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Report of Shooting Accident Startled People Town Truro.

Said To Have Happened At North River And That Popular Young Truro Man Was The Victim.

Investigating Parties Went Out and Were Overjoyed To Find Him Alive And Well.—Looks Like A Hoax.

If Had Smith, the popular young English Street barber, could have secluded himself somewhere on the "Strand" that part of Prince Street between Inglis and Walker Streets Thursday afternoon he would have heard many nice things said about himself, all of which we believe were true, for Had is well liked by all who know him. Men were standing about in groups discussing a report that had been shot, if not dead then mortally wounded, in the North River forest. It would seem the news was brought to town by Mr. Munroe McCallum, one of North River's most respectable and reliable citizens. Mr. McCallum said that while driving to town he met a young man running with coat and vest off who asked him the way to the nearest house. He said that he and two others were moose hunting away back there in the woods, that they had come upon a yard, they were separated and when one of them saw a bush moving in the yard he fired, thinking it was a moose, with the result that he shot one of his companions through the chest, and that he was mortally wounded. He said the young man's name was Smith, a son of James Smith, Truro. It was known that Parker McKenzie, Had Smith and Lawson Hiltz had left for North River the night previous to hunt partridge. It was this caused the conclusion to be reached that Had was the victim. Telephone connection was had with points on the North River, but those communicated with had heard nothing of the matter. Surprise was also expressed as time wore on that neither Parker McKenzie nor Lawson Hiltz had returned with the news, the wounded or dead man, or for a doctor.

This led some to the belief that perhaps there was a mistake, that the supposed victim might be a son of Mr. James Smith, Harmony, but while this was being discussed a son of that gentleman came along and in answer to enquiries said none of his family were hunting that day.

About that time Mr. Maynard McKenzie drove off in the direction of North River. En route, at or near Stewart's Bridge he met a man who told him the story was true, and that Parker McKenzie was bringing the body home. Mr. McKenzie drove on, expecting every minute to meet his brother and Lawson Hiltz with the lifeless body of their companion. He did meet them, but there was no dead man in the bunch. All three were

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Bass River Chairs For Far Away South Africa

The Dominion Chair Company Pushing Its Excellent Products to Markets Far Across the Seas.—Good Work, Square Dealing and Push Brings Reward.

The Dominion Chair Company's factory at Bass River, Colchester County, which was destroyed by fire last winter, has been rebuilt, is again in operation, and the company has just made a shipment of chairs to South Africa. There is enterprise for you. This concern has a splendid reputation for good work and square dealing, hence a ready market for its products. In addition to the South African market the company also sells in the West Indies and in Ireland.

A Colchester Boy.

Rev. C. P. Wilson, of Gibson, N. B., has taken possession of his property on a mountain in the West Indies, which he recently purchased from Rev. M. P. Freeman—Keelville Advertiser.

Rev. Mr. Wilson is a Colchester boy, a native of Belmont. Rev. M. P. Freeman was formerly Baptist minister at Great Village and Upper Londonderry.

The Boosters Club.

A meeting of those who have signified their desire to form a BOOSTER, BIGGER, BETTER Truro Club will be held Monday night, Oct. 31st, at 8 o'clock. The place of meeting has not yet been decided on. Announcement will be made in that connection next week. Every person interested in the movement is cordially invited to attend and put their shoulder to the wheel in an effort to give the old town a BOOST. Truro expects all her citizens to do their duty.

Saw White Fox.

Mr. Freeman Tulley, barber, Outram Street, and Mr. James Johnson, of the I. R. C., completed a three days hunting trip Wednesday evening, Monday they walked across the mountain from DeBert River to New Annan, fifteen miles. They shot twenty partridge in all, ten each. At New Annan they saw a white fox, but it was too far away to get a shot at it. This fox has been seen by several. One man fired at it, but missed. White foxes are rare. Mr. Tulley and Mr. Johnson saw lots of moose tracks while crossing the mountain.

To Shubenacadie.

Mr. F. E. Pentz, our mayor and former druggist, has purchased a drug business in Shubenacadie, and left for there on Friday evening to take charge of his newly purchased property. We are sorry to lose Mr. Pentz from among us, for he was a good reliable citizen, a man of thrift and good business capacity, and we congratulate Shubenacadie on her acquirement. What is our loss is Shubenacadie's gain.—Hantsport Advance, 19th.

A Truro Farmer's Good Wheat Crop.

Mr. James McKenzie, Clearmount, Got Thirty Bushels From The Acre.—Big Yield Also At Salmon River.

