

News Briefs

CHIMNEY FIRE
A slight chimney fire occurred at the home of James Page, Church street yesterday afternoon, shortly after one o'clock. No damage was done.

CHICKEN RAFFLE ENJOYED
Members of the Fredericton City Club, as well as guests, gathered last night at the club rooms for an enjoyable chicken raffle. A total of sixty chickens were raffled off, with several winning as many as three chickens. During the evening bridge and forty-fives were played.

STEADY RAINFALL
A steady drizzle of rain occurred in the city today, which commenced at an early hour this morning, lasting most of the day. Up to ten o'clock .13 inch had fallen. The rain will add to the bad conditions of the highways in this part of the province.

BOY SCOUT APPLE DAY
A Boy Scout Apple Day window has been arranged at Hunt and McDonald's Drug Store. A display of luscious red Canadian apples interspersed with red, white and blue and Boy Scout pictures is artistically arranged. Don't fail to see the window and get the message. Help the Boy Scouts in their great work. Buy an apple or more from the Boy Scouts tomorrow, Boy Scout Apple Day.

MUST RENEW LICENSES
All milk dealers, milk vendors, producer suppliers and storekeepers handling milk must have their license renewed before November 1, it is stated by H. N. Flewelling of this city, secretary of the New Brunswick Dairy Producers' Commission, which met yesterday at Saint John. Licenses now in force expire October 31. Dr. L. A. Donovan, of Saint John, chairman of the commission, presided at yesterday's meeting.

TAKES PLATES AWAY
The Department of Public Works of the Provincial Government has issued orders for Royal Canadian Mounted Police to strip the plates from trucks operating on the provincial highways with license fees unpaid. This order is effective either in the case of vehicles which were found to be registered under-weight in the recent check-up or in the case of owners who took advantage of the deferred payment plan provided by the department and neglected to make the deferred payments.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE
A suspended sentence for one year was meted out by Acting Magistrate Arthur McF. Limerick this morning in the local police court to Victor Kelly of Kingsclear, who was found guilty of the charge of fishing salmon out of season with a gill net. The case had been adjourned from last week. P. J. Hughes, K.C. prosecuted and C. L. Dougherty appeared for the accused. Witnesses heard this morning were Constable Grant of the R. C.M.P., L. H. Parks, district fisheries supervisor, and Elbridge Hunter, of Bloomfield, who was the informant in the case.

ANNUAL ARTILLERY DINNER
The annual dinner of the New Brunswick Artillery Association will take place in this city on Friday, October 30. The president, Lieut.-Col. H. F. Morrissey, of Saint John, officer commanding the Third N. B. Medium Brigade, Canadian Artillery, is likely to preside. Members representing both the 3rd Medium batteries, 4th, 6th and 15th of Saint John and the 12th Field Brigade batteries, 8th, of Moncton, 28th of Newcastle, 89th of Woodstock, and 90th of Woodstock will attend. Major A. A. Dodge, of this city, officer commanding the Newcastle unit is making arrangements.

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Rumor Sweeping Changes N. B. Militia

DRASTIC CHANGES RUMORED FOR N. B. MILITIA

Probability of a Number of Changes in Units
Yorks to Discontinue Greater Stress on Artillery and Mechanized Units

As at present constituted, the Militia Establishment of N. B. is top-heavy in the respect of having too large a proportion of infantry in comparison with artillery and other branches of the forces, considering the peculiar needs of modern warfare, it is said in some quarters. It is rumored that the new alignment of New Brunswick militia, will follow largely the model of the re-organized British army. Greater stress will be laid upon artillery and mechanized units and the British Brigade model of three battalions to a brigade will be followed, it is said, rather than the previous Canadian establishment of four battalions to a brigade. As at present constituted the five infantry battalions are too many for one brigade, and not enough for two, it is said. It is said that the authorities upon mature consideration have decided that one brigade of three battalions, thoroughly equipped and complete with auxiliary arms and mechanized equipment is preferable to individual units without co-ordination, no matter what their efficiency. It is rumored that the York Regiment will be discontinued, at any rate in its present form. Among the other changes contemplated, it is said, is that one of the two cavalry regiments, the Dragoons, will be changed into artillery instead of cavalry. These changes would give one complete brigade, of three infantry battalions completely self-sufficient with the right proportion of artillery and mechanized units, which would be completely ready for any eventuality.

