

LOCAL GARRISON OFFICERS PLAN ORGANIZATION

Officers' Mess To Be Organized at Banquet Friday Evening — Arrangements and Applications Completed.

At a banquet to be held Friday night, seventy two officers and ex-officers of the local garrison, will organize an officers' mess. Arrangements and the necessary applications have been made and all that now remains is the election of officers of the proposed organization. It will be the first mess here since "H" company of the Royal Canadian Regiment was stationed here before the war.

The quarters of the mess will be in the old Post Office Building on the second floor if the necessary permission is forthcoming from Ottawa. Application has been made in that direction by Brigadier Parsons of Saint John. Captain Blake, from headquarters in St. John, is expected to arrive here any day to renovate the second floor of the building part of which is now being used by the Department of Fisheries. A movement was started some years ago to have a section built on to the rear of the Armouries, the logical place to have mess quarters, but owing to lack of funds at Ottawa it was not done.

At the meeting Friday night organization will be completed. In all probability Col. H. H. Hitchie, commander of the 12th Field Brigade as the senior active militia officer in Fredericton will be the president. The officers present will be from the local units, namely, "C" Company of the 7th Machine Gun Brigade; 90th Howitzer Battery; "A" Company of the Regiment; "B" Squadron of the N. B. Dragons; and the University of New Brunswick C. O. T. C.

The organization of the mess will bring the local garrison in line with others of the province where the officers enjoyed a common meeting place for both militia and social affairs.

CITY AFFAIRS

No Change Today

There is no change today in the condition of Miss Margaret Savage who is seriously ill at the hospital.

Tax Collections

Tax collections for the month of November 1932 as shown in the report of Ald. J. Arthur Thompson at the city council meeting last night, were \$3,535.97. In the corresponding month last year the collections were \$7,708.66.

Killed Calf Moose

Pleading guilty to killing a calf moose, Charles Lawin, of Forest City, York county, was sentenced before Magistrate Walter Limerick yesterday to a fine of \$200 or a jail term of four months.

An Electric Sign

Clarence Mills, was given permission to erect an electric sign over his place of business in 64 Regent street by the city council last night. The work is to be done subject to the approval and under the direction of the city engineer.

Industry Improved

Improvement in demand and prices in silver black fox breeding industry is acclaimed by owners of ranches in this part of the province, as indicative of a promising season. Earlier reports held an optimistic tone for 1932-33. The improvement also includes, according to general report, higher prices and increased demand for other varieties of fox skins. More than usual activity has featured fox ranching in all parts of the province during recent weeks.

Steadily Improving

Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, principal of the Normal School, who has been seriously ill at his home here, continues to improve. His sister, Miss Clara Bridges, who has been visiting him, is spending a few days in St. John, prior to sailing on December 10 for the continent. Miss Bridges expects to spend the winter in the south of France.

SANTA CLAUS SPIRIT NOT YET RISEN TO PEAK

Christmas Only a Short Time Away and Local Merchants Prepare For Shopping Season — No Snow Yet.

The Christmas season has sneaked up almost unawares on the citizenry here. Two weeks from Saturday is Christmas Eve, though few people are aware of its proximity.

The combined effect of the economic situation and lack of snow, has probably accounted for the delay in the usual Yuletide expectations.

But there has been a perking up of trade and interest in the last few days and citizens as well as the merchants, in whom there is inter-dependence of the shopping zest, are beginning to get interested. The Queen street merchants have had their staffs busy this week in window decorating, and the interiors of the stores are beginning to take on the appearance of Christmas, with their decorations.

Bustle Present

Despite conditions there is a bustle of good cheer manifest and there is though indication that the two weeks previous to Christmas Day, will be utilized for the annual shopping spree. More residents of the outlying countryside are coming in for their early shopping. It has been noticed by the Merchants. These former are bent, as usual, on getting their shopping done before the rush starts. The citizens are more tardy and though given every warning by the merchants they continue each year to delay until the last moment.

The reason for the last few weeks has been a rare one, with the temperature anything but December-like. During three days past the thermometers have been far above the freezing point. Save for occasional rain the weather has been fine and mild. Only flickers of snow have fallen this sea-

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CHANCERY COURT CONTINUES WITH INVOLVED CASE

Plaintiff's Counsels Finish Arguments — Two Witnesses Heard — Intricate Questions Arise On Points of Law.

The Chancery Division of the New Brunswick Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Baxter presiding, continued here today with the hearing of the case of the Canadian Fertilizers Company, plaintiffs, vs. Maritime Farmers' Co-operative, Ltd., and forty two subsidiary companies, defendants.

The counsels for the plaintiffs, W. P. Jones, K. C., and C. J. Jones, Woodstock, concluded their arguments this morning. They are supporting an action for an order of mandamus ordering the defendant company (the parent company) to assess the branches and share holders for the amount of \$12,499.15, said amount having been recovered by the plaintiffs in an action against the defendants. The parent company had no assets and claimed that they were not obligated to assess the branch companies.

Mr. P. J. Hughes, K. C., and E. R. Richard, counsels for the defendants, opened their arguments this morning. Mr. Hughes contended that the action for assessment is not based on any claim that can be enforced on the branch companies. The case will continue this afternoon with the defendant's arguments.

The case is an involved one, bringing up unusual points of law which His Lordship will necessarily take some time to consider. Only two witnesses have been heard, both called by the plaintiffs, J. G. Kirkpatrick, of Fredericton, general manager of the Maritime Farmers' Co-operative, Ltd., who was on the stand the greater part of yesterday's session, and Judson W. Corey, of Perth, agent for the Canadian Fertilizer Company.

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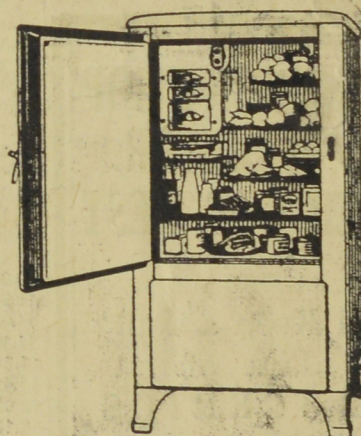
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