LOCAL NEWS

ACCIDENT.

Samuel Chappell, a Trucker at Sand Point, had his right ankle sprained while working there last night. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital and treated by Dr. F. L. Kenney.

CITY HALL PAY DAY.

The city officials drew their semi-monthly pay today. The pay roll was as follows:—Market, $106.31; ferry, $672.50; city engineer, $408.34; official, $1,350.00; fire and salvage corps, $1,151.66; police, $1,551.41; total, $5,223.01.

COUNTY LIQUOR CASE.

A case against William E. Newman, proprietor of the Clairmont House at Torryburn, charged with a violation of the liquor license act on Sunday last, will come up for hearing before Justice Allingham in Fairville this afternoon. A. A. Wilson will appear for the prosecution.

FIRST AID.

The second lecture in first aid to the injured was given to the members of No. 2 Salvage Corps last night in their rooms by Dr. Austin Chappell. Dr. C. M. Pratt being unable to attend. At the close of the lecture, a vote of thanks was tendered Doctor Chappell.

WEDDING LAST EVENING

Rev. B. H. Nobles, of Victoria street Baptist church, last evening, officiated at the wedding of George F. Hutton, of Fairville, and Miss Georgia A. Flewelling, of Fairville, daughter of Fred Flewelling, who formerly kept a grocery store in the North End. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage. There were no attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton will make their home in Fairville.

FAREWELL TO DR. McVICAR.

The New Glasgow Chronicle gives an account of the farewell to the United congregation to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McVicar, who are coming to St. Andrew's church in this city. Judge Patterson read an address, and there was a sympathetic letter from Lieut.-Gov. McGregor, Rev. Mr. Forbes, Rev. Mr. Robertson of the Anglican church, Rev. Messrs. Ramsay and Grant spoke, and there was a fine musical programme. All the speakers paid high tributes to Rev. Dr. McVicar.

SEAMEN'S CONCERT

The large hall of the Seamen's Institute was packed to the doors last night, many people being unable to obtain admission. An excellent all-round programme was submitted by talent from the steamers Saturnia, Corsican and Empress of Ireland. Those taking part included G. Henderson, Ross, Stone, Pringle, Alexander, Kirkham, J. L. Jones, Ferry and Laycock, Messrs. Black and Robinson were at the piano. Mr. West of the S.S. Saturnia, officiated as chairman.

THE STEAMERS.

The Donaldson liner Athenia arrived off the island early this morning and will come up to her dock this afternoon. She has 348 passengers and forty-seven steerage.

The Donaldson liner Saturnia sails tomorrow for Glasgow with a large general cargo and about sixty or seventy passengers. She took on a quantity of coal here.

The C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland, which will sail on Friday afternoon, will take away a large cargo, and a good passenger list. She is also taking away a large supply of coal.

SURPRISE PARTIES

A party of fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dixon, 19 Pitt street, called on them last evening and, through James Lid, presented a valuable centre table. A pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Miss Hazel McLeod, of Duke street, west side, was the recipient of a maple roll at a party at which she was the guest of honor last evening, when some forty friends called. There was an entertaining programme of games and music. The presentation was made by Miss Minnie Dunham. The committee in charge was composed of Misses Minnie Dunham, Helen Fox and G. Emery and John McManus, John Morrissy and Wm. Adams.

ON HISTORY OF CHURCHES.

Rev. A. A. Cody, of St. James' church, gave a very interesting lecture on Past Church History of New Brunswick, in the school room of the church last night. It was illustrated with lantern slides, and was given under the auspices of the women's auxiliary. The lecturer reviewed the history of the older churches in Woodstock, Fredericton, Kingston, Norton, Hampton, Sussex, Waterford, Chatham, Andover, Grand Falls and other places, and gave a sketch of the old Trinity church here. He impressed on his hearers the beauty of New Brunswick as compared with the west, and other places. The lecture was well attended.

CHATHAM HAS SCHOOL TROUBLE OVER A BOY

Matter of Discipline Involves Action By Trustees — Principal Then Resigns

Chatham, N. B., March 20—(Special) Today the pupils of grades ten and eleven were enjoying a holiday owing to a school difficulty, Joseph Pallen, a sixteen year old son of J. H. Pallen, had received word before Principal Mersereau for a slight breach of discipline, of which he and two other boys had been guilty. Young Pallen did not obey, as he thought the other boy was trying to take a "rise" out of him, and subsequently the principal had to go after the boy himself. A tussle took place and it was alleged by the boy's parents that the principal had struck him. On their complaint the matter was taken up last Friday evening by the school board and witnesses were heard.

