

## MARINE INVESTIGATION IN ST. JOHN ENDED FOR THE PRESENT

Commission Heard Several Witnesses Friday Morning, and Left for Halifax—Will Likely Have Another Sitting Here Later.

The inquiry into the affairs of the marine and fisheries department, which has been going on in the court house since Tuesday last, was concluded Friday morning and the members of the commission left on the noon train for Halifax, where the affairs of the Nova Scotia agency will be investigated. It is probable that the commission will hold another session here at a later date.

Several officials and employees of the department were examined yesterday morning, the inquiry opened at 10:10 o'clock. Mr. Watson, addressing the court, said he had handed to him by the bookkeeper of T. McAvity & Sons, 14 cheques which the bookkeeper thought were all the cheques they had. All the cheques were payable to cash and were endorsed by Mr. Harding. The cheques were placed in evidence.

**Engineer Morris.**

Malcolm A. Morris was called. In reply to Mr. Watson he said he desired to be heard. He had been in the department 21 years, had been chief engineer of the Curlew fourteen years. Sometimes orders for stores were procured through Capt. Milne and sometimes through Mr. Harding. He checked over the stores when they were received. If exorbitant prices were charged he would let it be his duty to report it to the higher authorities. He had reported to Admiral Kingsmill on one occasion that waste items were being charged 10 cents for what was not as good as what had been obtained at 9 cents. The admiral told him that was a matter for the buyer. He had never reported these matters to Mr. Harding but had spoken to the captain.

In some cases he thought charges for repairs or supplies were excessive and he had talked the matter over with the captain. He thought the department was an easy buyer.

He had received presents of money from Mr. McDonald. The first occasion was about 5 years ago when he received \$300. This was in consideration of having recommended steamers to the department. On other occasions, he received other amounts. About 13 or 14 months later he had been given \$20 by Mr. McDonald. These presents had nothing to do with government work. Mr. McDonald handed him the present in a letter.

He had also recommended steamers to go to Fleming's for repairs, but had never received any presents from them.

About 6 months later he had received \$15 while in the St. John Iron works. About 13 months later he was given \$15 while coming from the Ballast wharf. On the last occasion he had counted out a \$10 and \$5 bill.

He told Mr. McDonald he didn't want any presents.

Asked why he did not recommend work for T. McAvity & Sons, he said he had done so, and had never asked for or received any presents.

Witness said he had received no more presents than he had already spoken of.

**H. H. Brown.**

H. H. Brown was next called. He said he had been appointed a clerk under Mr. Harding. He was appointed Nov. 15, 1907. In answer to Mr. Watson, he said he

## I. C. R. SHUNTING FOREMAN HAS FOOT AMPUTATED

Allan W. French Caught at Ankle Between Cars During Coupling Operation.

A serious accident occurred in the I. C. R. yard about 8 o'clock Monday morning when Allan W. French, foreman of the crew of shunting engine No. 41, whose home is at 28 Winter street, had his right foot crushed between two cars, resulting in its amputation later at the General Public Hospital.

French, who has a wife and two children, is the second oldest foreman of shunting cars in the yard and has a long experience as a shunter. He was on duty when the accident occurred, and was attempting to couple the cars of engine No. 41 when he was caught at his ankle between the two cars.

The unfortunate man's cry brought the other members of the crew to his assistance and he was taken from his position between the cars. He was at once carried to a car cleaning shed where he lapsed into unconsciousness. While the ambulance was on the way he regained consciousness and only uttered a few words. At the hospital it was found necessary to amputate the foot just above the ankle. French is reported to have stood the operation well and was resting easily yesterday.

## MISPEC MAN SHOOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD

George Thomas Commits Suicide; Is Thought That He Was Despondent—Doctor's Long Drive in Van.

George Thomas, a farmer and fisherman residing at Mispec, shot himself in the head Sunday evening. The bullet entered his forehead and he was found by his wife Sunday morning. He was taken to the St. John Hospital, where he died Sunday evening. The doctor who attended him, Dr. J. C. R. Shunting, said he thought the man was despondent. He had been in the hospital for some time and was being treated for a long time. The doctor's long drive in his van was a sad one.

