

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, June 9.—A happy event took place this afternoon at the residence of Recorder Colter, when his only daughter, Miss Edith Colter, was united in marriage to Dr. E. D. King, of Boston.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was dressed in white silk crepe de chine over white tulle, and wore a veil with orange blossoms and lily of the valley, and was unattended. After the ceremony and congratulations luncheon was served in the dining room, which was tastefully decorated with pink and white flowers.

The wedding party consisted of only the immediate relatives and friends of the bride. Many handsome presents were received, among them being a beautiful piano and \$500 from her parents. Dr. and Mrs. King took the 5 o'clock train for Boston, en route to the White Mountains, where their honeymoon will be spent.

The residence of Mrs. Walter McFarlane was this evening the scene of another like event when, at 7 o'clock, her youngest daughter, Miss Nellie Tilley, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Limerick, son of Mr. John Limerick. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Willard Macdonald, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the families.

The bride was dressed in white silk and was unattended. After the ceremony money supper was served in the dining room, which was tastefully decorated. The newly wedded couple left in the 9 o'clock train for St. John, en route to Boston and New York.

The groom's present to her bride was a beautiful sapphire brooch. Mrs. T. G. Leggie gave a delightful gift party on Thursday evening. Colonel Leggie left yesterday for Sussex. Miss Hutchinson, of Douglastown, who, during her visit in Fredericton, has been a guest at "Booth Knowl", has very graciously presented to the proprietors of that charming resort a piano, which is much appreciated by the parties who will enjoy camp life there this summer.

BATHURST.

Bathurst, June 10.—A small number of friends were entertained on Tuesday evening by Mrs. H. D. Hanson. Cards were the amusement, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Agatha McLean has returned from a visit to Shediac and Moncton. Miss Joseph Quinn is spending a few days with friends here this week. Mrs. J. E. Baldwin made a short visit to relatives in Dalhousie recently.

Mrs. E. J. Stewart, who was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Eliza Stewart, spent a short time here during the week at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. A. J. H. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart and Miss Stewart were formerly residents of Bathurst, and were warmly welcomed by their many old friends.

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Moncton, June 11.—Miss Ada Penna, who has been visiting friends in St. John for the past two weeks, returned home on Tuesday. Miss Theal left on Friday morning for New Brunswick to spend the summer with her brother at his home in St. John. Mrs. J. Wallace spent several days in Truro this week.

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ST. GEORGE.

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ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, June 8.—A very quiet wedding took place in Trinity church last evening, when Miss May Todd was united in marriage to Mr. Valentine Vaux Vanstone by the Rev. F. W. Robertson. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock, and was attended by a number of friends.

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WHERE DOES THE CITY STAND?

Harbor improvements are in the doldrums. Where does the city stand? It is a party to certain agreements with the C. P. R. In the event of that corporation failing to carry out the part of these agreements...

It may be that he, and those who give him encouragement, believed his efficiency as his general popularity would prevent the government from taking the grip with him...

CHURCH UNION.

An incident which aroused much favorable comment during the recent session of the Presbyterian assembly was the visit of an influential delegation from the Anglican church...

Now comes the announcement that the Anglican synod of Toronto last week unanimously adopted a resolution approving of church union...

The resolution adopted was as follows: "That this Synod offers its hearty congratulations to the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational brethren...

As already stated in this paper, one of the great factors in drawing the churches together is the rapid growth of population in the west.

HIS USEFULNESS GONE.

The debate Friday in the House, regarding the Dandonald-Fisher episode, made clear the important features of a controversy which will lead inevitably to the resignation or dismissal of the officer commanding the forces.

another way, and without needless hesitation or delay. The purpose yesterday was to make clear the position of a member of the cabinet who had been placed on his defence.

From Lord Dandonald's speech the public was led to infer that Mr. Fisher had usurped the authority of another minister and used it improperly, for political reasons, to further the appointment of an incompetent party man at the expense of a competent officer of the other political faith.

THE "LITTLE CANADIAN" VIEW.

The Toronto Telegram takes a "little Canadian" view of the proposal to appoint a Canadian as commander of the forces in Canada. The Telegram's Canadianism is expressed in the following: "The great question with a Canadian who is the question of honor and better."

MURDERERS REALLY HANG THEMSELVES.

