

BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED LOCAL LUMBER DEALER

W. J. Scott Awarded the Contract by Dept. of Public Works for 165,000 Feet Yellow Birch and Rock Maple.

The contract for 165,000 feet of hardwood flooring, to be used in repairing to various bridges in New Brunswick next year, has been awarded to W. J. Scott, of Fredericton, according to announcement made today by Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works. This flooring, yellow birch and rock maple, is to be delivered at New castle and the contract price is \$17.75 per thousand.

Start at Once

The lumber will be cut this winter and Mr. Scott will start operations at once. All of the hardwood is to be cut in the vicinity of Blackville and Mr. Scott's operations will assist somewhat in relieving unemployment in that area. The bridges on which this flooring is to be laid are as follows:

Hawshaw Bridge, York County; Thoroughfare Bridge, Sunbury County; Norton Station Bridge, King's County; College Bridge, Westmorland County; Port Elgin Bridge, Westmorland County; Rexton Bridge, Kent County; St. Louis Bridge, Kent County; Centerville Bridge, Carleton County; Oroonoto Bridge, Sunbury County.

CITY AFFAIRS

Cheap Poultry

Turkeys are being advertised this week in Montreal newspapers at from 15 to 20 cts a pound. Fresh killed geese are being offered at 14 cents and ducks at 18 cents.

Back From Acadia

Herbert "Pat" Gunter, son of W. H. Gunter, city, is back from Acadia University to spend the Christmas holidays with his relatives.

Greatly Improved

Howard McLean of Durham Bridge, left the Hospital this morning for his home. Some days ago he was under treatment for throat trouble, and he is now greatly improved.

Able To Leave Hospital

Donald Belmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Belmore, who recently underwent an operation at the Victoria Hospital, was able to leave this morning for his home. He was operated upon for appendicitis recently.

Shortest Day

Today, December 21, is the shortest day in the calendar year and marks the first day of winter. To date December has seen some of the severest weather in a number of years. A maximum of 15 below was registered here last week.

Fire Damage \$300

Fire which broke out in the cellar of the residence of Thomas Cain, Charlotte Street, did damage to the amount of \$300 this morning. The damage was mostly smoke, through wood and other things in the cellar were damaged. The fire started at 5.30 o'clock and lasted until 7. Some difficulty was experienced with the fire alarm due to a short circuit and it was impossible to ring in the alarm box 46. The alarm is repaired and in good order again this afternoon.

Should Have Fish Diet

Recently the statement was made in Parliament that fish does not figure in the menu of St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary where a serious riot occurred a short time ago. Enquiry here elicits the information that neither meat or fish are served to prisoners at the York County jail and the same no doubt applies to other jails throughout the province. Why not give prisoners an occasional meal of fish? Capt. Belding, a veteran fisherman, who conducts a fish market here and who may be regarded as an authority on the subject, claims that if fish was served in jails and penitentiaries there would be fewer prisoners. The reason he gives for this is that fish are brain builders.

N. B. SUPPLIES LARGE NUMBER XMAS TREES

New York Comments on Supply From Canada; Tax Charged on the Importer of Christmas Trees.

New Brunswick Christmas trees stand side by side with trees from the Catskill Mountains, Hudson River vicinity and New England in the New York markets this week, awaiting the usual magnificent sale.

The New York Herald-Tribune in a recent edition comments that New Yorkers buy more than a million trees New Brunswick being one of them. distributed from three chief markets. "From New Brunswick, Quebec and Nova Scotia huge carloads of balsam firs and spruce trees, ranging from three to forty feet in height, roll into the New York markets and stand in the freight yards, where farmers, dealers and speculators use them as a basis for a Christmas tree exchange, where small fortunes are won and lost each December," the New York paper continues.

Pay 5-cent Tax

The import of trees from New Brunswick and other Canadian provinces pays a tax of five cents for each bundle in addition to the usual consular charge of \$2.50 a carload, also the emergency charges of the railroads, for all entries into the New England states. Shipments continue to be increasingly large from Canada, however. And the Tribune notes that a mortality in New England trees is likely to see more than ever from the Canadian provinces next year.

Of the trees imported into the United States last year from Canada, the total of 1,056,736 came from Quebec, 500,000 from New Brunswick and 195,000 from Nova Scotia.

Edward Ward, one of the leading dealers in evergreens from Sutton, Vt., predicts through the Herald-Tribune that next year most of the Vermont and New Hampshire dealers will have to go to Canada for their trees. According to the New England dealers the mortality in Christmas trees, outside state preserves, has been too great to stand the strain for another year.

Marketing Of Trees

The marketing of trees is the subject of more comment from the New York papers, which reads as follows: "Marketing of trees is only the end of a long that begins in the early spring, when the farmers who deal in Christmas trees begin their first tour. John Liston, of Fredericton, N. B., who with his two sons, is a familiar figure in the New York market, begins his buying tour about the farms of New Brunswick in May. Then he walks with the farmers

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HEARINGS OF MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

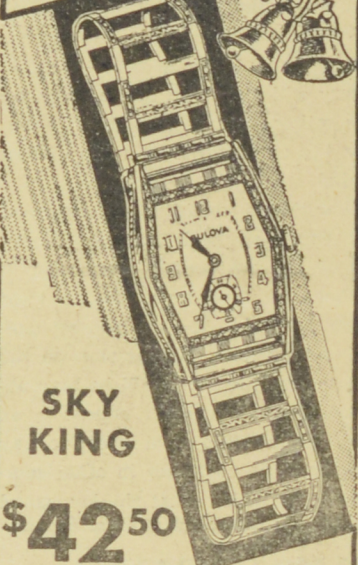
Judgment To Be Given This Afternoon—Three Local Men Involved In Automobile Transfer; Misunderstandings.

Three local men, Robert Watson, George Chase and Wilmont Kelly, who were arrested last Monday on charges under the Motor Vehicle Act, were given hearings this morning before Magistrate Limerick. Judgment in all three cases will be given this afternoon at three o'clock.

The first of the trio to be heard this morning was Wilmont Kelly charged with selling or transferring an automobile without notifying the department of Public Works. The first witness called was Miss Gertrude Pinder, superintendent of the Motor Vehicle Branch who has control of the records of registration and transfer of cars in the province. She said that there was no record of a transfer of Kelly's car, registered as F7183. The defendant went on the stand and testified that he had only lent the car to Robert Watson.

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