DENSE SMOKE LAST EVENING CAUSED ALARM

Numerous Reports of Forest-fires Near at Hand Had No Foundation.

The heaviest smoke which has been observed here during the present season of heavy forest fires drifted in last evening at about six o'clock. So thick was it that alarm was felt in Fredericton and adjacent places and wild rumors of great fires within a few miles at once began to circulate. All were without foundation but the Department of Lands and Mines at once began inquiries by telephone and telegraph and was informed that there were no fires within any close distance of the city. Burtt's Corner, Douglas and Woodlands were the places where rumor placed the fires but there was no fire at any of them.

Smoked Rolled Over Province

The smoke cloud came from the big fires in the northern counties and also was added to by the fires in Quebec and Maine. It rolled across the Province of New Brunswick driven by a northwest wind. Telephone reports kept pace with its progress as it caused alarm wherever observed. Doaktown, Stanley, the Nashwaak and Marysville reported the smoke cloud one after the other. From this city the smoke could be observed pouring over the hills of Douglas and within a few minutes of its first appearance it covered the St. John River so one could not see from bank to bank and also filled the streets of the city. The odor of smoke was so strong that it was difficult to convince people that fires were not within a few miles instead of about one hundred miles away.

Cleared Away in Morning

The heavy smoke-cloud hung over this section the greater part of the night but this morning cleared away leaving smoke conditions about normal. At the evening ball game the smoke was very noticeable reducing visibility and making the darkness come more quickly.

CITY AFFAIRS

Provincial Command G. W. V. A.

The Provincial Command of the Great War Veterans, Association met here this afternoon in annual session with some thirty delegates in attendance. The meeting was preceded by a meeting of the executive at the Court House. Major H. Priestman of McAdam is presidest and G. D. Logan of St. John secretary.

Appeal Court Resume.

Before the appeal division, Supreme Court, this morning argument was heard in the case of Workmen's Compensation Board vs Bathurst Company Limited, Hon. J. P. Byrne K. C., with W. B. Wallace, K. C. for the plaintiff company in support of an appeal from the Judgment of Mr. Justice Grimmer, K. C. Gilbert, K. C., and M. D. Teed, K. C., contra. Mr. Justice Chandler took the place of Mr. Justice Grimmer on the bench.

Good Trout Fishing

The trout fishing in the Nashwaak river this season is reported to be the best in many years. A large number of fish have been taken, some weighing as high as two pounds. Yesterday Mr. W. S. Tompkins of this city received a present of two trout from Mr. Bell of Taymouth which together tipped the scales at three pounds. The Nashwaak trout are very gamey and the catching of them provides excellent sport.

Rotary Club on Links

The Fredericton Rotary Club held its regular weekly meeting today at the Golf Club and the Rotarians with their guests after luncheon spent some time on the links. A party of St. John Rotarians was present. The party was composed of Dr. Spangler who is District Governor, F. A. Dykeman. Reginald Schofield, Dr. Peat, Mr. Kibry of the C. P. R. Engineering staff, J. M. Woodman and Ed. Terry.

An Exhibition Game

Reports publishel in St. John papers this morning stated that the game played last evening at the Trotting Park between Quincy and Fredericton was a league game and the result sent Fredericton into second place in the league standing. This is incorrect as the game was only an exhibition game Another exhibition game will be played this evening between the two teams. Fredericton will engage in this week's first league contest on Thursday at the Trotting Park in a double header against Moncton.

N. B. W. I. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING HERE TODAY

Mrs. C.J. Osman Presiding—Statement re Infant Mortality Rate Discredited.

The eleventh annual convention of the New Brunswick Women's Institutes opened this morning in the Assembly Chamber of the Parliament Buildings, Mrs. C. J. Osman of Hillsboro, presiding. About one hundred delegates were in attendance. The first item of business was the report on the year's work by the Supt., Miss Elizabeth Nutter of Fredericton.

The reports of Provincial Conveners of Standing Committees were received.

Infant Mortality.

Miss Meiklejohn reported on Public Health commenting particularly upon the fact that New Brunswick in a despatch from London had been reported as having the highest rate of infant mortality. In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that the statistics did not agree with those of the Department of Health.

Legislation wa reported upon by Mrs. G. N. Fleming of Petitcodiac Publicity by Mrs. Alex. Ogilvy of Woodstock. Immigration was report ed upon by Mrs. W. W. Lawson of St. John who advised the location of a representative in London who would give information which would not bring people to New Brunswick under misapprehension. In the following discussion the opinion was expressed that money could be better spent keeping people in the prov ince rather than bringing others in. The conveners of the committees on Education and Home Economics were not present and their reports were not presented.

After the appointment of committees the convention adjourned.

The Committees.

The committees are as follows:—

Resolutions,—Mrs. T. N. Vincent of St. John, Mrs. Alex. Ogilvy of Woodstock, Mrs. Paul Doyle of Jacquet River, Mrs. Herbert Read of Stonehaven, Mrs. G. N. Fleming of Petitcodiac.

Credentials,—Mrs. Frank Roach of Sussex, Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor of St. John, Mrs. B. H. Coates of Havelock.

Rev. Mr. Girdwood's Loss

In the disastrous fire at the village of Red Bank, Northumberland County on Monday, one of the heavy losers was Rev. William Girdwood, Presbyterian minister. Both church and manse were destroyed. Rev. Mr. Girdwood lost all his household effects and his horse in the flames. He is a U. N. B. graduate and a frequent visitor in this city. His wife formerly was Miss Greer of New Maryland.

SPOILED ROMANCE.

Ted—Do you know that beautiful summer girl I rescued from drowning

Ned—Sure. I know her. Only last week I taught her to swim.

DOMINION BRIDGE CO. GETS CONTRACT AT WOODSTOCK

New Agricultural School to be Built by E.F. Powers Construction Co. Ltd., St. John.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier of New Brunswick and Minister of Public Works, arrived here last night and is devoting himself to departmental business preparatory to the meeting of the government on Wednesday. This morning he awarded the contract for the new steel superstructure which is to replace that of the Meduxnekeag Bridge at Woodstock which was carried out by the flood early last month. The Dominion Bridge Company of Montreal is awarded the contract at a price in the vicinity of $28,000. Work will start at once.

Agricultural School Contract

Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture, this morning awarded the contract for the erection of the new building for the Agricultural School to be located at the Dominion Experimental Station in this city, to The E. F. Powers Construction Company of St. John. Work on the building is to start at once and the building is to be ready for occupation about September 1st. The price is about $28,000.

The building is to be of concrete two stories in height and about sixty by thirty in area. Short courses in agriculture are to be given there.

Two Months' Sentence

Fred Goodine remanded from Monday on a charge of theft of a bicycle appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning. He elected to be tried by the Magistrate and pleaded guilty. The magistrate made conviction and imposed a sentence of two months in gaol. The prisoner made a plea for a suspended sentence but failed to get it.

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