

## News Briefs

### ILL IN SAINT JOHN

Many friends of R. J. Harrington, Saint John, who acted as assistant clerk during the recent session of the legislature, will regret to learn that he has been ill for the past week at his home. It is expected that he will be out again in a few days.

### RETURNS TO CITY

J. Emery LeBlanc, assistant engineering clerk at the legislature, has returned to the city following a brief visit to his home at College Bridge. He will remain here for a few days finishing up work in connection with bills passed at the recent sitting of the House.

### JUVENILE CASES

Two juveniles, aged 7 and 8 years, respectively, will appear in Devon police court this afternoon, charged with the theft of articles from a C. P.R. baggage car. The youngsters were alleged to have stolen a quantity of candy and other articles from the car.

### RETURN TO HUB

E. H. Ritcey, general manager of Central Trust Company of Canada, Moncton, and Reid McManus, also of Moncton, have returned home following a brief business visit to Fredericton. Mr. McManus is a member of the Moncton board of school trustees.

### TO DOAKTOWN

James Mersereau, of the department of public works, left the city yesterday for Doaktown, where he will supervise construction work in connection with the government hard-surfacing programme in that district.

### NO ARRESTS

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the break into a store which occurred in Oromocto on Sunday night. A quantity of tobacco was stolen. R.C.M.P. are in charge of the investigation and results are expected to follow within the next few days.

### RECEIVES DEGREE

Rev. J. W. Bartlett of this city was among the recipients of honorary doctor of divinity degrees presented by the United Church of Canada at Pine Hall Divinity Hall, Halifax, last evening. The honor was in recognition of his outstanding work in the ministry of the church.

### CABINET SESSION

The cabinet of the provincial government will meet this afternoon. It is expected that the sessions will continue until this evening and will be resumed tomorrow. Many matters of importance are included on the agenda. The acting premier will also be made regarding the operation of the public works during the absence of Premier A. A. Dwyer, who is also minister of public works. Premier Dwyer will sail for England on April 23. At the conclusion of the meeting he will leave for his home in Buctouche, thence proceeding to Montreal.

### PAPERS NOT FILED

Dr. B. R. Ross, one of the seven aldermen who resigned in protest to the action of the municipalities committee of the government which rejected the bill to abolish the Fredericton police commission, has not yet filed his papers in connection with the election which is to take place on April 26. The remaining six aldermen have already placed their nomination papers with City Clerk Fred J. Haviland. It is likely that Dr. Ross will file his nomination this week. The final date for receiving papers is on April 19.

## ICE IS RAPIDLY LEAVING RIVER

### S.S. Majestic May Make First Voyage Friday

The ice "break-up" which commenced in this section of the river yesterday afternoon has continued through the night and the river is rapidly clearing. There is a slight jam in the river about two miles below the city, but it is not serious and was commencing to break this afternoon. The freshest was one of the lowest in the history of the river for the past 100 years—a marked contrast to conditions last year when the city experienced the most disastrous flood in its history.

The upper stretches of the river are fairly clear of ice, while practically all ice has left the lower stretches. It is expected that navigation will be opened within the next couple of days. According to an unconfirmed report, the S. S. Majestic, of Eastern Canada Steamship Lines, will make its first voyage up the river tomorrow. The vessel is equipped with a steel hull and would not have difficulty in encountering floating ice during its voyage up the river.

## FLAMES CAUSE HEAVY LOSS AT YOUNG'S RANCH

### Lookout Tower, Ranch House Burned --- Heavy Damage

#### Minks Destroyed

### Loss Believed to Be in Vicinity of Three Thousand Dollars

Swept by fire early this afternoon, the ranch-house and lookout tower on the ranch of E. M. Young, Killarney Road, near Devon, was destroyed. The flames razed the flimsy wooden structure and little could be done to save the building. An exact estimate of the damage was not available this afternoon but the loss is believed to be in the vicinity of \$3,500. There were a large number of foxes in the pens, but neither the pens or animals were destroyed. Several minks, confined in pens adjoining the house, were destroyed, but the exact number was not available at the time of going to press.

