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THE LATE MISS MURRAY. The council of the Natural History Society has passed the following resolutions on the death of Miss Murray...

WANT ADS.

In order to be of as much service as possible to the working people of St. John, the STAR will insert FREE all advertisements of Situations Wanted...

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LOCAL NEWS.

Manifests were received today for fifteen cars of corn, four of flour, four of meals, and two of broom corn over the C. P. R. for export.

Hon. A. D. Richard has been gazetted as registrar of deeds for Westmorland county, vice Mr. Backhouse, deceased.

Dr. E. A. Preston, of Sydney street, has been seriously ill at his home for several days with a gripple. He was threatened with pneumonia. Today the doctor was able to leave his bed.

Rev. R. H. A. Haslam will speak at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon on Victory. Mr. Haslam's addresses have been much enjoyed.

There will be an important meeting of the Kings' Daughters in the guild room tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members are specially requested to attend.

The children of the Douglas avenue Christian church Sunday school will hold an entertainment this evening in connection with the anniversary services.

Godfrey Neunham, of St. Stephen, has passed a very successful examination before the New Brunswick pharmaceutical society and been admitted as a registered druggist.

Howard McAdam, the St. Stephen taxidermist, is preparing an exhibit for the New York Sportmen's show which opens in Madison Square Gardens, March 27th.

John Taylor, of the north end, challenges anyone in the marlinnet netting for a bag punching contest, Mat. Cavanaugh, driver No. 3 H. & L. truck, preferred. An early reply is requested.

Three steamers, the Donaldson liner Amyrathia, the Manchester Enterprise and the mail boat Dagma, are awaiting their cable shipments. The late storm has dented the trains.

John M. Whyte, a singing evangelist from Toronto, will commence a series of services in the Main Street Baptist church on Sunday. The services will be held every night of the week, except Saturday.

Bayard Crawford, who has been curing people in the north end for a short time past, had an epileptic fit in the early part of this week and a regular physician had to be summoned.

William Jones, of Union street, one of the 6th regiment band, and employed in Fowler's axe factory, City Road, had several of his fingers badly jammed on Wednesday. They were dressed at the hospital. It is feared blood poisoning has set into one of the injured digits.

The civic committee, consisting of Ald. Macrae, McGoldrick, Baxter, Armstrong and McMullin, with several members of the provincial government will hold a conference with Messrs. Burrill and Pearson, at the Royal Hotel at four this afternoon in regard to steel ship-building.

A surprise party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Oltis, Kennedy street, last evening. A large number of friends were present. Chas. Vall, on behalf of those present, presented Mr. and Mrs. Oltis with a handsome marble parlor clock. A very pleasant evening was spent. The affair was in charge of Miss Lillian S. MacDonald and Miss Julia F. Releker.

MONUMENT.

M. J. CHAPPELLE, P. McCREARY, J. JOHNSON, J. B. SCOTT, F. W. WITHERS, CAPT. C. F. HARRISON.

"And if unchanged that ancient banner Keep yet its place in pride, Let none forget how vast the debt We owe to those who died." - Sir Francis Doyle (1884).

Little more than a year ago these young men were at home in New Brunswick. They responded to the empire's call, and today they sleep beneath the sod of South Africa. It is proposed to erect a monument to their memory in the city of St. John. A quarter of a dollar is the basis of subscription. Contributors may send as many quarters as they choose.

Previously acknowledged, 1155 quarters. A. J. Armstrong, 1 " Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, 1 " T. E. G. Armstrong, 1 " R. J. Armstrong, 1 " Alice M. Armstrong, 1 " Bertie N. Armstrong, 1 " Beattie F. Armstrong, 1 "

Total, 1163 quarters.

SNOW BLOCKADE.

The blockade of the railroads by the heavy snow is still on. The wind of the last few days has drifted the snow about as bad as before, especially on the C. P. R. The engines and snow ploughs are in a somewhat crippled state through the fight with the storm last week.

The C. P. R. train from the west, which was due to arrive here yesterday at noon, did not get in until early this morning, on account of the state of the track. Enormous quantities of snow have fallen, especially in the northern and western districts.

MISSION BAND ENTERTAINMENT The Mission Band of the Limestone Street Baptist church held a very enjoyable entertainment last evening. Supper was served from five to seven, and then the following programme was carried out: Miss Edith Allen singing, Piano solo, Miss Leary, Kierstead; recitation, Frank Ross; dialogue, four girls; recitation, Miss Muriel Knox; solo, Miss Smith; recitation, Miss Edna Everett; dialogue, Misses Olive Sully, Gladys Smalley and Annie Peters; solo, Ralph Jones; address, Mrs. Gillies. At the close of the entertainment Miss Allen was presented by Mrs. Gillies, on behalf of the mission band, with a certificate of life membership in W. B. M. U.

