

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Our Readers are Asked to Contribute Items to This Column.

Miss H. G. Gillis spent the week-end at River Louison.

Miss Agatha Melanson, of Bathurst is visiting friends here.

E. Sullivan is spending a few days in Moncton and Amherst.

Miss Mills of St. John is in town, the guest of Mrs. K. Shives.

Mr. Charles Wilson of Toronto visited friends here last Monday.

Mr. S. W. Dimock returned from Montreal Saturday morning.

The Misses Isa and Ruth Cameron have returned from a trip to Montreal.

Miss Gertrude Adams has returned from a visit with friends in New Glasgow.

Mr. E. Price of Moncton was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Smith last Sunday.

Miss Kate Anderson has returned from a visit to Miss Lena Haddow, Dalhousie.

Mrs. C. W. Smith is in Moncton visiting her mother, Mrs. E. E. Price, Botsworth St.

Mrs. O'Keefe is visiting in Dalhousie the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Montgomery.

Mrs. W. F. Yorston and Mrs. George Duncan have returned from a visit with friends in Dalhousie.

Mrs. Sameul Melanson has returned to her home in Bathurst after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Mrs. Burt of Fredericton, is in town, the guest of her daughters, Mrs. F. M. Murray and Mrs. Hazelton.

Mrs. A. E. G. MacKenzie has returned from Newcastle where she was visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. James Troy.

Hugh Daley, of Shives' Athol, was called home last week on account of the serious illness of his father, Anthony Daley.—Commercial.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith and little daughter have returned from Dalhousie, where Mr. Smith has been employed during the past summer.—Commercial.

Miss Drucilla Chalmers has resigned her position as stenographer with the firm of A. & R. Loggie, and has gone to her home in Bathurst. Her departure is regretted by her many friends, who all wish her success.—Commercial.

BIRTHDAY

On Thursday last, Dec. 4th, Miss Mary Myers, the popular waitress at the St. Louis Hotel, entertained quite a number of her friends at her home on Water St., on the occasion of her twentieth birthday. An English address was read by her little sister, Miss Kathleen, and a French address was read by Miss Audet. Miss Myers was the recipient of many costly gifts. The evening was spent in music and singing, games and refreshments consisting of cake and coffee were served at eleven o'clock and after the singing of "O, Canada," "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King," everybody went home feeling they had indeed spent a very pleasant evening and wishing Miss Myers many happy returns of the same event. Those present were Misses V. Bernard, S. Harquail, L. Audet, R. A. LeBlanc, A. Audet, L. LeJenne, A. Ganvin, M. Connors, M. Comeau, L. Burke and Mrs. D. Doucet, Mrs. O. Arseneault, Mrs. A. Boudreau, Mrs. A. Harquail, Mrs. C. Ayles, Mrs. S. Adams.

HON. MR. PUGSLEY INJURED

Hon. William Pugsley has had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, and his physician has advised him to remain in the house for several days. This is a great disappointment, as Doctor Pugsley had accepted an invitation to the Fielding banquet.

A Clever Retort

During the last general elections, Rev. J. J. McCaskill followed the example of the editor of the "Globe" and vigorously upheld the Reciprocity Pact in the Province of New Brunswick. At a meeting in Queen's County he was discussing the effect of the agreement on the price of various commodities.

"What about hay?" shouted an opponent. "I'm discussing human food now," retorted the speaker, "but I'll come to your specialty in a moment."

JUDICATURE ACT

HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED

Sir F. E. Barker and Mr. Justice Landry to Head Respective Divisions

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 6.—The new Judicature Act, which will bring about a re-organization of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, will become effective on Wednesday next, December 10th.

Yesterday afternoon His Honor Lieut. Governor Wood placed his signature on the proclamation which had been passed by the executive council and which will be published in the Royal Gazette next week, bringing the new act into force.

The new Judicature Act was passed at the last session of the Legislature and amends an act with a similar purpose in view which was passed in 1909. One of the provisions of the new act when passed was that it would come into effect upon the issuing of a proclamation to that effect.

The re-organization of the Supreme Court into two divisions, as provided by the act, will make necessary the appointment of a new judge and rumor has for some time slated Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., for York, for this position. Within a short time it is expected that announcements will be made as to the divisions to which the judges will be assigned.

Sir Frederick E. Barker, the present Chief Justice, will, of course, be the Chief Justice of New Brunswick and head of the Court of Appeals, and Mr. Justice Landry is looked upon as the natural selection, as a matter of seniority, for Chief Justice of the King's Bench Division.

TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR ASSAULT

Negroes and White Man are Given Severe Punishment by Maine Judge

Houlton, Me., Dec. 7.—Harvey Styrmist of Alberta, Canada, the white man who, together with two negroes was convicted in the Supreme Court here last week of assault on the person of Mrs. Alice Lurette at Van Buren last July, was sentenced to 20 years in the Maine State prison at Thomaston by Justice Bird, Saturday, just before court finally adjourned.

Robert Ellis and Albert Bolder, the two negroes convicted with him, were each given sentences of 18 years, the court announcing that they were the maximum under the law. Bolder protested his innocence to the last, while Ellis confessed, attributing the crime to liquor.

There have been seven indictments in Aroostook in the last six months and feeling against the prisoners runs high.

Marshall Hewes was given five, and George E. Thompson four years in the state prison for assault. Michael Phillips received a year at Thomaston for breaking and entering and larceny.

The other Aroostook county prisoners were sentenced as follows: Frank Campbell, larceny, one year in jail; Douglass McConaghy, larceny, one year in jail; Ralph Ingraham, common sellers, \$100 and costs and 30 days in jail with 30 days additional in default of payment; Frank Mozer, breaking and entering and larceny, state school for boys during remainder of his minority; Charles Crock, breaking and entering and larceny, one year in jail.

MANY PERISH IN TEXAN FLOODS

Most of the Victims at Sunnyside Were Negroes

Houston, Texas, Dec. 8.—Fifty persons, mostly negroes are reported to have been drowned at Sunnyside, a small town on the lower Brazos River, according to a long distance telephone message received here early to-night.

SIXTEEN DIE IN MINE

Rydnik, Prussia, Dec. 8.—Sixteen miners were killed on Saturday night by smoke from a fire which started suddenly in the mine. The fire has been extinguished.

NARROW ESCAPE

FROM DROWNING

Student at Fredericton Goes Through ice and is Rescued With Difficulty

With ice forming in the St. John River, the season of drowning accidents has arrived. None have yet been reported, but on Sunday, Andrew W. Driscoll, a student at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, had a narrow escape.

The accident occurred in front of Atherton's boat house, at the foot of Regent street. Ice formed in the river from shore to shore on Friday last and a drop in the temperature, Saturday night, made the ice along the shores strong enough to bear a person's weight. At the foot of Westmorland street a considerable number of people walked on the ice and found that it was strong enough to bear them some distance out. In company with another U.N.B. student, Mr. Driscoll walked out upon the ice. While returning to shore he stepped on a weak spot and went through. The water was deep and he was in a dangerous position. A by-stander took off his overcoat and going as near as he dared, threw it toward Driscoll, who grasped it and was pulled out of the water.

TWELVE MONTHS HARD LABOR FOR POLICEMAN

Yielded to Temptation on Finding Store Door Open at Night and Took Watch

Ernest Grainger, aged 25, a police constable of St. Helens, Eng., was charged with burglariously entering the confectionery shop of Thomas Middlehurst and stealing a gold watch. Lindon Riley, for the prosecution, said that on the night of November 9 Mr. Middlehurst himself locked his shop door before going to bed. A little after one o'clock on the following morning he heard a knocking below, and on going downstairs found Grainger, in his uniform, with his lantern shining. Grainger told him he had found that the premises were not secured and then went away. Next morning Mr. Middlehurst missed a gold watch. Subsequently Grainger was charged by a superior officer and after denying that he had any knowledge of the watch took an inspector to his house and produced the watch from a waistcoat pocket, saying: "I found the premises insecure and had to rouse the occupants of it. I saw the watch lying on the sideboard and yielded to a sudden temptation."

In cross-examination, Mr. Middlehurst admitted that the door of the shop looked by merely closing it, and that he might have told the prisoner before the magistrate that he "thought" he had fastened the door but the lock was "a faulty one and liable to slip." It was true he had been aroused once or twice before in the night by the police because the door was open.

The accused, giving evidence, on oath, said that he had been on the police force three and a half years. Before that he was a Coldstream Guards, and earlier still a clerk in the Army and Navy Stores. It was not true that he forced open or unlocked the door of the shop. It was his duty to enter unsecured premises at night time and call the attention of the occupants to the fact. He yielded to a sudden temptation on seeing the watch.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

In sentencing the prisoner to twelve months' hard labor, the judge said that the offence was one of the most serious and dangerous against society that could be mentioned. There was not a doubt that the whole scheme of the prisoner had been to put the blame for his theft upon somebody else—perhaps some poor creature of bad character who had been convicted over and over again. Although this was the prisoner's first conviction, he was not satisfied that he was doing his duty in abstaining from sending him to penal servitude.

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