

## News Briefs

### ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Hon. A. P. Paterson arrived here this morning from Saint John to attend an educational conference to be held here this afternoon.

### FURTHER ADJOURNMENT

The hearing of the case in the York County court before Judge Slipp involving non-payment of promissory note, has been further postponed until the belated witness from MacNamee may be definitely available.

### CHAMBERS TODAY

Mr. Justice Harrison was in the city today conducting chambers. Mr. Justice Fairweather was here presiding at the Royal Bank-Smith-Seymour case in the civil court hearing at the Supreme Court chamber.

### ASSAULT CHARGE

Gideon Brewer, Zealand, pleaded guilty here this morning to a charge of unlawfully assaulting Watson Brewer and causing and occasioning actual bodily harm. Brewer is remanded until Monday when the final hearing will be made.

### UNDERWENT OPERATION

Many friends of Miss Ethel Young, Oromocto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young, will be sorry to learn that she has entered Victoria Hospital this morning to undergo an operation. Her friends will wish her a speedy recovery.

### IDEAL SKATING

Supplementing the efforts of the city council to arrange for free skating for the children of the city schools, the weatherman has afforded the city children the most remarkable and ideal skating conditions seen here in many years. The river has frozen, as the young people would say, "glare as a bottle."

### CANADIAN LEGION MET

The regular monthly meeting of the local branch of the Canadian Legion was held last evening with the president, W. A. Gibson in the chair. Routine business was transacted. During the evening refreshments were served and a social hour spent. Plans were made for the sending out of Christmas parcels.

### CHECKUP ON FINANCE

The city council will hold a special meeting on Monday evening for the purpose of checking over financial matters with respect to the city. Advance discussion on the appropriations for the new year is likely to take place. It was reported today that the city is \$275,000 behind in tax collections and that some action will be taken in this regard.

### REPLIES TO MR. KIRKLAND

The Daily Mail is in receipt of a letter from a correspondent who replies to the letter of Rev. Mr. Kirkland on "Divorce and Remarriage." The writer of the letter did not, however, want his name published. As Rev. Mr. Kirkland signed his name to his letter, any reply to his letter, whether endorsing his ideas or otherwise, should be signed by the writer. Otherwise it would not be fair to Mr. Kirkland.

### MERCURY TAKES DROP

The mercury took a sudden plunge downward last night, from 33 degrees to 3 degrees above zero. The change in temperature last night is characteristic of the weather's behavior over the past several weeks, and the mercury has run the gamut from hot to cold. The mild spell of earlier this week has meant excellent skating on the riverfront and many have taken advantage of this.

### N. B. STUDENTS TAKE PART

At the closing exercises of the annual St. Francis Xavier University Adult Education course at Antigonish this week, New Brunswick students played a prominent part. "The Price of Ignorance," was the subject of a panel discussion in which James Be-dell, of Woodstock and H. L. McCurdy of Dalhousie Junction, N. B., were among the six taking part. Michael Fournier, of Green Point, N. B., spoke in French. A total of 76 students, 20 of whom are from New Brunswick, and 26 from Newfoundland, sent by the colony's government, attended the course.

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## CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Hon. A. P. Paterson and Dr. Fletcher Peacock Here Today

### Educational Shakeup

Development of Adult Education, University Extension

Hon. A. P. Paterson, minister of education, and Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational affairs, arrived here this morning and are busy today holding a consultation with Dr. A. S. McFarlane, chief superintendent of education, in regard to educational matters. The conference between Hon. Mr. Paterson and his deputies did not get underway until long afternoon. Speaking to The Daily Mail early this afternoon, Hon. Mr. Paterson stated that the conference would probably be underway all day. It is understood that the conference has to do with the rearrangement of the educational affairs and the outlining of the work that will necessarily come under the direction of Dr. Peacock, the new director of educational affairs. There will necessarily be a shakeup in regard to the educational system although it will probably not take place all at once, as it has to be gradually developed. Dr. Peacock's work will, it is understood, have to do with vocational education and the development of Adult Education and work along the lines possibly of university extension. Certain new plans in connection with the Provincial Normal School may also be considered.

Dr. McFarlane's duties will run along very much the same lines as at present, and it is understood that these will include general supervision of the public schools, including the rural schools apart from any vocational work. Dr. McFarlane will also be employed at addressing school meetings, and other routine work along some of the lines which he has been doing. When asked about educational activities this morning, Dr. McFarlane said there was nothing doing and did not seem to know that the meeting was taking place.

