

CONFERENCE ON SOLDIERS' LAND SETTLEMENT

DETAILS FOR PROVINCE MUST BE WORKED OUT

Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, Talked With Mayor Ashton and Wm. Kerr.

Major E. J. Ashton of Ottawa, William Kerr of St. John, representing the Soldiers Settlement Board and Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines were in conference last evening over matters in connection with applications received for land through the Soldier Settlement Board. Although many difficulties presented themselves some headway was made and plans were made for getting a better booking system installed.

Will Work Out Schedule

It was stated today that the soldier Settlement Board and the Crown Land Department would probably work together in the carrying out of legislation in connection with the Soldier Settlement Act in this province. As the requirements of settlers given grants of land differ in the various provinces of the Dominion on account of there being only one general act in connection with the provinces, the details of the scheme will have to be worked out later.

Grant for This Year

There will in all probability be set apart this year a sum of \$300,000 by the Dominion Government to be spent in this province in the purchase of private lands for returned soldiers' farms. Under the provisions of the Soldier Settlement Act the average returned soldier on taking up land is granted an advance of from \$2000 to \$2500 for repairs or for machinery or stock.

Meeting of Relief Committees

A meeting of the Ladies' Relief Committee of the Patriotic Fund was held yesterday afternoon while the Relief Committee met in the evening at the Board of Trade rooms. Only the routine business was discussed and several names were struck off the lists of those receiving patriotic money.

Panthers Won From Shamrocks

Last evening a game of playground base ball was played at the Trotting Park between two of the teams of B section of the Junior League. The Panthers won from the Shamrocks by a score of 32 to 14. The Military Hospital team made its first appearance for practice last evening.

Bridge Contract Awarded

The Department of Public Works announces that the contract for the construction of a concrete arch culvert and roadway embankment at Bell Hill Brook, Parish of Alnwick, Northumberland County, has been awarded to F. E. Berryman of Woodstock at a price in the vicinity of \$6,800.

Schools for Deaf

On the recommendation of Hon. C. W. Robinson the committee of the Executive Council of New Brunswick has approved as schools to which deaf and dumb persons from New Brunswick may be admitted, the schools taught by Mrs. Blanche V. Payzant at Dorchester and by Miss Edwina Elliott at Moncton.

Married Last Evening

Last evening at 6.30 o'clock, Mr. Archie V. Everett of Fort Fairfield, Me., and Miss Minnie McConaghy of this city were united in marriage by Rev. A. D. McLev at the Methodist parsonage, Devon. The couple left on the evening train for St. John and will leave in a few days for Fort Fairfield.

Made Fast Trip

Mr. Richardson Hutchinson of Boston passed through Fredericton last night on his way by motor from Boston to Newcastle. He left Boston Tuesday morning with the intention of making Newcastle last night. He dined at the Queen Hotel last evening and started for the North Shore with good chances of making Newcastle before midnight.

Many Motorists Here

Several motor parties arrived here last evening. Among those at the Queen were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stephenson of St. John, Miss P. O. Oxley of Toronto and Miss M. Stephenson of St. John; Clarence Wright and Elna Topham of Fort Fairfield, Me., and Jean Morrison of Newcastle; J. E. Marshall, O. J. Fraser, H. P. Robinson and F. H. Tufts of St. John. At the Barker House were Mr. and Mrs. Ned Murchie of Calais, Me., also Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. White and Chas. P. White of Sussex.

Bear Broke Out of Cage

A black bear cub which was sent to this city from Tobique consigned to a New York man broke out of the crate in which it was held this morning while being conveyed by a Dominion Express team. The bear broke out of the crate near the Normal School and beat its way through the Normal School grounds to the river bank where it went for a swim. It was chased to the water and was caught some distance from the shore by two soldiers in a boat. The cub was a well fed one and a little smaller than a large sized dog.

NEW COMPANIES ARE FORMED IN THE PROVINCE

BIG MERCANTILE FIRM FORMED AT HILLSBORO

New Drug Company in Business at St. John—A New Foundry Company in Same City.

The Royal Gazette this week contains notices of incorporation of several new companies indicating that business activities in the various parts of the province are progressing.

