

FREDERICTON HAS A BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR AS CITY

Was Incorporated Eighty Years Ago—First Aldermen Included Men Prominent in Provincial Life.

The City of Fredericton is now celebrating the eighteenth anniversary of its incorporation; being made a city in 1848. During the first couple of years the new city fathers had considerable difficulty in deciding who were and who were not qualified to serve on the city council board.

The first mayor was John Simpson, who was elected by the council and he continued mayor until 1850, when the late Sir John Allen was elected mayor.

The first aldermen of Fredericton were:—Hon. W. H. O'Dell, F. W. Hatheway, Spafford Barker, Hon. Charles Fisher, Harvey Garcelon, George Lee, Jr., Dr. James Robb, John C. Coy, A. T. Coburn. Some of these men were very prominent in the life of the province. Hon. Messrs O'Dell and Fisher at different times taking the lead in the provincial questions in the legislature. Dr. Robb was for years a leading member of the faculty of the University of New Brunswick.

CITY AFFAIRS

Nurses Graduated

Miss Jean Tennant, daughter of Mrs. M. Tennant of this city, and Miss Birsia Stanger, daughter of Geo. Stanger of Boston, formerly of Fredericton graduated as nurses at Lynn, Mass., hospital, May 10th.

Received First Communion

A goodly number of young boys and girls received their first communion at St. Dunstons Church on Sunday morning. On June second a larger class will be confirmed at this church by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc.

Funeral on Sunday

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Brooks, who died at the Indian Reserve in Devon on Friday night, took place yesterday afternoon with services at St. Anthony's church at three o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. Walter M. Donahue and interment was made at Sunny Bank cemetery. The funeral was quite largely attended.

Police Attention

A large number of citizens and some out of town people visited Wilmots Park on Sunday. The Park never looked better and is a very attractive spot. Frequenters of the park are however submitted to much annoyance by the fact of certain boys and in some cases, young men who should know better, visiting the park and create considerable disturbance, turning over benches, destroying flowers and using profane language. As many women and children visit the park they should be protected against this sort of thing and a visit by the police from time to time especially on Sunday's might stop this conduct. If the park is to remain popular the citizens who own it should be protected against hoodlums.

Died in Hospital

The death took place on Sunday evening at the Victoria Hospital, of Robert Waddingham, aged 69 years, after a brief illness of pneumonia. Deceased had been a resident in this city for the past three or four years and was in the employ of the C.P.R. on pension. He was formerly of St. Stephen, having spent a number of years in the border town. He is survived by one son, George, of St. Stephen, and three daughters; Miss Margaret, of this city; Mrs. L. Carten, of Calais, and Mrs. John Smythe, also of this city. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon from the late home at 429 Westmorland street. A short service will be held at the Christ-church Parish church, service to be conducted by Rev. A. F. Bate, at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

SCOTT WELL HAS GOOD OIL AND GAS PROSPECTS

Private Advices to W. J. Scott Are Most Encouraging—California Authorities See Good Indications.

W. J. Scott who will leave here the last of the month for Ventura County near Los Angeles to look after his oil interests at that place today received some very encouraging news from his son Charles Scott regarding the prospects at his well.

The Scott Petroleum well is now down 4515 feet, and has a good flowing of gas and oil in the sluce box all the time. The advices received by Mr. Scott are to the effect that the company could bring in a good well at anytime but have decided to go still deeper until Mr. Scott will have arrived at Carpentaria. If necessary the drillers can pipe back and bring in the well at anytime. It is said that the production promises to be exceptionally good.

A late issue of the "California Oil Well" a paper published at Los Angeles says that the Scott well shows lots of gas and is one of the

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FOREST FIRES BREAKING OUT AT MANY POINTS

Nearly Every County in Province Has Its Fire—Some However Are Now Under Control—Rain is Badly Needed.

The forest fire situation throughout the province of New Brunswick is at the present time fairly serious, due mostly to the dry condition of the weather which has been prevalent for the past week or so. The appearance of rain would be a decided factor in the clearing up of the seriousness of the situation. Permits for slash burning have all been cancelled and no further ones are to be issued until the long-felt want of rain has been fulfilled. According to report from the Forestry Service at the Department of Lands and Mines today, there are fires raging in practically every county in the province. The majority of them are reported as being on Crown Land. All nine fires heard from yesterday were on granted land.

A fire in Restigouche County which for a while was considered dangerous, is now under control. In Victoria county the fires have died down some

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