Mr. James McKenzie, Clearmount, Truro, has just cleaned up a crop of wheat that he is quite proud of. He got twenty bushels for every one sown, or thirty bushels to the acre. Mr. James Albert Johnson, Salmon River, also harvested a good crop. It is now confidently stated by many that wheat can be very successfully raised in these parts again. Time was when the wheat destroyed the crops, but it is now said that this pest has disappeared.

A Rich Mine.

Miss Bessie Dunbrack, Nova Scotia's famous woman miner, is making good in her silver and lead mine at Musquodibit. It is reported to be developing up in a splendid way. Lots of ore and rich. The ore is being shipped to Swansea, Wales, for treatment. The Chinoak Mining Company, whose property joins Miss Dunbrack's, are not carrying on development work at present, but will make a move in the near future. This property is said to be also very rich.

Yes, Dangerous.

Chatham World.—A young woman near Sackville was struck in the leg by a bullet last Thursday, and another bullet passed close to her and her father. It is supposed that the bullets had been fired at her by hunters in the woods. The long-range modern rifles are dangerous things to use within a mile of highways or human habitations. Now we do not propose to set these facts up as a justification for him violating the law. We hold that the physically afflicted are as amenable to the law as the physically whole. That physical affliction is not a justification for law violation.

Here's A Chance For Practical Christian Work.

This Afflicted Man is Serving Second Term This Year For Violation of the Nova Scotia Temperance Law.

At End of First Term Tried To Get Legitimate Work But Met No Encouragement.—What Next?

It is not the policy of this paper to trade in other people's misfortunes in a gossipy way, for the mere sake of publishing what is termed news, nor to blazon the unfortunate ones' names from the house tops, so to speak.

Of course there are cases where in the interest of society and good citizenship it is the duty of newspapers to enter into details as a warning to others. However, there are cases in which lessons of another character, that is, aside from warning, can be drawn from, and it is one of these cases that we wish briefly to refer to in this issue of The Citizen without mentioning names. We can serve our purpose without doing that. The case in this, or these are the facts:

This week a young man was sent to jail for sixty days in lieu of a fine imposed for conviction under the Nova Scotia Temperance Law. This is the second time he has been incarcerated this year for the same kind of offence. The young man is nearly blind, and partially lame. Now we do not propose to set these facts up as a justification for him violating the law. We hold that the physically afflicted are as amenable to the law as the physically whole. That physical affliction is not a justification for law violation.

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Looking to Truro.

That live newspaper, the Pictou Advocate, in last week's issue, quoted in full what appeared in The Citizen two weeks ago respecting permanent street-making in Truro. The Advocate is an ardent supporter of good streets, and suggests that members of the Pictou Town Council visit Truro and look into the system being tried here. It says Truro's council had enterprise enough to send representatives to Boston to get pointers.

Buried in Halifax.

The remains of Mrs. B. I. Fraser, who died quite suddenly in Halifax on the 14th, were interred in Fairview Cemetery, near that city, last Sunday afternoon. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Dr. John McMillan, a former pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Truro. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Several went from Truro to attend the funeral.

Widowed Moose.

According to a recent poem there are a lot of widowed moose in the Nova Scotia forests.

I. R. C. Employee Got Check For One Cent.

After Deducting Board Bill And Insurance That Was The Balance Due Him For His Month of September Services.

There was a disappointed and chagrined man at the I. R. C. station yesterday morning. He was an extra employee, and the pay checks arrived this week. He was sent for to go to the ticket office, as there was a check there for him. He promptly responded, signed the pay bill, and was handed a check for one cent. This was the balance due him for the month of September. He had earned \$21. Under the extra employee system the board bill is stopped at Moncton. This charge against him was \$20.55. Then there was fourteen cents for insurance, leaving the balance above mentioned.

Wellman Failed.

Walter Wellman and several companions, of New York, attempted to cross the ocean in a great balloon air ship. They travelled 1,000 miles, then their five became partially disabled. They were picked up by the Royal Mail steamer Trent and carried back to New York. They certainly had a thrilling time of it. The air ship was equipped with wireless. They purpose trying again.

Three Generations.

Three generations, or representatives of three generations, sat down to dinner at the Grand Central Thursday. Mr. George W. Graham, his son, Mr. William Graham and the latter's little son, all of DeBert River. It is doubtful if their combined ages totalled 90 years.

Nominated.

At a meeting of the electors of Middle Stewards one night recently Councillor John H. McKenzie gave an account of his stewardship and so well were the people satisfied with it that they nominated him for another term.

Are Wondering.

Now that the assessors are making their rounds, people are wondering and guessing what will happen.

Took A Tumble.

The I. R. C. management has at last taken a tumble. Engineers were at work yesterday surveying with a view to getting clear of that pond of stagnant water on the Esplanade, referred to by The Citizen several times. It is understood a trench will be made to a nearby surface drain catch basin and the water run off in that way. Well, the management is entitled to the credit of acting after attention was called to the nuisance.

