

JUDICATURE ACT PROCLAIMED, COMES INTO EFFECT TO-DAY

Lieutenant Governor Wood Has Signed the Proclamation—Makes Necessary Appointment of New Judge—Sir Frederick E. Barker and Hon. P. A. Landry to be Chief Justices.

The new Judicature Act, which will bring about a reorganization of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, becomes effective to-day.

Friday afternoon His Honor Lieutenant Governor Wood placed his signature on a proclamation which had been passed by the Executive Council and which will be published in the Royal Gazette this week, bringing the new Act into force to-day.

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 reorganization of the Supreme Court into three 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. Crocke, 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.

The Act which was passed at the last session, is known as the Act to Amend the Judicature Act, 1909, and provides that the Supreme Court of the Province of New Brunswick shall hereafter consist of three divisions, viz:

(1) An Appeal Division (known as the Court of Appeals), with original and appellate jurisdiction.

(2) The Chancery Division with appellate jurisdiction in civil matters and that such appellate jurisdiction to the single judges thereof as is now or may hereafter be given to such single judges.

(3) The King's Bench Division with original and appellate jurisdiction in single and criminal matters and with such appellate jurisdiction to the single judges thereof as is now or may hereafter be given to such single judges.

The Court of Appeals will consist of the Chief Justice of New Brunswick and two of the Judges. The Chancery Division will consist of three Judges. The Judges of the Court of Appeals will be the Judges of the Chancery Division. The King's Bench Division will consist of the Chief Justice and three other Judges. The Judges of the Courts of Appeals and two of the Judges of the King's Bench Division will reside in the city of St. John and one Judge of the King's Bench Division will reside in the city of Fredericton.

The Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals will be styled the Chief Justice of New Brunswick and will have rank and precedence over all other Judges of the Courts of the Province. The Chief Justice of the King's Bench Division will have rank and precedence next after the Chief Justice of New Brunswick, while the other Judge of the Court of Appeals, and the King's Bench Division will have rank and precedence among themselves according to their seniority of appointment to office.

NEW ZEALAND PASSED NAVAL BILL

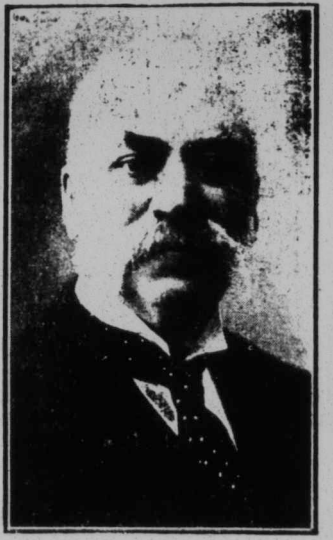
Measure Passed Both Branches of the Legislature Without Opposition

London, Dec. 8.—The New Zealand legislative council has passed the naval bill, without opposition or amendment, and all party distinctions have been ignored in the general chorus of approval, says the Times correspondent.

Sir William Hall Jones has congratulated the Government on the issue, saying that interviews which he had had with high naval authorities when he was high commissioner, had convinced him of the necessity of some such steps as the Government now proposed, and he wholly approved of the Government's memorandum on the question of naval defence.

Five Sessions of Court of Appeals

The Court of Appeals will hold during the year in the city of Fredericton five sessions to be presided over by three Judges. These sessions will commence on the second Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, September and November, and will continue for such period as is necessary to dispose of the business before the Court. No Judge will sit on the hearing of an appeal from any judgment or order made by himself, or on the hearing of any motion for a new trial in any case or matter tried before himself with or without a jury. In case a Judge of the Court of Appeals is unable to sit or in case there should be a vacancy in the Court, one



SIR FREDERICK E. BARKER,
Who will be Chief Justice of New Brunswick.

of the Judges from the King's Bench Division may be summoned to sit and act in the Court of Appeals.

