

### PROGRESS MADE ON DORMITORY BUILDING

Most of Exterior Work  
on Building Has Been  
Finished

#### Other Public Works

Armoury Extension and  
Wharf Work Also Well  
Underway

Highly satisfactory progress has been made on the new dormitory building at the Experimental Station this winter, the work will likely be completed early this spring. Erection of the new dormitory, along with extension work on the local armoury, and repair work on the Star Line wharf were all appropriated for in the Dominion Government's forty million dollar Public Buildings estimates last year.

It is understood that work on the wharf has temporarily subsided, and that the armoury extension work also has been temporarily delayed, both to be completed, however, before next winter.

C. F. Bailey, supt. of the Dominion Experimental Station here, stated today that the dormitory building will be operated and controlled by the Experimental Station here and used under the direction of the Agricultural Department. He said that the bulk of the outside work has been completed, the boiler installed, a temporary heating system installed, and the electric wiring completed. Plastering has progressed also.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### OPERATED UPON

Mrs. I. B. Rouse, wife of Major Rouse, underwent an operation at the Victoria Public Hospital yesterday morning and today her condition was reported as satisfactory.

#### ILL WITH 'FLU

Friends will regret to learn that Sterling Limerick, of the staff of J. S. Neill & Sons, Ltd., is confined to his home this week with an attack of the 'flu. His condition today is regarded as showing improvement.

#### TWELVE BELOW ZERO

The March lion was much in evidence this morning with the thermometer registering 12 degrees below zero and the morning one of the coldest of the present month. At noon today in the wake of the hot sun the temperature turned much warmer.

#### HIS HONOR TO SAINT JOHN

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Dr. Murray MacLaren left this morning for Saint John, where he will attend the funeral of the late Arthur T. Thorne, who died in Boston several days ago and whose body was brought to Saint John for burial. His Honor was unaccompanied. Hon. W. H. Harrison, K.C., attorney general of the province, also is in Saint John today attending the funeral of the late Mr. Thorne.

#### A NEW SOCIAL CLUB

The Canadian Legion of Minto has recently taken over the former school building there and converted it into the Legion headquarters. They propose to have a social club for the enjoyment of the members of the Legion. It is understood that the residents of Minto who appreciate the services done their country by the members of the Legion who served overseas from 1914 to 1918 are going to aid the war veterans in their commendable effort.

#### FROST MAY CAUSE DAMAGE

It is predicted by some of the weather experts that the heavy frost in the ground this winter may conspire to cause considerable freshet damage this spring, when the break-up occurs. The large amount of snow in the woods and the heavy frost when they melt will raise the waters of the St. John river to a great height. Not a few of the so-called experts are predicting also that the freshest this year will be as large a one as that which occurred in 1930.

### INCREASE SHOWN IN CONSUMPTION ELECTRIC POWER

Demand Increase of 8  
Per Cent in Delivery to  
Sub-Stations

#### Reilly Comments

Chairman says Improve-  
ment is Indicated in  
General Conditions

The annual report of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission which was tabled yesterday in the legislature, showed an increased demand of eight per cent in the New Brunswick Power Commission's delivery to sub-stations for consumption by direct and indirect customers during the year ending October 31 last. The report was tabled by Hon. E. A. Reilly, K.C., chairman of the commission.

In making his report Hon. Mr. Reilly declared that "this first increase in three years indicates an improvement in general conditions in the province."

Of the total power generated and purchased 753,450 kilowatt hours were sold as seasonal surplus power, and the actual number of kilowatt hours delivered to the various sub-stations for direct and indirect customers was 33,652,710. In the previous year 31,159,750 kilowatt hours were delivered exclusive of surplus power.

"After paying all interest charges and operating expenses on all the commission's undertakings and after setting aside complete sinking fund reserve, excepting on the Grand Lake plant, the deficit for the year is \$21,676 as compared with \$120,070 last year," Mr. Reilly stated.

"There are 5,580 customers in towns villages and rural districts receiving electrical services directly from the commission. In addition 17,454 customers use power generated by the commission but distributed by other agencies. During the year the number of direct customers has increased by 367, and the number of indirect customers by 40."

Referring to the Miramichi extension and the transfer of the Newcastle and Chatham distributions systems to the Commission, Mr. Reilly says:

"The total estimated capital investment on this project, including the purchase price of the two distribution systems was \$455,000. As the work draws to completion there is every indication that it will be performed within the estimated amount."

A summary of the costs of operations showed that in the year 1933-34 the total commission revenue was \$852,698 as compared with \$763,516 in the year 1932-33, an increase of \$89,181. Expenditures totalled \$783,443 last year as compared with \$723,691 in the previous year, an increase of \$62,751. The gross surplus last year was \$66,254, an increase of \$26,429 over the gross surplus of \$39,824 in the year 1932-33.

#### AT BEBBINGTON'S

At Bebbington's gardens at the lower end of Charlotte Street you will see just now an exceptionally lovely assortment of potted plants. Visitors from out of town to the Legislature and other places have been admiring these flowers. Bebbington's have been in business over sixty years and have always been noted for their beautiful flowers in keeping with the different seasons. This old and reliable concern ships flowers all over New Brunswick and have given satisfaction for generations. Any one visiting Fredericton would do well to visit Bebbington's gardens as one of the points of interest. They will be made welcome.

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### MONCTON BILL NOT RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Was to Confirm Agree-  
ment Between City and  
Swift Canadian Co.

#### Private Session

Act authorizing Town of  
Marysville to Raise De-  
bentures Amended

The Municipalities Committee of the New Brunswick Legislature with E. C. Atkinson, M. P. P., from Sunbury county and government whip, in the chair, met this morning at ten o'clock a.m. to consider eight bills. One of the eight, an act to confirm an agreement between the city of Moncton and the Swift Canadian Company Limited, was not recommended. The committee met in private session to consider this bill with two others, an act authorizing the town of Marysville to issue debentures and an act relating to the town of St. George. The last two were reported amended.

Hon. G. H. I. Cockburn explained a bill to amend the act incorporating the town of St. Stephen. The amendment asked that the town council be given the right to appoint the assessors instead of having them elected as at present. The bill was recommended.

The next bill recommended was one to confirm and ratify the action of the receiver of taxes and chairman of the city of St. John in not selling real estate in the year 1934.

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