

BRANCHES WILL BE ALLOWED TO PICK MEMBERS

N. B. Council, Canadian Legion, to Leave Decision re Membership Qualification to Its Branches.

The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League which has succeeded the Great War Veteran's Association, and which through its New Brunswick Council will proceed to organize all the chief centres of New Brunswick, is to grant considerable leeway to its branches in the matter of qualification for membership. This is expected to make it easier for various branches to decide to cast their lot in with the new organization.

Basis of Qualification.

The G. W. V. A. was organized on a basis of service in the war against Germany and the countries associated with her. The British Empire Service League was organized on a much wider basis, service in various branches of the Imperial or other services being accepted as qualification for membership. In the Canadian Legion of the B. E. S. L. five years' service in the active militia was taken as the basis of qualification for those who had not served during the war.

Some Objection.

In some cases objection was taken to that clause. The Saint John Branch in this province was one which protested and refused to accept the transfer to the new organization. The decision now is to let each branch decide who will be accepted as its members and in that way avoid any difference in opinion. This is believed to be acceptable to all organizations which may become branches of the Canadian Legion.

CITY AFFAIRS

Entertained at Luncheon.

Mrs. A. P. Crocket and Mrs. A. M. Gibson were joint hostesses at a luncheon at the Golf Club House on Wednesday in honor of some out of town visitors. Twenty-four were present.

Property Sale.

A. B. Kitchen has sold the residence lately occupied by him on Brunswick street to Leonard Flett. Mr. Kitchen has removed to his new residence on Church Street which he recently purchased from Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

To Wed in Toronto.

Miss Frances DeWolfe daughter of Dr. H. T. DeWolfe of Wolfville, N. S., is the guest of Miss Beatrice Phillips, Smythe Street. Miss DeWolfe will leave shortly for Toronto where she will become the bride of Prof. W. B. Sylvester of Boston.

On Fishing Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson and son of Pelham Manor, New York, are registered at the Windsor, today. They have hired the services of Charles Cremin, a noted guide of this city, for a fishing trip on the Nepisiguit river. The party leaves today by auto for Andover.

Car Turned Over.

Last evening at Springhill a Studebaker touring car turned over in the ditch, crushing in the top and also the rear end. It is reported that the steering apparatus was faulty and the car swerved in the gravel. No one was badly hurt except for a few bruises.

Car Ditched.

A local physician met with a slight accident last night, while making an urgent call to the hospital. He attempted to turn a sharp corner with his automobile which left the road, ran through a field and lodged itself in a ditch. A wrecking crew was summoned to haul the car out. The damage was slight.

Noted Cue Artist is Here.

R. C. Downes of Detroit Mich., noted cue artist throughout Canada and the U. S. A., will give his original exhibition in Pocket Billiards at R. Bruce McFarlane's Billiard Parlors, King street at 9.15 this evening. Mr. Downes is on an International tour of the continent of 31,000 miles. Today he is rated with former World's Champions, Thos. P. Huston and Bennie Allen as a fancy shot. He leaves here for St. John, Moncton and all large eastern cities. Admission will be free.

NINE WEEKS HOLIDAYS ALL BUT ONE DAY

Preparations are Being Made for Reopening Schools on 26th—Usual Date for Beginning Classes.

Preparations are now under way for the reopening of the schools of Fredericton and other places three weeks from today, August 26th. To the youngsters who attend school the date seems very early. As a matter of fact it is nine weeks all but one day from the day the schools of Fredericton closed, which was the last Friday of June.

The usual renovations and improvements in the schools of the city are being made and everything got in readiness for another year's work.

Labor Day Comes Late.

The fact that Labor Day falls on September 6th makes the opening of the school seem to come early. As a matter of fact it does not the law specifying that eight weeks must elapse from the close of the school year. This year that day was June 30th. Locally the schools closed the preceding Friday as the Provincial Teachers' Institute was held here for the last three days of the school year. In some localities schools remained open till the last day of June the teachers not attending the Institute.

Opposition to Extension.

In some other years there has been agitation for extension of the vacation until after Labor Day. This year such an extension would add a week and a half to a vacation already nine weeks long. The School Boards which postpone the opening of schools until after the official date have to pay teachers' and other officials' salaries for the full time. In Fredericton the cost of operating schools runs near a thousand dollars a day and the cost of extending the holidays would be something to the taxpayer as the bills (Continued on Page Four.)

FOREST FIRE SITUATION IS THREATENING

Brooks Drying Up and Rivers Low—Several Fires are Reported From Northern Counties.

The Province of New Brunswick which to date has been able to congratulate herself on low loss from forest fires, is now faced with the most serious situation of the year. The present month is the driest August since 1921. L. S. Webb, Provincial Forester has just returned from an official tour of the northern counties. He found that some brooks had dried up and that rivers were low.

The Forest Service today received reports of several forest fires in the north. None was serious but the outbreak indicated the condition of the country and the hazardous state of the weather. A fire was reported near Eel River Bridge not far from Bay du Vin, Northumberland county. This was on vacant Crown Lands. Another fire was near Caraquet, Gloucester County, on granted lands. At Saint Quentin, Restigouche another fire was observed but was found to be smouldering in a cleared cedar swamp and doing no damage. Two small fires were reported near Quisibis Settlement, Madawaska County. Near the Perth Indian Reservation in Victoria County a fire is believed to have been started by blueberry pickers.

On the Little Seavogue where the most serious fire of the season broke out a month ago today, smoke has been observed rising from the burned area. Patrols are on there and are watching closely.

The warm and windy weather of the past few weeks has counteracted the effect of the showers which had fallen in many sections. The result is that the forests in many parts are dry as tinder. More rain is the great need.

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