

## BAD FIRE AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL

### Valuable Building Partly Burned and Nearly Ruined by Water Sunday Morning,

The Commercial Hotel, on Jail street, occupied by Michael Kane, caught fire shortly before three o'clock Sunday morning, the blaze showing in upper story, where because of a double roof it was very hard to quench. The inside of the upper story was pretty well burned out, fire bursting through the roof in many places. The dead calm prevailing prevented the fire spreading. The firemen were soon on the spot and by their heroic efforts soon got the

fire under control. The water works responded finely, Newcastle having a water system of which she should be proud.

The lower and middle storeys were, unavoidably flooded. Several boarders on the third flight lost all their belongings and many of the others had their property badly damaged by the water and lime, etc.

Mr. Kane's loss is heavy. Insurance was about \$3000 on building and about \$700 on furniture.

## BOY DROWNED AT SOUTH BAY

### Roy Munroe Went in Swimming and Was Not Seen After First Plunge Body Recovered.

While in swimming Saturday with six companions at South Bay, young Roy Munroe, son of W. A. Munroe, of Paradise Row, took a cramp, and lost his life by drowning. He started out fishing this morning with the other lads, and had stopped near the culvert not far from the plant of the Canada Woodenware Co., there to enjoy a plunge in the cooling waters. It is said that he did not again arise to the surface after going down once.

## THE ONLY MEDICINE FOR THE BABY.

The only medicine a mother should give her little ones is one she can give and feel absolutely safe that not the slightest harm will result—a medicine that is guaranteed strictly free from injurious drugs. Such a medicine is Baby's Own Tablets—every box is sold under such a guarantee and the mother may feel perfectly safe in giving them to even the new-born babe. Concerning them Mrs. Albert E. Wood, London, Ont., says: "I have found Baby's Own Tablets all that is claimed for them. My baby has had them from birth and will take them eagerly. I am sure there is no better medicine for little ones." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW RAILWAY

Work on the new railway is now going steadily ahead and about one hundred men are engaged in the fills around Morrisons Brook and in laying concrete waterways. Property owners are busy removing their houses from the line and with the exception of Henry Kellys and George Watts all the houses are now moved as far as the Miramichi Foundry. This big building lies directly in the way and the work of removal will be in very soon. The new station is to lie almost in a straight line continuation of Water street beyond the MacLaughlin fountain, and a fine wide access will be provided here for pedestrians and teams. A second entrance that will be convenient for West End people will be almost opposite Lobban Ave. A wide right of way has been bought here and this will connect easily with the freight sheds.

## SPECIAL SESSION COUNTY COURT

Judge McLatchey presided at a special sitting of the County Court here Thursday morning, Mr. A. A. Davidson clerk. The cases were tried under the Speedy Trials Act without a jury.

Two lads, Melvin Losier and Jos. May, were charged with entering a Chatham store and taking away goods. R. A. Lawlor, K. C., defended and A. A. Davidson prosecuted. Three witnesses gave evidence for the prosecution, but no damaging evidence was given against the boys. The proprietor had not missed anything. One of the boys was seen to enter the shop and take a few empty bottles but he left them on the premises. The counsel and court agreed that the case should have been disposed of in the police court at Chatham. The boys had already served three weeks and that was sufficient punishment, if they had committed the crime. They were found not guilty of the charge and were dismissed by His Honor with a warning. They bear good reputation in Chatham. Eddie Gunderson, who in a row with a LeBreton boy, stabbed the latter, was dismissed after a warning by the Judge to both the boy and his father and an order forbidding the little fellow to carry a knife. R. A. Lawlor defended.

## GREAT AVIATION EXHIBITION IN ENGLAND

London, May 13.—The most remarkable exhibition of aviation seen in England was given today under the auspices of the parliamentary aerial defence committee. Fourteen airmen, including Claude Grahame-White, Mons Bleriot, the French aviator, Robert Loraine the actor, and Captain F. S. Cody, performed various feats designed to show the utility of aeroplanes for war. Four styles of bi-planes were used.

In addition to the bi-plane two styles of mono-planes were employed the manoeuvres were held at Hendon just outside the city.

J. Armstrong Drexel, who participated, had a mishap in which he was considerably bruised and cut and his machine smashed. He was starting a flight when he dropped from a height of a few feet. He rose from the wreckage and was able to walk from the field.

The tests included scouting, dispatching carrying hand bomb throwing by Grahame-White who dropped a hundred pound missile and balls. Messages were taken to Aldershot and replies brought back. A fleet of aeroplanes armed with machine guns attacked an army dirigible balloon.