One of the Judges of the Chancery Division will hold Chambers for the transaction of business on at least two days in each week in the city of St. John and a Judge of the Chancery Division of the Registrar will hold Chambers in the city of Fredericton on at least two days in each week. In St. John three and in Fredericton one of the Judges of the King's Bench Division shall hold Chambers on at least four days in each week, and in Moncton one of the Judges of the King's Bench Division shall hold Chambers on at least one day in each week. During the sessions of the Court of Appeals the Chancery Chambers need not be held.

Provision is made in the Act that all matters and proceedings of which notice of motion or appeal is given for hearing before the Supreme Court en banc and all rules or orders nisi which have been granted and which shall not have been heard or determined before this amending act shall have come into force, shall be heard and determined by the Court of Appeals and all matters which have been heard but have not been determined at the coming into force of this act shall be decided by the Court and Judges which heard the same and judgment shall be rendered therein as if the new act had not been passed.

THE EXECUTIVE OF NEWCASTLE BRANCH CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Report of the Collectors Was Read, Showing Amounts Collected of \$114.70—Appointment of New Executive—Additional Members to Society.

The annual meeting of the Executive of the Newcastle Branch of the Canadian Bible Society was held in the Baptist vestry Monday evening, Rev. Dr. Cousins presiding. Rev. Dr. Harrison and Rev. S. J. MacArthur assisted in the devotional exercises. The chairman said that while there were but 150 languages in all India, Canada had 112. Mission work was being carried on in only 30 of these languages, the remainder being left to the Bible Society. In 109 years the British Foreign Bible Society had circulated 245,000,000 copies of the Scriptures. It had made 60 translations for the Baptist missionaries, 90 for the Methodists, 130 for the Presbyterians, and 160 for the Anglicans. 3000 volumes in embossed type had recently been supplied to the blind. There were some 1100 Christian collectors engaged, besides some 600 native helpers in the East. 40 per cent. of Canada's annual immigration of half a million were non-English speaking, and to each of these families the Bible Society aimed to give a copy of the Scriptures.

Mrs. James Davidson read extracts from Bishop Richardson's charge, circulated in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday. The charge strongly deprecated the idea in some quarters that the Anglican Church did not favor the Bible Society. He urged the most hearty support of and co-operation

with the Society, as the Anglican missionaries had received 150 of their 184 translations of the Scriptures from the Bible Society. The late Bishop of Algoma's application to the Society from the Propagation of Christian Knowledge for a certain translation could not be filled by the S. P. C. K. but had been filled by the Bible Society. It would be ingratitude to fail to support the C. B. S. The work of the latter also furnishes a platform upon which the Anglicans could meet and co-operate with their separated brethren to the advantage of all parties.

Rev. S. J. MacArthur said that the 10 best sellers in fiction did not together equal the annual circulation of the Bible.

The report of the collectors for 1913 was read as follows:

Collected by
Miss McAllister \$28.25
Miss Ella O'Donnell 19.05
Mrs. J. Robertson Allison 15.00
Mrs. R. W. Crocker 14.00
Miss Queenie Nevin 10.65
Miss Jean Robinson 10.50
Mrs. T. A. Scribner 7.75
Miss M. Davidson 4.50
At special meetings 5.99

Expenses 114.70
1.00
Balance to be forwarded \$113.70

RE-OPENING OF S. PETER'S CHURCH

Church Again Opens for Public Worship After Repairs Having Been Made

The little church of St. Peter, in the parish of Derby, was reopened for public worship on Sunday last, after having undergone considerable interior repairs during the past few weeks, and now presents a very neat and dignified appearance.

At 11 o'clock the pastor, the Rev. H. Tully Montgomery celebrated the Holy Communion and preached from the text, "The House of God, and this is the gate of Heaven" (Gen. XXVIII) emphasizing the original and real purpose of a church and the due reverence that should at all times be shown in the house of God.

