

FOREST FIRES KEEP RANGERS ON THE ALERT

Five Were Reported Yesterday at the Crown Land Office—All Said to Be Now Under Control.

The continued dry, warm weather of the past few days has tended to renew the forest fire hazard throughout the province and a number of fires have been reported to the forest service officials or the Department of Lands and Mines yesterday in various sections. Investigations are being made as to the issuing of permits and the probable carelessness of some of the persons who are making use of the same. Five fires have been reported since yesterday but they are thought to be fairly well under control today.

One occurred in Albert county on granted land in the Parish of Coverdale, approximately two miles from Moncton some time yesterday and is reported to be under control. Another blaze was reported in Charlotte County near Honeydale on the Richardson road on both private and granted lands. This fire also is said to be under control.

Two other fires nearer home, one in York county, which occurred at a place called Big Hill between Brockway and Harvey and the other in Sunbury county about two miles from Fredericton Junction at Back Road, so called, were reported this morning to be under control. Every effort is being made by the Forestry service to extinguish the fires while they are still in an incipient stage.

CITY AFFAIRS

Returning to Ottawa.

Sir George E. Foster who came here to attend the university centennial, is returning to Ottawa this afternoon. While his time was much taken up at the university while here Sir George managed to meet and exchange greetings with many old friends.

Disturbance Quelled

A disturbance which was created last evening by several young men at the Corner of Brunswick and Carleton streets, where the usual Thursday night dance was in progress, was quelled by Police Officer Dell Hart who appeared on the scene in response to a summons. The offenders were let go with a warning.

The Provincial Capitals.

The Department of the Interior at Ottawa is sending out blotters depicting scenes from the provincial capitals of Canada. Of course Fredericton is included in the list. The blotter dealing with this city gives a view of Queen street from the city hall and another of city was taken from the Indian reserve on the Devon shore in 1867. The university and the spires of the Cathedral and the Methodist Church are plainly visible.

Encaenia Dance

The best of order was kept last evening at the Encaenia Dance at the University and in spite of the large crowd which was in attendance no eruptions of any kind took place to disturb the general orderliness of the occasion. A large number of automobiles were lined up around the building, a great many making the use of their motor vehicles to convey them to the scene of the first festivity of the closing of the college year. The dance was a pronounced success in every respect.

A Railway Builder.

Sir Thomas Tait arrived from Montreal yesterday and registered at the Queen. He attended the University encaenia in the afternoon and had conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Sir Thomas has achieved much success as a railway man having been knighted for his great services in connection with the Australian railway system. He will be well remembered here as the builder of the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway.

WATER IN MAIN RIVER FALLING QUITE FAST

Has Gone Down About Two Feet Since Wednesday—River Valley Lumber Company's Drives All in.

The water in the river is now falling very rapidly which is an indication that the snow in the woods of the headwaters has pretty well disappeared. The water here fell a foot during last night, making two feet in twenty-four hours. If it keeps on receding at this rate and the weather continues fine the river should soon be down to summer level.

Drive Gets Out.

The last of the River Valley Lumber Companies drives, consisting of about a million and a half feet, reached the rafting grounds on the Oromocto river on Wednesday night. This drive was boomed across the South branch Oromocto Lake and made rather slow progress owing to scarcity of water. Mr. G. F. Smith of Blissville was in charge.

The water in the Southwest Miramichi and Nashwaak Rivers is reported to be falling quite fast. The Miramichi

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THE ENCAENIA DANCE PROVED A GREAT SUCCESS

Large Number Tripped the Light Fantastic in the Memorial Hall—Students Held Post Encaenia Celebration.

The last feature in connection with the 1928 Encaenia proceedings, the Encaenia dance, took place last evening in the new Memorial building of the University and was marked by a very large gathering of college folk and visitors. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Todd and daughter were among those present. Refreshments were served at about midnight to the throng of graduates and guests. The undergraduates acted as hostesses. A dance program of 18 numbers and three extras was carried out, inspiring music being furnished by McGinn's orchestra.

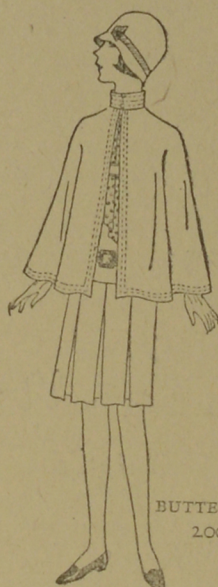
At an early hour this morning the annual custom of firing the college cannon as parting salutes to the graduating class, was carried out by the students. The usual custom of firing a shot for each member of the graduating class has been dispensed with.

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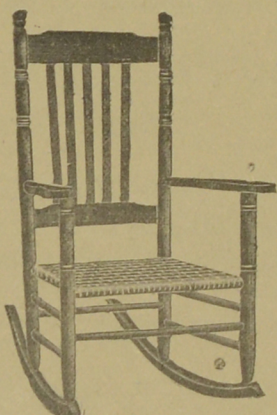
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