PERSONALS Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones left this morning on a two weeks visit to relatives in Marysville. Charles Gurney, the German street barber, is able to be out again after a severe attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Dever, wife of Senator Dever, who has been ill for some time, is slowly recovering. On account of her illness the wedding of Miss Dever next week will be a quiet affair.

Have you subscribed a Quarter to the Star Monument Fund? James Murchie & Sons, of Calais, are in receipt of a letter from Captain M. A. Young, of the schooner Abner Taylor, dated at New London, Conn., on Monday last, in which he says: "I lost the steward's overboard off this harbor in Long Island Sound yesterday. I tacked ship and sailed back to where we lost him, but he was gone. The weather was very cold at the time. His name was Joseph Dean, and he belonged to Calais."

LOST OVERBOARD. One of the special features of the New Brunswick exhibit at the Sportsman's show in Chicago will be a log cabin, which is being built by Harry Allen at Keswick, and finished in a day or two. The cabin is 10 feet by 12 feet and is an exact reproduction of a hunter's camp in the woods and the interior will be fitted up accordingly. The camp is being built so that it can easily be taken down and rebuilt at Chicago, and one of the purposes to which it will be put will be as a reception booth for sportsmen who are entertained by the guides.

A HAMPTON COMPANY. Letters patent have been issued under the great seal of the province incorporating Frank A. McPherson of Hampton, W. Bernard Ryan of Petticodiac, Thomas Gilliland of Rothesay, James Reid of Hampton and W. Carey McPeters of Sussex in the county of Queens as "The Hampton Tailoring Company, Limited." The capital stock is \$2,000, divided into four hundred shares at \$5 each.

POLICE COURT.

Three People from One Household before the Magistrate. Wm. Nairn, Maud Tucker and Annie Sullivan—Magistrate on Spitting—Sidewalk Driving Case.

The announcements in the morning papers of several arrests yesterday and last night drew another crowd of spectators to the police court, most of whom were members of the Order of the Sons of Rest. His honor has spoken of this fact on several occasions.

The first case up was that of Henry Bradshaw, reported by Capt. Hastings of the north and division for driving his horse on the Main street sidewalk last Monday afternoon at four o'clock, in front of the old Kelly & Murphy carriage factory. The captain said there were two teams ahead of Bradshaw's, and that Bradshaw lashed his horse into a run and cut in on the sidewalk in order to get past. Two little girls came very near being run over. Bradshaw offered in defence that he considered he had sufficient room to pass the teams ahead, and during his attempt to do so, his sled slewed onto the sidewalk. He then turned the horse's head in to prevent further slewing, and to avert a general mix-up took a curve around one of the posts. Fined two dollars.

A representative of Mrs. Palmer, of Brook street, north end, called on the court to say that repairs would be made to the defective sewerage on her premises, reported by the Board of Health, as soon as the frost left the ground. Case stands.

Before the next item on the docket was considered his honor addressed the crowd outside the rail. He said the Common Council had gone to considerable expense in fitting up the court room with oilcloth, adding greatly to the comfort and appearance of the room. In a short while a matting will be placed in the spectators compartment, and he desired to utter a warning against spitting on the floor. His honor said on entering the building this morning he had noticed the traces of some tobacco chewer. If a hundred tobacco chewers, or even fewer, were to start expectorating in court, the whole place would be converted into a giant spittoon. Court refused to take in a man from 10 o'clock in the morning till 5 in the evening, and the aroma of emitted tobacco juice is neither pleasant nor conducive to health. The criminal code makes ample provision for the spitting fraternity, and though his honor would not care to administer it, still he intends having the floors kept clean.

Many a chew was swallowed during the magistrate's remarks. Maud Tucker, aged 24 years, and Annie Sullivan, aged 17 years, were next called, charged with having received groceries from Benjamin Dean's store on Wall street, under false pretences on February 9th, 11th and 12th. They were asked if they were guilty. "Guilty, your honor, but we were forced to do so," was their joint answer.

His honor seemed a little surprised at this age-Maud Tucker contended: "William Nairn made us do it." Nairn jumped up from the prisoner's bench and dramatically avowed: "I can't read nor write, your honor, and never was in that man's store in my life but I paid for what I got!" Strange to say Nairn was already prisoner on an entirely different case and had been remanded. His postponed hearing was now due. In August last, according to John O'Leary, Nairn, brother of Swanton and Leonard, went on a drunk. It ended with the last named man being minus his watch. Then Nairn went to the States and only a few days ago was arrested on the old charge by Detective King.

In cross-questioning the witness O'Leary, Nairn asked if Swanton had not gone into his (O'Leary's) house with him on the night of the spree. O'Leary said no. The mill street second-hand goods dealer, was called as a witness. He took the Jewish oath; that is, with his cap on, and kissing the Old Testament portion of the Bible.

