

Smart Hats New!



Crisp New Hats Just Arrived

The prettiest you have ever seen at this season of the year.

Bright with the anticipated thrill of the new season that will be discovered wherever new hats appear.

Stunning Haircloth and Satin Hats in bright and alluring combinations.

A splendid first choice of lovely styles.

\$3 to \$6 here

Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

THOMAS' FUR SALE

A Sale You Should Visit.

5 ONLY MUSKRAT COATS—Made from dark full furred Canadian skins, 40 inches long—Regular Price \$250. Sale Price \$125 PERSIAN LAMB COATS. \$125, \$195, \$275, \$335 HUDSON SEAL COATS. \$250 to \$400

F. S. THOMAS

539 to 545 Main St.

NEW FRENCH CHINA

Royal Blue Band with Encrusted Gold Border

We can supply this ware in Tea Sets and Dinner Sets or odd pieces.

W. H. HAYWARD & CO., Ltd. 85-93 Princess Street



DREADNAUGHT Tire Chains

They do duty every time; always on the job, and carry on like well trained soldiers or sailors. Dreadnaught Tire Chains are made of the finest selected material. They won't rust, and are made to give long and dependable service. There's a Dreadnaught Tire Chain for every make of car in our

MOTOR CAR SUPPLY DEPARTMENT Take Elevator

W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. HARDWARE MERCHANTS

NEW STORE HOURS—8 to 6:30. Close at 1 on Saturday.

LIGHT BILL MAY GET INTO COURT

City Hall Feels It is Up to Commission Now to Collect.

From present indications the question of what is due to the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission by the city of St. John under their contract for current from May 1 last, will have to be settled by the courts as the members of the City Council expressed the opinion this morning that they had gone as far in the matter as they should and it was now up to the Commission to collect if they could.

Mayor Fisher said he had notified the New Brunswick Power Co. of the appeal taken by the city to the Board of Public Utilities against the rates charged by the company for street lighting and received an acknowledgment from the company. He had received a letter from the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission stating that the agreement arrived at between the City Council and the commission had not been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in council. He suggested that he write the commission and ask why the Government had not approved, after taking up the matter with the city solicitor.

Commissioner Thornton said he did not agree with this procedure. He was not in favor of going any further in the matter. The commission knew what to do to collect the amount due or if they did not want to collect let them make some counter offer. He did not think the city should break its neck to pay out money.

Commissioner Wigmore said this communication was in tune with others from the commission. He was of the same opinion as Commissioner Thornton that the commission should go ahead and collect if they had a good case.

Commissioner Bullock thought it was up to the commission to collect and he felt the city had done all it could to reach a settlement. This view was also endorsed.

Commissioner Frink and His Worship said he would let the matter stand.

ROYAL PHARMACY GOES TO H. J. DICK

His Tender for Purchase Accepted—Many Years in Drug Business.

It was announced last yesterday that the tender of Hazen J. Dick had been accepted for the purchase of the business of the Royal Pharmacy, Ltd., recently controlled by the late Elias McDermid. The transfer will go into effect on February 1, and Mr. Dick will be in possession of the business under its present name.

An interesting feature in connection with the deal is the fact that Mr. Dick was the purchaser of the first business instituted by Mr. McDermid in St. John, at the corner of Duke and Charlotte streets, which Mr. Dick continued to operate for more than 30 years, selling out about three years ago. Some two years ago Mr. Dick joined the staff of the Royal Pharmacy and during Mr. McDermid's illness took charge of the business in his absence and since his death has been acting as trustee for the estate.

Mr. Dick has many friends in the city who will wish him every success in his new venture.

POOF! AWAY GOES PART OF SAVINGS

Commissioner Must Pay Out Good Dollars Because of Storm.

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.

It was with a sick heart that Commissioner James H. Frink looked out through the windows of City Hall this morning and visualized the unexpended dollars in his snow-shovelling account fast slipping through his hands as the wind whirled the driving flakes in generous drifts around the street corners.

The hope which each day grew stronger in his thrifty heart that perhaps the tax-payer would not be burdened with a goodly tax on account of cleaning up after King Winter's frolics, went a-simmering; he saw the neat little reduction in his departmental budget all shot to pieces; there was not one gleam of joy or jubilation in the virgin blanket which Mother Nature was spreading over the bleak world.

