

ESTATE SYSTEM OF SETTLEMENT IS PROPOSED

CHANGE IN LAW WOULD BE NECESSARY

Andrew Fraser Mitchell of Amherst, N. S., Outlined a scheme for attracting Wealthy men

The proposition with regard to settlement of vacant lands in New Brunswick which was made this week to Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture, is different from the land settlement policy which has been followed by the province for many years. Andrew Fraser Mitchell at present of Amherst who was here with A. E. Weatherhead of the same town, made the proposition but Hon. Mr. Mersereau replied to him that such a proposition would have to be handled by the Department of Lands and Mines as part of the Crown Land policy.

Estate System Proposed

The proposal of Mr. Mitchell was that land be granted in considerable areas to men of wealth and that they undertake the settlement of others upon the lands in smaller holdings. The personnel he suggested would come from time-expired members of the Indian Army and the Indian Civil Service. Mr. Mitchell expressed the opinion that men of wealth with large annual incomes could be found in Great Britain who could undertake the scheme on the basis which he proposed.

Old System

This system of settlement suggested by Mr. Mitchell is similar to that followed in some cases in the early history of New Brunswick. In a number of places in the province large areas were granted to individuals who subsequently places settlers upon the land.

CITY AFFAIRS

Show at Halifax

Halifax Dec. 6—Twelve inches of snow has fallen in Halifax since Monday and it was continuing to come down at intervals late tonight.

County Court Adjourned

The York County Court met this morning in adjourned session. No business being ready to come before the court it adjourned sine die.

Conception Day

Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and will be observed in Roman Catholic Church and in the Province of Quebec the day is a public holiday.

Meeting at Moncton

President R. B. Vandine and W. Limerick left this morning for Moncton to attend a meeting of the New Brunswick Branch of Royal Caledonian which is being held for the purpose of arranging a program for the matches and entertainment of the Scottish curlers who will be in New Brunswick early in January.

Held Entertainment

The A. Y. P. A. of the Parish Church at its regular meeting held at the Parish House, Westmorland street, Wednesday night put on an entertainment which was most enjoyable. A minstrel performance was part and there were numerous jokes upon the various members of the association. The balance of the meeting was devoted to games and other amusement.

Women's Institute of Lr. St Mary's

The Women's Institute of Lower St. Mary's met at the Barker's Point School House in regular session last night in which occasion a large amount of important business was transacted. Mrs. Sadie McClusky won the first prize in the Christmas contest while Miss Mary Rice got the bubbly prize. Excellent reports were heard from the benefit were splendid results from the electric lights which have lately been installed in the Nashwaak Bridge and part of the main road. It is expected that the eight day clock will be installed sometime today which will turn the lights off and on at a certain time morning and evening. It is the intention of the Institute to hold a fancy and refreshment sale in the School house next Wednesday evening a large number should turn out and enjoy a good time and have a feed.

Turkey has got its wishbone back anyway.

INJUNCTION AGAINST CITY IS THREATENED

OWNER AND LESSEE OF ARCTIC RINK OBJECT

Claim Free-Water Should not be given to Free Open air rinks

A. E. Hanson of this city, owner of the Arctic Rink has entered a protest with the city authorities against the granting of free-water privileges for open-air rinks. He was in communication with Mayor Reid and a number of the aldermen as well as city officials today, on that matter and stated that an application for an injunction would be made if the lessee of the rink, G. M. Beatty, took further objection.

Too Much Free Water

The chief objection on the part of the owner and lessee of the Arctic Rink is said to be the granting of free water privileges to No. 3 Company, 7th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade for a rink on the Barrack Square. In addition to that rink the City Council has agreed to give water to an open air rink in the West End at the request of the Rotary Club and the Public Playgrounds Committee intends to have a rink again on Queen's Square. "Too much free rink" is the opinion of the objectors.

Pays Heavy Tax

It is said that objection is not taken to furnishing rinks for children, but to the affording of a certain degree of competition with a business which is assessed and pays a considerable amount of taxes.

It is probable that an effort will be made to get together on this matter and reach some settlement.

Last winter The John Palmer Company had an open air rink near its factory for the practice of the factory hockey team. It is understood that such was the intention of the Machine Gun Company. Hockey matches are played in the Arctic Rink.

Public Closing

The public is invited to attend the public closing exercises of the Vocational Department of the Fredericton public schools which will be held at the High School building from eight to nine o'clock Friday night. The work of the classes in millinery, plain sewing and cooking will be on exhibition.

NEW SYSTEM OF CLASSIFYING MOTOR VEHICLES

GENERAL INCREASE IN NUMBERS EXPECTED

Places of Residence of Owners to be Shown as city, village, town or Rural

Statistics with regard to the motor-vehicles registered in the Province of New Brunswick are in process of preparation. The Department of Public Works through its Motor Vehicles Branch will use a different method of classification this year which will make it easier to locate the owner of a car, as well as giving other information connected with the cars.

According to Residence

The new statistics will show whether the owner is a resident of a city, an incorporated town, an incorporated village or of an unincorporated district which may be classed as rural. This method of classification it is believed will be of greater value than the old.

General Increase

It is known that there has been a considerable increase in the number of motor vehicles in New Brunswick but the actual increase will not be known for some time. As far as can be observed the increase has been general in both rural and urban districts.

CROWN LAND SALES

No Bids for General Coffyn lots in Victoria County—Other Bids

At the Crown Land Office Tuesday there were no bids for the lots in Victoria County known as the General Coffyn lands. Three berths in York County were withdrawn. One hundred acres in Restigouche County were sold to William Michaud at upset price. One hundred acres in King's County were sold to Harry Maning at upset price. One hundred acres in Madawaska County were sold to Leon Bosse at upset price. Two and a half acres in Restigouche County on the Restigouche River above the Upsalquitoh were sold to Fraser Companies Limited at one hundred dollars per acre.

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