It appears that Mr. Henri Bourassa is displeased because a man named Belanger was executed for murder at Sainte Scholastique last week. It is Mr. Bourassa's whim to describe the murderer as a victim and the hangman as a drunken assassin.

WAR FINANCE.

Reference was made recently to the extraordinary accumulation of gold by the Bank of France. A curious phase of the financial situation arising from the war is that Japan's gold reserve is being drawn upon to keep Russia's gold balance at Paris from becoming exhausted.

the shocking spectacle at Sainte Scholastique. The Nationalist should take care lest it encourage some other Belanger to make more work for the hangman.

ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY.

It appears that Canada is to be invited to another Alaska boundary tribunal—if the Americans can arrange it. The New York Sun discovers that we "are manifesting a disposition to maintain proprietary rights in Hudson Bay."

WARNING TO MR. HAYS.

As a result of the enquiry by Judge Winchester, into the charges that Canadian engineers were ignored in connection with the survey on the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. G. A. Kyle, the chief of staff on the division west of Winnipeg has resigned, and such papers as the Toronto Globe and Montreal Herald are tendering some pointed advice to General Manager Hays.

ALL TOGETHER.

With scarcely two weeks remaining to complete preparations for the tercentenary celebration not an hour should be wasted, and everyone who has become responsible for any part of the work should do his utmost to keep pace with the hardest workers whose efforts will mean so much for the success of the celebration.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

The fact, which appears to have been clearly established on Saturday night, that incendiaries are abroad, and that they have been responsible for at least some of the recent fires in this city, naturally causes grave apprehension.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The trouble is that British officers commanding the Canadian militia are apt to entertain the delusion that they are appointed to command the government army. This delusion is never more than temporary.

EARL AND LADY GREY.

Earl Grey, who it is said will succeed the Earl of Minto as Governor-General of Canada, is a member of a distinguished family. He is a brother of Lady Minto, and has visited this country. The first Earl Grey was a commanding officer in the first American war.

Northumberland. He has been a director of the British South Africa Company since 1888. His estate in Northumberland contains 17,000 acres. In 1889 he published a book entitled Hubert Hervey, a Memoir. M. A. P., of which T. P. O'Connor is editor, in its issue of June 4 has the following very interesting sketch of Countess Grey:—

Lord and Lady Grey and their daughters have arrived in London. Lady Grey was Miss Holford, one of the talented daughters of the late Mr. Robert Holford, of Weston Birt, Gloucestershire, and Dorchester House, London. Her marriage with Lord Grey—then Mr. Albert Grey—took place in 1877, and she has one son and several daughters. In appearance Lady Grey is of medium height, with soft brown hair and eyes, and a face of great intelligence.

GREATER OAK HALL, SCOVIL BROS. & CO.

The Franco-Prussian war of 1871. When it became necessary to pay a great war indemnity to Prussia, France drew on its London credits to make the payment at Berlin. London, to avoid depleting its own supply of gold, drew on English credits outstanding in Germany. Thus German bankers found much of the gold paid to the Prussian government on French account.

THE BEST VALUES IN THE CITY IN BOYS' WEAR.

Eton Sailor Suits, \$4.50 \$5.50 \$6.50 Overcoats and Rain Coats, \$5.00 \$5.50 \$6.00 \$7.00

Buster Brown Suits, 5.00 6.50 7.00 Norfolk Suits, 2.50 to 3.50

Sailor Suits, 0.75 to 10.00 Vest Suits, 3.00 to 9.00

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Boys' Clothing: Admirable in Style and Making.

No boy—up to a certain age—is a respecter of clothing. He must play and have "fun," and if his clothes suffer—why so much the worse for the clothes. So it pays to get good materials and have them sturdily put together.

Mothers of boys tell us Oak Hall boys' clothing is dressy and durable. Good enough reasons when coupled with the fact that careful buying and expert knowledge bring you, we believe—

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The grain shipping business appears to be very dull at present. The Montreal Gazette says: "There has been no improvement in the demand for ocean grain during the past week; in consequence business has continued as dull as ever, so much so that vessel owners are now considering if they will withdraw some of the tonnage from the port. It has been rumored that some freight was offered to a British port free of charge, but notwithstanding this great inducement, the grain could not be supplied, and the vessel in question was obliged to buy coal for ballast. There is an easy feeling in the market, and some of the present rates would likely be shaded for ballast."

