INSTRUCTION COURSE R.C.M.P. FOR JANUARY

Eight Will Take Drills and Lectures in Special Course — Two From This City Among the List.

A special course of instructions for non-commissioned officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "J" Division, will be conducted during January in this city. The course commences on Monday and will last at least three weeks.

The eight who will take the instruction are Sgt. Guptill, Saint John; Sgt. James and Corp. Tozer, of this city; Corp. Vail, of Edmundston; Corp. St. Pierre, Kedgwick; Corp. Lacey, Campbellton; Corp. Lyons, St. Stephen; and acting Corporal Griffiths, of Moncton. The officer commanding "J" Division will be in charge of the course.

For Efficiency

The course is being held for special work and will likely be a part of the winter activities here. The winter months because of the habitual letup in criminality in the probince, wil lpermit of more stress on these courses, it is understood.

The training personnel will drill daily from nine in the morning to six in the afternoon. Drills will be held in the Armory in the mornings and lecturers will be conducted in the R. C. M. P. barracks in the afternoons. Afterwards examination of the candidates will take place for awards of efficiency.

Company Sergeant Major Clark of the R. C. R. will be in charge of the drills at the armory, and he will be assisted by Col. H. H. Ritchie in the active militia and Captain Chaveaux of Military District No. 7 of Saint John.

CITY AFFAIRS

At St. Andrews

Rev. S. J. McArthur of Moncton, Moderator of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church, will preach at St. Andrews Church tomorrow.

Chimney Fire

There was a call for the Fire Department this morning to the residence of Leo. F. Cain, on Charlotte Street. No damage was done.

Returned to Bank

Richard Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer who had a very serious illness during the past summer, has resumed his duties as junior clerk in the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Estate Probated

The estate of Henry L. Morse, Southampton, farmer, was probated before of Probate W. J. West yesterday. Susan Morse was appointed admistratix. The estate amounted to $500 real and $500 personal. Jones & Jones are proctors. Deecased left one child to whom the property will go.

Should eB Cleaned

The city streets, Queen Street in particular looks in sorry condition these days, with no snow and accumulation of debris. It might be not unwise to do a little cleanup up of the main street. It would kill two birds, supplying employment and making the streets easier on citizens' eyes and ears.

Still Good Skating

Prospects of snow tonight or tomorrow will curtail one of the longest periods of skating on the river in some seasons. Young and old have enjoyed this unusual opportunity. The ice on the river is still in good condition though slightly watered today from a coming warm spell.

Week of Prayers Ended

The last service of the Week of Prayers was held last evening in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. It was the annual Young People's gathering with the societies of the various churches, being present. Theodore Portor was in the chair. There was a number of musical selections and Rev. E. R. McWilliam gave the address. The offering was taken for the benefit of the Children's Aid Society.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR POTATOES IN NEAR FUTURE

Markets To Be Regulated as the Supply Gets Smaller and Prices Will Rise — No Shipments Here.

With the ever decreasing supply of potatoes it is expected that the near future will find a change for the better when the markets become less full and the prices rise in consequence. Potato growers in this district as well as in others have every reason to hope for a better price for the fruits of their labor within the next two months.

At the present time there is no movement of potatoes from this district. The Montreal market is supplied by a large quantity shipped from Prince Edward Island but when those are gone it is hoped that the market will be better regulated in regard to supply. The price received in Montreal today for potatoes is from eighty-five to ninety cents per barrel.

Shortage Expected

A shortage is expected before the next crop can be harvested since in nearly all potato-growing sections of the maritimes and Maine the crop of last year was much smaller. In New Brunswick only about half the amount was planted last spring and that condition is prevalent most everywhere. With farmers receiving low prices for their produce during 1931 and 1932, it was impossibe for them to finance the planting of large crops last spring. Unless much better prices are received before planting time next spring it will be impossible for farmers to carry on in that line of agriculture since the cost of production remains high. This year's smaller supply of the produce is expected to right matters, however and farmers have every right to expect good prices soon.

In the local market potatoes have been selling at $1.50 per barrel which is a fairly good price in comparison with the big markets. The high price is due entirely to the fact that the market has been quite bare of them,

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BARTER TRADE WITH SOVIET BEFORE N. B.

The Government Officials Here Silent As To Proposal of Soviet and Canada Trade—Upper Canada Interested.

Official sources in the province are silent on the subject of the recent Soviet offer of trade on a "barter" basis with Canada or as to whether benefit would accrue to this province through such negotiations.

Several government heads, recently interviewed on the matter, did not care to discuss the subject, neither from a moral nor commercial aspect.

Advice from the upper Canadian provinces is that "profitable business might develop for each province in the dominion," should some agreement be reached whereby Soviet Russia and Canada reach a saeisfactory trade basis.

Any moral disinclination on the part of Canada to trade thus with Russia is summed up in the Conservative government's announced policy of non-trade with that country. The commercial aspect is the one which is concerning the manufacturers of the west, many of whom are said to be in accord with such a move.

The present offer of Russia, according to reports, is for the purchase of seven million dollars worth of Canadian cattle and hides if Canada takes Soviet petroleum. There are, too, prospects of Soviet wheat purchases also canned goods,—fish and fruit—if the information is correct.

The mater is an unsettled one at Ottawa though it is expected that the government's policy in this will be made known shortly. Representatives here hesitate to announce whether or not such an international trade would benefit this province.

Market Closed

The New York Stock Market was closed today as a mark of respect to the late ex-President Coolidge.

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