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## The City Council

During the past week the city council have brought up several pieces of "constructive legislation" to use a term applied to legislators. After all the city council should be nearer to the people than any other legislative body. The council deals directly with our local needs, our schools, our streets within the city, our water system and all our local public utilities.

The people do not take as much interest in the city council as they should. Hardly a dozen citizens attend the council meetings and in ten years Fredericton had no civic election until this year. Much of this is due to the faulty system of qualifications for voting and for qualifications for aldermen. The system which is obsolete prevents many a good man from taking any interest in civic politics. The joint manner in which the Board of Trade and the City Council are working this year should produce good results. We have many good men at the council board and they are giving their time free to the citizens. Some times they get roasted, even by The Daily Mail at times, but we have endeavored to make our criticism as constructive as possible. At the same time we like to give credit where credit is due.

## Tourist Travel

Will H. Bird, war veteran, author and lecturer, who had charge of the Nova Scotia Bureau of Information on the Chignecto border last year, in a speech at Amherst a short time ago made the statement that only twenty-four per cent. of the motorists who visited Nova Scotia were genuine visitors, the others being either natives of the province on vacation or Americans with relatives there. This latter class, according to Mr. Bird, comprises seventy-six per cent. of the summer visitors. We are inclined to think that Mr. Bird is right and that his statement is equally true of New Brunswick, except that the valuable salmon fisheries of this province give us some advantage over Nova Scotia. It does not look as if it required a great deal of publicity to persuade former provincialists to journey down east for a vacation, especially when the trip is made largely at the expense of the "old folks at home," therefore about one visitor in four may be set down as the net result of the advertising campaign carried on by the Federal and Provincial Governments. The Daily Mail believes that the number of worthwhile visitors to Central New Brunswick could be materially increased if the Federal Government were to devote more attention to the protection and development of the salmon fishing industry in the Saint John and Miramichi Rivers. One non-resident fishing party, spending a week on one of the above named rivers, will leave more money in the province than a couple of hundred so-called tourists who speed through the province en route to Nova Scotia to "visit" relatives.

## The League As It Is

Sir Alfred Zimmern, well known to New Brunswickers and of international repute, has in a recent book given a realistic pen picture of the League of Nations just as it actually is. He sees a new phase of the League just now opened in which the fate of the League may be determined.

The last period of the African problem has ended in an atmosphere of defeat. War threatens in Europe as it did in the early nineteen hundreds. If war is to be avoided, it will not be avoided by the League, but by international diplomacy in which the League will play a part, and perhaps a minor part. Prof. Zimmern hopes the League will be a factor in eliminating, once and for all, the fear of war. But he makes it clear that since 1929 it has been quite evident that there can be no such thing as a "League of Nations policy" on particular issues. The idea of a common policy of the powers belongs to a past age—the age of the concert of the powers. Rather, he seems to see the League as a democratic body where certain problems can be worked out through co-operation and mutual understanding, and not through authority. The League is not going to give us "the Parliament of man" and, as Prof. Zimmern points out, still less "the federation of the world."

In fact, the very name, League of Nations is regarded by Professor Zimmern as a misnomer. Neither the word "league" nor the word "nations" is accurate. What we have in Geneva is a society of states. There is no common band of crusaders such as might be called a league, and the nations are not represented as nations but as states.

Thus the League starts with the handicap of being able to embrace in its discussion and activities only a portion of the matters that properly come under the heading of international affairs. The closing sentence of Professor Zimmer's able volume suggests a programme which is perhaps too much a counsel of perfection to be expected of the League of Nations: "In things necessary, Unity; in things indifferent, Liberty; in all things, Charity."

An ardent supporter of the League, Sir Alfred Zimmern is not without seeing also its short comings, and as one writer puts it, has painted her truly, wants and all. Just now she is faced with defeat in her attempt to curb an alleged guilty nation.

## Primary Movement of Wheat

Wheat marketings in the Prairies Provinces for the week ending April 24 amounted to 1,075,119 bushels as compared with 786,477 in the previous week and 1,072,450 in the same week last year. Receipts by provinces follow, with corresponding figures for the same week last year in brackets: Manitoba 54,855 (76,547) bushels; Saskatchewan 616,424 (528,028); Alberta 403,840 (467,875).