The following, from the Winnipeg Free Press, illustrates the rapid development of that city: The aggregate cost of building for which permits have been issued by the city building inspectors this year has passed the three million dollar mark already. The comparative statement of permits and buildings submitted by the building inspector to the fire, water and light committee last evening was as follows:

June 6. Permits. Buildings. Aggregate Cost. 1900 . . . 181 . . . 227 . . . \$ 689,950

1901 . . . 277 . . . 353 . . . 874,785

1902 . . . 385 . . . 463 . . . 1,065,713

1903 . . . 424 . . . 548 . . . 2,145,450

1904 . . . 788 . . . 1,063 . . . 3,334,150

The permits for the new C. P. R. buildings and improvements have not as yet been issued, but the plans are now in the hands of the building inspector and he is ready to prepare permits for them.

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CHAPTER XXVIII.—(Continued). "Is it possible to fill up the ravine in less than a year?" asked Sir Hugh de la Perche. "The rock is hard as steel. There is no earth near the summit of the gorge. It will undertake nothing in two weeks."

CHAPTER XXIX.—The Last Battle. Day by day the icy surface of the lake broadened and crept nearer to Avranche, and day by day we watched our camp being encircled by the ice.

Such was the place we had to work in. I had spoken glibly enough in the tent about making a dam, but as I looked into that awful hole of ice and water, I realized that the credit of the work would not rest with him who planned the scheme, but with those who dared to carry it out.

in a state of terror and despair. His presence was the only thing that kept us from being driven to the sea.

It was a dark night, for the moon was not yet above the horizon. The stars only showed a dim white streak beneath us, and in the distance a faint twinkling with a few yellow flames.

Men moved swiftly to their posts; orders were hurriedly given and obeyed. Troops were arranged, guns trained, ammunition served out, swords drawn, bows strung, and the whole camp was moving like a machine.

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We selected the lower part of the gorge for our work. In the first place, it was hidden from the town of Avranche by the rising ground; and in the second, the water was more shallow and broken up by rocks, and there would be less chance of the falling debris being carried away.

WORRY that's what kills a man. It Weakens the Brain, Weakens the Nerves, Impairs the Digestive Organs. HAWKER'S Nerve and Stomach TONIC.

Canadian Drug Co. after our men had retired the arrows of the archers found many a mark, and our rifles made a line of dead up to the very camp walls.

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men had scaled the wall, and were ready with strings bows and loaded rifles, we fired point-blank at the gorges.

I looked on that strange scene in the moonlight with sorrow than with expectation. Of the thousand men who had sailed from London, more than two hundred were moving across the ice to their final goal.

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CLOSING EXERCISES OF NORMAL SCHOOL.

Miss Vera Creed Winner of Governor General's Prize in Senior Class. Frederickton, June 10.—(Special)—The closing exercises at the Provincial Normal School took place at the assembly hall of that building this morning.

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At this morning's sitting of supreme court Justice Tack, Hanington, Landry, Barker and McLeod were present. The case of the King vs. Francis McCreary was taken up. Hon. Mr. McCreary, K. C., in response to a rule calling upon the attorney-general to show cause why the defendant should not have leave to appeal from a conviction against an indictment for theft in the St. John county court, and why the county court judge should not state a case to this court, stated that the crown has no objection to the leave being granted.

CHATHAM DISTRICT METHODISTS IN SESSION. Newcastle, N. B., June 9.—The ministerial convention of the Chatham district was held in the Methodist church at Newcastle June 7th at 8.30 a. m.

BURGLARS AT WORK. Chatham, N. B., June 13.—(Special)—MacKenzie's drug store was broken into last night and \$85 stolen from the safe, which was forced open. All the drawers in the office were overhauled and contents scattered on the floor. Entrance was made through a cellar window.

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EIGHT BUILDINGS WRECKED BY FIRE ON PORTLAND BRIDGE.

Loss Heavy and Insurance Light—All Night Battle for the Firemen, Who Did Well to Save Any Part of the Block—One of the Hardest Struggles They've Had in Years.

