

H. R. McLELLAN WILL BE A CANDIDATE

Not Ready to Say Whether for Mayorality or Commissionership.

H. R. McLellan said definitely this morning to The Times that he would be in the field in the forthcoming civic elections but said he was not in a position for a few days yet to say whether he would be a candidate for the mayorality or for commissioner.

HANSON DEMANDS CLEANER RETRACT

York M. P. Issues Statement Following Charge of Improper Legal Practices

Friederickton, N. B., Feb. 14.—The following statement was issued tonight by R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P., for York-Sunbury: "In reference to attacks made upon me in tonight's issue of the Friederickton Gleaner, charging me with improper practices as a solicitor, I desire to give the same immediate and indignant denial. They are the issue of falsehood and are designed to injure me politically, not professionally."

DROWNS BABIES IN A BATH TUB

Revere, Mass., Feb. 14.—Leaving a note to her husband that she was tired of cold and could not attend to any longer, Mrs. George C. Wilfert drowned her two infant children in a bath tub yesterday and attempted to end her own life at the same time. Mrs. Wilfert will recover.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50 CENTS.

BIRTHS

DEATHS

IN MEMORIAM

DALEY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, Walter J. Daley, who died Feb. 15, 1922. WIFE AND SON.

MURRAY.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Ellen Murray, who departed this life Feb. 15, 1922. DAUGHTER ALICE.

Lower Prices during this Annual Furniture Sale. We spent several months preparing to make this once a year Furniture Sale the best ever held in St. John. People who attended this sale during the opening days quickly spread the news among their numerous friends, and the great result is beyond our expectations. If you want Furniture for immediate future, come in and see us.

LOCAL NEWS

STILL ALARM. No. 1 chemical engine responded to a still alarm last night to extinguish a chimney fire in a house at 14 Cliff street.

THIS WAS PAY DAY. Today was the fortnightly labor pay at city hall, the sum of \$1,028.88 being paid out as follows: Public works, \$654.43; water and sewerage, \$241.80; harbors, \$1,689.25; ferry, \$387.80.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL. Friends will be glad to know that Robert Rourke, son of P. C. Rourke, popular patrolman of the Marine Dept. on the West Side has recovered sufficiently to return home after an operation performed in the General Public Hospital. His father today expressed thanks to Dr. Macaulay and the staff and nurses for kindness and attention shown his son.

CONCERT ENJOYED. A concert given by the Montrose concert party last evening at the Seaside Institute was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. The orchestra, composed of Mr. Ross, leader, and Messrs. Finley, Gardner, Shaw and Godfrey, added much to the success of the programme which included: F. Brooks, song; T. Parr, comic song; F. Jones, comic song; S. Cole, song and Mr. Marr, song.

ISSUES CHALLENGE. Jim Kendry, a recent arrival from Boston, is out with a sweeping challenge to any welterweight of his class in or out of the Maritime Provinces. Kendry claims a willingness to take on Johnny McIntyre or Dick Hunt on an inner-sock basis. He is said to be in good condition. Kendry has been doing considerable boxing throughout New England recently.

WILL HEAR FROM SARANAC. It was announced this afternoon that arrangements were completed by officials of the Y. M. C. I. to have details of the National championship held at Saranac Lake announced during the arena this evening. A special wire will be used. All skaters participating in the championships have been ordered to be at the rink by 7:30 o'clock and to enter by the centre door. This is to do away with any delay in starting the races. In a list of officials for the meet which appears elsewhere, the name of Daniel Morrison should have been added to the scorers.

ST. PETER'S Y. M. A. BRIDGE. An enjoyable bridge whist was held in St. Peter's Y. M. A. last evening and was attended by nearly 200 relatives and friends of the members. In addition to auction bridge, auction forty-fives was also enjoyed. Miss Edna Creary won the auction bridge prize for ladies, and James McCormick the gentlemen's. Miss Lillian Howard won the ladies' prize for auction forty-fives and W. Crowley the gentlemen's. During the evening pleasing musical selections were given by the Liquorian orchestra, under the leadership of Rev. J. Cloran, C. S. S. R. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of play, and a pleasing vocal solo was sung by Harold Gillis.

