

ORANGE GRAND LODGE OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

L. O. B. A. Provincial Organization Also Meeting at Orange Hall — Memorial Service on Thursday Morning.

The Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick with upwards of one hundred and fifty delegates attending, opened its annual session in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Queen street, this afternoon. Grand Master J. Starr Tait of Saint John presided and presented his customary report to the Grand Lodge. Other reports were from Grand Secretary W. H. Sulis of Saint John and Grand Treasurer Robert Willis of Lower Merstream, King's county. The presentation of the reports occupied much of the afternoon. The sessions will continue tonight and Thursday.

The delegates attending the Royal Black Chapter which ended its meeting last night, remained for the Grand Orange Lodge.

L. O. B. A. Convention

The Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association also opened its Provincial Convention this afternoon holding sessions in the Orange Hall. The sessions are presided over by Mrs. Elsie Duplisse of Fredericton Junction, Worthy Mistress.

Reports of officers were received and other business transacted.

Memorial Service Thursday

Thursday morning both bodies will suspend business at eleven o'clock and will attend a memorial service for the members whose lives were given in the Great War. The service will take place in the George Street Baptist Church. The clergymen who are members of the Grand Lodge will conduct the service and the L. O. B. A. will furnish a choir and instrumental music.

City Affairs

Gazetted Auctioneer.

Herbert Smith of Prince William has been appointed auctioneer.

Can Take Affidavits.

Major H. Priestman of McAdam Junction is appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read before the Supreme Court.

Making Good Progress.

The crew of the New Brunswick Telephone Company which is making the necessary alterations of the fire alarm system from a two-circuit system to one of four circuits, is making good progress.

Fed Up on Weather.

A group of young ladies were discussing the weather we have had so far this Spring, yesterday each one told of the coat or the suit, she has had for weeks and the weather too cold to wear it. It certainly is tough weather on spring fashions.

In Short Compass.

Hon. Mr. Baxter is a man who does not believe in wasting words. Yesterday he introduced a bill in the Legislature, which probably establishes a record for brevity. It provides for the repeal of the Widows' Relief Act, and says: "The Act 15 George V. Chapter 12 is hereby repealed."

May Be a May Pole.

It is beginning to look as if Jack Frost will be unable to let go his grip on the river ice until after May 1st. Indeed unless there is a heavy rain and mild weather in the meantime it does not seem possible for the river to be open before the expiration of another nine days. It will be recalled that when the river froze over in November last it was at a very high pitch consequently it is more difficult now for the ice to get a move on.

Death at Avery's Portage.

Thomas W. Brown of Avery's Portage died early this morning at the home of Mrs. Astles of that place. He was aged eighty-six years. Relatives who survive are five nephews George Allen, General Baggage Agent for the C. N. R. at Moncton, John Allen and Fred T. Allen of Fredericton, also three nieces Miss Bessie Williamson of Fredericton, Miss Nellie Allen of Vancouver and Mrs. W. J. Johnson of New Glasgow, N. S. The funeral is to take place Thursday with interment in Bolestown.

Ask about the new price of Chevrolet.

R.B. SMITH TO BE ASKED TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Chief Forester L. S. Webb Before Public Accounts Committee This Morning—A. D. Bailey Also.

Leland S. Webb, Chief Forester for New Brunswick, was the principal witness at the probe this morning before the Public Accounts Committee into the charges preferred by E. C. Atkinson, Government member for Sunbury, against the River Valley Lumber Company, of which R. B. Smith, former member for Sunbury, is manager. Mr. Webb told the committee of making an inspection of the cut off the Little River operation in the latter part of September, 1925, giving considerable detail. He told of the various methods of surveying and was asked by Chairman B. F. Smith if it were possible accurately to estimate 3,000 acres in one day, as done by Wallace Bridges, on this same area. Witness replied this was a hard question to answer but if a surveyor had only to walk through such limits, it could be fairly accurately estimated in a day.

A. D. Bailey.

A start was made on the evidence of A. D. Bailey, main contractor for the River Valley Lumber Company, when adjournment was made until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Atkinson said he would also call R. B. Smith in addition to A. T. Murchie, chief scaler for the Department of Lands and Mines.

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Bridge Tenders

Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, is calling for tenders for the construction of the Noel Creek Concrete and Granite Masonry Arch Culvert and Roadway Embankment, on the road Buchouche to St. Mary's, Parish of Wellington, Kent County.

Can Solemnize Marriage

Rev. J. H. Madill of Sackville, Continuing Presbyterian, has been registered to solemnize marriage in the Province of New Brunswick.

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NO CHANGE IN PROHIBITION ACT INTENDED

Delegation From N. B. Pharmaceutical Association So Told Today Improvement Assoc. Wants Larger Grant.

Today the Provincial Government received a delegation from the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Association. The delegation presented to the Government the resolution passed at a meeting of the Association suggesting that vendors be not given to members of the pharmaceutical profession.

Premier Baxter replying to the delegation stated that no changes were contemplated by the Government as far as the Prohibition Act was concerned it being that act under which vendors are named.

Local Improvement Grant.

The Fredericton Local Improvement Association which has been in receipt of a grant for some time asked for an increase. The application was taken under consideration.

Compensation Matters.

A delegation of manufacturers of the Province presented a request that in the event of their being a deficit for those classes of manufacturing coming under the head of lumbering, that the deficit be not assessed on the general classes of manufacturers.

Prohibition Appeal.

In accordance with the promise which he made during the election campaign Premier Baxter on Tuesday introduced a resolution to amend the Prohibition Act in the detail of permitting appeal as under other acts. The Act as it stands does not permit such appeal. Vendors are to be excluded from right of appeal. The resolution is to come before the House today.

Entertained Charlotte Students

James S. Lord, representing Charlotte County in the House of Assembly Tuesday night was the host to the University and Normal School students from Charlotte at the Barker House. A course supper was served, covers for forty-five being laid.

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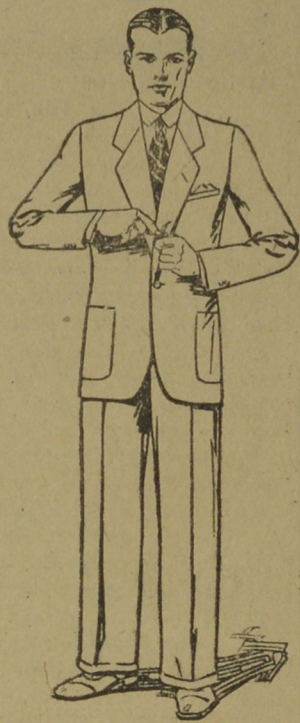
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