

MRS. CHASE DIES FEW DAYS BEFORE 102ND BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mehitabel E. Chase
Oldest Woman in the
Province, Dies

A Fine Old Lady

Of Loyalist Descent, She
Had Lived Under
Four Sovereigns

Mrs. Mehitabel E. Chase, who would have been 102 years of age had she lived until Sunday, and who had lived under four sovereigns of the British Crown, passed quietly away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Murray at Maquapit Lake last evening. Mrs. Chase was born on March 17, 1833, and was one of the oldest living persons living in the province.

The late Mrs. Chase was born at Gagetown and was of Loyalist descent. Her people came from Freetown, N.Y., now Brooklyn. Reputed for her genial nature and her personal qualities, this woman centenarian had earned the respect and love of everyone with whom she came in contact. Children and persons of her own age found her kindly and sympathetic. For years she had maintained "open house" to her hundreds of friends. Up until her 100th birthday she had displayed the keenest use of all her faculties and a story is told that when two years ago at the celebration of her 100th birthday she was asked to do a step dance for friends who had gathered to greet her. In her earlier days she had been very skilful at this art.

She was one of the pioneer women of this province and could have told stories of many hardships of the early nineteenth century. Among her relatives are twenty-three grand children, a large number of great grand-children, and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Edward Davis, Carleton street, Fredericton, is the eldest grandchild. The late Mrs. Chase lived under four sovereigns—George IV., Queen Victoria, King Edward, and George V., the present king.

Surviving are two sons, Albert and Winslow of Clark's Corner; three daughters, Mrs. Murray, with whom she lived at Maquapit Lake; Mrs. Jas. Libbey, of Minto, and Mrs. Vera Shedd of Lewiston, Me.; also the grand-children named above. The deceased had brought up nine children altogether.

She was the widow of James H. Chase of Clark's Corner. Her father was Earl Chase of Gagetown.

Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

NEWS BRIEFS

LEFT FOR SACKVILLE

Julian S. Huxley, the eminent biologist, who delivered a lecture at the Normal School last night, left this morning for Sackville, where he will lecture to students there this evening, completing his tour of the Dominion of Canada. He will embark on Friday on the return trip to England.

NO QUORUM PRESENT

Because a quorum was not present the scheduled meeting of the York-Sunbury Historical Society executive last night, was not held. It was decided to hold the meeting on Monday. The regular monthly meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday next.

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

A meeting of the New Brunswick Forest Operations Commission was scheduled for two o'clock this afternoon, at which routine business will be taken up. A. B. Gilbert, of Saint John, the chairman of the commission arrived in the city last night, and the other members arrived today at noon.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Continued improvement was noted in the condition of Mrs. M. W. Black and her two sons, Brian and Shawn, all of whom have been seriously ill with pneumonia at their home in Waterloo Row. It is understood that all three have passed the critical stage in the disease.

LOCAL BRANCH FISH AND GAME BODY MET HERE

Executive Meeting of
Local Branch of N. B.
Fish & Game Assoc.

New Exec. Members

Offer of H. G. Chestnut
To Assist Financially
Is Appreciated

The first meeting of the 1935 executive of the Fredericton branch of the New Brunswick Fish & Game Protective Association was held in the city hall last evening with the president, Wendell K. Hay, in the chair. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and there was an excellent attendance.

The new executive members are as follows: John Moore, Phillip Howard, William J. Glen, Earl Fraser, J. Harold McMurray, George Howie, J. G. Fenety, Joseph Cain. Considerable routine business was disposed of.

John Moore, chairman of the Big Game Committee, reported on a wealth of information on the moose, deer and bear situation in New Brunswick. Allen Menzies, chairman of the Fish Stocking Committee presented requisitions for trout and salmon fry to be distributed in the early spring. This will be forwarded to the Dominion authorities.

A generous offer of H. G. Chestnut to assist financially in the planting of Restigouche salmon fry in Saint John River waters was greatly appreciated. There was strong support of the movement in which the fish stocking committee would participate. F. Cedric Cooper advised that the provincial association are co-operating with Mr. Chestnut. The Local Game Bird Committee, with H. C. Moore as chairman was authorized to purchase a pen of Malumistic Mutent pheasants, a new variety which have many desirable characteristics. The committee will supply other branches with pheasant eggs if they have a surplus.

On motion of George Howie, chairman of the Membership Committee, a number of honorary members were elected to the Fredericton branch for 1935.

F. Cedric Cooper, secretary of the provincial association, said this morning that his department had been in touch with Mr. Chestnut in connection with the latter's Restigouche fry offer and that he will be given co-operation from the association. In this connection much correspondence has taken place between the provincial association and Ottawa.

MIRAMICHI PLANT TO RE-OPEN

After a period of three years' idleness, the rossing mill of the N. B. International Paper Company at Morris-on's Cove, near Chatham, will be operating this spring and employing men in that area. Hon. L. P. D. Tilley K.C., Minister of Lands and Mines, made the remark in the Legislature yesterday. Decision to operate the mill was made yesterday between officials of the company and representatives of the town of Chatham. Brig. General J. B. White, of Montreal, first vice-president of the Canadian International Paper Company, had been urged to meet with the Chatham delegation respecting the matter, after the latter had presented a strong case before the government asking that steps be taken to increase industrial activity in the Miramichi area as an aid to employment. At that time the establishment of pulp mills was requested. It is understood that the Chatham delegation asked that the rossing mill be converted into a pulp mill.

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Corporations Commit-
tee Divided As to
Procedure

Passes 10 to 9

Hon. W. H. Harrison In
Opposition to Bill; the
Premier Favors It

The proverbial fine "tooth comb" was used by the corporations committee of the Legislature this morning when they spent nearly two hours discussing a bill to incorporate the "St. Croix Harbour Development Company" before they finally, after a standing vote of 10 to 9, recommended it with one section struck out and certain amendments. P. E. McLaughlin, one of the company, appeared in support of the bill on behalf of the proposed company.

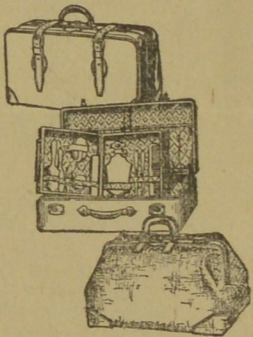
The major discussion arose when Hon. W. H. Harrison, K.C., Attorney-General, suggested that the operators be required to show a subscription of 25 per cent of the capital stock of \$100,000 before they receive their franchise or proceed with any expropriations.

He was opposed first by D. A. Taylor (Govt., Sunbury), and later by Premier Tilley and Hon. A. A. Dysart, leader of the Opposition, who were all of the opinion that no discrimination should be made in the case of this company when the same provisions

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