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**GALLAGHER LET HER GO**  
The Actor Victimizes Number of Local People Who Would Like His Address

A number of business men and others in Bridgetown would be very pleased to know the address of one William Gallagher or better still to see him speaking or getting into the habit of saying "there hangs a tale" from some months ago from Granville and was for some time present on his arrival in this vicinity employed as a section man on the Dominion Atlantic Railway. Hearing of property at Carleton Corner, he returned from very active exertions for some time and proceeded to inquire into the matter generally. A man and with citizens and handing out a further pleasing line of talk, he secured credit in a number of cases of buying one or more properties and on the strength of these coming to him as a lever to secure credit from the party who was presenting himself about to sell. By these and other pleasing methods he diverted a portion of the public for some weeks while the big real estate deal was being carried out. Before the fullness of time had arrived the numerous workers of the public disclosed his household furnishings, folded his tent like the Arab, and it is to be returned from whence he came, from the country where millions of unfortunates still hang in the decision that they won the War.

**Birth, Marriage and Death Notices** will be charged at the rate of fifty cents per insertion. This is kept in line with the practice followed throughout Canada by all leading daily and weekly newspapers.

**SKATER'S AND CURLERS' RINK**

On Friday afternoon the Provisional Executive of the Bridgetown Athletic Club, with members of the Executive of the Bridgetown Athletic Club, visited and examined places available and suitable for the erection of a Skating and Curling Rink. The committee recommend that the site be chosen on the Athletic grounds, and the matter will be taken up at a full meeting to be held after plans are prepared for the new rink. On Saturday afternoon, Architect Leslie R. Fain arrived in town and met the Provisional Rink Directors at the Riverside Inn where some discussion took place regarding the proposed building. Mr. Fain recommended one building to be erected on the site of the old skating rink, to be at least 60 to 100 and the curling space for two rinks. Plans will be ready in about two or three weeks' time and these as well as the matter of location, will come before a full meeting. Directors present were: Messrs. C. C. Jones, Chairman; Karl Freeman, and H. T. McKenzie. The other director, E. R. Orlando, is now at St. Margaret's Bay, superintending road construction. The new rink will cost around \$10,000 and its construction will round out Bridgetown yearly athletic and sports programme in a splendid manner.

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## Registration System Now Being Changed

### Annapolis Second County to Adopt Up-to-Date Methods to Supersede Antiquated Methods of the Past

Registrar F. E. Bath and staff are now and have been for some time past, engaged in the task of changing the old and antiquated system so long in vogue in connection with the transfer of property. Legislation to permit these changes being made was passed in 1920 but thus far only two Registrars in the Province, John D. McDonald of Pictou, former editor and publisher of the Pictou Advocate, and Mr. F. E. Bath of Bridgetown, have commenced to inaugurate the new system. There is little doubt that in the course of time there entering example will be followed generally by Registrars throughout the Province. Great credit is due in the case of this County to the Committee on Tenders and Public Property under whose authorization the money is being expended.

The work of effecting the necessary changes involves much effort in which the utmost care must be used to check up results, and ensure perfect accuracy. Much time is necessary to make the changes, and the completed and splendidly arranged results form a record, which in a few years at most will amply repay the Municipalities, and all their citizens who have any connection with the transfer of property. Special books on the loose leaf system are used, and all changes made are so carried through that any information desired can be secured by a minimum expenditure of time and effort, and in the completed work one sees a splendid double alphabetical arrangement instead of the more or less loose system of old whereby the party wishing information would sometimes search for hours to secure what may be readily gotten at in the course of a few minutes. As a matter of fact many a person working with the old books would be discouraged to enter in the effort of trying to wander through their mazes and would be obliged to call in official assistance for what any person can now do readily for himself with a very slight hint on the general plan of the new system. Books are now being changed for the ten year period January 1st, 1885 to December 31st, 1895. To secure the convenient arrangement of names, a card system is used, and to cover this period there are 11033 cards and 22066 entries, for the right hand page contains forms for Grantee, from Grantor, Book, Page, Year of Registry, Location of Land, Nature of Instrument, while the left hand page contains the name of the grantee, with has Grantor to Grantee, etc., etc., with other information as in the page first referred to. Hence there is a double