According to all available reports the origin of the blaze was unknown. It broke out shortly after twelve o'clock noon and the ranch-house was a mass of flames within a few minutes. Members of the Devon fire brigade rushed to the scene and were instrumental in saving the pens and their occupants from the flames. Nothing could be done to save the burning building nor were the firefighters able to save any of the contents. One of the most serious losses was the large refrigeration plant recently installed in the ranch-house. This equipment is valued over \$1,000. It was completely destroyed.

#### Large Operation

Mr. Young operates one of the largest fur ranches in this section of the province. He is one of the leaders in the fur-raising industry in the province and his ranch was modernly equipped and contained many fine specimens.

The blaze was brought under control by two o'clock. Although none of the foxes suffered any physical injury, the excitement caused by the fire might possibly affect them, according to opinions of ranchers.

## Strange Lady Tooted Her Horn, Summoned to Court

The lady from out of town who came to Fredericton to spend some months at a local hotel has been summoned to appear in the Police Court for tooting the horn of her car after ten o'clock at night in violation of by-law 34 of the city laws. The lady, who was not familiar with our by-laws left the hotel with her car to drive a couple of friends to their homes. After leaving the friends at their homes she drove around to a local garage for the purpose of having a chauffeur drive her to her hotel and then take the car back to the garage for the night.

Pausing in front of the garage with her car she tooted the horn so as to attract the attention of the employees inside. It happened that a couple of city police were nearby and followed her car back to the hotel in order to find out who the woman was. As a result the strange lady who intended to spend the summer months in this city has been summoned to appear in the Police Court for the violation of the city by-law. The by-law which was passed in April, 1935, provides under section 34 that no person shall between the hours of ten o'clock at night and six o'clock in the morning toot a horn as a signal unless the same shall be as a warning against accidents. Yesterday the lady offered to settle the matter but was asked by the city authorities to attend court this afternoon.

It is pleasing to know that this by-law is to be strictly enforced because in various sections of the city night after night the residents of whole blocks are awakened by men tooting their horns in order to bring their wives from some house where there is a bridge party or a cake eating contest of some kind. Then when ladies come from the various houses they shout their good nights and other parting greetings in a shrill voice which sometimes is much shriller (Continued on Page Four)

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## FRUIT GROWERS ELECT OFFICERS AT FINAL SESSION

### Endorse Measures To Control the Insect Menace in N. B.

#### List of Officers

### Various Phases of Fruit Growing Industry Discussed

The election of officers and the endorsement of proposals to control the spread of apple maggots in New Brunswick orchards featured the concluding session of the 32nd annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association here yesterday afternoon. The members of the organization unanimously agreed that rigid measures should be adopted to protect the orchards and promote the development of the apple industry in this province.



**W. W. HUBBARD**  
who was elected President of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association at the annual meeting here yesterday.

W. W. Hubbard, Burton, was elected president of the association, and Harry A. Slipp, Queensbury, is the new vice-president. Other officers include: secretary-treasurer, A. G. Turney, Fredericton, provincial honor (Continued on Page Five)

## TENDERS BEING CALLED FOR WORK MUSQUASH DAM

### Proposed Work Part of Extensive Program of Development

Tenders are being called for the construction of additions to the Easter Branch Power Dam and of a new diversion dam at the Musquash power plant. The announcement was made today by W. S. Anderson chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, and the official notice will be published in the public press tomorrow. The date for receiving tenders will close at noon on Saturday, May 1.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified cheque covering ten per cent. of the computed amount of the bid. The cheque shall be promptly returned to all but the successful bidder, whose cheque shall be retained by the Commission as surety for faithful execution of the contract and, as a guarantee for its satisfactory completion. Plans and specifications with forms of the proposal and contract are available at the Commission's office in Saint John.

The proposed work is a part of the extension program planned by the Commission to better serve consumers in the province. Considerable progress has been made in the extension of electrical service to various rural areas formerly without the benefits of this service. The commission is making every effort to extend the service to all sections of the province and an extensive program has been planned for the next few years.

## TENDERS CALLED FOR CONSTRUCTION SCHOOL ANNEX

### "Closed-Door" School Board Met in Regular Session

#### Five Present

### Cost of Project is to Be in the Vicinity of \$50,000.00

At the meeting of the "closed-door" board of school trustees held last evening, it was decided to call for tenders for the erection of the new building which is to be erected as an annex to the Fredericton High School. The tenders will be received up to noon, April 28th. The plans and specifications may be procured from the office of the architect, Kenneth I. Campbell, Ryan Building, Fredericton, or from the office of the secretary of the school board in Fredericton High School building.

