

ACCURACY OF WORDING MAY BE QUESTIONED

PLAYGROUND MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED TONIGHT

Committee Claims That No Alteration Can be Made Now—Minutes Were Read and Confirmed.

The action of the Playgrounds Committee with regard to Queen's Square and the resulting clash with those who are working garden plots there will be discussed by the City Council tonight. A lively expression of opinion is expected as several aldermen are of the opinion that the gardeners should be permitted to work their plots this year and the square turned into a playground next year. The Playgrounds Committee expresses itself as serenely confident that nothing can be done which will alter its intentions.

Question Wording of Resolution
It is reported that some of the aldermen are prepared to question the accuracy of the wording of the resolution passed by the City Council with regard to the grant to the Playgrounds Committee and the powers conferred. The contention is that the resolution on the minutes of the City Council is not the resolution as it was passed. However as the minutes were read and confirmed without objection being taken to them it is not likely that much weight can attach to the contention.

Came as a Surprise
The statement published in the Mail last night, that it is contended that the city did not secure absolute possession of Queen's Square by the payment of \$4,500 to Mrs. Ada Twining came as a surprise to many but is now generally accepted as correct. Some persons go farther and claim that after the deed between Mrs. Twining and the city was signed by which Queen's Square was given for recreation purposes to the citizens, there were no rights which could be secured.

On Tour of Inspection
Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, accompanied by Highway Engineer B. M. Hill left by motor this morning on an inspection of the roads in the southern portion of the province.

To Wed in June
Mr. and Mrs. George Hazen announce the engagement of their daughter Harriet to Lieut. William Albert Dougherty 28th Western Battalion, C. E. F. and son of Ex-Ald. and Mrs. Hugh Dougherty of Fredericton. The wedding is to take place early in June.

Pups Sold at Market
From time to time pups make their appearance in the country market and this morning two collie pups about four weeks old were offered for sale at \$2 each. Needless to say as they were "some" pups they drew quite a crowd of admirers.

Daylight Saving Adopted
Mr. M. B. Dixon, clerk of the Executive Council, has been notified by Premier Foster that beginning Thursday all Provincial Government offices here will be conducted on Daylight Saving Time. Many of the employees in the various offices were desirous of changing to the Daylight Saving Time.

Funeral Tomorrow Morning
The body of the late William Matheson a former resident of Fredericton who died in New York, arrived here this morning. The funeral will take place Thursday morning leaving Adams' undertaking rooms at 10.30. Interment will be made in the Old Protestant Burying Ground. The service will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Sutherland.

Was in Newfoundland
St. John Times: W. S. Harkins who needs no introduction to the people of the province, was in the city today and was greeted by many old friends. He and his company have been showing recently in St. John's, Nfld., where amongst their patrons were frequently to be seen the now famous birdmen, Hawker and Grieve, who have already attempted the Atlantic flight, and Raynham and Morgan, who are still preparing to embark on the perilous voyage by air.

Going to Montreal
Major T. Escott Ryder, another of St. John's artillerymen who distinguished himself and his batteries with excellent service and executive throughout the war, will not make his home in St. John after June 1. He has been appointed general manager of the Rudel-Belnap Machinery Company, a large concern of world repute, with Canadian headquarters at Montreal and important branches in Winnipeg, Toronto and elsewhere. Major Ryder was in Fredericton with the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column.

Approaching Nuptials
Invitations are out for the marriage at Yonkers, N. Y. on June 10th of Mr. Teja V. Mittell, son of Prof. and Mrs. Phillip Mittell to Alma Lyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Donaldson. Prof. and Mrs. Mittell and family have been spending their summers at Davidson Lake for some years past and are well known in this section. The prospective bride and groom will arrive here about the middle of June and will proceed to Davidson Lake where they will spend their honeymoon.