The Ven. Archdeacon Forsyth was the special preacher at the evening service. Before beginning his sermon after saying a dedicatory prayer he unveiled a memorial window, the gift of the parishioners in memory of the late Rev. T. H. Cuthbert, a former rector who died very suddenly about four years ago. The window is the work of Spence & Sons of Montreal, and has been admirably executed; the soft colors producing a quiet restful light. The subject of the window is our Blessed Lord rising from the Tomb. As the veil was drawn aside the choir sang "On the Resurrection morning."

The Archdeacon in his sermon which was of a retrospective nature spoke in feeling terms of the late Rev. T. H. Cuthbert and looking back over the forty years since he had first assisted at a service in this church he referred among the other rectors especially to the noble work of Father Hudson and also referred in glowing terms to the deep and lasting work both from a spiritual and temporal point of view done by the Rev. H. H. Hilly. He also congratulated the congregation upon the interest they were showing in church life by having their church so beautifully restored.

At the morning service during the Offertory Master James Best sang very beautifully "If ye your hearts" from "Elijah" and in the evening sang very effectively as a solo "O for a closer walk with God." Master Best, who is the son of the Rev. W. E. Best of Harcourt, is a typical English chorister, and was for some time solo boy in the choir of a large church in the O.I. Country. He possesses a beautifully sweet and clear voice and has been well trained how to use it to the best advantage.

The importation of firearms into Ireland has been forbidden by Royal proclamation.

The total collections for 1911 made early in 1912, were \$120.11; expenses, \$7.43; net \$112.68; and for 1912, \$89.80; expenses \$2.75; net, \$87.05.

Mrs. T. A. Scribner was elected to the Executive vice Mrs. F. N. Atkinson removed to Truro, N. S. The Executive now are:
Pres.—Mrs. Wm. Harrison
V. P.'s—Revs. Dr. Harrison, Dr. Cousins, S. J. MacArthur and W. J. Bates.
Sec.—Miss H. M. McLeod
Treas.—Mrs. O. S. Nicholson

Additional members—Mrs. James Davidson, Mrs. T. A. Scribner, Mrs. H. H. Stuart.

FREDERICTON MAN DIED AT CHELSEA

Mr. Hazen Richard Eaton, a native of Fredericton, died on Friday at 10 Carter street, Chelsea, Mass. He was 50 years of age, had lived in New England for some years and had been ill for several months. The funeral was held Sunday at the 7.75 Methodist Church, Pearl street, Chelsea. The interment was at Wood lawn cemetery, Everett, Mass.

Soup can be quickly cleared by pouring it, when hot, through a muslin cloth wrung out of ice water. Then heat again and serve.

MISTRESS WILLS MAID \$10,000

New York, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Jane E. Outhout, who died September 14 in Lucerne, Switzerland, leaving an estate of more than \$1,000,000, gave \$10,000 to her maid, Miss Louise Schilling, who had been in her employment for many years both abroad and at No. 218 Madison avenue. Mrs. Outhout was the widow of William Outhout, who died twelve years ago. She owned valuable realty in this city.

The rest of the estate is divided for her two children, William Outhout, of Santa Barbara, Cal., and Mrs. Pauline Drouillard Riggs, of Paris, France. Mr. Outhout receives \$15,000 outright, one half of the personal effects and furniture and one half of the residuary estate. Mrs. Riggs receives all clothing, one half of furniture and personal effects and one half of the residue. The will of Mrs. Outhout left but \$5,000 to her maid, the amount being doubled in a codicil. In this connection she will say: "I give \$5,000 to Louise Schilling, a maid, for many years in my employment, in token of appreciation of her faithful services." The codicil merely states that the amount be \$10,000.

AUTOMOBILES NOW NUMBER 822

First Official Returns for This Year Show Marked Increase in Autos

The first official statement from the Provincial Department of Public Works for 1913 indicates a steady increase in the number of automobiles in use in New Brunswick.

The number of cars registered in the province during the present year was 822, as compared with 600 in 1912, while there were 41 motor cycles registered as compared with 15 in 1912—almost three times as many this year.

