

Around the Maritimes

Findings of the Royal Commission which investigated Nova Scotia's economic disabilities under Confederation, will be made public on Saturday, December 8, it has been announced.

Due to a conviction under the Lord's Day Alliance Act, Peter Molson, Moncton, was last week fined \$5 for selling cigarettes on Sunday.

Fire last Sunday completely destroyed the Edward Zwicker box factory at New Germany, N.S., along with the village's power house. There was little insurance on the buildings and equipment.

Heavy rain over the past weekend caused a sharp rise in the level of the upper reaches of the Saint John River. The level reached was higher than in several months.

Relief gardens in Amherst operated by unemployed for personal benefit during last season, showed a total profit of \$4,742.44, according to figures given Amherst town council.

Saint John tax collections up to the end of November showed an increase of \$81,729.85, compared with collections for the same period last year, it is reported from the office of the city chamberlain.

In the Sussex, N.B. civic election last Monday, W. A. Jeffries was elected mayor, Harry Cameron alderman for Ward 1, Oscar R. Patriquen alderman for Ward 2, John W. Patterson alderman for Ward 3, and Ralph L. Pearson alderman-at-large.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police have issued a warning that a number of Mexican bank bills of fifty pesos, which have been circulating in the Maritime Provinces, are worthless. The public are warned not to accept these bills for any value.

Five carloads of Christmas trees have been shipped from the Shediac area this year. The trees number from 4,000 to 5,000 per car, tied in bundles of from two to five, according to size, and are bound for New York and Ohio markets.

The federal artillery range and forestry experimental station area in the counties of York and Sunbury, about seventy-eight square miles in extent, have been constituted a game refuge. The order-in-council was passed on November 5.

Suggestions that the Maritime Electric Company, Ltd., be de-franchised and that the city of Fredericton itself go into the electric light business, or that the company be forced by legislation to reduce its rates for electric current should the city appeal to the Supreme Court fail, were made at a recent committee meeting of the Fredericton city council.

The coast of Nova Scotia from Halifax around to Digby County is the scene of considerable ac-

tivity following the opening of the lobster season last Saturday. Along with the opening came the now almost traditional first day storm, when Shelburne and Yarmouth Counties were swept by a howling southeasterly wind accompanied by heavy rain.

Enthronement of His Grace John A. Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton, as metropolitan bishop of the ecclesiastical province of Canada, was performed with stately Anglican ritual in Christchurch Cathedral at Fredericton last Sunday, the twenty-eighth anniversary of His Grace's ascendancy to the position of bishop.

Announcement has been made that the positions of District Superintendent of Postal Services for New Brunswick and Postmaster of Saint John had been abolished with the creation of a new office—Director of Postal Services for the province. Elmer R. Ingraham, first to assume the new title, has been acting as District Superintendent and Postmaster. His appointment as director dates from November 1.

South Africa Now Paying Millions To Fight The Locusts

New Plans Laid To Combat Menace, Minister Tells Farmers.

Eshowe, South Africa.—Reporting the Union Government had spent \$2,500,000 since June last in fighting the locust invasion of South Africa's farming districts, Dr. J. H. Viljoen, secretary for agriculture, faced a large meeting of farmers and planters here and declared the fight must and would go on.

Dr. Viljoen said success could be reached only by refraining from carping criticisms. This was a round-table conference to discuss "this terrible menace which affects the whole Union."

The Zululand farmer had had to bear the brunt of the invasion, but the whole of South Africa was very badly invaded. Soaking rains had added to the troubles in the hatching out of brown locusts. If it were not controlled it would threaten the whole country. They had succeeded in destroying all the red locusts in the land with the exception of the Protectorates. In spite of all the difficulties and the surprising habits of red locusts, they had protected the inland crops and had, for instance, a surplus of 6,000,000 bags of maize.

The department had experimented on a large scale with aeroplanes. They could do as much with one aeroplane in half an hour as could be done by ten or twenty men in ten days. He knew Zululand farmers were protesting against the aeroplanes and asking for their withdrawal. He had no details of stock losses, but presuming a few cattle had died, was

Mexican Leader



THOMAS GARRIDO CANNABAL, colorful Governor of the State of Tabasco, (ironically enough, that's the "hottest" political region of old Mexico), who is slated to enforce the Mexican Government's anti-Church campaign. In his own bailiwick he is a dictator in the fullest sense of the word and goes around constantly under the protection of an armed guard. Several attempts have been made to assassinate him. His private army numbers 30,000 and is the largest in Mexico—including the regular army.

it in their own interests to stop operation? He could not say whether the government would pay compensation, but if they could not use aeroplanes what was the alternative?

Dr. Viljoen could conceive of no better method of destroying locusts than by aerial spraying. They were expecting the swarms to go south and hoped they would fly into the sea. He asked farmers to assist the government in saving public money. He had therefore, decided that the present locust officers should continue their field work, but they could not be expected to control expenditure. It had been decided that from now on every magistrate would be responsible for his own district.

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Carrots May Cure Night Blindness In The Afflicted

New Experiments Cause Sensation Among The Medical Men.

Night blindness can be cured by eating carrots.

This is the amazing result of some new experiments which are likely to produce a sensation among medical men throughout the world.

The discoverer has actually witnessed the transformation of the carrots into the essential curative matter within the eye itself.

Night blindness is that affliction which prevents the eyes from adapting themselves to changing degrees of light and in a darkened room produces complete sightlessness.

To explain how it operates it is necessary to understand that the eye is given its sensitiveness to light by means of a rose-colored substance, called visual purple, and with which the tips of the sensitive rods of the retina of the eye are tipped.

Experiments have been going on for years to discover the cause and the remedy. A number of research workers had decided that a deficiency of Vitamin A was the main cause. Experiments on large numbers of rats brought undoubted proof.

In tests with humans it was found that a diet lacking certain substances was certainly the cause of the trouble, and treatment with partly cooked liver and cod-liver oil produced wonderful results.

Now much more definite results have been produced by Dr. George Wald, a well-known research worker of the United States.

He spent a long time on a careful analysis of a visual purple chemically. This was a very difficult task because of the highly complex nature of the substance. He found that when visual purple bleached—that is when it acted as it should act on the rods of the retina to give sight in dark places—something yellow actually split off the tips of the rods.

It has been known in many parts of the world that periods of religious fasts produce an annual epidemic of night blindness. It will now be suggested that the meagre dietary of such peoples during their fasts shall include some portion of the appropriate food to prevent night blindness. Vitamin A is also found in cod-liver oil and liver and eggs.

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