

## TWO FIRES GIVE HARD BATTLES TO CITY FORCE

Union Street Outbreak Followed by One at Head of King

### FIREMEN COMBAT ALL THROUGH NIGHT

Two Union Street Buildings Wrecked and Tobacco Quarters Guted

A \$50,000 fire in Union street had about finished its destructive work early this morning when another blaze in a front-store location was discovered by a patrolling policeman, in the shoe-shine and tobacco store of Nicholas Bros., southeast corner of King and Charlotte streets.

### THE LAWRENCE ESTATE

After a sharp battle with the flames, Chief Vaughan's doubly tried men extinguished the flames and succeeded in saving the upper floors and adjoining property. It is estimated the damage will probably amount to between \$15,000 and \$20,000, including stock, fixtures and furnishings of the various tenants. The building is 62 feet in Charlotte street and 25 feet in King street.

### SHOE SHINE LOSS \$10,000

Nicholas Bros. inform the Times-Star that their loss in tobacco stocks, pipes, novelties, printed matter, furnishings, fixtures, etc., will probably reach \$10,000. The furniture store is literally a charred mass, the tiny fixtures smashed and twisted. They had not looked up their insurance papers this morning and were not certain of the amount, but they are afraid they will suffer considerably by an overplus in destroyed goods, etc. Until the adjusters make their decision and conference is held with Mr. Lawrence's representatives at the shoe shine property, the shoe shine proprietors could say nothing of their future plans. It is not known where the location of the fire started or why its origin. The firm said it did not originate in the cellar where the pipeless furnace is located.

### SPECTACULAR BLAZE

Policemen Durning and Phinney, with James Torrie, a taxi driver, were standing at the London House corner about 8:30 a. m. when Durning noticed a sudden bright flare of fire in the shoe shine store, and the entire store broke into flame. Policemen Phinney and Durning to box 73, on the corner of Charlotte street and north side of King Square, and a second alarm followed.

The inflammable nature of the shoe-shining materials stacked along the walls, and the tobacco goods, as well as the large window display of magazines, caused the interior to soon become a sheet of flame. The larger window collapsed and fire licked the front of the building to the second store, eating its way through the floor into the dental parlors of Dr. A. J. Coughlin.

### DENTIST AND STUDIO

The third floor, occupied by the Reid photographic studio, Gordon F. Cassidy, manager, suffered mostly from smoke and is today closed for renovation. Dr. Coughlin's studio is greatly upset, with windows broken, operating rooms and equipment, including a carpet destroyed and a sewing hole in the floor of the main parlor down through to the shoe-shine shop. The damage done in this parlor is estimated at \$1,000. The clothing store of A. E. Henderson and the dental suite of Dr. Farrer were affected by smoke. The same applied to W. T. Tremaine's jewelry store on the Charlotte street side.

### BUILDING INSURED

C. F. Sanford, speaking for the law firm administering the Lawrence estate, says the structure is fully covered by insurance, but this forenoon the extent of the damage had not been determined nor were the details of insurance policies looked up. On the King street side the clothing store of A. E. Henderson and the dental suite of Dr. Farrer were affected by smoke. The same applied to W. T. Tremaine's jewelry store on the Charlotte street side.

### UNION STREET BLAZE

The Union street fire wrecked a building owned by Fred E. Driscoll and one owned by A. Fine. There were tenants in each. This fire broke out about 3 p. m. The Driscoll building is occupied on the ground floor by the Saint John Meat Market, conducted by P. Pangborn, and the barber shop of William Cunningham. The former has no insurance and the latter about \$300. On the second floor resided John McConnell, a barber, who carried \$10,000 insurance on his furniture, while Emery Campbell, who occupied the third story flat was without insurance, having that only yesterday he had renewed a policy of \$2,000 on the contents of the building to expire.

### FINE BUILDING

In the Fine building, Mr. Fine occupied the entire ground floor with a boot and shoe business, and carried \$30,000 insurance on his stock. Mr. Fine owned the building and is covered with a \$10,000 insurance policy. On the second floor Mr. Fine resided and his furniture is only partially covered by insurance. Last night Mr. Fine said that only yesterday he had renewed a policy of \$2,000 on the contents of the building to expire.

It is reported that he carried about \$1,000 insurance on his furniture.

### BADLY WRECKED

The two buildings are badly wrecked from fire and appear to be almost a total loss. No. 1 Salvage Corps members performed valuable work in covering goods in the stores and residential quarters with rubber covers. Chief Vaughan and his department made a hurried response to the alarm and at once worked in the rear of the Cunningham barber shop, where it is believed that the fire started. There was a brisk blaze in this section of the building and then it was discovered that the fire had worked up through the wall and had reached the top of the building.