The number of cars registered outside of car owners has also shown a marked increase, there being 260 licensed chauffeurs in 1913 as compared with 140 last year. There are 15 licensed automobile dealers doing business in the province, a slight increase over the previous year.

With the increased number of registered cars and motor cycles and licensed chauffeurs there has been an increase in the department's receipts under the Motor Vehicle Law. In 1912 about \$8,400 was received from this source, while this year the receipts will be about \$3,000 more and will pass the \$11,000 mark.

Read the Advs in this issue of The Advocate.

George A. Chesley has never had an accident, no one has ever been killed by his train, and he has never been suspended.

After spending thirty eight years in the continuous service of the I. C. R., first as brakeman then as baggage-master and for the last thirty three years as conductor, George A. Chesley, of Hampton, formerly of St. John, one of the most popular conductors on the road, will retire on pension at the last of this month.

His career in the employe of the I. C. R. has been a remarkable one. He has never been suspended from his duty, and only on one occasion, when he had an arm broken, did he take a rest from his work. Mr. Chesley has a Hampton attractive little home, and adjoining he has one of the finest rose gardens in the province. Here and Mrs. Chesley have lived for the last nine years.

His two daughters are both married. One is Mrs. Murray Howley, of Seley street, St. John and the other, Mrs. Bart M. Duffy, of New York.

On May 10, 1876, Mr. Chesley first entered the employe of the I. C. R. He was a brakeman on the train running to Point du Chene. Being an ambitious young man of twenty-five, he soon won promotion in that capacity for about four years another promotion was given him and he was made a conductor. His record in these positions has been untarnished and he will leave behind him on his retirement a great record. He is now the oldest conductor in the I. C. R. service in the maritime provinces, and one of the oldest in the I. C. R. employe. Practically every conductor running east from St. John to-day was trained more or less by him. For the last eleven years he has been running as conductor on the Halifax express leaving at 11.30 p. m. and in

MAY BE OUTCOME OF UNFILIAL LOVE

Burned Bodies of Aged Couple Found with Clothes Soaked in Kerosene

Gardiner, Me., Dec. 8.—After the discovery to-day of the burned bodies of Wilfred B. Eldridge and his wife, in the kitchen of their farm house in Littlefield, their son, Fernald Eldridge, aged 30, was taken into custody here pending an investigation. The victims were about 60 years old. The police said they had apparently been beaten and that kerosene had been sprinkled over their bodies. Fernald said when arrested, according to the police, that he had been drinking last night, that he stopped at home and left there at five o'clock this morning. He made no reference to the death of his parents.

He was taken to Augusta and locked up.

The bodies were found by neighbors, who, attracted by the smoke, put out the fire before it had gained much headway.

The police say money and other valuables about the house were not disturbed. The Eldridges came to their farm about two months ago from Hallowell, where the older man had been employed as a stone cutter.

LOCAL SCHOOL REPORTS

HARKINS ACADEMY

Grade I—1, Jessie Mason; 2, Elizabeth Hill and Ethel Copp; 3, Jessie MacArthur and George Gillespie.

Grade II—Viola Dutcher, Harold Barron, Margaret McKenzie.

Grade III—1, Florence Cassidy; 2, Billy Ronan; 3, Walter Stuart and John Robertson.

Grade V—1, Joe Campbell and Arthur Major; 2, Edwin Stuart and Marjell Scribner; 3, Toffi Skyk and Janie Matheson.

Grade VI—Helen MacMichael, Hubert Murphy and Josie Jeffrey.

Grade VII—1, Elva McCurdy; 2, Marian MacArthur; 3, Jack Nicholson.

Grade VIII—Annie Bell, Lars Oulst, Ida Dutcher.

Grade IX—1, Douglas Thompson; 2, Marjell Atchison; 3, Nan Nicholson.