## THE CHURCHES GROWING

### Many Candidates for Confirmation, First Communion and Baptism During the Last Week.

On Friday His Lordship Bishop Richardson held confirmation services in this parish. At St. Mark's church, Nelson, eleven were confirmed at 2.30 p. m., and at 7.30 p. m., St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, was filled to overflowing, new seats having to be provided. Forty-one candidates, many of them adults and fully half men and boys, were confirmed by His Lordship, Venerable Archdeacon Forsythe at Chatham and the venerable rector, Rev. W. J. Bate, assisted in the services. His Lordship confirmed 37 candidates in Chatham, several of whom were from Douglastown.

In St. Samuel's R. C. church, Douglastown, 43 children made their first communion on Sunday last, and a still larger number in St. Mary's church, Newcastle.

On Sunday evening in the United Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Cousins, administered the rite of baptism to five young ladies and one young man. Dr. Cousins preached a powerful sermon on the duty of Christians to follow implicitly the commands of Jesus. The auditorium of the church was packed and many of the audience had to be accommodated in the Sunday School room.

## SCHOOL STANDING FOR APRIL

- HARKINS ACADEMY  
Grade X—Michael McCabe 1, Ethel Allison 2, Dorothy Nicholson 3.  
Grade IX—Jean Ashford 1, Sarah Hill 2, Mildred Reid 3.  
Grade VIII—Lars Oquist 1, Matthew Walsh 2, Eulah M. Stewart 3.  
Grade VII—Aitken Ingram 1, Willis Petrie 2, Josie Jeffrey 3.  
Grade VI—Joe Campbell 1, Frank Murphy 2, Edwin A. Stuart 3.  
Grade V—Wilson Treadwell 1, Elizabeth Nicholson 2, Jack MacKay 3.

- ADAMS SCHOOL  
Grade IV—Sadie Shaw 1, Charlie Murray 2, Annie Matheson 3.  
Grade III—Sadie Cassidy 1, Christy Ashford 2, Osburn Murray 3.  
Grade II—Carmel McCarron 1, Jack Corbett 2, Mark Gahan 3.  
Grade I—Edna Benson 1, Annie Murray 2, Mary Gahan, Annie Ashford Fred Maltby 4.

## MIXED MARRIAGES

The mixed marriage issue was raised the other day by Mr. George Taylor in the House of Commons. "Has the Dominion Government," he said "power to legalize or validate any or every marriage solemnized anywhere in Canada?" The Government, replied the Minister of Justice, does not consider that it possesses any such power. Has the Government, pursued Mr. Taylor, taken any step to ascertain the power of Parliament in that regard? The reply to the Minister was: The Government has not considered the advisability of taking such a course.

## FORESTERS BOOMING

At their meeting Thursday night, Court Loyalist, 824, Canadian Order of Foresters, received 7 new members. Organizer Frank Mills had been working in town four days previous. He is still here and more recruits are expected.

## THE PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI

### Consider Several Calls at Special Session in Newcastle on Wednes- day Morning.

The Presbytery of Miramichi convened in special session in St. James' Hall Newcastle, on Wednesday morning, Rev. S. J. MacArthur in the chair. Rev. J. M. McLeod of New Mills was clerk. Others present included:—Rev. Mr. McLean, Rev. Wm. Matthews, Rev. E. E. Mowatt, Rev. Mr. Porter, and Elder Joseph Henderson of Bathurst, besides delegations from churches interested in calls lately extended.

The call extended by the congregation of Knox church, Loggieville, to Rev. E. E. Mowatt was considered. Mr. Mowatt expressed himself as desirous of accepting and Presbytery confirmed his decision. Rev. Mr. Mowatt is now stationed at Redbank and the congregation there expressed their regret at his departure. He will be inducted into the pastorate at Loggieville on May 25.

Rev. William Matthews, Chatham, received a call to Bathurst. He also announced his acceptance. It was decided to induct Rev. Mr. Matthews into his new pastorate on May 23.

Blackville extended a call to Rev. W. R. Reid, now at Florenceville. No decision has as yet been announced in this matter. The church work there has been supplied by Rev. Mr. Porter.

Escuminac, P. Q., has given a call to Rev. P. Lebel, a graduate of the Presbyterian college at Montreal and he has announced his acceptance.

## PARLIAMENT WILL REST

### From May 23 to July 18 while Sir Wilfred is in London.

In Ottawa it is expected that by May 23, the sessional programme, apart from the reciprocity agreement, and perhaps a portion of the supply will be put through. In the case of items not voted an interim supply bill sufficient to cover a period of several months will be voted, and the house will adjourn till July 18.

## LABOR PARTY WILL GO INTO POLITICS

Montreal, May 14.—At a meeting of the executive board of the Montreal national trades and labor council yesterday, it was decided to organize a political labor party in connection with the council and to place labor candidates in several constituencies in eastern Canada. The new labor party will be conducted on lines similar to that of the British labor party—half Socialist.