**WEDDINGS.**

Beckwith-Walsh.

In St. Joachim's church, Silver Falls, on Monday, Nov. 23, a quiet but pretty wedding took place when James V. Beckwith and Mary E. Walsh, of Silver Falls, were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. J. O. G. T. The bride looked charming in a suit of light grey broadcloth with hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Hannah Walsh, who wore a blue cloth suit and blue picture hat. The groom was supported by Frank Boyle. The bride was given away by her nephew, Edward Boyle. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of guests who drove to the home of the bride, where they fell just to a tempting luncheon.

**Thorne-Haldane.**

Alex. W. Thorne, well known in athletic circles here, was married in Toronto on Nov. 17 to Miss Isabel Haldane, Rev. Mr. Pierson, of Strathroy (Ont.), officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, who were in Toronto, where the groom has a position with a large electrical firm. Mr. Thorne was well known as a basketball player and track athlete. He was a member of the U. N. B. football team in 1905.

**Smith-Gillman.**

The marriage of John Howard Earl Smith, of Westbrook, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Gillman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gillman, of Littleton (N.B.), was solemnized at St. Stephen's church in Milltown, Nov. 25, with mass by Rev. Edward Doyle. Miss Kate Gillman, who was the bride's maid, and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will live in Westbrook.

**Hopewell Hill Notes.**

Hopewell Hill, Nov. 29.—H. R. Allan, of Hopewell, railway mail clerk, spent a couple of days with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McGowan. Miss Dorothy Matthews, of Curryville, who has spent several months with her brother in Montreal, returned home a few days ago.

Mr. Wagstaff, who has been absent for a month lecturing in the interests of the farm near Tatler (Kan.), paying \$125 an acre. Now after three years of big crops he has resold it for \$165 an acre.

## OBITUARY

### Harry Delay.

Harry Delay died at his home No. 2 Brussels street Friday morning at the age of thirty-one. For eighteen years he had been in the employ of the Opera House, commencing as call boy and later being connected with the staff. He is survived by his mother, two brothers, George, formerly of the government service, and Allan, who is a member of the Boston police force and Robert, in Newfoundland, and two sisters, both married.

### J. Allan Perley.

Many in St. John will be sorry to hear of the death of Allan Perley, of Andover. Mr. Perley was favorably known far and wide as a host; very few visited the upper St. John without making his acquaintance, and holding kindly thought of him.

### Mrs. Daniel Donovan.

Mrs. Daniel Donovan died Friday morning in her home at the corner of North and Smythe streets, aged 86 years. She is survived by two sons and four daughters. The sons are Captain Joseph Donovan, and Andrew Donovan, the daughters are Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Mrs. Jeremiah Murphy, Mrs. Cornelius Driscoll, and Mrs. Cornelius O'Leary, all of this city. Mrs. Donovan came from Ireland, 70 years ago, and had lived here since then. Her son Capt. J. J. Donovan is now on his way to Boston in command of the schooner J. Arthur Lord.

### Mrs. George A. Bedell.

Andover, N. B., Nov. 26.—The death of Mrs. Geo. A. Bedell took place on Wednesday evening, after a long and painful illness which was hastened by influenza. The deceased had lived the greater part of her life in Andover and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She was in the seventieth year of her age, and leaves, besides her husband, two sons—D. R. Bedell, merchant, of this city, and one son, a student of the St. John Seminary, and a daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Beveridge, of Andover. Interment will be made tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the Episcopal cemetery, the bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of the community.