**ANNIVERSARY OF JUNIOR C. G. I. T. S.**  
Mother and Daughter Banquet. Good Toast List. Most Enjoyable Occasion.

The anniversary of the Junior Canadian Girls in Training of the G. P. U. Church, under the leadership of Mrs. R. J. Messenger and Mrs. F. R. Fay, was held on Tuesday evening, April 18th, in the form of a Mother and Daughter banquet, commencing at 5.30. Toast mistress Miss Aeline Fay. The Toast list was as follows: "King", proposed by Kathryn Messenger, responded to by Group, Messenger, God Save the King. "Our Mothers", proposed by Marion Lesell, responded to by Mrs. R. J. Messenger. "Our Church and Sunday School", proposed by Edna Miller, responded to by Rev. J. H. Freestone. Singing—"Mother", by six girls. Reading—"Renunciation", Ruggles Solo—"That Wonderful Mother of Mine", Aeline Fay. Reading—"Somebody's Mother", Edna Miller.

Each girl of the Group was dressed to represent a "song". Edna Miller winning first prize. Mrs. Fay, then moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Frances Graves for the beautiful banner presented to the Group by her. After several Group songs the banquet was brought to a close.

## J. R. SKINNER'S HOUSE DESTROYED

### Only Secluded Position Prevented Large Conflagration as Gale of Wind Prevalled

The residence of J. R. Skinner, off Granville St. East, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon and only the secluded position of the property, which is about 200 yards distant from any other dwelling, prevented a conflagration of first class dimensions. About 2.30 in the afternoon smoke was discovered in the neighborhood of the bathroom and all signs of fire apparently defective. A call for the fire department was at once sent in and met with quick response. By the time the firemen arrived, the house being nearly a mile from the station, flames were bursting through the roof and fanned into great activity by the heavy north east winds prevailing. A line of hose was laid from the nearest hydrant but it was soon seen that the house was doomed. To add to the difficulties the hydrant broke and more hose was brought up and laid from the next hydrant, about 300 yards away. By this time the fire was through the roof in all directions and at time of writing the fire is still burning. A large force of willing workers were on hand at an early stage in the conflagration and the furniture successfully removed from the house to a place of safety. The value of the residence would be in the neighborhood of \$4,000, with \$3,000 insurance. Considerable sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Skinner in their loss. They moved here from Berwick about a year ago. The property was formerly owned by Mr. H. W. King.

## FINAL MEET FOR SEASON OF G.W.V.A.

The Local Branch of the G.W.V.A. held their final regular meeting for the season at the Board of Trade rooms on Friday night. A letter was read from Wolville, G.W.V.A. branch calling attention to the showing some little time ago of a German film entitled "Passion" and asking co-operation in an effort to secure the exclusion of German films from this country, the belief being expressed that if latitude were allowed in this respect by the Board of Censors the country would be flooded with these productions of the Hun. This matter was discussed briefly, and it was remarked that the film had been shown in Halifax some considerable time ago, but nothing further appeared to have been heard of it. A letter was read from George Latham, a war veteran and a member overseas of the 85th battalion, who is anxious to get a boxing contest on in Bridgetown. He fought in U.S.A., England, France and Canada. He will fight at welter weight, or middle weight and tackle anything, white or black. Public opinion in Bridgetown is not favorable to pugilistic contests so Mr. Latham will have to seek laurels elsewhere. The "Memorial Fund" now stands at \$161.25 as a result of concerts and bridge drives held, and there will be another bridge on Thursday evening next with the same committee in charge as on former occasions. The G.W.V.A. had some time ago approached the Town Council to seek their aid and co-operation in the matter of securing further funds for the Memorial, the form of which has not yet been definitely determined. A committee had been appointed by the Council but thus far it was reported that the G.W.V.A. had not been able to get definite steps taken. Among other suggestions made was that of other suggestions made was that of Tag Day to secure some more funds for the Memorial. The MONITOR is distinctly in sympathy with the "Memorial" movement and the question will be referred to again very shortly in its columns. Mayor, Warren and other members of the Council are reported as sympathetic toward the movement and doubtless in the course of a little time Bridgetown will have placed a suitable "Memorial" to the boys who died that Justice and Freedom might live. The next regular meeting of the Local Branch of the G.W.V.A. will be held in October next.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR**

