

BOAT FOUND ON THE SHORE

Believed Mrs. Fannie Sharpe Ended Her Life in Courtney Bay

ILL LONG TIME

Was Widow and Lived With Her Sister—Left House, It is Thought, While Members of Family Were at Watch Service.

Thursday, Jan. 2.—The body of Mrs. Fannie Sharpe was found yesterday morning about 8 o'clock on the beach of Courtney Bay near the oil works. It is supposed that while suffering from melancholia she ended her life in the water.

Mrs. Sharpe was the sister of Mrs. Fred Sandall and has resided with her for several years. During the last two years Mrs. Sharpe has been an invalid and has only been out of the house on a few occasions during that period.

Tuesday night the family attended a watch service and returned about 1 o'clock. When members of the household went to their room yesterday morning at 8 o'clock it was found that Mrs. Sharpe was not there. A search of the house and premises was immediately begun and neighbors helped in the search. The hunt extended to the beach and wharves along Courtney Bay and Marshall. A canoe was discovered in the water near the beach near the foot of Sheffield street.

Coroner Berryman was summoned and after viewing the body gave permission for it to be removed to the home of Mrs. Sandall.

It is believed that Mrs. Sharpe got out of the house soon after midnight when the doors were unlocked while the family was returning from watch service and that she made her way to one of the wharves in Courtney Bay and jumped into the water. It is thought that being an invalid for so long a time had affected her mind to such an extent that she had planned self-destruction for some time and a close watch was kept on her movements. She had not been dressed for several weeks and her clothing was kept in a trunk near her bed.

When the body was found it was fully dressed, so it is supposed that she secured her clothing while the family was away.

Mrs. Sharpe had been a widow for about eight years. She was the daughter of the late William Duffell, of St. John, and is survived by two sisters—Mrs. Fred Sandall, Pitt street, who she has lived with, and Miss Mary Duffell, of this city; and two brothers—William Duffell, in the employ of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., and James Duffell, of this city. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

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OBITUARY

Johnson Mowatt.

Many friends will read this morning with regret the death of Johnson Mowatt, in the 78th year of his age. He passed away about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the General Public Hospital. Besides his wife, he leaves four daughters and two sons. The funeral is to take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from the home of his son-in-law, 7 Alexandra street.

William Farrer.

On the evening of Monday, Dec. 23, William Farrer, of Ford's Mills, Kent county, passed peacefully away at the age of 71 years. He had been in failing health for some months but until recently it had been hoped that he would again be restored to health and strength. Mr. Farrer was a man of sterling worth and will be much missed in the community. He leaves a widow, six sons and one daughter to mourn the loss of a kind husband and a loving father. One son, Edward, is in the employ of the I. C. R. in Moncton; another, Stephen, resides at Coal Branch; James and Artemus are at home and the other members of the family are in the United States. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 26, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. H. H. Crook, assisted by Rev. R. H. Staver. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery at Ford's Mills.

John Holcomb.

There entered into his rest at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. H. H. Crook, on Tuesday evening last, Dec. 24, one of the best known inhabitants of the parish of Johnston, in the person of John Holcomb, in the 78th year of his age. Mr. Holcomb did not take a very prominent part in public life as he was of a quiet and retiring disposition. A man of sterling qualities and highly respected in the community, his life was principally devoted to a agricultural pursuits. He also held the position of postmaster for years. He was a member of the Church of England and the I. O. F., in which he took a deep interest. His wife, who was a Miss Kincaid, died about one year ago. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Thomas McDermott, Mrs. John Thorne, Mrs. Charles H. Thorne and Miss Reta at home; also three sons, Robert and Herbert, conductors on the Central Railway; Harry at home. The funeral took place on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. H. H. Crook, assisted by Rev. R. H. Staver. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery at Ford's Mills.

Peter Ryan.

The death of Peter Ryan occurred at his residence, 147 Brunels street at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning after a week's illness. He is survived by his wife, two sons, James A. Ryan of this city, and John P. of Prince Edward Island; and three daughters, Mrs. Edward Jones, Mrs. Charles Crook and Mrs. N. Quinn, all of this city. The funeral will be tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence.

John Thorne.

St. George, Dec. 30.—Death claimed an esteemed citizen on Thursday last, when John Thorne passed away. He was 66 years of age and had been a life long resident of the canal district. For more than a year he had been a sufferer and though able to be about he was too weak to

withstand the attacks that toward the end became more frequent and violent.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon and despite the storm a large number gathered to pay their last respects. Mr. Thorne was a man of cheerful disposition, making and holding friends. A life long Liberal, his death is a distinct loss to the community. A widow, two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Dodds, residing here, and Mrs. Joseph Jackson, of St. John, West; three boys and a girl at home, and one son, Israel, by a former marriage, survive.