J. Fred Williamson, Limited, J. Fred Williamson, machinist, Mrs. Lottie T. Williamson, and John T. Wade, machinist, all of the city of St. John, have been incorporated under the name of J. Fred Williamson, Limited, with head office in the city of St. John and a capital stock of \$25,000. The company is empowered to acquire and conduct as a going concern the foundry and machine business owned and carried on by J. Fred Williamson.

W. H. Duffy, Sons Limited

William H. Duffy, Karl S. Duffy, and Mrs. Florence M. Duffy, all of the Village of Hillsboro have been incorporated as W. H. Duffy, Sons Limited with a total capital stock of \$75,000 and head office at Hillsboro. The company is authorized to take over and carry on as a going concern the business now carried on by W. H. Duffy at Hillsboro and elsewhere, also all the real estate belonging to him, and to assume all rights and obligations of the said W. H. Duffy. The business is that of general merchant.

Crockett-McMillin Drug Co., Ltd. J. Herbert Crockett, William J. McMillin and Mrs. Emma C. Crockett all of the city of St. John have been incorporated as The Crockett-McMillin Drug Company, Limited, to conduct a general drug business within the province of New Brunswick and to buy and manufacture chemicals, drugs and proprietary medicines. The capital stock is \$20,000 and head office is at St. John.

Grant for Fire Chief

Fire Chief H. C. Rutter has been voted a grant of twenty dollars by the City Council for expenses during attendance at the annual meeting of the Maritime Fire Chiefs' Association at Amherst on the 26th inst.

Will Locate in Fredericton

Dr. R. P. Long who has been practising dentistry in New Glasgow, N. S. for several years, has removed to Fredericton and will locate here, having purchased the business of Dr. F. W. Barbour who has been at Toronto with the Canadian Army Dental Corps for the greater part of the period of the war. Dr. Long is a son of Mr. William Long of this city. He is a graduate of Harvard Dental School.

LEGAL ACTION THREATENED AT QUEEN'S SQUARE

A. E. KILBURN WARNS CONTRACTOR'S MEN OFF

Mayor Says Legal Action Cannot Amount to Much—Half Civic Grant Voted to Committee.

The work of the Playgrounds Committee at Queen's Square in preparation for next season was discussed at last night's meeting of the City Council. The ill-feeling against the Citizens' Committee on the part of some of the aldermen took the form of voting down four to three a motion of Ald. Wilkinson, that the secretary of the Playgrounds Committee be paid the sum of \$500 granted by the Council. Those who voted for the motion were Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Young, Ald. Davidson, and those who voted against were Ald. Camp, Ald. McKay, Ald. Barker and Ald. Baxter.

Ald. Young expressed the opinion that the aldermen had not been used fairly in the matter of awarding the contract to Mr. Maxwell before they had a chance to act on the committee. Ald. McKay said that it merely was a case of someone trying to be smart. On the motion of Ald. Barker seconded by Ald. McKay it was finally decided to vote the Playgrounds Committee \$250 of the grant at once and the balance after the next regular council meeting.

Legal Action Threatened

Mr. A. E. Kilburn who has a considerable area under potatoes at Queen's Square, threatened the employees of Mr. W. H. Maxwell, contractor for the Committee, with legal action if they enter on the land allotted to him. So far his land has not been touched in the grading operations. Mayor Hanson expressed the opinion last night that Mr. Kilburn would not get far with legal action.

Has Returned to Duties

Le Roy Creamer, first teller at the Royal Bank, who recently recovered from an operation for appendicitis has returned to his duties. Mr. F. C. Fisher of Woodstock who was supplying during his absence has returned to Woodstock.

Death at Marysville

Mrs. Annie Sherman widow of Warren Serman, died yesterday afternoon at her home in Marysville after an illness of several months. She was aged seventy seven years. Two sons and three daughters survive. The sons are Alexander and William of Marysville. The daughters are Mrs. William McElwain and Mrs. C. D. Clayton of Marysville and Mrs. Waldron W. Maxwell of Devon. The funeral will take place Friday at 2.30 p. m., Rev. Dr. Harrison conducting the service. Interment will be made in the Methodist Cemetery, Marysville.

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