On Friday evening, April 7th, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Banks, of Central Clarence, were tendered a reception at their home by a number of their relatives and friends in honor of their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary. The arrangements for the occasion were made by Mrs. H. D. Starratt, an intimate friend of Mr. and Mrs. Banks. She also assisted in receiving the guests of the evening. The evening was spent in social intercourse; games, with selections of music from organ and gramophone, after which refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Banks were married thirty-six years ago by Rev. David Price, who was then pastor of the Clarence and Paradise Baptist Church. Their only daughter, Mrs. John O'Brien, was called to the higher life nearly two years ago. At a late hour the guests left for their homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Banks many happy years.

## FIRST STRAWBERRY BLOSSOM

On Saturday, the 22nd, The MONITOR received the first strawberry blossom of the season from Miss Bessie Mae Hayden, of Victoria Beach, picked on April 21st. This is unusually early. Here's hoping Miss Hayden may send us the first ripe strawberry of the season, but she is likely to have a few competitors.

## Stock Perish in Lawrencetown Fire

### Fine Residence and Barn of Ernest Whitman Totally Destroyed with All Contents. Estimated Loss \$9,000

Fire on Monday evening at Lawrencetown destroyed the fine residence and large barn, the property of Mr. Ernest Whitman, and also did considerable damage to the house of Councillor Fred Bishop which is situated near by. Three cows and a horse were burned to death in the barn and one cow which managed to make her escape was so badly injured by fire that it was necessary to kill the poor brute to put an end to her sufferings. The fire started in the barn about six o'clock, from causes at present unknown. Running rapidly through the hay and fanned by the strong wind prevailing, it was at once beyond control, though the firemen soon had a stream of water on it and made every effort to stay its course. It was seen in a few moments that the house also was doomed and so rapidly did the flames spread that it was impossible to get any of the furniture, though several attempts were made, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the house of Councillor Bishop was saved from destruction. The loss is placed at about \$9,000, partially covered by insurance.

**CHIPMAN FIELD FOR TENNIS GROUND**  
Decision Practically Unanimous—Work of Grading Commenced.

At an adjourned meeting of the Bridgetown Tennis and Quilt Club held in the Board of Trade rooms on Tuesday night, it was decided by a vote in the proportion of seven to one that the Chipman field presented to the Club by Dr. Chipman, now residing in Montreal, should be the new grounds for the Club. A hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the doctor for his generosity and public spirit. The Club are given a perpetual lease of the property which is of sufficient size for four courts and quill beds, and club house. The work of grading and preparing the grounds for play will be carried out as speedily as possible. Three trustees, Messrs. F. R. Fay, F. E. Bath and Miss Bessie Ruggles, were appointed to hold the lot in trust for the Club. The committee of Management is made up of Messrs. Owen Graves, Max Young, and H. LeMoine Ruggles, the latter gentlemen being appointed vice Mr. K. B. Ewan who will be out of town all summer. The Club has a balance of \$101 on hand and all bills paid. An entertainment committee consisting of the following ladies: Mrs. H. Ruggles, Mrs. F. R. Fay and Miss Marion Crowe, was appointed, and an effort will be made through entertainment to secure some additional money to be used to defray expenses in connection with the erection of a Club house, and the grading and general preparation of the grounds for play.

**BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET AT RIVERSIDE INN**

On Tuesday evening, May 2nd, the Bridgetown Board of Trade held a banquet at the Riverside Inn and a large gathering is expected. E. H. Hicks, President of the Board, will speak at the opening and there will be short speeches by a number of the members. An appropriate toast list is being prepared. The outside speakers will be Mr. Geo. E. Graham, Manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, and Prof. W. S. Blair, Superintendent of the Government Experimental Farm at Kentville. There will also be an informal discussion of a number of matters in the interests of the town. The Bridgetown Orchestra will be in attendance. The Banquet charges have been placed at the moderate figure of \$1.00 per plate.

**RAILWAYS IMPORTED 977,686 TONS COAL**

During 1921, nine hundred and seventy-seven thousand six hundred and ninety-six tons of coal were imported from the United States for the Canadian National Railway exclusive of the Grand Trunk. The cost of the coal at the border was \$510 per ton, and the total amount paid \$4,992,694.