Mrs. Edwin Lewis.

Amanda, wife of Edwin Lewis, passed away at her home, Fair View, St. Martin's (N. B.), on Christmas Day, after an illness of a few months, at the age of 71 years. She was survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. A. McDonald, of St. Martin's (N. B.), and two sons, George, of Eastern (Me.), and Robert of Charlottetown (N. B.). She was a devoted wife and mother and a member of the Free Will Baptist church for more than fifty years. Interment was made in the St. Martin's cemetery on Friday, the 27th, the services being conducted by the Rev. W. A. Snelling.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gase.

Wednesday, Jan. 1.—The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Gase, widow of Thomas Gase, who was identified with the shipbuilding industry in St. John before the fire of 1877, took place yesterday morning at the home of J. Fred Seely, 58 St. James street. Mrs. Gase was 91 years of age, was born in Scotland and came to St. John with her brothers, Richard and William Wright, who were among the most prominent shipbuilders of St. John. She was married to Thomas Gase of the shipbuilding firm of Gase & Duffy in 1851. She is survived by two sons, T. G. Gase, of Boston, and Frederick Gase, of Palm Beach, California. Mrs. Gase died at this city, a grand daughter, Mrs. Gase spent much of her time in England and witnessed the coronation of the late King Edward VII.

Mrs. Mary Murphy.

Norton, N. B., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Mary Murphy, one of the oldest residents of Avonmore, Kings county, died this morning at the home of her son, Charles, at Norton, where she had come to spend the holidays. On Christmas night she was taken ill with cold, pneumonia rapidly developed and notwithstanding all that medical aid could do she passed peacefully away this morning about 9 o'clock. The funeral was on Thursday afternoon, in the St. Mary's River Bank cemetery.

Mrs. James B. Johnston.

Jerusalem, Queens County, Dec. 30.—The death of Clara, wife of James B. Johnston, of this place, which occurred on Monday night after an illness of less than two weeks, came as a shock to her relatives and many friends. Deceased, who was in the 34th year of her age, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton, of Oak Point. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband and five small children, and nine brothers and sisters, Forest A., of St. John; Frank Short, of Glenwood, and Charles, of St. John; and two brothers—William Duffell, in the employ of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., and James Duffell, of this city. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

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The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Patterson, at the Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Barnes and Rev. Mr. Vallis, also of that denomination, and the Rev. Mr. Leavelle, Methodist. The deepest sympathy is extended to the sorrowing relatives in their bereavement. Interment was made at Jerusalem.

Col. Frank Miles.

Fredericton, Dec. 31.—(Special)—News has been received here of the death at Kalispell, Montana, of Col. Frank Miles, brother of A. R. Miles, of Marguerville, of the late George Miles, of St. John. He had been in failing health for some time and news of his death did not come as a surprise. He was sixty years of age and is survived by a widow. Three brothers reside in the west, one of whom is C. LeB. Miles, late of Woodville.

Gregg Beckett.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 31.—(Special)—Gregg Beckett, of the firm of Beckett & Co., wholesale confectioners, Calais (Me.), died of enlargement of the heart at an early hour this morning. He had been feeling well for some time, and had been to Boston consulting a specialist, who advised him to return to his home at once. Last night he suffered an attack which proved fatal.

Mr. Beckett was forty-seven years of age and leaves a wife and nine children. He is also survived by two brothers, Frank N. Beckett, of the firm of J. M. Beckett, of Calais, and Helen Beckett, of Denver. Mr. Beckett was a member of the Congregational church at St. John, and of the St. Croix Club and the Eaton Rifle Club.

Funeral of Mrs. Catharine.

Peter Vale, Dec. 31.—The funeral of Mrs. Catharine took place this afternoon, and was held at the house by Rev. Allen Daniel and interment in St. Luke's Episcopal cemetery at Gouda Point. The large attendance and the many floral tributes, the sympathetic messages from many who were unable to pay this last tribute of respect were all evidence of the esteem in which this aged lady was held. Her death breaks another of the links that bound the present to the past. Her four sons and seven years were full of incident and her keen memory and remarkable power of observation and description enabled her to draw vivid pictures of comparison between the luxurious life of the present as compared with the simple life of the past. She was a daughter of the forest who carved their farms from the forest who knew no ease for themselves or their families. The lives of all and every one were full of usefulness and the memory of their lives is a source of pleasure to the present. The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence.

Mrs. Catharine was one of those who played the pioneer part, who grappled with a living and advancing steadily with the progress of the country. Her stories of life in those early days of their work in the field and by the fireside, of their courtship and marriage, of their feast and pleasures, of the stern rule of parents, the frequent visits of pastor or teacher were all entertaining and humorous; and in spite of advancing years and growing infirmities it was always a pleasure to her to dwell in the past and compare the days when so little was appreciated with today when so much is.

