SEE US

Write us.

W. E. REED, Bridgetown, N. S.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Chas. Bishop, of Truro, has been spending the week with his cousin, Miss Maud Kinney.

Mr. E. L. Thorne, General Manager of the Union Bank of Halifax, spent Sunday in town.

Dr. J. W. Crosskill is still confined to his room, after a severe illness of several weeks.

Miss Jennie Foster has returned from a visit of several months with friends in the eastern part of the province.

Mr. L. B. Elliot, of Dartmouth, arrived yesterday on a visit to his brother, Mr. R. W. Elliot, of the Union Bank of Halifax.

Mrs. F. G. Langley, of the Grand Central Hotel, left last week for Sussex, N. B., to visit Mrs. Fairweather, who has been seriously ill.

Mr. L. D. Payzant, of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff, enjoyed a flying visit from his father, F. Payzant, Esq., of Locketport, on the 1st inst.

Mr. Margeson, of Waterville, who was injured in the fire at Graves' vinegar factory, Sunday morning, left for his home in Waterville on Monday.

Miss Margaret Spurr and her friend, Miss Chipman, teachers in the Consolidated School at Middleton, were guests at Mrs. Lockett's over Thursday night of last week.

Mrs. Geo. Doolley, wife of the engineer of the M. & V. B. Ry., is spending the week with her husband at Mrs. Geo. Ruffin's. They contemplate setting up housekeeping here.

## TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the construction of a Car Repair Shop at 215 St. John's Street, for the following supplies:—Paint, oil, and other materials. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, at the City Hall, at the County Institutions for three months.

FREEMAN FITCH, CHIEF ENGINEER, City Hall, N. S.

Committee on Tenders and Public Property.

## BARGAINS

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## MILLINERY

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week the balance of my Winter Hats will be sold at and below cost.

MISS ANNIE CHUTE.

A new lot of

FOOD CHOPPERS,

NICKLED SAD IRONS,

BUCK SAWS,

CHAIN TRACES, etc.

—AT—

W. R. CALDER'S

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

TENDER FOR CAR REPAIR SHOP.

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## NOTICE

All persons having any legal demands against the estate of ROBERT H. HUTT, late of the County of Annapolis, farmer, deceased, will render the same duly attested within three months from date, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

GEORGE A. WHITMAN, Trustee

East Liverpool, January 18th, 1904.

## BARGAINS!

We have on hand a few

OVERCOATS,

RAGLANNETTES,

ULSTERS,

REEFERS,

Sooner than to carry these over, we will make a big discount for cash.

A. D. BROWN

Bridgetown, Feb. 17th, 1904.

You can fool some people all the time,

You can fool all the people sometimes,

But you cannot fool all the people all the time."

Call on SANCTON

and see his \$3.00 gold-

filled glasses, and stop

fooling with pedlars

that sell you any Old

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