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## GUARANTORS OF CHAUTAUQUA MEET

### Efforts to be Made to Induce Pro Gov't to Relieve Organization of Amusement Tax

A meeting of the Guarantors of Chautauqua was held in the Board of Trade rooms on Friday afternoon, and it was decided to act in concert with other places which will have Chautauqua this season in taking steps to induce the Provincial Government to relieve this organization of the usual amusement tax. Steps are being taken to memorialize Premier Murray, Attorney General O. T. Daniels and Lieutenant Governor Grant in this connection. Miss Bessie Ruggles was requested by the meeting to look after the appointment of Reception, Advertising, Ticket, Hall and the other committees in connection with the arrangements for the Chautauqua entertainments which will be held here from August 31st till September 3rd, both dates inclusive. It is planned to have the Sunday Sacred Concert always given by the organization in places where they spend Sabbath in the course of their annual entertainments. There will be an added interest this year for this Sunday will mark the opening day of Bridgetown Centennial Celebration. The number of guarantors from Bridgetown and vicinity are twenty-three and it is expected that the usual success which has met the efforts of this body in previous years will be maintained. It is understood that Annapolis will not be having Chautauqua this year.

**PROVINCIAL NOTES**  
Canoe Town Council has fixed the rate of taxation for the present year at \$4.75. No action has been taken to cut civic salaries.  
Windsor Curling Club will enlarge their present building to accommodate three rinks and will also improve and beautify the entrance.  
At auction on Saturday, by Sheriff J. D. Currie, the Nova Scotia Underwear Company's plant, at Windsor, representing a financial corporation, for \$52,000.—Hants Journal.  
Sydney, N. S.—The name Embroidered Silk Stocking made its initial bow here when a young woman from New Waterford appeared at the first big post-Lenten dance of the season with her name neatly stitched along the "clock line".  
The Queen, for half a century, one of the best known hotels in the Maritime Provinces, has been closed. The property was some time ago purchased by the Provincial Government as headquarters for the New Brunswick Liquor Commission at Fredericton.  
Lieutenant-Colonel the Rev. John Pringle, Sydney, who gained fame first as "the missionary of the Yukon" and later as a Canadian chaplain overseas, Saturday entered upon his forty-fifth year in the Presbyterian ministry, the occasion being fittingly observed by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church.  
Up to the present time the lobster fishermen of Mosher's Harbor and LaHave Islands, have been operating at a loss, not clearing enough to pay the cost of gasoline and other expenses. It has been a daily occurrence the past few weeks, for a fisherman to haul fifty traps for less than ten lobsters.—Progress-Enterprise.

## THE LARRIGAN FACTORY CLOSED

The Bridgetown Larrigan Factory closed down on Saturday for a temporary period, and the forty or more employees will, for a short time, at least, be obliged to seek other work. The general slump in lumbering through past season has been responsible for the temporary closing down of this thriving local industry, thru the greatly reduced number of men employed in the woods. The management, with a consideration not too often shown by companies as a whole, kept the plant in operation all winter through a rapidly falling market demand for goods of their class, rather than see their employees out of work during the cold weather. Now that spring has arrived, it has been felt necessary to suspend operations for a time. There is at present on hand a considerable stock of manufactured goods, larrigans and plow boots, as well as large stocks of tanned leather. Everything is ready to start up again at a day's notice just as soon as business conditions warrant. The company has been doing, for many years, an excellent provincial business, but the bulk of the output of the factory has been sold in Montreal and the West. The splendid stock and workmanship in their goods have given this industry a very high reputation from coast to coast. Their factory, with the exception of that operated by Comesa Brothers at Saintville, Digby County, is the only one in the Province of Nova Scotia.  
**YOUR GROCER**  
  
HAS IT  
A report was received by the police, Wednesday afternoon, that a man was found dead on a wharf. The officers found the man was only dead drunk. When he was fined \$200 in court, he asked for time to pay, as he had only \$125. He told the magistrate that he was paid off from his ship and had \$280. He remembered buying a bottle of rum and drinking it; he remembered nothing more—Acadian Recorder.