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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER 18, 1902.

## OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

### FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 13.—(Special)—The Peninsular quarantine case engaged at the police court today and at the conclusion of Doctor McNally's cross examination the case was further adjourned until Friday.

Eight shares of Bank of New Brunswick stock were sold at auction here today at \$20. The stock was held by the Central Fire Insurance Company. Seven shares were purchased by F. I. Morrison, four of them for clients, and the other share by John Palmer.

### SUSSEX.

Sussex, Oct. 14.—The South African agricultural delegates were entertained this morning and were pleased with all they saw and expressed themselves as being delighted with the hearty manner in which they were received and entertained by the people. They left by the 12.14 train for St. John.

B. J. Sheep, accompanied by his wife, who have been here for Washington to present at the annual meeting of Ticket Agents which convenes this week. They go by way of Niagara Falls and will visit Atlantic City, Richmond (Va.) and Philadelphias before the end of the month when they expect to return.

Major E. E. Marshall has bought a house in St. John, worth the property of the late Mrs. J. N. Ediebake.

Rev. Mr. Bolt, of Newfoundland, has been the guest of Edward Burges for the last week. He occupied the pulpit in Trinity church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. W. Stockton went to St. John today.

Sussex, Oct. 15.—George H. White, is erecting another brick block on the corner of St. George and Queen streets, part of which is an addition to the Windsor Hotel. The other part will be used as dwellings.

A letter was received here yesterday by a friend from Capt. A. McLean, who went to the Klondike about five weeks ago. The captain is well and is now teaching a navigation school in Seattle, Washington Territory.

Rev. B. H. Noble and Miss B. L. Warden are in St. John attending the conference in session there.

Mr. E. A. McAuley, who has been visiting friends in St. John, returned home today.

Miss Le Lacharre, of St. John, is visiting Miss Suffren.

### HIGHFIELD.

Highfield, Oct. 13.—The farmers of this place are busily engaged digging potatoes and report a very good crop. The threshing machines are doing a rushing business.

Miss Bertha Pearson has returned from Moncton where she has been visiting friends for the past three weeks.

Miss Warneford, wife of our popular pastor, has just returned from a three months' visit in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Miss Neddie Mitchell, of St. John, is here visiting her parents.

Harriet Williams has been ill for some time, is rapidly recovering.

Several hunting parties from Boston and St. John passed through this place en route to the hunting grounds on Canaan River.

Wm. Brown, the well known trapper and guide, has commenced putting out

**NO SIGN OF REOPENING!**

### THE SOUTH COAST

NOVA SCOTIA LINE

Day Announced Has Come and Gone—Project Hangs Fire.

T. B. Flint Asked as to His Succeeding to Position of the Late Sir John G Bourinot in House of Commons—Peat Industry Starting at Tusket.

Barrington Passage, N. S., Oct. 16.—Although yesterday was the date set for the reopening of the coast railway between East Pubnico and that place, the public are again disappointed and the event still hangs fire. Correspondingly the writes for election to the local house to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Thos. Robertson, M. P. P., also hang fire.

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The principal more recent event is the decease of Sir John Bourinot and the rumoured appointment of T. B. Flint, M. P. for Yarmouth, as his successor. I saw him in Yarmouth yesterday and he would not deny that his appointment was expected. In this event a Liberal may be elected by acclamation to succeed him at Ottawa and the local election be brought on at the same time. Mr. Flint does not seem to command The Telegraph as the best newspaper in the maritime provinces.

With the election in Yarmouth county to fill the house of assembly vacancy caused by the death of E. D. David, it is to be expected that the election will take place with the Shelburne one, or whether all three events may take place together is another matter of some doubt.

On Aug. 21, Mr. Flint, minister of finance, is expected to visit his constituency here within a few days and may be able to give the people much information.

As to the reopening of the railway the company seem to be making advances and Clark Cooper, the superintendent, said to me yesterday that his people were ready to meet the provincial government on any fair proposition. They are carrying the mail daily, except baggage and baggage car to this place, and although

they have no connection with the railroads, they have a connection with the railroads.