Marketings from August 1 to April 24 were: Manitoba 16,297,466 (28,750,695) bushels; Saskatchewan 106,016,098 (88,030,779); Alberta 74,841,188 (82,990,846); Total 197,138,652 (200,772,320).

## SNAPSHOTS

What is the city council going to do about the Daylight Saving Time?

Some one writes that in our review of old days and old customs we did not say anything about the old fashioned bustles.

The bottle catchers wait near the Court House until the Rubble Brigade have emerged from the river bank, and then get the empty flasks. This is getting to be quite a business proposition. Little boys as young as five years old are engaged in the proposition. They look like a junior branch of the Rubble Brigade.

An early war on ants and mosquitoes will stop a repetition of the annoyance of last year. Sprinkle the back drain and keep those long-beaked devils away.

Premier Stanley Baldwin chastises the House, naively seeks to humiliate it by the "most awful" comparison: "I have never known a leakage of information due to a woman, but I have known leakages through men who should have known a great deal better."

The Lord Mayor of old London, the Lady Mayoress, and staffs have accepted an invitation to visit Vancouver during the Coast City's golden jubilee celebrations the coming summer. Thus another great occasion in Mayor "Gerry" McGreer's eventful life is on the way. It should be added that there is no significance to the announcement that two Sheriffs will be in the Lord Mayor's party.

The hibernating bear has come out of the hollow oak, and the last of the hockey goalies has crawled forth from his pads.

While an Ontario bridge party was in progress, the prizes were stolen from a darkened room. It serves the thieves right, we think.

A Parisian actress sues over a beauty operation, which left her with a fishy stare, as one can't go through life imitating Zasu Pitts.

A news report says Spain is paralyzed by current riots. The riots still continue; so maybe it's St. Vitus dance, not paralysis.

## 25 Bridges

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The largest piece of work to be done on provincial bridges this summer is the new bridge at Bathurst. This is the main trunk highway bridge between this part of the province and Restigouche county. It is also on the main trunk highway running from the Nova Scotia border via Moncton to Campbellton. The bridge is to be 2,472 feet long. At Bathurst there are two bridges, almost adjoining each other and running at right angles. One is the station bridge running past the post office and crossing a portion of Bathurst Basin to the C.N.R. station. The new bridge runs directly opposite the postoffice in that town and crosses to West Bathurst on the main highway. This latter bridge has been in very bad condition for some years. There was a delay in building the bridge owing to a difference of opinion amongst prominent residents of Bathurst as to where it should be located. This time last year it was arranged to start rebuilding of the bridge but the defeat of the Tilley government in June held up the work to some extent for the time being. It is now proposed to go ahead and finish the bridge this summer. The new bridge, which will practically be used by everyone in this vicinity, who desires to go to the North Shore by car, will be somewhat wider than the older bridge.

## WINS ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP

It will be learned with interest here that Malcolm McK. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, George street, has been announced as the winner of a Penfield Scholarship in the Department of English to New York University, the amount of the scholarship being \$900. Mr. Ross was chosen from six hundred candidates from all over the United States. Mr. Ross was graduated from the University of New Brunswick with honors in 1933 and earned his Master of Arts degree from the University of Toronto in 1934. He has been studying at New York University during the past year. Recently his article on "The Theatre and the Social Confusion" was published in a leading University quarterly, earning him high praise from the critics for an original study of the contemporary theatre.

Annual meeting of the lady members of the Fredericton Golf Club will be held in the Council chamber of the city hall on Saturday, May 9 at three o'clock.

Arbor Day Program  
By Model School

Today, Arbor Day, was observed in the auditorium of the Provincial Normal School with a special programme. Although a day for planting trees and shrubs in the schools this practice has not been carried out in recent years.

The Model School pupils entertained the Normal School students and the Arbor Day programme was as follows:

"The Ash Grove"—A Welsh Folk Song, Sung by Violet Darlington, Mary Hall, Annie Johnston, Thelma Brooks, Audrey Griffiths, and Betty Chase; with Mary Hall, soloist.