## REV. W. R. ROBINSON VINDICATED

Many Miramichi people will be pleased to hear that the charges made against Rev. W. R. Robinson, of St. John West, and largely circulated much to his detriment, was on the 11th inst. examined by a council of Baptist ministers and laymen. The evidence was thoroughly examined and a unanimous verdict rendered of "not proven." A resolution was then passed completely exonerating Mr. Robinson and commending him to the hearty sympathy of his church. Another charge of a less serious nature, will be tried at a later date. The Ludlow St. Baptist church has most loyally stood by Mr. Robinson, refusing to give credence to the reports of his detractors. They feel sure that the findings of yesterday's council will follow at the next investigation.

## SIR WILFRED LAURIER SAILS FOR ENGLAND

### Greeted by Patriotic Selection as The Virginian Left Quebec with Canada's Representatives on Board

Quebec, P. Q., May 13.—With the strains of "O Canada" ringing in his ears, Sir Wilfrid Laurier sailed yesterday afternoon for England on board the Allan liner Virginian, where he will attend the Imperial Conference and coronation ceremonies. A great crowd of people assembled on the dock to bid the Dominion Premier farewell. On his trip to England he is accompanied by Hon. L. P. Brodeur and Sir Frederick Borden.

When the premier disembarked from the special car and embarked upon the Virginian there was a large gathering of people on the dock and he was given three

cheers from his Quebec admirers. There was a large representation of the officials of the ancient capital to meet him and wish him a pleasant journey. His Worship Mayor Drouin, Hon. L. A. Taschereau and others were in attendance, while Captain Victor Pelletier, A. D. C. to the Lt. Governor presented him with a handsome bouquet of flowers.

As the big steamer pulled into the stream on its journey to the other side, the crowd assembled sang "O Canada," "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "God Save The King" while cheers were given for the premier, Sir Frederick Borden and Mr. Brodeur.

## INDIGESTION RIGHTLY CURED STAYS CURED

### Not by Treating the Symptoms but by Toning up the Stomach to do Nature's Work.

Indigestion should not be neglected for by depriving the body of its proper nourishment it grows steadily worse. Neither stimulating medicines, which ruin the already weak stomach by making it work beyond its strength, should be used, nor pre-digested foods, which do not excite a flow of the digestive fluids, and by disuse, cause the stomach to grow weaker. Nowhere is the toxic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills more clearly useful. Its principle is to enable the stomach to do its own work by building up the blood and giving tone to the nerves. When these are once more restored to their normal health indigestion disappears and the cure is permanent. In proof of these statements we give the experience of Mrs. Paul Gannon, Star City, Sask., who says: "For more than a year I suffered with all the terrible pains of indigestion, and my life was one of the greatest misery. It did not seem to make any difference whether I ate or not, the pains were always there, often accompanied by a severe bloating and a belching of wind. I did not even get relief at night, and sometimes hardly got a bit of sleep in my misery. I tried many remedies said to cure indigestion, but they did not one particle of good and I fully expected that I would always be afflicted in this way. At this time my brother came home on a visit and he urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and got six boxes for me. By the time I had taken four boxes I began to improve and could eat with some relish. I was greatly cheered, and continued taking the Pills until all traces of the trouble had disappeared and I could once more eat all kinds of food without the smallest inconvenience. We have since used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in our family for other troubles. I am so firmly convinced of their virtue as a family medicine that I have no hesitation in recommending them to all weak, ailing people."

Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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## DECISION AGAINST BELL TELEPHONE CO.

Toronto, May 11.—Chairman J. P. Mabee, of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners, has granted the application of the eleven independent telephone companies of Western and Central Ontario for an order compelling the Bell Telephone Company to give those companies long distance connections over the Bell company's system.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Newcastle fire department has elected Ald. Chas. Dickson as chief, with James Stables, lieutenant, and Harry Taylor, secretary. Action in the matter of attending the tournament at Yarmouth has been deferred until the next meeting.

## PRESBYTERIANS CONSIDER MARRIAGE

### Would Make It Purely Civil Contrast Even in Quebec.

Perth, Ont., May 11.—That marriage should be made a purely civil contract was the most important clause in a resolution passed almost unanimously by the Presbyterian synod of Montreal and Ottawa here today. The resolution is the same as was passed by the Presbytery of Montreal. It protests strongly against the admission by Quebec of the claims of the Roman Catholic church to have the right to call on the judiciary of the province to its ecclesiastical deliverances in this connection: The resolution further points out that in view of the evil disposition in Quebec to subordinate the civil to the ecclesiastical tribunals, it must reluctantly but deliberately records its judgement that there is no other course left but to strenuously advocate that such amendments be made in the law relating to marriage as shall make that important contract a purely civil act.

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## PREACHED IN ST. JAMES

Rev. H. R. Reid of St. John, West, occupied the pulpit of St. James' church both morning and evening on Sunday last and preached two able sermons. Rev. Mr. MacArthur preaching in St. David's church, St. John.