

PRODUCTION OF HONEY GREATER THIS YEAR

MANY BEE-KEEPERS HAVE OVER 1 TON OF HONEY

Ready Sales Found in the Province—Several Shipments Made to N. S.—Retailers at 50c. Pound.

Mr. L. T. Floyd, Provincial Apiarist announced this morning that the honey production in New Brunswick this year would be about double that of last year. Last year's production amounted to \$36,000. The results this year are partly due to a better season and partly because of the fact that the bee-keepers were prepared for a change in the conditions with the necessary equipment.

Up to date only fifty four reports have been received and these show a total of more than last year's returns. One report is from Miss V. M. Colpitts of Petitcodiac who successfully handled 12 colonies of bees without any assistance. She reports a crop of 1795 pounds of honey and 18 pounds of beeswax. D. B. Secord of Bath, Carleton County reports 240 pounds of honey from one colony. One colony at the Experimental Farm shows an increase of 29 pounds in four days the biggest day's record being 21 lbs. About 700 beekeepers are on the mailing list and a number of these report a crop of over one ton of honey.

A ready sale is being found for the honey both in country and city. In the former the honey is being used because of the scarcity of sugar. It is expected that by the beginning of the year all the honey of this year's crop will have been sold in the Province. St. John and Fredericton are demanding the greater part of it and a few shipments have been made to Nova Scotia. Section honey sells wholesale for 35 cents per lb., and retailers for 50 cents per lb. a first class section. One dealer in St. John disposed of \$180 worth in two months at 50 cents a section.

New City Hall Chimney

The cost of the new chimney at the City Hall has been \$754. Newton Jarvis being the builder. The increased draft given the heating plant has produced a great improvement in the heating of the building.

Offered Fifty Dollars

The City Council has offered J. Mal Chappell fifty dollars for removing a pine tree from Charlotte Street in front of the residence of Havelock Coy. The offer is without prejudice and if he will not accept he is at liberty to take legal action.

Too Many Employees

Carleton Observer: R. J. Potts returned from his camps at St. Pamphile Que., and reports that for the first time in years he has more men than he needs, and he will have to increase his anticipated cut or discharge some of them. He may adopt the former expedient.

Had Good Sport

A large sporting party which spent some time at Hopewell Lodge on the Miramichi returned to Fredericton last evening and registered at the Barker House. In the party were A. S. Foster and H. H. D. Foster of Toronto, F. F. Bryant of Boston, D. C. Clemens, C. K. Clemens and H. A. Prest of Stour, Mass., Richard Allen of Detroit, James Clemens of Boston. They had Frank Russel of Doaktown as guide.

Police to Furnish Escort

Before the City Council last night Mayor Hanson said that in future the Police Commission would make arrangements to have the police force furnish the escorts for prisoners to the Provincial Hospital, Reform School or Girls' Home. By so doing the city would save as any constable outside the police force employed for such duty must be paid ten cents per mile. Ald. McKay, chairman of the Police Commission, agreed.

Contemptible Practise

Ald. Camp brought to the attention of the City Council last night a most contemptible practise which unfortunately is quite generally followed. He said that R. H. Boone, Municipal Home Commissioner, had stated to him that a girl had been overcharged for wood ordered for fuel and wished to know if there was any action the City Council could take. He was informed there was nothing that the council could do unless the wood was offered for sale in the city market. The alderman said that the young woman in question after the death of her mother ordered a load of wood which was urgently needed. Five dollars was charged for the load and a survey showed that the rate per cord was some twenty-two dollars.

JOINT ACTION RE MATERNITY HOSPITAL WING

PREPARATIONS TO RAISE \$5,000 FOR THE WING

Dr. D. W. Ross Applies for a Position on the Staff—Action Deferred Till Next Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of Victoria Public Hospital was held yesterday with President Hawkins in the chair. The other members in attendance included His Worship the Mayor, Dr. Irvine, Dr. Keirstead and Mr. R. FitzRandolph.

From the Treasurer's statement of expenditures for Nov. showed a little falling off compared with that of October, but with a full house and steadily increasing demands relief of this nature is only temporary.

Rooms in Demand

The report of the Superintendent showed that seventy-nine patients received treatment. However the waiting list is again in use and the demand for rooms, and for beds in the public wards, is difficult to meet. Both sides of the Dow wing are still occupied and two or three nurses are keeping them company. Among the cases is one of scarlet fever from the city; one case of diphtheria from the city and one from Douglas. In speaking of the operating room the superintendent says November furnished the largest number of big operative cases of the year. And that although some of these cases were very bad, all have healed with first intention, showing operating technique is good, and our patients make good recovery.

Some Improvements

Recently a representative of the Victor Electric Corporation of Massachusetts, was in the city, and accompanied by the President visited and inspected the X-Ray plant at the hospital. A most excellent aggregation, he says, and is quite up-to-date. He has recommended two or three last word additions which will increase the efficiency of the entire plant. One of these is the teleflasher, and another is for the protection of Doctor W. S. Kelley the operator. These improvements will be ordered at once.

Maternity Wing

A letter was read from (Mrs.) Florence A. Palmer, Secretary of the Hospital Aid informing the Trustees that this organization realizing the great need for expansion in interests of the public, are prepared to begin at once

A. A. STERLING HAS RESIGNED AS CITY AUDITOR

HIS RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL

Increases Given Members of the Pumping Station Engineering Staff, Also Foreman Edney.

A. A. Sterling last night tendered to the City Council his resignation as City Auditor. The resignation was accepted. It is to take effect January 1st but Mr. Sterling will perform the duties temporarily after that date if his successor has not been appointed.

Mr. Sterling assigned as his reason for resigning the fact that the duties of Chief Assessor had become more onerous and would be particularly so during the coming year and he wished to be free to devote his time to them. He had been City Auditor since the death of the late Matthew Tennant about four years ago. The salary is \$250 per year.

Union Scale Met

Ald. Burpee brought up the matter of the request of the organizer of the Stationary Engineer's Union that the wages of the engineers at the City Pumping Station be increased to meet the union scale they being union members. On the motion of Ald. Burpee the monthly pay was made as follows: John Malloy \$108; Ed. McGinn \$98; Halter McGinn \$98; H. Lyons, \$98. On the motion of the same alderman the monthly pay of Foreman George Edney of the Water Department was made \$95 it being thought that that official was entitled to an increase.

Question of Unions

The opinion was expressed that it was not wise to have city employees members of unions as control of them by the city was weakened to some extent. No action was taken on the matter however.

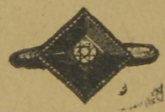
to raise a fund of five thousand dollars towards the erection of a Maternity Wing in connection with Victoria Public Hospital. The trustees most heartily appreciate this fresh evidence of the members of the ladies to help the hospital as well as public. In thankfully acknowledging this gracious offer the Trustees have asked the Ladies Aid and the Medical Staff each to appoint a committee to meet with the Trustees in consultation. Dr. W. C. Keirstead will be convener of the enlarged committee. The hospital com

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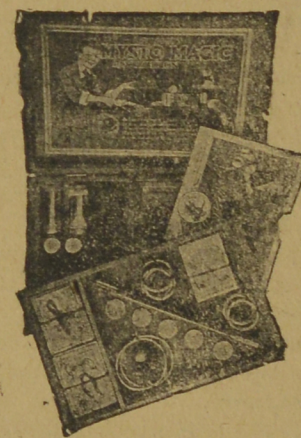
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