

CHRISTMAS TREE TRADE MAY NOT BE GOOD AS 1931

U. S. Shippers Here Less
Optimistic Than at the
Start of Season—B. F.
Mervine Has Left for
Home.

Though the United States shippers of Christmas trees are busily engaged at present in cutting their season's supply, there is less optimism over the 1932 crop, than an earlier date anticipated. There is likelihood of less demand, and lower price for the New Brunswick tree.

B. F. Mervine, of Stroudsburg, Pa., one of the well known shippers, stated last night at a local hotel that he expected less of a cut this year than last. Conditions, he affirmed, did not warrant such lavish cutting as a year ago even. Mr. and Mrs. Mervine, who have been in the province for the past month left last evening for their home by auto, accompanied by Mrs. Curran, of Yonkers, N. Y., who has been a guest of the Mervines in recent weeks. Mr. Mervine will return in a few days to continue his fall activities.

Interests At Work

The Mervine interests consist of shipments totalling several hundred cars each year. Another prominent shipper, Donald L. Nixon, of Phillipsburg, N. J., has been hard at work with a crew of men in York and Sunbury counties. Mr. Nixon will cut in the proximity of forty cars, it is understood.

Less help is employed by the bigger shippers this year than during the ripe years of 1924 to 1928. The crews total almost as large this year as last, however, despite the changes in the economic scheme.

CITY AFFAIRS

Will Try Again

William A. Sansom of Durham Bridge who won last years egg laying contest in Prince Edward Island with a heavy score has a pen entered in the contest which began on November 1st.

After Quail

Harry G. Chestnut left this week for South Carolina to indulge in a few days quail shooting. Early in the season Mr. Chestnut had a successful shooting trip to the Island of Anticosti.

Duck's Plentiful

Ducks of several varieties are still plentiful along the river, but sportsmen who were out yesterday found them very wild and hard to shoot. The migration to the South will soon begin, and the variety known as whistlers will be the last to go.

Boston Excursion

Twenty five persons, most of them former residents, arrived in the city yesterday on the Boston Excursion train. In all there were about 600 persons who took advantage of the chance to visit the Maritime provinces. The round trip, similar to the one held from the Maritimes to Boston several weeks ago, cost only \$7.

A Quiet Holiday

Many citizens used the Armistice Day holiday to do a little neglected hunting, while the majority chose it as a day of rest from the ordinary daily routine of business. The Cenotaph service yesterday morning attracted many hundreds and the two local motion picture theatres held the usual holiday crowds. Many took the day for motoring and trips outside the city, though the day was mostly overcast, discouraging too great traffic.

Acadia Team Here

Acadia University rugby team of Wolfville, N. S., arrived here on Thursday night and registered at the Windsor Hotel. This afternoon at College Field the U. N. B. and Acadia will meet in the Maritime Intercollegiate final. Petty Officer Evans of Halifax, will referee the game, and one of the biggest rager crowds of the season is expected to be in attendance. Fred Kelly, is the mentor of the Acadia champions. Fredericton City will meet the winner of today's battle in the McCurdy Cup playdowns.

WARM WEATHER BRINGS RAIN AND BAD ROADS

River Higher, With Little
Likelihood of Freezing
For Some Time Yet
Roads Are in a Soft
Condition.

A change in weather during the last two days has brought rains to most sections of the province causing rivers to raise and leaving many roads in a bad condition. Raining intermittently since Thursday night, the roads are now for the most part, slippery and rather dangerous for anyone but a careful driver.

The frost which started a week or more ago, was drawn out of the ground by the spring-like weather and is, in a large measure, responsible for the condition of the roads. The main highways, gravelled as they are, are still in good shape but it is necessary to exercise much care on the secondary roads. In some sections graveling is under way preparing the roads for the ravages of the winter's frost and traffic.

River Higher

The Saint John river has risen during the last few days as a result of the rains up the valley and in this district. In less than a month the river should freeze, judging from the dates of other years, although it will have to drop several feet in height before the frost can take its natural effect.

Last year the river froze over on December the third and the previous year on December the second. With the passing of the days of lumbering operations, less is thought of the river or when it will freeze over. The coming of snow used to be looked forward to with more than just natural expectation for it meant the beginning of logging work. This year there are very few logs to be cut, in this district none of the big concerns and only a few by private operators working on a small scale.

TOBACCO CO.'S WASTE NO TIME IN PRICE CUTS

Several Brands of Cigarettes
Slashed in Price
This Week — Consumers
Elated Over Reduction.

A cut of five cents on a twenty-five cent package of Turrets, may not look big at a glance. But figure the total saving over the space of one year on the same. It is amazing to the average smoker of cigarettes.

When the federal government announced the lowered excise duty on tobaccos several weeks ago in the dominion house, the consumers all over the Dominion awaited with interest what dispensation the tobacco companies would make of it.

Welcome Cut

At the early part of the week the local buyers found that the storekeepers were charging five cents less on every package of Turrets. Other cigarettes were either previous or only a few days later with equal slashing of prices. Where once the average brand of fag cost the user almost two cents; now it costs only one cent. No wonder the smokers are elated.

Cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos of all kinds will all have respective lowered prices from now out, along with liquor prices.

One Man on Two Counts

Albert King, hailing from Nova Scotia, appeared in the local police court this morning on charges of common assault and occasioning actual bodily harm. He was given a remand to November 17 by the magistrate. The assaults were both committed in this city against men named Carr and Munroe.

Dr. Bridges Better

Dr. Healey V. B. Bridges is showing some slight improvement today after resting easier over the holiday. Hopes are held out now for a complete recovery.

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