### A. J. Perley.

Andover, N. B., Nov. 26.—The death of A. J. Perley took place at his home here on Wednesday, the 26th inst. Mr. Perley has been in poor health ever since the death of his wife, who died some time ago. He had been to Montreal for treatment but medical skill failed to cure him. He had built a new home during the summer and only occupied it a few weeks when the end came. Mr. Perley has for years been a familiar figure in the village of Andover. He was the proprietor of the Andover Hotel, which for years was the headquarters of the sportsmen who visited this part of the country. He was brought in by a horse and cart, and was found by his wife Sunday morning. He was taken to the St. John Hospital, where he died Sunday evening. The doctor who attended him, Dr. J. C. R. Shunting, said he thought the man was despondent. He had been in the hospital for some time and was being treated for a long time. The doctor's long drive in his van was a sad one.

### William Smith.

Woodstock, N. B., Nov. 27.—(Special)—William Smith, a well known citizen, died last night after a lingering illness of several days. He was born in England, and came to Nova Scotia when a child, and nine years ago removed to Woodstock to engage in a department in the woolen mill here. He is survived by his wife and two sons—Marvin and Thomas, and two daughters—Mary and Elizabeth. He was a member of the St. John Seminary, and was a very good man. He was buried in the St. John Seminary cemetery Sunday morning.

### Funeral of Mrs. Judson Manzer.

Andover, Nov. 26.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Judson Manzer was held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the St. John Seminary. The deceased was a well known citizen, and was a member of the St. John Seminary. She was buried in the St. John Seminary cemetery Sunday morning.

### Louis Connell.

Louis Connell died Saturday morning after a long illness. He was a well known citizen, and was a member of the St. John Seminary. He was buried in the St. John Seminary cemetery Sunday morning.

### William West.

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 28.—(Special)—The death occurred at Nappan Station, N. S., on Nov. 28, of William West, at the age of 82. Deceased was born at River John, Pictou county, in 1816, where he resided carrying on farming until the death of his wife. He came to Nappan to live with his only daughter, Mrs. David Langill. In politics Mr. West was a Conservative. He was a member of the St. John Seminary, and was a very good man. He was buried in the St. John Seminary cemetery Sunday morning.

### Rev. B. M. Mullins.

North Sydney, N. S., Nov. 28.—(Special)—The death of Rev. B. M. Mullins, of North Sydney, occurred at his home here Sunday morning. He was a well known citizen, and was a member of the St. John Seminary. He was buried in the St. John Seminary cemetery Sunday morning.

### Mrs. Charles J. Olney.

Many friends will hear with regret of the death of Amelia May, wife of Charles J. Olney, who occurred Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Olney, who was in her eightieth year, was buried in the St. John Seminary cemetery Sunday morning.

years and is survived by two small children, the youngest being nine weeks old. Heart trouble was the cause of death. Mr. Olney is a member of the Bank of British North America and has many friends, who will sympathize deeply with him in his bereavement. Besides her husband and children, Mrs. Olney is survived by her father and mother, who are expected to reach the city from their home on the Tobique today. There are also two unmarried sisters.

### Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hunter.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hunter, widow of William Hunter, took place at her home, Latimer Lake, Sunday. Mrs. Hunter, who had attained the advanced age of seventy-eight years, had been ill about three months. She is survived by one brother, Robert Chittick, and one sister, Miss Lavina Chittick.

## SUMMER COTTAGE OF J. A. LIKELY PREY OF FLAMES

Building at Ononette Destroyed by Fire Monday Evening

One of Joseph A. Likely's two summer cottages at Ononette, on the C. P. R., a few miles from the city, was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. It is understood there is some insurance on the building. The contents, which were the property of H. G. Weeks, manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, were lost in the flames. They were not insured.

The fire was first noticed about 8 o'clock last evening and had then a strong hold upon the building, which was a two-story wooden structure. The people living in the cottage were taken to the city by a special train. The fire was caused by a gas stove which had been left burning.

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## P. O. INSPECTOR SOUNDS A WARNING

To a Telegraph reporter, Post Office Inspector Collier said last evening, in talking of the free rural delivery, "I was sorry to find that the attention of the public to the fact that these mail boxes must not be interfered with. Two persons are already in the hospital for interfering with the mails, so that it must be distinctly understood that any interference is a criminal offence."