Mr. Flint, minister of finance, has been organized to work the deposit.

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## STATEMENT OF LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

**Shediac, N. B., Oct. 15.—(Special)—** By far the worst and most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Shediac broke out this morning about 5.30 and swept away the main business portion of the town.

The fire started in Mrs. Amin Cormier's barn and quickly spread to her store between O. M. Melanson's block on the west and the post office block on the east.

Books, sheets, blocks of wood used by the flames and soon reduced to ashes, the fire taking in the north side of Main street, from Lewton's drug store to

in four buildings of C. C. Hamilton's old stand.

**Loss \$150,000.**

A conservative estimate places the loss at \$150,000, and R. C. Tait and O. M. Melanson considerably the heaviest losers.

After the alarm of fire had been given, Mrs. Cormier, who resided near the scene and soon, the fire brigade with the hand engine and hose reel were at work while a self-constituted "bucket brigade" were working indefatigably to stay the progress of the flames, but to no avail.

In addition to the damage caused by the extent of the fire the supply of water in the tanks soon became exhausted, and lay-standers looked with fear on the threatened destruction of the business portion of the town.

**Help from Moncton.**

Realizing the critical aspect of the advances of the flames, Moncton was com-

municated with shortly before 7 o'clock, and Mayor Given promptly gave permission to extend aid and a relief force was organized. General Manager Pottinger, of the L. C. P. also arrived on the spot, spending over \$1000. At 7.45, conveying the fire engine, hose reel, the chief, Ackman, of the department, and a company of the Moncton brigade to Shediac.

They arrived on the scene about 8.15, and not quickly to work, but by the time the fire had reached its height, and was threatening the Weldon House and the Sheldac boot and shoe factory just west of it.

**Scarcity of Water.**

Scarcity of the supply of water greatly handicapped the firemen in their work. They soon had the tanks pumped dry and then had to seek a supply from the river. But they succeeded in saving the Weldon House and this prevented the flames from reaching the shoe factories.

The fire was confined to the north side of the street, but leveling all the business houses in the area described, it swept away the warehouse sheds and out-buildings besides one or two dwellings between the stores and the river.

When the fire was out, the solid slab of Main street was broken in the intense heat and it was only by great effort with carts and such like that the fire was prevented from spreading to that side of the street.

**Out at 12 O'clock.**

By 12 o'clock the fire was under control, having been checked in the easterly direction at R. C. Tait's building, occupied by Maguire's Fittery and hardware, and extending in other directions. At 12 o'clock the fire was out and the citizens and Moncton firemen who had been battling with the flames for hours could cease their labours work. Several of the sufferers are left practically without a dollar, while all others suffered severely, some being practically ruined.

**Mr. Melanson's Heavy Loss.**

O. M. Melanson, who is probably the heaviest loser, estimates his loss at \$30,000 over and above his insurance. His leather and stock store contains \$25,000 worth of stock, a warehouse, 100x60 feet, three stores filled with stock and about 4,000 barrels potatoes in the cellar. One-third of the stock of potatoes was saved.

An unoccupied dwelling house to the rear was also destroyed. Some stock was saved, probably \$1,000 worth, but Mr. Melanson estimates his stock loss at \$50,000. He had about \$15,000 dollars insurance on buildings and stock.

R. C. Tait's loss includes buildings, 700x100 feet, and stock which is estimated at \$7,000 worth, \$4,000 on buildings.

The building owned and occupied by W. A. Russell, barrister, and Doctor L. J. Belliveau was destroyed; the office furniture was partly saved. The property on the building is \$800. The loss on furniture is estimated by Mr. Russell at \$100.

Mrs. Gallant, milliner, had \$1,200 on

buidling and \$2,000 on stock. Her loss over and above insurance is \$1,000.

Mrs. Gallant also owned the post office brick building in which was also the People's Bank of Halifax. This block was insured for \$3,000. The loss above insurance is \$1,200.

A. Patrel, who lived over the post office, has loss of \$300 or more.

The Pointers in Poierie's brick block, were among the heavy losers. The block was occupied by the owner and A. S. Poierie. The loss on the building is \$2,000 over insurance. The insurance on the Pointers' block is \$1,000.