NEW CHURCH SOCIETY. The ladies of the Ludlow United Baptist church and congregation met in the vestry on Thursday evening and formed "The Ludlow Ladies' League." The officers are: President, Mrs. C. E. Belyea; 1st vice, Mrs. George Price; 2nd vice, Mrs. B. C. Reade; 3rd vice, Mrs. W. McLean; recording secretary, Mrs. E. C. Clark; assistant secretary, Mrs. George Clark; financial secretary, Mrs. Wm. Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Horton. The following committee conveners were named: Mrs. W. A. Robbins, devotional; Mrs. R. J. Rupert, entertainment; Mrs. J. Jones, house; Mrs. R. J. Rupert, relief; Mrs. Wm. Gray, sick; Mrs. B. C. Reade, buying; Mrs. Clarence Peer, cutting. The organization will meet every Thursday evening in the vestry and all their activities will be for church purposes.

BRITAIN'S H. C. OF L. London.—The cost of living in Great Britain has increased 77 per cent since July 1, 1914, according to the latest statistics by the Ministry of Labor. But there's a little ray of sunshine after all. It's 1 per cent less than it was a year ago.

GREEN'S DINING HALL. KING SQUARE. Dinner ... 60c. Supper ... 60c. 12-2-3 P. M. 5-8. Noon 12-2:30 P. M. 5-8.

TO LET.—Stores, 10 Germain and 288 Main streets. Boarding House, 28 Germain St. Fine North End flat, 260 Main St.

P. KNIGHT HANSON. The Library 9 Wellington Row Phone 789.

PERSONALS

Miss Cora B. Jewett, R. N. of Kenwick, has gone to Presque Isle, Me., to be assistant superintendent of the Presque Isle hospital.

Miss Greta Connelly of Apohaqui, a nurse-in-training at the Maine General Hospital, Portland, Me., is now a patient in that institution, having undergone an operation for appendicitis on Feb. 6. Encouraging reports have been received.

J. H. Turnbull, a former St. John but now located in the west, passed through the city yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Turnbull, enroute to England. He is a brother of Mrs. R. W. Frink.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Owens will be pleased to learn that their infant son, who has undergone a serious operation in the General Public Hospital, was discharged yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Alken, of St. Catharines, Ont., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. J. Merryfield, 41 Gilbert street.

BOY IN CRIB DIES AS HOME IS BURNED

Parents Away When Fire Breaks Out—Efforts to Rescue Him Vain.

Mamaronack, N. Y., Feb. 15.—John Rebbin, Jr., 3 years old, perished in a fire that destroyed the lodge occupied by the Rebbin family on the Martin estate, Taylor Lane, Mamaronack. The child was in his crib and all the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Rebbin and others to reach the room were in vain. Mr. and Mrs. Rebbin are today suffering from burns, but their condition is not serious. The bones of the boy were found today.

Twenty-four pedigreed Pekinese and Pomeranian dogs, valued at more than \$50,000, were also burned to death in the fire. One of the dogs was a prize winner and was valued at \$10,000. Three automobiles were also destroyed.

John O'Neill, caretaker of a nearby estate, was the first to see the fire, all others with the exception of the child being away from the residence. He called the fire department, and in the meantime Mr. and Mrs. Rebbin arrived. Ladders were placed at the child's bedroom window, but as flames neared the opening the heat forced them to the ground.

The dwelling on the Martin estate which burned is near a residence owned by Ethel Barrymore, but the fire department managed to prevent the fire from spreading either to the Barrymore or the Martin homes. The damage to the building was estimated at \$75,000.

Cat-tails have been found to yield flour, silk, starch and sugar, and were used extensively during the war, in central Europe.

THESE BOYS WILL RACE TOMORROW

Enter Competition in School Boys' Meet on Saturday Morning.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the school boys' meet, which is to be held in the arena tomorrow morning. The various events are well filled and it is expected that the competition will be keen. The following is a list of the entries and the schools they represent: Boys Under 12 Years.

220 yards, Heat No. 1.—F. Logan, St. Peter's; A. Coughlan, St. Malachi; H. Maxwell, Winter; D. A. Myles, Albert; Charles Burgess, Fairville Superior; Murray, St. John Baptist.

Heat No. 2.—Richard Lee, La. Tour; W. King, St. John Baptist; Jas. Stanton, St. Malachi; Frank Price, Albert; Burton Huettis, Fairville Superior; Gerald Harley, St. Peter's; Louis Mullin, Union Pt.

