

## News Briefs

### VISITED HIS MOTHER

Frank McGinn, now of Moncton, paid a visit to this city recently, stopping with his mother, Mrs. Louis McGinn.

### SPENT COMFORTABLE NIGHT

Donald McKiel, of South Devon, who had his feet crushed while at work on the C.N.R. bridge salvaging operations this week, spent a fairly comfortable night at the Victoria Hospital. There is still danger that the young man may have to have several of his toes amputated as a result of the accident.

### TEACHING CHANGES

The Devon school board, which met last evening, accepted the resignation of two teachers of the Devon Superior school, the Misses Nellie Blair and Isabel McFarlane, teachers of grades two and three. Miss Muriel Blair and Miss Catherine MacLaggan were appointed to fill the vacancies.

### HIS EYE REMOVED

Burns Woodcock of Margerville, who has had considerable trouble recently to one of his eyes, owing to injuries received overseas had his eye removed yesterday at the General Public Hospital, Saint John. The operation was successful and the patient is doing nicely.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Home and School Association will be held this evening in the city council chamber of the city hall, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. A synopsis of work will be given and one of the features will be an address by Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney general of the province. There will be considerable business, including election of officers.

### SUCCESSFUL FISHING

Donald Ferguson, well known guide, returned this week from the Tobique area where he guided two American sportsmen for the past several days on a fishing jaunt. Mr. Ferguson is very busy at the present time and handled no less than eight American parties at Hart's Island Pool in recent weeks. He expects more parties this week.

### HIS TRIP DELAYED

Word has been received here that the projected visit on Saturday, July 4, of Lowell Thomas, famous radio news commentator, has been postponed. Mr. Thomas will arrive here for a brief visit and will broadcast over Station CFNB but no definite date has been set yet for his arrival. His broadcast over the local station will not be his regular news broadcast. It is understood that the famous radio star will spend a day or two fishing in this province on the invitation of Premier A. A. Dymally. He was the guest of Lowell Thomas on his recent visit to New York.

### POPULAR APPOINTMENT

Glendon Elgee has received word from Bathurst of his appointment to the staff of the Bathurst High School and will take up his new duties at the opening of the fall term. Mr. Elgee who is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and holds a Grammar School license, is a young man of more than ordinary ability. He has been on the supply department of the Fredericton school staff for the past couple of years and has taught both in the Fredericton high school and in the elementary grades. He is looked upon as a good teacher and a good disciplinarian. The school board at Bathurst are to be congratulated upon securing Mr. Elgee's services and Mr. Elgee's many friends are congratulating him upon securing the position.

### NEW PRESIDENT

Prof. W. H. Brittain, dean of the faculty of agriculture of McGill University, Montreal, is the new president of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists, the sixteenth annual convention of which body will take place in this city on July 13, 14, 15 and 16. Prof. Brittain is a native of Fredericton, being well known for his attainments in the field of agriculture and having many friends here. Prof. Brittain has been vice-president of the association and automatically succeeds Dean A. M. Shaw of the University of Saskatchewan. Vote on the new president was made by mail. President Brittain who has been at MacDonald College since 1928 was appointed dean two years ago. He graduated from McGill, spent a year in the Dominion seed branch at Ottawa and later served the British Columbia and Nova Scotia governments as provincial entomologist. He became professor of entomology at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, and while occupying that post distinguished himself in post-graduate work at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

## FIRST OLD AGE PENSION CHECKS OUT IN TWO WEEKS

Old Age Pensions Commission Busy at Present

### Many Applicants

Pension Checks to Total in Vicinity of 8,000

It is expected that within the next couple of weeks the Old Age Pensions Commission will start mailing the first of the old age pensions checks. It will probably be the last of the month before the checks are all out and in the hands of the recipients. The work of compiling and filing the applications and getting the whole thing under way has required a vast amount of labor which can only be appreciated by those who are in touch with the situation. There are a large number of cases of applicants who applied for pensions since the department began to function where the applicants have since died. The pension department have a system by which they are kept in touch with all the deaths of persons eligible for pensions. The deputy registrars of births, death and marriages throughout the province are furnished with cards which they forward into the department as soon as a death occurs in their respective districts. When this information is received the clerks in the department of the Old Age Pension board proceed to strike off the applicant's name from the list. This will continue every year and as a pensioner passes away his name is removed from the list.

In Nova Scotia where the claims average about 13,000 a year the number of deaths occurring each year is about 2,000. It is understood that the new applicants each year in Nova Scotia outnumber those who have been dropped off through death. The number of pension checks to be issued this year will probably run in the vicinity of 8,000, according to the statement made by the chairman of the board of commissioners, Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C. Mr. Jones has made a thorough study of the way the scheme works out in Nova Scotia as well as in some of the other provinces. To him is due the credit of putting all the machinery in motion in connection with the Old Age Pensions scheme. Mr. Jones' knowledge of legal affairs has stood him in good stead in this connection. In J. G. Robichaud, Esq., M.P., and in Rev. R. H. Scott, he has assistants who are also well qualified for the work.