It was a rotten day!

PROPERTY SALES

The following real estate transfers have been recorded:

J. R. Copp to J. R. Copp, property in Carmanthen street.

Colbrook Realty and Development Company to W. W. Frost, property in Simonds.

L. P. D. Tilley to P. F. Blanchet, property in Lunenburg.

L. P. D. Tilley to M. G. Teed, property in Lunenburg.

A. E. A. Waters to E. M. Douglas, property in Mount Pleasant.

Kings County.

Hers of Sarah J. Folkins to A. B. Folkins, property in Hammond.

Jemima P. Hayward to Emma G. Hayward, property in Cardwell.

Annie Murray and husband to W. S. Murray, property in Cardwell.

O. G. Mason to C. H. Hayes, property in Stuholm.

Jean S. Meek and husband to F. A. Schofield, property in Sussex.

Hers of Joseph Orr to James Orr, property in Sussex.

J. W. Y. Smith to J. A. Marven, property in Cardwell.

I. G. Sprague to Melbourne Jones, property in Kara.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JAN 25

High Tide... 1.45 High Tide... 2.01 Low Tide... 1.45 Low Tide... 2.01 Sun Rises... 7.51 Sun Sets... 6.21

LOCAL NEWS

POLICE COURT

Three men appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the police court this morning charged with drunkenness. All pleaded guilty and were fined \$8 and in default of payment were ordered to be sent to jail for two months. A fourth, who had been arrested, was allowed out on a deposit of \$8.

COMING FROM MAINE

A Bath, Carleton County letter says: A very large number of teams passed through town during the last week enroute to the lumber woods, a large number and a fine lot of teams, where it is rumored that the wages offered are not as alluring as those being offered by our own lumbermen. Most of the teams were bound for the head-waters of the Miramichi.

PRODUCE PRICES

A great deal of farm produce is on the move, says a letter from Bath, Carleton County. The below mentioned are the average prices which were paid by local merchants during the past week, as reported by the Bath market: No. 1 \$11; potatoes, \$1.65; pulp, \$10; green wood, slabs 16 in, \$10. Long lumber and latls were more.

NO FURTHER WORD.

The local detectives had not received any reply up to noon today from the Chief of Police in Fennie, B. C. or from Vancouver in connection with their enquiry about George A. Haslam, a youth from Rapid City, Manitoba, who gave himself up Tuesday morning and said that he stole some money in Rapid City, Fennie and Vancouver. A reply was received from Rapid City yesterday saying that a charge had been placed against him there, but had since been withdrawn.

STATION MEN VISITORS.

A curling match was played in Hampton last evening between a five-man team representing the village and one representing the station. The latter won by a score of 13 to 5. The personnel of the rink and the scores follow: Hampton Station: B. Smith, A. J. Sallows, W. Bovard, F. P. O'Grady, M. J. Conway, Skip. Hampton Village: Irvine Kennedy, C. Sharp, R. Bovard, F. Coster, R. L. Fleming, Skip.

MORE REPORTS MADE

Louis Stephen was summoned to the police court this morning to answer a charge of having piles of earth in Wright, Celebration, Stanley, Spring, Johnston, St. Paul, Summer and White streets without lights and also for leaving post holes uncovered. Charles Hamilton appeared for the defendant and after the usual amount of money was paid to the police, the matter was dropped. Magistrate Henderson allowed the charges to stand on condition that Mr. Stephen should have the earth removed. He said he had no desire to be too harsh with the company, but they had accepted with their own eyes the money of \$10 from Mrs. J. L. McAvity for sick soldiers in hospital and weekly gifts of oranges from A. L. L. Goodwin for the County Hospital were reported.

MRS. L. P. D. TILLEY IS NEW CONVENOR

Red Cross Hospital Committee Chooses Officers—Reports Presented.