Heat No. 3.—Jas. McCarthy, St. Malachi; Everett Dawes, Victoria; H. Livingston, Lorne; Frank Brownell, Fairville, Lorne; Frank Brownell, Beaconsfield; John Paul's St. Peter's; Frank Freize, Victoria; A. Colwell, Lorne.

440 yards, heat No. 1.—R. Lee, La. Tour; A. Coughlan, St. Malachi; Charles Burgess, Fairville Sup.; Ron. Sherwood, St. Peter's; Gerald Harley, St. Peter's; Everett Dawes, Victoria; David McNulty, Beaconsfield; Edward Murray, St. John Baptist.

Heat No. 2.—Frank Logan, St. Peter's; W. King, St. John Baptist; Jas. Stanton, St. Malachi; Burton Huettis, Fairville Superior; H. Livingston, Lorne; Louis Mullin, Union Pt.; Frank Price, Albert.

Heat No. 3.—John Paul, St. Peter's; R. Maxwell, Winter; D. A. Myles, Albert; Frank Freize, Victoria; Jas. McCarthy, St. Malachi; Frank Brownell, Fairville Superior; Archibald Colwell, Lorne.

High School 440 Yards. Heat No. 1.—A. Morris, St. John High; W. Comeau, St. John High; A. Stewart, St. John High; J. McCarthy, St. Malachi; Errol Skinner, St. John High; Murray Johnston, St. John High; A. Oland, St. Malachi's.

Heat No. 2.—Clayton Clarke, St. John High; T. Nugent, St. John High; J. Henderson, St. Malachi; G. Comeau, St. Malachi; Horton White, St. John High; E. Buckley, St. John High; Boyd Beattay, St. John High.

ARRIVES TO START ELKS ON THEIR WAY

W. F. Murphy Back to His Home City For Ceremonial Tonight.

W. Frank Murphy, J. P., grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for Canada and Newfoundland, arrived in the city from Montreal today to organize a local branch of the order. He was accompanied by Frank H. Shallow, district deputy. Mr. Murphy is a former St. John man.

The local branch will be formed in the G. W. V. A. auditorium this evening and it is expected that between 125 and 150 will be initiated.

Mr. Murphy explained that since the order was started in Canada some twelve years ago the activity was confined largely to western Canada, but now efforts are being made to have branches in every city in the Dominion.

BATH IRON WORKS IN DIFFICULTIES

Augusta, Me., Feb. 14.—The bondholders of the Bath Iron Works at their meeting Feb. 27 at the State House will determine what should be done to protect their interests. The interest on the bonds is unpaid and the bondholders are to decide what is the next step.

There are 487 bondholders. They represent in excess of \$1,200,000. The report of the auditor, Chester Jordan, of Portland, states that the bookkeeping is excellent and that there is no suggestion of mismanagement of the company under its going business management.

The Bath Iron Works owes large sums to the government on claims for war time taxes and other accrued claims.

INTEREST IS KEEN IN QUEEN CONTEST

Miss St. John Will be Chosen at Arena Tomorrow Afternoon.

The keen interest that is being manifested in the coming selection of Miss St. John at the arena on Saturday afternoon is indicated by the many entries that have been received at the rink. The board of judges who will be faced with the trying task of choosing from the many beautiful girls of the city one who will do honor to the name of Miss St. John will likely be named late today.

Arrangements have been made to have a motion picture man present at the rink during the afternoon to take pictures of the contestants and also the crowd of skaters and spectators.

The judging of the candidates will take place between the fifth and sixth bands, when all but those participating in the contest will be excluded from the ice. A beautiful wrist watch will be presented to the young lady chosen. On Saturday afternoon of next week a Princess St. John will be chosen, and to her, also, will be presented a wrist watch. Entries are now being received for this feature of the winter season.

EIGHTY PER CENT. OBSERVE THE LAW

Result of Taxation Returns Best Yet, Says Chairman of Assessors.

The best return since the law has been in force was the report of E. M. Olive, chairman of the Board of Assessors, when asked this morning how many citizens had filed their income tax returns in the time allowed by the law. Of the number of statements sent out there had been filed out and sent in 80 per cent. and this was an advance of 25 per cent. over the number received in the same period last year.