The board decided that it was best to have the pupil return to school and have nothing more done in the matter. On Monday young Pallen went back to school but when the principal told him he would have to receive corporal punishment for his actions he left and his parents said that if the trustees were to uphold the principal in this they would rather see the boy stay away from school for the rest of the term than receive punishment unjustly.

On Monday evening the school board again met and sent a note to Mr. Mersereau stating that he must take the pupil back under the conditions they had decided upon. Mr. Mersereau wrote a note to the trustees enclosing his resignation and then dismissed his own two grades, ten and eleven. A special meeting of the board is called for this afternoon to go into the matter. Mr. Mersereau's contract will not expire until July, and the trustees may attempt to force him to continue his work.

TROUBLE ON STEAMER IS TOLD OF IN COURT

North End Man Who Set Fire to Carpet—Two Sentences Against Drinker

In the police court this morning Frank Peden, a sailor on the Allan liner Sardinian, charged with using abusive and insulting language to Chief Officer Aird, pleaded not guilty and was remanded. The chief officer and one of the crew gave evidence that Peden went aboard last night and started to make things hum, and when asked to stop grabbed a big kettle and threatened to make things warm for a time. He was overpowered and given in charge.

Scott Fanjoy, charged with being drunk in Harrison street, and also with wilfully setting fire to his house in that street, was also before the court this morning. Policeman Hamm told of arresting Fanjoy, and of the prisoner's wife making the other charge against him. It was said that he went home last night, upset a lamp and set fire to the carpet. He was put out before much damage was done. He was remanded to jail.

Three prisoners, charged with drunkenness, were fined $8 or two months in jail. One of the three was a man who a few days ago was fined $80 or six months in jail under the dominion act, but who was allowed out on condition that he take the pledge. He was informed by the court this morning that he would have to serve both sentences now. "You see what the rum will do for you," remarked His Honor.

CHATHAM WANTS THE GRAND LODGE

Invitation Received for Next Year —Today's Business

The morning session of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of New Brunswick, which was continued today, was devoted chiefly to the reports of the county masters. Reports were received from St. John, St. John West, York, York West, Charlotte, Carleton, Sunbury, Restigouche, Albert, Victoria and Kings. The reports were of an encouraging nature, showing a considerable increase in the membership and in the activity of the order in the various counties.

A letter from Rev. A. A. Rideout, past grand master, expressing his regret that he was unable to be present, was read.

An invitation to hold the meeting of the grand lodge in Chatham next year was received from the Chatham Lodge, and will be considered when the matter is brought up for discussion.

The session will be continued this afternoon, when the discussion on the grand master's report will be considered. It is probable that an evening session will be necessary to complete the business before the lodge.

MISS LAURA PECK DEAD IN INDIA

Baptist Foreign Mission Board Learns of Loss of Missionary

From far distant Visiangram, in India, there came the morning to Rev. Doctor McIntyre of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, a cablegram announcing the death of a promising young missionary, Miss A. Laura Peck, a native of Hopewell, Albert county, who had been laboring in the mission fields since 1905. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Peck, formerly of Hopewell, but now residing in Wolfville, N. S., and was in her thirty-fourth year. She had many friends in the maritime provinces who will keenly regret to learn of her death, and who will also be a distinct loss in the mission work.

After graduating from Acadia where she had secured her degree of B. A., Miss Peck spent some time in church work and then went to India where she had spent the last seven years. She was to have returned next year on furlough and was looking forward to the visit to her family with keen expectancy. She became ill, however, early last month, while touring with another missionary, Miss Newcombe, of Nova Scotia, outside of Visinagram. She was placed in a native cart and given every comfort possible, but the roads were very rough and she was severely shaken while returning to the town. She suffered from hemorrhage of the lungs and after reaching the missionary quarters became gradually reduced in health and strength until her death occurred yesterday. The local members of the board heard the news of her death with sadness today. Doctor McIntyre said it would be difficult to fill her place.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

The maritime convention of the Y. M. C. A. will open in Truro, N. S., tomorrow and it is expected there will be a large and representative attendance of delegates from various sections of the three provinces. C. K. Calhoun, of Montreal, national secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Canada, passed through the city at noon today on his way to attend the conference, and A. W. Robb, local secretary, with W. W. Lee, immigration secretary, will leave tonight to be present.

One of the matters to come up will be the question of making the Y. M. C. A. in the dominion a national body. It is thought that this idea will be strongly approved of. The members of the local executive held a meeting this morning at which the matter was recommended for approval, and the delegates empowered to vote in approval of the scheme.