Seven Mill street buildings containing dwellings and stores were practically destroyed and three or four others were badly damaged Saturday night by one of the toughest fires the city brigade has had to fight in years. For nearly three hours they waged battle before they had the flames controlled but it was 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning before Chief Kerr sent in the one blow telling that all was over. Twelve places of business suffered from fire, water, smoke or in removal of stock. Thirteen or fourteen households sufficed. The cause of the fire is not known but the harsh word incendiary is heard once again. If not applicable in this case, it is in three other Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Since the Indian town conflagration the city has known no outbreak which has rendered so many families temporarily homeless as that which occurred Saturday night. The district was thickly populated, and in the majority of instances, all the households could do was to take what they could conveniently get out and hurry. The destructiveness of the flames was measured only by the terrifying swiftness with which they spread.

Started in a Barn.

First there was a slender coil of fire somewhere in the rear of the bakery, supposed in an old barn. Then, fanned by a gusty wind, it broadened out and soared aloft, and barely had the number of the second alarm called before orange billows were pouring upon the dry shingled roofs of all the buildings adjacent to the bakery, and eating through to the street itself. This was shortly after 9:30 o'clock. The department never was to work with more rapidity, but it required all of three hours to gain the mastery, although at midnight it was quite evident that the fire was being successfully cornered.

Seven buildings have been practically destroyed, and more than a dozen places of business establishments are in the same condition, while other houses are damaged. A wether of oranges, sheds and barns are today a huge jumble of charred boards and ashes. Thousands of dollars worth of valuable stock, if not utterly consumed, has been seriously damaged.

Thought Her Baby Was Lost.

The most acute distress has been felt by those unfortunate who were compelled to hurry, in a state of alarm, from comfortable homes into the street. There were several instances of women fainting. One woman, under the impression that her infant had been left in the burning home, had to be forcibly restrained from re-entering the house. She became delirious, and was calmed only when the child was placed in her arms. It had been borne away early in the fire by a neighbor.

The burnt or badly damaged houses comprise two owned by James Quinn, one owned by Peter Ward, one owned by E. J. Heist, of the Hygiene Bakery; two the property of the Corkery estate, the building owned by Mrs. Wm. Quinlan, next to George Chamberlain's undertaking rooms, is quite badly gutted, and one of the Corkery houses has perhaps received the least damage of any of those affected. There is insurance on each house.

Those whose homes have been destroyed are Isaac Kormack and M. C. Colahan, occupying quarters in the Corkery house adjoining the building which forms the corner of Mill street and Bond's alley. In the next house, also in the corner, is the entire street is constructed of wood, lived George A. Friars, Sarah Friars and Mrs. Corbett. Over the Hygiene bakery lived the family of E. J. Jenkins, in the flat over R. J. Jenkins' confectionery store a Chinaman had his home. The adjoining house, the property of Peter Ward, had as occupants Arthur Martin, Joseph F. Martin and Peter Ward.

In the next house, owned by James Quinn, the occupants were Mr. Quinn and J. Moore. The Quinlan house, also, with the exception of the flat was occupied solely by the family. Beginning near the corner of Bond's alley, the stores beneath the houses are, from west to east, Central Boot & Shoe Company, M. T. Colahan (tailoring), Miss H. A. McCarthy (millinery), Douglas Brown (boot and shoe repairing), E. J. Heist (bakery), E. J. Jenkins (confectioner), Fook Wah (small store containing Chinese curios and oriental ware), Chas. H. Drager & Son (clothing), Sam Wall (laundry), Rich (restaurant), James Quinn (saloon), and W. A. Wetmore (dry goods). Of these, all but the Central shoe store, M. T. Colahan, and Wm. A. Wetmore are burned out, while those three lost quite heavy because of water and in hurried removal of goods. Not all the establishments had insurance, and in but few cases had any of the residents of the district insurance on their furniture, for the rate is about three or three and a half per cent.

More Than Half the Section Gone.

Had five more structures been consumed the entire side of the street would have been burned. Those left standing on one end are Mrs. Hennebery's (occupied by herself in one flat and Mr. Sheehan in the other); and four buildings. On the other end are George Chamberlain's undertaking establishment and home, a four-story dwelling occupied by Mrs. Robertson, J. H. Fowler and Mrs. Thompson, with T. O'Brien's saloon on the first story. Next to these premises is the Halifax Hotel, J. A. Richardson, proprietor, the bottom part of which is taken up by S. H. Hawker's drug store. This makes the corner of Paradise row and Mill street. From this group of corner structures down to the Hennebery home all is smoldering devastation, all is ruin. How did the conflagration originate? That question has been asked many times. It is easier to tell where it originated, but the stories of incendiarism told elsewhere are pointed.

