

News Briefs

IS BETTER TODAY

The many friends of Mrs. Thomas Hayes, North Devon, will be pleased to learn that her condition was improved today. Mrs. Hayes was removed to the Victoria Hospital yesterday for treatment, and she spent a fairly comfortable night.

FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lavina A. Charters, widow of James Charters, was held this afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara Hudson, Marysville. Services were conducted by Rev. Steadman Smith and interment was made in the Baptist cemetery at Marysville.

SEVERS CONNECTION

Fred L. Colpitts, ticket clerk and telegraph operator at Union Station in this city has severed connections temporarily with the local terminus. Asked regarding the matter today Station Agent C. N. McCarthy declined to say whether Mr. Colpitts' absence was to be permanent or only temporary.

IS OUT ON BAIL

Everett Teed, aged 65, of Lower Hainesville, who was sent up for trial last week on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Murray L. Johnson by shooting at him, has been given his freedom on bail until his trial in January. Bail is \$300. The accused and his counsel, P. J. Hughes, K.C., of this city, are the bondsmen.

CARRYING FIREARMS

Convicted of carrying firearms on Sunday, G. R. Folland, Hugh D. Rush-ton and Penel Nason, all of McAdam, were fined ten dollars and costs when they appeared before Magistrate Geo. Ormst at McAdam, on November 30. Information was laid by Warden Keith Dorcas and Douglas McGarvey, of McAdam.

GOING TO SAINT JOHN

Winslow Todd, who has for some years been engaged in newspaper work in this city, will leave in a few days for Saint John where he has accepted a similar position. Mr. Todd is a bright young man and popular with a large circle of friends and he has the best wishes of all for success in his new field.

FIRE IN CLOTHES CLOSET

Firemen answered a call at seven o'clock last night to the home of Frank Delong, corner of Regent and Brunswick streets, where a small fire had started in the clothes closet. A few garments were burned. At eleven o'clock last night a pipe fire occurred at the home of George Styran, Victoria street, but no damage was done.

WEATHER STATISTICS

November proved quite a cold month, according to statistics given out this morning by the Dominion Experimental Station. The statistics follow: Maximum temperature, 51; mean, 28.7; minimum, two degrees above zero; rainfall, 2.23 inches; snowfall, 10 inches; hours of sunshine, 63.9 hours. This morning the mercury dropped to 5 degrees above zero. The past two weeks have been productive of severe weather.

CANADA'S MILITIA

Col. Landon, of Saint John, A.A., Q.M.G., addressed the Garrison Officers' Mess last evening on the subject of the reorganization of the Canadian Militia. He referred to the different arms of the service which are in process of modernization at present. He outlined Canada's position defensively by land, sea and air, stressing particularly the need for better defenses on the west coast which would be more vulnerable to a naval attack than the Atlantic seaboard since the Atlantic is well patrolled by the British fleet.

EGG LAYING CONTEST

The fourth week of the 17th New Brunswick Egg Laying contest, conducted at the Experimental Station here, was concluded on Nov. 28, with a production of 365 eggs and 267.5 points. The Barred Rocks owned by Walter Dougan Hampstead, led in production for the week with 31 eggs and 30.6 points. The Single Comb White Leghorns owned by Arthur Pringle, Stanley, were in second position for the week with 29 eggs and 29.2 points. The Barred Rocks owned by the Dominion Experimental Station, were in third position with 28 eggs and 26.4 points.

FIRST TIME HE MISSED!

The St. Andrew's Society dinner last night was a huge success but there was someone missing. That someone was George W. Ross, veteran Scot, who will be 91 years of age in March. Mr. Ross suffered the misfortune of having a nail stuck in his foot a week ago and was unable to attend last night's function. It was the first time he had missed a St. Andrew's night banquet in a period of 36 years!

ALD. MAXWELL EXPLAINS STAND POLICE COMM.

Makes Statements That He Alleges Backs Up His Stand

Praises Magistrate

Says Police Commission Prevents Citizens Bringing Action

Ald. Warren Maxwell, who was absent from the November meeting of the city council when a resolution was passed to seek legislation to have the Fredericton Police Commission abolished, took the opportunity last night at the December committee meeting, to state his stand on the Police Commission. Ald. Maxwell came out strongly in favor of the retention of the Police Commission and was absolutely opposed to the resolution aimed at abolishing it.