### ESTIMATED LOSS

The loss to the Fine building is estimated at about \$15,000, and that of the Driscoll building almost the same amount; the loss to A. Fine's stock of boots and shoes and fixtures at about \$5,000; his household furniture about \$1,500; that of J. Perchank, \$1,500; the furnishings of William Cunningham, barber, about \$200; Emery Campbell's furniture about \$1,000; that of John McConnell about the same. The building occupied by Wiles Bros., Ltd., as a residence and store, is situated on the eastern side of the Driscoll building, and Miss Wiles reported to the Times-Star that considerable smoke and water had entered their premises.

### HEARTY WELCOME GIVEN MR. GORSE

"Bird Man" Gives Address and Imitation at Scout Event; 12 Auditorium

Charles Crawford Gorse, "The Bird Man," who a few months ago delighted a Saint John audience with his marvelous imitations of birds and his anecdotes of bird lore, was given a rousing welcome last night on his visit to the city.

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### David Hipwell is Recipient at Orange Gathering Held in Moncton

At the annual meeting of the Loyal Orange Lodge in Moncton this morning, David Hipwell was the recipient of a large sum of money from the lodge. Dr. J. H. Taylor, K. C., was present and gave a short address.

### PRINTERS' LEAGUE

The Times-Star team took three points from the Globe last night in the first game of the second series, on Victoria day. The scores follow:

Globe	Totals	Avg.
O'Brien	75 78 94 247	82.1-3
Barton	88 73 73 234	81.3
Boone	74 80 81 235	81.7
Fisher	77 80 84 241	82.3
Kennedy	91 116 89 296	98.2-3
	400 437 429 1266	
Times-Star	Totals	Avg.
Mahoney	85 96 100 281	97
Boone	80 94 90 264	88
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Fairweather	65 73 83 221	74.3
Kennedy	98 81 80 259	80.1-3
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## MONDAYS SET TO HEAR APPEALS

Three Commissioners Constitute Quorum for This Purpose

Mayor Formerly Acted Alone—City Will Not Oppose Peters Ltd. Bill

The Common Council decided this morning to meet as an appeals committee on Monday afternoon of each week to hear applications for relief from taxes and the three of the members would constitute a quorum for the purpose of hearing these applications. This committee will act in lieu of the Mayor, who for some years has heard these applications privately and decided on the amount of relief to be given. Several applicants have already asked to be heard, and they will be notified to attend at 8 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

### ASSESSMENT MATTER

Messrs. Weldon & Meacham acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mayor Frink in which he pointed out that C. H. Peters' Sons, Ltd., desired repeal of the legislation giving them a fixed valuation on their Erin street property, they should promote the bill themselves, and expressed the view that the city should promote the legislation. It was decided to advise Weldon & Meacham that if Messrs. Peters desired to ask the legislature to repeal the act, they should do so.

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## Local News

GIVEN BY MR. GARSON

The silver dish drawn at the meeting of the Hebrew Ladies' Aid, Monday evening, was donated by H. J. Garson. The winner, Mr. Hoffman, kindly handed the dish back again for a further drawing.

### FORMERLY OF ROTHESAY

Miss Mary E. Coffey, resident of Rothessay, died last Saturday. She was 82 years of age and had been ill for some time. She is survived by her husband, Mr. J. E. Coffey, and several children.

### SACRED HEART ALUMNAE

At the annual meeting last evening of the Sacred Heart Alumnae in the home of Miss Elizabeth Purling, Union street, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Miss Mary Travers; vice president, Mrs. Atkinson; secretary, Miss Amelia Haley; treasurer, Miss Marion Hogan. Excellent reports on the last year's work were given.

### SUSPENSION HELD

A suspension against the U. N. B. A. A. for failure to pay for sanctions as far back as last spring still stands. W. E. Stirling New Brunswick vice president of the U. N. B. A. said this afternoon: "It is not fair to some clubs to pay for sanctions and to enforce the rules." Unless the matter is straightened out, the inter-collegiate night between U. N. B. and Acadia may not be played.

### BUSINESS LOCALS

Band, Arena tonight Perfect Ice

Concert in Central Baptist Church school room tonight, 8 p.m. Tickets 25c

Carnival at South End Rink, Tuesday, Feb. 9, St. Mary's Band—25c

Removal. A. Morin, tailor and furrier, has moved to 183 Union street.

St. David's Pantry Sale, Venetian Gardens, Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

H. M. Hopper, 57-59 Dock street, exchange sale No. 2 for week ending Feb. 1, will allow \$2 for any old defective electric gas or oil one-burner stove, hot plate, grill or heater on purchase price of any standard make of electric stove, grill or heater from \$3.50 and fully guaranteed.

### RUMMAGE SALE

In Y. M. C. A. building, Saturday, Feb. 6th at 2 p. m. under auspices of Y's Young Men's Club.

### ANTHRACITE COAL

We wish to correct the false idea that there is no anthracite coal in town. We have first quality Chestnut. Cushing, M. 417.

