

**IMPORTANT READING MATTER SELECTED FROM THIS WEEK'S NEWS FOR THE GUARDIAN'S SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS**

TUESDAY

**-SWORN IN.**—Before Magistrate James F. White in the Court House at Alberton last week the Mayor and Councillors for the town were sworn in. The act of incorporation takes effect on the 15th June. Mr. Joseph Brown will be engaged as policeman.

**-A NEW RANCH.**—Mr. B. I. Rayner of Alberton has established a fox farm in Bridgetown, which will be stocked with the best from his ranch at Alberton. He is having a fine commodious house erected on the farm which is being built by Mr. W. R. Maynard and is nearing completion.

**-TO OPEN BRANCH.**—Rumor has it that the Bank of Nova Scotia will establish a branch in Alberton shortly. That building which has been occupied as a barber shop by Mr. Charles Arsenault, is the probable place where the bank will open up for business.

**-PRESENTATION.**—Yesterday afternoon the Pres. of the Prince County Hospital was presented by Mr. A. McLeod of Calgary, formerly of Bedouque with a cheque for \$200 towards the building fund of the hospital. Mr. McLeod, with a friend who is also visiting the Island with him were being shown through the building and was so pleased with the equipment of this splendid institution that he showed his appreciation in giving the above mentioned amount.

**-FIRE.**—The Summerside firemen were called out last evening for a blaze in the hardware window of Holman's, Ltd. caused by the explosion of an oil lamp used for motors. Their service was not required, however, the blaze being extinguished by a chemical extinguisher and a few buckets of water. The damage, however, will be quite large, as the window contained a big display of electrical goods. The box and casing part of the window were considerably burnt.

**-BANK CHANGES.**—Mr. Frank Lane of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Alberton is off on his holidays. Mr. Chester Balderson who has been teller for the past week has been transferred to Vancouver, and is now taking his holidays before going West. Mr. Earl Lockerby, of Forttune Cove, who has been connected with the above bank at Souris and later at Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, has been transferred to Vancouver and left there on Thursday last.

**-EXPLANATION.**—In the report of the last school board meeting, the applications for principal of the Summerside schools, the fact that the application of A. B. Campbell was conditional on a certain salary being granted was omitted. The amount named was such equipment of this splendid institution that he showed his appreciation in giving the above mentioned amount.

**-SCHOONERS ARRIVE.**—The schooner Dictator with coal for the railway, G. A. Chisholm, coal-laden for Joseph Read & Co., and the brig, Miriam G. with a cargo of railway ties, arrived in Summerside yesterday.

**THURSDAY**  
—Mr. Earl Bryenton is acting court stenographer in the Supreme Court at Summerside.

—Rev. Dr. John Dystant, Cheboygan, Mich., arrived by the Empress Tuesday night and went to Ellerslie, where he will spend a couple of weeks at his old home.

—Mrs. R. K. Shives, of Campbellton, N. B., left yesterday morning on return to her home after spending a few days in Summerside, the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. P. Holman.

**...MACKEREL SCHOONER.**—The Murray R. Munroe arrived in Souris Tuesday after a fishing cruise of two days. She had on board 2,500 mackerel.

**-STEAMER ARRIVED.**—The steamer Mae Queen arrived in Summerside from Port Elgin on Tuesday with a cargo of lobster supplies for Messrs. Fred McGee, Ltd. and leaves this morning on return taking a full cargo of lobsters and produce. The owner, Mr. Fred McGee, who came over in the steamer, left by the Empress yesterday morning on return to Port Elgin.

changed from calm to a strong wind and a choppy sea, and the Boreas was shipping a good deal of water, being heavily laden, as also was the Polar Star. Just after reaching the point, the Polar Star drew abreast of the Boreas, being about three-quarters of a mile to windward of the latter. We on the Boreas then noticed that she was taking in her flying jib and the peak of her mainsail. But we did not think anything was wrong, and in fact we were too busy looking after ourselves to pay much attention to the Polar Star. We were shipping water all the time, being a bit deep, and we had to knock out a bit of the bulwark at there to let the water out. Our pump got stogged and we were making water, so we had to make for harbour as hard as we could.

**SANK WITH SAILS SET**

"About twenty minutes after we saw the Polar Star taking in her jib, we saw her suddenly go down. She did not do any settling at all. She went down forward till her foremast head went in. She just almost turned a somersault, I guess. Then I struck her fore-foot must have struck bottom, and then settled down by the stern. She went down with all her sails hoisted, with the exception of those which had been taken in shortly before. It was blowing a good breeze at the time, but nothing more than what we can carry all sail."

Asked whether the Boreas made any attempt to go to the assistance of the unfortunate Polar Star, Mr. White explained that this was not impossible but would have been hopeless. The Polar Star completely foundered in the space of a minute, from the time she dipped her head into the water until she went down by the stern. "I never saw anything so quick," said Mr. White, "in all my life as how she went down. She must have parted forward somewhere. She might have been full of water, same as ourselves, but unless some such thing happened, she could not have gone down so quickly as that. And we could not go to her as we had to look out for ourselves. The Boreas was making water you see, the water was up to the fo'ble floor; so we had to get to harbour as quickly as we could."

"Before you saw her going down by the head, I take it, you had no idea of anything being wrong on board of her; nor did you hear any shouts from her or cries for help?"

**ALL OVER IN A MINUTE**

"No, sir, I did not know anything was happening till then, and we heard no cries, nor saw any signs of those on board of her. The whole thing happened so quickly it was all over in a minute. When we left her, her top spars were standing about ten feet out of the water, but there were no signs of anything else."

"The Polar Star went down," Mr. White said, "while in full sail and standing full on her course."

Asked as to "the strength of the wind that was then blowing, he said that it was not blowing a gale, but was making water you see, the water was up to the fo'ble floor; so we had to get to harbour as quickly as we could."

**VESSEL PARTLY INSURED**

The Polar Star was a vessel of 55 tons burden and was rebuilt nine years ago. She was the property of Messrs. Lyons & Co., and was bringing a cargo of 105 tons of coal for

her owners. It is considered that she and her cargo are a total loss. The vessel was partly covered by insurance, but the coal was not insured. That it is not thought likely that salvage operations would be successful, is due to the fact that the schooner, though she is lying in only about seven to eight fathoms of water, is wrecked at a spot where it is nearly always rough and dangerous.

**A DANGER TO NAVIGATION**

Yesterday afternoon, the Marine Department sent out the tug Amherst (Capt. William Batt) towing the lifeboat in order to ascertain the position of the wreck and to make a search for the bodies of the men who were drowned. The Amherst was engaged for this purpose on account of the Government boat, the Brant, being at present employed on light-house work. The Amherst went out to the scene of the wreck, which there was no difficulty in finding, as the mast of the submerged Polar Star stick about 15 feet out of the water. The tug and the lifeboat made a complete circle of the wreck, but discovered no floating wreckage or anything of the bodies of the deceased. It was discovered that the schooner is lying right in the harbour track, and therefore in a position which renders a danger to navigation, especially so in cases of strange vessels entering the harbour at night. This necessitates steps being taken at once for either her removal or destruction, in order to avoid what seems to be the imminent risk of some other vessel being wrecked on her. She lies in the water with all her sails set, though some of the rigging has been loosened by the action of wind and water.

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**STORY OF EYE-WITNESS**

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