The rural free delivery between St. John and Loch Lomond, will be inaugurated today, making the fourth route in New Brunswick since the rural delivery was started in this province, the other three being in Carleton county.

The list of those carrying boxes on the St. John-Loch Lomond route is: Messrs. Symonds and Brannan, at the Blackhall farm; Samuel Armstrong, W. H. Charlton, Simon J. Graham, Hugh McMorris, Charles W. Mayall, Frederick Watters and W. J. Johnston.

The new district will be known as "Rural Free Delivery No. 4," and all letters to residents of that district should be so addressed.

No application has as yet been received from Mr. Martins, but it is expected the system will be extended to there as soon as Mr. Martins is included in No. 4 district.

Posts have been placed on the roadside in front of the places named, and the boxes are in position.

## ENDORSE TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN IN ST. JOHN

The Methodist ministers held their weekly meeting in the parlors of Centenary church Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. James Crisp, president, and others present were: Revs. Ned McLaughlin, C. C. Campbell and W. S. Squires. Rev. J. B. Parker. After the reports were received there was a discussion concerning the temperance situation in the city. The work now being done in Dukes ward as well as the plans for work in other wards was heartily commended and endorsed.

Dr. Campbell, district secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, addressed the meeting, giving a short account of his Graham visit to England, and outlining the work of the society.

Rev. J. C. Borrie, chairman of the Fredericton district and Rev. J. B. Parker, spoke of the work in their respective circuits in encouraging terms.

The Baptist ministers held their weekly meeting in the Foreign Mission rooms, Prince William street, Tuesday evening. Revs. David Hutchinson, J. W. Kierstead, W. Camp, F. E. Bishop, W. W. McMaster, A. B. Colne and M. E. Fletcher.

After routine business, Rev. A. B. Colne read a paper on "The Negative Appeal in Gospel Preaching." The paper was followed by an interesting and profitable discussion.

At a recent meeting of the Bangor school board it was voted to prohibit the future practice of "cramming" for examinations or tutoring in the vacation to pass off credits.

## LOCAL NEWS

The Maine sardine packers closed a poor season last Saturday.

Much hay is being pressed in Dorchester and is available at 88 per ton.

Colon Hewitt of St. John is visiting his mother at St. Andrews.

Navigation closed on the river yesterday. The Champlain was the last boat to go up.

Miss Florence Hickey of Pictou and Harold L. Esenhausen of Boston will be married in Boston at an early date.

There were eight marriages and eleven births registered in the city last week. The babies were six girls and five boys.

Arthur S. Fillmore, carriage manufacturer at Southampton, N. S., is seriously ill at his home.

Ganong Bros. have contributed \$100 to the Chipman Memorial Hospital at St. Stephen.

William J. Davis, a C. P. R. engineer, died at his home in St. Andrews on Tuesday night, leaving a wife and child.

Clam canning operations will be resumed by Leavitt Bros. at St. Andrews next week.

Rev. Father Chapman, V. G., has been the guest of Rev. Father O'Flaherty at St. Andrews.

Rev. J. D. Harvey, of White Head, Grand Manan, was tendered a birthday reception with his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Denton, as hostess on the 13th inst.

Benjamin Gillis, of Grand Anse, and Miss Millicent Tower, of Sackville, were joined in wedlock at Sackville on Wednesday.

A temperance slate is in view for the next civic elections at St. Stephen. The majority nominee will probably be W. A. Dinsmore.

Tuesday next being the queen's birthday, a salute will be fired from No. 1 battery of artillery. The saluting party will fall in at the drill shed at 11:30 a. m.; dress, drill order.

The St. Andrews town home was saved from devastation by fire on Friday last by one of the inmates, Joseph Craig, who discovered the blaze in time to check its progress.

Adam Trueman, who for 25 years has resided in Colorado, has returned to his home at Point de Bute, Westmorland county. 15 years have elapsed since his last visit.