HERE TO BUY LUMBER
A. Kearsley of Liverpool, England, is in the city today, a guest of the Queen hotel. He is here as a private lumber buyer in the Old Country and is contracting for a considerable quantity of lumber in this province and is conferring with local lumbermen here today. The lumber will be used in England mainly for house building purposes. Mr. Kearsley would not comment today on market conditions in the Old Country, stating that the market was "problematical" at the present. From here he will go to Newcastle.

IN CHAMBERS TODAY
Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter conducted chambers at the Parliament Buildings this morning. He is a guest of the Queen hotel.

LEFT FOR HOME
Hon. C. T. Richard, provincial secretary-treasurer, who has been busy at his office here this week, left today for his home at Bathurst.

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Court King's Bench Adjourns to Nov. 17

The Court of King's Bench for York County, which has been sitting this week with Chief Justice J. H. Barry presiding, adjourned yesterday afternoon until November 17, after completion of the examination of witnesses in the case of Arthur Billings, Queensbury, who is suing Wilmot Mooers and Arthur McGuire, of Southampton, for \$5,000 damages. Chief Justice Barry will consider briefs on the case to be submitted to him by P. J. Hughes, K.C., counsel for the plaintiff, and J. J. F. Winslow, K.C., and C. L. Dougherty, counsel for the defendants. Three other cases scheduled to be heard are those of the Bank of Canada vs the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Company, Ltd.; Randolph Kilburn, Frank Kilburn and Ralph Kilburn vs John Black, Sr., and James Black, and John W. Webster vs H. L. Richards. These cases will be heard at the adjourned sitting in November.

Moncton Mayor Confers Here About Relief

Mayor Thomas H. King of Moncton is visiting the capital city today being here on matters pertaining to the civic government of Moncton, and especially, it is believed, in regard to relief and unemployment. Mayor King was elected president of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities at the annual meeting held in Newcastle recently. This morning Mayor King talked with Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Attorney-General, and also A. W. Barbour, deputy Minister of public Works. Although it could not be ascertained today, it is not unlikely that Mayor King's visit here is in connection with a joint proposal by Saint John and Moncton to impress upon the Provincial Government that "it is financially impossible for them to cope with their own relief and unemployment problems." Yesterday Mayor King is reported as stating that the city of Moncton does not know how it can possibly bear the whole burden of relief.

J. Urquhart of Halifax is a visitor to Fredericton today.

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REPAIR WORK ON HIGHWAYS OF PROVINCE

'Bad' Spots Being Cleaned Up and No Holdup of Traffic
Road Projects Progress Oromocto Flats "Fill" Will Be Completed Last of November

C. B. Croasdale, chief highway engineer, who has just returned from routine duties at several points in the province said today that his department is at present working on the provincial highways, clearing up 'bad' spots which have occurred in recent days due to the heavy rains and frost too. In most places these have been fixed and traffic conditions are improving. For the past several weeks highway conditions have not been entirely favorable in some sections, mainly due to road construction projects. This situation is now clearing up, with more progress being made on these projects in the process of speeding up before the winter sets in. The chief highway engineer reports that several bad spots in the Geary woods section, which were noticeable during the last weekend, have now been repaired. Roads to Saint John are passable at all points now. Special effort is being made to see that no traffic is held up at any point. Mr. Croasdale reports continued progress on the "fill" on the Oromocto Flats, which was started several weeks ago. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of November.

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MEETING OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HERE

October Session of the Standing Committees Starts Tuesday

Conference of Clergy
Rev. Canon Davison of Montreal to Be the Special Speaker

The October sessions of the standing committees of the Fredericton Diocesan Synod of the Church of England will commence here on Tuesday and last until Thursday. Among the committees to meet are the social service, and the Board of missions committees. Tuesday and Wednesday will be taken up with the Synod committees and on Thursday there will be a conference of all the clergy. His Grace Most Rev. J. A. Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton, will be the celebrant at Holy Communion at eight o'clock on Thursday morning.

A feature of Thursday's programme will be addresses by Rev. Canon W. H. Davison, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Montreal. The themes of his addresses will be "The Christian Doctrine of God—Its Expression in Worship and Devotion," and "The Priest as Pastor." Rev. E. Hallstone, rector of Christchurch, St. Stephen will give a devotional paper at the conference. Canon Davison also will speak at the service at the Cathedral in the evening.

His Grace Most Rev. J. A. Richardson, left today on a visitation to the Moncton part of the diocese where he will remain over the week-end.

J. F. Baxter of Saint John is registered at the Queen today.

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