

News Briefs

LEAVE FOR SAINT JOHN

Premier A. A. Dysart is leaving for Saint John this afternoon with James H. Conlon. Premier Dysart will leave for New York tonight by boat, accompanied by Mrs. Dysart.

ANGLERS HERE

D. B. Plum of the Troy, N. Y., Record, and W. P. Herbert of the same paper, arrived at Saint John by Eastern Steamship this morning. They are going to the Tobique for angling with Ogilvy Brothers.

SHOT GIANT BEAR

Julius Karabinus, Cleveland, Ohio, shot a large bear measuring 7 feet, 6 inches, from the tip of tail to nose, in the Little Lepreau district this week. It is the largest bear shot in this district. Mr. Karabinus was guided by Charles E. Hayes. This information was received this morning by D. W. Griffiths, director of the New Brunswick Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel.

REPORT ON TUESDAY

The committee of the Board of Trade, which has been busy circulating a petition among local merchants asking their support of a Saturday half-holiday for the summer months to replace the Thursday half-holiday, will make a report on Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Board of Trade. It is understood that fair progress has been made to date.

FINED \$200 AND TWO MONTHS

Arthur O'Brien of McAdam was convicted yesterday before Police Magistrate Limerick with selling liquor at McAdam and was sentenced to a fine of \$200 and costs with two months' jail in default of payment of the fine. O'Brien was arrested by Constable Randall of the R.C.M.P. at McAdam Junction.

COMFORTABLE NIGHT

Roderick Bidlake, son of the late George Bidlake, clerk of the legislature, spent a fairly comfortable night at the Victoria Hospital where he has been confined since he was struck on the head by a piece of pulpwood while at work at the scene of the C.N.R. bridge salvaging operations on Tuesday afternoon.

RELIEF CAMPS CLOSED

The closing out of the Sunbury county relief camps took place today, with the last crew of men being sent to the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. camps for absorption into maintenance work. The last crew of men were taken by truck from the camps on Thursday. The only camp now in operation is at Bumpsee where J. C. Veness is in charge of forestry work, and where a number of laborers are now engaged in erecting four buildings to be used in connection with forestry work.

EGG LAYING CONTEST

The 30th week of the New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest, conducted at the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, was concluded on Thursday, May 28th, with a production of 1204 eggs and 1271.9 points. This is an average production for the week of 71.6 per cent. The Barred Rocks owned by the Experimental Station, Fredericton, led in production for the week with 63 eggs and 70.9 points. The Barred Rocks owned by C. Melvin Grieves, Harvey, were in second position for the week with 65 eggs and 67.1 points. The Barred Rocks owned by the Experimental Station, Fredericton, were in third position for the week with 62 eggs and 66.2 points.

SANITARY INSPECTION ON

The monthly meeting of the Fredericton sub-district Board of Health, with Dr. J. M. Cameron in the chair, met last evening with a good attendance of members. A. C. Fleming, sanitary inspector, is at present on his annual inspection of the city it was reported. He finds conditions in connection with garbage and cleanliness above the average. Gardens have taken the place of old fences in many parts of the city. There were only two cases of scarlet fever in two months, one case of measles. The report of the plumbing inspector showed a lot of new work done, and some repair work. Vital statistics for May showed 18 births, 10 marriages, and 9 deaths.

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N. B. HIGHWAY PAVING PROGRAM TO MAKE SAVING

Premier Dysart Declares Prices for 331.9 Miles Permanent Paving Below Estimates—Total Cost \$5,079,000—Will Assist Relief Work.

In making the announcement of the awarding contracts for 331.9 miles of permanent paving in this province yesterday, Premier A. A. Dysart anticipated that the federal government will provide a considerable portion of the cost. Premier Dysart said that the province "was launching on this progressive road programme under favorable conditions". The prices were considerably below estimates and will result in substantial saving of several thousand dollars per mile in comparison with corresponding work done heretofore.

The cost of the 331.9 miles of paving will be \$4,499,000 and the cost of 89 miles of bituminous carpet coating will cost \$580,000. The total cost will be \$5,079,000.

A feature resulting in this tremendous saving was a plan in the call for tenders of carrying on the work on a two-year basis instead of one, pointed the premier.

Particular care has been taken, added the premier, to insure that every county would participate in the work. In addition precautions were taken to promote the maximum of manual labor and the employment of local workmen in all possible circumstances.

It is the intention to complete grading before the close of the current season. All contracts must be completed by October 31, 1937.

In the opinion of Mr. Dysart the programme will serve in large measure to promote the government objective of providing necessary work and eliminating direct relief. This feature, combined with a low cost of materials, a low rate of interest, and substantial assistance from Ottawa, made the undertaking extremely attractive.