In the evening her life Mrs. Catharine was particularly happy in the devotion of a son and daughter, whose care for her in

the days of her helplessness was their chief object.

Mrs. George Lavers.

Thursday, Jan. 2.—Mrs. George Lavers, wife of George E. Lavers, died at her home, 241 Carmarthen street, yesterday, after a lingering illness. She is survived by her husband and one sister, Miss Catherine Sullivan, of this city.

WEDDINGS

Pyne-Bailey. Harcourt, Dec. 28.—A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Pyne-Bailey on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 27, when her daughter, Jennie, was united in marriage with William E. Pyne. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Staver in the presence of quite a number of invited guests. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Pyne. The bride was attended by her mother and a bridesmaid, Miss Pyne. The ceremony was over all at dawn to a dainty repast. Mr. Pyne is in the employ of the I. C. R. and the young couple will make their home in Moncton.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Lillian Jordan, of this town, and Doctor Daniel, of Canterbury, was solemnized on Saturday evening. The bride has been the wife of P. R. Jordan, who died some time ago. They will reside in Canterbury.

Pipe-Foster. Wednesday, Jan. 1.—A wedding of more than usual interest took place yesterday afternoon in St. Paul's church, Rochester, when Rev. A. N. Duffell, of this city, officiated at the marriage of Miss Pipe-Foster, of Rochester, and Arthur Brown Pyne, of Moncton (N. B.). The bride was given away by her uncle, Joseph Stone. There were no bridesmaids. The ushers were Messrs. Turnbull and Puddington.

The church was nicely decorated for the ceremony and the auditorium was well filled with friends of the bride and groom. The bride wore a gown of brown tulle with a train and a veil. The ushers were Messrs. Turnbull and Puddington.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Laakey, Dufferin, Dec. 30, their daughter, Mary Isabel, was united in marriage to Isaac Wesley Allen, of Gaspe, P. E. I. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Reginald J. Plint, of Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Allen will reside at Dufferin.

McAllister-Higgins. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister, Midland, Chipman, Dec. 25, George W. McAllister was united in marriage to Miss Mable Higgins, of Salmon Falls, N. B. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Reginald J. Plint, of Chipman. After the ceremony the immediate friends of the contracting parties were entertained by the groom's parents to a dainty repast.

Austin-Lucas. At Chipman on the 27th inst., David B. Austin was united in marriage to Margaret Lucas, daughter of William Lucas, of Iron-Bound Cove. Only immediate friends were present. Rev. Reginald J. Plint officiated.

Pierce-Crimp. Wednesday, Jan. 1.—A quiet wedding took place last night at the home of the officiating clergyman, when Rev. F. S. Porter united in marriage Jesse S. Pierce, of Yarmouth (N. B.), and Miss Laura Crimp, of Colby, N. S. The pair were united in marriage by the Rev. Reginald J. Plint, of Chipman. They will leave this morning for Yarmouth where they will reside.

Colwell-Gilchrist. Wednesday, Jan. 1.—A pretty wedding took place at McDonald's Corner, Queens county, yesterday when Miss Margaret Gilchrist was united in marriage to Harry Colwell, of Upper Jamesburg. Rev. A. B. McDonald performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The bride was escorted by her father, Mr. Colwell, and the groom by his brother, Mr. Gilchrist. The ceremony was over all at dawn to a dainty repast.

McTavish-Sherard. Newcastle, Jan. 1.—The wedding of Mrs. Alex. Sherard, of Boom Road, to Weldon McTavish, of Cassella, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McTavish, of Cassella, yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. H. Staver. The bride was escorted by her father, Mr. McTavish, and the groom by his brother, Mr. Sherard. The ceremony was over all at dawn to a dainty repast.

The following, taken from the Rochester (N. B.) News of 28th inst., is an account of an interesting event which took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McTavish, of Cassella, yesterday afternoon. The bride was escorted by her father, Mr. McTavish, and the groom by his brother, Mr. Sherard. The ceremony was over all at dawn to a dainty repast.

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Dr. and Mrs. Mott left on a late train for a wedding tour, after which they will take up residence in Malden (Mass.).

Amherst, Dec. 31.—A very pretty home wedding took place this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Laves.

Victoria street, when their daughter, Lila, was united in marriage to Wm. A. Laves, of the office of the Canadian Car Company. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Hamilton Wigle, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, in the presence of about fifty immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis and Mrs. Harold Mayes, of St. John. The parlor of the home was prettily decorated with green and white effects. The bride entered upon the arm of her father, Professor Sterne playing the wedding march. The ceremony was performed under an evergreen arch and bell. The bride wore her traveling dress of brown cloth with picture hat and willow plumes. She carried a bouquet of white carnations, lilies of the valley and maiden hair fern. Following congratulations a wedding lunch was served after which the young couple moved to the station and took the train for St. John. After taking a short wedding trip, they will return and take up their residence in Amherst.