## "Y" Basketball Starts During the Christmas Holidays

A schedule of games in the "Y" Boys Basketball was given out by the executive last night. Games will be played during the Christmas holidays. There are several Scout and Tuxis teams in the league and a number of neighborhood boys clubs made up of boys who belong to no organized Boy's Work programme. The younger boys under 12 will play American ball which is a simplified variation of basketball and other games of a less complicated nature.

The motto the league has adopted is "He who plays hard and straight wins, even though he loses." Seventeen teams have already indicated they will play and it is expected several others will be admitted to the league when it starts its second schedule in January.

The holiday schedule is as follows: Monday, Dec. 21, 9:45 a.m., St. Anne's Scouts vs. St. Andrew's Scouts; 10:30 a.m., St. Dunstan's Scouts vs. George Street Scouts; 11:15 a.m., St. Anne's Scouts vs. Devon Scouts; Tuesday, Dec. 22, 9:45 a.m., Huskies vs. Wil-mot Cubs; 10:30 a.m., Young Judians vs. St. Paul's Explorers; 11:15 a.m., Brunswick Tuxis vs. St. Paul's Tuxis; Wednesday, Dec. 23, 9:45 a.m., St. Anne's Cubs vs. St. Dunstan's Cubs; 10:30 a.m., Brunswick Explorers vs. St. Andrew's Cubs.

### REMANDED UNTIL MONDAY

Fred Booker, of this city remanded on a charge of theft and remanded twice already, was this morning remanded again until Monday. The charge was made in connection with the theft of certain goods from the store of W. W. Boyce.

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## Honor List in Public Schools of Fredericton

The honor list in the Fredericton city schools, which had their closing exercises this morning, with the names of those winning certificates for the Christmas term are as follows:

**Charlotte St. School**  
Grade I—Grace Day, Donald Duncan, 1st; Mary Bailey, Charles Bennett, 2nd.  
Grade II—Louise Graham, 1st; Mar-jorie Sinclair, 2nd.  
Grade III—Joseph Duncan, 1st; Sally Black, 2nd.  
Grade IV—Shirley Tracey 1st; Dorothy Johns, 2nd.  
Grade V—Annie Smith, 1st; Robert Miles, 2nd.  
Grade VI—Henry Durost, Blanche Law, 1st; Kathleen Gough, 2nd.  
Grade VII—Shirley Colter, 1st; Eleanor Rainsford, 2nd.  
Grade VIII—Isabel Allen, 1st; Eleanor Belyea, Kathleen McKnight, 2nd.

**Model School**  
Grade VIII—Ruth Peterson, 1st; Raymond Burpee, 2nd.  
Grade VII—Audrey Griffiths, 1st; Keith Fletcher, 2nd.  
Grade VI—John Fletcher, 1st; Stewart Chase, 2nd.  
Grade V—Louise Chase, 1st; Betty Upton, 2nd.  
Grade IV—Richey Love, Dorothy O'Hara, 1st; Natalie Currie, 2nd.  
Grade III—Florence Rice, 1st; John Blackmer, Edward Atkinson, 2nd.  
Grade II—Phyllis Horsnell, 1st; Marion McNair, Joyce Parker, 2nd.  
Grade I—Jean Barry, Iris Cogswell, Alder Gerow, 1st; Eugene McCarthy, George Vivyan, 2nd.

**Smythe St. School**  
Grade VIII—Lorna McNabb, 1st; Marguerite Atkinson, 2nd.  
Grade VII—Mabel McConaghey, 1st; Dorothy Bremner, 2nd.  
Grade VI—Betty Dougherty, 1st; Mildred Morrell, 2nd.

Grade V—Marjorie Bremner, 1st; Gladys Barkhouse, 2nd.  
Grade IV—Tina Arnold, 1st; Phyllis Crowley, 2nd.

Grade III—Lloyd Wood, 1st; Doris McFee, Bruce Downie, 2nd.

Grade II—Betty Locke, 1st; Paul Worthen, 2nd.

Grade I—Audrey Curtis, Betty Cum-ling, Robert Hanson, 1st; Jean Hager-man, 2nd.

**Opportunity Class—Henry Agnew, Frank Agnew, 1st; Arnold Hubble, George Smith, 2nd.**

**York St. School**  
Grade VIII—Rhoda Wilson, 1st; Mary Murray, 2nd.

Grade VII—Muriel Kenney, 1st; Leith Draner, 2nd.

Grade VI—Mary Dow, 1st; Donald MacDougall, 2nd.

Grade V—Douglas Tims, 1st; Donald Murray, 2nd.

Grade IV—Reid McLaughlin, 1st; Ronald Haines, 2nd.

Grade III—Robert Styran, 1st; Richard Kierstead, 2nd.

Grade II—Frances Biearto, 1st; Margaret Ann Bolden, Violet Foster, 2nd.