After going through his commercial pedigree Komlensky said he knew Nairn. He was in his store on August 8th, and sold him a silver watch, for which he (Komlensky) gave Nairn five dollars. Nairn said he received many watches as "boot" in trading horses. The prisoner said his name was Baxter, and that he belonged to a party of Gypsies. (Laughter.) He made his mark in Komlensky's account book, which book the witness produced for court. When Detective King called for the stolen watch at Komlensky's he (Komlensky) hired a horse and went out the Marsh Road hunting for the Gypsy camp. (Laughter.)

Nairn then asked the witness what the date of the watch purchase was. Komlensky said August 8th. Nairn asked the magistrate if he could get Swanton as a witness. His honor said he could. "I never saw that man in my life before!" asserted the prisoner, pointing to the Jewish merchant. "Name man!" returned Komlensky, with a toss of his head, which was funny.

Detective King was sworn, and told his story in connection with the case. The witnesses, O'Leary and Komlensky, also the detective entered into a recognisance to appear in the next court case on the fourth Tuesday in February. Case remanded until tomorrow.

Frank Pidgeon, clerk in Dean's Grocery, was called to the witness box to talk about the goods secured under false pretences by Maud Tucker and Annie Sullivan. He said he only knew Maud Tucker.

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ST. JOHN VALLEY RY.

Company to Obtain Incorporation for Building This Much Talked of Line. Application will be made at the next sitting of the legislative assembly for the incorporation of The Saint John Valley Railway Company, with power to build a line of railway from St. John, or from a point on the Canadian Pacific railway at or near Westfield to Fredericton, following the valley of the Saint John as nearly as may be reasonably practicable from the northerly terminus of the railway which the Woodstock and Centreville Railway Company is authorized by its charter to construct at St. Leonard's, in the county of Victoria. Arrangements will be made to connect with the Restigouche and Westport Railway, and also with power to build from St. Leonard's to Edmundston, and with authority to make arrangements for running powers over portions of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Westfield and St. John and from St. Leonard's to Edmundston if found advantageous and feasible. Power will also be sought to amalgamate with or acquire running powers over the St. John Valley and Riviere Du Loup railway and the Woodstock and Centreville railway, when constructed, and with all other powers incident to a railway company, and for the purpose of obtaining rights of way, lands for the purposes of the company, and all other necessary railway powers for building, equipping, managing and maintaining the railway lines of the company.

A NEW GRAND MASTER.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons this afternoon the Duke of Connaught was unanimously elected grand master in place of King Edward.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE. NEW YORK, Feb. 15, noon.—Money on call, nominally, at 1 3/4 to 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 to 4 per cent; sterling exchanges, steady, at 4 1/2, 4 1/2 to 5 for demand, and at 4 1/4 to 5 for sixty days. Post-dated rates, 4 1/2 to 1-2 and 4 1/2 to 4 3/4. Commercial bills, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4. Bar silver, 61; Mexican dollars 47 1/2; government bonds, steady.

LONDON MARKET. LONDON, Feb. 15, 4 p. m.—Consols for money, 97 1/2; do. for the account, 97 5/8; Aclison, 55 1/2; Can. Pac., 95 1/4; St. P., 153 1/4; Ill. Cent., 111; Louisville, 94 5/8; U. P., prd., 90 1/2; N. Y. C., 147; Erie 23 7/8; Penna., 76 1/2; Reading, 67 1/2; Erie, first pd., 67 1/2; N. P., 68 1/4; G. T. E., 6 7/8; Anconada, 5 1/2; Rand mines, 59 7/8; bar silver, steady, 25 1/4 d. per ounce, Money, 4 to 5 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 1/2 to 3 per cent; do. three months' bills, 2 3/4 to 2 7/8 per cent.

CHORAL UNION.

The St. Paul's church at Rothesay was crowded yesterday, when the annual service of the Kingston Denary Choral Union was held. The service commenced at 2.30 o'clock and the following clergymen were in attendance: Rev. Messrs. Coady, Wetmore, Warneford, Schofield, Scovell Neales, Bate, Daniel, Harrington and Richardson. Rev. Mr. Harrington led the musical part of the service in an admirable manner and the music was well rendered by a large choir. Two selections that were particularly well rendered were Gaddy's 'Ye Psalm and Woodwards' anthem, 'The Sun shall be no More their Light.' The service was especially printed in London. Rev. Scovell Neales read the first lesson, and Rev. Mr. Schofield intoned the prayers. Rev. J. A. Richardson preached an eloquent sermon, 'The Sun shall be no More their Light.' The choir was supported by the organ in conjunction with Harrison's orchestra. Among the members of the congregation were many people from the various parishes. Dinner and tea were served by the ladies of the church.