## Closing Exercises at Indian Reserve School in Devon

At the closing exercises of the North Devon Indian school today, a demonstration of Domestic Science work was given by the children, who entertained at tea. One little girl set the table very tastefully, while one poured tea and several others served dainty tea biscuits, date bread ginger bread and small cakes. The children describing how the various articles of food were prepared. Besides these instructions at the school, knitting of sweaters, mittens, stockings, etc., are taken up, these articles of clothing being given to the children during the winter as they are required.

Those who have visited the North Devon Indian school have been agreeably surprised at the efficient work of the pupils and of the neat appearance of both the pupils, the school and the surroundings. They reflect credit upon the painstaking work of the teacher, Mrs. H. A. McElligott, and upon the attention on the part of the pupils.

Both the teacher and the Indian Commissioner Lee McCutcheon are taking an active interest in all the social welfare of the Indians.

### SPOKE AT CALAIS

George M. Byron, King's Printer, has returned from Calais, Maine, where on Wednesday night he delivered an address before the Rotary club. The address dealt with the Imperial Conference and its relation to Canada and the British North America Act. Mr. Byron explained to his United States listeners the difference between the British Constitution which was an unwritten one. The Canadian constitution like that of the United States is a written constitution. Mr. Byron's address is said to have been both an eloquent and instructive one and was listened to with interest by a large number of Rotarians present.

Ernest Curry of Saint John is in the city today visiting relatives and friends.

## FEDERAL AND PROV. MINISTERS ENJOY FISHING

Federal and Provincial Ministers Woo Nature's Retreat as Relaxation From Cabinet Duties.

Fishing is a sport for kings—and for hardworking government ministers. This week on the open waters of the Restigouche river, several federal ministers, Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labor; Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries; Hon. J. L. Illesley, Minister of National Revenue; and Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, are enjoying some angling on these waters. The party was joined this week by Premier A. A. Dymally of New Brunswick, and Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, and A. Neil McLean, of the Dominion Employment Commission.

Although it was anticipated that the provincial government would meet this week in the capital, there will be no cabinet meeting until some time next week. The cabinet ministers are relaxing from their labors this week. During the past month and more the government has been meeting an average of two days per week and they have debated a great number of matters. The premier and

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## STRAWBERRY CROP LOOKS PROMISING

Present Year Likely to Be Most Successful in Years

### Damage by Cutworms

New Crop of Potatoes Advanced Despite Adverse Weather

The strawberry crop for New Brunswick in 1936 looks to be a most promising one, with present indications that the season will be much more successful than last year. Already considerable strawberries have been marketed and the price at the present time is from 15 to 20 cents per box, retailed. The bulk of the crop is expected to be put on the market within the coming three weeks.

There is indication at present that damage to the strawberry crop by cutworms, but the danger is not a serious one to this season's crop.

Weather conditions during the past few days have not been satisfactory to the growth of the crops in general. In some places the farmers have not yet planted all their crops. This is especially true in regard to buckwheat, which crop is very backward.

Heavy rainfall this week in this part of the province has added further to the handicap in planting and early coming of the crops. The rain this week has amounted to almost two inches.

his ministers are enjoying a well earned respite this week, and while the premier and Hon. Mr. Pirie are enjoying a fishing jaunt, the other ministers are relaxing from government activity at their homes.

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## Can Man Be Arrested On King's Birthday?

Whether a man can be arrested on the King's birthday was the point of a case in chambers before Judge A. R. Slipp here today. E. C. Atkinson, Esq., M.P.P., counsel for the prisoner, is asking for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of the County of Sunbury vs Herbert Peters, of Oromocto. Peters was arrested on an execution out of the magistrate's court at Sunbury for non-payment of taxes. The defence counsel contends that the execution was issued on the King's birthday. R. V. Limerick of this city is appearing for the county of Sunbury. Decision in the case was scheduled to be made at three o'clock this afternoon.

### IS BETTER TODAY

Improvement is noted today in the condition of Godfrey Burnham, of this city, who has been a patient at the Victoria Public Hospital for the past several days. Mr. Burnham received injuries while at work on the C.N.R. bridge last week.

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From Woodstock comes report that the potato shipping season is now ended so far as that part of the province is concerned. The closing day was brisk and prices were driven to new high marks because of scarcity of stock. The final days were dull, according to the report and some 150 carloads of western potatoes were brought to the central provinces. The final quotations to the farmers were \$3 per barrel.

The new potato crop looks promising. The plants have reached a good height and are healthy with no sign of disease. Dry warm weather is needed, however, as the fields have now more moisture than they need, especially in the low areas. It is reported that the New Brunswick crop this year is much farther advanced than the Prince Edward Island crop.

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