

### DOWNPOURS OF RAIN HELPED FIRE SITUATION

Charlotte County and Doaktown Areas Report Rainfall to Relieve Tenseness of the Forest Fire Situation.

With a downpour of rain relieving the tense situation in Charlotte Co., and rain reported in the Campbellton and Doaktown areas, the anxiety caused officials by the blaze at Newcastle Bridge under control by midnight yesterday, has been largely offset.

The fire in question started last night in a clump of slash but was luckily detected by rangers before it could assume threatening proportions. One ranger patrolled the area this morning but has reported nothing further. Less than half-an-acre of granted land was destroyed. Minor fires at MacLean Settlement and Nev-ers road, reported under control yesterday, have since been extinguished, but the districts are still under patrol.

Optimism ran high this morning in official circles as the lookout towers telephoned in a wider radius of visibility and a siege of wet weather is anticipated by the weather man. However the full staff of rangers is being maintained and every precaution is being taken.

CITY AFFAIRS

Engagement Announced

Dr. W. H. Irvine announces the engagement of his daughter, Margaret Eames Irvine, to Stanley Taylor Douglass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Douglass, of this city. The marriage to take place the first week of October.

On Sick List

Mr. W. E. Seery a well known citizen has been confined to his home in George Street for some weeks by illness. He is able to take nourishment regularly, but his condition shows little improvement.

Visit Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hooper, of Grand Falls, who have been spending the past few weeks at their summer camp at Lake Utopia, Charlotte Co., passed through the city today on their home trip, spending the day with Mrs. W. S. Hooper, George St.

Three Cornered Fight

Coun. Elect Dell Pugh of Douglas was in the city today and received the congratulations of friends on his recent victory at the polls. The election in the Parish of Douglas was a three cornered fight and it was a case of every man for himself.

Ontario Horses

Messrs. Richard Sloat and Waldron Yerxa returned today from Toronto in charge of thirty-six heavy draft horses which they purchased during their absence. The horses are now at Dr. McCoy's Stables, King Street, where they are to be sold.

Died in Toronto

W. M. McDonald, secretary and general manager of the Manufacturers' Finance Corporation, died suddenly at Toronto this week of angina pectoris. Mr. McDonald who was a former resident of Amherst, N. S. was at liberty on bail charged with theft and false pretences involving the sum of \$500,000. He was a brother of Senator McDonald and a native of Point du Chene, Westmorland County.

This Morning's Market

The markets seem to be getting larger as the season advances. This morning's was probably the largest of the season. eats and fall vegetables predominated, with a noticeable decrease in string beans, peas etc. Crab-apples were 35c pk., cranberries 35c a pk. Transparent apples 35c pk., Crison Beauties 30c pk., lab 20 to 30c a lb., squash 4c per lb., corn 25c a doz, chicken 40c lb., pork 20c a lb., potatoes 30c pk.

Mr. W. A. Burden of Boston is in the city for a few days renewing old acquaintances.

### REVIVAL OF CHURCH UNION CASE IN SUPREME COURT SESSION

In John Ferguson et al vs. Rev. Lachlan MacLean et al Case, Both Are Appealing Decision of Sir Douglas Hazen Here on March 20th—Adherents of St. James Presbyterian Church at Newcastle Claim Pews Were Given to Them Forever—Now Excluded From Church.

The September session of the Supreme Court meets Tuesday and an average docket of nine appeal cases will be considered. The motion paper contains one, the Crown paper, one, the appeal paper one, the King's bench division four and the Chancery division two.

Important Cases

The cases with the widest consequences is a revival of the Church Union intracacies of some years ago. John Ferguson et al are plaintiffs and appellants and Rev. Lachlan MacLean et al defendants and appellants, both parties entering on appeal. Action was tried before Sir D. Hazen at F'ton March 20 and 22, 1929. Several of the members and adherents of the St. James Presbyterian Church, Newcastle had rented pews which were to belong to them and their heirs forever. Following the two plebiscites under the

Provincial and Dominion church Acts the continuing Presbyterians were excluded from the church and were forced to utilize the Opera House and the Anglican Hall for worshipful purposes. In his decision Justice Hazen maintained that the two plebiscites taken concerned only the allegiance of the congregation and that a third vote would be necessary to legally transfer the property. This decision will be appealed by both parties.

Continuing Presbyterians appealing only that part of the judgement which perty declared the votes valid, and the Unionists the decision that the property has not been legally transferred. If the Unionists lose their appeal another vote will be necessitated and rent will have to be paid to the continuing Presbyterians for the property illegally occupied since the last plebiscite.

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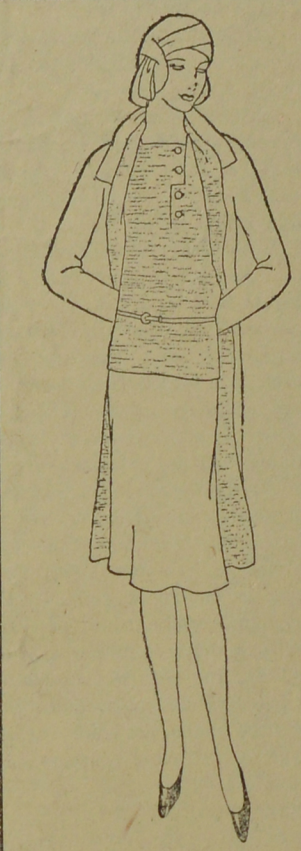
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