Duncan McDonald has resigned from his position as collector of customs at Sydney Mines to accept a more lucrative situation. Geo. E. Burchell is mentioned as his successor.

Archdeacon Raymond and W. M. Jarvis, of St. John, addressed a meeting of the clergy and church wardens of the diocese of St. Andrews on Wednesday at St. Stephen.

Rev. Father Carson, of St. George, is visiting in Baltimore and Boston and is expected that Father Duke will be the officiating priest in the parish on Sunday.

Haddock and hake are abundant at St. Andrews and are being shipped fresh to Montreal. Hake are so plentiful that the shippers are unable to handle nearly all of the catches so the farmers have purchased them for fertilizer use.

A Chinaman who had made improper proposals to little girls at St. John, was given a few hours to leave town on Wednesday. To narrowly escaped being roughly treated by a crowd that assembled at his laundry.

A syndicate of St. Stephen men have purchased a handsome French coach station for \$2,000, to improve the local stock. Danois is 3 years old, a dark bay in hue and weighs over 1,300 lbs. His pedigree can be traced back in unbroken line for 230 years.

Yarmouth expects to become the centre of big fishing interests. A modern plant for curing and smoking has been built. There is talk of using steamers in connection with the fishing and a direct line of export may be begun with the southern markets.

Good catches of smelt have been made in Eastport this season. Many boxes have been shipped by express from this point to Boston. Some of the fishermen, however, have been very successful in the business will go into it more extensively next season.

Sixteen burial permits were issued last week by the board of health as follows: Consumption, three; senility, heart disease, two each; uraemia, apoplexy, senile gangrene, premature birth, blood poisoning, cerebral hemorrhage, pernicious anaemia, capillary bronchitis, malignant disease of stomach, one each.

The assault and hold-up of Merritt Vennell, a Campbell young man, on Wednesday night on a street in St. Andrews, has caused a sensation in the town. The highwaymen secured \$38 and left Vennell on the ground unconscious. No due to the perpetrators of the deed has been found.

Stanley H. Bustin, son of William H. Bustin, proprietor of the Lansdowne House, who went to Boston some weeks ago to undertake a serious operation, has returned home. The operation was very successful. Mr. Bustin will leave today for Plaster Rock to resume his duties with the Toronto Construction Company on the Transcontinental Railway.

On Friday, Nov. 27th, Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hetherington of Starkey, Quebec, entertained a large number of their friends to an at home in their residence to which they have recently removed from Soreville (Mass.) A very pleasant evening was spent by all. An excellent programme of readings and music was enjoyed and the gathering broke up about midnight after partaking of substantial refreshments.

The captain of a schooner that left Windsor on Tuesday lured three young girls of the town between the ages of 11 and 18 on board the vessel which was bound to New York. The schooner was detained at Hantsport, seven miles down the river in response to messages and Constable Singer of Windsor brought two of the girls home by the steamer Avon. The youngest of the trio remained on board but was expected to be conveyed to Windsor on Wednesday night.

Rev. Chas. E. Eaton, D. D., Acadia '09 of Cleveland, has accepted a call to the Madison Avenue Baptist church, New York. Two former pastors of this church

were Dr. Rev. Boyce-Tupper and Dr. Lorimer.

Scarlatina is prevalent at St. George at present.

Kenneth McIvor, an employer of the D. A. R., and Miss Nellie Coleman, of Kentville, were married recently.

Miss Mary Vickery who founded the Chicago Latin school is a native of Parrboro.

R. P. Johnston, of St. John, recently spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. T. W. Johnston, Digby.

The catch of line fish at Clark's Harbor this season is five times greater than any preceding season.

Digby Courier:—A number of men have arrived from St. John and are now at work putting the metallic roof on the new court house.

Edward P. Bender of Halifax, N. S., bookkeeper for Armour & Co., at Calais, Me., and Miss Florence Murphy of Calais, were married at Calais on Tuesday.

The dredge Prince Guy is at North Sydney. Since August it has been operating at McKinnon's Harbor and will lay at North Sydney until spring.

