

ORGANIZATION FOX BREEDERS IS MOOTED

Would Improve Business Conditions for Fox Breeders in This Vicinity — Tentative Committee Named.

Indications point to the organization within a short time of an organization or society to be known as the Fredericton Fox Breeders' Society which will probably have formation at an early date. This plan has been suggested by none other than C. F. Bailey, popular superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station.

W. M. Burns, and Roland A. Murray were selected as a committee to draw up provincial bye-laws and call a meeting in the near future to organize.

The idea behind the plan of such a society, would be to have the fox breeders come together and plan for better quality of fur, to net larger prices. Already the plan has been received on all sides with favorable comment.

Prices this year on furs were greatly reduced it was shown at a recent meeting and produced about an average price of 30 per cent less than last year. The depression, too has had considerable effect on the fur business. The results of this has been poor quality of fur, and flooding of the markets.

Organization of this society will be watched with interest and the objective of improved business conditions is bound to create interest among the fox breeders in this vicinity.

CITY AFFAIRS

S. A. Open Air Service
The Salvation Army is continuing their practice of holding open air services in the market during the Saturday morning rush period.

F. H. S. Hoopsters Away
The Fredericton High School Basketball team left for St. Stephen this morning where they will engage the St. Stephen High School in the semi-finals of the N. B. interscholastic basketball championship.

Received News Of Death
Harold T. Smith, of this city has received word from his brother George H. Smith, of Providence, R. I., notifying him of the death of his sister-in-law Mrs. George H. Smith. The husband of the deceased is a native of Fredericton and moved to Providence several years ago.

Heard On Radio
Eamon De Valera, the president-elect of Ireland was heard in a radio talk from Dublin on Thursday evening. He thanked friends in the United States for support and promised to maintain a neighborly attitude towards Great Britain. He spoke very forcibly and every word could be distinctly heard.

Snow Nearly Gone From River
The warm weather that has visited this section of the province the last few days has melted most of the snow on the river. Several places are bare and many are taking the opportunity of skating. Under the bridges where the snow has not been very deep, the skating is very good. There is no danger of the ice breaking up yet even though the weather has been moderately mild. Teams are still making good use of the roads across the ice.

Truck Caught Fire
The fire department was called this morning to the residence of Frank McMinamin, Victoria St., to attend a truck owned by Frank McMinamin, that had caught fire. The cab of the truck was destroyed before the flames were extinguished. The fire is believed to have been caused by a short circuit. The owner had driven into the yard and had left the engine running while he was in the house. When he came out shortly afterwards he noticed the flames and sent in a call to the fire department.

SPRING WEATHER VISITS CAPITAL AND VICINITY

Ice and Snow Disappearing as Thermometers Rise—Lumbermen and Ice Men Complete Operations for Winter.

Mild weather enhanced thaw conditions in and near the capital city of the province today. Thermometers registered high, despite the absence of sun, and ice and snow melted abundantly to give an appearance of spring.

The opinion is expressed in "weather" circles that the present month will be a mild one, and that spring this year will be an early one. Less hasty analysis of the elements predict a long spring, and some cold weather still on the 1932 winter calendar. However, it may be, the temperature this winter has been a warm one—one of the mildest winters in a good many years being experienced.

The winter season, while not congenial to early lumbering, has not held up the woods operations to any great extent, and the operators figure on an average successful season.

The ice in the Saint John river at this point remains steady, but the covering of snow is fast disappearing. At many places today skating conditions are excellent and many have taken advantage of it to enjoy a skate on the river surface. Cutting of ice by the ice magnates in this vicinity also is finished, and the workmen and their paraphernalia have been withdrawn from the river.

The roads, due to the thawing, have developed many huge ruts, and travelling, though splendid for sleighs, is not so favorable for automobile.

Meet Next Week

The executive of the Fredericton hockey club are expected to hold a meeting on Tuesday of next week, relative to the season of 1932. At that time prospects for next season will be discussed, and settlement made whether a team will be entered in the provincial league or not. It is confidently expected that the city will enter a team next season.

MANY ANGLERS VISITED N. B. IN THE YEAR 1931

An Increase of Eight Per Cent. Over the Previous Year — The Salmon Leads As An Attraction.

Statistics published in the annual report of the Department of Lands and Mines, tables in the Legislature this week by Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, seems to indicate that the Atlantic salmon as an attraction for tourists and a revenue producer, has relegated the monarch of the forest, otherwise known as the bull moose, to a back seat so far as New Brunswick is concerned. Last season, according to the report of the department only 185 non-residents of the province took out hunting licenses for moose, thus contributing to the revenue the sum of \$9,450, and according to reports made by the guides, secured 84 moose. In addition there were sold 222 deer licenses, which yielded \$5,500, and seventeen bird licenses which turned into the revenue the sum of \$1,750, making a total of \$16,785 received from non-residents for the privilege of doing some hunting in the province. These visitors gave employment to 257 guides and the aggregate number of days was 4,442, which at an average of \$12 per day would mean about \$53,304 paid for services and board while in camp.

More Anglers

Now turning to another part of the report we find that the total receipts from the sale of angling licenses to non-residents was \$22,372, and deducting \$167, which represents the sale of permits to residents for the privilege of fishing in game refuges, leaves a total of \$21,105, or \$5,320 in excess of the receipts from the sale of big game licenses. In addition to this the government received from the sale of angling leases, without counting royalties from oysters, the sum of \$71,815, making a grand total of \$93,930.

The total number of non-resident anglers who visited the province is given as 1,340, and Chief Game Warden Ritchie estimated that they employed 264 guides for an aggregate period of 9,286 days. At an average of \$10 per day this would mean a total of \$92,860, or nearly double the amount (Continued on Page Five.)

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