The Palace of Carelessness — An Operetta in 2 Acts—The School.

Between Acts I and II of the Operetta the six girls listed above sang: (a) A Merry Life—By Denza; (b) Flow Gently, Sweet Afton. (Soloist, Violet Darlington).

National Anthem.  
Emerson Skene, principal of the Model School gave a few opening remarks on Arbor Day after welcoming Dr. H. H. Hagerman, R. D. Hanson, Superintendent of city schools, the faculty and student-teachers of the Normal School.

## Dismissed Police

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circles that have gripped public attention for months.

Yesterday Chief Guptill said that after considering all the facts in the celebrated case, following a perusal of the evidence in the inquiry conducted by E. D. Walsh, commissioner of public safety, he could come to no other conclusion than to dismiss the matron and detective. In his formal statement appears the sentence: "I am certain that citizens of Saint John do not desire police officers who may at their own discretion deprive any citizen of their personal liberty."

Radio League  
Proposal Involves  
Replacement

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permission to construct new stations should be granted, the brief contended.

"The public relations of the commission, has perhaps been its worst feature", said the brief. "No serious attempt appears to have been made to explain to the Canadian public the purpose and scope of its broadcasting or secure the goodwill and co-operation of the people of Canada".

Technical regulations of the commission assured a higher standard of efficiency in all stations and ensured improved reception conditions and in this respect the commission did much to co-ordinate Canadian broadcasting in the interest of Canadian listeners, the submission stated.

Appointment of the new board should be made by the Governor-in-Council after consultation with the leaders of the other principal parties. It should represent the five main geographical divisions of the country the Dominion as a whole, and should include three representatives of French-speaking Canada.

## Board and Sub-Committee

A board of nine, said the brief, could permit an executive sub-committee of four, members of which should reside in or near Montreal, Ottawa or Toronto.

## ESTATE PROBATED

The estate of Elton O. Brewer, who died August 14, 1929, was probated this week. Letters of administration were granted to his widow, Florence A. Brewer. The property amounts to \$3,000 real estate; personal estate, \$4,000, and insurance \$3,000. The estate was probated by J. Bacon Dickson, judge of probate, and deputy attorney general, on May 5.

## FOR MOTHER'S DAY

At Lawlor and Cain's white carnations, red carnations, from Bebbington's for Mother's Day.

Mining in  
Nova Scotia

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On C.N.R. Deficit

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"Then there is no deficit for 1935 of \$115,000,000?" asked Mr. Howard.

Bookkeeping Figures  
"No," emphatically replied Mr. Fullerton. "One is a cash item and the other is merely a book item."

"To prevent errors of this kind was one of our main objects in seeking recapitalization—recasting of our financial structure," he added. "We were trying to cut out all this dead-wood."

"Why should Mr. Bennett claim last year's deficit was \$115,000,000?"

"Some people," observed Mr. Fullerton, "like to pile up the deficits and make them look as bad as possible."

Right Hon. R. B. Bennett's railway policy—1930 at Winnipeg: "Amalgamation never; competition ever."

1932, as Prime Minister: Refers problem to Royal Commission.

1933 ditto: Appoints Board of Trustees, composed of two lawyers and a company director.

1935, on eve of election: Suggests referring problem to Economic Council, and says he will announce his policy after it has reported.

1936, as Opposition Leader: Suggests bold, courageous action by Mackenzie King Government to deal with cancer that is gnawing at the very vitals of our national life.

## WORK PROGRESSES

The preliminary work on the salvaging of the C.N.R. bridge continued today. It was stated today that for the next few days the Garson Wrecking Company will be engaged in assembling its new equipment preparatory to the lifting of the central span. The acetylene cutters and riggers will not commence work for a week yet. At the present time about twelve "key" men are employed on the job. When the fifty or more local laborers are employed, as it is expected, they will be put to work as riggers of blocks and chains. The company's own diver will be engaged in scrutiny work under water for several weeks.

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