SEEDING WELL ADVANCED IN MANY PLACES

FARM LABOR SCARCE AND WAGES HIGH

Horses in Good Condition, but Cattle Not so Good—Shortage of Hay—Wool Grading.

District Representatives of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture are sending in weekly reports on seeding and other conditions.

Seeding Operations
Reports from Westmorland, Albert and Kent Counties state that seeding operations are being rapidly finished some of the early sown grain already coming up. Rains have delayed seeding operations somewhat, but are causing a rapid growth of meadows.

Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche Counties' report states that seeding of wheat has been finished with an acreage about thirty per cent less than last year. Clover has wintered well and meadows are looking good.

General Condition
Horses are generally reported in pretty fair condition for the spring's work throughout the province. The condition of the cattle is, generally speaking, not so good. Many are coming out of winter quarters in thin flesh owing to shortage of hay. Dairy cows are selling from \$75.00 to \$100. The price of dairy products is none too high, considering the very high price of feeds of all kinds. Northumberland reports farmers feeding their cattle better and the average milk production per cow increasing from year to year.

Farm labor is scarce and wages average from \$40.00 to \$60.00 per month, with board.

Wool-Grading to Begin
The Department of Agriculture is preparing to grade wool in Fredericton on the co-operative basis adopted last year. Eight or ten thousand pounds already have been received here. The wool is stored at the Exhibition Buildings. One hundred thousand pounds will be graded and sold on the co-operative basis in New Brunswick this year.

Died Last Night
The death of Mrs. John Estabrooks occurred at her home 624 Brunswick Street suddenly last night after a short illness. Death was due to heart trouble. The deceased was sixty-five years old and is survived by her husband, five sons, William and Fred of Marysville, Herbert and John of Devon and Dow of Fredericton; four daughters Mrs. Fred Robinson and Mrs. Charles Hanson of Marysville and Mrs. Harry Larson and Mrs. Burpee Booth of Fredericton also one sister Mrs. John Finnemore of Marysville. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at two o'clock with service by Rev. H. H. Ferguson. Interment will be made at Penniac.

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Minister of Lands and Mines in the City—Appointment of Two More Returned Soldiers.

Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines for New Brunswick is here today on departmental business. He stated that New Brunswick had had a most providential rain which has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in possible fireloss in the woods and has relieved the Department of Lands and Mines of great anxiety. Hon. Mr. Smith said that in Westmorland County, the district which came under his particular attention, there was a marked drouth with numerous small fires. Everything is now so wet that fire risk will be obviated for some time.

More Soldiers Appointed
The appointment of two more returned soldiers to the New Brunswick Forest Service was announced this morning at the Crown Land Office. Frank Bearisto of Fredericton has been appointed to railway fire-patrol work from McGivney Junction to Pacific Junction near Moncton. He will follow trains on the N. T. R. on a speeder and watch for fires. He started on his duties on Monday last. The appointee was a member of the First Contingent serving originally as a member of the 12th Battalion Band and later in an infantry battalion performing in all almost four and one half years' service.

W. J. Curry of Fredericton also a First Contingent man with four years' and five months' overseas service to his credit has been appointed telephone lineman at Mount Hope, Penniac, beginning work today.

Fredericton Men on Board.
The Cedric docked at Halifax with a large number of New Brunswick soldiers on board. Among them are three who have Fredericton addresses. They are Pte. C. H. Cole, Driver E. A. Mayo and Gunner F. Vroom. They are expected to arrive in the city this evening.

Orders For This Year
The Canadian Cottons, Limited, which controls mills in Montreal, Cornwall, Ont., St. John, Marysville and Milltown, N. B. recently reduced the hours of labor, without a corresponding cut in pay, which is tantamount to a wage advance of 11.1 per cent. General Manager A. O. Dawson states that the mills of the company have sufficient orders, with the export trade, to keep all the machinery in operation, probably until the end of the year. This means that the mills in St. John, Milltown and Marysville will undoubtedly run on full time.



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