

HUTMENTS TO BE AT OLD GOVT. HOUSE

**NOTHING OFFICIAL, BUT
PREPARATIONS GOING ON**

**Accommodations for 2,000
Can be Provided—Could
be Used With Con-
valescent Home.**

Although no official announcement has been made preparations for the erection of hutments in Fredericton are continuing. The site has been changed from that originally suggested, however, the western part of the Old Government House property being considered the most suitable and the proposition to use Queen's Square and adjacent land being abandoned.

The site at the Old Government House is selected on account of its proximity to the convalescent home as the intention is to use the hutments for demobilization of the Expeditionary Force as well as for the accommodation of troops bound for points overseas. It is not yet definitely settled that Fredericton is the place where the huts will be built but indications point that way. Two thousand troops can be housed in buildings which can be erected on vacant land at the Government House property. If additional land is required the Fraser property adjoining is available.

Although the term huts is used the buildings will be substantial wooden structures two stories in height similar to those used in the United States army cantonments.

The Canadian Engineers are working on the plans now. There has been considerable delay in this matter and to be available next winter the buildings should now be in process of erection.

At Bebbington's

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Came By Motor

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carlin of Prince William and Mrs. Guy Hansen of Woodstock arrived by motor this morning and are registered at the Barker House.

Improving Rapidly

Mrs. Eva Vail of Marysville who was taken to Victoria Hospital Sunday was operated upon that afternoon and today is reported to be improving rapidly.

The Strawberry Crop

Although the strawberry crop suffered greatly from the recent rains a number are still being brought to the city. They were offered in crates this morning at 16 cents and at 18 cents for the single box.

Returned From Ontario

Mr. W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, returned today at noon after being absent for about a fortnight in Ontario in the interest of the Department. He was at his office this afternoon.

A House Party

Mrs. D. W. Richards of North Devon is entertaining a house party this week. Her guests are Miss Blaisdale of Ottawa, Mrs. Frank C. Bleden of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and son Chanlor of Providence, R. I. and Mrs. J. H. MacDonald.

From Davidson Lake

A party of those who are summering at Davidson Lake are registered at the Queen Hotel today. In the party are Mrs. Philip Mittell and Frank Graiz of New York, Myron Rose, Myron Raymond and Bob Raymond of Brooklyn and Robert Brown of New York.

Moving Picture Convention

A national moving picture convention is being held at Boston this week. Mr. W. W. O. Fenety of the Gaiety Theatre is in attendance. A feature of the convention will be the making of a number of pictures in which the delegates will be used in the mob scenes and other scenes requiring large numbers of people.

Sergt. Major Bayers Here

Regimental Sergt. Major Bayers who went overseas with the 236th Highlanders is in the city renewing old acquaintances. The sergeant major crossed to England with his battalion but upon it being broken up into drafts he was classed as medically unfit for service in France although willing to go as a private.

Overstayed Leave

G. Valeff, a Bulgarian, arrested at St. John on Sunday, for overstopping a two days' leave of absence from the Minto mines, was allowed to go with Inspector Crawford to get a railway ticket which he claimed he had at his boarding house. The inspector was instructed to see that the man returned to Minto by the first train leaving the city. The ticket of leave expired on Saturday.

On Bridal Tour

Mr. James Home, president of the Beveridge Paper Company of Montreal, and Mrs. Howe were among the visitors to the city yesterday. They are on their bridal tour and are en route to Nova Scotia to spend a few days. Mr. Howe is a native of Scotland and at one time resided at Millerton where he was engaged in the pulp business. He is an enthusiastic disciple of Izaak Walton and plans to have a fishing trip on the Southwest Miramichi before returning home.

GRAND LAKE MINE OPERATORS HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST PRICES SET FOR THEIR COAL BY CONTROLLER

E. Lorne Merrithew and W. Benton Evans Have Gone to Ottawa with Petition—Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, Communicated With—Suspension of Regulations Until Matter is Investigated—Operators Point Out that Nova Scotia Coal Mined Under More Favorable Conditions is Bringing Higher Price, and American Coal is Being Imported for Price Much in Excess of That for Minto Coal.

