

DRIVE AGAINST DEER SLAYERS IS CONTINUED

Dept. of Lands & Mines Expect to Make More Arrests

Worst In Years

Meat Seized Distributed To the Poor at Grand Falls

The Game Division of the Department of Lands and Mines has intensified its drive against the violators of the game laws, who in recent weeks have slain deer in great numbers in the northern part of the province. Yesterday the Game Division announced the names of three more who will appear before Magistrate Fred Kertson at Grand Falls, and indicated that court action will be taken against others within a short time.

It is of interest to note that the meat of ten deer seized this week has been distributed to the poor at Grand Falls. Remie J. Cyr, Edois Cyr and Emil P. B. Martin, all of Saint Thomas, Parish of St. Andre, Madawaska county, will appear before the court on March 25, charged with slaying deer out of season.

All three named above were arrested by two game wardens at the head of Big Fork, Grand River, Victoria county, on March 15. The game wardens followed the men for several miles on snowshoe and found the deer already piled up and ready to be hauled out of the woods on sleds.

At the present time Chief Game Warden H. H. Ritchie is in Madawaska county where he is conducting the investigation. The widespread slaughter of deer in the northern part of the province is reputedly the worst violation of the game laws in a number of years and every effort is being made to clear up the situation. Already no less than 15 men have been apprehended and a total of about 70 deer have been killed.

NEWS BRIEFS

EX-GOVERNOR'S BIRTHDAY

Today marks the 81st birthday of Hon. Hugh H. McLean, V. D., K. C., L.L.D., former lieutenant governor of New Brunswick. Today he is quietly celebrating the event at his home in Rothesay and is receiving congratulations from friends all over the province and elsewhere.

TO ASSENT TO BILLS

His Honor Dr. Murray MacLaren, lieutenant governor of the province, was scheduled to make his first appearance of the present session of the New Brunswick Legislature at three o'clock this afternoon on the floor of the House today for the purpose of assenting to some bills.

AWAIT MORE INFORMATION

The local branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., held its regular monthly meeting last night with Cecil J. Coveney, the president, in the chair. Although it had been expected that discussion would be held on the matter of the Vimy Pilgrimage of Legion members to the battlefields of the last great war, this was deferred until more information is obtained. Routine business was carried out. Later in the evening refreshments were served.

AT INNER BAR

C. J. Jones of Woodstock and H. A. Carr of Campbellton, took their places at the inner bar for the first time since they were appointed King's counsels, when the New Brunswick Appeal Court was in session yesterday. Presiding Judges were Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter, Mr. Justice Grimmer and Mr. Justice Richards. Re-argument in the matter of the estate of John Thompson McGuire, deceased, a retired lumberman of the parish of Dumbarton, Charlotte County, was completed and judgment reserved. Two cases which had been set over from the February term for re-argument being disposed of, court adjourned sine die.

SAINT JOHN PEOPLE TO STAGE BITTER FIGHT

Bill re Change of Civic Government Causes Stir in Govt. Circles

Special Train

Over 200 Compose the Delegations From Saint John

C. F. Inches, K.C., representing the Saint John Taxpayers' Association, in supporting the bill to change the civic government of Saint John, stated to the Municipalities Committee this morning, three reasons why that Association desired a change in civic government.

He, in a lengthy presentation of the case in support of the bill, charged that the present common council were piling up arrears in taxes, increasing taxation and spending money extravagantly.

Ruthlessly criticizing the drawing up of the bill and challenging the drawer to step forward and claim it, W. M. Ryan, K.C., presented a most spectacular case in opposition to the bill.

With a flow of scathing oratory full of ridicule and sarcasm, he declared that everything in respect to the presentation of the bill was out of order. He declared that a select group had no right to represent the majority of the Saint John people, and added that the bill made no provision for a plebiscite.

The case in support of the bill was completed and Mr. Ryan was the first speaker for the opponents of the bill. About 200 people from Saint John came here by special train this morning to represent the two factions.

Mr. Ryan broke off in order that the committee could adjourn to 3.30 p.m. He continued this afternoon.

First Bill

The first bill considered by the committee was one intituled An Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Saint John to appoint a Commission to Investigate the Affairs of the Power Commission of the City of Saint John.

Those opposing the bill included W. A. I. Anglin, J. A. Whitebone, John McKinnon and Chairman McMullen of the hydro commission.

Mr. Whitebone and Mr. McKinnon represented the laborers. These men spoke at length, claiming that the Common Council had no right to demand such an action.

Mayor J. W. Brittain spoke at length in support of the bill and made it clear that there were no specific charges against the power commission, but that there were rumors and it was only fair to both the people of Saint John and the power commission to clear up these rumors.

The bill was referred for consideration of the committee in private session.

Civic Government Bill

C. F. Inches, K.C., representing the Saint John Taxpayers' Association, was the first speaker in support of the proposed Act to change the present system of civic government in Saint John. The present form of government is a commission system composed of a mayor and four commissioners. The mayor is elected every two years and the commissioners hold office for four years, two being elected every two years. These officials are to devote their whole time to civic duties and receive a salary.

The proposed change would bring back the old aldermanic system, much the same as the Fredericton form of civic government.

Mr. Inches stated that Saint John

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Operators Prepare For Stream-driving In Central N. B.

Temperature Warms

Road Conditions Poor in Most Sections, Break-up Is In Offing

With the full-fledged arrival of spring yesterday and warmer temperature today the lumber operators in the central part of New Brunswick are getting ready for the spring driving on the waters in this portion of the province.

They anticipate wide activity as there is more stream driving to be done this year, and also they believe that conditions this year will be better than in other years because of the possibility of high water which will carry their logs to the mills in double quick time. On most of the streams flood conditions may ensue because there is a great quantity of snow in the woods and the frost has been thick this winter.

On the Oromocto, Nashwaak and the other Saint John river tributaries above and below this city the lumbermen now are busily engaged.

Hauling conditions in recent weeks have been bad due to the damage that the sun and warmer temperature have done to the highways. This has also

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