Fancy Price.

Partridge are selling, or were a few days ago, for sixty cents a pair in Truro.

Starving I. R. C. Locomotive Service To Create A Surplus

"Bobs" Is A Wee Doggie But Hard To Do Him Up.

Spent Many Hours in a Fox Snare out in the Mountains, but Gained his Liberty and Appeared at his Home After Being Given up for Dead.

When Mr. Parker McKenzie started out on that famous hunting trip Wednesday night he took his little black and white dog "Bobs" along with him. At 10 o'clock Thursday morning the little chap was missing and although Mr. McKenzie and his companions called, whistled and searched, they could get no tidings of him. Mr. McKenzie finally gave him up, concluding that he had become entangled in a fox snare. Speaking to a Citizen reporter Thursday evening Mr. McKenzie said he would not have taken twenty-five dollars for the dog; but judge of his surprise when two hours after he whistled and searched, the little fellow appeared at his master's stable on Prince Street with a fox snare drawn tightly about his neck, so much so that he could scarcely breathe. He bore evidence of having had a terrible struggle, and was near to the point of utter collapse. It is estimated that the poor brute was eight or nine hours battling for freedom and life.

Moose Visited Mill.

At Mr. A. A. Sutherland's camp, Mount Thom, Wednesday while Mr. J. W. Louthier and a number of men were putting water in the boiler of the engine a large moose came close to them. At first they thought the noise it made going through the brush was caused by some person falling a tree. One of the men said it was a moose, and investigation proved that he was right. It was a moose, and a large one too.

Death Mrs. Bell.

The remains of Mrs. C. F. W. Bell arrived in Truro Tuesday night from Detroit, U. S., where she died somewhat suddenly while visiting her daughter. The funeral took place Wednesday from St. John's Church of England to Terrace Hill cemetery. Mr. Bell returned to his home in Massachusetts by Wednesday's night train. Mr. and Mrs. Bell were for many years residents of Truro. Mr. Bell was at one time I. R. C. train dispatcher here and afterward engaged in the dry-goods business on Inglis Street, in the building now occupied by A. F. Ross & Co. His many old friends in Truro deeply sympathize with him in the death of his estimable wife.

Looks Like Election.

It is reported the proposed railway from Windsor to Chester is to be surveyed.—Preliminary.

Has Leased Royal.

Mr. Alexander McKenzie, formerly of the I. R. C., has leased the Royal Hotel, Railway Esplanade, and will conduct it.

If Big Trans-Atlantic Boats Laid Inland Freight Down At Halifax Doubtful Road Could Handle It.

Policy of The Ontario Minister of Railways Cutting Down Mechanical Staff Halifax and Truro a Bad One.

Halifax wants the trans-Atlantic steamers, the C. P. R., the Allan and Great Northern lines to land freight there, that is, freight for the road; for inland. It is a laudable desire on the part of Halifax, one that, if granted, would be a good thing for Truro, for Moncton, for the I. R. C. generally, because it would mean more traffic, consequently more trains and more men employed. But does Halifax understand that if the desire was granted, that is, if the steamers landed the freight, there is grave doubt, reasonable doubt, if the I. R. C. under existing conditions could successfully carry it inland, this because of the policy of the Ontario minister of railways—making a surplus by starving the rolling stock, particularly locomotives.

It is no secret that the condition of the locomotives is a cause for much anxiety on the part of those responsible for power sufficient to move the traffic of the road. They are meeting with much difficulty even now, but what will it be when the road is in the grasp of winter? It is scandalous to place men in a position of that kind. Little wonder there are rumors of discontent among officials of that kind, officials who are willing and can do their duty but who are prevented from doing so because of the starvation policy of the Ontario minister of railways and his right-hand man, the man who is administering that policy, Mr. F. P. Brady. The Moncton Transcript says there are rumors that Mr. Joughins, the superintendent of motive power, has resigned. Mr. Joughins interviewed and refused to either affirm or deny the rumor. If Mr. Joughins really has resigned, or intends to resign, it is safe to say it will be found that it is because of the present I. R. C. policy in respect to maintaining the rolling stock of the road.

One thing that has to a large extent brought about the present unsatisfactory state of affairs in respect to I. R. C. rolling stock on the Halifax and St. John division was the cutting down of the mechanical staffs at Halifax and Truro to almost the vanishing point. This was done with a view to having repair work other than the very lightest performed at Moncton. Moncton is nearly two hundred miles distant from Halifax, and one hundred and twenty-five distant from Truro. In view of these facts it is not reasonable to believe that traffic would be more expeditiously handled by having necessary repairs to locomotives running in and out of those points made at those points.

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