

## News Briefs

### GIVEN TWO MONTHS

Clarence Webster, of Halifax, Clarence Martin of Chatham, and Frank Gerard of Saint John, were each sentenced to serve two months in jail when convicted yesterday in the police court of vagrancy by Magistrate Walter Limerick.

### SUBWAY?

The prospect looms up that Fredericton may in the near future enjoy the safety and convenience of a subway under the Queen Street-Waterloo Row railroad bridge approach. This, together with the construction on the bridge, should afford material aid to local unemployment this winter.

### HOCKEY GAME POSTPONED

The scheduled Southern League hockey game between Fredericton Capitals and the Saint John Seagulls, which was for tonight at the Arctic Rink has been postponed until Tuesday night, game to start at nine o'clock. The thaw conditions which caused bad ice, forced the postponement.

### MINISTERS LEAVE

Premier Dymally left last night for his home in Buctouche and the members of the provincial cabinet returned home after having attended the special meeting here for the taking of the oath of allegiance. Hon. A. P. Paterson, who returned to his home in Saint John yesterday by car, is expected to return to the city tomorrow.

### HOLIDAYS BEGIN

The University of New Brunswick holds its last mid-year examination tomorrow and will then remain closed for the Christmas holiday, beginning classes on January 5th. The Provincial Normal School closes today and will reopen for the spring term on January 5th. The city graded schools will hold their closing exercises tomorrow morning.

### WITNESS DELAYED

A civil case was adjourned this morning at the County Court House when an important witness in the hearing failed to appear. The principals were G. Walter Kitchen and John McAlear, MacNamee, the latter being the defendant in the case which involves consideration of a promissory note. The case is to be considered again this afternoon pending the arrival of the witness.

### STORES OPEN TONIGHT

The local merchants will have their stores open tonight for Christmas shopping purposes. The stores will remain open at night from now until Christmas. The busy period is now underway and throngs of Christmas shoppers are on the streets and in the stores this week. The big rush will ensue next week, reaching the usual climax on Christmas eve.

### WATSON AT M. M. A.

P. S. Watson, of Devon, managing director of the M. M. A., Limited, presided at last night's "service" meeting held in Saint John. The meeting turned its attention to the problem of elevating the quality of goods and providing these at a minimum cost to the consumer. Mr. Watson is expected to return home tomorrow night.

### HOME BY PLANE

Premier A. A. Dymally was flown to his home in Buctouche yesterday afternoon by airplane, following the conclusion of the cabinet meeting here. The premier was accompanied as far as Saint John by Hon. F. W. Pirie. The plane was piloted by Joseph C. Folkins. The other cabinet ministers have all left for their homes with the exception of Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, who arrived here today from Ottawa.

### CONVENTION AT MONCTON

The 1937 convention of the New Brunswick Farmers' and Dairywomen's Association will take place in Moncton on January 26, 27 and 28. It is announced by E. F. Pineau, of Caraquet, senior field man for the Dominion livestock branch in this province, and recording secretary of the Association. This year's convention will feature progress in agriculture through education, and the programme will be a most interesting one. T. Allan Best, of Stanley, is the retiring president.

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## PROMOTION OF MARKETING OF AGRIC. PRODUCTS

Hon. A. C. Taylor Has  
Returned From Trip  
to Ottawa

### Attended Conference

Validity of Marketing  
Act is Now Under  
Consideration

Hon. A. C. Taylor, provincial minister of agriculture arrived here today at noon from Ottawa where he attended the meeting of provincial ministers and agricultural officials who met with Hon. J. G. Gardiner and discussed the whole subject of Dominion and provincial marketing. Mr. Taylor was accompanied by J. K. King, deputy minister of agriculture. Speaking to The Daily Mail today regarding the Ottawa meeting, Hon. Mr. Taylor discussed the several matters which had been under consideration. One thing considered was the present status of the National Products Marketing Act, the validity of



HON. A. C. TAYLOR  
Minister of Agriculture

which is now being considered by the Privy Council of England, on which much of the discussions were based. The Supreme Court of Canada had decided that this act is at present ultra vires. If this decision is upheld by the Privy Council then there will be need of other legislation, and the necessity of setting up new marketing machinery with the co-operation and support of the various provincial departments of agriculture.

Also considered at the meeting was the extent to which a marketing policy for the promotion of marketing of our products can and may be carried on by the Dominion department of agriculture without additional legislation. The conclusion was reached, said Hon. Mr. Taylor, that part of the work of the federal department should be the promotion of marketing of agricultural products.