It is understood that the cost of the new addition to the high school will be in the vicinity of \$50,000, and that the building will be constructed on the vacant lot adjoining the high school on the Regent Street side of the building. Although the press has not yet been allowed to be present at the meeting, it is understood that considerable time was taken up with discussion in connection with the proposed construction program.

Only five members of the board were present. They were P. J. Hughes, K.C., Mrs. W. G. Clark, Professor A. F. Baird, Major James Pringle and S. L. Colpitts.

Although no particulars in regard to the manner are available, it is understood that the Woodstock board of school trustees requested the co-operation of the local board in bringing to the attention of the department of education the necessity of a change in the teaching of Latin in school. As the local school board is notably very conservative in action, the matter will only be decided after "prayerful and careful" consideration on the part of the trustees.

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## DISCUSS PLANS Y.M.C.A. DRIVE

### Objective This Year is \$2,900

Preliminary plans for the annual financial drive to be conducted by the local Y.M.C.A., were made at a meeting held last evening. C. H. Forbes was appointed as general chairman of the committee in charge of the campaign. Stanley Brent, Toronto, member of the National Council, Y.M.C.A., was present at the session and acted in an advisory capacity.

The objective of the drive is \$2,900 the money to be used for furthering the work of the world-wide organization in this city. During the past year the local branch opened "Community Hall" which is serving as a recreational centre for young people in the city. Plans are being made to carry out extensive work among girls and women next fall.

The following team captains were appointed: Col. Randolph Crocker, Regina, A. Murray, F. E. MacDiarmid, Leo F. Cain, R. G. Coughlin, Horace A. Hanson and Lawrence Hashey.

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## SUBURBS WILL JOIN WITH CITY IN CELEBRATING

### Monster Parade is to Mark Observance Here --- Other Plans

#### Donations Received

### Suburban Mayors to Be Included on the Committee

Devon and Marysville will join with Fredericton in the observance of the coronation of His Majesty King George VI on May 12, it was announced at a general meeting of representatives of local organizations held in the city hall yesterday afternoon. The various organizations and societies represented have selected committees to work in conjunction with the general committee appointed a couple of weeks ago.

Preliminary plans are well underway and it is expected that the celebration in honor of the auspicious event will be one of the greatest festive occasions in the history of the city. The suburban towns will render much assistance in promoting the success of the event. Mayor P. G. Long, Marysville, and Mayor A. J. McEvoy, Devon as well as Guy D. Scovil, secretary of the board of school trustees, were added to the general committee at yesterday's meeting.

Four local organizations have already signified their intention of placing floats in the monster parade which is being planned. One of the floats will represent "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and depicting a century of freedom under the flag of the Empire. The idea was suggested by several of the young colored men in the city. It will commemorate the act of Queen Victoria in liberating the slaves. Several other floats will also be included in the parade and there is every indication that the procession will be a most impressive one.

#### Donations Received

Donations have been received from different groups to assist in the work of preparing the celebration. Ald. F. S. Mundle announced that donations of \$25 and \$15 had been received from the Rotary and Gyro Clubs, respectively.

The suggestion was made at the meeting by C. H. Forbes that, when the coronation medals are being distributed to school children, there should be a speaker in each room to (Continued on Page Four)

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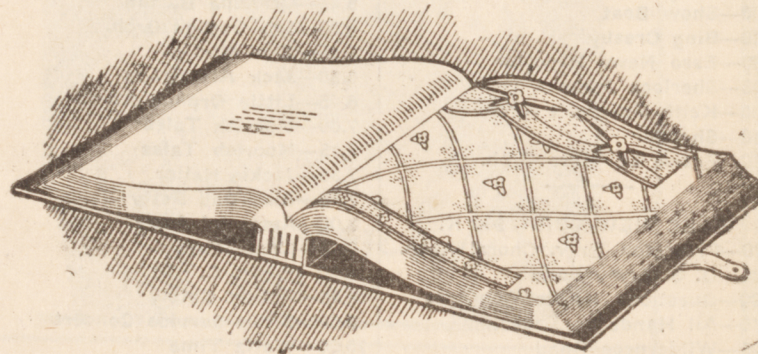
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