

U. F. O. MEETING AT COURT HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON

WEATHER AGAINST LARGE ATTENDANCE

T. W. Caldwell, M. P., John M. Pratt, of Winnipeg, Secretary C. Gordon Sharpe, Speakers

The meeting of the United Farmers Organization being held for the purpose of preparing York County as part of provincial organization, was held this afternoon at the County Court House. The Arctic Rink had been named as the place of meeting but a change was made.

The U.F.O. held a largely attended meeting at Woodstock yesterday and a number of those who were in attendance there came here by C. N. R. today to take part in this afternoon's meeting.

Speakers Today

Among the speakers at the meeting this afternoon were T. W. Caldwell, M. P., president of the New Brunswick U. F. O., John M. Pratt of Winnipeg, and C. Gordon Sharp, secretary of the New Brunswick U. F. O. Mr. Burnaby a western member of the organization had been expected to attend and speak but was not able to reach Fredericton.

Weather Against Large Attendance

The fine weather today was against a large attendance as the unfavorable weather last week put haying and other operations back. The attendance however was representative and enthusiastic.

Wednesday there will be an organization meeting at Oromocto and on Thursday at Lower Gagetown.

Visiting in Marysville.

Rev. Dr. White of Renfrew, Ont., who is supplying the Main St. Baptist Church, St. John of which he was formerly pastor, is the guest of Dr. McIntyre, Marysville.

Minister Returns.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, who has been spending the past few days at his home at Arthurette, Victoria County, returned to Fredericton at noon today.

In Westmorland and Albert

Miss Elizabeth Nutter, of the N. B. Womens' Institute is working in the interests of that organization in Westmorland and Albert Counties this week. Last week she completed her course in Kent County.

Returned After Vacation.

The Misses Rena Gordon and Florence Holder, of the Department of Lands and Mines have returned to their homes after spending a very enjoyable three weeks' vacation at Burnt Church, Northumberland County.

Big Railroad Contracts

The Canadian National Railways management is calling for tenders for 1,500,000 ties, otherwise called sleepers. Of the number 1,000,000 will be for the Intercolonial division. The contracts will be awarded in September.

Lectures in Home Nursing

Miss Alice Landry, the instructor in home nursing for the Womens' Institute of New Brunswick, is at present delivering a course of lectures in Child Welfare in Charlotte. Miss Landry will be in this county for about one week, and will then visit various places along the St. John River.

Freight Rate Increase.

The board of trade has received a circular from the board of railway commissioners, of which Hon. F. B. Carvell is chairman, announcing the sanction of the board to the international railway systems to increase their freight rates. The sanction was granted on Friday last and becomes effective Aug. 26.

Wholesalers to Meet

The annual convention of the whole sale grocers of Canada will be held at the King Edward Hotel Toronto, on August 26th and 27th. The list of speakers will include Lieut. Governor Clarke and Sir Henry Drayton, finance minister, Messrs. George W. Hodge and R. F. Randolph of this city will be included in the list of delegates representing the wholesale grocers association of New Brunswick.

Conference at St. John

Several of the chief officers of the new liquor law enforcement zones of the province will assemble soon in St. John. They are Inspectors Fraser Saunders, of Fredericton; Allan McLaughlin, of Grand Falls; James Dickson, of Chatham, and A. Belliveau, of Moncton. These will be responsible for the province with the exception of the St. John district, for which a chief officer has not yet been named. Chief Inspector W. D. Wilson is to go to St. John for the conference.

Funeral Wednesday

The funeral of the late William Rickard will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence Barker's Point where he had lived for fifty years. The funeral arrangements will be under the auspices of Alexandria Lodge No. 33 A. F. & A. M. of which order the deceased was a valuable and esteemed member. Mr. Rickard's family who are left to mourn their sad loss is a widow, three sons and one daughter, Wm. C. E. Rickard, Percy and Leonard Rickard and Mrs. Arthur Wheaton, all of Barker's Point. There are also two brothers and a sister residing in England. Interment will be made at Marysville, where Mr. Rickard's first wife was laid to rest several years ago.