### COMIC VALENTINES

The largest assortment in the city. Duval's, 15 Waterloo. Open every night.

### FOR \$12.95

You can have your choice of any of our winter overcoats.—At Bassett's, Ltd., 17-19 Charlotte street.

### THE FIRE

That the John Meat Co. wish to state that they will be open every day as nothing is damaged on their premises. F. Pangborn, prop. 2-5

### NOTICE

Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae bridge and dance, Friday night, Venetian Gardens. Special car will leave City at 10 o'clock for West Saint John.

### SPECIAL NOVELTY DANCE

Ritz orchestra tonight. Valuable door prizes, courteous treatment, and floor manager.

### BUSINESS AS USUAL

Last night's fire did not affect Kingsmill's fish store, 227 Union. Business as usual. All kinds of fish at reasonable prices.

### HEMSTITCHING

Mrs. Gamble, 28 Douglas avenue, who has been for some time with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. has been in charge of the Home Visitation campaign carried on here about five years ago by the Religious Education Council.

### REMEMBERED HERE

L. W. Simons has received word of the sudden death of J. Shreve Durham at his home in Chicago. Mr. Durham was in charge of the Home Visitation campaign carried on here about five years ago by the Religious Education Council.

### SUSANNE WINS

NICE Feb. 4.—Susanne Lengien defeated Mrs. C. F. Asselin, formerly Miss Leslie Bancroft of Boston, in the singles of the St. John tournament today, 6-4, 6-0.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. James Gorham, of Saint John, is the guest of Mrs. H. W. Woods, Fredericton.

### Evening Clothes

The finest attribute any evening garment can possess is CONSERVATISM—fine making means far more than freak modelling—particularly when you reflect that a Tuxedo or Dress Suit should last for several years. Those we sell you now will be good style for some time to come.

Tuxedo Suit (silk vest) \$40

Dress Suit from \$50.

Dressed Shirts, Ties, Socks and other Accessories.

Custom Made Evening Clothes too at short notice.

### IN MEMORIAM

—In loving memory of John S. Orr who departed this life Feb. 4, 1926.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. McEachern, of 449 Main street, wish to thank many friends for kindness and sympathy and floral tributes during their recent bereavement. Also Dr. L. M. Curran and Dr. Abramson.

### WEDDINGS

Manson-Bell. A wedding of special interest to many here took place at the Baptist church, on Feb. 2, 1926, when Rev. Dr. J. H. Taylor, officiating, united in marriage Miss Alice Bell, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Bell, of Fredericton, and Jack Manson of Saint John, N. B.

### MARRIAGES

GOODEN-ANDERSON.—On the evening of Feb. 2, 1926, Frank Gooden and Lucy Anderson, of 189 Bedford street, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. J. H. Taylor.

### DEATHS

WILEY.—The death of Mrs. Joseph Wiley, occurred on February 3, at her residence, 62 Protection street, West End, O.K.E.P. at 10:30 a. m. She was 72 years of age, leaving three sons and three daughters.

OKER.—At his residence, Ready street, Belleville, after a lingering illness, on Feb. 2, 1926, Michael Oker, leaving his wife, five sons, two daughters, and one son-in-law.

Funeral on Friday morning at 7:30 a. m. from St. Rose's church for requiem high mass at 8 o'clock. Friends invited.

DELANEY.—At the latter Misericordia Home, Feb. 2, 1926, Margaret Delaney, widow of Michael Delaney, leaving one daughter and one son.

Funeral on Saturday morning with solemn requiem mass at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral. Friends invited.

BURR.—At his residence, 14 Wall street, on Feb. 1, 1926, John Burr, aged 36 years, leaving his wife, four sons, one daughter and his mother to mourn.

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## 3 MEN INJURED

Sidney Thompson of Ludlow Street May Have Had Leg Broken

Sidney Thompson, Ludlow street, West Saint John, met with a serious accident about 2 a. m. while working in No. 15 shed, Sand Point, and it is feared one leg is broken. With others he was handling steel billets when one rolled off the gangway onto his leg. He was removed to the General Public Hospital. The morning an X-ray balance beam was taken to the leg and it was found that the bone was broken. The patrol wagon was hurried in to his place.

### Fred Ivany, 169 Carmarthen street,

an employee of the sugar refinery, had his left hand badly injured yesterday afternoon when it was caught in a General Public Hospital, where morning he was reported to be coming along nicely.

### Valuables to Remove of the Sailors,

Boats Battista, to the General Public Hospital to have an injured hand treated.

### BIG PARTY PLANNED

West Side Organizations Are Uniting For Evening at Cards

An enjoyable card party was given by the "Pretence Boys" in their hall, West Saint John, last evening. The winners were: ladies, first, Mrs. Peir; second, Mrs. C. Hart; third, Mrs. George Merryweather; gentlemen, first, William Harton, second, E. Milton, third, John