

CLAIM AGAINST MIRAMICHI CO. BEFORE GOVT.

SESSION PROBABLY
WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

D. J. Buckley Elected to Forestry Commission by Limit Holders—Fuel Administrator Appointed.

The Provincial Government which has been in session since Wednesday evening probably will conclude its session this evening. Representatives of the Miramichi Lumber Company were before the government in connection with the alleged claim of the province against the company on account of pulpwood cut on Crown Lands contrary to regulations and exported. Mr. J. W. Brankley of Chatham representing that company is here in connection with the matter also Mr. George M. Stearns of Portland, Me., president of the International Pulp & Paper Company.

This claim was frequently referred to during the last session of the legislature. The amount involved is about \$150,000.

Fuel Administrator

Yesterday the government appointed Dr. James H. Frink of St. John Fuel Administrator for the Province of New Brunswick. Dr. Frink has been acting as fuel controller without remuneration for the past year. All fuel dealers must take out licenses. The powers of the fuel controller are considerable.

Forestry Commission

Mr. D. J. Buckley of Newcastle has been elected by the limit holders of the province to represent them on the Forestry Commission which was created by recent legislation. The choice of the private land owners has not yet been announced.

To Investigate Charges

It is announced that a prominent lawyer of the province has been selected to conduct the inquiry into the charges preferred against Hon. William Currie, M. P. P., who represents Restigouche County. As soon as the appointment has been approved by the Lieut. Governor the name will be made known.

Case Dismissed

A case in which violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, was alleged was before the Police Court this morning, the defendant being Fred Brown. Witnesses were called by the prosecution, but failed to establish a case. The charge was dismissed.

Passed in Music

The local examinations in connection with the McGill Conservatorium of Music was held at St. John on Tuesday and Wednesday. The list of successful candidates included Miss Grace E. Sherwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherwood of this city.

Mining Investigation

The Minister of Lands and Mines is this afternoon investigating a dispute which has arisen between the Minto Coal Company and the Northfield Coal Company with respect to certain lands at Minto. Mr. P. J. Hughes appears for the Northfield Coal Company and Mayor Hanson for the Minto Coal Company.

Colonel "Bob" Low Retiring

Colonel R. S. Low is about retiring from the position of superintendent of relief construction at Halifax, to resume his position as general manager of Bate-Mahon & Company, which has a big contract at Ottawa and two smaller contracts at the south end railway terminals.

Look Out for Frost

The Mungerville market gardeners who grow tomatoes by the ton, will start setting out their plants on Monday morning. They always look for frost on a change of the moon and as tomato plants are very tender it is necessary to proceed with caution. The moon changes tomorrow and if there is going to be a June frost, it should come either tomorrow night or Sunday night. By the first of the week it is believed that all danger will be past.

Affected By Gas

Gunner Hubert Dibblee has been admitted to hospital in France suffering from the effect of gas. He is a son of Rev. H. E. Dibblee, rector of Christ Church, Amherst, N. S., and formerly rector of Oromocto. He is a nephew of Mrs. A. A. Shute and Mrs. L. H. Bliss of this city. Gunner Dibblee upon completing a course at Rothesay Collegiate School enlisted in the 9th Siege Battery. His school chum Gunner Paul Williams enlisted at the same time and appears to have been gassed at the same time.

Jewel for Governor

His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor William Pugsley, and Mr. George McAvity were last night presented the veteran jewel by Pioneer Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F. of St. John. There was a large attendance at the meeting in the lodge rooms when the event took place. The presentations were made by Dr. A. D. Smith, past grand master, on behalf of the lodge, and the recipients very gracefully replied. Governor Pugsley became a member of the lodge on October 27, 1871, and he has been a member for forty-five years. Mr. McAvity joined on August 7, 1874, and has been a member continuously for forty years.

FOREST FIRES CHECKED BY HEAVY RAIN

CONDITIONS SHOW A
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT

Several Fires Reported Last Night—Serious Conditions Along the Kent Northern Railway.

The rain which set in last night is reported to be quite general over the southern section of the province and will be of great assistance to the Department of Lands and Mines in fighting fires on the Crown Lands. It was reported from Bathurst this morning that there was no rain there but that mist was falling with indications that rain would follow. It is expected that all small fires have been put out by the rain and the heavy fires have been checked. Vegetation in the forests will be given a great start by the wet weather and it is hoped that the danger from forest fires will be over until late in the summer.

Recent Fires Reported

A fire was reported at Carlow, York County, last night and Fire Warden Arthur Johnson of Penniac went to the scene. Another fire has been reported from the head of Burpee Stream, Sunbury County. Fire Warden Thomas Parker of Doaktown has reported a fire at Hurley's Brook on the line of the C. G. R. ten miles east of Doaktown. The same warden has reported a fire on Cain's River exact location not determined and has gone to the place by automobile.

In Kent County

Yesterday it was reported that fires were general along the Kent Northern Railway. The great quantities of slash along that railway make conditions dangerous and drastic action was threatened unless the railway authorities took action. Mr. G. H. Prince, Chief Forester, stated this morning that the locomotives of that railway had been properly equipped and patrols established, and that it was expected that the fires would be put out. Fires were reported both south and north of Kent Junction. Last night some thirty acres of privately owned lands were burned over about two miles west of Boiestown. A crew from the Canadian Government Railways was sent to fight it. At Bantalar on the Transcontinental, a crew of ten men are fighting a fire and at Burnside, Gloucester County, a fire was reported this morning. Arrangements were made to fight it.

Showed Up Well

The electric lights and decorations on the barracks square last evening which elicited so much favorable comment, were installed by Mr. W. Allan Staples of this city.

CLOSING OF NORMAL SCHOOL THIS MORNING

PUBLIC EXERCISES
LARGELY ATTENDED

Dr. W. S. Carter Made Important Announcements in His Address to Students—Good Advice.

There was a large attendance of the public at the public closing exercises of the Provincial Normal School this morning. The program as published yesterday was followed and the students acquitted themselves well in singing and physical drill as well in demonstrations of teaching.

The principal Dr. H. V. B. Bridges presided. Seated with him on the platform were Dr. B. C. Foster, Very Rev. Dean Neales, Rev. F. L. Carney, Rev. M. Addison, Rev. Canon Cowie, Rev. G. C. Warren, Rev. G. M. Young, Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Rev. H. C. Archer, Dr. C. C. Jones and Dr. W. S. Carter.

Opening Address

In his opening address Dr. Bridges congratulated the students upon completing the year and expressed the best wishes for their future life. He referred to the fact that Mr. R. P. Gorham had filled the position of instructor in Natural Science made vacant by the leave of absence given Mr. F. A. Good. Dr. Bridges made complimentary reference to the efficient manner in which Mr. Gorham had performed his duties.

Presentation of Prizes

The silver medal was presented to Miss Jean Somerville of St. John by Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Supt. of Education, and the bronze medal to Miss Virginia Williams of Welshpool, Campbell, by Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick.

Dr. Carter's Address

Dr. Carter addressed the students and made a number of important announcements as well as giving some valuable advice. He told the students not to be content with their position but to try to improve it at all times, to secure higher classed licenses and if possible take a University course. He drew attention to the fact that a School Trustees' convention would be held in the province this year or next and that all teachers should do their best to encourage attendance of trustees. He also mentioned the Maritime Teachers' Convention at Moncton late in August. Dr. Carter further drew attention to the change in regulations making the age of admission to the Normal School sixteen years and to the requirement of three years' service in New Brunswick on the part of each teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Burden of Pokiok, are in the city today.

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