MUNCY TWINS START IN GOOD HEALTH ON NINETY-FIFTH YEAR

Babylon, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Samuel and William Muncy, who celebrated their ninety-fourth birthday Christmas day, have started in on their ninety-fifth year in excellent health, and they see no reason why they should not round out the century.

The following are the wholesale quotations per case:

Salmon, cohoes	2.50	8.75
Salmon, spring	2.50	8.75
Salmon, winter	2.50	8.75
Nippered herring	4.25	4.40
Clams	4.00	4.25
Oysters, 12	2.25	2.35
Oysters, 18	2.25	2.35
Peaches, 24	2.25	2.40
Pineapple, sliced	2.25	2.40
Pineapple, whole	2.25	2.40
Singapore pineapples	1.75	1.85
Lombard plums	1.10	1.15
Haskberries	2.25	2.40
Corn, per bush	1.10	1.15
String beans	0.00	1.00
Baked beans	1.25	1.35

PROVISIONS.

Pork, domestic mess	25.25	26.00
Pork, American clear	26.00	26.00
Lard, compound, tub	0.10	0.10
Lard, pure, tub	0.15	0.15

SUGAR.

Standard granulated	4.90	5.00
United States granulated	4.90	5.00
Bright yellow	4.90	5.00
Soft yellow	4.80	4.90
Paris lump	6.25	6.50

FLOUR, ETC.

Roller oatmeal	5.50	5.60
Standard oatmeal	6.05	6.15
Manitoba, high grade	6.25	6.35
Ontario, medium patent	6.40	6.50
Ontario, full patent	6.55	6.75

GROCERIES.

Choice seeded raisins, 1 lb.	0.07	0.08
Fancy, do.	0.08	0.09
Malaga clusters	2.25	2.40
Chico, per lb.	0.07	0.08
Cheese, per lb.	0.15	0.16
Rice	4.25	4.50
Cream tartan, pure, box	0.21	0.22
Vanilla pods, per box	9.10	9.20
Molasses, Java, Barbados	0.97	1.00
Beans, hand picked	2.75	2.85
Beans, yelloweye	3.10	3.20
Split peas, per bag	2.80	2.90
Pot barley	3.50	3.60
Cornmeal	3.25	3.30
Granulated cornmeal	4.75	4.85
Liverpool salt, per ton	7.00	7.10

CONDENSED NEWS, LOCAL AND GENERAL

The International Harvester Company is sending out on timbers and encyclopedias, that is a repetition of the same information.

Properties at Blackville will be taken over by the North Shore and settlers are to occupy them at once, one family returning from the United States to occupy one of the properties—Canadian World.

Although the C. P. R. is reported to have secured running rights over the I. C. R. from the first of the year, the local officials have heard nothing of such an arrangement, and no preparations have been made to put such a service into effect.

The Bauger Commercial, says: The death of Mrs. Hattie A. Simpson occurred at her home in Harlow street Saturday night after an illness of several months. She leaves a son, W. V. Simpson, of this city. The body was taken to Scotchtown, N. B., Monday for burial. Mrs. Simpson lived in St. John until a few months ago.

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ST. JOHN MARKETS

The markets during the last week have had very few changes, and those few were mainly trivial. The country market still remains well stocked. The wholesale prices yesterday were:

COUNTRY MARKET.

Beef, butchers	0.07	0.10
Beef, country	0.08	0.08
Mutton, per lb	0.14	0.08
Pork, per lb	0.08	0.10
Spring lamb, per carcass		
	0.11	0.12
Veal, per lb	0.09	0.11
Geese, henney, per doz	0.38	0.40
Geese, per lb	0.03	0.27
Creamery butter, per lb	0.28	0.30
Ducks	1.23	1.00
Fowls, pair, fresh kill		
per lb	0.14	0.15
Spring chickens, pair		
fresh killed, per lb	0.13	0.20
per lb	0.23	0.23
Lettuce, per doz	0.30	0.60
Molasses Syrup, per gal	1.00	1.25
Maple sugar, per lb	0.19	0.20
Bacon	0.17	0.18
Ham	0.17	0.18
Carrots, per bu	0.61	1.70
Onions, per bu	0.80	2.00
Celery, per doz	0.80	1.00
Cabbage, per doz	1.00	1.50
Tomatoes, per bu	0.90	0.60
Potatoes, bu	0.90	1.00
Peas, bu	1.00	1.50