The survey of the section of the London branch railway from Roy's Junction to Bradley Point Road, a distance of seven miles, has been completed.

The outlook for the Inverness mines is very favorable. Mining will be continued all winter and an average of 25 days a month will be made by the workmen.

The Glace Bay council was in session on Wednesday night. For one hour the license inspector was under fire behind closed doors regarding the liquor situation. Police matters were also under discussion.

Miss Beattie McKay, of Annapolis, formerly stewardess on the Prince Rupert, and Charles Frost, of Yarmouth, second steward of the Yarmouth, are to be married December 2nd.

Unusual interest is being evidenced in the John Moffat perjury case at Sydney before Judge McIvor. A large number of labor men are attending the trial. Thomas Doyle, reported missing from Glace Bay, has been found at Inverness, working in the colliery.

Clam shipments to Boston are away behind from last year. On Saturday only dozen barrels went on the Yarmouth freight and these were taken on at Upper Clements, Bear River and Smith's Cove. It was a common occurrence once to see one and two carloads going from Digby station in one day.

The Chicago papers have published an illustrated description of the work of John W. Nickerson of Clark's Harbor who has completed modeling a panel of ecclesiastical figures over the entrance to a Catholic church in the windy city. M. Nickerson is a young man who served his apprenticeship with a Boston sculptor.

The father of a Charles Nelson, a longshoreman who was killed at Halifax April on the S. S. George, by a falling barrel of sugar will commence a law suit for damages alleging negligence. Altho Stipendiary Fielding has examined the apparatus used he has filed no report yet.

Eugene Grosvent, a Frenchman, taken in custody at Sydney on Wednesday on the belief that he is mentally unbalanced. He entered a man's room in a boarding house early in the morning and acted strangely. The previous night Grosvent was found in an epileptic fit on a chair.

Henry McDonald real estate agent of Glace Bay and A. J. Gillis of Lethbridge, Sask. left on Thursday for Salt Lake City, Utah, to settle the estate of Gillis' brother, Neil, who bequeathed his property valued at \$23,000 to his brother in Cap Breton. While on his way Mr. McDonald journeyed to Hong Kong, China, on a similar mission.

Sardine storing is now on an earnest almost every available cellar in Eastport being filled with this palatable sea-food. Sardines are being stored in great quantities. The storing of sardines in suitable cellars that are dry and airy, is of great convenience to the packers and a source of no small profit to cellar owners. Good prices being allowed for those rented for longer or shorter periods.

Eliah A. Murphy, who was so badly injured at the Fertilizer factory in Eastport last week died in the hospital at Port Land Monday. While on his way to the hospital a load of refuse fish, the hoisting gear parted and the tub fell, striking Mr. Murphy on the head, compressing the skull. Deceased was well and favorably known and had held many public positions. He is survived by an invalid wife and five young children.

The dredge Dominion will, in the course of a few days, finish the season's work in the bath at St. George. The dredge is freezing weather will necessitate her removal. Since coming up the river an immense amount of mud, eddies, grave stones, chips and sawdust has been raised and carried out to sea. Fourteen feet of water at low tide replaces the edging bed at the bath. The dredge will be able to float at low water with a full cargo aboard. This means much to shippers, much to the owners of vessels.

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 28.—(Special)—Joseph McIsaac, aged 33, employed in the lumber woods of Rhodes, Curry and Company, at Little Falls, was so seriously injured yesterday by being crushed under a falling tree, that he died this morning. The deceased was a native of the United States, and was a member of the Amherst lodge of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He had been working in Amherst at his trade in the summer months and in the lumber woods during the winter.

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Wilson, Monday, the petition of the next of kin praying for administration in favor of John Wilson, a son of the deceased, was received. These two were sworn in as administrators. Deceased leaves three brothers, James, William and John, and nephews and nieces, children of deceased's brother James, an deceased's half sister, Mary Ann Willigan. There is no realty; personal property \$2,100; J. B. M. Baxter, executor.

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