

E. S. ARCHIBALD FAVORS AID FOR STATION ROAD

Director of Experimental Farms and Street Committee Conferred Provincial Authorities to be Interviewed.

On Saturday a conference on the matter of joint action among the City of Fredericton, Province of New Brunswick and the Dominion relative to improving the highway between the main part of the city and the Dominion Experimental Station was held. Representations to the Province are to be made this week but on Saturday Dominion and city were represented. E. S. Archibald, Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and C. F. Bailey, Superintendent of the Fredericton Experimental Station represented the Federal Department of Agriculture, and the Roads and Streets Committee of which Ald. Parker H. Currier is chairman, and City Engineer G. C. McDowell represented the city.

Suggested Asphalt Pavement.
Mr. Archibald gave a very sympathetic hearing to the proposition presented by the city delegation admitting that better means of reaching the Experimental Station was urgently needed. His own suggestion was that an asphalt road eighteen feet wide would be the most economical. Roads of this type have been constructed in the vicinity of Saint John. The total cost for the length of highway required here is roughly estimated at \$75,000. This is not exact and the city engineer is now at work on an estimate. Another suggestion made at the conference was that the aid requested of Provincial and Federal sources should be the meeting of one third of the interest and sinking fund charges each year instead of the payment of one third of the total cost at once.

Provincial Interview This Week.
Ald. Currier expects that this week the Street Committee will confer with Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works for the Province of New Brunswick and other members of the Government on the question of Provincial assistance.
After that a delegation is to go to Ottawa to make representations to the Federal Government. The Department of Agriculture will support the application.



His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Todd will be At Home in the Corporation Committee Room of the Parliament Buildings, on Thursday, 25th March, from four to six o'clock.

R. S. BARKER,
Official Secretary.
Lieut. Governor's Office,
F'ton, N. B., March 22nd., 1926.

City Affairs

Painful Accident.
Mrs. Margaret Robertson had the misfortune to fall at her home on Charlotte Street on Saturday afternoon and sustain a fracture of the wrist.

Mr. Tilley to Speak.
Hon. L. P. D. Tilley president of the Executive Council, is to be the principal speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon here tomorrow.

Will Wed Soon.
The engagement has been announced of Miss Frances Starr Cudlip, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cudlip, formerly residing in Marysville and St. John now in Montreal to Mr. Henry Symmes Wilson, of New York City. Mrs. Cudlip and family spend their summers in Rothesay, New Brunswick and the bride-elect is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cudlip.

Given Farewell Party.
A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Feeney gathered at their home in Needham street Friday evening and gave Mr. Feeney a farewell party. Games and amusements were indulged in and at about midnight refreshments were served, after which Mr. Feeney was presented with several very nice gifts. Although taken by surprise Mr. Feeney made a very fitting reply to the honors for the gifts he had received. Mr. Feeney left Saturday night for Detroit, Mich. He will be accompanied on his journey by Mr. Robert Charters, also of this city.

DELEGATIONS FOR AND AGAINST SALES TAX BILL

Members of Government Not in Favor — N. B. Labor Federation Against — Retail Merchants For.

A hearing on the bill to impose a sales tax on the business done by mail order houses located in New Brunswick is to be held Tuesday before the Provincial Government and a big delegation on the matter is expected. Some will arrive tonight and others in the morning. There will be delegations for the bill and delegations against. The movement in support is sponsored by the Retail Merchants' Association and is backed by the local branches of that organization all over the Province. Moncton is particularly interested.

Some Opposition.
Opposition to the measure is manifested in various forms. The New Brunswick Federation of Labor in annual session here last week refused to endorse the bill and other organizations are opposed on the ground that it is in restraint of trade. Some members of the Government are quoted as having expressed opinions in opposition to the bill. As the bill imposes provincial taxation it would have to be a Provincial Government measure.

Local Support.
The Fredericton Retail Merchants' Association is to be represented in the delegation urging the legislation. Saint John and Moncton also are to be represented. As there is but one firm with a branch in New Brunswick which is recognized as a mail order house the bill is aimed particularly at it.

Saint John Bill.
On Wednesday a Saint John bill to do away with primary elections in the civic contest is to be before the Municipalities Committee. Delegations for and against are to be heard.
The debate on the Address is to end Tuesday Hon. A. A. Dysart speaking for the Opposition and

LATE OPENING OF RIVER HERE IS EXPECTED

Ice Three Feet Thick Being Cut for Storage — The Roads are Still in Good Shape for Hauling.

There have been reports from the lower Saint John River and from other places in the Province to the effect that the ice in the streams and lakes is very light and that an early break-up might be expected. There is no indication of such conditions here. Ice three feet thick is being cut in the river here for storage but much of it is white ice. With ice that thick and the wasting of the snow very slow there is no expectation that the river will open at an early date. Last year the ice moved out in the last days of March but although spring came in officially yesterday the river is not expected to open before the middle of April at the earliest.

Hauling Still Good.
Hauling is still good in this part of the Province. In fact with the settling of the snow travel has improved. Pulpwood is moving to the railway sidings steadily. Logging is about completed but wherever hauling still has to be done conditions are good.

Thinking About Stream Driving.
Lumber operators having woods operations about completed are thinking about stream-driving. The north has not had any extra ordinary quantity of snow but the central and southern parts of New Brunswick have the heaviest snow in years. Early rains or unusually mild weather will cause freshets and too high water in the streams will result in costly handling on account of stranding of logs. As the snow on the Upper Saint John is not remarkably deep the flood conditions of 1923 along the Saint John River are not expected to be repeated.

Premier Baxter closing the debate for the Government.
There is much conjecture concerning the nature of the provisions of the budget which is to be brought down Thursday by Hon. Mr. Leger. As the Province is in urgent need of additional revenue new taxes are expected and possibly increased rates on existing taxation.

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