

HEAVY RAINS
COME AS BOON
TO PROVINCE

Farmers Benefit Greatly
—Tension Relieved in
Forest Fire Situation—
Light Garden Stuff
Damaged.

A torrential downpour that drenched a greater part of the province for 24 hours without let-up, came as a boon to New Brunswick farmers and gardeners, and a put an end to a growing forest fire hazard that reached tension after a long period of drouth. A 50-acre blaze, active, yesterday at Shin Creek, Sunbury Co., met a timely extinction.

A total of 1.27 inches had fallen since 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, according to C. F. Bailey, Chief Superintendent of the Experimental Station. This brought the week's total to 1.31 inches which is slightly lower than the corresponding week in July last year, when 1.51 inches were recorded.

Despite the heavy storm which swamped it from the headwaters to the mouth the St. John river shows no appreciable change in level, continuing to fall during the night. At present it is 1 foot, 8 inches above summer level. Within another 24 hours the St. John should begin to rise rapidly in the opinion of J. A. Malloy, who stated that the river is never immediately affected by a storm.

Although the rain is probably worth thousands of dollars to the province the cloudburst that occurred about seven o'clock this morning was damaging to the more delicate garden stuffs.

CITY AFFAIRS

Moved Here
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Alexander of Woodstock, have moved to this city and are making their home with Mrs. W. S. Hooper, George St. Mr. Alexander is employed at the Government Garage.

A Half Holiday
Tomorrow will commence the usual July half holidays for the majority of the business houses in Queen street. A paper has been taken around and a good many of the merchants have signed it and will maintain Thursday as in other summers, as a half holiday. The day will enable many to get out of the city for the afternoon and evening.

A Desert Of Sand
A commercial traveller who has just returned from the West says that in that section of Saskatchewan between Regina and Moose Jaw which is usually the best wheat growing section of the West, the wheat has been sown twice and each time was sanded out by sandstorms and today, where you could see fields of grain as far as the eye could reach, is nothing but a desert of sand.

Water Was Low
The water in the Miramichi river early this week reached the lowest point in a period of three years. It has been too low for salmon angling, but it is believed that the rain of yesterday will cause a change. Quite a number of American angling parties who had engagements for this week were advised by the guides to postpone their trip because of unfavorable conditions. Salmon are reported fairly plentiful in the river, but a rise of water is needed to set them in motion.

On The Sick List
The genial countenance of Ex-Coun. Thomas Wetmore of North Lake, will not shed its rays about the corridors of the Council Chamber this session. Mr. Wetmore is a sort of extra member of the council and rarely misses a meeting. Two weeks ago he was stricken with an attack of appendicitis and rushed to a hospital at Houlton, Me., where an operation was performed. Although no longer a young man, Mr. Wetmore stood the operation well and his friends will be glad to learn that he is now on the road to recovery.

AN ACCIDENT
PREVENTS TRIP
TO DORCHESTER

Sheriff Hawthorne's Car
Struck by Ford Coupe
at Sewell's Turn—Was
Conveying Langley to
Dorchester—One Hurt.

The road to justice was paved with difficulties this morning. Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne, who was conveying William Langley to Dorchester penitentiary by motor at an early hour this morning, was forced to postpone the trip due to an accident on the way about 14 miles down the Manguerville Road.

It seems another motorist driving a Ford coupe turned the corner sharply at Sewell's Turn running into Sheriff Hawthorne's car, and inflicting damages to both cars as well as himself. The driver of the other car was injured somewhat, sustaining a gash in his face, but the others escaped luckily without any injuries. Detective Perry of the C. N. R. who accompanied the sheriff was cut slightly in the face also.

Was Sentenced

Langley was sentenced a short while ago to a term in the penitentiary for an offence proven against him. W. T. Chestnut, local man who happened to be passing at the time of the accident brought the Sheriff and his party back to the city. The sheriff's party included the prisoner, Detective Perry and Thomas Davidson. Both cars were damaged considerably, and are being brought to the city this afternoon for repairs. It was said that the driver of the Ford car was travelling at an excessive rate of speed.

It was the second time, by the way, that circumstances have conspired to cause difficulties in taking Langley to jail. On a previous sentence the York County man wrestled with the officers in an effort to obtain a revolver. At that time, it was with some difficulty, that Langley was subdued and taken to Dorchester. It is noteworthy that the man made not the slightest attempt to escape during the accident this morning. He was quiet and peaceable and assisted the others in getting out of the damaged car. Fred Roy, of St. Anthony's, N. B., the driver of the Ford car, was notified about the streets of the city this afternoon. Evidently his injuries were less than at first thought.

SHIPMENTS
OF BERRIES ON
INCREASE

Car Being Loaded For
Montreal Market After
Slump Caused by Rain
—Celebration Causes
Loss.

Strawberry shipments from this district are continuing to find markets in both the United States and Upper Canada centres. The rains of today and yesterday have put a temporary slump in the export but a carload for the Montreal market is being loaded at present by Mr. Guy Hawkins, Douglas, district shipper.

The berries, which are being shipped by express, are loaded at nine cents per box. This year both the price and demand are favourable to the New Brunswick product, which is rapidly being recognized as one of the most important items in the province's fruit export industry.

Two carloads recently shipped to American markets met with varying success. The one put on sale at New York sold successfully, but the other, arriving in Boston on the fourth of July, was completely neglected, and a dead loss to the shippers.

Has Been Promoted

The news that L. H. Nicholson, former inspector of the New Brunswick Provincial Police has been promoted to the rank of superintendent of the Nova Scotia Provincial Police, and made second in command was received here yesterday with pleasure by many old friends and associates. Inspector Nicholson was with the N. B. Police force for more than two years, but resigned a year ago to accept a position on the newly organized Nova Scotia police. The new superintendent is well fitted for his new position and the best wishes will go forward from his many friends in New Brunswick. Nicholson was for three years in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Saskatchewan enlisting in 1919. He entered the N. B. Provincial Police force as a constable and was later promoted to the rank of inspector.

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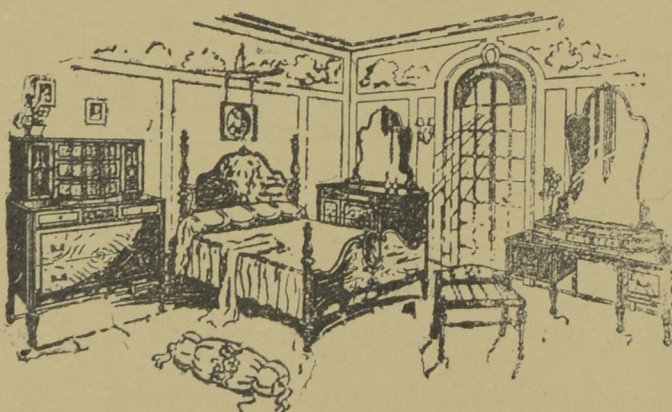
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