

WILL BORE FOR OIL AND GAS AT NEW MARYLAND

Discovery of Anthroxolite, Eight Miles From the City Has Started Something—Licenses to Search Taken Out.

Following definite word from an expert mineralogist that a black mineral found at the farm of George Legassie, New Maryland about eight miles from the Parliament Buildings in New Brunswick's capital, was anthroxolite, a syndicate has been formed and is now carrying on drilling for oil and gas, which experts believe to be present where anthroxolite has been discovered.

For carrying on the drilling and development operations, a syndicate has been formed locally and includes in its personnel Mr. Legassie, the owner of the property. In the names of members of the original group associated with Mr. Legassie and the syndicate which has been formed licenses to search covering 6,800 acres in the New Maryland district of York County have been taken out. Under the provisions of New Brunswick's new Mining Act ten squares of one quarter of a mile each may be licensed to each person. Worth \$50 a Ton.

It is stated that the mineralogist to whom samples of the mineral were submitted has advised that anthroxolite commands a price of \$50 per ton, as an ore, and who is further stated to have advised the syndicate that when it is proven oil and gas exist, there should be no difficulty in having an operating company take over operation of the property on a 50-50 basis. Drilling operations have reached a depth of 128 feet, according to the latest reports; it is said that up to the time the drilling reached a depth of more than 40 feet perfectly good drinking water emerged about the drill. As the drilling operations proceeded further, the water became unfit to drink and lately an oily deposit similar to vaseline has formed on the pipe. Experienced drillers on oil operations say they believe this oily deposit is an indication that the dome of the cap has been reached and that gas and oil will soon be struck.

CITY AFFAIRS

Bridge Party

The Friday night bridge party met last night at the home of Mrs. A. V. Branscombe, St. John street. The prize winners were Mrs. J. F. Brewer and Mrs. Allan Sterling.

Wants to Know

An observant young man says that most of the young ladies employed in the Departmental Building are very good, looking and he wonders if they are chosen for their looks as well as for party allegiance of self and relations.

Hates a New Year

A stenographer who works in a Queen street office says that if there is one thing she dreads more than anything else in her work it is the coming of a new year. "It is exasperating the number of times I have forgotten this was 1928 and have had to use an eraser," she said.

Teams Busy at Practice.

The early mornings seem to be the most appropriate or at least the most generally used time of the day for local hockey practices. Of late many of the city teams have been out at work as early as six o'clock. The High School, the University of New Brunswick squad and the Fredericton Business College were out on the ice early this morning for brief sessions. The University team and the High School team are getting ready for their respective leagues, which although not fully arranged as yet, are now being prepared and will be announced in less than a week.

HONORED THE MEMORY OF A.W. DOUGLASS

Tablet to Boy Scout, Accidentally Killed in the West, Unveiled at the Parish Hall with Appropriate Ceremony.

Last night in the presence of the Boy Scouts of the 3rd Fredericton Troop and many friends, including Miss Claire Douglass, a beautifully engraved oak tablet in memory of Andrew W. Douglass, a former Scoutmaster and son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Douglass, was unveiled in the Ashburnham Library of the Parish Hall, Westmorland street. The proceedings were in charge of Scoutmaster Francis H. Wetmore, through whose efforts the memorial had been procured.

The ceremony began with the singing of "O Canada" followed by a short address by Mr. Wetmore. Then an old scout friend of Mr. Douglass, Roland Blair, drew the Union Jack aside revealing the tablet and a photograph of the deceased. Fred Maxwell, a rover scout, read the following inscription:—

In Memory of
Andrew W. Douglass
For two years
Scoutmaster
of the
Third Fredericton Troop
Accidentally killed
July 19th, 1927.

District Commissioner Bull was called upon to speak, and in fitting words he recalled the splendid character and manhood of him in whose memory the tablet was erected. This was followed by a brief service conducted by the troop chaplain, Rev. A. F. Bate.

This memorable event was concluded in the usual scout way by the singing of the National Anthem, the hymn, "Abide With Me", the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the observation of the Scout silence.

Beside the 3rd Fredericton Troop which was in attendance several personal friends of the deceased were present at the unveiling including the Countess of Ashburnham, District Scout Master Reddell, Fred Barnes, District Secretary and several others.

CITY IN GRIP OF COLDEST SNAP OF THE SEASON

A Cold Wave Has Worked Up the Atlantic Seaboard—Improved Conditions in the Lumber Woods.

The city is today in the grip of what is regarded as the coldest spell of the present winter. All day the thermometer has been hovering about the zero mark which in itself is bad enough but the cold is made more intensive and biting by a strong wind blowing from the northwest. The mercury last night registered two degrees below zero and today there has been little or no change.

The cold wave hit the American Atlantic seaboard yesterday afternoon and is now working its way northward. The conditions which prevail here are said to be quite general throughout the province. Formers who drove in from the country this morning found the cold very severe and some claim to have been frostbitten. They declared unhesitatingly that it is the coldest weather experienced during the present winter.

Woods Conditions.

The change in the weather and the recent snow fall have greatly improved conditions in the lumber woods. The swamps and ponds are now frozen over solidly and good progress is being made with the work of hauling logs. Pulp wood is also being moved from the woods to railway sidings and many carloads are going out daily.

Called at a Witness.

Sir Thomas Tait of Montreal arrived here by the noon train yesterday and registered at the Queen. He has been called as a witness for the defence in the case of Reid Construction Company vs the Minto Coal Company. Sir Thomas was the organizer of the Minto Coal Company and had to do with the construction of the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway. He is being cordially welcomed here by many old friends.

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