Among the first of the merchants along Mill street to discover the fire was James E. Carpenter, victualer, whose business premises are about opposite the Hygiene

ing into the walls and thrusting through into the street, and then, as if by magic, the floor would fall apart, they bent and cross-sections of the house would tremble, and all that was left of the entire dwelling would come crashing down, sending up, as it fell, a lofty spout of sparks and embers. The noise of the destruction could scarce be heard above the roar of the conflagration and the regular rattling of the engines.

Along Bond's alley, one of the first houses to catch was that of Mr. Perkins. He lived over Jas. Quinn's barn, where it is believed the fire originated. His goods were nearly saved, but much was broken and scratched in forcing them down a very narrow pair of stairs. In the different barns along Bond's alley there were a number of horses stabled, but it is not believed that any have been lost. In the Chamberlain barn (which was uninjured), there were ten; in the Hygiene bakery, there were five; in the Quinn barn, two belonging to Saul McConnell. In other barns there were horses and equipments owned by Coachmen and Mr. Stewart.

Nearly every owner had his property damaged in some way. In this alley a Jew had serious losses. Down in the wagon near the street, a horse was hauled out, the intention being to run it along to Paradise row. Eager hands seized the shafts and progress was easy, but as the wagon neared the street, the horse, whose hauling the vehicle became sensible of a volley of shouts levelled apparently at them. They looked up, and saw they were pulling a horse into a space where as yet the fire had not penetrated. For the moment the danger was grave, for a brick wind was blowing the flames directly toward an immense appearing shed. The wagon, though, was attacked from both sides with all sorts of implements, some absurd and some effective; but the fire was at last rounded out.

The streams operating in the rear of the destroyed section were from the I. C. R. elevator equipment. Had the wind been blowing strongly toward the depot there would have been reason to fear for the safety of the elevator. A special danger existed in the presence of the chute. Had the fire effected a good landing, the elevator would in all probability have caught. With a strong draught blowing through the chute it would only have meant an immense fire extending to the building at the end would have caught.

So the hose was produced as a precautionary measure, and also to assist in the work of trying to save the building, and ready in flames. From the fire pump in the elevator an extremely powerful pressure was obtained. The I. C. R. engineer and firemen worked under Chief Kerr's direction.

When the bells first sounded and the people in the Quinn and Ward houses looking out, saw the ominous reflection of a short distance away, they grew nervously apprehensive, and wondered if the situation was sufficiently dangerous to warrant an immediate evacuation. It did not require long to show, with stunning force, that the flames in their rear were bent on destroying all that lay between them and the street.

E. J. Jenkins, upon being acquainted with the fact of the fire, ran out to see where it was. So swift was the advance of the fire that his return was not possible to re-enter the store for any distance. On hands and knees he crept pluckily in as far as possible and groped for what he could salvage. He lay just inside a valuable soda fountain in anticipation of a brisk summer trade. He valued the fountain at \$600. Of all those who were in the millinery there was a mixer he valued at \$1,000. Everything has been practically destroyed.

C. H. Ringler, whose clothing store was directly in the line of fire, says he is a heavy loser and that but little of the stock, which was uninsured, was saved.

Out of Business the First Day.

There is one merchant of Mill street who will have special occasion to remember the fire for it was on Saturday morning that he made his last sale to the public of the city. He is a Chinese and desires to be known merely as the Oriental Storeman. His shop was in the James Street building, a most inviting stock of Chinese decorative ware—painted vases and bowls. He valued the stock at over \$4,000. Saturday morning he paid \$100 to certain goods. He had long been preparing for his opening night, but instead of an influx of customers he was confronted by a patron who took nothing, unless it was in spectacular coin. All the quaint curios and fragile vases are shattered or damaged. This was not the only calamity. In a strong box the proprietor had laid away several hundreds of dollars. He did not have it by him when the curio store fell to pieces in the flames. The proprietor was compelled to stand by and watch his hard cash burn. However, he did not yield to total despair. As soon as the ruins had cooled yesterday morning he procured a shovel and began his labor of love. There was one chance in many that the money would be found. He carefully picked his way around the charred remains of what was a costly stock, and with the assistance of brother Celestine executed a systematic and thorough search. And they did find it. The fire had not touched the money. To watch the owner open the box and regard the contents was something delicious. The edges of the bills were scorched and it is doubtful if the notes would stand circulation but the proprietor is considering redeeming them. He had money stored away yesterday afternoon, despite diligent search, he had not found it.

