

MANY FARMERS GATHER HERE AT CONFERENCE

FARMERS' & DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN SESSION

Production and Labor the Questions Discussed This Afternoon in Normal School Annex.

The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick is in session here today in response to a call of its president, Mr. Anderson, and is considering the problems connected with increased production and labor. The sessions are being held in the annex of the Provincial Normal School.

The attendance of the farmers of the province is large and representative and it is expected that conclusions of importance will be reached. The Provincial Department of Agriculture already has done much in connection with these subjects and its officials are present at the meeting this afternoon for the purpose of further assisting.

Reserve Officer.

Lt. Col. A. E. Massie, D. S. O., recently returned from overseas, has been appointed reserve officer, C. E. F.

Soldiers of Soil Enrolment.

Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, announced this morning that the enrolment for Soldiers of the Soil would begin on Monday next, the 29th.

At the Gaiety Today.

Billie Burke in "The Land of Promise," a Paramount picture, and final episode of Vengeance and The Woman. Monday, Alice Brady in "Woman and Wife," from the famous novel, Jane Eyre.

Entertained Class.

Mr. F. W. Porter pleasantly entertained the members of his Sabbath school class of the Brunswick Street Baptist church at his home Wednesday evening. About all the members were present and greatly enjoyed themselves.

Non-support Case.

At the police court yesterday the adjourned case of non-support involving residents of Haynesville was again before Police Magistrate Linerick. The defendant was found guilty and was let go on suspended sentence. The young couple decided to "make up" and to start all over again.

The Purdy Soon on Route.

The steamer D. J. Purdy which plies in the summer on the river between St. John and Fredericton, is in the Market Slip at the former city, having her bottom scraped preparatory to having it painted. Captain Day says that it will take only two or three days and that the steamer will be able to go on the river route Monday.

On Red Triangle Work.

Prof. Allen Hoben has been given leave of absence from his duties at the University of Chicago, and will proceed overseas to assist in Y. M. C. A. work for the American soldiers in France. Dr. Hoben is a New Brunswick boy whose brilliant career has brought much gratification to his friends here. He is a son of the late Thomas Hoben of Gibson.

Gone to Minto.

Mr. J. W. Smith, who resigned his position as manager of the Dominion Express Company to accept an appointment with the Minto Coal Company, has gone to Minto to enter upon his duties. Mr. A. Sherwood, for several years superintendent of the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway Co., succeeds Mr. Smith as manager of the Dominion Express and Canadian Pacific Telegraph Companies.

Explosion of Kerosene.

An accident which might have been more serious occurred at the residence of Mr. Wm. C. Burt, Charlotte street, yesterday afternoon. While Mrs. Burt was doing some sewing in the kitchen, the domestic thoughtlessly poured some kerosene oil on the coals in the stove. The result was that an explosion took place. The young woman's clothes and hair caught fire and had it not been for the presence of mind of Mrs. Burt, who wrapped the clothing which she was sewing about the domestic's head the latter would have been severely burned. As it was the young woman was slightly burned about the neck and lost much of her hair.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Edgcombe and daughter Frederica, are leaving this evening for Montreal, where they will spend a few days with Cadet Charles Edgcombe of the Royal Flying Corps. Mrs. F. B. Edgcombe entertained at a bridge of five tables on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Foster, wife of the premier, was the prize winner. Mrs. J. H. Barry entertained at a two table bridge last evening. Mrs. W. S. Thomas entertained at a picture party yesterday afternoon, afterwards going to The Palms for tea. Mr. Walter Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Kitchen, who has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, will spend Sunday with his parents here. Mrs. H. F. McLeod has invitations out for a bridge this evening. Mrs. Richard Howard of Devon, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Richards at Bangor, Me.

HOUSE EXPECTED TO PROROGUE EITHER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW; NEARLY 114 BILLS PUT THROUGH

Mr. LeBlanc Got After the St. John Standard at This Morning's Session—Claimed Misrepresentation—Several Bills Reported—Lively Expression of Opinion in Connection with Bill of Town of Shediac, Concerning Scott Act Matters.