A meeting of the Provincial Red Cross Hospital Committee was held in the hall of the County Hospital, St. John, on Wednesday evening. Those present were Mrs. G. E. Barbour, Mrs. G. W. J. Scott, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. F. B. Ellis, Mrs. W. P. Dunham, Mrs. Frank Fairweather, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. C. B. Allan and Miss E. H. Jarvis.

The treasurer reported \$52 on hand, with \$480 in bills outstanding. Donations of \$10 from Mrs. J. L. McAvity for sick soldiers in hospital and weekly gifts of oranges from A. L. L. Goodwin for the County Hospital were reported.

There had been one death in Lunenburg Hospital and two in the County Hospital during the month. One of these was a sailor. Flowers were sent in each case.

Mrs. Doody reported that the hospital drives were discontinued for the winter months.

Mrs. Tilley reported on the buying of the Christmas gifts.

Mr. E. B. Taylor, who has been a most efficient chairman for two years, announced his retirement, which was accepted with much regret and a tribute to warm appreciation of her services.

Mrs. Bonnell reported having filled the indents for the hospitals, and that a request from River Glade had also been complied with.

The new officers are:—Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, chairman; Mrs. G. E. Barbour, re-elected secretary; Mrs. G. W. J. Scott, treasurer pro tem. The committees are:—Buying, Mrs. W. P. Bonnell; drives, Mrs. J. H. Doody; flowers, Mrs. C. B. Allan; visitors, East St. John, Mrs. W. H. Shaw and Mrs. F. B. Ellis; West St. John, Mrs. E. B. Taylor and Miss Stella Payson; packing committee, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee; entertainment, Mrs. Frank White and Mrs. Frank Fairweather.

PATRICK RYAN PASSES AWAY

Many will be sorry to learn of the death of Patrick Ryan, which occurred this morning at his home, 128 Water street. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. Ryan is survived by his wife, four sons, one daughter, and one brother and two sisters. The sons are James P. of the investigating department of the Canadian National Railway here; William M. Ryan, prominent city barrister; Thomas P. Ryan of Greenville, Maine, and George J. of St. John. Mrs. E. R. McDonald of Shediac is the daughter. James Ryan of Sydney street, at Breeze's corner, former city merchant, is the brother, and the sisters are Miss Mary Ryan of St. John and Mrs. W. L. Hogan of Chatham. Mr. Ryan was a man of many excellent qualities and numbered a great many friends, from whom deep sympathy will go out to those bereaved. The funeral will be held at 8:45 o'clock on Monday morning to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

CALLS WITNESS IN COURT LIAR

Beckwith, in Highwayman Case, Starts Towards J. H. Hamilton.

Excitement was occasioned in the police court this morning when John Beckwith, who was being tried on suspicion of acting with another and assaulting John H. Hamilton with intent violently to steal from him, started threateningly towards the plaintiff and cried, "You're a liar, Mr. Hamilton. Don't say I was one of them." He was stopped by Court Officer Dykeman and put back in the dock.

Mr. Hamilton told about leaving his shop about 12:30 on the night of January 5 and starting for his home in Spring street. He said he proceeded along Winter to Spring, and while passing an alley was accosted by two young men. One said, "Hold up your hands," and when asked what was the joke, said there wasn't any joke. The witness said he reached over and turned down the lapel of one of the men's coats and snatched a revolver from one of his hands. He threw it into the street and then tried to see what the other fellow had and in doing so slipped and fell. One of the two held him down and cried out to his confederate, "Crack him quick!" The other then attacked him with some instrument, which he thought was a stick or a revolver, and struck him four blows, two on the head, one on the nose and one on the side of his face. He cried out, and someone in a house nearby switched on electric lights. At this stage one of the highwaymen cried out, "Beat it, quick; there's a light!"

In answer to Magistrate Henderson, the witness said he had about \$207 on his person at the time.

When Sergeant Detective Power led the defendant to step forward and put on his cap, Mr. Hamilton said: "That's one of them; the one that held me down." It was then that the defendant started towards the witness in a threatening manner and called him a liar.

The case was set aside until Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

TWO FAMILIES ARE BURNED OUT

Lose Practically All Their Possessions in Fire in Fairville.