Another matter considered was the extent to which it is advisable and possible for the Dominion and Provincial governments to co-operate through legislation in the promotion of the marketing of our agricultural products.

Due to the fact that at the present time the Dominion department has the control and jurisdiction of the inspection service as between the provinces and export trade it was decided to carry on as is with the co-operation of the provinces.

Hon. Mr. Taylor did not know today when he would take the oath of allegiance to His Majesty King George VI. The other cabinet ministers have already been sworn in the absence of Hon. Mr. Taylor in Ottawa. This afternoon the minister will be present at the closing exercises of the Agricultural Short course at the Experimental Station.

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## ST. LEONARD'S YOUTH DOUBLE PRIZE WINNER

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### Six Weeks' Course

Closing Programme is  
Carried Out This  
Afternoon

Aurele Gervais, of St. Leonards, N. B., was a double prize winner at this afternoon's closing exercises of the six weeks' Agricultural Short course, which has been carried on at the Dominion Experimental Station, in charge of O. C. Hicks.

A total of 42 students will receive graduation diplomas, which makes a total of 360 graduates from this course since the course was established 14 years ago. Among those present at the closing exercises held in the Agricultural school building at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon were Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture; W. G. Clark, M.P., for York-Sunbury; C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Experimental Station who presented two of the prizes, and others.

Mr. Gervais, the double prize winner, captured the N. B. Junior Farmers' Association prize for the highest average in all livestock subjects and the N. B. Sheep Breeders' Association prize, which was presented by Stanley Wood, livestock superintendent, and secretary of that association.

The N. B. Swine Breeders' Association prize for the highest average in swine husbandry, went to Norman Park of Upper Derby, Northumberland County. The prize donated by the Poultry Producers of New Brunswick was won by Agapit Roy, of Pokemouche, Gloucester county. Presentation was made by F. Leslie Wood, poultry superintendent and secretary of the association. W. G. Clark, M.P., was the chief speaker during the afternoon.

## LAST WILL OF LATE DR. GAUDET CAUSES LAWSUIT

A legal suit which concerned the last will of Dr. Aurel Gaudet, former resident and professional of Fredericton occupied the attention of the adjourned sitting of the Westmorland County Court yesterday in Moncton. Mr. Justice Fairweather presided over the sitting and the case was amicably settled following the morning session on the advice of the presiding judge.

Dr. Y. E. Gaudet, brother of deceased, was the plaintiff, the defendant was Dr. E. P. Landry, executor of the last will of Aurel Gaudet, deceased.

The case involved a claim by the plaintiff against the defendant for certain monies and accounts alleged paid by the plaintiff during the lifetime of the deceased. Senator A. J. Leger, K.C., and C. E. Leger acted for the plaintiff, and E. T. Richard, Richibucto, and W. E. McMonagle for the defendant.

### FREE SKATING

The city council has made arrangements with the Arctic Rink management for free skating privileges for the children of the city schools.

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## PROVINCE IN MIDST OF THAW, MERCURY RISES

Ice in Nashwaak River  
is Running Out at  
Present

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and Less Danger  
Ice Breaking

This part of the province is in the midst of an early winter thaw this week. Today the thermometer rose to a point almost 50 degrees above zero and was accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain which was more reminiscent of summer than winter. Almost half an inch of rain fell during the past 24 hours.

The thaw which has lasted since Tuesday night reached its climax this morning, and as a result of the protracted rain the ice in the Nashwaak river was running out this morning. The Nashwaak has experienced a big rise in the last 15 hours.

The Saint John ice here is remaining strong, with no indication that it has been seriously weakened by the rains. Yesterday, according to the pumping station officials, the river level dropped eight inches from its peak level. This will prevent the ice from being endangered by rising waters. It will require at least three or four feet of a rise to take out the river ice.

Locally the thaw has meant that the ice has been melted from the streets and the sidewalks. The snow has entirely disappeared. The highways have been affected by the rain also and some of them are today in pretty bad shape.

### ILL WITH PLEURISY

Friends will regret to learn that Herbert Belding is ill at his home this week with pleurisy. His condition is reported to be improved today.

### REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Fredericton branch of the Canadian Legion will be held in the club quarters this evening at 8:00 o'clock.

## Communicants Decline in Church of England

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A decline in the number of Eastern communicants is reported in the official year book of the Church of England, which will be published tomorrow.

Easter communicants numbered 300,000, a drop of 20,000 from the previous year. Baptisms totalled 381,000, an increase of 2,000. The last three years witnessed a decline of more than 150,000 in Anglican Sunday school scholars, the year book says. The improvement in the number of persons ordained was maintained.

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