Grade XI—1, Ruth Bpnon; 2, Cecil McWilliam; 3, Marion Rundt.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Judge Dismissed the Prisoner Without asking for his Defence

Shelbyville, Dec. 9.—Judge Blair today instructed the jury to dismiss the case against Dr. William B. Craig, charged with the murder of Dr. Helena Knabe, at Indianapolis, on October 23, 1911.

The motion to dismiss the case was made by attorney Spain for the defendant yesterday, when the State concluded its evidence.

The sudden termination of the case was not unexpected by those who have watched the progress of the trial. It is believed that the State had failed to make a strong case against Dr. Craig, who is Dean of the Indian veterinary college at Indianapolis, as it had predicted.

Civil service employes will be paid ten days early to give them Christmas money.

W. W. Foster Chosen in Islands Constituency—Nearly Doubles Vote Polled by Liberal Candidate

Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 7.—W. W. Foster, Conservative, was elected at Saturday's by-election in Islands constituency, where a vacancy was caused by the elevation of A. E. McPhillips to the Supreme Court bench. Foster got 467 votes; Hamilton, Liberal, 265; Maude, Independent, 24, and there was quite a bit of betting on the result. Sir Richard McBride and several of his ministers campaigned the district.

For many years Foster has been deputy minister of public works in the government.

David Burke, a leading insurance man of Montreal, is dead, aged 63. A man comes off the water wagon on an aeroplane and goes back on foot.

WILL RETIRE AFTER SERVING 38 YEARS WITH THE I. C. R.

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that capacity he has made a great number of acquaintances and warm friends.

While in charge of trains, Mr. Chesley has never had an accident. No one was ever killed or injured by his train, and his friends say that he has been so careful at all times that he would put himself out to any extent to avoid injuring even a dog. At various times he has been running in charge of trains in all parts of the I. C. R. system in the maritime provinces, and his train has never been in a wreck. His train has never been held up by a wreck, however, and in the recent Aulac wreck, the train of which he was in charge was delayed for fifteen hours. His experience on the road gives him material for many interesting stories and it would be hard to find a more interesting story teller than he.

Mr. Chesley was born in St. John but when he was about a year old his parents moved to Albert county. There he lived until he was fifteen years of age, when he returned to St. John. He was employed in various positions there, before beginning in railroad work. He was married about three years before he started to work on the I. C. R. to May Anne Cowan, daughter of the late John Cowan, of the North End. He lived in that city until nine years ago, when he purchased his present home at Hampton. He says that his little home at Hampton is his pride. It should be, for the rose garden adjoining has a wide reputation.

All who travel on the I. C. R. will regret that Mr. Chesley is to retire but they will agree that he has earned the right to do so and they will wish for him and Mrs. Chesley many years of happiness and prosperity.

HIGH COST OF LIVING INDICATION OF PROSPERITY

Hon. T. W. Crothers at Business Men's Luncheon at Halifax Points to Expansion of Canada—If You Want Cheap Living Have Few Years Hard Times.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—"To my mind, the high cost of living is an indication of the prosperity and expansion of this country," declared Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, in the course of an address on labor conditions in Canada at the business men's luncheon at the Queen Hotel to-day.

"I don't profess to be an expert but, in my opinion, the reason for the high cost of living is that there is a smaller percentage of people tilling the soil than ever there has been before. The supply is not equal to the demand and consequently the prices go up."

"If you want cheap living let's have a few years of hard times."

Mr. Crothers said that he did not like the term, Minister of Labor. He preferred to be called Minister of Play. The word "labor" was associated with hard work, toil, drudgery and excessive muscular exercise.

He was glad there was no labor trouble in Nova Scotia. All should discourage industrial war. War should be confined to the brute creation alone. "Militarism, that military tyranny which was the curse of Europe, has no attraction for me and I hope for Canadians. It is contrary to the genius and education of our people. Militarism cannot thrive in Canada amidst such conditions as are common to our land." And as it was with Militarism, so it was with the industrial war.

Mr. Crothers paid a tribute to the efficacy of the public utilities act. There had been thirty four commissions in two years and only two strikes, a pretty good record he thought.