The Legislature is expected to prorogue either tonight or tomorrow morning. Rapid progress was made this morning when the House was in committee. The bills introduced number 114 and the majority of them have been through the committee stage.

This morning Mr. Burchill submitted the final report of the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Byrne submitted the report of the Law Committee.

Mr. LeBlanc rose to a question of privilege and complained that the St. John Standard, in the headlines of that day's issue, misrepresented the position which he had taken with regard to investigating the charges made against the Hon. Mr. Currie. What he did state was that the hon. member for the county of St. John was apparently seeking to evade the issue and hide behind the question. He (Baxter) had said that the charges were not based on his own knowledge but on information given to him. If he had no charge to make then the government had nothing to investigate. Now that the hon. member had made a charge he (LeBlanc) wanted the investigation to be most thorough and searching and he was in hearty accord with the government's action in appointing a Royal Commission for that purpose. He wanted his position on that point to be clearly understood.

In Committee.
The House went into Committee with Mr. Magee in the chair and agreed to the bill to confirm the agreement made between the Military Hospitals Commission and the St. John County Hospital.

The bill relating to the manufacture of spruce and other lumber cut on Crown Lands was then taken up.

Hon. Mr. Smith said the object of the bill was to repeal that portion of the previous act which permitted the exchange of logs cut on private lands for those cut on the crown lands, so far as regarded the manufacture of pulp for export from such logs.

Mr. Burchill said that there would be no guarantee that transportation facilities would be any better next year than they were at the present time and the people who already had pulpwood cut might find the same stuff still on their hands.

Hon. Mr. Smith said that in that case he would be perfectly willing to grant an extension of time.

Hon. Mr. Veniot said if the bill did not come into operation until May, 1919, that would give operators time to cut during the whole ensuing season. He favored an amendment providing that pulpwood already cut, or cut before a fixed date in the near future, might be exported, and no other.

Mr. McGrath opposed the proposal to allow mill waste and slabs to be exported. The pulp mills at home could use that just as well as anybody else and what these mills did not need could be used for fire wood, which

from all appearances would be badly needed.

Mr. Mersereau said some of the smaller mills of the country had piles of waste several feet high stacked up in their yards, which they could not get rid of. If they might be allowed to export this, it would be a good thing.

A motion to allow the export of mill waste was, however, lost.

Getting Timber by Fraud.

Hon. Mr. Veniot said he wished to draw the attention of the House and the public to a practice which appeared to be growing and which certainly should be stopped. Certain men were going about the country representing to owners of granted lands that they had government authority for taking whatever lumber was suitable for the purpose of shipbuilding from their lands on the plea that it was for the purpose of building ships as a war measure. These men were just picking the best lumber to be found on these private lands and paying their own prices for it. The government was not engaged in building wooden ships, as probably most of the members of the House well knew, and the course these men were pursuing was simply a form of deceit.

Shediac Bill.

When the bill relating to the Town of Shediac was considered, which had not been recommended by the committee, Hon. Mr. Smith explained that Canada Temperance Act matters had caused the introduction of the bill. Shediac wished to have the enforcement of the laws within the town, in the hands of its own magistrate. A delegation had been heard which had tried to create the impression that Shediac was a sink of iniquity and liquor. He had been informed that those who knew the ropes could buy liquor in two dozen different places in Moncton. Personally he was favorable to temperance. In this matter he supported the bill to give Shediac home rule and prevent the city of Moncton through its police force, interfering with the police court revenue of Shediac. The town was poor enough. Prohibition would come into effect June 1st.

Mr. Dysart said he had been informed that the C.T.A. had not been enforced in Shediac. He had been opposed to the bill but if prohibition was to apply at an early date he would vote for the bill.

Mr. Baxter said that there was no doubt the law was being violated in Shediac.

Mr. Sweeney—"So it is in Moncton."

Mr. Baxter continuing said that the revenue always was there for Shediac to collect. He was convinced that there was an inclination not to enforce the C. T. A. With prohibition in force Shediac will not want to enforce that act. He would oppose the bill.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said he would support the bill. Existing conditions permitted interference not only with the C. T. A. in Shediac but with any town by-law.

The committee rose at 1 p. m.

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