The following two contract awards for bituminous carpet coating were given out by the government this morning: Doaktown to Douglastown, 56 miles on Highway No. 8. Awarded to the Canada Construction Company, Fredericton. Price \$300,000. Moncton to Albert, 33 miles on Highway No. 14. Awarded to B. H. Williamson, Fairville, N. B. Price, \$280,000.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. Clarence Harding of Marysville, who has been seriously ill at the Victoria Hospital for the past few weeks, was showing no improvement today. Her recovery is doubtful.

DIRECT RELIEF TO BE CONTINUED MONTH OF JUNE

Provincial Government Has Decided to Continue Benefit of Payments to Municipalities—F'ton Relief Committee Advocates Continuance of Relief Here.

Although still firmly of the opinion that direct relief should be abolished as quickly as possible, the Government of New Brunswick has decided to continue the benefits of direct payments to the municipalities during the month of June on the same basis as heretofore.

Having heard a large delegation from the City and County of Saint John yesterday at noon and following a meeting of the Government which extended late into the night, Premier Dysart issued the following statement this morning:

"Notwithstanding announcement made early in May that direct relief payments by the Provincial Government would stop the first of June, it has been decided, in view of representations that have been made, particularly from Saint John, to continue the benefits of direct relief during the month of June, wherever same may be necessary, on the same basis as the preceding month, although no definite assurance, beyond what has appeared in the press, has been received from Ottawa that the Federal Government will continue its contribution.

"Circumstances have prompted the Government to accede to the views of municipalities in this regard though there is no variance from our original intention to eliminate the necessity for direct relief by providing and promoting essential work for all.

"In the City of Saint John where payments have been withheld during January, February and March pending an investigation into the administration of direct relief, it has been decided that 75 per cent of the \$81,000 due for those months shall be paid immediately and the balance retained until the enquiry is completed.

"The large delegation from Saint John advanced certain proposals with reference to public works designed to furnish constructive employment in that section. Among other things suggested were a new water main, street work, improvement of the airport facilities, and the reclamation of marsh lands at Musash. All of these will have the consideration of the Government."

Action Here Too

Ald. F. S. Mundie, chairman of the relief committee of the Fredericton city council, said today that recommendation will be made to the city council at its Tuesday meeting to have have relief continued in this city for the month of June, under the three-way expense plan—federal, provincial and municipality. At a meeting of the relief committee yesterday with E. C. Armstrong, city chief of officer, this matter was discussed and the recommendation made. Ald. Mundie states that there are still details of relief cases to be cleared up in this vicinity, and work on buildings will not commence for several weeks yet so that direct relief is still necessary.

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MENACE OF GIANT WATER BUG DISCUSSED

R. E. Balch, Entomologist Here, Reports of Investigations Being Carried On—Frequent Trout Pools, Kill Young Fish.

R. E. Balch, entomologist in charge of the Dominion Entomological Laboratory here, reports on the menace of the Giant Water Bug and another somewhat similar insect which has been investigated by the staff here in recent months.

The insects, commonly known as Giant Water-bugs or Electric-light bugs, he says, are frequently found around street lamps or other bright lights and attract considerable attention on account of their large size. Although the usual home of the insect is in still, weedy ponds or slow streams, they frequently emerge and may fly long distances in search of new territory or during the mating season.

Small fish, tadpoles, insects or other small water animals form the food of the waterbugs. They swim rapidly and have front legs especially suited for grasping prey, which is then pierced by the bug's long, sharp beak through which the blood and body fluids are sucked into the digestive system. Because of their voracious appetites and powerful offensive weapons, these bugs destroy large numbers of the inhabitants of the ponds in which they live and may even inflict a painful, though not dangerous wound, on humans if handled.

The Giant Waterbug resembles in general appearance another insect which lives in the same places and has similar habits. This is the Predacious Diving-beetle. It also lives on small, water animals and may be fed on raw meat, etc., if kept in an aquarium. Like the waterbug, it frequently emerges from its pond and flies about, especially at night. The two insects may be distinguished by their wings and by their mouthparts. The bug has wings which overlap for about a third of their length and are thinner at the posterior and while those of the beetle do not overlap and are hard and smooth for their whole length. The bug has a sharp, pointed beak, somewhat like that of a mosquito, while the beetle has a pair of toothed jaws which are so placed that they work sideways instead of up and down like those of humans.

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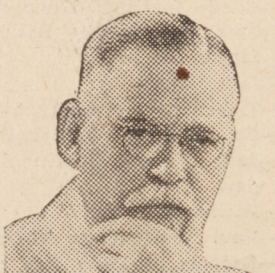
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