Ald. David McCaughy who at the last meeting voted against the resolution to abolish the commission reiterated the stand he had taken at that occasion. Ald. McCaughy left no room for doubt that he was in favor of the retention of the Commission. The only other member of the city council who voted against the Commission at the last meeting of the council, was Ald. Fred S. Mundle, and he was unavoidably absent. Ald. Doohan, McKnight, Crowdsen, Forbes and Ross have expressed themselves as in favor of abolishing the Police Commission. Ald. Gunter has not been at any meeting since the discussion started and it is understood that he is not going to be a member of the next council.

Ald. Maxwell took his stand as opposed to the abolition of the Fredericton Police Commission. He noted that he was in disagreement with most of the council on this stand. He presented the brief that the city council had acted hastily in taking steps to abolish the Police Commission, and had thought of nothing to substitute in its place. "We have built up an imaginary wall between ourselves and the police commission by our mild ridicule of this body and have made no effort to bring the members of the Commission before us," said Ald. Maxwell.

He questioned whether it was necessary to abolish the Commission without investigating the workings of this body. "The only real fault I have to find with it is the magistrate's costs," he said. There is a chance to do something about this, he thought, but that has nothing to do with the police commission, he believed.

Ald. Maxwell said he thought that there should be a committee from the city council to confer with the Police Commission. This would make the latter body more representative, and would serve to correct any minor matters, such as one mentioned by Ald. Doohan in which "minors" are haled into the lower court in cases which involve not crime but only misdemeanor. Such cases could be treated more circumspcctly.

The council's action in seeking legislation to have the Police Commission abolished is based, according to Ald. Maxwell, on two things, first, their objection to Police Commissions on principle, and secondly, objection to one or more individuals on the present Police Commission. Respecting the first objection, Ald. Maxwell pointed to the fact that the general trend is in the direction of police commissions for all municipal police courts. He said that not one suit had been brought against the city since the commission has been in control of police affairs.

Under the Police Commission the city corporation cannot be held responsible for any actions brought against it in the police department of the city. "This is a highly desirable position to be in," said Ald. Maxwell. Ontario was cited by the alderman as an example of the efficiency of Police Commissions for the control of crime. In Ontario all municipal police courts are under commissions composed of the mayor, the police magistrate, and a county court judge. Ontario, he said, shows the lowest per capita in crime of any province or state in the North American continent. The aldermen quoted from newspapers and from figures which he said he had investigated for himself. The (Continued on Page Five)

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Payments This Month Are Higher Than Average

With completion today of the fifth monthly payment of the old age pension under the Old Age Pension Act, Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., Chairman of the Old Age Pensions Board, praised the staff and stated that the Board was also pleased by the co-operation that the Dominion Government, not only by remitting the 75 per cent paid during the first few months promptly after receiving the provincial returns, amounting to \$264,000, but also by the assistance and advice the department at Ottawa have given in preparing statistics. He also stated that he appreciated the many acts of courtesy received from Mr. Blois, the director at Halifax.

Hon. Mr. Jones also said that the Board have had a relatively large number of requests to investigate cases where the parties felt that pensions were too low; and that the board have investigated such cases and will always investigate such cases in order that a true basis of pensions will be arrived at. It has been found generally that, when the provisions of the law have been explained to those complaining, they have found the Board have done everything possible for the pensioners. In some cases the pensions have been increased and in some have necessarily been reduced. Some investigations are made necessary by changed conditions. The whole purpose of the board is to keep in contact with the pensioners and to make any adjustments that are necessary so that every person will receive ultimately what they are entitled to under conditions under which they are placed.

Praises Staff

Hon. Mr. Jones, in speaking of the staff, said, "The office staff have worked early and late in order that the pension payment might be made on time and they have all shown an earnestness and ability in the work which I think is a matter for congratulation."

Payments this month have been higher relatively than other months due to the addition of checks payable from July. Several pensioners at that time were unable to show proof of age. Through the efforts of the Old Age Pension Board, their ages have been determined by consulting census returns and educational reports; and checks have been issued to them payable from the date of application.

