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## GO TO SEE WHAT THEY DO ELSEWHERE

S. A. Worrell and F. Peacock to inspect Vocational Schools.

S. A. Worrell, acting superintendent of schools, will leave this afternoon for two weeks' tour of the vocational schools of Ontario and Quebec and possibly some of those in the northern part of New York State. The object of the tour, authorized by the St. John School Board, is to gather information relative to the construction, equipment and operation of such schools in anticipation of the erection of a vocational school in St. John.

Mr. Worrell will be joined at Fredericton Junction by Fletcher Peacock, director of vocational education for New Brunswick, who will accompany him on the tour in addition to attending a meeting of the National Society of Vocational Education in Buffalo on December 6, 7 and 8. It is expected Mr. Worrell will also attend this gathering.

## TEAS AND SALES ARE HELD TODAY

Several Events of Interest in Connection With Societies and Churches.

A tea and sale is being held this afternoon under the auspices of Windsor Chapter, I. O. E., in the Masonic Hall, West Side. The rooms have been prettily decorated for the event. The predominating color is spruce and green, and the tables are being trimmed with spruce branches.

Miss Eva Newcombe is general convener. The decorating committee is composed of Miss Hazel Miles, convener, and the Misses Irene Macaulay, Ruth McLean, Helen Drinan, Marjorie Napier and Lois Fraser.

The other committees are: Purses, Mrs. John Emerson and Mrs. D. W. Newcombe; serving table, Miss Helen Drinan, Miss Edna Saw and Miss Marjorie Napier; program table, Miss Beatrice Cameron; fancy work, Miss Muriel Baird and Miss Alvin Pike; home cooking, Miss Maude Cunningham and Miss Hazel Miles; country produce, Miss Blanche Old and Miss Margaret Newcombe; tickets, Miss Dorothy Emerson; waitresses, Misses Vera Allingham, Vera Corbett, Ida Belyea, Irene Macaulay, Lois Fraser, Muriel Belyea, Ruth McLean, Winifred Lemmon and Lillian Cruikshank.

Rummage Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of Alexandra Temple are holding a rummage sale this afternoon in Temple Hall, Main street, under the convener of Mrs. John Matheson and Mrs. A. L. Roberts, assisted by other members of the Auxiliary.

Trinity Guild

Trinity church has been active in tea and sales during the last ten days. This afternoon the Girls' Guild of the church will hold a tea and sale that bids fair to surpass in beauty of arrangement any previous event given by them. The tea room and sales tables will be in the large upper hall, and will be divided by a wonder curtain of red streamers that will be showered with snow—make-believe, of course, but very natural looking and extremely pretty in effect. The waitresses are a fine background for the general scheme and was put together with skilful fingers by a bevy of interested members of the guild.

Mrs. E. A. Schofield and Mrs. Frank Harris will preside at the tea table and will pour tea and coffee. The convener and the various committees are as follows: Tea, Miss Georgie Seely, Miss Roberta Holder and Miss May Cawley. Miss Georgie Pettit will also assist. Fancy work will be in charge of Miss Louise Howard, Miss Winifred Smith and Miss Nan Porteous; candy, Miss Louisa Baisch and Miss Carrie Seely; grab bag, Miss Marjorie Johnson and Miss Alma Galt; home cooking, Miss Ida Northrup, Miss Valde Soudall, Miss Blanche Clift and Miss Dora Jones. The decorations of red and white with pine are very attractive.

FOR CHRISTMAS

A large assortment of toys, dolls, books and games awaits you here, also big display of choice Christmas groceries, all at lowest prices. The Two Barkers, Princess St.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "did you hear about the alligator floating up the Marsh Creek yesterday?"

"No, sir—I don't believe I did," said Hiram. "What's he doin' way up here?"

"He heard about our delightful climate," said the reporter, "came up from Florida to find out if the report were true."

"Well," said Hiram, "that'll put a stop to swimmin' in Courtney Bay—won't it?"

"I presume so," said the reporter.

"I s'pose," said Hiram, "you heard about the fellow out to The Settlement that got sunstruck on the road yesterday?"

"Yes," said Hiram, "the pore fellow got excited an' run too fast."

"Why was he running?" queried the reporter.

"He was runnin' fer town to see that there alligator," said Hiram.

"Hiram," said the reporter, "what is your special brand?"

"Same as yours," said Hiram.

"Helps the eyesight wonderfully—doesn't it?" said the reporter.

"An' it makes you invisible, too," said Hiram. "An inspector could walk right past an' never see you—By Hen!"

## LOCAL NEWS

FATHER HOGAN TO BERMUDA

Rev. William Hogan, C. S. R., of St. Peter's left last night for Halifax, whence he will sail to Bermuda for a mission for some weeks.

CARD OF THANKS

Daniel Myette wishes to thank the Sisters, also Doctor Kelley and the nurses of the St. John Infirmary for kind treatment while a patient.

NINETEEN BABES

Seven marriages and 19 births were reported to the deputy registrar of vital statistics for the week ending today. There were 11 boys and 8 girls.