COMMISSION ON COAL MINING IN SESSION

COMMISSIONERS AND OTHERS ARRIVED

C. J. Coll, Manager for Minto Coal Co., says Recognition of Union Beyond Scope of Inquiry.

The session of the Royal Commission inquiring into coal-mining conditions in the Maritime Provinces opened this afternoon at two o'clock, a committee-room at the Parliament Building being placed at the disposal of the Commission. Witnesses from Minto and other places in the Grand Lake coal field are here to appear and testify before the Commissioners who are E. McG. Quirk of Montreal, chairman, Sir W. E. Stavert of Montreal and W. P. Hutchinson of Moncton. Those gentlemen are registered at the Barker House, Mr. Hutchinson arriving last night and the others this morning.

Mine-operators Here.

C. J. Coll, manager of the Minto Coal Company's mines, is here to appear before the commission. John Henderson also is in the city for that purpose as also is W. B. Evans of the Rothwell Coal Company. A. D. Taylor manager for the Miramichi Lumber Company which recently acquired three mining properties in the Grand Lake region, is expected also. The commission will sit today and tomorrow and perhaps longer.

U. M. W. Representatives.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 26 which comprises the Maritime Provinces, also will attend the sessions in an official capacity. They are President Robert Baxter of Glace Bay Vice-President David Ryan of Thorburn, N. S., Secretary J. B. McLachlan of Glace Bay and Board Member William Hayes of Springhill, N. S. Secretary McLachlan and Vice-President Ryan arrived last evening.

Mr. Coll's Statement.

Mr. Coll who is manager of the largest operations in the Minto district stated this morning that the matter of recognition of the Union was outside the scope of the Royal Commission and was not touched upon at the sessions held in Nova Scotia. Mr. Coll stated further that his company did not object to organization on the part of its employees and in fact encouraged it, dealing with them collectively. It also had no objection to the men belonging to the U. M. W. but as far as recognizing the latter body in dealings with the employees was concerned, there was no inclination to do so. Mr. Coll stated also that a considerable number of the miners who had been induced by the U. M. W. to go to Nova Scotia at the time of the strike at Minto had returned and taken employment with his company.

Miss Alice Donnelly of Maple Grove and her sister Mabel passed through Fredericton Saturday on their way to Houlton Me. where they will taken in the fair.

WANT TO PAY TAXES ON CITY RATE THIS YEAR

THOSE EARNING INCOMES WANT LOWER RATE

Agreement Between City and Devon Prevents That—City Taxes Coming In

Residents of Fredericton who are employed in Devon are not taking kindly to the arrangement that they pay taxes on their income in the place where that is earned. Several have made overtures to have their income tax transferred to Fredericton but there is "nothing doing" because a temporary arrangement was made between the city and Devon with regard to taxes, under which income-tax is paid in the place in which it is earned.

High Rate in Devon

The reason for this is that Devon has a tax-rate of three dollars this year and Fredericton has a rate of \$2.20. The Fredericton assessors raised valuations on real and personal property but as income largely consists of wages or salary it is a fixed amount to quite an extent. That is the reason the people working in Devon but living in the city desire to pay on the city rate. It would mean a considerable saving on a tax bill. Unfortunately for them no change can be made while the agreement is in effect.

Taxes Coming in Fast.

The office of the City Treasurer reports a rapid movement of money toward the city treasury. In spite of the high-valuation and the stiff tax-bills the citizens are after their discount.

Claim Values Exceeded.

The claim is made by the Assessors that in several instances there have been sales of real estate in Fredericton at prices in excess of the valuation placed upon it this year by the assessors.

Ex-Mayor McNally Here.

Dr. George J. McNally of Berwick, N. S., ex-mayor of Fredericton, is registered at the Barker House. He is accompanied by his wife and three sons.

Against Dollar Day.

A meeting of members of the Retail Merchants' Association was held this morning at the Board of Trade office. The proposal to hold a Dollar Day was discussed. There was considerable opposition to the proposition. As there was no quorum no decision was reached.

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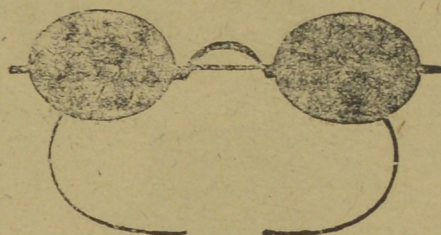
John Henderson of Minto is at the Barker House.

Dr. G. J. McNally and family of Berwick, N. S., are at the Queen.

John W. Davidson of Rothesay is at the Queen.

W. B. Evans of Minto is a guest at the Queen.

D. W. Mersereau, M. P. P. of Fredericton Junction is in the city.



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