John Poierie, general store keeper, is nearly covered by insurance. He had \$1,000 of stock.

Alex. McNeil, general grocer, lost his building valued at \$1,200. He carried some insurance.

Wm. Bourque, butcher, in the McNeil building, is probably covered by insurance.

Louis Comeau's building was burned. The loss over and above insurance is \$500.

Wm. Landry occupied the Comeau building as a saloon and is probably covered by insurance.

Mrs. Anne Cormier, in which building the fire started, has loss of about \$800 above insurance. The insurance on the building was \$1,400; loss \$600 or \$800 above insurance.

Stewart White on building and stock lost, above insurance, about \$800.

Manuel Gallant's building, occupied by himself as a saloon and billiard room and residence, was burned. The building was insured for \$1,000, stock about \$300. He had no insurance.

This gives the losses and insurance as nearly as could be ascertained today.

**Origin Mysterious.**

The fire originated in mystery. It was first seen by A. Patrel, who lives in the post office building. The fire had apparently come from the stockroom.

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**Insurance Held in St. John.**

At the St. John fire insurance offices the Telegraph learned that the insurance held by the buildings and stock at Shediac by different companies here include: Sun, \$3,000 on the post office; \$300 on the buildings of Messrs. Melanson and White; \$2,200 on the stocks of Messrs. Melanson and White; \$1,000 on R. C. Tait & Co.'s stock; \$300 on the stocks of the combined dwelling of O. M. Melanson and J. E. LeBlanc; \$2,000 on the stocks of Messrs. Melanson and White; \$300 on the stock and warehouse of Messrs. Melanson and White.

Commercial Union, \$2,000 on stock of R. C. Tait; and \$1,600 on his building.

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Phoenix of Hartford, \$1,000 on R. C. Tait's stock; \$1,500 on building of F. Poierie.

Guardian, \$700 on estate of A. J. Cormier; \$400 on his stock; \$100 on his furniture; \$100 on his fixtures; \$100 on his office; \$100 on Melanson's.

Western, \$500 on law office of W. A. Russell; \$1,200 on cannery of Melanson Company.

Quebec, \$1,800 on stock and building of R. C. Tait; \$1,000 on building and stock of Mrs. O. G. Gilman; \$600 on law offices of Belliveau, Barrister.

Ates, \$1,000 on O. M. Melanson's stock.

Manchester, \$500 on A. L. Poierie's stock; \$2,000 on O. M. Melanson's stock (partly re-insured); \$300 on Melanson's building; \$300 on the furniture of the building of Dr. J. W. Boyer.

Paul, \$1,000 on law office of Paul, Proctor, Fenwick, S. J. Perry, B. H. Ferguson, and J. B. Daggett.

The Sabbath services were:

Waterville church—9 a. m., prayer meeting led by Revs. T. S. Vanwart and J. N. Barnes; 11 a. m., annual sermon by Rev. F. G. Francis; 3 p. m., preaching by Rev.

**FAT NERVES.**

A whirl of excitement was recently caused among scientists by the discovery of how nerves act.

Healthy nerves are fat nerves. It is at the core of a nerve that by hardening and softening creates nerve action.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS GATHER AT PROVINCIAL CONVENTION IN FORCE.

Opening of Annual Session of New Brunswick Body at German Street Baptist Church—Prominent People in the Work Attend from Across the Border.

The Eighth Provincial Sunday School Convention which opened yesterday afternoon in German street Baptist church, promises to be one of the brightest and most interesting held in this year. From all over New Brunswick are assembled bright men and women who have given their time and skill to exchange ideas as to the best methods of improving the Sunday schools and making of them an ideal place in which to train the young mind in the way it should go. There are about 300 delegates in the city, and German street church is holding a more or less prominent place in almost every workshop. The picture presents a whole host of bright young faces, hoary-haired men and women, laymen and minister and the attractiveness of the meetings, delegates that bugbear of conventions, monotony, to a seat away back in the church.