DEATHS NUMBER 15

Fifteen deaths were reported to the Board of Health for the week ending today as follows: Pneumonia, 3; broncho-pneumonia, 3; phthisis, 1; heart disease, 2; diphtheria, endocarditis, cancer of bowel, intestinal obstruction and accident death, one each.

NOVEMBER BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearing for the month ended yesterday totaled \$14,021,894, as compared with \$11,588,888 for November last year. The increase is made up by the redemption of Victory Bonds which fell due at the beginning of the month.

WINS QUILT

Cullom Lodge No. 36, L. O. B. A., held a tea last night in the Temple building, North End, and there was a large attendance of members and friends, who enjoyed the good things provided. After the tea there was a drawing for a quilt and Mrs. Margaret Brewer proved the fortunate winner.

GIVE TALKS ON PROHIBITION

The opening session of the Young People's Society of the Portland Methodist church was held last evening under the citizenship department. The subject for discussion was prohibition and addresses were delivered by Rev. W. D. Wilson and Donald Fraser. Rev. Dr. H. L. Johnson and Rev. W. E. Spencer were also present.

IS GIVEN FAREWELL

Friends gathered Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herrett, Union street, to say farewell to Mrs. Harold Duffy, who is to leave in the near future for the United States to join her husband. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games and music and dainty refreshments were served.

CHARGED AS STOWAWAYS

James DeGree and William McGrath were in the police court this morning on a charge of being stowaways on the Canadian Victor. The former will be detained until the steamer sails and will then be deported; the latter said he was a Canadian citizen and his case will be taken up with the Immigration authorities.

GIVES WARNING

Several boys appeared before Magistrate Henderson this morning charged with shouting and creating a disturbance in Moore street. All were represented by their parents, who were warned that they were liable, under the police act, to a fine of \$8. Magistrate Henderson said he did not wish to impose the fine, but warned them not to appear before him again.

PYTHIAN DANCE ENJOYED

A dance given last evening by St. John Lodge, No. 80, Knights of Pythias, in Castle Hill, Lunenburg, was a big success and the more than two hundred who were present spent a very pleasant evening. Music was supplied by Blackie's Orchestra and card tables were provided for those who did not dance. A running supper was served. The committee in charge was composed of J. J. Moore, chairman; J. R. Andrews, H. McLean, Scott Hurdie and Gordon Williams. G. R. Andrews acted as floor manager.

MUSQUASH REPORT

The rainfall at Musquash was .05 inches, it was reported this morning at the office of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. The pond on the west branch is standing at elevation 124.4 and that on the east branch at 97.9. It was said that it is expected the east branch will have to be operated next week to keep water from going over the spillway and thus being wasted. Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith expressed himself as highly gratified with the conditions at Musquash and said that since November 14, on which date the west branch was started, there had been no need for a standby.

NOW COMES A ROSE

It is difficult to say whether a rose, fresh and sweetly odorous, that was sent into this office yesterday, was the last rose of summer or the first rose of winter. It certainly was a rose, a pretty pink one, and it had for its companion in a small box, a dandelion bud. The paper around the box announced that the lovely flower was picked on the West Side of the city in King street. It must be a sheltered garden, even for weather like this to produce such a rare bloom. That the donor was too modest to disclose a name is regrettable for one might like to wander in a garden that has roses in late November. The contest grows keen. It is expected that blooms from friendly gardens will settle part of the gift problem at Christmas. Time will tell.

PLAYED TRUANT FOR FIFTY DAYS

A small boy was summoned to the police court this morning to explain why he had been absent from school for fifty days. He acknowledged to Magistrate Henderson that he had been playing truant, but after being severely lectured promised to do better in the future and to go to school regularly. He was accompanied by his sister, who said that their mother was dead. She promised to keep a close watch over him and see that he went regularly.

## LONGSHOREMEN ARE ON NEW SCALE

Working Today at 65 Cents an Hour—Reports re Other Unions.

The longshoremen along the water front are today working on their new wage schedule as well as under revised working conditions agreed upon at the conciliation board meeting, which were concluded yesterday. The men are receiving 65c. an hour, which is an increase of 10c. an hour over last year.

Although the Coal Handlers Union and that of the Ship Liners have filed applications for a conciliation board to settle their dispute with the shipping interests it was felt today that an amicable settlement could be arrived at over the week-end and that there would be no need for other board sessions. The coal handlers were receiving 65c. an hour and are asking for 80c. the ship liners were getting 50c. and are asking for 60c.

## NEARLY ALL WERE SENT TO WOODS

Employment Service Here Found Places for 225 in November.

More than 90 per cent. of the 225 men placed last month by the local office of the Employment Service of Canada were sent into the woods of New Brunswick, according to a statement issued today. The employment situation was said to be quiet, and there were about 450 men registered, waiting employment. Most of the outdoor work about the city has been finished, and the workmen were awaiting the opening of the winter port season, which will take care of a majority of those unemployed. During the month 135 women were placed, including maids, office help, waitresses, etc. It was said that maids were in good demand and the office could place 25 today if they were available.