Grade I—Betty Burns, 1st; Nan Irvine, 2nd.

Grade I—Billy Glass, Dawn Murray 1st; Eleanor Boyd, James Sanson 2nd.

**Opportunity Class—Wilfred Mas-ton, Percy Lawrence, 1st; Blanche Ganong, Marion Chase, 2nd.**

**Regent St. School**  
Grade VIII—Mary Simcock, 1st; Marion Finnean, 2nd.

Grade VII—Catherine Simcock, 1st; Virginia Carter, 2nd.

Grade VI—Margaret Clarke, 1st; Roy J. McDonald, 2nd.

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### FIRE IN BOARDING HOUSE

A slight chimney fire occurred at the boarding house of William Roberts, on Queen St., last evening. Fire-men answered the call at seven o'clock. There was no damage.



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## FINE EXERCISES OF THE INDIAN RESERVE SCHOOL

Closing This Morning Was Particularly Interesting

### Largest School

Indian Agent Lee McCutcheon Presents Prizes

The closing exercise of the Indian Reserve school at North Devon took place this morning. The exercises were of a most interesting character and reflected credit both on Mrs. H. A. McElligot and the pupils. According to Indian Commissioner Lee McCutcheon, this is the largest Indian school in New Brunswick. The 45 pupils present this morning acquitted themselves most creditably.

The programme this morning consisted of duets, recitations, dialogues and a review of school work. An exhibition was given of the domestic science goods including sweaters. (Continued on Page Five)

## MAGISTRATES SHOULD BE ON SALARY BASIS

Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Says Judiciary Reform Being Considered

Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Attorney General for New Brunswick, is of the opinion that magistrates should be on salary and that all fees collected should go to the proper authorities. The department of the Attorney General is at present studying judiciary problems with the intention of introducing legislation to remedy conditions at the next session of the N. B. Legislature.

The study will entail many problems including overlapping of jurisdiction of inferior courts of the province and arrests for debt. Mr. McNair said he was personally opposed to the practice where magistrates obtain their salaries by collection of fees. His belief is that all magistrates should be on salary.

Mr. McNair believes that it might be possible under a new system to procure magistrates with legal training for one thing. At present the province has a number of courts with overlapping jurisdiction, and manned to a large extent by lay judges. The problem under consideration in this matter has to do with the personnel of the inferior court judiciary. The time has come, the attorney general declares, for much particular reform in the field of arrests for debt.

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## Short Course Graduates Influence N. B. Farming

At the closing exercises of the 14th annual New Brunswick Agricultural Short Course, held yesterday afternoon at the Dominion Experimental Station, Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, spoke briefly and urged the 42 graduates to accept more responsibility to do better farming so that farming neighbors would imitate them as leaders in their districts. Hon. Mr. Taylor spoke also of agricultural practices and of the capability of the province for agricultural production. He made reference to the influence toward betterment in agriculture exerted by the 360 graduates who have had advantage of this course during the past 14 years. O. C. Hicks, principal of the school, supplemented Hon. Mr. Taylor's remarks in this regard saying that the graduates' work had been felt in all parts of the province. Others who spoke during the afternoon were W. G. Clark, M.P., for York-Sunbury, Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan and Rev. Father McDonald.

## Mrs. Louisa Griffith, 100-Year-Old Native of Nashwaaksis, Dies

The sad news was received here today of the death at Menthuen, Mass., of Mrs. Louisa Griffiths, a native of Nashwaaksis, who moved to the United States about 25 years ago. She is survived by three sons, four daughters, 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Harry Currie of this city is a nephew, and Mrs. B. B. Barnes, also of this city, is a niece. The husband of the deceased died about 30 years ago. Deceased formerly lived in Kingsley, N. B. as well as Nashwaaksis. Before her marriage the deceased was Miss Louisa Currie. The late Mrs. Griffiths was 100 years of age.

### FINE LINE CHRISTMAS GOODS

E. M. Young, Ltd., announce that their hardware store will close on Saturday, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas. This will give their hands a well-earned holiday following the Christmas rush. This concern is displaying a fine line of Christmas goods at very reasonable prices. Now is the time to visit E. M. Young's and make your Christmas selections while the stock is yet complete. The ad. in The Daily Mail today gives one the idea of what can be produced at this store. There are, however, many articles not mentioned in the ad., which you will find on display when you visit this establishment.

### UNCONSCIOUS TODAY

The condition of George Ross, prominent resident of this city, who is seriously ill with pneumonia and organic heart trouble was critical today. Mr. Ross, who is 91 years of age, was unconscious today and hope for his recovery is slight. He is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles McLean on Aberdeen street.

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