

PUBLIC NOTICE

For the purpose of conserving coal, electric light and power will be shut off on Sundays from daylight to dark until further notice. It is not anticipated that this curtailment of electric service will continue for more than two months, probably not so long.

By order of the Directors of Fredericton Gas Light Co.
HARRY D. WHITE,
Manager.

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Manager.

"NEW BRUNSWICK GROWN"

ORDERS SHOULD NOW BE PLACED for early May delivery. We make specialty of APPLE TREES, SHRUBS, HEDGING, ROSES and STRAWBERRY PLANTS. Experts have pronounced our Apple Trees excellent, comprising the leading varieties, including McIntosh Red, Fameuse, Wealthy, Dudley and Bethel. This season's stock will soon be exhausted. Write for terms. Discount for cash with order. Mail orders solicited.

ST. JOHN VALLEY NURSERY
BURTON, N. B.

A large shipment of records
just arrived
Grafonolas on easy terms

E. O. MacDonald
Music Store 560 Queen Street

The present grade of
Mother's Favorite
Flour

will soon be off the market until after the
war is over. If you want any of this
superior Bread Flour you should
place your order at once.

G. W. HODGE

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED GRAIN, 1918

GOOD SEED IS SCARCE. Place your order now, with your County Councillor. The Department of Agriculture has ordered 56,000 bushels of oats and 18,000 bushels of wheat.

Oats will be sold for \$1.32 per bushel, in bulk car lots, or \$1.38 in bags in car lots laid down.

Wheat will be sold for \$3.00 per bushel, in bags car lots or f.o.b., distributing point for smaller orders.

Local freights will be paid by purchaser. County Councillors and Agricultural Societies should place car lot orders immediately, stating destination for cars. Delivery not guaranteed unless orders placed within three weeks, because of transportation difficulties.

New Brunswick is expected to bread herself for the duration of the war. EVERY FARMER SHOULD GROW SOME WHEAT.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FREDERICTON, N. B.

42ND ANNUAL MEETING FARMERS' & DAIRY MEN'S ASSOCIATION of New Brunswick.

FREDERICTON, MARCH 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Delegates need buy single fare only, and apply for Standard Certificate.

Provincial Seed Fair in Convention, March 15.

Speakers will include officials of Agricultural Department, of the Experimental Farm, and of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. A fund of information which no farmer or dairyman can afford to miss.

Come and Learn More of Greater Production.

Custom Tailoring

The New Importations for the Coming Season are now on display. An early inspection will assure you of a large and varied selection to choose from.

We are also prepared to fill all orders entrusted to us for MILITARY CLOTHING at a reasonable price. We are sole agents for the Crown Tailoring Company, of Toronto, the largest Military Tailoring Company in Canada.

**WALKER BROS. MERCHANT
TAILORS**
QUEEN STREET, WEST END

REPORT OF CHIEF INSPECTOR LAID BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Prohibition Act Has Been Well Enforced
During the Year---A Large Amount Collected in Fines---Statistics Show Marked Falling off in Number of Arrests for Drunkenness---Large Quantity of Liquor Seized.

Following is the full text of the report of Chief Inspector Wilson laid before the Legislature on Tuesday:

Fredericton, N. B., December 31st, 1917.

To the Hon. Robert Murray,

Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, Province of New Brunswick.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to submit this my First Annual Report as Chief Inspector under the "Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916," for the year ending October 31st, 1917. This Law is better known as the "Provincial Prohibition Act."

STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE STAFF.

The Officers consist of:

- 1 Chief Inspector.
- 1 Stenographer.
- 12 Inspectors.

(1) The number and description of licenses and the names of applicants to whom licenses were granted are given in Schedule "A."

(2) The number of Licensees convicted under the Prohibition Act was two, one of whom had his license forfeited. The other made an application for an appeal, which has not yet come before the courts.

(3) The number of Prosecutions conducted by the Department was 205:

- Convictions 179
- Dismissals 26.

In four other cases where prosecutions were begun, the deposit left by the defendants was forfeited.

Three appeals by defendants have been taken to the Supreme Court against magistrates' decisions. In each case the decisions were upheld by the Court.

(4) General remarks as to the working of the Law within the Province.

The Counties of Madawaska, Victoria, Restigouche, Gloucester, Kent and Saint John came under the provisions of the Prohibitory Law on the first day of May, 1917. Since then by the repeal of the Scott Act, the City of Fredericton and the Counties of Sunbury and Charlotte have come under the provisions of the new Law.

During the initial period there was a good deal of worry and anxiety occasioned because of the stringency and comprehensiveness of the new Act, but from the very first it was a success in its operation. This success may be ascribed to several things:

- (1) Because of the efficiency of the Law.
- (2) The general and hearty support of the citizens of the Province.

(3) From the zeal and energy with which the Inspectors undertook their duties. From the beginning the officers went to their work anxious as to how best they could carry out their difficult and delicate duties and cause the least possible friction. The results have proved that in this they were fairly successful, more so than could have been expected under all the circumstances.

Considerable hardships have to be endured in the enforcement of all laws. This is particularly true in relation to the enforcement of a liquor law.

Some of the Inspectors have had manifold hardships and considerable abuse. One was roughly handled and his life threatened. Another was violently treated and only saved by the intervention of friends. Still another was subjected to the more humiliating experience of arrest and trial, and another had the misfortune to be attacked and seriously hurt.

A considerable amount of extra work has come to the Inspectors that cannot be measured, nor mentioned in reports, but a continual strain of alertness and vigilance has been exercised by the members of the staff.