## SCHOLARSHIP OF I.O.D.E. AWARDED

Winner is R. S. Hawkins, of Fredericton—Was Through War.

The winner of the I. O. D. E. War Memorial Overseas Post Graduate Scholarship for New Brunswick has been announced by the committee of selection. It was this year he is R. S. Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles N. C. Hawkins of Fredericton. Mr. Hawkins received the degree of B. A. from the U. N. B. in May, 1923, and will pursue his studies in the Faculty of Commerce of the London School of Economics and Political Science at the University of London.

The successful candidate enlisted as a gunner with the 9th Canadian Siege Battery at St. John in September, 1916, and after training five months at Partridge Island with that unit proceeded on draft to England in March. In September of the same year he was sent to France and served continuously until the Armistice with the 1st Divisional Ammunition Column, the 1st Divisional Trench Mortars, and the 4th Canadian Siege Battery, and after the Armistice spent two and a half months with the Army of Occupation at Bonn, Germany. In May, 1919, he was discharged from the service by reason of demobilization. Mr. Hawkins was present at all the engagements in which Canadian troops participated during his service in France and Belgium, and holds the British General Service and Victory medals.

WAS MILDEST DEC. 1 IN YEARS

More Like Autumn Than Winter—Same All Over N. B.

St. John today experienced one of the mildest first of December days in recent years. With other portions of Canada the city was enjoying mild weather, and almost balmy breezes.

From other parts of the province come the same reports. From Fredericton The Times has received the following:

"December 1, may be the first official day of winter, but in reality it is more like the commencement of Autumn in Fredericton today. With thermometers registering 52 at noon, the St. John River still wide open for navigation and boats plying as in mid-summer, not a sign of any snow so far and the ground still unfrozen, there is not the least visible sign that winter is officially here. Conditions are the same all over the province."

"Not since 1915 has the St. John River been over in December. It is today, and the records show that only on seventeen occasions since 1925 has the St. John River remained open until December 1 or later."

"Records of the Dominion meteorological station at the U. N. B. show the mean temperature of the past month to have been only three degrees higher than the average for November in the past fifty years. The precipitation was 4.33 inches, somewhat more than an inch more than the average for the month."

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## A Smoking Jacket for Dad

Whether he smokes or not he will find ample use for one of these delightful lounge coats.  
Grey, Brown, Cord Wine, Brown, Grey, Heavy English Jacket in  
Bound, 3 Pockets, Fancy Contrasting Collar, Cuffs, Also Black Velveteens,  
Cuff, \$7.50 Pockets, \$9.00 \$15.00

You'll find these and many others in the Men's Shop—2nd Floor.

## Or Perhaps a Dressing Gown

You'll find some very tempting ones here just now. The kind that will bring a happy smile to his face Christmas morning. English brushed wool gowns bound with braid; these are in grey shades and have fancy girdle ..... \$10  
There are sand shades and grey pinchecks in brushed wool, bound with braid and cord edges ..... \$12  
Oxford greys, browns, club checks, fawns, camel shades, brushed wool gowns with fancy girdle and cord bound .. \$15  
Jaeger natural camel shade fleeced gowns ..... \$20  
Other gowns at ..... \$25, \$30, \$32.50, \$35.

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## Pictures As Gifts

A lady who has recently started a home of her own called here a few days ago to select some pictures for the various rooms, and remarked that she wished that some of her friends and members of the family had thought of pictures when sending their wedding gifts.

She felt the need of them in the new home, and thoroughly appreciated the beautiful subjects which she selected, so this provides a useful hint for prospective givers.

In our display rooms there are pictures for the reception hall, for the bed chamber, for the living room, for the nursery, for the dining room. Reproductions of famous art gallery prizes, of masterpieces of famed artists, and the pictures of less known origin, but none the less desirable.

Pleased to have you walk through the store and inspect our immense stock.

Time to consider your Christmas gifts.  
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## Never Before Such Enthusiasm!

Never before such tremendous response of eager shoppers buying merchandise. Really the values are extraordinary. That is the reason this sale is proving to be such a success. Only six days more—make the most of them.

| Women's Coats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Women's Coats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Women's Coats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Made of all-wool Plaid-back costing that is thick and soft. Has a fleecy finish and is an ideal material for the mannish type of coat. Made with Raglan sleeves, Patch pockets, belt all around and the yoke is silk lined. They come in a variety of colors, \$30 values ..... <b>\$19.85</b> | These good-looking coats of English Velour are the type the well-dressed woman likes to wear, for besides being warm they are decidedly stylish. Some are Fur trimmed while others are plain. Full silk lined. Regular \$52.00 values now ... <b>\$37.85</b> | Outstanding, even among our many smart models are these Fur trimmed Velour Coats. They are lined throughout with a heavy silk. If you want a high grade coat at a big saving here is your chance. Regular \$75.00 values ..... <b>\$49.85</b> |

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