E. Lorne Merrithew of Smith & Merrithew and W. Benton Evans of the Rothwell Coal Company have gone to Ottawa as a delegation from the owners and operators of coal mines in the Grand Lake district to protest against the regulations imposed upon the sale of Grand Lake coal by Controller McGrath who visited the mines at Minto and vicinity recently. The complaint of the operators is that the prices set by the Fuel Controller and which went into effect July 10th are about thirty cents below the cost of production and if enforced will result in the suspension of operations in the Grand Lake district throwing out of employment some three thousand miners and tying up plant valued at five million dollars. The prices imposed by the Fuel Controller are \$4.50 per ton for the Minto Coal Company and \$5 per ton for the smaller operators, run-of-mine coal being indicated in each case. For screened coal of which there is not much fifty cents per ton extra is allowed. A smaller price was fixed for the Minto Coal Company on account of the extent of its plant and operations.

Meeting on Friday

A meeting of the operators of the mines and lessees of areas was held on Friday night last at which the majority of the mines were represented. J. M. Kennedy, manager and part owner of the Northfield Coal Company and president of the associated mine owners, was chairman. Others present were W. B. Evans of the Rothwell Company, G. H. King, M. P. P., Harvey Welton, Jeremiah Coakley, John Kelly manager of the Edward Kelly Coal Company, John Fulton, G. Fred Baird of the Grand Lake Coal Company and E. L. Merrithew of Smith & Merrithew. Mr. Merrithew was delegated to call Hon. Frank B. Carvell, M. P., Minister of Public Works on the telephone at Woodstock and place the matter before him. It was explained to Hon. Mr. Carvell that a petition had been signed by practically all the mine owners stating that if the regulations of the Fuel Controller were not amended suspension of operations would have to follow. The petition also stated that the operators wanted a price which would give them about seven per cent upon capital invested—\$6.50 per ton for screened coal and \$6 per ton for run-of-mine.

Investigation at Ottawa

The reply of Hon. Mr. Carvell was that he would have the Fuel Controller's regulations suspended until the matter could be investigated providing that the petition of the operators were taken to Ottawa as early as possible this week.

Contention of Mine Owners

The contention of the mine owners is that the price which was being paid for Minto coal at the mines, \$6 per ton was a fair price. They point out that Nova Scotia coal mined from seven-foot seams brings \$6.50 and \$6.75 while in the Grand Lake country the seams average only two and a half feet. They claim further that American coal of an inferior quality is being imported for a price running from \$8 to \$11 per ton.

Drowned at Gondola Point

Cadet Edward Thurston Lee, son of T. Carleton Lee of St. John was drowned in the Kennebecasis River at Gondola Point yesterday morning. He was a cadet of the Royal Naval College of Canada on leave. Mrs. W. T. H. Fenety of this city who is summering at Gondola Point was a witness of the accident. A small boat in which the young man was, capsized in a squall. He tried to swim ashore but his strength failed.

Major Pincombe Resigns

Major C. G. Pincombe, for some months Assistant Provost Marshal of Military District No. 7, has resigned and has been succeeded by Major H. G. Starr. In an interview with the St. John Telegraph Major Pincombe states that he has resigned because of dissatisfaction with conditions connected with his office. His future intentions are uncertain. He has an opportunity of lecturing in the United States on behalf of the Red Cross and also may take a trip through the Canadian West. Prior to being appointed to the Canadian Expeditionary Force he was pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church, Marysville.

Currie Investigation

Mr. James Friel, K. C., of Moncton is expected to arrive here tonight. Tomorrow morning he will hold a sitting of the investigation which he is conducting into the charges made against Hon. William Currie, M. P. P. of Restigouche, relative to stumping on Crown Lands under lease to the Continental Lumber Company of which he is manager. The witnesses to be examined are officials of the Department of Lands and Mines. The sitting will be held in the committee room at the Parliament Building which is known as the "Bird Room" because the Boardman Collection was in it for some years.

Women's Eyes

Tired and overworked eyes they are as a rule. Don't seem able to stand the strain of former years. Women's eyes overworked by hard work, sewing or reading, should be attended to promptly. A pair of perfect-fitting glasses should be secured and the strain relieved. I make a special study of this matter.

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