The distribution of this large amount of money scattered throughout the different municipalities has in addition to relieving the needy, also relieves the burden in many cases formerly borne by the Municipal authorities. That this is appreciated amongst all classes was recently shown by an article which appeared in the Moncton Daily Times quoting various resolutions of appreciation which different women's organizations had passed commending the government for introducing Old Age Pensions. These resolutions were sponsored by Conservatives as well as Liberals and goes to show that when a party does the right thing it is appreciated irrespective of party politics.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Ald. Murray E. Hagerman was called from his work today to his home, where Mrs. Hagerman is seriously ill. Mrs. Hagerman has been ill for several weeks and her condition took a turn for the worse today.

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HON. MR. PIRIE DENIES REPORT RE LUMBER CUT

Minister's Estimate is About 200,000,000 Feet

Previous One Damaging

Minister Criticises the Exaggerated Reports

A few days ago an item appeared in portions of the press that the lumber cut in New Brunswick this year would reach 600,000,000 feet. This exaggerated statement appears not to have been founded on fact. It was not a clear view of the situation and is liable to greatly affect the price of lumber.

Speaking to The Daily Mail today in regard to the exaggerated figures quoted above, Hon. Mr. Pirie said: "It has not been the policy of the Department to announce any advance estimate of the cut of sawlogs from Crown lands or private properties," said Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, in a statement issued this afternoon.

"In view of the fact, however, that extravagant statements have been made in the press which may have a detrimental effect on the industry, it seems necessary to make some statement to correct the mistakes of others and to put matters right.

"My reason for refraining from prediction is not to withhold information from the public but purely because sufficient information is not available. However, I can safely say now that the cut of both hardwood and softwood sawlogs from Crown lands and private properties will not exceed 180,000,000 to 200,000,000 feet.

"Even including pulpwood, posts, ties, etc., the total will not exceed 300,000,000 feet which is widely different from the estimate broadcast in the press. The latter figure could not possibly be founded on any reliable authority and public interests should prompt more serious thought before such statements are published."

GIVEN JAIL TERM

Percy Smith, of this city, was sentenced to 30 days in the York county jail when he was convicted yesterday afternoon in the police station by Magistrate Walter Limerick on a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Sentence is to date from November 19, the time of the arrest. John Goodine was the informant. R. Drury Anderson was counsel for the defendant. There were three witnesses and the defendant also took the stand. R. V. Limerick was counsel for the informant.

CABINET MEETS HERE TONIGHT OR WEDNESDAY

Premier Dysart is Expected Here This Afternoon

Expect Announcement

Of the Snow Clearance Programme For Winter

The provincial cabinet, two of whom have already arrived in the city, are slated to meet this evening or tomorrow in this city. Hon. A. A. Dysart, premier of the province, is expected here some time this afternoon or early evening.

Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, and Hon. C. T. Richard, provincial secretary-treasurer, have already arrived and today were busy at routine in their offices at the parliament buildings. Hon. Mr. Pirie arrived by auto yesterday afternoon and Hon. Mr. Richard came today at noon by train.

It is anticipated that Premier Dysart will make an announcement at this week's government meeting on the matter of the government's snow clearance programme for the winter months. In this connection there has been talk that drift fences may be used this winter on the highways in order to facilitate the keeping open of the highways for traffic. These were used last year to some extent. There has been no official pronouncement on this matter yet, however.

Tenders for clearing a right of way of 22 miles from Plaster Rock to Quarryville were expected to be let today.

Revenue Collections Show Big Increase

The revenue collected during the month of November, 1936 showed an increase over November of the previous year by \$36,268.96. The collections for November, 1936, were \$43,914.11, while collections last month amounted to \$80,183.07. The report of revenue collections for November, as furnished by F. P. Colter, collector of National Revenue, Customs and Excise division here, is as follows:

Customs Import Duty\$40,541.43
Customs Sales Tax6,299.56
Customs Excise Tax2,180.11
Excise Tax (Domestic)5,602.93
Excise Duty25,544.04
Sundry Collections15.00
Total	\$80,183.07

IN CHANCERY COURT

Mr. Justice Grimmer of Saint John presided at the regular chancery sitting here today. The only case on hand was settled outside of court.

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