He was interviewed yesterday morning, relative to his misfortune. He did not appear particularly overwhelmed. He smiled and pointed to a heap of blackened chinaware behind him. Then he explained how unfortunate he had been. He had just established himself in time to be burnt out.

BASKETFUL OF TROUBLE.

Inspector Colter inquiring into incident which led to suspension of Geo. F. Beverly—What the Evidence of Principals and Others Showed.

Though small in the beginning, the post office strike Saturday night, which resulted in the suspension of Geo. F. Beverly, has grown, and Friday an investigation was begun by Postmaster Colter, and will be continued this morning.

Mr. Beverly and Clarence Clark, two post office clerks, asked for and obtained \$100 from the Beverly's messenger, baskets he used in bringing samples to the post office to be mailed. These baskets are of little value and are given by Mr. Estabrook to his customers. Postmaster Hanington ordered Mr. Clark to return his basket, which he refused to do, and his interview with Mr. Beverly ended in the latter's suspension after a lively scene.

There is great interest among the civil service employees and they have the case already tried and pronounced "not in favor of the postmaster." They're saying, too, that one piece of evidence indicates that the affair is taking a different course than was figured by all. They're particularly started it all—Thos. P. Cronin, a printer. In his evidence, the latter admitted that he had a grudge against Clarence Clark, one of the men in the Beverly's basket, but he said this was not why he reported Messrs. Clark and Beverly. However, it's Beverly upon whom the brunt has fallen. The witnesses examined were Postmaster Hanington, Geo. F. Beverly, Clarence Clark, T. P. Cronin and Joseph H. Ritchie. Frank Kerr appeared as counsel for Mr. Beverly.

Notes from the Evidence Mr. Hanington, after telling of the basket incident, said he knew it was customary for the men to receive little gifts, such as calendars. There was nothing in the post office against this, but he was opposed to it and certainly the men had no right to ask for such things. He had thought to put his foot down on it. Speaking of the suspension of Beverly, he said he was suspended for insubordination after he had used violent language to him.

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OBITUARY.

Eliakim Tupper. James Tupper, of Colbis, has received the announcement of the death of his father, Eliakim Tupper, which occurred Tuesday at Stoneham (Mass.). Mr. Tupper was born in Nova Scotia and removed to Princeton about 25 years ago. He went into business there and continued in business there until about 12 years ago when he went to Colbis, removing to Stoneham about three years ago. He leaves four children, James H. and Laura, of this city; Grant Tupper, of Princeton, and Mrs. Etta McIntosh, of Milltown (N. B.).

Mrs. Herb-rt H. Wry. The death occurred at Moncton Thursday morning of Mrs. Herbert H. Wry. Deceased had been ill for the past three years, having suffered from paralysis of the brain. She was thirty-seven years of age. Mrs. Wry leaves, besides her husband, two children, aged fourteen and ten years. She was formerly Miss Mary A. Killam, of Salisbury.

Mrs. J. H. Howatt. The death occurred of Mrs. John Howatt at the residence of her son, Horace Howatt, Bedouge (P. E. I.), on Thursday last. Her demise came as a shock to her many friends. She was a sister of Mrs. Farquharson, Southport; Mrs. Thomas Frizell, Summerside; Benj. Rogers, Charlottetown, and David Rogers, Freestown. Besides her sisters and brothers, there are left to mourn a husband, one daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Bell, Westford (N. B.), and two sons, Dr. Fred H. Hammond, Indiana, and Horace Bell.

Mrs. M. L. McDonald. The death occurred at Miramichi Saturday of Martha Jane, widow of late Murray L. McDonald, who was about three years ago while sitting in a chair. Deceased was forty-five years of age. Two sons survive.

Anthony Gallagher. Anthony Gallagher, a farm laborer for some time past has made his home with John Kelly, a well known farmer of Kingsclaire, dropped dead morning while working in the field. He was 70 years of age and a brother, who resides at Kingsclaire.