The Inspectors have up to the limit of their ability co-operated with the Police in their several localities.

Another contributing factor to the success of the Act has been the earnest and hearty co-operation of the magistrates in their several duties. Their duties have been discharged impartially and fearlessly, and in no small measure have they aided the officers in achieving what success has come in the enforcement of the Law.

Expressions of the beneficent results of Prohibition have been heard on every side. Employers of labor, merchants, business men, railway officers and policemen all join in speaking of the wonderful results achieved. Business has been better for the business men. Employees have worked steadier. Money has been much more in evidence for the merchants. The railway men and police officers, who in past years were handicapped and harassed by drunkenness on the streets and at the trains and in the railway depots, now in the heartiest tones praise the working out of the new Prohibitory Act. Treating and drinking in public places and on railway trains has been practically eliminated.

Several severe tests have been put upon the new Act. A public holiday, a horse race or any public demonstration or excursion is something that is bound to gather elements that will be hostile to the enforcement of the Prohibitory Act. Our experience of the past year has shown that by exercising vigilance beforehand and by the proper methods of patrol, some of the dangers and difficulties of lawlessness are eliminated, thus ensuring safety and enjoyment for the public generally.

One result of Prohibition is the lessening of drunkenness throughout the Province.

The following comparative statement will show the results in St. John City as to the number of arrests for drunkenness for a period of six months of the years 1916 and 1917:

1916.	1917.
May 101	May 12
June 112	June 10
July 90	July 22
August 95	August 18

September 78	September 22
October 100	October 25
576	119

Another point worthy of note is the fact that the cost of maintaining the St. John County Jail has been greatly lessened, even despite the tremendous increase in prices, and that from the first day of May, 1917, to the thirty-first day of October of the same year the cost of running the said institution will be something like \$1,000 less than for the same period in 1916. The same will doubtless apply to the other jails in this Province.

The finance committee of the Municipal Council in their estimates for 1918 asked only \$3,500 for jail upkeep, compared with \$6,000 for the previous year.

The number of prisoners in jail at Christmas, 1916, was 48, five of these being women. The number at Christmas 1917, was 16, and only one woman.

In the other jails throughout the Province there has also been a marked decrease of prisoners through drunkenness and also in the cost of maintenance.

Another noteworthy feature is that not one woman has been before the courts in the Province of New Brunswick for drunkenness since the adoption of Prohibition.

The income for the Department from the first day of May to the thirty-first day of October, 1917, was \$13,955.56 made up as follows:

Fines	\$7,659.56
Beer Licenses	5,036.00
Wholesale and Retail Licenses	600.00
Refunds on Beer Licenses overpaid	660.00

Total \$13,955.56

The income by Counties is given in Schedule "B." The expenditure covering the period of six months was \$7,937.84.

Because of the new liquor regulations adopted by the Dominion Government a new alignment will become necessary in our staff. Because of the far-reaching effects of the action of the Dominion Government in prohibiting the importation of liquor and its manufacture after a date to be fixed by the Government, and in prohibiting after the first of April, the inter-provincial trade in liquors, we must seriously consider what results will be attained. This is one of the problems for the New Year.

At present the Department has on hand a large stock of all grades and kinds of liquor. We have rented a separate warehouse in the City of St. John and are there assembling the liquor that has been seized by the different Inspectors all over the Province.

One of the questions demanding serious consideration and decision is to what legitimate purpose this steadily increasing stock can be put.

Considerable dissatisfaction has been caused by the price charged by some of the vendors for liquors sold under prescriptions, and also because the liquors vended were of an inferior quality.

I would recommend that necessary amendments may be made to the Act:—

(a) That the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council on the recommendation of the Chief Inspector make provision for the proper disposition of liquors seized under the Law.

(b) Giving authority to the Chief Inspector so as to ensure that liquors sold by Licensees be of standard quality and sold at a reasonable price.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. WILSON

Chief Inspector.

SCHEDULE "A." LICENSES GRANTED. Restigouche County.

Retail.

Thomas Wran, Campbellton.

Marion Clifford, Dalhousie.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

Retail.

Sylvestre Vienneau, Bathurst.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

Retail.

Wiley Drug Co., Ltd., Grand Falls.

Lorenzo Chapman, Grand Falls.

Charles L. Olmstead, Perth.

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

Retail.

Fairville Drug Co., Fairville.

ST. JOHN CITY.

Wholesale.

National Drug & Chemical Co., Ltd., 29-33 Mill St.

Canadian Drug Co., Ltd., 70-72 Prince Wm. St.

Retail.

George A. Cameron, Charlotte St.

Charles R. Wasson, Main St.

MADAWASKA COUNTY.

Retail.

J. Emile Bard, Edmundston.

Antoine Soucy, Clairs.

Fred I. Cyr, St. Leonards.

SCHEDULE "B."

The following amount has been collected from Beer Licenses from the different Counties:—

St. John City	\$2,545.00
Gloucester	655.00
Madawaska	390.00
St. John County	375.00
Restigouche	285.00
Kent	245.00
Fredericton	191.00
Victoria	145.00
Sunbury	5.00
National Breweries, Montreal	200.00

Total \$5,036.00

The following amount has been collected in fines from the different Counties:—

St. John	\$2,559.78
Restigouche	2,344.33
Madawaska	1,465.00
Victoria	484.45
Gloucester	405.00
Kent	401.00
Total	\$7,659.56