### Prominent Visitors.

In addition to the provincialists there are visitors from the United States, chief of whom are Marion Lawrence, of Ohio, who is a leader in Sunday school work; Dr. O. H. Chipman, of Clinton, who is international spokesman as music writer, publisher and singer, and who is especially noted for his ability to lead in religious gatherings. These were supplemented by Mrs. Neilia Burger, a Missouri lady, whose special line of work is the promotion of temperance. Mr. Hubley, "who is visiting us now," addressed the delegates yesterday afternoon in a very interesting manner, making an earnest plea for greater temperance work among the young and inculcation of temperance principles, as can be best done by the teacher, the teacher mind of the children. After a speech of some length and at the end was given a hearty vote of thanks, president of the convention, Rev. M. Hubley, read his address, which dealt upon the question of what had been done during the official membership during the year, by death and removal from the service. It also made reference to the work of national importance, and was an altogether comprehensive and interesting feature of the afternoon.

### Marion Lawrence.

Ohio has given many famous men to the United States—Presidents Grant, Garfield, Hayes and McKinley claiming it as their home, but some have written of Marion Lawrence: "More Boston loves Marion Lawrence than any other man who calls that state his home," and his is indeed a personality well calculated to win admiration. Tall, straight and compact, with a pale thoughtful face and deep brown eyes, she is about 50 years of age. She is a forcible speaker, but her quietness and utter lack of anything bordering on sensationalism, wins upon her auditors and yesterday where she was warmed up to his subject on the Church's opportunity he was well worth listening to.

The Sunday school, he said, was the soul's right arm, and was in very truth the opportunity of the church. Naturally his remarks dealt wholly with the importance of the school among the children in the Sunday schools where the teachers have the best opportunities to impress their faith, they believe when you tell them, but infidelity is a later growth and must be planted—but faith is always there. Mr. Lawrence spoke of the great importance of developing interest in the work and commented on the way in which the standard of teaching in the Sunday schools was being elevated year by year.

Mr. Excell, Who Knows How to Lead the Singing.

When E. O. Excell, or as some one willfully said "Excell," came to the Ontario Convention, "stated to sing everybody else has to do the same." It doesn't matter whether one is familiar with the air or not the desire to sing develops with surprising rapidity and before the first verse was ended a great crowd of people rolled through the aisles and down the steps, all in the great, rich, deep tones of Mr. Excell. He has a pleasant speaking voice, too, and it's a treat even to hear him announce the hymns. His presence at the convention as musical director ensures good singing, and yesterday's music was a particular feature.

The afternoon meeting was announced for 2:30 o'clock, but the delegates kept wandering in until nearly 3 o'clock, thus retarding a degree the regular order of business. The convention opened with a brief service of thanksgiving, followed by a brief service of thanksgiving and supplication led by Rev. Christopher Barnett. The following committees were

Nominating committee—W. J. Parks, Miss Alice Estey, Rev. W. H. Macmillan.

Finance and audit committee—J. W. Laird Smith and Andrew Malozen.

Resolution committee—A. M. Kelly, Doaktown; Rev. C. W. Hamilton, St. John; Rev. F. O. Fotheringham.

### Evening Session.

German Street church never had a larger congregation than that which assembled last night to participate in a very interesting meeting. The church was brilliantly lighted and the various mottoes displayed in blue and red letters on a white board added to the appearance of the church.

As in the afternoon particular attention was paid to the musical part of the services and Mr. Excell succeeded in drawing out plenty of enthusiasm and any amount of artistic musical effects, by his methods of directing, and what he can't accomplish in this line isn't worth attempting.

Last night's meeting was largely devoted to speech making and addresses, interspersed with prayer and music. The president, Rev. Mr. Hubley, presided and on the platform were His Worship Mayor

White, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, W. E. Cross, superintendent of German Street Baptist Sunday school, and Mr. Sampson, of Fredericton.

### Executives Report.

The report of the executive committee, read by T. S. Simms, was a review of the year's work, and also made feel reference to those who had passed away since the last convention.

There was much information regarding Sunday school work throughout the province, and congratulated the convention upon having secured the services of the famous hymn writer, E. O. Excell.

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