Two Fairville families, those of Lee Wright and Charles Raynes, were turned out of their homes early this morning by fire and lost practically all their household effects. The building was owned by George Raynes and it is a total loss. It is estimated the damage will be between \$5,000 and \$6,000 with only partial insurance. The fire was caused by a shock to Mr. Wright, who has been ill for some days.

Just how the blaze started is not known. It was said that Mr. Raynes had started the kitchen fire and then gone to the barn to feed his horses and soon after this a neighbor, Albert Taylor, saw the flames and gave the alarm. The neighbors quickly turned out and the Fairville fire department was called. They worked hard and succeeded in keeping the blaze confined to the one building, saving the barn belonging to Mr. Raynes and the houses on either side.

The two families were taken in by Mr. Taylor until they could make arrangements for new quarters.

STORM TOO BAD; MEETING IS OFF

On account of the storm the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women, which was scheduled for this afternoon, was postponed until next Friday.

BROTHER IS LOCATED.

Sergeant Detective Power succeeded in locating Bertram McDonald, who was in Moncton last evening. Yesterday the police received a request from the Chief of Police, Moncton, asking them to locate Mr. McDonald and to notify him that his brother, Fred J., had died there.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter, "I see John Brittain's boy is gonto talk to you St. John folks tonight about how a town orto be run. I mind when John was teachin' school out to the Settlement—an' Breeze's one-time teacher he was, too. He was a cousin to George Carson, remember George and his brother's Bill an' Jim? George is the editor o' the Presbyterian Witness now. Bill he's a big grain man out to Calgary, an' Jim's doin' well in Winnipeg. He was another brother, John—he went ranchin' out west. They're all second cousins to this here Horace Brittain. The's a feller that was a boy in the Settlement when John Brittain was teachin' there that's in the United States Congress now, an' another's in the Parliament at Ottawa. Me an' Hanner was talkin' las' night about the fellers we knowed from the days of George Elias Foster, that's gone out an' made a name for themselves—an' I tell you we felt proud of old New Brunswick—even if we can't wake up them folks in Ottaway an' make 'em use us right, I guess I'll stay in town tonight an' hear John Brittain's boy. Yes, sir—I will so."

Radiator Hood Covers

COLD-PROOF, WATER-PROOF AND WIND-PROOF

Models for McLaughlin, Overland and Dodge Cars

PHONE 11-17 Main 2540 McAVITY'S King Street

Tomorrow, the Last Day for 35th Birthday Sale

Hurry—Come early in the morning. Hundreds of real bargains for everybody. Remember, our entire stock is at a big reduction. It spells big savings for you. TURN TO PAGE 7 FOR BIG NEWS!

Men's Caps. Popular shapes, quality cloths from such makers as Tress, Eastern, Maritime. Regular \$2.50, \$3.00. HATS. Such Hats as Borsalino, Mallory, Tress, Stetson, that sell regularly for \$7.00 to \$8.50. Imported Gingham House Dresses. Flannelette Nightgowns in White. Electric Table Stoves. Electric Curling Irons. Women's Heather Cashmere Hosiery. Bargain Basement. SCOVIL BROS., LTD. KING ST. GERMAIN ST.

OAK HALL - RUGS. Furniture Crated for Shipment. A. Ernest Everett THE HOUSE FURNISHER 91 CHARLOTTE STREET.

Art in Furnishing the Home

Rugs Are Very Important. Leading interior decorators point out that the rug is the very first thing to consider in furnishing a room attractively. Its colors should not only harmonize with the colors in the walls, whether papered or painted, but it should also be in harmony with the draperies and type of furniture to be used in that particular room. In our large stocks you will find all the new designs and colorings in rugs of every variety, enabling you to find exactly the right rug for each room you have to furnish. Quality considered, you will find our prices lower.

Art in Furnishing the Home. Rugs Are Very Important. A. Ernest Everett THE HOUSE FURNISHER 91 CHARLOTTE STREET.

Get Long Service -- Plus Smartness in your winter attire for a Small Price. The Most Assured Quality Near Seal Coats. The Choicest Garments of Hudson Seal. Then there are Persian Lambs for. And several others you'll like. Cloth Coats starting at. We always enjoy answering inquiries. D. MAGEE'S SONS, LTD. St. John