He said it was impossible as yet to give any estimate of whether the amount of taxable value would be any greater than last year as it would take some weeks yet to tabulate the results.

SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Sailed Yesterday.

Str Melita, 8461, Landy, Cherbourg, Southampton and Antwerp. Str Hawtry, 4225, Hutchison, Glasgow.

FOREIGN PORTS. New York, Feb. 14.—Ard, str Bremen, Bremen. Havana, Feb. 15.—Ard, str Singa, St. John, N. B. Hampton Roads, Feb. 15.—Sia, str Rose Casie, Halifax.

GRIPPE PREVENTION

You know that grippe, influenza and other respiratory ailments are caused by germs taking hold of the weakened body, but do you realize how true is the old adage "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure?"

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF PURE VITAMIN-RICH COD-LIVER OIL. owes its power to prevent weakness by its ability to nourish and strengthen the system and keep resistance normal. Do not let grippe-weakness overtake you, take Scott's Emulsion and keep strong and vital!

Final Day of Lay Away Marcus' Furniture Sale. SATURDAY is like the end of the year in Furniture Sales of Marcus' importance. Tomorrow your last time to save as you save only at Marcus once-a-year Sale. Marcus never extends a Sale, so come Tomorrow, choose out of exhibition abundance. Pay a part, lay away for desired delivery, with free storage, free insurance and no interest. Until September. 20% to 40% OFF. 3 Piece Chesterfield Suite, \$148. Exactly as picture and 3 pieces. \$200 undoubted value for \$148, the final day of the Lay Away Sale. Durable Velvety Corduroy, taking a color scheme in a special warmth and brightness. Fully sprung, club arm effect, as good within as without. See all the others also. \$24 Bridge Lamp, Silk Shaded—Sale \$14.95. Like the Lamp in above picture, but a better shade. Larger cone dome and Silk, Rose or Blue. \$24 Marcus Mark-down to \$14.95. \$210 Bed Room in Walnut, \$139.75. Hand rubbed Walnut finish. Complete suite built to sell for \$210, but Marcus bought by carloads to quote at Sale for \$139.75. Full bow end Bed, full Vanity, large Dresser, Chiffrobe and Bench. Really enough for two rooms. See also the other Bed Room ideas and prices. Complete Bed, Sale \$14.95. Brass knobbed enameled frame. Felted Wool top and bottom Mattress. Woven wire reinforced Spring. Total value \$23. Marcus Sale \$14.95. Copper Link Spring, \$3.90. Only 22 to sell at this reduction from \$7.25. Metal tubular frame and double size. J. Marcus Furniture, Rugs 30-36 Dock St. Open Sale Nights

The Opportunity of the Season FINAL CLEARANCE OF Winter Overcoats. Beginning Saturday, Feb. 16th. All that remain of our Winter Overcoats are grouped into THREE LOTS and marked. \$19.75 \$28.75 \$35.75. Regular prices \$29.50 to \$60. Spend and Save! Come before your choice is gone. GILMOUR'S - 68 King Clothing, Tailoring, Furnishings.

RUBBER BOOTS Enter the Sale. The whole family fitted out for deep snow, the slush and rain of coming weeks, at Francis & Vaughan Sale. Guaranteed good, health and comfort insurance in the dangerous weather now right ahead. Men's Knee High, light, medium and heavy. Values to \$5.75. Sale \$3.98. Boys' High-cut Pure Gum Storm Kings, buckling above knee; bright or dull finish; sizes 1 to 5. Sale \$3.95. Sizes 11 to 13. Sale \$2.98. Boys' Knee High Gum Boots, 11 to 13. Sale \$1.98. Ladies' Rubber Boots, 2 1/2 to 8; values to \$4.25. Sale \$3.25. Misses' Bright Storm Kings; sizes 11 to 2. Sale \$3.35. \$3.75 values. Sale \$2.75. Juniors' Rubber Boots, values to \$2.85. Sale \$2.25. Special economies in oil tanned Shoe Packs for men and boys, as well as lumbermen's Laced Rubbers. Values in latter up to \$5.50. Sale \$3.98 and \$2.98. General February Sale of Francis & Vaughan Nineteen King